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# BOND SALES EXCEED \$100,000

## Aerial Gunner Gets Citation For Jap Raids

A citation for meritorious service as aerial gunner attacked to a torpedo bomber squadron, operating in the Solomon Islands and Bismarck Archipelago areas from July 20, 1943 to March 2, 1944, has been received by T-Sgt. James E. McElmurray, Jr. He is now a link trainer instructor attached to AES 43.

The citation, signed by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, acknowledged McElmurray's devotion to duty as being "in the highest traditions of the naval service" during 28 bombing and strafing attacks against Jap installations, many times in the face of intense anti-aircraft defenses.

Nearing completion of his third year in the Corps, T-Sgt. McElmurray, a resident of Tampa, Fla., joined April 20, 1942, receiving boot training at Parris Island, and technical instruction at Quantico and Jacksonville. He shipped out in December of the same year for his first tour of duty.

He served with a scout bomber squadron before his return to the states in March, 1943, subsequently shipping out again with a torpedo bomber squadron until the completion of his tour in mid year of 1944. From the air he helped pepper Jap holdings at Bougainville, Munda, Bairoko, Vella Lavella and Empress Augusta Bay. He also wears the Air Crew insignia with three stars.

His wife, Mrs. Lucille Moore McElmurray, resides in Tampa.

## Col. Black Gets Assignment as Chief of S-3

Lieutenant Colonel R. A. Black has been designated officer in charge of Operations and Training (S-3), succeeding Lieut-Col. Raymond C. Scollin, detached, according to a station duty order issued this week.

Colonel Scollin, attached to the air station since January, 1943, had held the position since 1941 April.

In addition to his new post, Colonel Black will continue in his present post as Operations Officer, with Major H. W. Reed, former Gunnery Officer, assigned duty as Assistant Operations Officer.

Captain A. G. New assumed duty as Gunnery Officer, Decontamination Officer, Chemical Warfare Officer and Bomb and Demolition Officer, all assignments formerly held by Major Reed.

In other changes listed First Lt. Ollie L. James and Second Lieut. Andrew J. Boylan were assigned duty as Mess Officers, Second Lieut. C. G. Eybel, former mess officer, was named assistant director of food services.

First Lieut. M. M. McElmurray, MCWR, former assistant to the Officer in Charge of Personnel (S-1) was assigned regular duty as War



**FIGHTING TRIBUTE** to a fighting husband killed in combat in the Pacific one year ago this week. Corp. Jeanne Bloch (right), signs a check for the purchase of a \$500 War Bond as her contribution to the Pearl Harbor Week drive. First Lieut. Nancy Roberts, Squadron 18 commanding officer, looks on. Corp. Bloch's husband, Lieut. Joseph Bloch, USNR, was killed in action Dec. 5, 1943, while serving aboard the aircraft carrier Enterprise. She joined the MCWR in February, 1944—MCAS Photo.

## Few Inactive Status Requests To Be Granted By Department

Clarification of regulations governing return of reserve officers to an inactive status, in the light of the present needs of the naval service, is contained in an air station memorandum issued this week quoting instructions from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal.

The memorandum, containing excerpts from two letters written by Navy Secretary James Forrestal, revealed that many such applications have been received from naval personnel. The applications were based on Letter of Instruction No. 764 which provides that reserve officers of the Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard who are 35 years old or over might request transfer to inactive status.

"The Navy is still engaged, in gram," the letter declared, "and cannot consider favorably wholesale requests for inactive duty. Any conclusion that the Navy's participation in the war is nearly over is not based on fact."

Reserve officers enrolled for specialist duties in activities which are being reduced in size or have been terminated. Many of these officers are not adaptable to other duties without considerable training or are not physically qualified for other duties, and such requests from this group will be given consideration, the letter indicated.

"The Navy Department," the letter continued, "will consider requests for release from active duty from those special service officers whose services can be spared and who are not qualified, without considerable training, for other duties."

"The needs of the Navy for the services of the officer will determine the action taken by the Department in each individual case. Consideration will be given by the Department to the relative contribution to the war effort which will result in placing an officer on inactive duty or retaining him, or her, on active duty."

The following general principles

requests for termination of active duty:

"1—It is not the intention at this time nor in the immediate future to release officers who are qualified by physical condition and training for sea or combat duty, as the need for such officers continues to be critical.

"2—Officers less than 35 years of age who are considered eligible for release will be required to submit their resignations.

"3—Officers 35 years of age and over who are considered eligible for release may request inactive duty, but this does not preclude the submission of resignations by eligible officers 35 years of age and over if the individual prefers this course."

Resignations should be submitted to the Secretary of the Navy through official channels, including the Bureau of Naval Personnel, or Commandant, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. Requests for release to inactive duty should be submitted to the Chief of Naval Personnel, or Commandant, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, through official channels.

## New Postal Branch Opens In Wing Area

A new postal branch for the sale of stamps and money orders and the handling of registered and parcel post mail was opened this week in the MWSS-9 Dallas hut area behind the dispensary.

Located in the Dallas hut adjacent to the former AES 44 mail room, the new facility will be supervised by 8-Sgt. John W.

## May Double '43 Totals, Partial Reports Reveal

Cherry Point's "fighting dollars", subscribed in the current Pearl Harbor Week cash bond sale, have topped the \$100,000 mark according to an incomplete and unofficial estimate and are expected to more than double last year's totals.

At the close of business Thursday afternoon the Navy Disbursing Office had received \$103,101 from civilian and Marine personnel of the Station and the Ninth Wing. Returns from auxiliary air facilities, expected early next week, will materially affect the total.

Daily sales mounted steadily from the first day, with Wing and Station totals running neck and neck in horse race style. By Thursday, when the last breakdown was available, the Station had forged ahead by a margin of \$2,240.

Starting with a first-day sale of \$24,431.25, Saturday's receipts slumped to \$7,187, followed by Monday's \$12,777.50, Tuesday's \$17,549.50, and Wednesday's \$11,906. Thursday's sales totalled \$29,350. Surpass 1943 Record

The 1944 Pearl Harbor totals already had outdistanced sales during the similar period last year, but present figures were so incomplete that little basis for comparison was possible. Results of a more complete campaign organization on this year, however, were already apparent.

Last year, the first time the Pearl Harbor commemoration sale was held here, personnel of the Station, the Third Marine Air Wing and OTS-8, the three major organizations here, purchased a total of \$7,318.75. Of this amount the station contributed \$38,981.25; the Wing, \$16,141.75; and OTS-8, \$2,193.75.

Bond promotion officials had little basis for forecasts of this year's total with most outlying fields still unreported and many squadron totals still incomplete. Money for bonds purchases still was pouring into the sale office yesterday and today and a final report was not expected before Monday.

**Bond Officials Pleased**  
Although it was evident that the sales would not equal those during (Continued on Page Ten)



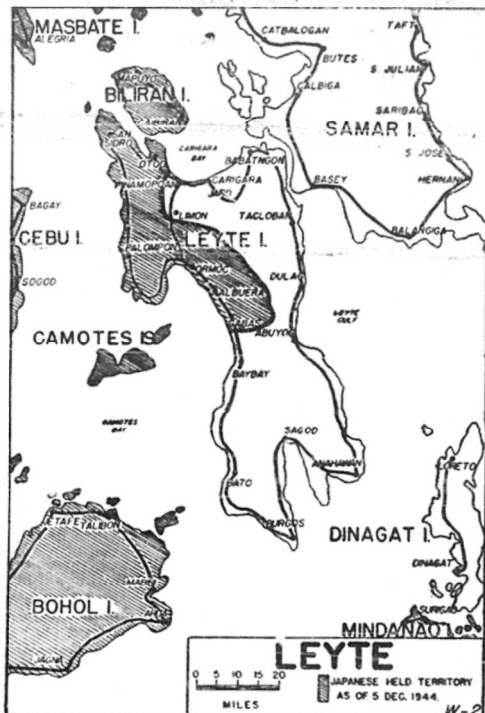
**TABOO**—A long familiar sight outside the Air Station gates has been the lining of the highway by Marine hitch-hikers, waving and shouting at passing cars. Last week Ensign Gen. Lewis G. Merritt bawled the "thumbing" rides, as illustrated here by Pvt. Henry M. McClann of The WNTB.

## Tokyo Tinderbox Theory Is Wrong

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The OWI today quoted the Army as reporting following the B-29 strikes at the capital of Japan that "the rather general impression that Tokyo is a tinderbox city, which could be destroyed by incendiary bombs, is one of the most inaccurate of popular fallacies."

"Metropolitans Tokyo, which includes the cities of Kawasaki, Yokohama and the naval base community of Yokosuka, has been prepared for years for earthquakes and fires. The significance of this is that buildings designed to withstand earthquake shocks are also well adapted to

# War In Review



During November the Japanese have lost an estimated 26,000 troops and more than fifty warships while trying to reinforce their garrison at Ormoc. This tabulation represents losses suffered in seven major attempts to continue the fighting to Leyte Island.

In spite of the fact that the Japanese are not hampered in their present operation by a manpower shortage, it might seem that continued failures would constitute a threat to the forces now holding out in western Leyte. Recent actions have not borne out this theory.

The fire of American artillery directed at the enemy has been answered, shell for shell, in barrages lasting for twenty-four hours at a stretch. In various other ways it has also been demonstrated that the Japanese problem is not as acute as might be expected.

While all large-scale attempts at reinforcement may have failed, the enemy has managed to bring in replacements of men and material, a little at a time. From staging points on smaller Jap-held islands, many devices have been employed, using submarines, surface craft and aircraft. Averted is the possibility of surprise to learn that unofficial estimates of Jap forces on Leyte were placed at between 45,000 and 50,000 troops.

Another report revealed that, since November First, more than ten inches of rain had fallen on the island, an unprecedented amount for this time of year. This is sufficient to explain the lack of extensive ground action in recent weeks. American forces have, however, maintained a strong initiative, most notably in the region south of Limon where elements of the U. S. Third Division are reported in a flooding drive down the valley road leading to Ormoc.

Twice in six days, U. S. Naval craft have entered Camotes Bay to shell Ormoc and installations and to sink Japanese warships in the harbor. Naval aircraft sweeps continued with several successful contacts reported as the campaign to retake the Philippines went into its second month.

Unconfirmed but interesting reports hinting that Emperor Hirohito might soon move to the comparative security of the Asiatic mainland because of the increased activity of B-29s over Tokyo. In this connection, an incident is recalled wherein the imperial chauffeur promptly committed hara-kiri as a blow-up occurred while he was driving the Emperor on an inspection tour. One can but speculate regarding the probable Jap reaction in the event that a bomb should fall near the palace walls.

**THE WAR IN EUROPE**  
Elements of General Patton's U. S. Third Army have pierced the fringes of the heavily fortified Saar in several places during the past week. Notable Merzig and Saarlautern advance units have established backbones on the left banks of the Saar river in the face of furious enemy opposition. This represents the biggest gain on any sector of the western front. Front line dispatches emphasize

## Flying Facts:

### B-29 to Haul Passengers After War

Engineering departments of large aircraft concerns are studying all their energies into the development of new military craft these days. Much of their facilities are busy with big postwar plans. They are readying themselves for the day when they will begin work on planes for civilian use.

Few companies expect to use the essential design of certain military planes. The Boeing aircraft Company plans to convert the B-29 Superfortress into a 340-mile-an-hour commercial transport, carrying 100 passengers on non-stop flights as long as 3500 miles. Boeing claims the Stratocruiser will operate for one cent per passenger mile, while the cargo version will carry freight for five cents per ton-mile. The interior will divide into two decks which will provide a variety of accommodations, ranging from luxury suites to "commuter" lounges. Ceiling is estimated at 30,000 feet with cabin pressure maintained at 8,000 feet standard by supercharging of the craft.

A postwar plane designed to provide low cost, short haul air transport for domestic use has been announced by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. It is the Saturn 75.

The all-metal plane is for land base use, and will carry a passenger and cargo load. It is powered by two 525-horsepower engines and has a cruising speed of more than 300 miles an hour, with a top speed of 250 miles an hour over a maximum range of 1,600 miles with the Saturn was designed for trunk line operation through "arse traffic areas" or for short hops between cities.

Military secrecy has been lifted to reveal that the nation's biggest gliders — made of wood and approximately the size of the Trojan Horse — are being built in St. Louis for the Army Air Forces. The Trojan Horse has a wing spread of 195 feet and is capable of carrying a large truck or howitzer and 42 armed men, including pilot and co-pilot. It is loaded from the rear.

Company officials predicted such military gliders will find postwar use in movement of great quantities of perishable foods.

The V-2 German robot bomb heralds the beginning of the rocket age. Industrial designers and inter-planetary experts tell us. For peace engineers believe, the first benefit from V-2 — it is the application of the jet engine in the form and development of the thermal-jet engine, or turbo-jet, to power aircraft for long-range transportation.

For war, a British expert predicts general fighting at range of 1000 miles with the use of rockets controlled by electrical instruments.

There is considerable difference between the V-2 and V-1. The V-2, a "true rocket" is a projectile without wings, while the V-1 robot bomb is a plane powered by jet.

The Army Air Force has disclosed development of a robot-bomb, an improved version of the German V-1 which terrorized England last summer. An expert raved at reproducing the Nazi weapon in 60 days according to a statement, and then sent it skimming jet-propelled through the skies a month later. The American weapon's launching ramp is better than the Nazi's. The new V-1 is AAP said, and can be built in four days whereas the Nazis required two weeks.

Georgia Tech engineering experts have developed a model of a jet-propelled helicopter which, declared Director Donnell W. Dutton, of the university's School of Aeronautics has proved that a full-size, plane of its type could fly.

New, fast two-motored Jap fighters are attacking B-28s over Tokyo, returning American airmen have revealed. Nearly 100 new fighters attacked one group of Superforts, reported Capt. Robert G. Stinson, of London, Ky.

They looked like British Mosquitoes as they developed a terrific speed," Capt. Stinson said. "They were beautiful planes, really slick jobs. One made a near suicidal attack on our lead ships. We saw it come in, and we put it at last moment. I went just under them."

Bombardier First Lieut. Charles R. Barry of Cleveland, O., said the lead attack plane came in at 12 o'clock. Most likely they came in on the nose and rolled out on the wings. They sat on each side of the street lights and took turns peering out. Many seemed to be working a couple of shots and they'd burn off."



By CRETA WILSON

It happened in one of the barracks lounges, where any subject from the war to latest gripes, is aired at the drop of a WR cap. But this did not touch upon either. It was about cigarette rationing, and how the girls are conserving their own two packs a day to set aside for their brothers and boy-friends overseas.

"Every day I save one package from my supply for my kid brother overseas," one of the girls said. Her statement seemed to reflect the sentiments of the entire group. Some of the girls have cut out smoking habits in order to conserve their whole supply of cigarettes for overseas friends.

Military life may be a slight mental strain now and then, but within a perfectly normal-minded girl like Ginny Barson unconsciously writes "TS" at the bottom of a letter instead of "PS," the situation really is bad.

Private Edith ("corn-cob") Lyman has a good-sized audience of curious WRs around her every evening when she curls up in a lounge corner and nonchalantly produces a man-size pipe. It seems even the newest female fad will its share of devotees here.

Cherry Point WRs will never be doing duty in South Pacific jungles, but that doesn't stop a large number of them from striving to become expert "riflemen." A group of these girls have been taking bits of time from their weekly work to trek up to the rifle range, and under the guidance of male instructors, learn how to fire. The ability might come in handy some day, but the men will have to keep on their toes to keep us with us!

The girls in Barracks 222 have spread the welcome mat for Lieut. Eleanor Rhode, new barracks officer. Lt. Rhode's door, we have observed, is constantly open—and that's a direct invitation!

Five girls in the new contingent of mess aides may not have those promised Christmas figurines if the same number of Samaritans fail to volunteer to take their places for a few days. It's only for a little while, girls, and if we can't go home for the holiday ourselves, why not give someone else a break so they can? Christmas is a season of give as well as take—and you'll be long remembered as a real Marine and good sport.

"All Fouled Up" was one of the best musical shows we've seen here, and Cherry Point has produced a number of them. Local pleasure-seekers flocked by the hundreds to view the production. Lieut. Ray Heatherton in addition to writing most of the script and directing the entire show, also handled the lead role. More shows of this type are what the boys and girls at the Point are looking for, and they will be scanning the recreation menu for more of Lieut. Heatherton.

Little Marie Aboe who left a few days ago on furlough, will find a long line of impatient WRs in front of her uniform alteration shop when she returns. Marie, who

is now "furloughing" in the hills of her native Ohio, has altered thousands of women's garments during her Cherry Point career. Her job is vital to women Marines who are inept with a needle and thread!

Stick around, all you lads who won't have an opportunity to go home for Christmas. The WRs are planning to entertain you royally during the Yuletide season—barracks lounges will be flung ajar in a week-end "open house," which will include everything from WR charm to the traditional candy cones. But if you're not hungry, we'll even provide a nice WR shoulder upon which you may shed your tears of homesickness!

One Marine of our acquaintance is well-preserved against the North Carolina winter. He drank a whole quart of what he supposed to be gingerale before discovering that his wife had supplanted the beverage with anti-freeze.

New phonographs have been installed in some of the WR lounges—a welcomed addition on these chilly autumn nights when the girls would rather cuddle next to a radiator and listen to popular records than venture outside.

Word of the brand-new, shiny washing machines all ready to set up in the women's laundries has prompted several WRs whom we know to think about establishing a profitable little laundry business. "Blue Mondays" will be much brighter by the appearance of the laundry aides, and now we won't be conducting any more hair-pulling contests to decide who will use what laundry bowl.

We hope one lad has not been permanently frightened away from Barracks 228—but the other night he quite accidentally stepped into the lower deck lounge, totally unaware of the fact that it was the "gentlemen's night!" He was escorted out of the barracks in much less time than it took him to reach his destination, amid shocked feminine screams.

Dotie Fisher offers the same explanation every time she is questioned about wearing a barracks slipper of one type on her left foot, and another type on the other. The unusual part of it is that the right foot is shod consistently in made fabric. "Well, he couldn't afford a friendship ring, so we just exchanged slippers," she says.

Someone should have told the soiled white puppy who strolled into a WR barracks last evening in search of refuse from the night that he'd be sorry. Some of the more ambitious girls captured him, soaked him thoroughly in a laundry tub and suds and then rubbed him with choice cologne. Some dogs never will learn!

## The Wolf by Sansone



"Friend of yours"

### Bids Received On 2 New BOQs

Bids for two new Bachelor Officer Quarters were received by the Public Works section this week and passed on to the Bureau of Yards and Docks for final approval.

The two new buildings will be similar in design to the present senior BOQ and will be erected in the same area. The present building contains living quarters, mess, ballroom, offices and bar.

# Patriotic Motives Inspire Women Reserves To Request Two-Year Tour In Hawaiian Is.

Leading topic of conversation among Women Reserves this week was the new legislation lifting overseas duty restrictions hitherto imposed on women of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Increased interest in serving overseas was evidenced here following an address last week by Major Marian Dryden, MCWR, director of Women Reserves in Marine Corps aviation. Major Dryden described living on duty stations at Pearl Airfield near Honolulu, where aviation WRs will be stationed.

Indicative of the attitude of a many WRs on the subject of overseas duty are these comments gleaned from a special WINDSOCK survey:

**Corp. Betty Prince Long**, stationed at Kinston, says: "I think I owe it to the first Marine in my family to do everything that I am given an opportunity to do for my country. Therefore, if I am accepted, I certainly shall not hesitate. The first Marine in Betty's family, incidentally, was Captain George Prince, an ancestor who fought at the Battle of Trenton with Washington in the first small band of men to be called 'Marines.' Betty, a gunnery instructor, is also a pianist and choir director, and believes that ability may be utilized to best advantage in a place where recreational facilities are limited. "I want to think that I am doing all I can," Betty continued, "and I do hope they'll accept me."



Corp. Long Pfc. Phillips

**PFC. Marjorie Phillips** of Toledo, Ohio, a bus-driver, offered: "I have a brother in the Army overseas. He has been here for a long time, and there's no telling when he'll be back. If he can do as big a job as he is doing over there, then surely I can do something to help. I will certainly go without a moment's hesitation, if they'll take me."

**Sgt. Stephanie Luchay**, radio operator: "One of the main reasons why I signed to go overseas is because I think there will be more to do over there along communication lines. I like my work very much, and I'm sure they'll have some need for radio women. If they accept me, I'll be more than willing to go. As a matter of fact, I'm very anxious to go."



Sgt. Luchay Corp. Jackson

**Corp. Florence Jackson** of Malden, Mass., teletype operator, said: "I have thought for some time that I should volunteer, but when I heard Major Dryden's talk the other night, I was sure. I think my services can be used to better advantage in F. W."

**PFC. Sallita Adams** of Lubbock, Texas, recently married, believes that her husband should do all the foreign duty in the family. "I've been married for just two months," she says. "I know my husband would not consent to my volunteering, because he would want me here when he returns. For single girls there would be no better way

for them to continue doing their share."

**PFC. June L. Hansen** from Minneapolis, Minn., PX soda fountain worker: "I want to go overseas



Pfc. Adams Pfc. Hansen

because I believe it will be an experience I'll never have again. Two years is a long time to be away. I realize that. Nevertheless, I think I can make up those years when I get back into civilian life."

**PFC. Harriet Burnham** of Chicago, Ill., member of Squadron 16, claims her pride in the Marine Corps Women Reserve the prompting factor in her decision to volunteer for overseas duty. "I want to do a job that I can be proud of the rest of my life," she said. "For the past two months I've been thinking very seriously of applying to go overseas, and when word was released that we were free to volunteer, I was one of the first to do so. I'm proud of the WR, and want to be a part of every activity in the Corps."

**Sgt. Alice Flynn** of Grand Rapids, Mich., says: "Now more than



Pfc. Burnham Sgt. Flynn

ever there is a job to be done by the women in the Corps, and I'm thinking very seriously of enlisting for overseas duty. I haven't signed yet, but just as soon as a few problems on the home front are settled then I'll be free to do my part. I think they need us over there right now, and I enlisted to do as much as I am able to do."

**Pvt. Dorothy Stevens** of Blue

Ash, Ohio: "I think I can do more over there than I'm doing here. I've already volunteered, and will be very disappointed if I'm not accepted. I've been mechanically trained at A & R's engine over-



Pvt. Stevens Pvt. Haddon

haul shop, and think my training can be used in Hawaii. It will be a wonderful experience if I'm allowed to go. One I'd never have otherwise."

**Pvt. Anne Haddon** of Boston, Mass., instrument shop worker: "I can't volunteer, much to my disappointment, because I haven't had six months of active duty. But in the future I hope they will still need women overseas, because it will give me an opportunity to do as much as the other girls who are going."

## Station Has First Double Wedding

In the first double wedding ceremony to be held at the Marine Air Station, two Marine buddies married their home town sweethearts. Lieut. Comdr. H. M. Day, USN, Protestant Chaplain, performed the ceremony Dec. 1 in the station Protestant chapel.

One of the brides was Miss Wilma McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, Jonesboro, Ind. She married Mt-Sgt. Thomas W. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Allen, Indianapolis, Ind. The other bride was Miss Alice L. Hecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carol J. Hecker, Niles, Ohio. She married T-Sgt. William J. Ankic, of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ankic, McDonald, Ohio.

**Swedes Bewildered by Jitterbugs**  
STOCKHOLM (ONS)—U. S. aviators interned in Sweden have introduced jitterbugging to Swedish girls.

"I assume," remarked a by-stander after watching the gyrations, "that they get married afterwards."

## Work Uniform Regulations Revised For Women Marines

Revised work uniform regulations ordered for members of the Marine Corps Women Reserve by Major Katherine D. Lynch, went into effect this week.

With covert slacks, the covert overseas cap, field jacket or trench coat and khaki shirt are uniform. The field scarf is optional, depending upon department regulations. Shoe regulations, the same for all work uniforms, call for brown oxfords, boondockers or field shoes — with brown, white or tan anklets.

When men's dungarees are worn the covert overseas cap also is required. Dungaree jacket, field jacket or trench coat are uniform. The khaki shirt is uniform only when worn without the dungaree jacket, but the jacket must be worn with skivvy shirt.

**Shirts, Optional**

When WRs wear utility coveralls they must also wear the utility brimmed hat, along with overall utility jacket, field jacket or trench coat. Khaki shirt or skivvy shirt are optional. The A & B overall clad WR must wear her covert overseas cap to be worn with any type of work jacket she may choose either a field jacket or trench coat.

The WR's sea bag contains a larger variety of warm clothing for Cherry Point's winter weather. The alpaca-lined vest, parka type raincoat and skin or pile-lined coat may be worn with any type of work uniform. Combat trousers may be worn with covert overseas cap, khaki shirt, field jacket, trench coat or pile-lined coat. The sweat-shirt or khaki sleeveless sweater may be worn if under the jacket.

**Navy Elise for Instructors**

For recreation Department instructors a navy blue slack and sweater uniform including white shirt, has been approved.

White trousers, skivvy shirts and bandanas are to be worn by WR cooks and mess women must wear white aprons, bandanas and shirts. Mess women in the scullery are to wear khaki trousers and khaki shirts.

Work uniforms may be worn for recreational purposes, but they must be complete. After 1630 only winter dress and winter service uniforms are authorized, except by those on a late shift or when employed in active recreation.

Parts of the uniform must not be mixed. The red muffler can be worn only with the trench coat.



By ROGER L. FITZGIBBON

Among the many questions that we have received, the more interesting and typical will be answered in the weeks to come in the expectation that there are many who are faced with similar problems.

The first of such problems to be taken up this week concerns the education of a young Marine who has acquired some technical knowledge and wishes to continue with his education.

G. I. Joe is 20 years old and has been in the Marine Corps since he was 18. He is a high school graduate and, having studied aviation here at Cherry Point, would like to study the engineering features of aviation, and, therefore, wishes to continue his education at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is informed of the costs of books, tuition, and living expenses including dormitory fees, etc., and he wants to know how much of this cost will be borne by the government.

**ANSWER:** The government's contribution for tuition, books, laboratory fees, etc., will not exceed \$500 per year. Since he is not married and has no dependents, he will receive \$50 a month to cover his living costs while a school. Thus it is entirely feasible for him to obtain this very highly technical training in one of the best schools in the country at very little cost to him. He will, of course, still have his summers to earn additional money. If, after the first year his grades are satisfactory, he may continue on this basis for a period not exceeding the time he served in the armed forces.

Another Marine makes the following inquiry: When he came into the service, he left a job that paid him \$3,500 per year. This job, by virtue of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act, will be open to him when he returns from the service. He is married and has two children and is anxious to acquire a home which he can really call his own.

**ANSWER:** Inquiry shows that a home that will meet his requirements will cost \$5,000, but he is unable to put any money at all into the purchase price. He can go to his banker and borrow \$5,000. Thenay off the loan.

government guarantees \$2,000 of the \$5,000, and the bank has in effect a 60 per cent loan, which, under ordinary circumstances, is considered a conservative risk. His cost per month will be as follows:

Principal payments \$28.33 per month; interest payments \$16.66 per month, which amount lessens as the principal is reduced; taxes and insurance will be approximately \$15 per month, so that for the sum of \$60 per month, which is less than one week's earnings per month (and that amount will continually decrease as interest payments become less), he will own his home in 20 years.

This amount of monthly payments is very low, if, any more than he would have to pay as rent for a home of that type.

A third Marine inquires that as he had worked in his father's grocery store for five years prior to his entry into the service, can he obtain financial assistance and buy his own business?

**ANSWER:** He may borrow from private or commercial sources whatever funds are necessary and which the lender feels are justified in accordance with the risk involved. Since the government will guarantee \$2,000 of the loan, he will, in any case, be able to borrow at least \$2,000 to consummate the purchase of the business, provided, of course, \$2,000 does not exceed 50 per cent of the total loan. So that under ordinary circumstances, this Marine, having the required business experience, should be able to purchase a business whose cost is \$4,000. His costs of obtaining and paying off that loan will be approximately \$33.33 per month over a period of 20 years. That amount will be reduced as the principal sum due is reduced.

This illustration assumes that the borrower will take advantage of the maximum period of time to pay off the loan.



OFF THE RECORD—"She's sold the boss on hubby's raise—wonder how she'll handle the war labor board."

## Male Call

THE NAVY'S SHIP AND AIRCRAFT HOMECOMING ARE SO OFTEN CONFUSING TO LANDGEMEN... SINCE SAILORS THINK OF THEIR SHIPS AS FEMALES, THIS CHART WILL MAKE IT SIMPLER TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THOSE GROUPS OF LETTERS...



**PT (PARTY TYPE)** SHE LIKES TO GO PLACES AND DO THINGS... SHE'S ALWAYS UP TO THE SUN GOES DOWN!  
**DD (DANCING DEVIL)** A FAST OPERATOR... SHE'S ALWAYS UP TO THE SUN GOES DOWN!  
**SS (GLENT SHER)** WHEN YOU GO OUT WITH HER, SHE HOLDS UP TO THE SUN GOES DOWN!  
**BB (BROAD BEAM)** SHE'S BIG AND TOUGH—AND A GOOD GAL TO BE WITH IN BANDIT COUNTRY.

**AO (ALL OUT)** SHE'LL GET DIRTY WITH YOU IF YOU DON'T FEND HER OFF.  
**CV (CHARMING VIXEN)** SHE LIKES TO TOSS OFF A FEW NOW AND THEN... NO MATTER HOW OFTEN YOU RIN OUT ON HER, SHE'S ALWAYS WILLING TO TAKE YOU BACK.

**AR (ALWAYS RELIABLE)** SHE'S THE MOTHERLY SORT—NOT GLAMOROUS, BUT NICE TO TURN TO WHEN YOU NEED SYMPATHY.  
**FOR LUBBERS ONLY**  
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## A Feeling Of Pride

Throughout its 170-year history, the Marine Corps has known many occasions when, faced with a particularly difficult or trying task, it has preferred to ask for volunteers rather than to order its members to perform a specific assignment.

It is one of the proudest traditions of the Corps that such invitations have never failed to produce results. No matter what the cost, how great the personal sacrifice, and without thought or desire for personal glory, Marines have stepped forward unhesitatingly to do the job.

Marines should feel particularly proud, therefore, at the response being accorded the Corps' newest appeal for volunteers—this time from the distaff side of the family.

We refer, of course, to the response of Women Reservists to an invitation to volunteer for duty overseas. How much of the esprit de corps which has made the name Marine famous throughout the world has penetrated to the heart of this newest branch within the two short years of its existence, may be gleaned from the response evidenced at Cherry Point.

For obvious reasons no mention can now be made of the numbers who have stepped forward to accept an overseas assignment. But the reasons which have prompted their response are reported elsewhere in the news columns of THE WINDSOCK, and we feel these reasons worthy of comment.

In no instance during the compilation of our story concerning these WR volunteers were we told that "a love for adventure" or a "desire for excitement" motivated a single volunteer.

Each of these WR volunteers was fully aware that in submitting her request for overseas duty, she was signifying without reservation her intention to abide fully by rigorous restrictions on her personal freedom — restrictions which might well cause a male Marine to think twice before stepping forward.

Each volunteer is fully aware that the assignment she requests is one which may be tiresome, difficult and sometimes boring.

She knows that she will get no personal glory, no military decorations or honors, and probably little fun out of her assignment, but she's willing to take on the job because it's a job that has to be done.

She knows that no one has attempted to paint a rosy official picture of life in the Territory of Hawaii to induce her to take on a task difficult by any standards.

Colonel Ruth Cheney Streeter, director of Women Reservists, returned but recently after making an intensive survey of conditions which WRs would encounter in the course of duty in Hawaii.

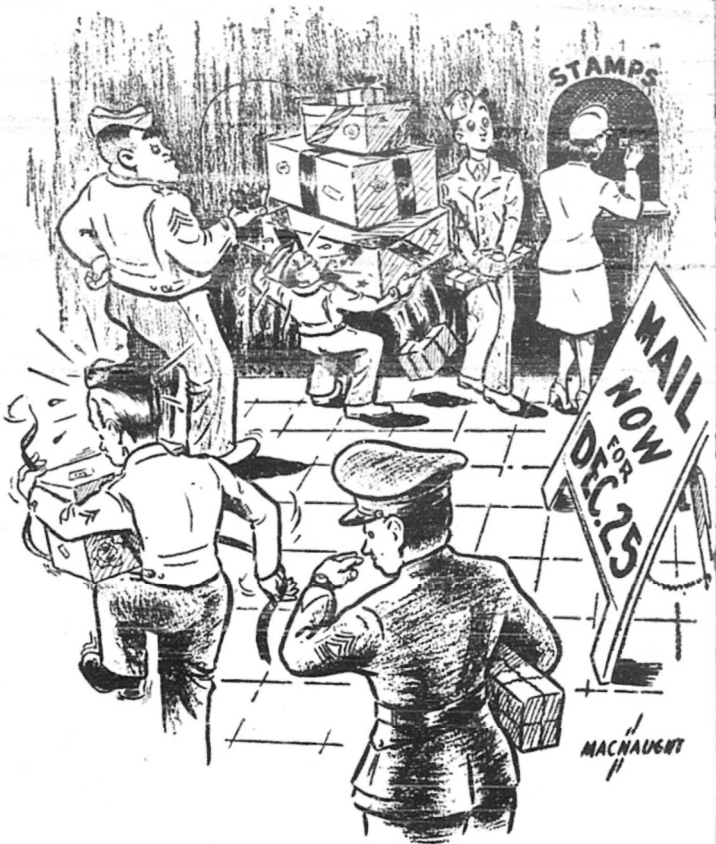
Colonel Streeter is a realist. In soldierly fashion, and mincing no words, she reported to her command just what it might expect.

There was no hedging. Colonel Streeter emphasized that WRS would be required to volunteer for a two-year tour of duty; that liberty hours and time for social activities would be considerably less than those granted at stateside stations; and that contacts with home would be considerably more difficult to maintain. Too, the most perfect physical standards would govern the choice of volunteers.

Speaking straight from the shoulder she declared: " . . . Both Navy and Marine Corps authorities expect to give the women as much consideration as conditions permit. However, everyone is much too busy to make a fuss over them and they are expected to take their places as additional Marines . . . If they complain, they will get no sympathy, nor will they be entitled to any . . ."

Knowing all this, the WRs are nonetheless responding wholeheartedly. They believe the jobs waiting overseas can be filled by them better than by anyone else, and they are determined to prove it.

And, make no mistake about it, they'll do just that—they're United States Marines!



THE WINDSOCK welcomes "letters to the editor" from personnel wishing to express their viewpoints on the editorial page, ask questions or offer legitimate criticisms. Letters must bear the hand-writing signature and squadron affiliation of the writer. Names will be withheld upon request.

Editor, THE WINDSOCK. The WR Recreation Department is taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by the "Letters" column of the Windsock to answer a question printed in the column two weeks ago. Perhaps the same question has been raised by other WR personnel on the Station. If so, these few words will serve to clarify the Department's position for them as well.

The question had to do with women Marines being turned away from their own PX movie because of a lack of space in the auditorium. This was the first of the three phases of this particular problem. The second alluded to a number of social events scattered throughout the week — denying many the privilege of seeing a movie; and third the problem of keeping "dateless" men out of the theater.

Taken in order, a simple solution to phase number one would be to make sure of arriving early enough to avoid being crowded out. Anyone who has been present

at only one picture can judge the seating limitations of the hall. In round figures it is about 650 at best.

Certainly if a girl were aware of the posted time schedule for movies and arrived too late to be allowed admission once, she should take steps to make sure she wasn't too late again.

So far as the "scattered social events" are concerned, they are earned events on the part of the Recreation Department to provide members of the WR and dates some form of entertainment, other than motion pictures. And there are other forms available. All of them are listed on schedules with each drawing its share of general approval.

It may seem odd that square dancing, for example, should displace an epic of the silver screen but a great many boys and girls have shown us that they would rather square dance than sit through the best Hollywood has to offer. Shall they be denied the right to the form of recreation they enjoy? True, democratic systems the majority is usually favored. But unhappy minorities do not make for high morale in a complete unit. It is an air station of a nation.

As for the "dateless men" most of them do not "sneak in." They are brought into the WR by a WR who knows full well that he intends to go his own way once he is inside. These who crash a side door are, of course in the wrong. Steps are being taken to eliminate the practice by having a member of the Shore Patrol on duty in the building to supplement the WR guards.

And please don't let it escape notice that some of those "unescorted" men you see in the theater are the men who unfolded and set up those 650 seats.

These answers are lengthy perhaps, but we hope the questions outlined in a rather lengthy letter have been answered to everyone's satisfaction.

1st Lt. A. S. Kloke, MCWR  
WR Recreation Officer  
WINDSOCK'S thanks to Lieut.

Kloke for her official answer to a question long a puzzle to Cherry Point's enlisted personnel.

Editor, THE WINDSOCK: I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the movers of this Station for the splendid cooperation and patience relative to their attendance at the Station movies, sometimes under trying circumstances.

We feel that with completion of the proposed station Theater, deficiencies involving inadequate seating, long queues and general conveniences will be remedied.

We hope, too, that the consideration and understanding expressed in the past will continue until completion of our new theater.

Capt. M. J. Smith  
Recreation Officer

Editor, THE WINDSOCK: It seems to me that the Recreation Department has fallen short in its promise to all visit the existing conditions at the Entertainment Men's Recreation Building during how time.

For a short time — a very short time — we were permitted to enter the auditorium as soon as possible. Alas and alack it has come to an end! The same old story of needlessly standing in line until the gendarmerie decides to let you in. It is a fact that the seats were set up 20 minutes prior to the time we filed into the auditorium on Dec. 2nd, 1954.

What may I ask, are the M. P.'s supposed to do other than glare at you as they stomp up and down the aisle looking for newspaper and magazines, etc.?

Then, too, while we wait in line there seems to be a popular game being played. Everyone walks up and down the line as proceeds to look for a friend who promptly invites himself in. For ten minutes have elapsed the line has grown appreciably in front of you. A stirring example of the last performance of the musical comedy.

May I suggest that those rude individuals (the M. P.'s) put the lines instead of standing in the lobby keeping themselves warm and permitting such line "chasing."

CPL. VICTOR E. VALENZIO

Raised Eyebrow Dept. Sept. 29, 1954 — the Munich Conference. Before the conference, Heiler said: "Once the problem of Sudetenland is solved, Germany has no more territorial problems in Europe. We do not want any 'Czechs.'" After the conference, he declared: "We have but one aim — to make our contribution to peace of the world."

## LIFE SAVERS



If you're caught in the open by heavy fire don't freeze to the ground. Get out of the area as fast as possible.



It isn't healthy to keep firing too long from the same spot. Move over to another cover.



**GIFT WRAPPING PROBLEM** is solved for these two Marines who are taking advantage of the free service offered by the Post Exchange. Watching P-1. Tom Foy of New York wrap their packages for mailing are Sgt. Eugene Sincic of Tampa, Fla., center, and Corp. Wally Anderson of Brainerd, Minn., right.—MCAS Photo.

## Warrant Officer One Of Six In Family Now Serving U. S.

Warrant Officer Charles C. Altomare, attached to MAG 62 at this air station, represents the top star in a service banner hanging in his mother's window in Springfield, Mass., but since war started five more have been added as his four brothers and one sister have one-by-one joined the naval service.

Also represented in the Marine Corps are his sister Theresa, on duty in California, and two brothers, Salvatore and Felix, at present in the South Pacific. Ralph and Samuel, both in the Navy, are on Atlantic duty.

Last year, the "fightingest family" in western Massachusetts was accorded special recognition when Mrs. Emma Altomare was honored in a special ceremony by the War Mothers of Springfield.

Warrant Officer Altomare — he left enlisted ranks Oct. 31—licked for action early, quitting his position as foreman and machinist at Pratt and Whitney in Springfield to join the Marines on June 10, 1943.

Early in 1937, he received his first

## Dogs Used to Spot Non-Metal Mines

The Netherlands (CNS) —Dogs, mongrels as well as pedigreed canines, are working with the British 2d Army as mine detectors. They are proving particularly successful, front-line dispatches report, in locating the new non-metallic mines the Germans have developed and are using in great numbers on the Western Front. Such mines defy detection by electrically-operated magnetic detectors.

How the dogs find the non-metallic mines, even their handlers don't know. All they say is that they must work by instinct and sense of smell.

In favorable terrain — ground that has not been plowed by shells or bombs —one dog will proceed through a minefield at a rate of 30 yards a minute, covering a lane eight feet wide. They feel their way, cautiously but surefootedly, over ground where minefields are believed sown, always keeping their noses to the ground, sniffing rapidly, and keeping their eyes open. When they come to a suspicious spot, they squat immediately and keep their noses pointed at it. The mine usually is found exactly in front of their noses, but occasionally the dog may be wrong by one or two feet.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME

**DODGE CITY, KANS. (CNS)** —The public library here is trying to get a reader to return a six-weeks overdue book. Name of the tome: "The Art of Rapid Reading."



PFC PAUL L. HANSEN RETURNED TO U.S.



PFC LESLIE E. HANSEN KILLED IN ACTION

## U.S. MARINES

### FIRST MARINE TWINS RECEIVE NAVY CROSSES

ACTION ON NEW BRITAIN BROUGHT THESE AWARDS TO THE FIGHTING HANSEN TWINS OF BATAVIA, N.Y.—THEIR AMPHIBIOUS TRACTOR BECAME WEDGED BETWEEN TWO FALLEN TREES — AS PAUL WORKED THE CONTROLS TRYING TO RESTART IT, LESLIE, UNABLE TO REACH HIS RIFLE, BANGWANDERLY TOOK ON TWO ATTACKING JAPS—THE TRO ROLLED OVER THE SIDE — PAUL STARTED THE TRACTOR AND CONTINUED THE MISSION BY SMASHING THREE ENEMY PILLBOXES, ACCOUNTING FOR 68 DEAD JAPS — TWIN LESLIE HAD BEEN KILLED BY AN ENEMY GRENADE

## FDR Seeks Stars For 73 Colonels

WASHINGTON (CNS) — President Roosevelt has asked general officer status for 73 colonels and recommended the promotion of a major general to be lieutenant general and 23 brigadiers to be major generals.

Recommended for the 3 stars of lieutenant general was Major General William D. Styer, deputy chief of staff, ASF. Among the brigadier generals raised to 2 stars in the President's recommendations, were Brig-Gen. William J. Donovan, Medal of Honor winner in World War I and now head of the Office of Strategic Service, and Chief Brig-Gen. William R. Arnold, chief of chaplains.

## Jobs For Veterans

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (CNS) —American farms will face the necessity of becoming processing plants after the war so that they may provide jobs for homecoming servicemen, according to Carroll P. Streeter, managing editor of The Farm Journal.



## GOOFY NAVIGATION

A recent Walt Disney product was entitled "How To Be A Pilot." It gave an account of the progress which had been made in the science of navigation from the early days of sailing to modern times. One scene showed "Goofy" in the early days of navigation standing on deck looking up at the stars and saying: "Starlight, star bright; gee, I wish I knew where I was tonight." Well, great progress has been made in the field of navigation so that now a good navigator at sea and in the air can tell exactly where he is and where he is going.

In another field of navigation we fear that progress is being made in just the inverse order. We mean the field of navigation of our own lives. In other words, "Where did I come from, why am I here and where am I going?" Our Christian Faith tells us the answers to these questions and gives us the guides by which we may steer our course so that we may arrive at our destination.

Of course, there are some who want to do their own navigating. The only trouble with this kind of navigation is that when they get "where they're goin'," it's going to be too late to turn around and go back to "where they want to be."

Lt. (jg) Francis M. Osborne

## PIK UP DIVINE WOSHIP

### Divine Worship

PROTESTANT SERVICES		
Sunday		
Holy Communion	0800	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	0930	Game Room, 2nd deck WR Recreation Bldg.
Sunday School	0930	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	1200	Dallas Huts Chapel
Youth Fellowship	1900	Cherry Point School—Housing Project
Divine Worship	2000	Cherry Point School—Housing Project

CATHOLIC SERVICES		
Sunday		
Mass	0700	WR Recreation Building Auditorium
Mass	0900	WR Recreation Building Auditorium
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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES		
Sunday		
Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1830	Monday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Holy Name Society	1830	Wednesday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Choir Practice	1800	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—Dallas Huts Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES		
Sunday		
Confessions	1500	to 1900
Novena Services	1730	Monday, Wednesday and Friday—Dallas Huts Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES		
Sunday		
Jewish Services	2000	Thursday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Christian Science Services	1045	Sunday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Latter Day Saints Services	1900	Tuesday—Dallas Huts Chapel

## Roadside Manners Course For Marine Ride-Catchers

How to get a ride on the highway without having to resort to un-military roadside calisthenics and shouting, which have been banned by a station order, Capt. T. F. McEvoy, assistant Recreation and Athletic Officer, offers the following rules for the Marine hitch-hiker: "Remember to observe zones restricted to the soliciting of rides. "Indicate by your roadside demeanor that you are the type of man who deserves a ride. "Desist from un-military actions such as thumbing, waving of arms standing on road, shouting and all other gestures and manners which are 'out of order' with the Marine way. "Endeavor to make yourself a pleasant and congenial traveling companion. Be courteous but not loquacious. "Recall that in this gasless, tireless age it is a privilege which you should appreciate when you are offered a ride. "Stand off the road. Look like a Marine, act like a Marine, be a Marine, afoot or mounted and you'll reap the benefits of your efforts."

## Air Force Develops New U. S. Robot Bomb

Wright Field, Ohio (CNS) —The AAF has developed a high powered robot bomb, a version of the German V-1, "which can be used if and when we need it." According to the Air Technical Service Command, the American robot is as good as the German model and the U. S. developed launching ramp is better than the Nazis. "We may never need the robot bomb," said Major General Bennett E. Meyers, deputy ATSC director, "but if we do need it, we've got a good one."



Sgt. Eddie Catone points out target objective to requalifiers. Most such sessions are now held in range mess hall.—MCAS Photos.

# Station Has Crack Rifle Range

By S-SGT. EDWARD S. MERRY  
Windssock Staff Writer

No matter what changes affect Marine developments in the triple fields of land, sea and air, there'll always be a little touch of the old Corps some little spot called the rifle range.

Now completing its second year of operations, Cherry Point's rifle range is right at home amid the myriad aerial activities of the largest Marine Corps air station in the world.

With its well-planned landscaping, polished grounds, and general crack appearance, the range is a far cry from the waste of unfilled land that marked its site early in 1943. Choosing a late stretch between two legs of the air-strip northwest of the station, workers began literally from the ground up.

Huge amounts of earth were tacked in to create a huge mound behind the butts. The firing lines were laid out, the cement embankment harboring the butts, and the butt equipment installed. From that point on, coaches attended to the range have spent their spare time in beautifying and improving the location.

## Worked Rapidly

With relatively little to work with the first crew of line coaches under Gy-Sgt. John A. Gilbertson arrived here from New River in May, 1943, and lost little time putting the range into operation. The first shot was fired on May 31.

Sgt. Gilbertson has been serving as NCO in charge of the range since that time and of the original nucleus who made the trip with him, all but two are gone. Sgt. Eddie J. Catone and Sgt. Donald J. Higgins, both now serving as section leaders, are the last of the pioneers.

From the range officer down to the most recently acquired coach, experience with weapons and Marine Corps methods of handling them characterizes the entire range staff.

Rifle range officers since last September, Warrant Officer R. F. Sattermeyer can look back upon nineteen years in the Corps that has been centered around shooting or teaching others how to shoot. For five years he was a member of the Marine Corps national team squad and for four years he was a regular on the United States International Rifle team. At one time, he held the world rifle championship in the kneeling and off-hand positions. By now he has lost track of his medals.

## Serving Second Hitch

Sgt. Gilbertson has pursued his interest in arms both in and out of the Corps. Now on his second hitch, he enlisted first in 1919 and was assigned to range duty at Mare Island and Honolulu. Before leaving the Corps, he was a member of the Marine Corps rifle team.

representing the Hawaiian Islands in 1922.

In the twenty years that intervened before he reentered the Corps in 1942, he maintained his interest in the sport by forming and coaching amateur and college rifle teams in his native California. In his thirty months of this hitch, he has had rifle range duty at San Diego, New River and Cherry Point, and at each he has served as NCO in charge.

And so the story goes down the list of permanent range personnel. Holding line warrants, all have come to the air station from coaching assignments on other ranges some Quantico, and others Parris Island. Sgt. Sam W. Marra and Sgt. James E. Moberg, both coaches, have a little extra information gained from overseas service to impart to their charges.

## Most NCO's 'Old-Timers'

Most of the top NCO's at the range have at least one hash mark on their sleeves and plan to add more in the years to come. Pl-Sgt. Samuel E. Carmichael, who joined the staff this year as NCO in charge of the office, has ten years of service. Pl-Sgt. Randolph C. Stringer, school range NCO, has six, and Corp. Francis P. Hickey, in charge of the 22 range, needs but one more year to gain his second hash mark.

Other range personnel include Sgt. Vester Small, NCO in charge of the butts, a quiet sort of a fellow quite in contrast to the booming voice but dictators of Parris Island memory, Corp. Bruce E. Rhoads is armorer, Pvt. Francis D. Bell handles property and Pvt. Charles R. Treat is office clerk, while Privates Ira G. Dancy and Lencio V. Matteo are assigned to the carpenter shop.

Among the coaches are Corporals Francis Bladykis, Robert Borden, Elmer C. Jenkins, and Andrew H. Leland; Pfc. William

E. Lewis, Robert F. Moberg, Clement A. Ferris and John S. LaSota, Privates Acie E. Gillisple, Jr., and Thomas Dwyer assist Hickey on the 22 line, Algier E. Sellers, assistant in the butts, and Corporal Harold Schwartz, Pl. M. 2-c round out the personnel. A few casualties are also assigned to the range for short periods.

## Requalifying Score High

Some idea of the high caliber of the coaching instruction may be gained from a study of record day scores for the current year. Through November, 1,432 of the 1,615 run through the range have requalified for an average of 88.96 percent. And the average score for the group has been 235.67, very close to the sharpshooter level of 232.

Averages for the various station squadrons represented vary from a high of 94.73 percent for AES 44 down to 81.56 percent for the guard detachment. Coming closest to the overall average is AES 46 with a percentage of 88.28. As a group, the 1,615 have left the station range better shooters than they were the year before according to the statistics. Of the total, 235 men, who failed to qualify the previous year, made the grade, while 82 shooters dropped out of the qualified ranks for a net gain of 153. Coach Huggins holds the course record however, with a 324 turned in this year.

## WRs Good Shots

First scores turned in by Women Reserves on the 22 caliber courses have proven that the Patent Leathernecks have acquired the Corps' traditional shooting eye and trigger finger. Top score turned in on the 150-point course was made by Pfc. Pearl Langport of WRs 20, but other girls have posted scores in the 120's.

Right now, with the advent of



Gy-Sgt. Gilbertson likes Pl-Sgt. Carmichael's pistol post.



Line coach surveys positions on firing line as second relay awaits its turn.



Sgt. Richard Everhart Sees Bullseye From Kneeling Position



Prone Position is Most Popular



Sgt. Wayne Marker Sights In From Good Sitting Position

## Coaching Procedure at Range Similar To Boot Camp System

Ample testimony to the scale of range activities is contained in a recapitulation of statistics issued by the range office last week covering the current year through the month of November. In the three basic courses on the range curriculum—requalifying course, pistol course and familiarization course—a total of 9,051 personnel have received instructions in the seven weapons in the range text book.

Of all weapons, however, the M-1 still ranks highest in popularity. Including November's batch of frosty-fingered men, 3,642 enlisted personnel and 47 officers had drawn a bead on the black through the peep-sights of the Garand. The Reising sub-machine gun and the .30 caliber carbine were the next largest number of students. Other arms fired include the Thompson sub-machine gun, the .22 caliber M-2, and the .38 caliber revolver. Apart from regular male personnel, Women Reserves started familiarization firing in November with the lighter .22 as part of a WR recreational course, while 55 station civilian policemen have been instructed in the revolver.

Marines required to requalify each year on the M-1 follow coaching procedures pretty much as they remember them from boot camp, except that as NCOs they may be treated with slightly more deference. The first week is still given over to the fundamentals of the weapon and shooting courses in nomenclature, field stripping, rifle dope and inevitable "snapping in" on the school range, with emphasis on good positions and trigger squeeze. The butts still have to be worked for the relays firing preliminary and re-qualifications.

The second week the shooters lay it on the line with a total of 300 rounds fired over the five days from the 200-, 300- and 500-yard markers. Starting with 28 shots on Monday, a full 68 rounds are fired on each successive day until Friday morning's climactic attempt for expert status until next year rolls around again.



Pfc. Herman Tawech of MAG 67 spots Reising target



Pvt. Thomas Dwyer Instructs Sgt. Ruby McGlumpey On 22 Range As Corp. Huggins Looks On



Sgt. Donald Huggins With Thompson And Corp. Frances Hickey With Reising Lineup The Bullseye. —MCAS Photo

# Point Basketeers Face Full Week



### By Jim McManus

We asked Coach Jim McMurdo to give us his version of a Cherry Point all-opponent team. With many a moment's hesitation, he countered, "Bainbridge, first team; Camp Peary, second team."

Now that's a nice tribute to those two Naval clubs, but it just ain't being done these days. We asked the Cherry Point grid tutor if he couldn't be a little more conventional. As a result we got two power-laden outfits, rating with any all-opponent aggregation.

The Cherry Point all-opponent: LE—John Rokkley, Peary; LT—Elwood Gerber, Bainbridge; LG—Les Lelaw, Peary; C—Al Matusza, Peary; RG—Gerard Ramsay, Bainbridge; RT—Walter Barnea, Third Air Force; RE—Joe Davis, Bainbridge; QB—Hillard Chatham, Bainbridge; RH—Jim McDonald, Bainbridge; LH—Charles Trippi, Third Air Force; FB—Harry Hopp, Bainbridge.

Second Team: LE—Al Vandewedge, Bainbridge; LT—Lou DePhillips, Peary; LG—Tom Rossell, Third Air Force; C—Lou Sossaman, Bainbridge; RG—Tarzan White, Chatham Field; RT—Bob Bjorklund, Peary; RE—Ted Scruggs, Georgia Pre-Flight; QB—Otto Graham, Peary; RH—Andy Gram, Peary; LH—Bill Leckony, Jacksonville; FB—Frank Stanczak, Georgia Pre-Flight.

The Bainbridge Naval mentors got together the other day and came up with the commiserate all-opponent Cherry Point team represented on the first team by Ray Varanka, 200-pound guard from American International University, Hugo Maropini, fullback, and Lafayette King, end, were named on the Bainbridge second team. This marks the second time Maropini has been so honored. Last week he was selected on the Third Air Force all-opponent.

Proving that Cherry Point is the only team that respects Camp Peary, the Commodores duplicated McMurdo's selections by naming DePhillips, Matusza and Lelaw.

Jun Gilman, Cherry Point basketball coach got a pleasant surprise last week when Oran McKinney returned to the air station. The All-American from Western Kentucky shipped out a few months ago and wasn't expected back for basketball season. With the Kentucky boy in the line-up, Gilman will be able to make full use of his two little set-shot artists, George Mingle and Pete Chema. Previously, either Mingle or Chema had to be benched in order to get some height into the line-up.

As it now stands, Bill Van Breda Kolf and McKinney, both standing over 6 feet 4 inches, will take care of the rebounding. Mingle and Chema can then stand back and pop 'em in to their heart's content.

Coach Gilman comments that Stan Nordin, the ex-Minnesota basketballer, has come along fast in the past few weeks. Nordin, a finer, was away from the game for a few years and as a result, pretty rusty in initial workouts.

With Nordin, Van Breda Kolf and McKinney operating in the same lineup, the Point will have a tough combination under the basket.

The British didn't like kindly to our American football played on the Isle this past fall, but they seem to think our Yankee basketball has possibilities. In summing up a basketball game between two Army outfits stationed in England, a Matchless (Eng.) Guardian reporter writes:

"A side that has just scored is particularly vulnerable if they are unwise enough to indulge, even for a split second, in self-congratulation."

"Running with the ball and bounding it demands exceptionally clever handwork and at times one got the impression that the ball was being controlled by one finger."

"The shooting, from all angles, for supreme body control. Most diverting of all is the ability of the guards or backs in particular to look in one direction and pass in another."

Leut. William F. Cardiff, As-

## 2 Cinderella Teams In Cotton Bowl

Two "Cinderella" teams meet in the annual Cotton Bowl classic New Year's Day at Dallas, Texas.

The Cowboys of Oklahoma A & M. with but a single defeat on their record, tackle the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian University, Southwestern Conference title.

The Frogs "rags-to-riches" story dates from mid-season, when half the squad was lost to Coach Dutch Meyer, due to Navy transfers and scholastic ineligibility. Hardly considered in post-season ratings, the Frogs seemed doomed to occupy the conference cellar. However, with a fighting spirit that dominated their whole season's play, they battled their way to the coveted postseason Bowl invitation.

The Texans opened their campaign with a 7-0 win over the Kansas University gridsters. A North Arkansas Razorback eleven fough the Frogs to a 6-6 draw-back with a 13-7 triumph over the Aggies. On the following Saturday, the lone defeat on the T. C. U. record was chalked up by the Oklahoma Sooners. In successive encounters they beat Chatham Field 19-7, Texas Tech 14-0, the University of Texas 7-6 and Rice Institute 9-6.

Sparkplugs of the Horned Frog Club are tackle John Cooke, end Merle Gibson and fullback Norm Cox. Cooke's alert play was directly responsible for the one point victory over the Longhorns. Gibson is runner-up in the Southwestern scoring parade and Cox, hard running fullback, has ramed over a third of the touchdowns tallied by the Frogs this season.

Unbeaten in collegiate competition, the Aggies suffered their only loss to a pro-studded Norman Navy squad. The Cowboys have had their best season in six years. The Aggies "Alger" tale springs from the surprising string of victories turned in by a team composed of 17-year-olds and draft-deferred men.

Working from a smooth "T" formation, the Cowboys bowled over West Texas State 41-0, Arkansas, 19-0, Texas Tech 14-7, Denver 33-21 and Tulsa 46-40. Then came their loss to Norman, 15-0. The Aggies got back into the win column with a 13-8 triumph over the Texas Longhorns. They wound up the regular season's play by trouncing their traditional rivals, The University of Oklahoma 25-6, for the first time in 11 years.

Bob Fenimore, leading candidate for All-American honors in the Southwest, was the Cowboy's first offensive punch. A great triple threat back, Fenimore is only a sophomore. One of the main factors contributing to the Aggies' success, was the hard play of the forward wall. Gathering most of the laurels for outstanding line performances were tackle Ralph Foster and guard Jake Colhouer.

Comparative records indicate on Oklahoma Aggie victory on January first. They hold decisions over teams which have beaten and tied Texas Christian. With Fenimore and an improved "T" work ing, it should be the Cowboys day in Dallas.

(Next week The Windsock previews the Orange Bowl game.)

## Play Chapel Hill Tonight; Parris Island Thursday



ORAN MCKINNEY

## Intra-Squadron Cage Series Set

Entries are being accepted by the Athletic Department for the tournament.

The tourney will be played during January and February. A cup will be awarded the winning team and individual awards will be made to members of teams finishing first, second and third.

Games will be played daily in the station gym, from 0900 to 1100. The play-offs will be held in the new Field House, if it is completed in time.

Squadrons already entered are A15, 44, VMB 93, VMB 913, VMB 914, Hdqs. MAG 91 and M. A. S. S. 1.

Organizations interested in entering, should present team rosters to the Athletic officer as soon as possible.

## Group To Hear Dr. O. M. Wright

"Socialized Medicine" will be the topic of discussion at the Gyrene Roundtable meeting Thursday night in the lower lounge of Barracks 22, with Lieut. Comdr. O. M. Wright, Assistant Medical Officer, as leading speaker.

Dr. Wright will be assisted by Lieut. Comdr. F. P. Baurichter, Industrial Medical Officer at A & R. Several other medical officers are expected to be present.

The Gyrene Roundtable discussions on topics of current interest, are held weekly by men and women Marine. The sessions are conducted by Sgt. Madge Kline, of the WR recreation Department who originated the group, and PFC. Ed Reimer, chairman.

"The purpose of these discussions is to give the military personnel an opportunity to voice their opinions. Sgt. Kline explained to acquaint them with postwar problems."

A week crammed with basketball action faces the Cherry Point Marines who tonight take the floor at Chapel Hill against the N. C. Pre-Flight Cloudbusters.

Tuesday evening they play at Oak Grove Thursday will be the hosts to the Parris Island Marines. Friday journey to Atlantic Field and Saturday make a stand against the Camp Macall soldiers on the home hardwood.

Last Wednesday's game with Norfolk was cancelled at the Sailor's request. Members of the Blue-jacket squad were engaged in the Pearl Harbor Week Bond campaign, and were unable to travel.

The Cloudbusters are embarking on the season's schedule with a new squad. Built around a single holdover from last year, the "Busters" make up in fight what they lack in experience. The lone veteran is Tippy Dye, team captain and guard. A brilliant defensive ball player, Dye figures to be a steady influence on the younger casters.

Two cadets, both from Indiana, team-up at the forward posts. Bob Mehl and Ed Leakey, tallest men on the squad, are expected to lead the defense. At the other forward position will be W. D. Mcador, who is a good ball handler and play maker. J. R. Tobias will jump center.

**Outstanding Battle**  
The Pre-Flight team last year won 17 out of 20 games, losing one to the Chapel Hill team. They fell before the Marines 44-43, in one of the outstanding court battles of the season. In their '44 debut, Coach R. A. Raese's charges swamped the Parris Island Marines by more than 20 points.

The Parris Island club that invades the Point Wednesday night, also is a team with few returning performers. The P. I. squad lost two important cogs in their cage machine early in the year when Mickey Penley and Tom Bracken shipped out. However, Gene Desautels, former baseball catching luminary, has molded veteran players into a team.

Sparked by three veteran players, Joe Dean at center, Eddie Fox at guard and Henry Nasterhak at forward, the Marines are strong in the point-making department. Nasterhak led the scoring in the P. I. last season with 277 points. The Islanders turned in a record of 25 wins and 5 losses last year, including a victory over Cherry Point.

Other tentative starters are Ken Geiman and Charley Skinner. Both saw limited action with the P. I. varsity and have developed rapidly. Desautels has a pair of clever reserves in Norm Koney and Russ Washburn.

The Flying Leathernecks, have a grown more potent with the addition of Oran McKinney to the fast moving organization. A long, brilliant court record, he played first string center for the Western Kentucky State Teachers College in 1941, '42 and '43. In the latter two years he ranked in Century status in the finals in the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden, New York. A unanimous All-American choice in both '42 and '43, McKinney was considered the best play maker in collegiate basketball. A great rebound man, he will fit well into the type of ball Coach Jim Gilman is using. The 6 foot 4 inch, 210 pound center is a native McKeaney, Indiana.

With Bill Van Breda Kolf's return to action after injuring his knee against Greenville the Pointers are at full strength for tonight's game. George Mingle, who rang up 20 points against Greenville, and Sam House, aggressive breakaway star, will man the forward posts. Van Breda Kolf and Monk Hillmeyer will be at the guard post. Coach Gilman has the services of Pete Chema, Red Allen, Stan Nordin, Leo Navickas, Chick Jacob and Al Majeski, to call upon.

Starting time for all home games will be at 2000, in the Station gym.

## French Spas Now GI Rest Centers

FRANCE (CNS) — As a form of reverse Lend-Lease, the French are opening their classiest resorts to battle-weary GIs as rest centers.

According to local sources, France is turning over resort hotels in the French Alps and on the Riviera to battle-weary GIs. The service Paris also is being made available for war weary soldiers.



GETTING THE WORD from cage coach Jim Gilman are the Cherry Point basketballers, who tonight take the floor at Chapel Hill against the N. C. Pre-Flight Cloudbusters. Pictured left to right are Gilman, George Mingle, Oran McKinney, team captain Bill Van Breda Kolf, Monk Hillmeyer and Sam House.

MCAS Photo



# E. Carolina Affords Marines Fine Hunting; Deer, Duck

Marine Air Station hunting enthusiasts, who at this time of year find pleasure in recalling civilian days spent in the woods with gun and dog, now have a chance to hunt again.

## WRS 16 Captures Field Hockey Cup

The General Claude A. Larkin Trophy emblematic of the station's WRS field hockey championship, was in possession of WRS-16 today, by virtue of Wednesday's 3-2 triumph over WRS-IV.

## 'Jeep Hula' New To Island Lore

By STP SGT. BOB COOKE (Combat Correspondent) SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — Even the hula, famed dance of the South Seas, has been given an added kick by the coming of Marines to this Pacific Island.

## Points Galore In This Game

The Cherry Point quietest went on a terrific scoring spree to overwhelm the Greenville Marines, 103-22, in a time-out game, November 30 at Greenville Field.

## GI Disabilities Nobody's Business

Washington (CNS) — GIs who get CDDs will be able to keep their physical afflictions a secret from now on, the War Department has decided.

# Oracles: Sinkwich Last Of Pro Triple Threat Backs

WALTER BYERS (UP) — Frankie "Fireball" Sinkwich, the Detroit Lions' one-man arsenal who had to go to college to learn how to pass and kick, is the last outstanding pro member of a rapidly disappearing football species—the triple threat back.

## Ring Tourney Entries Sought

Here's the chance for all prospective boxers to gain the spotlight! Warrant Officer James E. McMurdo, announced today the organization of a giant boxing tournament sponsored by the Athletic Department, Cherry Point's counterpart of the Golden Gloves is open to all Air Station personnel.

## Pin-Point Bomb Raids Ruin Nips

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — When Corsair fighter pilots of the Second Marine Wing to New York or the East Coast championships early in February.

## Trees Being Planted On Station Streets

Trees being set out around the barracks areas are part of a long range plan of the Forestry Division for the beautification of the base, Second Lieut. A. H. Bronson said yesterday.

# Rindone, Anspach Score KO's in Golden Gloves

Two Cherry Point Marines scored knockout victories and a third copped a decision to give the Air Station boxers a clean-sweep at the Washington Golden Gloves tournament in Washington. The bouts were the first round of the tourney's novice division.



WINNING his first bout, in the Washington Golden Gloves Tourney by a knockout, Joe Rindone, 160-pound Cherry Point battler, advanced to the second round of novice competition.

Joe Rindone, 160, started the Leatherneck string, by registering a KO over William Hollister of the Washington Boys' Club. The second round had barely started when Rindone dynamited Hollister to the canvas for the count.

Harold Anspach turned in the other knockout triumph in the 160-pound class. He decked William Coratello of the Washington Boys' Club in the first round, to score the quickest win of the night.

Jim McFadden, 135, facing a tough foe in Johnny Duff, hammered out a clean win. He had the Patuxent NAS sailor on the verge of a kayo, but couldn't slam over a haymaker.

The other Marine battlers who made the trip remained idle after the weighing in ceremonies. They were scheduled to fight last night in the opening round of the open division of the tourney.

Rosech brilliant 147-pounder, made the trip remain idle after the bout by acting boxing coach Eddie Hillard, Leblond, who scolded in at 135, also was set to go.

Brodie, a late entry in the Gloves, recently recovered from a hand injury. He has an outstanding record as a service boxer. Fighting at 160 pounds, he ran up a long string of victories at Jacksonville, Fla., NAS. He was mentioned in RING magazine one of the finest young prospects in amateur circles.

The Washington Gloves finals will be fought Jan. 30. Winners will travel to New York for the East Coast championships early in February.

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### May Double '43 Totals, Partial Reports Reveal

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the Independence Day drive this year, bond officials felt that station purchases had held up well in the face of the inroads made on station pocketbooks by the Christmas season.

Cherry Point topped all other Marine bases in the sale of Series B bonds last July and accounted for 4,096 bonds with a purchase of \$2,950, or over a quarter of a million dollars on maturity value.

Along with purchases of bonds, station Marines helped the War Bond cause by participating both on land and in the air in a spectacular Pearl Harbor commemoration parade at New Bern Thursday, as part of the Craven County Sixth War Loan drive.

Both men and women Marines from Cherry Point took part in the parade, while the station band and the Camp Lejeune WR band provided music. Planes from the station added to the spectacle. Naval officers, nurses and corpsmen also participated. Major Harry W. Reed, Assistant Operations Officer, was principal speaker at a special broadcast during the program.

### Officers' Jacket Use Clarified

A letter from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lieut. General A. A. Vandegrift, clarifying the utilization of the new officers' field jacket, has been received here.

The jacket, purchase and wearing of which is optional, may be worn during field exercises and activities, or during the performance of routine office, post and garrison duties.

"It will not be worn on occasions requiring more formal attire," the letter stated, "nor will it be worn off a post or place of duty except during field activities, or in the wearer's own residence."

Assignments of rank and collar ornaments are to be worn in the same manner as prescribed for summer and winter service coats.

"The wearing of shoulder patches, insignia, ribbons, qualification badges, etc., is optional," the letter stated. "When worn, their positions will be in conformity with existing regulations for use with coats."

Officers desiring to purchase the jacket from commercial sources may obtain information from the Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps.

### New Phone Station To Give Free Calls

Free long distance telephone calls will be awarded to an enlisted man and an enlisted woman who receive lucky numbers when the newly constructed telephone station and lounge opens at 1730 Tuesday.

Personnel visiting the telephone center between 1720 and 2130 on the opening date will be given numbers by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. The calls may be made to any place in the United States.

Attendants will be on duty, to assist in making calls, from 1600 to 2300 on week days; from 1300 to 2300 on Saturdays; and from 2200 to 2300 on Sundays and holidays. Calls also may be made from the center during the hours attendants are not on duty.

#### Fatal Thirst

**PHILIPPINES (CNS)** — An American sergeant set up a machine gun commanding a well on Leyte Island. One by one Japanese came up to get water and were killed. In 2 days the sergeant accounted for 20 Japs.



### Death In Fire Laid To Coal Gas Explosion

A board investigating the death at Oak Grove Nov. 22 of Pfc. Henry L. Dresser, Island Park, Mich., attributed the cause to an explosion of gas within a coal stove, which started a fire that destroyed the Dallas hut in which he was sleeping.

A station memorandum, issued by Colonel P. E. Conrad, stated that a peat-bed variety of coal, commonly known as steam coal, was used in the stove.

"The heavy deposit of fine coal carrying out an expansion power the existing fire within the stove," the memorandum stated, "was so completely free of air voids that a smothering blanket was formed which prevented the escape through smokepipe of the accumulating coal gas. The result was that enough gas was generated to cause an explosion which blew open the stove door and immediately ignited the combustible ceiling and contents of the hut."

Personnel quartered in Dallas huts were urged to follow every precaution in prevention of such fires.

"The hazard of fire caused by the accumulation of coal gas," the memorandum stated, "can be more fully realized by the fact that the explosive range of such gas is much greater than the explosive range of numerous flammable liquids, including gasoline."

### Speaker System Put Into Barracks

Members of Station Headquarters Squadron will have no excuse for not getting the word when present plans of Sgt. Major J. C. McRae are completed.

This week a microphone has been placed in the police sergeant's office of 201, Headquarters barracks, and amplifiers set up in the barracks' four wings.

Reveille, lights out, and other important announcements will henceforth be heard by all hands.

### Japs Still Live Underground After Bunkers 'Destroyed'

Lessons learned in combat exert great influence on training doctrine. The reception and evaluation of information concerning battle experiences is the job of G-3, the operations and training division of the General Staff.

Some of the reactions of individual soldiers to the fighting on Kwajalein and the Palau Islands are given below. The problem under consideration is the destruction of Jap pill-boxes.

Sgt. Paul K. Barry, assistant rifle squad leader reports: "The enemy pill-boxes and bunkers on Kwajalein Island were often connected by tunnels, which made it extremely hazardous to go inside a knocked-out emplacement to check it for enemy soldiers.

"The enemy would crawl into the tunnel while the bunker was being blown up, and then come out into the bunker again when things quieted down. It is better to burn them out and then cover up the opening."

#### Japs Hard to Kill

From S-Sgt. George H. Kolbe, rifle squad leader: "Our first night on the island was one of many experiences. We had all dug in and made preparations to spend the night. Just as it got dark, we had a pretty good scare. A bunker was located in the center of our area, out of which ran about six Japs. During the day, that particular bunker was grenaded quite a few times. In fact our outfit had dropped eight grenades into it.

"The only way you can make sure of those bunkers is to burn them or blow them sky high. The Japs can take a lot of punishment and are harder than hell to kill. A bunker that is leveled with the ground is the only good bunker."

S-Sgt. Arthur Savloja, rifle squad leader, has the floor: "We found an interesting use for the smoke grenade on the afternoon of Feb. 4.

"The engineers who worked with our squad on a large bunker were having quite a time. They had thrown a satchel charge inside the bunker, waited, and nothing happened. They tried another with the same result.

#### Pull Fuses o Charges

"We knew live Japs were inside and that gave one of the engineers

an idea. He threw a smoke grenade into the bunker first, then, when the interior was full of smoke, another satchel charge was tossed inside and a huge explosion followed. The engineer had figured that the Japs were finding the satchel charges and pulling the fuses until they were blinded by the smoke of the grenade."

Sgt. Myles Champion, assistant squad leader, in this particular case, we were advancing behind the second battalion when we stopped near a pill-box. Assuming everything was already cleared out by the front line troops, we failed to take cover and bunched up like bananas on a stalk. About the time we decided to do some checking up, the Japs beat us to the draw by appearing just out of the entrance to the pill-box and firing a few shots at a very surprised bunch of dogfaces. Mr. Sanjo could have made it bad for us had he been more of a marksman and had we been lacking several fast-thinking men." (Camp Newspaper Service).

### Forestry Supplies Free Yule Trees

If the Marine Air Station is not decked out in full dress for Christmas none of the blame can be placed upon the Forestry Division.

Second Lieut. A. H. Bronson, forestry officer, announced yesterday his department would take order for free Christmas trees— from individuals and organizations—until Dec. 16. Orders may be placed by calling 7173 or by yard mail. Holly branches also may be ordered.

The trees will be cut from the native pine and cedar forests on the station. Lieut. Bronson stressed that sizes should be specified when tree orders are placed.

A station order prohibits the cutting of trees or branches of trees without permission, the forestry officer declared.

### Yule Furlough Ration Requests Due at Present

Applications for food ration allowances for personnel planning five and 14-day furloughs during the Christmas season should be made immediately. Captain J. B. Treadwell, station furlough coordinator, reminded squadron furlough coordinators this week.

A tremendous amount of clerical work is involved in the issuance of such allowances. Captain Treadwell emphasized, and group applications must be made promptly in order to avoid inconvenience and disappointment to personnel. Information as to the date and place of issuance will be announced later.

Captain Treadwell also called attention of the coordinators to proper requests for rail transportation on three-day passes of 15 points other than on a direct route to New York City.

Personnel planning holiday trips to Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., will be required to use available bus lines.

Enlisted personnel were also advised to make all inquiries for furlough information from their respective squadron coordinators.

### Poison Liquor Danger Stressed

In a letter to Marine Corps personnel on the eve of mass Christmas furloughs, Lieut. General A. A. Vandegrift, the Commandant warned members of the Corps against drinking commercial alcohol and other beverages which may be poisonous.

The message cautioned that commercial alcohol is invariably poisonous and that beverages of unknown origin also should be considered poisonous.

Personnel who suffer physical disability by drinking poisonous alcohol will be considered as disabled by their own misconduct and will not be entitled to disability benefits, according to a ruling by the Judge Advocate General.

## MORTIMER



# Sergeant Stony Craig, USMC



interest in two books recently published centers around Marines. One is from jungle fox-holes and trench-heads, five ex-Marines try to readjust their lives to the civilian world in Niven Busch's "They Came of Home." The author probes their problems with sympathy and understanding.

Special interest to the personnel of this base will be the official history of Marine Corps aviation, "Flying Leathernecks," by Captain R. G. Hubler, USMC. It covers Wake and Midway to Munabau and Rabaul, flying Marines let a blazing trail of gallantry and heroism. Several of the names mentioned in the book are at Cherry Point now, training on their hard-won experience to future aces of the Marine Corps.

A fast-moving, credible war novel, tense with intrigues and adventures, and filled with vivid characters. "Of Smiling Peace" is the author Stefan Heym's first novel. He knows the backlands and situations he depicts. A short, but appealing, story "The Wise Men" gives a good picture of those uneasy times when tolerance and cruelty were shared by both Romans and Jews. J. Hartley is the author of "The Way."

"Young'un," Herbert Best has created one of the most delightful of heroines in a happy story of robust Americans on the New York frontier when life was rich and full-blooded. Lord Dunsany has his poetic imagination to the novel in "Guerrilla." The action takes place in a small Balkan country and describes the local guerrilla band which formed when the Germans moved in on a small village.

**MYSTERIES.** Bailey: "Gat's Neck"; Bayer: "No Little Red"; Gardner: "Case of the Black-Eyed Blonde"; McCloy: "The Ship"; "Not Quite Dead Yet."

**WESTERN FIELDS:** "Death Rides at Night"; Fox: "Thundering Tides"; Lomax: "Rusty Guns"; McDonald: "Sleepy Horse Range."

**MISCELLANEOUS.** The Notre Dame football team is the subject of Arch Ward's "Frank Leahy and the Fighting Irish." To see the lives as others see it is the privilege of those of us who read "The American Character," by an English professor, D. W. Brogan. The author is intelligently observant, witty and generous, although not always flattering.

Those interested in the war that has affected other peoples, Alexander Werth's "Leningrad" is a worthy and moving. The author was born and brought up in that city and was the first Englishman to enter after the blockade was broken. Escape may be had in Emily Kimbrough's tender recollections of a Midwestern childhood, "How Dear to My Heart," in the lives of a group of jazz artists, "Land of Poplar Music," by David Wren; and in the appetizing "Bounty of the Wayside," by W. B. Wilder.

Increasing determination that the failures of the last settlement shall not be repeated, Americans are re-examining the repudiated ideals of President Wilson with mounting interest and thoughtfulness. O. J. Woodrow Wilson and the Lost Peace. Thomas Bailey says that it is an attempt to educate American opinion to its responsibility in future peace-making, international cooperation. This is the record for all who read it. Another volume shows the trend of interest is Gertrude Johnson's "Woodrow Wilson, a striking photographic record of the presidency of Princeton through his greatest triumphs to final tragic defeat.

## Four Puppies Born to Tiny Fox Terrier

Something like a local record for fox terriers was set recently with the birth of a litter of ten puppies to a dog owned by Capt. J. M. Harty, executive officer of the 4th Marine Regiment. The four sons and six daughters of the terrier mother are now ready for adoption.



### News From Home

**BUFFALO, N. Y. (DNS)** — Women are buying pipes in Buffalo now. They always explain the pipes are for their husbands, store clerks claim, but "last year they didn't buy nearly as many."

**CHICAGO (CNS)** — Downtown Chicago was thrown into a lizzy when Judy, a 3000 pound elephant, refused to leave the 3rd floor of a department store where she was spending the afternoon autographing books. Judy was hired from a circus to stamp her name on the cover of a book about elephants at the store. She arrived in the elevator, worked all afternoon, then refused to go away. Five hours later she was coaxed down a ramp.

**CHARLOTTE, N. C. (CNS)** — Bill Alexander, 66, a paperhanger, refused to work to help relieve the manpower shortage. Says he: "that paperhanger from Berchtesgaden ought to be in hell."

**CLEVELAND (CNS)** — Small Fry Freddie Farrell, 10, dug a discarded comic book from an ash can. It contained \$1150 in war bonds.

**DETROIT (CNS)** — The smell of a peeled orange so upset William Pace that he stalked from his home in range, roared away in his car and crashed into a tree.

**DOYLESVILLE, Ky (CNS)** — Mrs Robert L. Bush, a storekeeper, claims the letter-writing champion ship of Kentucky. She writes 200 letters a month to 85 servicemen all over the world.

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (CNS)** — Missouri's first deer season in seven years was a big success. No hunters were shot. No cows were shot by careless hunters. Only a few deer were shot, too.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (CNS)** — Grounds for divorce: A Tennessee lady seeks freedom from her husband because he makes knives as a hobby. Once he cut up the rug with a knife, she testified, and then he offered to cut her throat, too. She hid the knife in the icebox and called police.

**OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS)** — Summoned from church to answer a two-alarm fire, Fire Chief George McAlpine dashed around the block to the firehouse. Then he dashed back again to the church—to extinguish a blaze in the Sunday School.

**PHILADELPHIA (CNS)** — When Mrs. Naor's Cleag lost her purse and door-key, she wondered how she would get into her house. She arrived home to find her problem solved. Thieves had entered first and ransacked the place.

**SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)** — Forty-four pigs were loosed in downtown Francisco when a farm truck overturned on Van Ness avenue. Residents chased the squealers all through the streets for hours, finally caught them all, returned all but thirteen. Many dined well here that night.

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — A couple of crooks raided a restaurant, locked the night watchman in the icebox and escaped with \$10 from the cash drawer. When police arrived to free the watchman, they found him bundled in two overcoats. He said he kept the coats in the icebox "just in case anybody ever got locked in."

### USO To Present Musical Show Here

"Right About Rhythm," a variety review sponsored by the USO Camp Shows, Inc., will appear on the stages of the WR Auditorium and the Enlisted Men's Recreation Building on Dec. 18 and 19.

In the cast will be Jack Waldron, master of ceremonies; Reed and Dean, in a comedy instrumental act; Tyler, Thorne and Roberts, doing pantomime; the six Royal Girls dancing sextette; and Paul McWilliams, the "Ray" deceiver, who performs a series of magical acts.

### Major Klitgaard New CO of VMB 621

Major Robert J. Klitgaard, former executive officer of VMB 621, has been designated commanding officer of that unit. It was announced this week.

Major Klitgaard succeeds Major G. P. Miller as assigned to duty at the post.

## CLIPPING EVENTS

**REPEAT PERFORMANCE**  
All Fooled Up," the musical written and directed by Lieut. Ray Heatherton will be presented again Monday through Thursday night at the WR Recreation Building. Curtain time is 8:30. Admission will be by ticket only, obtainable at respective squadron offices.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 9—1745-2000—**Movie, WR Hall Auditorium, (WRs and Couples); 2030-2400 — Dance, WR Rec Hall Auditorium with music by the "Jiverenos"; 2130-2200 — Broadcast WHIT from WR Rec Hall Auditorium Dance.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 10 — 1500-1800** AWRs-16 Tea (Sgn. 16 members & guests)—Bks. 22nd Lounge; 1745-2000—Movie, WR Rec Hall Auditorium (WRs and Couples); 2000-2200 — Sunday Evening Concert (Men without dates allowed) at the WR Rec Hall Auditorium; 2009-2400—"Band Of The Month" Dance —Mal Hallett's Orchestra, EMR-3 Auditorium.

**MONDAY, Dec. 11—1745—**Movie WR Rec Hall Auditorium (WRs and Couples); 2015-2100—Band Concert by Ninth Wing Band, EMRB Auditorium.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 12—1745-1900—**Ballroom Classes (Beginners), WR Rec Hall; 2200-2300—Ballroom Classes (Advanced) WR Rec Hall; 2330-2400—Dance, (Couples only after last show) with music by the Recreation Department Orchestra, EMRB Auditorium.

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13—2000-2200** —Movie, WR Rec Hall Auditorium, (WRs and Couples).

**THURSDAY, Dec. 14 — 1145 —** Band Concert by Ninth Wing Band, A & R Shops; 1845—EASTBALL — Cherry Point Marines vs. Paris Island Marines, EMRB Auditorium, to be followed by a dance—Music by Recreation Department Orchestra, EMRB Auditorium. 1900-2000—Tap Dancing (Classes (Beginners), Game Room of WR Rec Hall; 2000-2100—Tap Dancing Classes (Advanced), Dallas Hut in WR Area; 2000-2200 — Movie, WR Rec Hall Auditorium (WR and Couples).

**FRIDAY, Dec. 15—1500—** Guard Mount by Station Band, EMRB Parking Area; 1800-1900—Ballroom Classes (Beginners), WR Rec Hall Auditorium; 2100-2400 — Regular Friday Night Dance, Music by Ninth Wing Orchestra, EMRB Auditorium.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 16 — 1845 —** BASKETBALL — Cherry Point Marines vs. Camp Mackall Army at EMRB Auditorium; 1745-2000 — Movie, WR Rec Hall Auditorium, (WRs and Couples); 2030-2400 — Dance — WR Rec Hall Auditorium with music by "Jiverenos"; 2130-2200 — Broadcast over WHIT, from WR Rec Hall Dance.

**FRONT STREET USO**  
**SATURDAY, Dec. 9—1000** — Service Wives Breakfast Club; 2030—Joe's Quiz prizes.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 10—0800—** Do-nuts and coffee; 1100—Talk a Letter Home; 1830—Vespers; 1900—Check or tournament.

**MONDAY, Dec. 11—1000—** Service Wives Breakfast Club; 2000—Informal games.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 12—1000—** Service Wives Breakfast Club; 1500—Coke Party honoring newcomers, games.

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13—1000 —** Service Wives Breakfast Club, 1300 — Luncheon; 2000 — Movie, Trade Winds.

**THURSDAY, Dec. 14—1000—** Service Wives Breakfast Club; 1400—Service wives go to Red Cross surgical dressing rooms; 2000—Party night.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 15—1000—** Service Wives Breakfast Club; 2000—Bingo night.

**GRAVEN STREET USO**  
**SATURDAY, Dec. 9—2000—** Community sing, refreshments.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 10—830—** Danker's Club; 1230—Noontime devotions; 1330—Home-cooked luncheon; open house, all day.

**MONDAY, Dec. 11—2000—** Bingo night, refreshments.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 12—1500—** Tea for service wives; 200—Joe's Quiz; prizes; 2200—Weiner roast.

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13—** Make a talkie letter to the folks back home.

**THURSDAY, Dec. 14—** Hobby job by paint or develop your own pictures.

**FRIDAY Dec. 15—** Informal recreation.

## Feathered MAG Here For Winter

Cherry Point's version of the gooney birds — the lowly sea gulls — were back in force this week after an absence of five months to signal the start of the gloomy season.

Arriving with the precision timing of the more famed Capistrano swallows, the station's winter feathered visitors sent their advance echelons in early last month. Later arrivals have pretty well filled out the "table of organization" of the MAG — Marine Air Gulls.

With their advent, weather records have shown a consistent high precipitation, an aerological condition that apparently has considerable to do with their present assignment.

Their raucous cries and the sight of their inverted "F4U" wings in the air will now be a common occurrence until the return of good weather next spring calls them, back to the open sea.

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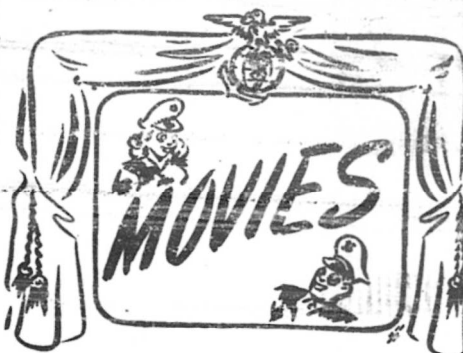
**LOST:** Child's charm bracelet in the 1600 movie at the enlisted men's theater on December 3. Finder please report to Recreation officer or call 2167.

**FOUND:** Fountain pen in the balcony of the enlisted men's theater on the evening of December 4. Owner may claim by calling 3274 and identifying.

**FOUND—** Crocheting bag left in car by rider on way to New Bern last week.—Call Capt. J. D. Devall at 6234 or contact him at VMB 483.

**EXPERIENCED DRIVER,** wishing to leave about Dec. 18, wants to help drive to California.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt—Phone 7113.

**FOR SALE—**1935 Plymouth sedan in excellent mechanical condition, pre-war tires with good tread, new battery, low gas consumption.—Phone 6276.



Movies are shown daily at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Hall at 1745 and 1830 and 2045, while showings at the WR Recreation Hall are at 1745 and 2045. Movies at the "O" Club at 1845 nightly, feature films shown the previous day at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Hall. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and at 2000 on Tuesday through Friday.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 10—**"Sunday Dinner For A Soldier"—Anne Baxter & John Hodiak. Short Subject, "Junior Jive-Bombers;" News, Speed Show, "Going My Way" with Bing Crosby and Rise Stevens.

**MONDAY, Dec. 11—**"To Have and Have Not"—Humphrey Bogart & Lauren Bacall. Short: "Bear Mountain Game"

**TUESDAY, Dec. 12—**"Hi Beautiful"—Martha O'Driscoll and Na Beery, Jr. Shorts: "When Asia Speaks" and "Sunday Go To Meeting."

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13—**"Enter Arsene Lupin"—with Ella Raines & George Karvin. Short: "Through Colorado Rockies."

**THURSDAY, Dec. 14—**"My Gal Loves Music" with Bing Crosby & Grace McDonald. Short: "Melody Gardens."

**FRIDAY, Dec. 15—**"Blonde Fever" with Mary Astor and Philip Del'Rio. Short: "Trial By Trigger."

**SATURDAY, Dec. 16—**"Ministry of Fear" with Ray Milland and Marjorie Reynolds. Short: "Plenty of Money And You." Special show 2045, "Stormy Weather" with Bill Robinson and Lena Horne.

### Cherry Theatre

**SATURDAY, Dec. 9—**"Rainbow Island," with Dorothy Lamour & Eddie Brack-n.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 10—**"Summer Storm," with George Sanders - Lita Darnell.

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, Dec. 11-12—**"Sign of the Cross" with Fred March and Claudette Colbert.

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13—**"Where Are Your Children."

**THURSDAY-FRIDAY, Dec. 14-15—**"Dragon Seed," with Katharine Hepburn and Walter Huston.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 16—**"Storm Over Lisbon" and "Canyon City."



**KNOCK OFF** those long, low whistles, fellas! You'll be seeing more of curvaceous Martha O'Driscoll in "Hi Beautiful" on Tuesday.