

Cherry Point Holiday Mail Hits New Peak

Growing mail traffic through Cherry Point's post office during 1944 was climaxed by the busiest December in the history of the air station facilities, according to a survey of holiday business released this week by First Lieut. William T. Tabb, assistant post office officer.

Increases were recorded in every field of postal activity — stamps, money orders, stamp cancellations, and receipt of incoming letters and parcel post mail. In December alone, when Christmas greetings add measurably to ordinary mailings, nearly 2,000,000 pieces of first class mail were distributed to station personnel.

During the last month of the year receipts included 1,429 first class pouches, averaging 1,350 letters each, 8,333 parcel post sacks of varying contents and 3,112 outside parcels. Machine cancellations of outgoing mail totaled 672,804 for the same period, and this figure does not include official flats and bulk pieces which must be hand cancelled.

Peak of holiday activity was recorded on Dec. 18 when 46,690 pieces of first class mail were processed through the cancelling machine, and 5580 parcel post sacks of incoming mail were received.

Other indications of the holiday activity are found in December stamp sales of \$13,534.60, 3,893 money orders issued in the amount of \$109,473.25, and the receipt of 120 COD packages. From Dec. 13 through the end of the month, 7,233 insured parcels were received, recorded and delivered.

The addition of more working space with the completion of the new annex late in the fall and the efficiency of an experienced staff handled the holiday rush without difficulty, Lieut. Tabb said, and no serious delays held up incoming or outgoing mail. Only five men were added to the regular staff during the period.

The station post office is a classified branch of the New Bern office and operates five Class 3 Navy post offices at outlying fields and two on the station in the MWSS-9 building. A total of 19 enlisted personnel assigned, 19 women Reservists added during 1944 to stamp windows, money orders, registered and insured mail.

The administrative unit is headed by Capt. T. B. Staveley, post office manager. Dan H. Cokersey, sergeant and MT-Sgt. Dan H. Cokersey, sergeant and Navy mail clerk on the station. Marion Stewart is station superintendent.

Station to Air New Radio Show

A second station radio program will be inaugurated tomorrow afternoon at the WF Recreation Hall. The program broadcast by WHIT through the Tobacco Network of the Columbia Broadcasting System, will be aired from 1605 to 1630. It will include instrumental and vocal numbers, solos and skits. The North Wing band and orchestra will appear on tomorrow's program.

Station Recreation officials hope to develop enough interest in the new show, which will employ local talent, to have it broadcast over the station's regular system.

The other regular broadcast from the station is presented each Saturday night, "Dance of the Stars." The absence of an orchestra, music for the night's dancing will be provided by juke-box.



FIRE LOSS is kept at a record low on the station by this group of inspectors. Left to right, are Pfc. Richard Fraser, Sgt. Alfred Gilks, Lieut. J. B. Tlusty, Pfc. T. P. Hartnett, Pfc. Stephen Zanieski and Pvt. E. M. Brown, clerk.—MCAS Photo.

Pfc. D. E. Brown Given Citation



D. E. BROWN

A citation for skill and courage shown while a member of a bomber crew during a strike against a Jap task force in the Solomons area on Dec. 3, 1943, has been received by Pfc. Donald E. Brown, an instructor in the Air Bomber Ground Training unit, attached to AES 43.

In the citation, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz commended the 20-year old aerial gunner for the assistance he gave his plane commander in carrying out the attack which resulted in the sinking of two enemy cruisers and the damaging of two others.

The strike was made in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire and a fighter plane opposition, the citation stated.

Brown, whose home is in Minneapolis, Minn., enlisted in the Marine Corps Jan. 13, 1942. He joined AES 43 Feb. 11, 1944.

Lieut. Parsons Is Transferred

Lieut. Margaret E. Parsons, WF Group Executive Officer, has been transferred to Washington, D. C., where she will be assigned as Aviation Officer Placement head.

Lieut. Parsons, previous to her brief tour as Group Executive Officer, was assigned as executive officer of both Squadrons 13 and 16, and the first woman officer to be assigned to classification duty at Cherry Point.

Fire Prevention Record Set Under Air Station Marshal

Fire prevention has struck a new high at Cherry Point where for 136 days there has been no property loss as a result of fire.

Capt. J. H. Bliss, station fire marshal, reported the record in paying tribute to fire inspectors and the crews of alert firemen.

A five-man organization of inspectors is given considerable credit in the fire prevention work for its activity in maintaining a continual fire watch over the station.

The men are Sgt. Alfred Gilks, 12 years a fire fighter in Nassau County, New York; Pfc. T. P. Hartnett, who was a New York smoke eater for 10 years and a graduate of the New York Fire College; Pfc. Stephen Zanieski, another fire college graduate who has served five years with the Greenfield, Mass. fire squad; Pfc. Richard Fraser, also a fire college trainee, with five years of experience in New York City; and Pfc. Harold J. Hostetter, electrical inspector and a former journeyman electrician.

Capt. Bliss inaugurated the program soon after taking the station post on July 1. He zoned off the station and instructed the kind of inspection to be made, basing his plan on years of experience as a construction engineer.

Lieut. J. B. Tlusty, is the captain's assistant, supervising the inspection.

The last previous record for no fireloss was 47 continual days. Daily report of inspections is required of all inspectors.

First class fire fighting equipment consisting of six 750-gallon-per-minute Seagraves pumper units, three International fog trucks and one Chevrolet fog comprise the motorized equipment. One pumper is in the new fire station at BOQ area. The Chevrolet is used by the civilian housing project volunteer fire company.

Sixty civilian firemen, under supervision of Fire Chief Albert Jowdy, former New Bern fire chief, comprise the air station fire squad. John Whitford, also a former New Bern chief, is assistant chief.

Seventy seven alarm boxes, with auxiliary alarms in various Station buildings, and 42 crash and fire boxes keep the fire crew on the alert 24 hours daily. Requests have been placed for eight additional boxes.

Marine fire fighting crews have been trained here and placed at Atlantic, Bogue Field, Oak Grove, Kingston and Greenville. Outlying fields are equipped with 800-gallon-per-minute pumps, which were procured by Public Works as surplus equipment from the Army.

Marine League Will Conduct Station Rally

Plans for a rally of Marine Corps interested in joining the Marine Corp League are shaping up under the supervision of Major James P. Adams, station security officer, who is serving as temporary chairman of the promotion committee.

Workers are being named in each station unit to interest prospective members in the rally, to be held in the recreation auditorium, is expected to give impetus to the drive.

"We are anxious to start off our chapter with as large a membership as possible," Major Adams explained, "and have set an informal quota of 1,000 Marines for charter members."

Interest in the formation of a New Bern chapter stems from a recent visit made by Col. Frank Halford, USMC, retired, who is the aide de camp of the national organization. While here, Col. Halford and Major Adams received assurances of aid from civic and business leaders in New Bern.

A chapter is being sought for the chapter in New Bern where social functions may be provided for members.

CBS Hit Show Will Present Double-Header Here Tuesday

One of radio's most popular programs, the "Here's To Romance" show of the Columbia Broadcasting System, will be presented here Tuesday night at the Enlisted Men's auditorium. Two complete shows will be given.

Ray Block's orchestra, with Miss Genevieve Rowe, Metropolitan Opera star; vocalist Larry Douglas and Announcer Jim Amace head the entourage of fifty-four persons who will visit the Point.

The show will be presented in its entirety at 1939 and again at 2130. Tickets for the performances will be distributed to Marines all through their respective squadron offices.

Choral arrangements will be presented by the program's featured group of mixed voices, the "Swing Quartet." Other guest stars, whose names have not been announced, are expected to appear.

"Here's To Romance" is the first major network show attracted to Cherry Point, and officials hope it will be the forerunner of others.

Arrangements for the visit of the show were made by the Recreation Department through Lieut. Ray Heatherton, co-producer of the musical, "All Piped Up." Lieut. Heatherton arranged for presentation here of the CBS feature with Frederick Bethel, producer and director of "Here's To Romance."

The CBS production is heard each Thursday night over a national network. It is sponsored by Bourjois, manufacturers of perfumes, and is produced by the advertising agency of Foote, Cone and Belding.

Speeding Tops Violations of Traffic Rules

Speeding and reckless driving are two most serious infractions of station traffic regulations, it was revealed by the provost marshals' office this week.

Statistics reveal that as many as 25 and 30 traffic violations are recorded in one week.

Lieut. C. O. Glick, assistant provost marshal, cautioned violators of dire consequences, stating that for first offense a seven-day restriction of driving results; for second offenders a 30-day restriction, and for third offenders, permanent withdrawal of driving rights.

MPs hand out an average of 10 to 15 tickets daily for minor traffic violations.

In case motorists are nabbed going 50 m. p. h. or more, on or off the station, reports are handed over to gas ration authorities and usually gasoline coupons are picked up. Service personnel apprehend for traffic violations by North Carolina state highway patrolmen are turned over to station authorities for punishment.

Normal handling of traffic tickets calls for a report to the provost marshal's office. If guilt is determined, a report is made to squadron officers, in the presence of civilians, to suggest where the nature of punishment is determined and acted out.

War In Review



(Prepared by The Ninth MAF Intelligence Section)

TWO FACTORS that have undoubtedly contributed the most toward a general improvement of American positions in Belgium, are presented in the order of their relative importance, the speed with which General Patton was able to bring the stabilizing weight of Third Army forces to bear on the enemy's southern flank and the close support of allied tactical airforces, made possible by continued good weather in the days that followed.

Prior to the time of the initial German assault, the U. S. Third Army was engaged in a strenuous and unrelenting fight to bring the vital Saar Basin. A number of bridgeheads had been thrown across the Saar River and were being held in spite of fierce enemy resistance. Nothing short of the potential catastrophe that loomed so unexpectedly in their midst could have stopped the drive on Saarbrücken, already feeling the punishing blows of Third Army artillery.

Withdrawing hastily from hard-won advance positions, elements of Patton's armored forces began a "Hell-For-Leather" sweep to the north, reminiscent of their wild and spectacular race from the Normandy beach-head. A slim and precarious corridor of the Bastogne-Gaume approximate, one and a half miles a day have been registered along a 35 mile front with indications of a steady increase in momentum.

Although the confused nature of front line dispatches has obscured to some extent, the process of consolidation at this point, the corroboration of reports speak of a counter-drive to regain several Belgian towns. Among these taken was Rochefort, the most advanced stronghold of the Nazi westward drive.

From the Maimedy-Stavelot salient, still other units of the First Army reinforced by an undisclosed number of U. S. Ninth and British Second Army divisions, were still exerting pressure over a widening front.

In anticipation of almost anything which might constitute a diversionary countermeasure to shield the next German move, allied armies all along the western front stand ready armed with the sobering knowledge that Germany must still expect a decisive action on a major scale.

Also increasingly evident is the fact that estimates of damage wrought by sustained aerial attack have not always been accurate. German industry has displayed a phoenix-like quality, aptly manifested by the well-equipped Florida mice.

Origin Of Mice Puzzles Marine

Florida or North Carolina mice was the question confronting Pvt. Dale Snyder of MWSV 93 this week. The mice were found munched down in Snyder's seabag as he made routine search of gear.

Snyder arrived last week previous from Pensacola, Fla., photo school, and wonders still if those were the mice that were found munched down in Snyder's seabag as he made routine search of gear.

Flying Facts: Air Interest To Cause Land Value Jump

By SGT. NIXON SMILEY
Real estate operators expect the airplane to boost postwar land values.

It has not been long since the automobile changed farm land into suburban home sites. What kind of change can we expect in the effects of projected municipal airports, air parks and national chains of utility landing fields?

Approximately 3,000,000 men in the air force, plus more than 2,000,000 in the aircraft industry, should produce a great many enthusiasts for personal flying after the war. In New York City alone, aviation fans foresee 50,000 private planes in the 10-mile metropolitan area five years after the war.

Polls indicate that the air-minded generation prefers to live close to flying facilities. One poll shows that one person out of every four would like to learn to fly, and that one out of five would like to own a plane.

Flying after the war will enable commuters to live as far from New York as Pennsylvania or Vermont. A farm in Iowa may become as convenient to Chicago, Omaha or St. Paul as a North Shore suburb on Lake Michigan is to the Loop today.

The man who now is willing to drive an hour from a city in order to enjoy an acre or two of land may plan his postwar home amid 10 acres or more of rustic woodland or fields, and at no greater cost.

Postwar private planes will be pretty near foolproof, if the models announced by the aviation companies are ever actually claimed for them. One firm revealed a model at a St. Louis air show which is equipped with "self-starter, automatic brakes, is spinproof, stall-proof and non-capable on landing."

Another model reduces the pilot's job to the mere turning and tilting of a steering wheel.

Now the Navy has lifted secrecy on an automatic pilot which can "fly" a plane and land it better than a human pilot.

Two gyroscopes are used in the contraption to know as the gyroscopic autopilot. One gyroscope spins on a vertical axis, controlling the plane's tilt, and the other spins horizontally, controlling direction. When the plane banks or makes the turns, the gyroscopes make instant corrections.

The pilot need not touch the controls of his ship when making a landing, which is accomplished by means of radio. Two instruments are used in the landing operation. One instrument, a "localizer," guides the plane toward the runway, while "glide path" controls the descent.

This radio mechanism can pick up a plane up to 35 miles away and bring it in to a perfect landing.

Now the Navy has lifted secrecy on the pilot of the future probably will have a soft job.

But the experts do not envision the day when pilotless planes will soar through space laden with cargoes. Their still will be used someone to go along to correct instruments' mistakes.

Rear Admiral D. C. Ramsey, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics, says that the speed of sound may be attained by Navy fighter planes.

This would mean that Navy fighter planes would exceed 700 miles an hour, far in excess of the announced speed of any military plane now being used.

Highest speed of any fighter plane announced to date is somewhat in excess of 500 miles an hour, although planes have attained the speed of sound in power dives.

The Army is converting a large number of obsolete planes into high-speed reconnaissance aircraft. The plane, modified from the famed twin-tailed fighter, is called the F5.

The 900-pound armament, the Army said, is removed and in its stead go about 500 pounds of photographic equipment, including three to five aerial cameras.

The huge Dodge Chicago engine plant has turned out 3,500 B-25 Superfortress engines. More than 31,000 persons are employed at the plant, largest airplane engine plant in the world, according to the Army.

Planes are coming down in price. Republic Aviation's new Thunderbolt Amphibian, a family plane proposed for postwar production, will sell for under \$4,000. The roomy craft will carry four

By CRETA WILSON
Holiday wayfarers had their share of difficulties getting to and from the Point, according to all reports. Most amusing episode reported was that of the CP Marine separated from his new bride in a turmoil of Washington's Union Station.

The WR managed to make the observation platform of a crowded southbound train, but hubby, laden with bags, was still fighting his way through the throng when the train pulled out. With it went not only his wife, but his own railroad ticket and money. He finally managed to make his way back, arriving several hours after his bride.

A group of aircrewmembers, headed for the West Coast and Sopac duty passed en route to send his reluctant former sergeant-major to jail.

"Take the star out of your window. We're still in Atlanta. The women are peaches. Estimate our arrival on the Pacific on W-Day. Buy a bond and keep us flying."

A veteran at repartee, the SM retorted, also by wire: "I took your suggestion, I bought a bond. When Atlanta gets this, you'd better be gone."

Here's good news for the gals who over-indulged in those holiday boxes of goodies. Sgt. Madeline Kline of the WR Rec dept. is still continuing those half-hour sanderling sessions from 1700 to 1730 each Tuesday through Friday evening in the auditorium.

Also on the food front, Lieut. Betty Deschamps, WR mess officer, is having small placards made to place before each kind of food along the chow-line, thus advising WR's to attenuating potentialities and nutritive content. Should be a great aid to keeping the feminine waistlines trim.

Holiday-inspired good sportsmanship made it possible for a group of women on mess duty to get home for a visit with their folks. More than 100 WRs, realizing they couldn't reach their own homes on limited passes granted them, volunteered to take over mess chores for five days to relieve girls on mess duty who could make the trip. Pretty nice, we think.

Can anyone identify the anonymous WR who spends part of each day visiting the dispensary? She had a word of cheer for all the lads and lassies, and when she leaves, carries an armful of mail out for those folks at home. No one seems to know who she is, but so far as those dispensary-bound kids are concerned, she's the No. 1 WR of the Corps.

A gap left in WR executive circles by the transfer of WR Sergeant-Major Leona Boochee Collier to Atlanta has been filled by Sgt. Greta Dillard. The new SM, formerly on recruiting duty in the Southern district, is a graduate of the First Sergeants' School in Philadelphia.

"All Fouled Up" is still going strong. Since its opening appearances at the Point on Nov. 29 and 30, the show has been a regular performer here as well as showings at other Marine bases on the East Coast.

Seek To Expand Heating System

A proposal to increase the capacity of Cherry Point's central heating system is now in the formative stage, with plans being readied for submission to Washington for approval.

Lieut. J. E. Puzanski, in charge of the station's heating system, has indicated that the local plant is considerably overtaxed.

Two new boilers, adding to the plant's present four, approximately 1800 horsepower would be included if approval is given. Other changes would call for replacement of the present frame structure with brick facing.

New insulated pipes are being laid throughout the area to bring heat into new buildings.

Assessments at a cruising speed of 435 miles an hour and a 2000-mile range of about 500 miles. The rear-mounted engine and propeller will insure greater safety in landing and docking and protect the engine from water spray and reduce noise, officials declare.

Coast. At all stops the antics of the cast drew much hearty applause from the Fleet Air Force production, and a request for return engagements from Camp Lejeune.

Marines at Cherry Point have been placing numerous requests for recordings of Lieut. Ray Waderton's song "I'm Coming Home," introduced for the first time in "All Fouled Up." Recordings at the hit tune have been made by several national name bands, including Vaughn Monroe, and also being used in a forthcoming MGM production featuring Jose Merubi and his orchestra.

S-Sgt. Mae Swanson of Squad 16 and Chicago, Ill., is following in the postal footsteps of her father.

When I entered the Marine Corp. I had no idea they'd put me in a post office," said the NCO in charge of the WR mail hut. "You see, my dad has been a postal employee now for thirty years."

It is so easy to keep WR letters flowing towards eager hands day by day, eight months ago was assigned to the mail hut. She has been a member of the Corps since March, 1943.

DDT Is Miracle Weapon of War

Relief to the Marine moving into overseas action is being provided by one of this war's miracle weapons of chemistry DDT. Its use as a weapon against insects and insect-borne diseases is being proven in the field by all branches of the military according to McGraw-Hill overseas district.

Use of DDT has proved it most effective in the dust form where one pound will keep 80 men house free for at least a month. It is already being used effectively against flies, ridding armies of typhoid, their old ailments, diarrhea and dysentery.

New tests with DDT in aerosol are being further to prove its effectiveness as a germicide, a disinfectant and in dust form as a larvicide; in spray form for fly control; and as a loadcarrier for insecticides. It is more effective than other insecticides, a common use against stable flies, mosquitoes, bedbugs, lice, ticks, chiggers, ants, fleas, carpet-beetles, and is showing value against termites.

DDT is a whitish, practically odorless crystalline compound, insoluble in water but soluble in alcohol and petroleum oils.

Flying Insects Amuse Marines

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC "Delayed"-Dragon flies, being naturally shy, are not attending to their duties on this lonely island at these nights. They can't stand the spotlight.

One of them made the mistake of flying across the heads of thirty laughing Marines who were watching for the evening show to begin. A Leatherneck spotted him in the beam of a flashlight.

Instantly other flashlights were directed from various points of the audience, and the show began. The insect's prey like the giant fangers of aerial searchlights trained on an enemy aircraft. A cheer went up from the crowd.

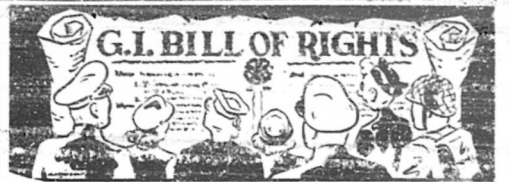
Adding to the flying insect escaped the spotlight for a moment, but soon was back in the glare. More cheers. The game went on until show time.

That was a week ago. Not a dragon fly has been seen at the movie since, according to Sgt. Herb S. in combat correspondent.

100 1/2 Hour Week For Japs
Tokyo (CNS)—Japanese workers at a Tokyo war plant have pushed a record tally to increase production, an indication of the Japanese Army's success in the Pacific. A report reported in London, the war's will work over 9750 to 2900 for a period of several days—a 108 1/2 hour week.



MUSIC MAKERS, of Squadron 42, the barracks gang that provides nightly entertainment for the enlisted men is pictured above. The Marine instrumentalists are: Seated, left to right, T-Sgt. A. N. Lanzini, Pfc. C. E. Thomson and Corp. G. E. Stockley. Standing, left to right, are Corp. E. O.addy, Pfc. F. M. Deutsch, Jr., and Pfc. S. L. Tate, Jr.—MCAS Photo.



By ROGER L. FITZGIBBON
This is the fifth in a series of questions and answers pertaining to the "G. I. Bill of Rights." It is expected that there are many who are faced with problems similar in nature as presented here. Detailed information on any specific problem may be obtained at the Station Law Office.

QUESTION: Is a veteran who goes into business for himself eligible for the unemployment benefits in event his business fails to net him a profitable return?

ANSWER: Yes. A veteran who goes into business for himself is also eligible for allowances, if his business, trade or profession nets him less than \$100 per month. In this case, his allowance will be \$100 a month, minus his net earnings for the previous month.

QUESTION: What are the qualifications needed for a veteran to obtain a loan for the purpose of engaging in farming operations?

ANSWER: The veteran must have served in the active Military or Naval service on or after Sept. 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the present war. His discharge or release must have been under conditions other than dishonorable, and he must have served at least ninety days. The veteran must also show some evidence of intimate contact with farm work, or some agricultural training, to assure a likelihood of success. This is necessary to protect the interest of the prospective borrower, as well as the government's stake in the transaction.

QUESTION: Is a veteran who was over 25 years of age at the time he entered the service entitled to any of the educational or vocational training offered?

ANSWER: Yes. The act makes all veterans, regardless of age, eligible for one year refresher or retraining courses. However, the Act expressly states that a veteran who was not over 25 when he entered the service may enroll in any approved educational or vocational training course. His training will be for one year, and upon satisfactorily completing this one year, he may continue on for an added time, equal to the number of months or years he was in active service.

BY Covers 392,000 Miles In Pacific

SGT. JAMES H. DRISCOLL
SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALS (Delayed) — Few combat planes in World War II can equal the amazing record of "Old Maggie," the Group Command plane of Colonel Lawrence Norman, Cincinnati, Ohio, of the 4th Marine Air Wing. One of the oldest planes in continuous combat operation in the South and Central Pacific areas, sturdy PBV-5A is still holding her own against faster ships on firing line in the Marshalls. While Corsair fighters and Dauntless bombers daily rain tons of bombs on the remaining Japanese atolls of Makopiap, Mille, and Wotje, "Old Maggie" is not to be outdone. During the recent pulverizing air attacks on Jap-held islands, military necessity demanded the presence of Colonel Norman and the scene of operations. Proud the tough Catalina flew out on several missions with the Group command.



THE HISTORY of "Old Maggie," a Catalina PBV-5A, is the history of Marine aerial warfare in the Pacific. Her log book shows she has covered more than 392,000 miles during 2,800 hours of flight time. Completed on March 7, 1942, this Leatherneck-piloted plane not only has taken part in combat missions, during which she served as an airborne command post, but also has made innumerable sea rescues, has evacuated Koreans from a Jap stronghold and has saved the life of a Samoan native chief. Just refitted with new engines, "Old Maggie" is ready to resume her military wanderings.

Orders were backed over her radio to the fighter and dive-bomb squadrons. Last-minute formal changes were effected. Tactical instructions were given to the squadrons. Observations on target areas and misses were recorded in her blisters. Members took part in the spectacular another occasion her crew rescue of a trio of Koreans sinking from a bomb-blasted Jap beachhead. The beleaguered Koreans had commandeered a Marshallese outrigger and were heading for the safety of a native haven on the western tip of the atoll when they were observed by a crew member of the PBV. For almost 24 hours "Old Maggie" kept under surveillance until a diver on patrol duty 30 miles away arrived and took the Koreans to safety. In Record Time. Notation of what is probably the shortest PBV rescues record is to be found in her log book. Only 23 minutes elapsed between the time "Old Maggie" was alerted of a downed Marine fight-

er pilot 10 miles out at sea and the subsequent return of the Catalina with the rescued airman.

Only two days before the foregoing incident "Old Maggie" was dispatched on another mission of mercy. A native chief on a mountainous island 80 miles east of Samoa had met with a serious accident. The native radio operator reported local doctors had despaired of his life. Unless aid arrived immediately the chief's injuries would prove fatal.

Pressed into service, the flying boat taxied in on choppy Pacific swells and removed the chief to Saipan and expert medical attention. Thanks to "Old Maggie" he still reigns over his tropic isle. A. Green of Houston, Tex., estimated from log book readings that the Catalina flying boat has traveled in excess of 392,000 miles during her 2,800 hours of Pacific flight.

Laundry Ticket Data Asked In Full

Personnel sending laundry to the station laundry are asked by Lieut. Rufus G. Burns, laundry officer, to fill in laundry tickets with the proper information.

Laundry tickets should contain the full name, rank, organization and barracks or quarters of the sender.

Proper marking of laundry bundles will save time in laundry service and avoid delay in delivery, Lieut. Burns said.

New Parking Rule For MAG 62 Area

Privately owned automobiles will no longer be permitted to park on Midway Road and adjoining streets running to A street, according to an order issued by Col. Thomas T. Walker, Jr., commanding officer of MAG 62.

Government vehicles may continue to park in previously assigned parking areas. Private automobiles, according to the order, must be parked on the west side of A Street in front of the office building.

Veterinary Service Offered at Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE — Veterinary attention for dogs of Marine personnel is being provided at Camp Lejeune through special facilities setup by the War Dog Training Company. A veterinary will be stationed at the Fire Barn, Bldg. 1400, each Tuesday and Friday from 1500 to 1600 for consultation.

Amtracs Keep Supply Lines In Jungle Open

By Staff-Sgt. Aivin M. Josephy, Jr.

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — Amphibian tractors, spearhead of D-Day landings, successfully played a new role in a Marine mopping-up operation in this area. Called on to supply Marine units who were combing shoreline terrain on an island fringed with steep cliffs, the tractors maintained a supply line across a hazardous reef to keep a steady flow of food and equipment moving to the troops.

The mopping-up operation occurred on an island recently taken by American forces. It was designed to eliminate small groups of Japanese stragglers still hiding in caves and jungle retreats.

Japs Hide in Woods
A strip of densely wooded land, running along the shore and cut off from the rest of the island by sheer, 300-foot high cliffs, was found to harbor many hiding enemy. Be cause of the region's difficulty supplying units trying to comb the area.

Amphibian tractors were called upon finally. Ten tractors, under the command of Marine Lt. Joseph M. Ahern, Jr., of West Philadelphia, Pa., landed troops at one end of the strip and accompanied them as they searched the region.

Bring Up Hot Food
Despite a particularly high and dangerous reef which guarded the strip of land from the sea, the tractors made frequent runs between the moving troops and the rear supply depot, braving a pounding surf to take back prisoners and bring up hot food and supplies.

Hot meals were brought up twice a day. Tractors left galleys at the rear base in the small hours of the night and again early in the afternoon to insure the men getting hot breakfasts and suppers. Noon meals consisted of C-rations which were issued at breakfast time. Marine Warrant Officer Harold C. Miller of Spokane, Wash., supervised the "chow runs."

Tractor Hits Reef
The tractor trips through open sea and across the reef averaged four and five hours. There were few mishaps. In more than a week of activity, only one tractor came to grief on the reef. It caught on a coral ledge during a storm but was salvaged later.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Daddy, Would They Bust A Marine For This?



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The Marine Corps League

Announcement in The WINDSOCK last week of projected plans for establishment of a chapter of the Marine Corps League in New Bern is being hailed enthusiastically by Cherry Point Marines.

Many men now here already are enrolled as members of that body, and their enthusiasm for it is contagious—so much so, in fact, that we venture to predict that Major James P. Adams, station Security Officer, will experience little difficulty in organizing the New Bern chapter.

The League was organized in New York City in 1922 and was granted a charter by Act of Congress in 1937 and is the only veterans' organization of national scope which is purely Marine in concept and activities. It now numbers 25,000 members among its 325 chapters.

Its membership is open to all Marines, men or women on active duty with the Corps or who are the possessors of an honorable discharge. It is non-political, non-sectarian, nor does it boast any intentions of becoming a powerful post-war lobby designed to force unwieldy and unwelcome veterans' legislation down the already-sated throats of the American people.

The Marine Corps League recognizes that few friendships are more intimate or more permanent than those which spring up between men in uniform. It knows that their is a comradeship tempered by mutual interests, mutual problems and the sharing of mutual hardships—a comradeship which develops a feeling of kinship rarely equalled outside the military fraternity.

The League is determined to foster and encourage that feeling. Its slogan, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine," is ample testimony to its desire that all leathernecks—those who have served, those who now serve and those who will serve in the future shall be bound together by the common bond of pride and interest in the Corps.

That determination takes concrete form in the League policy of sponsoring a practical aid program for needy Marines and for the families of Marines who have died.

That is perhaps the purest manifestation of comradeship. That is the comradeship you are being invited to share.

Uniform Emblem Of Valor

There's another angle to keeping in proper uniform and maintaining a neat appearance than in merely giving the station a spic and span military aspect.

The boys just back from Christmas furloughs were quickly impressed by the magic of the word "Marine" among civilians. In public conveyances or in their home towns they probably felt a little proud of the immediate respect that uniform commanded among civilians.

As a result, they instinctively squared their caps, straightened their blouses, felt if their field scarves were in place. Maybe they hitched up their belts, made sure their shoes were shined, and checked their buttons. When they walked down the street they held themselves erect and when they stood they did not slouch.

For perhaps they understood that in the public's mind that uniform stands for all the past glories of the Marine Corps and the endless foats of heroism that will ever honor his name. They may have sensed that the Marine green is a recognized symbol for gallantry and indomitable courage forged from the fighting hearts of countless Marines on the battlefields of history.

This then is the real meaning of the uniform. It is the symbol of membership among valorous men who have forever hallowed the names of TRUCE, CHERRY POINT, GUADALCANAL, EUGANVILLE, WAKE, TARAWA, GUAM.

Any Marine who wears it without that proud realization of its meaning is playing false with those whose blood and sweat have fashioned it into an immemorial emblem of human valor.

YOUR UNIFORM



YOU KNOW WHAT IT STANDS FOR... WEAR IT PROUDLY



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

Editor, THE WINDSOCK:
It has always been my impression that the Third Marine Air Wing was overseas. Why, then, do some men continue to wear the patch of this outfit?

Is it to baffle poor civilians into believing one is a member of some highly important outfit?

Let's pass a regulation doing away with the wearing of this patch. To do away with this and various other "doo-dads" that some fellows wear would make us look less like a bunch of "walking Christmas trees."

(Name Withheld)

(Letter of Instruction No. 685 provides that personnel may continue to wear shoulder patches of their organizations until assigned to another combat unit having a unit insignia of its own, subject to such restrictions as Commanding Officers may prescribe. Neither the Ninth Wing nor the Air Station are combat organizations nor do they have a unit insignia. As far as known the

Commanding Officer has not placed any local restrictions on the wearing of shoulder patches.)

Every WR to Get Overseas Chance

Commanding officers were advised in a letter of instruction from Lieut. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, against reluctance in releasing skilled Women Reserve volunteers for overseas duty.

"It has come to the attention of this Headquarters," the letter stated, "that some commanding officer and officers in the capacity of work supervisors have been reluctant to forward applications of qualified women wishing to volunteer for such duty, because of the resultant loss in and need for trained personnel."

Commanding officers were directed to forward to Washington for consideration all applications for overseas duty, with the promise that consideration will be given requests for replacements.

Marines Try Bombing By Hand

TINIAN, Marianas Islands (played) — Bombing tactics reminiscent of World War I were employed by Leathernecks who in observation planes over Tinian during the campaign on the island.

The Marine observers, according to S-Sgt. Murray Lewis, commander of the group, dropped one-pound rocket bombs, ordinarily used "bazooka" ammunition. Thus, they made personal contributions to the Jap defeat.

After they spotted an enemy target for the heavy artillery across the straits on Saipan, the strafe-hopper-plane men would pull a bomb pin, line up their object with the wing and struts of Tinian, then drop the bombs by hand.

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WEDDINGS RECORDED

Seventy-eight weddings in the Station's Protestant chapel were recorded during the past year according to Chaplain E. M. Day. Catholic Chaplain Francis M. O'Brien reported four weddings in his chapel since his arrival here in September.

Names For Marines

During their 169 years of existence, U. S. Marines have been referred to as "Webfoot Soldiers," "Soldier of the Sea," "Devil Dog"



Suit Prevents Blackout For Fighter Pilots

WASHINGTON — Fighter pilots are now wearing a new type of flying suit in the form of a new flying suit which greatly increases their ability to withstand the stress of violent combat maneuvers.

The new suits are the result of more than three years' development by the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics and Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. They have been used with success by both Army and Navy fighter pilots.

A fighter pilot making a pass at the enemy may have a pressure equal to three or four times his weight (or three or four "g's" as it is commonly called), pulling the blood away from his brain for as long as 20 or 30 seconds. In coming out of a steep dive, the time may be only a few seconds, but the pull may be eight or nine times the force of gravity. Under these circumstances his brain soon becomes foggy and his sight blurs. He is in a "sitting duck" for enemy pilots. Named "Zoot Suit"

In the past, the only answer to this phenomenon, known as "blackout," has been perfect physical condition and careful flying. The new anti-blackout suits, anti-G suit, Z suits or zoot suits, as they have been variously called, will effectively prevent "greyout" and "blackout," and will greatly increase the pilot's ability to maintain clear vision during combat maneuvers.

The Navy has developed several anti-blackout suits which have been tried out by Army and Navy pilots. One of the most difficult problems to solve was to design a suit which was both easy to use and light enough in weight for the tropical climates where Navy and Marine pilots have been doing most of their combat flying. The current suit which the Navy now has in production weighs only three pounds and should almost equal in comfort the summer flying suit which it is designed to replace.

Used in Training
First production models of the new Navy lightweight suit went to newly formed fighter squadrons in training. It was felt that the new suits would prove a safety factor in training as well as in combat. Coming out of a dive, the pilot wearing the suit still feels the heavy pull of centrifugal force which makes his hands and feet feel seven or eight times their normal weight but his head remains clear so that he can complete the maneuver correctly. In addition the planes carry an "accelerometer" which gives them a continuous, exact, visual reading of the centrifugal pull on their airplanes.

The Royal Canadian Air Force also devised an "anti-G" suit and its technicians have been cooperating with the United States Navy for many months.

Uniform Regulations At Cafeteria Change

Station personnel will be permitted to patronize the Civilian Cafeteria until 1100 in clean working uniform according to a recent air station memorandum. After 1100 full uniform of the day will be necessary.



Power Of Insight

Military service has made us aware of the need for good eyes. The electrical appliance companies advertise new and improved lighting lenses. And the variety of diets, exercises and cares which must be practiced to keep our vision keen is tremendous.

At the same time, the scientists have been successfully expanding our vision. With such intricate mechanisms as the electronic microscope we have been enabled to look into the infinitesimal molecule. And with such telescopic devices as the huge reflector at Mt. Wilson Observatory we have made the moon a next-door-neighbor about which we may know much, but not quite all. The limits of human sight are vast in breadth—microscopically and telescopically. That's part of the genius of our scientific age.

But one thing which hasn't been done is to increase our insight—the capacity to see meaning.

Out in Colorado stands the mighty Boulder Dam. Many people can describe its size, the power it generates through its turbines, the lake it has created—how easily we may employ "sight." Then on a little bronze tablet only a couple of feet square are listed the names of those who died in its building. And here is some man's power of insight written in the motto on the tablet: "They died that the desert might bloom."

One person sees only the power—another sees the sacrifice and its purpose. For one, life is an endless procession of tomorrow and tomorrow. For the other, life is a glorious quest, an enterprise of worth, beauty, and dignity—that is character.

If we could only have the sort of insight into our daily tasks, into our human relationships of love and home, into our relation to God, then we might strike a balance of sight and insight, couple power and meaning, live for some real cause. And part of religion is creating persons of insight.

L. (Jr.) John Olson

Divine Worship

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday	
Holy Communion Lutheran	0900 Dallas Huts Chapel
Communion	0900 Last Sunday of each month—Dallas Huts Chapel
Divine Worship Sunday School Adult Class—Sunday School	0900 Instruction Room, 2nd deck Dispensary
Divine Worship	0930 Dallas Huts Chapel
Divine Worship	0930 Game Room, 2nd deck WR Recreation Bldg.
Divine Worship	0945 Cherry Point School—Housing Project
Divine Worship	1030 WR Recreation Building Auditorium
Divine Worship	1100 Cherry Point—Housing Project
Divine Worship	1200 Lobby, 2nd deck Junior BOQ
Divine Worship	1900 Dallas Huts Chapel
Divine Worship	1900 Cherry Point School—Housing Project
Divine Worship	2000 Cherry Point School—Housing Project
Weekdays	
Devotionals	0700 Monday through Friday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Midweek Prayer Service	2000 Wednesday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Divine Worship	2100 Wednesday—Recreation Room, Mess Attendants Barracks
Episcopal	
Communion	0700 Second Wednesday of each month—Dallas Huts Chapel
Choir Practice	1830 WR Recreation Building Auditorium
Choir Practice	1830 in Dallas Huts Chapel
Women's Council	2000 Community Building—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	1800 WR Recreation Building Auditorium
Weekdays	
Masses	0645, 12, 1800 Station Chapel
Holy Days	0700, 0900, 12, 00, 1800 WR Recreation Hall
Confessions	1500 to 1900 Saturdays and Eves of Holy Days and First Fridays Before and during all Masses, Any Time on Request
Ladies Sodality	
Meeting	1830 Monday
Christian Doctrine	
Classes for Children	1545 Monday and Thursday—Catholic Library
Christian Doctrine	1700 Monday—Catholic Library
Classes for Adults	1700 Monday—Catholic Library
Christian Doctrine	
Classes for High School Students	1700 Tuesday and Friday—Catholic Library
Novena Services	1700 Monday, Wednesday and Friday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Holy Name Society	
Meeting	1830 Wednesday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Choir Rehearsal	1800 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—Catholic Library
JEWISH SERVICES	
Jewish Services	2000 Thursday—Dallas Huts Chapel
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES	
Christian Science Services	1045 Sunday—Dallas Huts Chapel

30 WRs Accepted For Overseas Duty

The second group of Women Marines, including the first three WR officers from Cherry Point, have left the Station for overseas duty.

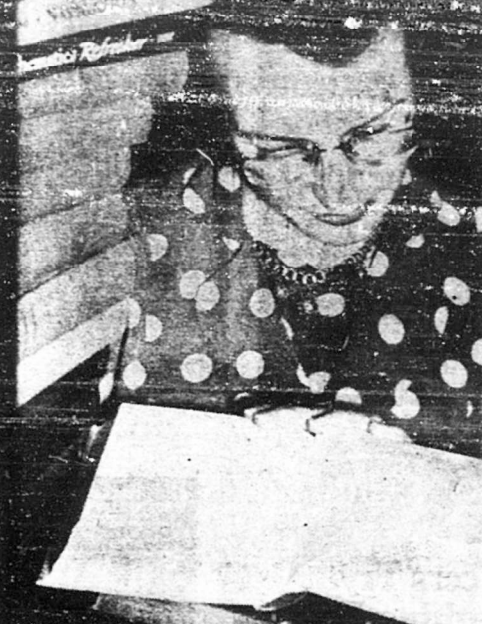
Thirty in number, they will receive a brief indoctrination course on the West Coast before departing for Hawaii.

Leaving were First Lieutenants Sarah M. Vardy and Shirley Maxie, Second Lieut. Elizabeth Crankin, Sgt. Sarah A. Buchanan, Sgt. Lois E. Koester, Corps. Wanda Lee, Ruth Ingard and Bobbie Pa-

trick, and Pfc. Eleanor Knick of Squadron 16; S-Sgt. Margaret Alice Williams, Sgts. Hazel A. Burchard and Hildegard M. Strobl, Corps. Dorothy J. Hill and Lydia D. Remondino and Pfc. Martha Louise Ostergard and Frances H. Sineck of Squadron 17; Sgts. Sara M. Cook and Rosie Katz of Squadron 18; Corp. Mary E. Miller and Pfc. Lorraine J. Turnbull of Squadron 19, and S-Sgt. Betty M. West, Corps. Marie Butler and Lucille B. Madano and Pfc. Nellie H. Dudzik of Squadron 20.

Marine Headgear

different types of headgear.



LILLEN HILTON, Station Librarian

1,500 Volumes In Library Satisfy Marine Book Worms

New volumes are being added to the Station library at the rate of about 800 a month and the number of books on the shelves has increased from 2,000 to 11,500 within the past two years to meet the interests of the 3,000 listed regular readers.

These figures, attesting to the popularity of reading as a recreational activity among Cherry Point personnel were furnished by Miss Lillian Hilton, librarian. Only since April, her records show, the supply of books has been increased by 5,500. More than 200 volumes are taken out each day, and 200 books through wear and tear return them amounts to 85 a month.

A few gift books are received, but the principal sources of new volumes are Navy Supply, a Norfolk and purchase with Recreation Department funds.

Action stories and sexy fiction are in the greatest demand, followed by mystery and western romances. Seventy per cent of the books taken out are fiction. Among favorite authors are Thorne Smith, Ernest Hemingway, Pearl Buck, and Douglas Lane Grey. Les Charters (the Saint mysteries), Mary Queen, John Steinbeck and Noel Sabatini. Among recent titles, "Strange Fruit" by Lillian Hill and "Forever Amber" by Kathleen Winsor are so popular to be seldom on the shelves.

Biograph fans show interest in "The Lieutenants" and other Civil War sketches. Psychology and press stories have a following. Among the limited stock of technical volumes, those on radio and aviation are preferred. Spanish and French lead the language studies.

The library also offers 41 daily newspapers from all parts of the United States and more than 150 periodicals.

Under Miss Hilton's charge there are libraries at eight out of 10 fields on the WR and dispensary libraries at 10. Each of the outlying field libraries circulates about 250 books a month, while the dispensary readers draw 800 a month.

Voluntary Mess Duty Permanent

Unmarried women of the Marine Corps may apply for permanent duty overseas. They will be required to sign the following statement: "I hereby voluntarily agree to perform permanent mess duty as accepted by my unit." The new regulation was announced in a letter of instruction from the Commandant.

Aircrewmembers See Action On Land

By S-SGT. JOHN T. KIRBY

PELELIU, Palau Islands (Delayed) — Life of the average Marine airman on Peleliu had some extra "occupational hazards" before the last Japanese was wiped from the island. In addition to action in the skies, the airman often wears under enemy fire on the ground.

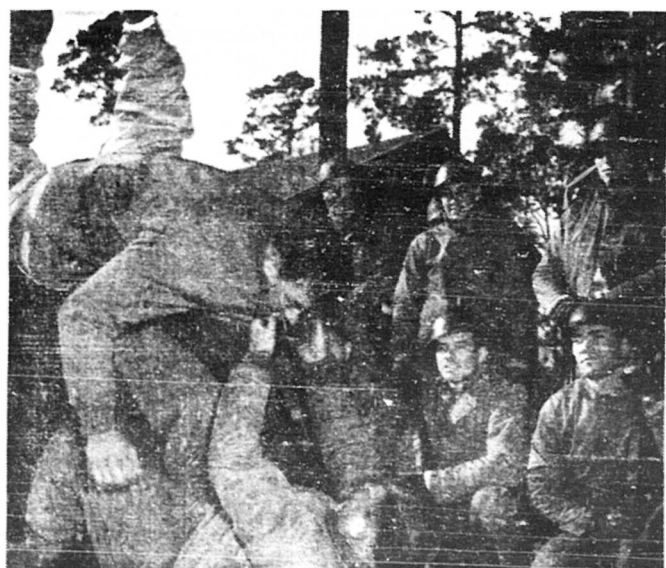
Take, for example, the record of a veteran Corsair fighter squadron of the Second Marine Air Wing, which was encamped only a few city blocks distance from shell-blasted "Bloody Nose Ridge" since it landed several days after Peleliu's D-Day.

In two months here, the Leatherneck fighter unit had 23 men wounded by Jap mortar and sniper fire—all of them while serving in the squadron's encampment.

Meanwhile, the unit's planes, serving as fighter-bombers, have been busy neutralizing Japan's mightiest Central Pacific base in daily low-level raids.



EDUCATIONAL ADVISORS of the Cherry Point educational program interview an applicant for one of the many study courses offered through the WRAS. Seated, is Sgt. M. C. Peterson, NCO in charge of the educational unit, building at the right. Corp. Mike Bloch, his assistant the prospective student, left, is Pfc. W. F. Young—MCAS Photo.



Officers Try Roughing It

Intensive experience in line combat tactics, in case an unexpected turn of events grounds them in enemy territory, is provided pilots reporting to the Ninth Marine Aircraft Wing by the four-week curriculum of the Ground Defense Training Unit, operated at Camp Larkin, commonly known as "Boys' Town."

Originated by the Third Marine Aircraft Wing and named after its commanding general, Brigadier General Claude A. Larkin, the school offers officer pilots a conditioning program as well as a traveling insight into the contribution of the ground forces in tactical operations.

First two weeks of the course concerns itself with conditioning and the latter half with administration. Part of the conditioning program, that includes close and open order drill, knowledge of weapons, hand to hand fighting, scouting and patrolling, field sanitation, and amphibious landings, is depicted on these pages.

CWO Benjamin F. Rippy, OIC Ground Defense Training, sends S-Sgt. John Richter flying with a circle throw. MT-Sgt. M. C. Campanella is NCOIC Training.



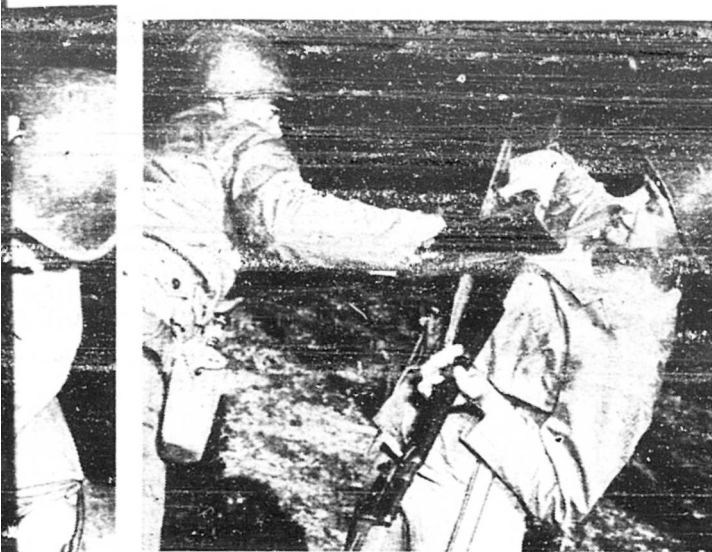
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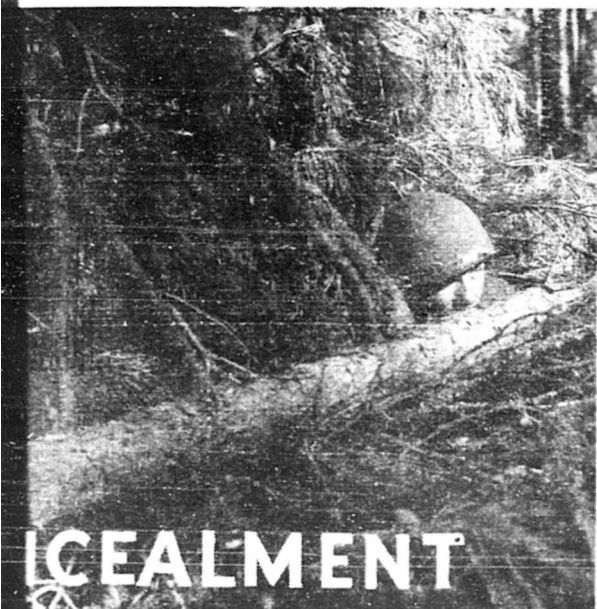
The fireman's carry, used for transporting wounded, is done by Second Lieut. Thomas R. Lloyd and passenger Second Lieut. James E. Wylie.



This "up-clap-down" exercise is but one of a schedule of accelerated calisthenics that take out of muscles for an hour every morning. Close order drill and forced marches also be...



Weapon is no more important than how to take the other fellow's away from him. Knife disarming, bayonet fighting—all regular subjects—are illustrated here by Pics. William E. Bryan and Joseph F. Schichman, GDTU MCAS Photos.



ICEALMENT

by Second Lieut. James E. Dodson, hardly visible under the brush McDonald exposes himself dangerously.



First Lieut. Woodrow C. Ramsey, for three years a Carolina Pro-Flight instructor, is Officer in Charge. With him is the misnamed mascot "Dopey." The school is part of Col. E. B. Diboll's MWSS-9.



One wave of the landing forces, already deployed as skirmishers after disembarking into the waist deep water from landing boats 150 yards out, are approaching the sandy shore and are about to plunge inland. Two members of the previous wave are still visible entering the screen of smoke and tear gas on shore. Use of bangalores on the beach, paste explosive, dynamite, machine guns shooting blanks adds to the realism.

Boxers Sweep Golden Glove Finals

Capture Team Title; Leblond Defeats Annisi

By PVT. HENRY McCANN
WINDSOCK SPECIAL
Cherry Point boxers dominated the final round of the Washington Times Herald Golden Gloves tournament at the national capital Wednesday night, winning three of our bouts in the all-important open division to capture the team trophy.

Lavern Roach and Howie Brodt scored victories in the senior division while Jim McFadden and Hal Anspach grabbed verdicts in the novice class.

Outstanding bout of the evening was the clash of the Flying Leathernecks' Leon Leblond and rugged Blackie Annisi of the Quantico Marines, in the 135-pound class.

Leblond Brilliant
From the opening bell the two Leathernecks stood toe to toe and hammered away. Leblond, with a brilliant left hand, beat Annisi at his own style of fighting.

Carrying the contest to Annisi throughout, the Point leather-pusher repeatedly rocked the Quantico boy with punishing blows as he captured an unquestioned three-round decision amid a roar of cheers from the 5,000 spectators.

McFadden fought one of the best bouts of the night, stopping Sailor Jack McClure of Piney Point Md. in 1:31 of the second frame.

Jim dropped the 135-pound blue-jacket for the count of nine in the first round and started blood way in the second round, he caught the sailor on the ropes and battered him to the canvas.

Quickest ending to any of the bouts was provided by Brodt, who registered a kayo win over Roger Alceci of Fort Meade. Brodt moved out of his corner with the bell, measured the soldier with a right and dropped him for the count with a terrific left hook.

Roach TKO's Perfect
The veteran Roach registered a technical knockout over Tony Perfetti of Quantico. The fight was stopped after 1:19 of the second canto.

Roach speared Perfetti with a flurry of lefts and right's to the head and had blood streaming from a cut over the Virginia Marine's left eye when the fight was stopped by the ringside physician.

Ernie Charbouea of the Point club, who was entered in the tourney only last week, dropped a close decision to Jimmy Bunn of the Georgetown Boys Club in the 118-pound open class.

In an all-Cherry Point bout, Hal Anspach was given the nod over Joe Rondino in a 160-pound event. Both boys, running for the division crown, fought hard but Anspach's fighting built up a heavy scoring advantage.

The senior division champions will go to New York sometime in March seeking victories in the New York Daily News' Tournament of Champions.

The Windsock SPORTSCOPE

By Jim McManus

The first of Madison Square Garden's college basketball games has come and gone, and from a sportsman in the New York newspapers, Mr. Ned Irish, head man at the Garden, has just about squelched the gamblers' threat to the lily whiteness of the college performers.

Mr. Irish, on the eve of the Garden opener, announced that he worked out an elaborate and secret plan under which gamblers would no longer be permitted to enter the 50th Street arena.

The AP's Hugh Fullerton, Jr. came up with the plan. Fullerton says that whenever New York police in the future, just a gambler, and get a conviction, they will turn the offender's name over to Irish, who in turn will issue orders at the Garden door to bar the gent from entering his establishment.

Of all the sports oddities in 1944 Utah's freak method of winning the national collegiate basketball title and then beating St. John in a Red Cross Charity game, rank among the best.

The Utes, turned down an invitation to the NCAA playoffs, entering instead the Madison Square Garden Invitational Tournament. They lost out in an early round and were on their way home when another invitation from the NCAA was received. This time Utah was asked to make the place of Arkansas in the Western playoffs. Arkansas had been forced to withdraw due to an accident in which several of the players and the coach were killed. The Utes took the western title game back to New York, defeated Dartmouth, the Eastern leader, and then went on to knock off St. John's, who had won out in the Garden tournament.

A rivalry of long standing will flare anew next Thursday night when the Parris Island boxers invade the Point. In the four incidents these two teams have had so far, the results are all even. Each team has won once and two of the meetings have resulted in ties.

Little is known about the P. I. team. Transfers have taken away most of the old standbys, but past experience proves that the South Carolina base can always be counted on to come up with a cracker-jack outfit.

Leading the P. I. boxers will be the veteran 170-pounder, Al Thornton, who will probably face Cherry Point's Howard Brodt in what should be a white-bang affair. The Cherry Point leader, fresh from the Washington Golden Gloves finals, are primed to give the home fans a good show. If you haven't anything better to do Thursday night, we recommend you get out over to the Enlisted Men's Recreation Hall, and seeing a flock of good fights.

The Gunder Mack off again, on again of the United States, has hit another snag. It seems the airplane Gunder requested to bring him to the States is doing a job for the military.

We were speaking with Captain Joseph McDermott, AWG Recreation Officer, about Hag's chances of knocking off America's best indoors. The last time Hag came to this country, he took eight straight outdoor meets. Captain McDermott, an authority on track records and personalities, believes Hagg will have plenty of trouble on indoor tracks. The speedy Swede has never competed on the hardwood and specifically stated the

last time he was here that he wanted no part of it.

Captain McDermott recalls, among others, the cases of Jack Woodruff and Hal Davis. Both of these men were sensation outdoors, but were flops when they left the cinder paths. "In fact," says Captain "Mack," "on his first indoor trial Davis hit a banked curve and went sailing right off into the spectators."

Without a doubt, Hag is a great outdoor runner, states the AWG officer, "but getting him into a crowded, smoky arena and having him perform on a graded, wooden track might well be his downfall."

Bill Hargiss, Glenn Cunningham's old coach, was speculating the other day on a dream race between the great American miler and Hagg. "Between them," says Hargiss, "they would have wrecked the mile record."

They would have made a great pair at that, Cunningham, stocky, well-muscled, a picture of sheer driving power and the loose limbed, slender Swede, both masters of pace and cad determined to stick with the other come what may. It might be one of those Joe Louis vs. John L. Sullivan debates. Good subject matter over a bottle of beer.

Rhode Island St. John's Top Garden Bill

The Rhode Island State College five invades Madison Square Garden tonight to challenge the St. John's Redmen and Howie Cann's N. Y. U. quintet battles Connecticut, in the second game of the featured doubleheader.

Wednesday evening C. C. N. Y. faces Syracuse and L. I. U. meet, West Virginia on the Garden hardwood.

The Redmen, one of the top teams of the East, face a severe test in Rhode Island. The visitors led by Eric Calvery, last season's leading scorer in the East, are a powerful unit. Using the racehorse type of offensive that has made them famous in past seasons, Rhode Island stands as a real threat to the St. John's victory string.

Capt. Beal Named VMB 621 Executive

Captain Harold P. Beal has been designated executive officer of VMB 621. He succeeds Major Edward J. Doyle, who recently was named squadron commander of VMB 624.



DEMONSTRATING the bowling technique she used in setting the alley mark of 210 at the WR Recreation hall, is Pfc. "Terry" Clusker of the Navy Supply salvage department. An Athens, Pa., resident, she rolled for the Innersoll-Rand Company for two years. "Terry" will be bowling in the squadron tourney which starts Monday evening.—MCAS Photo.

Boxers Meet P. I. Thursday

Fresh from Golden Glove battles, Cherry Point boxers will face Parris Island's fighters Thursday evening at the Enlisted Men's Recreation hall in the initial dual meeting of the 1944 campaign. Although hard-hitting recent transfers, the usually strong Islanders are expected to provide stiff competition for the Flying Leathernecks.

Last year the Point boxers recorded one win, one loss and two ties in matches with the Parris Island punchers.

WR Squadrons Bowl Monday

Competition in the WR Bowling tourney starts Monday evening at the WR recreation hall alleys, with 20 teams, representing five squadrons, vying for the Central Larkin trophy.

The reglers take the alleys at 160 and will be bowling till 2000. The teams consist of five girls, and each squadron will have four teams in play. League matches will be run off on Monday and Thursday evenings, running through Feb. 12.

Corp. Mary Flanagan is NCO-in-charge of the league.

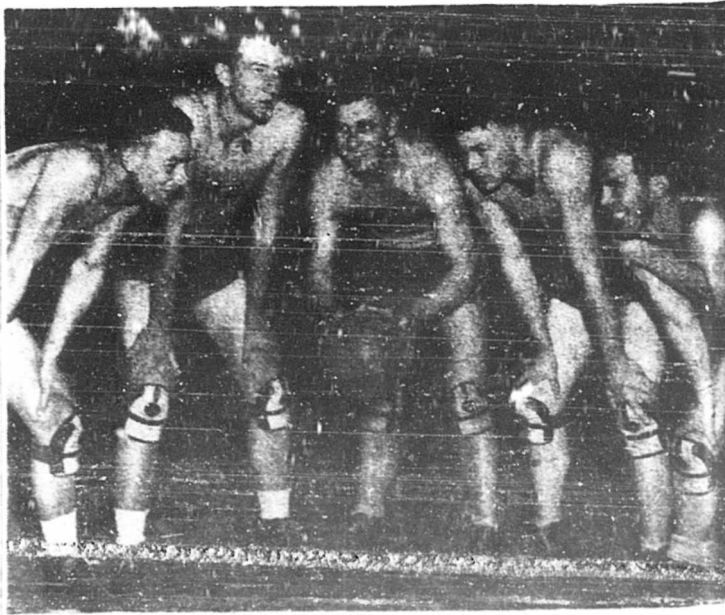
Cagers Register Easy Win Over Greenville, 63-32

Cherry Point's Flying Leatherneck basketballers pounded on their brothers-in-arms, the Greenville Marines, to hang up an easy 63-32 victory on the Greenville court Wednesday night.

The Pointers, off to a fast start, built up a 16-0 lead in the first ten minutes of play leaving the locals completely stumped in their efforts to solve Cherry Point's zone defense and forced to resort to desperation heaves a number of times.

By half time Coach Jim Gilman's charges had a 24-13 advantage. Gilman used his second string in the second half and the Pointers' lead was 44-24 at the 30-minute mark. Greenville Mingle contained his scoring march, swishing 23 points through the cords; runner-up was Bill van Breda Koff with 10.

Jerry Cicero, Point substitute, displayed a terrific shot making ability when he entered the game in the final minutes to whip home



PLAYING A TOUGH service basketball schedule under the banner of the First Air Warning Group are, (left to right) Ray Kuzia, Pete Colletti, John Welsh, Ed Moffatt and Gerald Daly.—MCAS Photo.

Oracles:

Hagg Faces Stiff Tests In Coming American Tour

BOB CONSIDINE—(On The Line)—Nobody could touch Gunder with a 30-foot pole that last time he raced here. But this time things will be made tougher for the swift Swede. He could be knocked off a few times.

During the early collapse of the effort to bring Hagg back to this country, his boss, a Malmoese laborer, inquired as to the reason for the trip. He said that no American sprinter could make Hagg break into a sweat, much less a gallop. So what was the use of coming? The guy might have spoken a little too soon. Hagg will do all of his American running this time indoors. It is another world, what with its strange footing, its sharpened turns, its corner banks, the cigar smoke and many other distractions — such as noise — that are alien to an outdoor runner.

Against Hagg we will pit our best miller, Preacher Gil Dodds of Boston. Dodds broke the world indoor mile record twice within two weeks early this year. Finally, on March 18, in the Bankers mile at Chicago, he ran the distance in 4:06.4. If Hagg can beat him, without considerable training on indoor tracks, he must be called the best runner the world has ever seen. Dodds will have to supply all of Hagg's competition during the Swede's winter tour of the U. S. Emil Hulse, who broke the American outdoor record when he finished second to Hagg in a race during the summer of 1943, — Hulse peeled off the distance in 4:06 — is in the Navy now and not in running shape.

Greg Rice, who raced Hagg at the longer distances on the Swede's earlier tour of the country, is in the Merchant Marine and 30 pounds over his running weight.

Bob Stedler — (Buffalo Evening News)—Basketball will supplant baseball as the National pastime of Cuba after the war, Felice Torregrossa said at the Puerto Rico University basketball team, told the New York sportswriters. Torregrossa said that the appropriation for the development of sports in Puerto Rico had been increased from \$11,000 to \$100,000 and player participation and interest have grown tremendously.

SHIRLEY POVICH — (Washington Post) — Clark Griffith won his fight for unlimited night ball play, but even he recognizes the danger of an overdose of night ball play. The Kats, who played 44 night games last season, have announced a limit of 35 home games under the lights for 1945.

Only the St. Louis Browns are teaming with Griffith on an extensive night-game program. All of the other clubs with lighted parks are committed to moderation, with a limit of 14 night games. They still view baseball as a daytime game and are not convinced that a heavy schedule of night play would be profitable in the long run.

OSCAR RUIH—(Sporting News)

The Brownies Cinderella club of 1944 already is being labeled a one-year champ. Its chances of repeating are as slim as Mahatma Gandhi after a 30-day fast, contend some experts, who point to deficiencies in the Brownie personnel and elaborate on wartime conditions which made it possible for the club to win in 1943.

What will happen on the diamond in 1945 — or any other place, for that matter — cannot be foretold this December, but if the Brownies fail to repeat, as the dopsters predict, they will not be the first club to fall in a bid for successive championships.

- AWG-1 Defeats Greenville**
- The AWC 1 basketballers downed the Greenville Matadors 32-21 last week at the Greenville home-court. AWG jumped off to a fast start, holding a 16-4 lead at the end of the initial period. With Ed Moffat and Ray Kuzia leading the attack, AWG moved steadily ahead. Moffat paced the scoring with 11 points. Adams was high for the Greenville squadron with 8 marks.
- Coch Litwin's charges have won games against two losses. They have rung up wins over High Point, Atlantic Field and Greenville, being to the Quantico Marines and Rocky Mount High in a pair of thrillers. Games have been booked with Columbia AAB, Portsmouth Coast Guard and the Field varsity.
- The line-ups:
- AWG 1 (22) G'ville (21)
 - Moffat (11) McNally (7)
 - Daly (4) Adams (8)
 - Weich (4) Pawlowski (2)
 - Kuzia (3) Kuzia (2)
 - Colletti (5) Litwin (1)
 - Marcolini (2) Unkel (1)
 - Hammond (1)
 - Hauschurst (2)

Point Gagers Rate Eighth In South

The Cherry Point basketball team rates eight among service teams in the South and Southeast. The ratings were announced last week by the Dunkel Sports Research Service, compilers of national basketball statistics. Ratings are made on a point differential system.

While ranking eight in the section, Cherry Point was rated tops in the Carolinas, heading all other service teams in these two states. By the middle of last season, the Flying Leathernecker had risen to a spot fifth among Eastern service basketball teams.

Indoor Sports In Drill Hall

"Provisions and facilities for every known indoor sport will be considered with the completion of the station field house," remarks Capt. Thomas F. McEvoy, assistant Station recreation officer.

Floor space will be provided for eight full size basketball courts, plus side practice baskets. There will be a section devoted to gym activities, including all possible facilities for boxers and wrestlers. A ring, punching bags and other training devices will be set up. For the gymnasts there will be horizontal and parallel bars, weights and mechanical exercising equipment. The field house will also include an area for fencing. In season, indoor baseball and badminton courts will be lined off.

"Popular demand will govern the appearance of these and other sport in the new arena," says Capt. McEvoy.

Showers, training rooms and locker rooms will be provided for both home and visiting teams. With the use of portable bleachers, 7,000 fans will be able to view indoor sporting events.

Squadrons Vie for Cage Honors



George Mingle Leads Point Scoring

George Mingle leads the Cherry Point basketball scoring race, with a 100 point aggregate. Mingle's per-game average stands at 15 points. Sam House holds the runner-up spot with 76 markers.

The team as a whole has tallied 455 points, in eight games, including the second contest with Camp Mackall.

Name	Pts.	Games	Av.
Mingle	109	7	15
House	76	6	13
Van Breda Kolff	76	8	9
Chema	65	8	8
McKinney	60	8	7
Hillmeyer	29	5	6
Allen	18	5	4
Nariekas	8	2	4
Nordin	6	1	6
Jacobi	4	2	4
Majeski	4	2	4
Cicero	3	1	1
Totals	455	8	57

Play Begins For Station Cage Title

Cherry Point's second annual Intra-Station Basketball Tournament was inaugurated Wednesday morning when three games were played on the Emsted Men's Recreation hall floor.

Three games are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. Play-offs will be held in the new field house.

Each entry is scheduled to play twelve games; meeting each tournament entry in at least one contest.

Teams entered are MASS 1, AES 46, VMB 463, Boy's Town, AES 43, VMP 913, VMB 914, VMB 621, VMB 453, Post Exchange, AWS 16 and Cold Storage. AES 46 captured the station championship last year.

A trophy will be presented to the winning squadron. Other awards will be given to the tournament high scorer and the player gathering the most points from the four line.

An all-star team, composed of outstanding tournament performers, will meet Coach Jim Gilman's station quintet after tourney play-offs, according to Corp. Al Solway, NCO in charge.

Members of the station athletic department will officiate all tournament games.

- Next week's schedule:
- Men, Jan. 7
 - AES 46 vs. VMB 463
 - Boy's Town vs. AES 43
 - VMP 913 vs. VMP 914
 - Wed., Jan. 10
 - VMB 621 vs. VMB 453
 - Post Exchange vs. AWS 16
 - Cold Storage vs. MASS 1
 - Fri., Jan. 12
 - MASS 1 vs. VMB 463
 - AES 46 vs. Boy's Town
 - AES 43 vs. VMB 914

Swimmers Meet Duke Jan. 20

With the Duke University Blue Devils as their opposition, the Cherry Point swimming team will open the 1945 campaign here Jan. 20. Coach Tom Bentley announced today.

Other meets scheduled are at Duke University, on Feb. 2, at Bathbridge NTS, on March 1. Station swimmers also will compete in the AAU meet at the North Carolina Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C., on Feb. 3.

Last Sept. 10, the Cherry Point swimmers finished second at the Fifth Naval District meet at Norfolk, only a few strokes behind Bathbridge NTS.

Veterans returning from last year's squad are Lieut. Howard W. Spencer, prominent in Texas YMCA circuit; S-Sgt. James Hopkins, city champion of Chester, Pa., and station backstroke record holder; Pfc. Edward DeClarque, former freshman tank star at Princeton University; S-Sgt. Ralph Hendrix of the Firestone Swimming Club of Akron, Ohio; Sgt. Howard Stevenson, former Canton, O. H. Sea Lions star, and Corp. Elmer Widmer.

Among other tankmen representing Cherry Point are Corp. Tony Kieas, Pfc. Bob Siesco, Pvt. Wallace Swartz and Pfc. McKean Thompson.

Warrant Officer H. H. Harris is representing Major W. H. Boggs, CO of AES 43, as team sponsor. AES 43 captured station swimming laurels last year.

MT-Sgt. Kenneth MacDonald, a former coach of the Lake Shore A. C. of Chicago, is serving as Associate advisor to the squad.

Ruskewitch M-T; Free Cigars End

Recreation department personnel have welcomed the promotions of Alexander P. Ruskewitch because of the cigars the "Russian" distributed, but they are now casting about for a new source of supplies.

Ruskewitch made his sixth stripe on the last promotion list and the boys who eagerly anticipated the sergeant's progress are now puffing on their last free cigars for some time.

Unbeknownst to the boys, the cigars made from the sulphate pulp that makes Kraft paper.

New Rifle Range Program For WRs

Formerly promoted by WR squadrons, the .22 caliber rifle activities are now conducted by the WR Recreation Department.

Under the new program, thirty-two girls from each of the five station WR squadrons will fire the small-arms rifle once a week for a period of four weeks.

Participants will be given a chance to top a high station WR score of 148 out of a possible 150, shot recently by Sgt. Edgar Hancock of Squadron 16. Charts revealing high week and course scores will be posted weekly.

WRs wishing to participate in the .22 caliber rifle program are asked to register with Pvt. Edith Lyman at the Dallas hut recreation area.

Eight Top Air Aces On Active Duty

Washington (CNS) — of the nineteen top-scoring aces of the American Air Forces, eight still are on active duty, with opportunities to increase their totals. Six others are in the U. S. on leave, serving as instructors or recuperating from illness; one is a prisoner of war; one is dead and three are listed as missing in action. Leading the list is the Army's Maj. Richard Bong, with forty enemy planes shot down. In second place is Comdr. David S. McCampbell, with thirty-four. Maj. Bong still is on active duty; Comdr. McCampbell is now on leave.

Marine Capt. James H. Doolittle, who was the first to swim before he is assigned to duty aboard a battleship or cruiser.



Left: Lt. J. H. Bennett of the Marine Corps, U.S.M.C. Department recently opened the new Swimming Pool 2, is Pfc. Roger Rudden of Point Pleasant, N. C. Right: Henry Bennett of New York City, in charge of the hut, checks the last gun. — MCAS News.

Death Dances in TBF Bomb Bay

A 500-pound bomb, timed to explode in a few seconds, rambled loosely in the bomb bay, speedily forcing open the bay doors to drop the deadly missile, but — the doors are jammed.

Death ticks closer and closer, more certain than the ticking away of the seconds on your watch.

A man who knows the answer to that question is T-Sgt. Cleveland M. Akey of Wisconsin Falls, Wis., who is now attached to

Squadron 624. Akey, a veteran of two tours of duty in the South Pacific as a radio gunner, found himself in just the right spot during a bombing strike over Bostainville in the New Georgia campaign.

"It was during the raid on the Jap airstrip, recalls Akey, "our TBF had just released its bomb load and was pulling out of the run when fragments of a 2,000-pounder, dropped by the leading plane, smashed our windshield and blew a hole in our bomb bay doors. The hit took out most of our hydraulic lines so our bomb bay doors wouldn't work."

The crippled plane had started back to its home base when Akey, looking over the damage, found there was more trouble than damage to the bomb bay and a shattered windshield.

"One of the 500-pounders was still in the bomb bay," Akey said. "It was rolling in the bay, armed and set to explode."

Efforts to open the bomb bay doors failed.

"We really were in a sweat. Our pilot showed us the solution. He ordered us to jump. Believe me, I was ready to take my chance, but I saw the ship hit on my way down and I was darn glad I wasn't in it," Akey said.

Landing in friendly territory Akey was soon back at his old business as a radio gunner, none the worse for his experience.

Three New Barracks For WRs Planned

Construction of three new type barracks to house 336 WRs and Waves is in the offing, with approval of a \$316,000 project by the Secretary of the Navy.

The barracks buildings will be of a type similar to that of WOQ. Each wing of the barracks will house 28 women. Accommodations will be similar to those in present WR structures.

One building will be erected at Roosevelt Blvd. and Oak street, and the other two will face a new street at its intersection with Oak.

Bids will be sought within the next month and construction is to start immediately thereafter. Estimated construction time is from 90 to 120 days.

Wide Variety of Questions Answered By Legal Office

Every type of legal question posed by Air Station personnel is being answered by the two legal and legal assistance offices located in the Administration Building.

Problems of station personnel are being handled through the offices of Capt. F. A. Barnard, while Mr. Wing legal questions are answered next door by Capt. J. D. Phillips.

Most difficulties concern domestic relations, negligence, tax and court martial proceedings. They are the hundreds of problems which would normally be brought to the attention of an attorney.

The service rendered by the legal departments is limited in that the members thereof may not appear in court proceedings as attorneys for service personnel. However, the office does recommend necessary action and refers the case to legal aid representative for handling in whatever section of the nation it is necessary. In divorce and the legal aid groups attempt to effect reconciliation and, where impossible, give impartial and unbiased advice for the benefit of both parties.

Among the routine duties of the offices is the drawing up of wills, deeds, bills of sales, powers of attorney, affidavits and like instruments.

The station legal office reviews all courts of inquiry and boards of investigation, as well as all court martial proceedings.

Through these legal officers the rights of accused men under Naval law are fully safeguarded through close scrutiny of all cases.

On Capt. Barnard's legal staff are First Lieut. Max B. Kargman, former Chicago lawyer, who is assistant to Capt. Barnard and serves as judge advocate of the general court martial; First Lieut. Eleanor Stober, assistant legal assistance officer; S-Sgt. Frank R. Nemett, former corporation counsel of Oneida, N. Y.; Sgt. Ferris J. Thomas of Pennsylvania; Sgt. Seymour Easter, ex-New York lawyer; Sgt. Calvin Graves, Jr. of the North Carolina bar; Pfc. Joseph Shutz, former internal revenue attorney from Pennsylvania; and Pfc. Roger Fitzgibbon, a New York lawyer and a casual ty company accident investigator. Under Capt. Phillips in the Ninth

Wing office are First Lieut. I. L. Langbein, formerly of the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.; Second Lieut. Harold E. Block of California; Sgt. W. H. Mecham of Omaha, Neb.; Pfc. F. J. Delaney of Chicago, and Pfc. H. J. O'Rourke of New York City.

Legal aid consultations increased by over 50 percent in the last half of the year compared with the first six months of 1944.

Figures through Dec. 19 showed 905 persons applied to the office for advice in the various fields of legal relief. Of the total, 605 sought help in the latter half of the year.

In the comparison of the two six-month periods, all categories show an increase, except that of landlord and tenant relations. Taxation drew the largest number of inquiries both periods, rising from 37 to 210.

Problems affecting the largest number of personnel, based on the recorded applicants, were those concerning contracts, persons, agencies, automobiles and domestic relations.

10 Teams Compete For Court Crown

With an entry of ten teams, Cherry Point's second annual intra-station basketball tournament will get underway soon after the holiday season. Rosters of ten squads have been submitted and Corp. "Al" Solley, NCO in charge, is anticipating the entrance of several additional teams prior to the league's opening date.

Headed by AES 46, last year's winner, rosters have already been posted by MASSI, AES 43, VMB, 463, VMP 913, VMP 914, VMB 621, 463 and Boys' Town. Other squads interested in entering, quints are urged to submit rosters immediately.

Early season games will be played on the ERH courts. The site for league games will later be moved to the new Field House floor now under construction. Members of the Station athletic department will

Slocum Creek Fleet Gets New Boats

Spring will find no activity on Slocum Creek where 25 additional sailboats are being made available for GI sports lovers. Boathouse facilities of the Recreation department will provide 55 sailboats, 45 rowboats and 40 canoes.

Normally sailing and boating season on the Creek opens early in April. Facilities however, are available all through the winter months, when weather permits. A skeleton fleet of boats is available now.

Many improvements will be made at the area this spring. A new beach is being provided with more than 500 loads of sand dumped into the point beyond ship repair shop. Repair of all docking facilities is now being made a new office and quad room is planned, and boats have been repaired and repainted. A hard-surface road to the Boathouse is being built.

A new softball diamond also will be completed by spring.

The new boats being readied for use are of the Lightning type which accommodate eight passengers. Instructors are available to assist novices in sailing problems. To skipper a boat one must pass a qualification test conducted by the instructors. A sailing permit is issued after a demonstration of ability at coming about, tacking, flitting, shooting buoys, nomenclature and swimming.

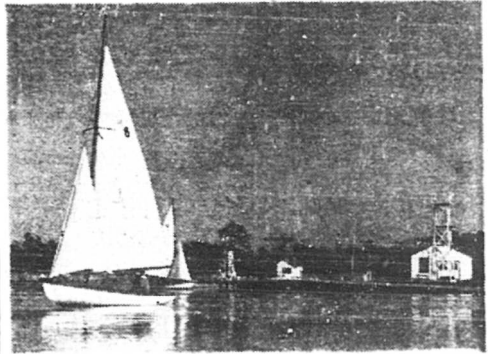
Those qualified as novices may sail in winds up to 12 knots, intermediate to 18 knots and experts to 22 knots.

Phone Calls Limited

Personal long distance telephone calls placed from barracks telephones will not be accepted by the station telephone exchange, according to a special order from Col. P. E. Conradt. All long distance calls are to be placed through the pay station which opened here recently.

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The recreation department will present a trophy to the winning hoopers.



SHIP REPAIR is not foreign to Marines, nor is sailing. Followers of sailing enjoy their first winter of activity while repair units keep the craft seaworthy. Top photo shows Corp. A. V. Giampietro, Pvt. I. J. Fennell, Pfc. E. Krause and Pfc. F. P. Zinni at work on one vessel. Lower photo was caught on a recent clear day at the Boathouse—MCAS Photos.

Marines Drink Million Cups Of 'Joe' Here Each Month

Evidence of the part the "cup of Joe" plays in satisfying the tastes of Cherry Point Marines is brought out in some facts given by the men who make coffee in the Station's mess halls.

Cups of "Joe" are pushed across the serving tables of station mess halls at the rate of 1,000,000 cups per month.

Into the brown liquid, GIs add 15,000 cans of cream and ladle in some 30,000 pounds of sugar before tipping the cups to their lips.

Mess hall officials, figuring one tablespoon of coffee per cup of "Joe," finds that they must combine 55,000 pounds of coffee and 100,000 gallons of water to supply the Station's drinkers each month.

If all the beverage consumed on the Station each day was poured into the 250,000-gallon tank which lowers over the area, the tank would run over in 10 days.

A mathematical mind might also deduce that if the cream used in

Law Office NCO Gets Discharge

S-Sgt. Frank R. Nemett returns shortly to his office in Oneida, N. Y., and his post there as city corporation counsel after 13 months in the Marine Corps.

The past four months as NCO in charge of the station legal office, Sergeant Nemett received an overseas discharge last Saturday after legal duty here since March. Holding BA and LLB degrees from Syracuse University, the Brooklyn native opened an office in Oneida 16 years ago, entering the Marine Corps as a private in December, 1943.

MORTIMER



By Mac Naught

Sergeant Stony Craig, USMC....



By HELEN HULTON
Station Librarian

ELEGANT TUBNEY, by John Day. The stirring and unorthodox story of a man who built a city of his dreams in the Wisconsin wilderness and who could command everything except the love of his wife and son.

GOLDEN ROSE, by Pamela Jackson. This novel of emotional intensity and unusual descriptive vividness, laid largely in India, is a romance with profound moral and religious undertones. Two women—a nursing nun and a beautiful young Englishwoman, dominate the story.

A WALK IN THE SUN, by Harold Brown. One of the most simply written, but most moving stories a reviewer has read in years, is this vivid recreation of the words, thoughts and feelings of one platoon of Yankee soldiers as they fight their way inland to their objective from a beachhead in Italy.

THEY DARE NOT GO A HUNTING, by Dorothea Corwell. Julia was young, beautiful and charming, but her mother's words warning and advice had made her afraid of life and of love. How she escaped from her fears makes an absorbing story of this prize-winning novel.

BLITZING HILL, by Clyde Murphy. A story of Butte, Montana, in the 1890s—a tough, rowdy and voracious, and of the various classes of Irish, from shanty-to-lace-curtain—who helped give the town its colorful character.

SO THICK THE FOG, by Catherine P. Stewart. The Marquise de May and her five children learn the meaning of war and sacrifice when the Nazis occupied Britain. This is the sparkling story of their courageous struggle to hold to their belief in France and in one another in deep depression, discouragement, and distrust.

PARIS, by Harold Eutlinger. A romantic and charming picture of a beloved city, a book that does justice to the timeless spires and towers of Paris.

EVERYBODY'S POLITICIAN, by Bernard Shaw. The Irish wit and sage gives us with both barrels on politics, religion, education, science, and other topics, including his views on post-war world—penetrating and pungent.

GYPSY IN THE SUN, by Rosita Forbes. The "most traveled woman in the world" has done everything, seen everything, and been everywhere. In this sparkling autobiography she tells all.

THE ADMIRAL, by Laurin H. Adair. The dramatic story of Admiral Dewey's life, coupled with the development of the U. S. Navy, is a new and documented, and the three material, pictures and the published account of the Manila campaign have been included.

ONE MAN'S MEAT, by E. B. White. Ten new chapters have been added to this book of essays, which it first appeared, has delighted thousands with its mellow humor, quiet wisdom, and reassuring tone.

ADVENTURES IN SYMPHONIC MUSIC, by Edward Downes. An original analysis of over 200 freshly-heard compositions interspersed with anecdotes about the composers' lives and the development of the symphonic form. Mr. Downes' style is sprightly and gay and conveys a respect for his sound musical knowledge.

RETIRE TO CAPE COD, by A. T. Bell. For a delightful interlude in the war-heavy literature of the day, this intimate picture of the personalities and scenes of Cape Cod is heartily recommended. Mr. Bell was formerly Dean of Men at Carnegie Tech.

Survival Outfits

Methods of obtaining drinking water while adrift on the open sea are displayed in the exhibit booth in the lobby of the Administration Building.

Now are solar stills for the distillation of atmospheric vapor by man's heat, rain catchers, and means for securing water and other, chemical salt water and other, and sealed cans of emergency drinking water. The exhibit is one of a series of exhibits on air, sea, and other combat subjects.



Marines, Army, Navy Team Up

PELELIU Falls Islands-Delayed—The Army, Navy, and Marine Corps are teaming up here in getting heavy air blows at bypassed Jap troops on Peleliu, Koror and other islands in the northern Palau area, according to 8-Sgt. David Strick, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.

It works this way: Army P-38 pilots take aerial photographs of the Jap-held areas; Navy interceptors locate specific targets on the pictures; and finally Marine Corsair pilots bomb and strafe the objectives.

A typical example was the sinking of two Jap barges, one near Koror recently. Flying his Lightning at 400 miles an hour, Army Lt. Leo F. Wilkinson of Oxford, Ind., made aerial photographs of the area. Navy Lt. A. L. Allen Hopkins of Williamsburg, Va., carefully examined the pictures and located the two barges, covered with trees and brush. Marine Maj. Francis E. Pierce of Camp Pendleton, Calif., leader of the Navy Cross for shooting down three Zeros on the mission in the Solomon area, had been shot through both legs. He then called out on the job. Maj. Pierce led his flight of Corsairs to the spot, and in short order the two barges were pounded with thousand-pound bombs and sunk.

Fighter Unit Sets New Mark

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—The Hellhaws, Marine fighter squadron veterans of Guadalcanal, Munda, Remota, and Bougainville, recently set a new record of 272.2 flight hours logged in a single day, reports Sgt. O. W. Nelson Jr., combat correspondent.

The 21 participating Corsairs, commanded by Maj. D. P. Frame of Council Bluffs, Iowa, landed on a long enough to refuel before taking off again on day and night navigational hops that covered a 20-hour period.

Three of the squadron's pilots have won Distinguished Flying Crosses for past actions: Capt. Wilbur J. Thomas of Los Angeles, Cal., who also holds the Navy Cross, has a total of 16½ planes downed in combat to his credit; Capt. John L. Morgan, Jr., of Spokane, Wash., holder of the Air Medal as well as credited with 10 enemy planes shot down; and Capt. George De Fabio of Cleveland, Ohio, has downed three. The squadron is credited with 102 combat kills in all.

Rotating Passes

GERMANY (CNS)—Doughboys on the Western Front—a few of them are being rotated from their company for 48-hour passes in Paris. Over a period of time, Army commanders here every man will get a chance at the passes.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—Dodge car for sale (no cash) and (no down payment) in excellent condition. 2101 Alameda St., Marchand City, or Dr. Wyman, phone 1214.

FOR SALE—Wilson's dressmaker sewing machine, Model 458.

LOST—Gold ID bracelet—bearing name John D. Collins. Corp. John D. Collins, Barracks 211.

WANTED—Auto, 1938 or later model, in excellent condition. Lion-Black, Phone 2194, or Marchand City, Phone 2061.

FOR SALE—Indian Motorcycle, Army model, \$600. MTF, Sgt. J. C. Mar, Station Headquarters, Phone 4107.

LOST—Navajo Wagon, which bearing the name James R. White, USMC #18517. Lost in Marchand City. Finder please call Barracks 210.

FOR SALE—Black winter coat with ivory collar. Size 18. Almost new—Phone 6143.

FOUND—Car key, No. 1072 at Post Office parking lot—Call 1st Lt. Hanley, Phone 4123.

LOST—Gold identification bracelet inscribed Robert F. Stanton, 96827. Return to Pfc. R. F. Stanton, AFS 47, Box 200, Wake Forest, N. C., or 2nd Lt. Hanley, Phone 4123.

FOR SALE—Two-piece, unbuttoned, beige tone, relax, slouch, adult T-shirt. James A. Garrison, 353 Cascade Drive, Hazeldeck.

FOR SALE—Thirteen-year Cedar skiff in good condition, Cherry Point pier, Phone 5292.

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, Jan. 6—1100-1300—WR recreation hour, WRRH; 1300-1645—basketball practice for WRS, WRRH; 1830—Movies (WRs and couples); WRRH; 2100-2400—Dance (couples only), WRRH; 2130-2300—Broadcast over WHIT from WRRH dance.

SUNDAY, Jan. 7—1300-1500—WR station basketball team WRRH; 1500-1630—Sports for WRs and dates, WRRH; 1830—Movies (WRs and couples), WRRH; 1900-2200—Sunday night concert, four (men invited), WRRH.

MONDAY, Jan. 8—1100-1300—WR recreation hour, WRRH; 1630-1830—Basketball, WRS-16, WRRH; 1830-2040—WR squadrons' bowling tournament, WRRH; bowling at 2100; 2130-2300—concert, station orchestra, EMBR; 2045—Movie (WRs and couples).

TUESDAY, Jan. 9—0800-1100—Men's basketball practice—WRRH; 1100-1300—WR recreation hour, WRRH; 1300-1700—basketball practice for WRs; WRRH; 1700-1730—WR "Tip To Toe" sterilizing session—WRRH; 1745-1900—beginners' ballroom classes, WRRH; 1930-2015—Advanced ballroom classes, WRRH; 2045—Movie (WRs and couples), WRRH; 2230-2400—Dance after last show (couples only), music by recreation orchestra, EMBR.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10—1100-1300—WR recreation hour, WRRH; 1300-1700—basketball practice for WRs; WRRH; 1700-1730—WR "Tip To Toe" sterilizing session—WRRH; 1730-2015—WR basketball for WRs-18; and WRS-20, WRRH; 1830—Basketball, Cherry Point Marines vs. Atlantic Field Marines, EMBR; 2000-2200—Bridge night, WR Dallas club, WR Rec area; 2045—Movie (WRs and couples), WRRH.

THURSDAY, Jan. 11—0800-1100—Men's basketball practice, WRRH; 1100-1300—WR recreation hour, WRRH; 1300-1730—basketball practice for WRs, WRRH; 1700-1730—WR "Tip To Toe" sterilizing session—WRRH; 1730-2015—WR basketball WRS-17, WRRH; 1830-2200—Girls' Roundtable, Bks. 222, 1800-2000—WR squadrons' bowling tournament, WRRH; bowling classes; 1000-2000—Beginners' tap classes, WRRH; game room; 2000-2045—Advanced tap classes, Dallas club, WR rec area; 2000—Bowling, Par. Island, EMBR; 2045—Movie, WRRH.

FRIDAY, Jan. 12—1100-1300—WR recreation hour, WRRH; 1300-1700—basketball for WRs, WRRH; 1700-1730—WR "Tip To Toe" sterilizing session; WRRH; 1730-2015—Basketball, WRS-18, WRRH; 2000-2345—Friday Night Dance Music by Station Orchestra, EMBR; 2045—Movie, (WRs and couples), WRRH.

SATURDAY, Jan. 13—1100-1300—WR recreation hour, WRRH; 1300-1645—Basketball practice for WRS, WRRH; 1830—Basketball, Cherry Point Marines vs. Camp Lejeune Marines at Camp Lejeune, New Bern; 1830—Movie (WRs and couples), WRRH; 2100-2400—Dance (couples only), WRRH; 2130-2200—Broadcast over WHIT from WRRH Dance.

FAST FRONT ST. USO
New Bern, N. C.
MONDAY, Jan. 8—1000—Service area breakfast club 2000—Finger painting games.

TUESDAY, Jan. 9—1000—Breakfast club, 100—Coke party honoring new comers, Mrs. Tom Mitchell, invited. Open house.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10—Breakfast club 1300—"Tag-a-long" luncheon; health discussion, 2000—Movie.

THURSDAY, Jan. 11—1000—Breakfast club 2000—Party night.

FRIDAY, Jan. 12—1000—Breakfast club 2000—Bingo.

SATURDAY, Jan. 13—1000—Breakfast club 2030—Joe's Quiz, 2200—Hot dog hour.

SUNDAY, Jan. 14—0800—Dinner and coffee hour, 1100—Recordio, 1630—Veepers, Refreshment hour, 1800—Checker tournament (two winners for win \$5).

NORTH CRYVEN ST. USO
New Bern, N. C.
Monday, Jan. 8, 2000—Game night.

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2000—Joe's Quiz prizes include phone calls home, 2100—Coke hamburger feast.

Wednesday, Jan. 10—Recordio night.

Thursday, Jan. 11—1500—Tea for service wives (knitting-wool and instructions provided), 2000—Photostudy.

Friday, Jan. 12—200—Movie, "Radio City Revels" starring Bob Burns, Jack Oakie and Kenny B.

9th Wing Band Six Months Old

The Ninth Wing Band this week completed its first six months as a musical organization, under the direction of First Lieut. Leonard N. Addis, Wing band officer, and Lt. Sgt. Charles H. Lynch, bandmaster.

The Ninth Wing Band was formed July 1, 1944, and has become a familiar sight at Ninth Wing military formations and Thursday night concerts which the band gives at the Civilian Cafeteria.

The band personnel now numbers 29 men, many of which have had experience with the top dance bands of the nation.

Two of the Band's artists, who came to Cherry Point from the professional musical world, are Sgt. Eugene Ferraro of Boston, Mass., and Sgt. Robert Farrington of Washington, D. C.

Sgt. Ferraro is an old timer in the music business, having tooted a hot trumpet under such nationally famous orchestra leaders as Sammy Kaye and Dick Scable.

Sgt. Farrington, a sax man, played with Sunny Donovan's orchestra.

Plans are now underway to take the band on musical visits to out-laying fields during 1945 parades and official ceremonies.

Ban Forecasts On War's End

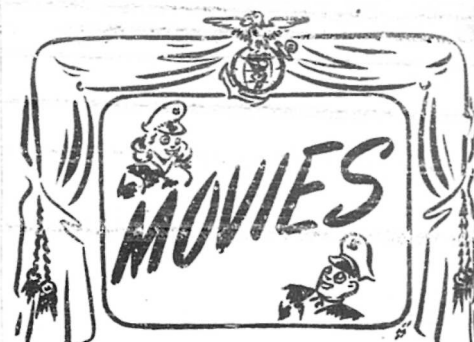
By directive of the Presidential Naval personnel have been ordered to refrain from public statements regarding length of the war.

In a letter to the Secretary of the Navy the President said: "At a most critical time when production of essential supplies vital to the war effort must be kept at a high level, speculative public statements by responsible military or civilian public officials at home and abroad indicating an early termination of the war tend to curtail production of essential war materials. It is highly necessary that this condition be remedied and to this end all government officials are directed to refrain from such public statements."

ker. Refreshments.

Saturday, Jan. 13—2000—Bingo, 2100—Community sing.

Sunday, Jan. 14—0830—Dunker's club 1230—Noontime devotions, 1330—Home cooked luncheon; Open house.



Movies are shown daily at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Hall at 1330, 1830 and 2045. At the WR Recreation Hall, movies show the preceding day at EMRH, are at 1830 on Saturday and Sunday and at 2045 on Monday through Friday. Movies at the "O" club at 1945 nightly, feature films shown the same day at the EMRH.

SUNDAY, Jan. 7—"Under Western Skies," with Martha O'Driscoll and Noah Beery, Jr. News and cartoon, "Sultan's Birthday," Special Show, "Meet Me in St. Louis," starring Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien, 1600, EMRH.

MONDAY, Jan. 8—"The Suspect," with Ella Raines and Charles Laughton, Short, "Girls Preferred."

TUESDAY, Jan. 9—"Dangerous Passage," starring Robert Long and Phyllis Brooks, Short, "Once Over Lightly," cartoon, "Septem in the Rain."

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10—"Experiment Perilous," with Hedy Lamarr and George Brent, News.

THURSDAY, Jan. 11—"Block Busters," starring the Dead End Kids and Harry Langdon, Shorts, "Naughtful But Nice," and "Wings a Record Time."

FRIDAY, Jan. 12—"Blonde Fever," with Philip Dorn and Mary Ann Short, "Dark Shadows."

SATURDAY, Jan. 13—"Keys of the Kingdom," with Gregory Peck and Thomas Mitchell.

SPECIAL SHOW: At EMRH (Saturday—2045)—"Sunday Dinner for a Soldier," with Anne Baxter and John Hodiak.

MAG 34 Training Office Opened

Establishment of a MAG 34 group training office, with Lieut. Robert G. Reed as group training officer, was announced this week.

The office also will handle Group classification records.

35,247 PWs in U. S. WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Provost Marshal General's Office revealed that on Dec. 7, 1944, there were 35,247 prisoners of war held within the continental limits of the U. S. They included German, 305,648; Italian, 51,156; Japanese, 2,433.

Major Reed Takes New Assignment

Major Harry W. Reed has been assigned as Liaison officer to the Atlanta Sub-Committee of the Inter-Departmental Air Transport Board.

Major Reed has been the Staff Gunnery and Ordnance officer since arriving here last August.

Plane Hauls Tanks

Newest cargo carrier of the Army Air Forces is the C-82 Pack, now in production at Hagerstown, Md. The big, twin-tailed ship can haul several tanks and trucks to the front.



EVELYN KEYES, featured in Columbia Pictures' new Technicolor film, "A Thousand and One Nights"