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"Go North for the winter" is now the slogan in North Carolina. The picture above is a scene of the coldest weather that has hit North Carolina this year. A water tower on the way to Morehead City sprang a leak which caused the ice formations shown above.

—Photo By Crisicone

Dixie, Land Of Sun & Warmth' . . . Oh Yeah?

The sunny south gets mighty cold at times and if you don't believe it take a look at the picture above. Pictures don't lie Bub!

The lowest temperature of the year which occurred on the 8th and 9th of February brought the thermometer down to 16 degrees Fahrenheit. The cold air wave prevailed over the entire South of the Canadian border.

A snow fall of 6 to 8 inches accompanied the cold air wave around the Lake region, over New York and the New England states. Considerable damage to crops was caused by the cold wave along the Gulf States and through upper Florida while below freezing temperatures occurred in South and Central Florida.

The coldest weather recorded at Cherry Point was in 1943 when the mercury dropped to 9° above zero.

Why Doesn't Someone Call The Fire Dept.?

By George C. Kuekes

"Open the Door, Richard," "come on Richard open the door, it's getting cold out here." Those words and a few more on that order have recently appeared out of nowhere to cop first listening honors on almost all the platter parties.

With some tricky door knocks administered by the drummer, and some house breaking scenes that would give any self-respecting police department the shakes, one often wonders what kind of a character was turned loose in the studio during the recording session.

The song itself, born on the West Coast just a few weeks ago, has grown up into a full fledged hit . . . almost before the music industry was aware of it. So quickly has this tune caught the national imagination, that in many parts of the country hardly a door is rapped but that the knocking visitors accompany it with a cry of "Open up, Richard," or some similar foolishness.



It's a song that joins the ranks of memorable overnight hits for its own run of popularity. As a matter of fact, it has grown into such a hit that everyone is having a try at it, and reports from the trade press have it that there are several battles in the offing to settle who has the rights to those lyrics.

Be that as it may, we might as well resign ourselves to hearing a lot about poor Richard's battered front door during the weeks to come. So let's all relax and enjoy the gag song.

In a recent music publications the word is that the composer of "Open the Door, Richard," is going to make a sequel; this sequel is called, "The Key in the Mailbox." Be on the watch for it!

Gov't Licenses Are Required

"Effective 1 September 1946, no person shall be employed as a chauffeur and no person shall be permitted to drive a Navy, or Marine Corps motor vehicle until such person has been examined and licensed in accordance with the provisions set forth herein." From NAVEXOS P-337 dated May 1946.

The facilities of the Motor Transport Examining Board are not being utilized to their full capacity. Any officer, unit commander and department head desiring licenses for themselves or their men may submit requests to the Motor Transport Office at their earliest opportunity.

Since the functioning of the Motor Transport Examining Board is examination and not instruction, men taking driving tests should be thoroughly instructed in the operation of a motor vehicle prior to taking their tests.

Highest GED In 'Point' Hist. Recorded Here

"I'm staying in the Corps till they kick me out."—smiling M/Sgt. Edward S. Stallknecht, Sgt. Major of AES-42, said after looking back over nearly 14 years in the Corps.

Now living in MEMQ, M/Sgt. "Ed" is the living example of what a Marine with some home fashion gumption can do. Leaving high school with only two more years to go, he enlisted in the Marine Corps three years later in 1933. Within three years Ed won the Marine Corps Distinguished Rifle Shot medal after firing successfully through three competitive matches including the Nationals in '36.

Four years ago Sgt. Major Stallknecht started taking MCI courses and since then has completed successfully Commercial Arithmetic, Letter Writing, Literature, Civics, American History, Chemistry through MCI as well as Primary and Basic course in the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico, Va.

As final proof, M/Sgt. "Ed" took the USAFI General Educational Development Tests, High School Level, and completed them in the highest one per cent of the Nation's men that have taken the exams. His High School Diploma is now in his way.

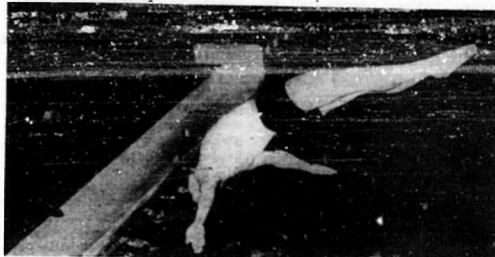
Sgt. Major Stallknecht joined AES-42 10 January '47 and was formerly Bases Sergeant Major after returning from overseas in May of '46.



Sgt. Major Edward S. Stallknecht of AES-42, career man, highest scorer on the GED test in the history of this station.

—Photo By Crisicone

SWIMMING TEAM FORMING



Bob Fagin, Ohio High School Diving Champion. —Photo By Crisicone

Long List Of Champions To Aid C. P. Squad

By George C. Kuekes

The Cherry Point aquamen coached by Major John W. Beebe, MAG 63, are once again beginning to take shape. The team is just beginning to organize and at present time trials are being held at combat training pool No. 2.

The team plans to swim the same teams that it has in the past, with Duke and North Carolina State heading the list. Others included, if meets can be arranged, are: Norfolk, Bainbridge NTS, and Quantico.

RECORD HOLDERS

The team this year has several record holders. Among these with five records to his credit, is Sgt. D. J. Norman. Norman swam on the Clinton High School team at Clinton, Iowa, for four years. During these four years he made records in the State High School 100 yard breast stroke, Central AAU 100 meter breast stroke, and the National YMCA 100 meter breast stroke. Sgt. Norman was also a member of the record holding medley teams that hold the National High School 300 yard medley and the State 150 yard medley.

BOB FAGIN

Bob Fagin, another outstanding member of the team also holds several titles. Fagin, formerly a diver for Western Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, captured such titles as City Champion in 1944, City, State, and District Champion in 1945. Also in 1945, Fagin received second place in the Junior Nationals. Again in 1946 Fagin won the City, State, and District Championship. In this year the Official AAU Swimming Guide named Fagin the number one high school diver in the United States.

G. R. Kirkland had previous swimming experience in the collegiate circle. Kirkland was able to swim one year on the varsity swimming team at Dartmouth College and earn his letter before entering the Corps.

W. J. Buchmiller, another outstanding diver on the team as well as a speed swimmer, was an instructor at a Chicago YMCA before entering the Marine Corps.

Those out for the swimming team at present are: Sgt. D. J. Norman, Pfc. R. E. Harris, Pvt. W. J. Buchmiller, Pvt. G. A. Schroeder, Pvt. C. R. Simpson, Pvt. W. W. Lovell, Pvt. C. F. Ruffin, Pfc. T. C. Festerstein, Pfc. R. W. Fagin, Pvt. F. H. Danson, Pvt. G. K. Freeman, Pvt. Keith, Pfc. R. C. Cutting, Pvt. A. A. Vallario, Pvt. G. H. Gallager, Pfc. G. R. Kirkland, Pvt. H. C. Verelson, Pvt. B. K. Joyce, and Corp. Nelson.

The swimming team is looking for more members. If you have ever done any speed swimming or diving, you are urged to get in touch with Pvt. Bob Fagin at the WIND-SOCK Office, phone 5201 for full details about the team.

My dear General Cushman:

Please accept my thanks for the excellent results of the fund-raising appeal for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the Marine Corps Air Station, at Cherry Point. Your interest and cooperation have helped to make the 1947 Armed Forces March of Dimes an outstanding success.

I wish to extend to all members of your command my deep appreciation of their fine response to this worthy cause.

With best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

BASIL O'CONNOR, President.
The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

Sudden Death Strikes Adm'l Marc Mitscher

That hard hitting Admiral of Task Force 58 fame arrived in the port of immortal Americans: Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet and an almost legendary figure in naval aviation, passed away Monday, February 3, 1947, at the Norfolk Naval Hospital.

His death, attributed to coronary thrombosis, came quietly as the weather beaten, hard hitting Admiral lay sleeping. He entered the hospital for a complete checkup after suffering a heart attack on the anniversary of his sixtieth birthday, 26 January.

Appointed to the Naval Academy from Oklahoma, the soft spoken pioneer of naval aviation entered Pensacola and became the thirty-second American to wear a naval aviator's wings.

He commanded the carrier *Hornet* from which Lieut. Col. (later Lieut. Gen.) James Doolittle launched his bombing raid at Tokyo on that memorable day of April 18, 1942.

His Task Force 58 operated against the Japanese in the Solomons, Marianas, Marshalls, Philippines, and Japan itself. The daring assaults made him world famous. Sitting in an arm chair on the bridge of his flagship, with his feet propped on the base of a compass, he issued orders in calm soft tones.

Back in 1917, Admiral Mitscher took part in experiments for catapulting planes from shipboard. Two years later, he was one of the Navy fliers who attempted a Transatlantic flight, which was forced down by fog.

In 1943, when combined forces fliers won air supremacy in the South Pacific, Admiral Mitscher received much of the credit for turning the tide.

After his famous Pacific exploits, he was named Deputy Chief of Naval Operations For Air in June 1945, and took command of the Eighth Fleet March 1, 1946. He became Commander of the Atlantic Fleet last September 20.

OCS Openings For Marines

Are you almost 20 or between 20 and 25? You may be eligible for officer training under Ltr. of Instruction No. 1385.

First you must have a minimum GCT of 120, be a male citizen of the United States, be more than 20 and not more than 25 on July 1 of calendar year you are appointed, and sign an agreement to serve not less than two full years after appointment to rank in active service and not to resign the rank until you have served four more years in the Organized Reserve.

A detailed description of the recommendation from your C. O., also necessary, can be found in the letter of instruction already mentioned.

If you are a college graduate so much the better, and if not, you must possess, in the opinion of your commanding officer, sufficient knowledge to stand a reasonable chance of passing an Officer Candidate Test with a minimum score of 120 and a test of educational background based on the equivalent of satisfactory completion of a four year course at an accredited college. The latter exam will cover English Grammar, American and World History, Science, and Mathematics.

Finally, if you get through the physical exams, and are appointed to a commissioned rank (probationary), you will be enrolled at the Basic School which, if the officer passes, removes the "probationary" from his commission.

Study over Letter of Instruction 1385, dtd. 13 Dec. 1946 (Air Station Memorandum Number 17—1947) be sure you understand everything thoroughly and can qualify for application before starting the ball rolling. Go to it, and good luck, men!

Twin Marines Aboard Cherry Point

Hey! You're not seeing double; not this time at least. They are twin brothers. That's right—twins, Privts. John and William Hogan who call Owosso, Michigan, "home."

Both brothers reenlisted in the Corps September of '46 after serving as sea-going Marines aboard the USS Montpelier during their first stretch together. John and Bill entered the Corps originally in August of '43 and—you guessed it—were discharged December of 1945, still together. Now they are serving a three-year hitch assigned to duty with VMF-114, MAG-11, together! Who says lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place?

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Want The TOP Service Newspaper?

After attempting to "feel the pulse of the Point," we find that the WINDSOCK is evidently viewed objectively by most of the men at this Station. The Marines simply accept it as any free gift, reading what they want, then discarding it with no further thought until the next edition. This is not the attitude that is the usual thing on other stations.

The Marines of Cherry Point do not seem to realize that the WINDSOCK is their newspaper, published for their information and entertainment. Contributors are among the rarest animals in this region, this is because the contributors are you. Some of the regular features of the WINDSOCK are well-liked, or so we hear. But, what of those which hold no interest? How are we to make improvements and add new features unless you let us know what you want? It is up to you, as the individual reader, to help us give you what you want.

It doesn't cost a cent to mail us a letter giving your preferences and a little constructive criticism. If you want to write news stories, contribute jokes (even those we can't print are enjoyed here, anyway), or draw cartoons don't hesitate to call or write to us. We can't guarantee that everything you send in will be printed, but we will get what we possibly can in.

If you want it so, you can make the WINDSOCK the top service newspaper in the country. This belongs to you. Go ahead and do what you wish with it, but, remember you can make anything or nothing out of your Station newspaper. Address correspondence to Mike Gould, Managing Editor—letters, calls, and "in person" visits are all welcome. Let's hear from you.

Brig. Gen. L. G. Merritt

Brilliant Work Speaks For Deputy CG AIRFMFLANT

By Harry Grasser
Brigadier General Lewie G. Merritt, Deputy Commanding General of AIRFMFLANT, joined us 1-September 1946 in his present capacity. Formerly serving as a member of the selection board in Washington, D. C., from February till September, General Merritt took up his duties in "D. C." upon his return there from the Pacific.

Beginning his last tour of overseas duty when he left here in May of '44, Gen. Merritt took command of the First Marine Aircraft Wing at Bougainville where he was when V-J Day arrived. Next he was selected as senior Marine member of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey which had moved from the ETO to the Pacific area at the end of the war.

Given two destroyers, he led his party in a survey of the thwarting effect our bombings had on the combat plan of the Japanese commanders. Visiting Wake, Wotje, Moleleap, Jalut, Mille, and Rabaul, General Merritt completed his report which he delivered to the authorities in Washington, D. C., upon his return there in February of '46.

Commanding Marine Air Group Two in the summer of '40, he led them to Honolulu where they disembarked 21 January 1941. Pict-



—Public Information Photo

ing camp on what is now the Marine Air Station at Ewa, MAG-Two under Gen. Merritt's leadership literally constructed the Ewa Air Station "with picks, shovels, and sweat" without the aid of hardly any modern construction equipment. Civilians constructed two short runways, and a small amount of help was given by the Marines at Pearl Harbor. Difficulties notwithstanding, within 30 days the Group was embarked on a tactical schedule as tough as was found anywhere.

The construction of the Ewa Marine Air Station was followed by another in 1942 at the West Coast. This time General Merritt planned, obtained appropriations for, and built the Marine Air Depot at Miramonte, California.

Prior to this tour of West Coast duty, he served as Air Observer with the RAF then giving support to the British Eighth Army opposing the German "Desert Fox" Field Marshal Rommel in Egypt. Leaving Hawaii 21 Nov. 1941, General Merritt arrived in Egypt via Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila, and Singapore. Two days before the entry of the Japs into Singapore, the General left and proceeded to Egypt crossing India and Arabia before arriving to take up his new duties there.

Among Brigadier General Merritt's awards are the World War I Victory ribbon, with one star, Marine Corps Expeditionary medal, European ribbon with one star, the Asiatic-Pacific with four stars earned while commanding the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing at Tarawa, Kwajalein, the Marshall Islands, and the First Aircraft Wing at Bougainville; the Bronze star for action at Bougainville, and the Legion of Merit.



Mrs. S. S. Jack (pictured above) is guiding hand of Gray Lady Unit at the Cherry Point Station Dispensary. —Photo By Criscione

Post Theatre Schedule

Sat. T. J. MANNING, NCOIC
Showing:
Mondays to Fridays 1800 and 2030.
Saturday vs "Special Kiddie Show" at 1000.
Regula's show 1200.
Sundays "Double Feature" at 1500, 1800, 2030.
Friday, Feb. 21—RAZOR'S EDGE—Tyrene Power, Gene Tierney.
Saturday, Feb. 22—JOHNNY O'CLANCK—Dick Powell, Evelyn Keyes.
Sunday, Feb. 23—(Special) THE ROYAL SCANDAL—Tallulah Bankhead, Anne Baxter (1200 only).
Sunday, Feb. 23—(Regular) THE ARNELO AFFAIR—John Hodiak, George Humphrey.
Monday, Feb. 24—SHOCKING MISS PILGRIM—Betty Grable, Dick Haymes.
Tuesday, Feb. 25—BEDDLEA—Margaret Lockwood, Kim Hunter.
Wednesday, Feb. 26—BEGINNING OF THE END—Brian Donlevy, Robert Walker.
Thursday, Feb. 27—BEGINNING OF THE END—Brian Donlevy, Robert Walker.
Friday, Feb. 28—BOOMERANG—Dana Andrews, Jane Wyatt.
Saturday, March 1—ADVENTURE OF MARCO POLO—Gary Cooper, Signe Gurie.
Sunday, March 2—NORA PRENTISS—Ann Sheridan, Kent Smith.

OAK GROVE REPORTING

By FERDINAND J. GAGATEK
If weather permits and materials arrive, the base chapel will open in approximately six weeks. A reversible altar, both for Catholics and Protestant services will be installed. It is also planned on having a loud speaker system in the belfry emitting recorded chimes and hymns.

Except for the roof, which is green the chapel will be painted white. Coated with these bright colors, the house of prayer will possess beauty and an air of dignity. Oak Grove lost by a nose to Rocky Mount High. Score 38-37. Fort Bragg's 82nd Airborne Special Troops were swamped 51-35. The contest was tied a number of times during the first three quarters. In the last period however, Oak Grove piled up the points.

A Valentine's Day dance was held at the base gym featuring the Cherry Point Station orchestra. Lovely ladies of New Bern and Kinston service organizations appeared for the evening. Our favorite kind of sandwiches . . . you guessed it matey . . . were served. Cokes, salad and cookies comprised the bill of fare.

WR 4th Anniv. Is Celebrated

Cherry Point, N. C.—Thirty Ex-WR's working and living on Cherry Point, celebrated the fourth anniversary of the Women Reserve by having a dinner here at the Officers' Club, February 13, 1947.

The swearing in of eight Ex-WR's for four year hitches in the inactive reserve by Capt. Stewart R. Lauer, was the high point of the dinner.

Miss Anne V. R. Bean, Lt. USMCWR on inactive duty, acted as chairman of the dinner, and introduced the speaker, Mr. Floyd Hudson, a retired Warrant Officer, staff member of the WR's. Mr. Hudson declared in his speech the usefulness of the WR's and their present position in the peace time Corps.

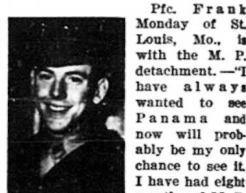
The last WR to be discharged from this station, Miss Dorothy Ewing, and Miss Elizabeth Crum, first WR to reenlist in the inactive reserves, shared honors in cutting the banquet cake. Just prior to the cutting of the cake, the compliments of the three Commanding Generals of Cherry Point were presented in a letter read aloud.

The steak banquet ended in a general discussion of Marine Corps memories.



Q. WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR EXTENDING YOUR ENLISTMENT?

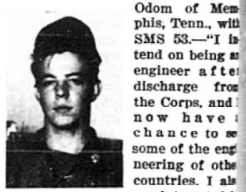
Corp. Alton Hargrove from Memphis, Tenn., is working in the Classification Office with MACS 11—"It is hard to get into college now, and at the present time, I think the Marine Corps is the best place. While I am waiting to get into college, I want to save some money while serving overseas in China. I figure by the time I come back for discharge the world will be ready to settle down to peace time activities."



Pfc. Frank Monday of St. Louis, Mo., is with the M. P. detachment.—"I have always wanted to see Panama and now will probably be my only chance to see it. I have had eight months of M. P. duty on Cherry Point, and I would like to see other parts of the world. I like the Marine Corps, and I am planning to make a long career of it."



Pvt. Eugene Catino from Boston, Mass., MAG 53—"Being that I am a two year enlistment, I figure that things wouldn't be quite settled yet in civilian life. My main reason for extending is that I have always wanted to see the other side of the world, and now is a good chance as any."



Pvt. Roy Odum of Memphis, Tenn., will SMS 53—"I intend on being an engineer after discharge from the Corps, and now have a chance to see some of the engineering of other countries. I am interested in reenlisting for the adventure and educational reasons."



Pvt. James O'Neil of SMS 53—"The chance of getting into college will be greater when my enlistment term will be up. A golden opportunity to go overseas and see part of the world that I may never have another chance."

TAKE IT OFF, TAKE IT OFF, CRIED . . .

At present there is no shoulder patch designated as an AIRFMFLANT patch. Shoulder patches in the form of a shield with a "Kelly" green sea horse emblazoned across a diagonally drawn red, white, and blue background have been appearing. The white letters "FMF" stand out boldly on the body of the sea horse. This patch is not the AIRFMFLANT patch, but is actually the 13th Defense Battalion patch. DON'T be taken in by the shoulder patch scufflebutt.

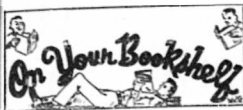
From The CHAPLAIN'S DESK

By E. T. Michaels, Chaplain, U. S. N.
When the underwater blast went off at Bikini it was very hard on the goats. However, they had saved the lives of the many people who had written in to the papers to volunteer to take their places. Yet, despite the increasing danger of the goat family, there are still no doubt many staunch characters who would rather be a goat. The nice thing about being a goat is that you can make an atom blast the most important event in your life, a really memorable occasion on which you sprinkle a large area with radio-active morsels of your anatomy. Then you will become a shade of a goat, you will merge into the great onward march of nature; we will hear your bleat in the soft winds, and the ghostly caress of your whiskers will tickle us under the nose at night.

Being a goat is so much better than having a soul. Souls, like corpses in detective stories, are so hard to get rid of. You could take a whole mountain of uranium and start a chain reaction that would have all the stars and planets popping off like soap bubbles, but when the smoke cleared away, the SOUL like Bugs Bunny, would still be there.

Schedule of Divine Services

Protestant	Catholic
0945—Sunday School at Cherry Point School.	0645, 0845, 1200—Mass at WRRH.
1000—Divine Worship at WRRH.	Confessions Saturday 1600-1900, and 1930-2100.
1100—Divine Worship at Community Church.	0600—Mass at Community Church.
1900—Youth People's Meeting at Cherry Point School.	Daily Mass at 0645 at Dallas Huts Chapel.
2000—Evening Divine Worship at Community Church.	Perpetual Novena Devotions Tuesday at 1800.



By Frances Howell

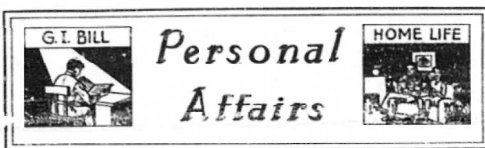
Have you ever read a murder story in reverse? Don't look now, but there's one coming right up—Kenneth Fearing's *The Big Clock*. Here are the ingredients: a huge New York magazine magazine, the head of that firm, his mistress, and one of the combine's editors. Add a dash of pleasant suspense and excitement, sprinkle with just a pinch of irony and satire, and the result is a murder! However, it isn't the murder that will baffle you, but the pursuit of the murderer!

Have you ever tried to build or remodel a country home—or just any kind of home for "that matter"? If so, then surely you will be able to sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Blandings. It all began when they decided to buy that lovely old farmhouse in Connecticut and the three and one-half acres that went along with it. Then came an experience that was nothing short of soul-searing: The original estimate of the cost was \$11,000; the ultimate price paid for their dream home reached the staggering total of \$56,283! All of which included a charge of \$1.68 for "Mortising five butts" and \$205.50 for "Furnishing and installing one Zuz-Zus Water Soft-N-R." That was the straw that broke the camel's back! Mr. Blandings sat right down and wrote the old contractor that he wouldn't have any such equipment in his house, nor would he pay for "Removal of Zuz-Zus Water Soft-N-R." Are you laughing? I should say so, and you'll keep right on chuckling to yourself when you read Eric Hodgins' *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House*.

Six people knew secrets "stranger than truth"! To begin with, there was Warren G. Wilson who never lived but whose death certainly brought drama to life. Noble Barclay, who turned "Truth Sharing" into a million dollar publishing business, knew one truth he dared not tell, sell, or share. Lola Manfred, a jaded ex-poetess with a shady reputation, also knew too much but could tell too little. Edward Everett Munn was a guardian of the Truth enterprises and Barclay's secrets—but always for a fair price! John Miles Ansell learned more of the truth than Barclay's Truth Magazines would ever print, and last of all, there was Eleanor Barclay who believed in her father, hated Edward Munn, loved John Ansell—and knew Warren G. Wilson. Well, there you have it—a really different crime story written with what one critic calls "devilish cunning." The author of *Stranger than Truth* is none other than Vera Caspary who gave you the highly successful "Laura" and "Bedelia."

A MARINE'S PRAYER

The sarge is my shepherd, I shall not want; he maketh me pick up burnt matches; he leadeth me through the mud; he restoreth my step; he guideth me on the course of obstacles for my health's sake. Yes, though I walk through the valley, I must run up the hills; he appointeth my head with abuses and my cup runneth over; surely academic and mess duty will follow me all the days of my Marine life, and I shall dwell in the hair of my sergeant forever.—From Ft. Belvoir Gossip with Ed's renovating.)



Personal Affairs

By Willard Mac Neer

Daily, Marines are becoming more conscious of the value of National Service Life Insurance. They are realizing that what was a war time protection is now a peace time security. All insurance offers a certain amount of security, but NSLI with its special features designed to aid the policy holder, and not operated for the purpose of making money, means security in a special way.

Because all of the office expenses of the National Service Life Insurance Company are borne by the government, and all premiums paid go into a fund in the U. S. Treasury called NSLI Fund, this insurance is offered at the lowest cost possible.

NSLI now includes the following features:

1) Unrestricted choice of one or more beneficiaries. The insured may designate any person or persons, firm, corporation or other legal entity, including his estate, as the principal beneficiary or beneficiaries under his policy, either individually or as a trustee.

2) Lump sum settlement or choice of three monthly installment options. The first beneficiary may receive monthly installments from twelve in number or continuing throughout life. A person may also use a combination of these options. He may elect to receive part of the face value in a lump sum and the remainder in monthly payments.

3) Three endowment plans payable to you at maturity, making six permanent plans in all.

4) Total disability income benefits for an additional premium. A person may apply for total disability income for a small additional premium. During periods of total disability, you may receive five dollars monthly for each thousand dollars of insurance you have. This is not deducted from the face value of the policy. Premiums are also waived when a person is totally disabled for six months.

5) Right to purchase insurance after discharge under certain conditions. Persons who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States from 1940 until now are eligible for NSLI whether they are now in service or whether they have been discharged.

6) Policies that have lapsed can be reinstated. When a policy has lapsed less than six months, payment of only two monthly premiums are required, one to cover the 31 day "grace period," and the other to cover the current month.

7) Plans for conversion of policies are designed to the advantage of the policy holder. You may choose whether to date your converted policy to the present date, original date the first policy became effective, or any date between these two dates. A practical way to save on conversion is to pay the amount that you would have paid from the date the first policy was obtained in advance on the new policy. In this way a discount may be received by paying in advance.

These are only a few of the benefits that NSLI offers. Never has there been a more appropriate time to consider insurance. To the person still skeptical of insurance the following legend may prove helpful.

"One night in ancient times, three horsemen were riding across a desert. As they crossed the dry bed of a river, out of the darkness a voice called, 'Halt!'

"They obeyed. The voice then told them to dismount, pick up a handful of pebbles, put the pebbles in their pockets and remount.

"The voice then said, 'You have done as I have commanded. Tomorrow at sun-up you will be both glad and sorry.' Mystified, the horsemen rode on.

"When the sun rose, they reached into their pockets and found that a miracle had happened. The pebbles had been transformed into diamonds, rubies and other precious stones. They remembered the warning. They were both glad and sorry—they had taken some, and sorry they had not taken more . . ."

And that is the story of insurance.

Safety Awards To A & R, P. W.

Safety certificates signed by the secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal, were awarded recently to the divisions and employees of A&R and Public Works.

The citation in the certificate pictured reads: "In recognition of the excellent record of your group in completing 1 years' work without accidents involving loss of time to personnel."

Buttons were also given to the 49 employees of A&R and 52 employees of Public Works. Shops and divisions represented by Public Works total 12 and from Assembly and Repair 53.

'Music World'

By Francis R. Misiewicz

The novelty tune, "Open the Door Richard," enjoyed instantaneous success only two weeks after being waxed by Columbia. Its companion, "Nicholas, Don't Be So Ridiculous," promises to be as much of a success . . . Irving Berlin's, "Help Me To Help My Brother," has been chosen by the American Brotherhood of National Conference of Christians and Jews as their theme song . . .

USO Camp Shows will concentrate on the Pacific area since its operations in the ETO have been closed . . . WHN New York, one of the country's top stations on sports coverage eyeing the 1948 Olympic Games . . . Hear Kay Kyser may give up radio to become a politico in the state of North Carolina. (Incidentally Kay is claimed by Rocky Mount, N. C.) . . .

Jane Russell of "Outlaw" fame, fed up with Hollywood treatment and now anxious to make way as a radio thrush . . . Bridgeport, Conn., has changed from strippers to hillbilly entertainment due to police notification . . .

A low priced wire recorder will be on sale to Mary and John Public about April 1. Tabbed Magnatomic, this set will retail for \$125 . . . Monarch Records to dramatize on wax Mrs. F. D. R.'s book, "Bobby and Betty in Washington," based on the experience of her grandchildren. Senator Claghorn of radio fame to do the narration . . .

'The Old Salt'—New Comic Strip Beginning 7 March

For three months the staff of the WINDSOCK has been seeking ideas for a regular comic strip. Now, out of all the suggestions, a strip, to be called "The Old Salt," has been evolved and will be published beginning with the 7 March 1947 edition of the WINDSOCK.

"The Old Salt" is on an entirely different theme than any service newspaper cartoon ever published before. Dressed in the uniform of the first days of the Corps, the ancient Marine will show his present day buddies with tales handed down by generation after generation of Leathernecks. You needn't question the old man's age and authenticity, for he strives to be the picture of the enlisted man (with his touch of "non-reg" as moe) through the 171 years of the Marine Corps' existence. "The Old Salt" was the first man in line at Tun Tavern (still a private) and doesn't let anyone forget it.

We wanted to present a cartoon strip that would represent, entertain and still hold strictly to our angle, as Marines. We hope that you will enjoy it. If you know, or know someone that does know, a few of the millions of humorous stories connected with our lives as Marines, let us know about it. Remember—this is yours as is the rest of the WINDSOCK, so, try to make it successful as possible by contributing your stories.

The art work on "The Old Salt" will be done by Pvt. Robert W. White, staff artist, and the dialogue by Pfc. Mike Gould.

Valentine Dance

With the musical strings of the Station Dance Band pouring into the ears of the Marines present, a beautiful (?) gal in their arms and an interior bedecked for the occasion all added up to a successful Valentine's Day dance at the Drill Hall, 13 February.

The Station Dance Band, replacing the usual name band policy for occasions as such, did a wonderful job giving out the various melodies suitable for listening and dancing pleasure.

Hostesses to act as partners for the Leathernecks travelled from the nearby cities of Kingston, New Bern, Morehead City, Beaufort, etc. These pretty young lassies travelled considerable distances with the usual travelers' troubles to help make the dance a success.

M/SGT. E. H. PERRY—MEMO 645-A has a collapsible Whitney baby carriage for sale at \$20. Call 5144 to contact the Perry.

FOUND

CAMERA AND CASE found on Pullman Car No. 1572, on arrival at Cherry Point, on or about 19 Oct. 1946. Owner may claim with proper identification of same at Station Adjutant's Office.



New Battle-Jackets Replace Blouses

The new Marine greens made their appearance on force at Cherry Point February 3, when the Station Headquarters Squadron received their issue at the quartermaster. A few jackets had been seen previously at Cherry Point on men who had transferred to this Station from other bases.

Contrary to Marine regulations in the past, the new greens are loose fitting. Other new features in the issue were the high waisted trousers with back pockets.

Overcoats were checked for correct fit and will be corrected as soon as possible. Men having the old style overcoat requiring belts may wear them without the leather belt. As of 10 February 1947, the cloth belt as prescribed for the winter service coat shall be worn by all personnel.

As yet there is no word on the issue of barracks caps and dress blues.

Couple Married At Havelock Chapel

Miss Belva Lewis and M/SGT. A. C. Conway were married 7 February at 1900 in the Havelock Chapel by Chaplain Walter S. Peck, Senior Station Chaplain here at Cherry Point.

Miss Louise Odum, Maid of Honor; Mr. John Mercer, Best Man; and Lt. S. T. Mitchell, who gave the bride away, all assisted at the candlelight wedding service.

The bride wore a very becoming white wool gabardine suit with black accessories, a corsage of red American Beauties, white gloves and carried a white leatherbound Bible with her to the altar. A reception was held later in the evening at the Staff NCO's Club.

CLASSIFIED

HOW WOULD YOU like to have a 5 room apartment? You would! Then contact Lt. W. T. Howton at 517-B MEMO. He has this apartment at Quantico, Virginia and would like to trade for something in the vicinity of Morehead. Phone 4194.

FOR SALE

1946 HOUSE TRAILER (Kozy Coach) and 1936 Dodge four door sedan equipped to pull trailer. Contact M/SGT. J. V. Armonia—8261 during day or write General Delivery, Havelock, N. C.
ONE BABY CARRIAGE—collapsible—perfect condition—contact Sgt. Barkley at 8103 during the day and 967-A TEMQ after 1630.
42 OLDSMOBILE hydraulic two door black coach with radio and heater in good mechanical condition; call or contact First Sgt. Denny at 8240 during the day and at 3143 after hours at 611-A MEMO.
37 CHEVROLET 4 door sedan for \$825. Call Chief Drorton at 5190 during working hours and 4234 after working hours.
2 FOLDING KODAK CAMERAS—116 and 127 for quick sale. Separately or together. Call Comm. J. A. Dornay at 2131 during hours or 6155 after hours.



Those are the hills of Hollywood in the background, as if anyone cared! In the foreground? Oh, yes,—she's Susan Hayward, star of Walter Wanger pictures.

