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STORY CHERRY POINT; TODAY AND YESTERDAY

POINT BORN IN '41 SWAMPS GIVE WAY TO BASE

In response to a great many requests from men stationed at Cherry Point, the WINDSOCK staff is inaugurating a series of articles dealing, eventually, every organization aboard this station. It seems that the first article in this series should deal with the Point as a whole. It is for this reason that we have compiled with the cooperation of many units the history of Cherry Point which is presented in this issue. Briefly, this is the history of Cherry Point as it was and is today.

The original contract for the building of Cherry Point was signed on July 1941. Work began in August 1941. Originally a series of swamplands, the Point was to take shape. After Pearl Harbor work progressed on a seven day, night and day schedule. Three months after the Jap attack on March 1942, the first plane landed at Cherry Point; Lt. Col. (now Brig. Gen.) piloted the ship. Exactly 63 days later, in May 1942, Cherry Point was officially commissioned.

All the essential facilities were completed by the end of '42; barracks, mess halls, the telephone exchange, shops, runways, dispensary, supply units, hangars etc. all are to play their role in the lives of the "Point" Marines. Wartime training of Marine fliers, aviation mechanics and service organizations began to earn with the formation of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing at Cherry Point in November of 1941. With the departure of the 1st Wing overseas, the Ninth W. primarily a training organization, was organized at the Point in April of '44.

The 4300 buildings at Cherry Point (2800 permanent structures), the largest, that of the Assembly and Repair unit, was not completed until December of 1943. A&R covers an area of approximately 100 square feet.

Over 65 million dollars has been spent or authorized for the construction of the main base at Cherry Point. Another 20 million has been authorized and is being used in the construction of auxiliary airfields for Cherry Point.

Below is a long distance view of the swimming beach, sailing and boating area at Mitchell, an important part of modern Cherry Point.



Cherry Point Today: Here is part of the AES-46 flight line as it appeared last week; in the background is the VMR-252 area.

CHERRY POINT LOOKS INTO ITS FUTURE DUTIES

In an interview with Mr. Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News & Observer, Brig. Gen. Miller had this to say of Cherry Point today.

"At the present time this command includes the main station, four (4) inactivated auxiliary stations, one (1) outlying field, and various leased targets and ranges. The station is the principal base for Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, and provides tactical units based here with messing facilities, quarters, transportation, aircraft fuel, parts, equipment, consumable supplies, repair, overhaul, laundry, automotive maintenance, recreation, libraries, post exchange, communication facilities, medical and dental facilities and many other services.

"Because of its isolated location, Cherry Point must of necessity be complete and self-sufficient. It is a small community within itself and provides all the utilities and facilities of a small city, including power, central heating, water sewage, telephone and telegraph, radio and teletype, fire protection, police, postal service, bus service, medical and dental treatment, housing for military and civilian personnel, a post exchange and commissary, a theater, recreation and athletic facilities, chapels, maintenance of grounds and roads, and garbage and trash collection.

"At the present time civilian and military personnel at the station total almost 9,000.

"Permanent buildings completed since March, 1946, include a \$75,000 chapel and an annex to the dispensary which will provide adequate medical care for dependents of military personnel.

"In addition to providing a base for units of Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station is engaged in various other activities which cover a wide scope.

"At the present time the station is being used as a central training point for officers and men of the Organized and Volunteer Marine Corps Reserve. During the months of April, May and June, more than

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WR's AT POINT FROM '43 TO '46

Women Marines were at nearly every Marine Station in the States and Hawaii; Cherry Point trained WR's assigned to Aviation when they began to arrive here in May 1943. Camp Lejeune served the WR's as boot camp and Cherry Point as the clearing center for nearly all assigned to Aviation.

The first contingent of 18 WR's who arrived here in May of '43 was soon augmented by others. Before the end of the war, nearly 2300 Women Marines were stationed at the Point.

The WR's played an important part in releasing men for combat duty by filling jobs varying from cooks, bus drivers, and weather observers to control tower operators, parachute riggers, and aerial gunnery instructors. The "Lady Leathernecks" did 90% of all the parachute rigging and inspecting, 80% of all the control tower work, and 40% of all the aerology work aboard the station. Many others continued their civilian jobs in the Marine Corps as clerks, stenographers, and typists. Others chose the trades such as carpentry, welding, machine maintenance, ammunition packing, and automobile and aviation mechanics for their work while in the Corps.

Many of the girls signed up because of casualties in their families or for other patriotic reasons. They "made a most valuable contribution to the Corps"—General A. A. Vandegrift. Cherry Point saw the last of its WR's in the summer of '46.

Is Our Face Red!

The WINDSOCK wishes to use this space to clarify the misunderstanding brought about by the "civvies" story in its last issue. Last week the story read that the first three pay-grades could have civilian clothing aboard the station; Station Regulations say only the first pay-grade is eligible. Any married Marine living in Government quarters with his family aboard the base regardless of pay-grade may have civvies in his possession on the station. We hope this clears up the "scuttle-butt."

"MOCK WAR" ROUTINE FOR POINT MARINES

During the course of the critical war years of 1943 and 1944 nearly half of all the men in Marine Aviation were stationed or trained at Cherry Point. At its wartime peak, the Point trained more than 20,000 men at one time in combat maneuvers.

Point fliers and men drilled continually for the invasion of Japan and its surrounding islands. Day after day, mock attacks were staged on New Bern, Kinston and other North Carolina towns without the inhabitants having the slightest knowledge that they were being attacked. Squadrons would rendezvous over New Bern and head for Kinston or Greenville for the "raid." Depending upon the targets would attempt to drive off the attackers; dogfights and quick maneuvering was the order of the day.

Back at the Point the pilots and men practiced team work. They learned squadron and group tactics as a single combat team. Problems in Dive Bombing technique, strafing, fighter work, carrier landings and anti-submarine patrols made up a full schedule of flying. In addition to this, more than 50 courses were given in navigation, radio and radar, aerology, chemical warfare and gunnery.

The Ground Offense Training unit operating at the time trained the men and pilots in the use of small arms, hand grenade attacks, the digging of fox holes, and fighting with knives, bayonets and bare hands. Practice invasions were made along the Neuse River with LCI's, smoke screens, fighter and dive bomber attacks, land mines, machine guns and rifles. In this fashion the wartime Point Marines soon realized the problems of the line troops and the valuable support they supplied the infantry and ground forces from the air.



Cherry Point Yesterday: This was just exactly how the Point looked when construction began in August of '41.

DANCE 23 JULY

Here it is all you chicks and chielets! Guys and gals, smooth music, low lights and lots of fun, all coming at the Station Dance in the Drill Hall at 2000, July 23rd; that's Wednesday evening in case your calendar is blank. The station dance band is supplying the live, sambas, and sweet for one and all. Don't forget, big John's at the Drill Hall Wednesday evening. We'll be seeing you!

CIV. CAFETERIA UNIT OF WEEK

With space for seating 500 persons at one time, The Cherry Point Civilian Cafeteria now serves on an average of 30 to 35-thousand civilians and military personnel in a 30-day period. Compared with the 90 to 100-thousand persons served in the same period during the war years, this is quite a decrease. But, still it is a bigger job than meets the eye.

Employing 64 people, the Cafeteria staff is on the job before most civilians and Marines have even started thinking about arising. The cafeteria is open only during the five working days, but plenty of work is accomplished during those days, which doesn't end for most cafeteria employees till late evening.

After its opening in August 1944, the cafeteria was aided, financially, for the first year by the Navy on borrowed money. Once the cafeteria was able to navigate on its own, the money was paid back, and it has been a non-profit, self-supporting organization ever since. Government regulations won't allow the cafeteria to use government money for its upkeep, and it is therefore operated and controlled in the same manner as would any civilian organization be run.

The cafeteria is governed by the "Regulations Governing Naval Cafeterias" and is controlled by a "Civilian Restaurant Management Board" which consists of seven members and an advisory board of two officers. The seven-man board is appointed annually by the Commanding General. Monthly operational reports are reviewed by this committee, and, having been approved, are passed on to the Commanding General and his staff for review.

When and if either of the groups has a complaint or suggestion to make, they come to Mr. Alton L. DeBlanc, who has been Manager of the cafeteria since March of 1946. On his shoulders rests the tedious job of furnishing well-balanced meals for the A & R, Engine Overhaul, Laundry, Navy Supply, Public Works (who command).

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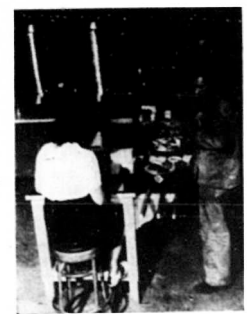
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will rise or fall together."
Joseph Pulitzer.

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CIVILIAN CAFETERIA

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prise 75 per cent of the cafeteria's
trade) and other outfits abound the
base who look to the cafeteria for
delicious tasting meals throughout
the day.

Known to very few persons,
even those who patronize the cafeter-
ia regularly, is the fact that a
special 50c plate lunch is served
from 1100-1400 every day. This
lunch, consisting of meat (changed
daily), any two vegetables, a
special salad, choice of desert, iced
tea or coffee, is given careful con-
sideration by all concerned before
it is put into the making.

Orders have been placed for two
of the very latest type stainless
steel steam tables, and delivery
and installation on the serving line
may even be completed before this
edition of the WINDSOCK is off
the press.

Hours for the cafeteria have re-
cently been changed and break-
fast is now served from 0700-0930;
lunch from 1100-1400; and dinner
from 1630-1820.

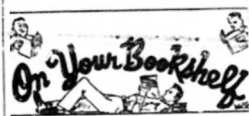
POINT'S FUTURE

(Cont. from P. 1, Col. 2)

170 reserve officers were given two
weeks of active duty training at
this station to familiarize them
with the latest developments in
Marine aircraft, equipment, and
tactics. During August it is plan-
ned to train over 2,000 officers and
men of Organized Marine Corps
Reserve Squadrons who will as-
semble at Cherry Point from cities
in the eastern part of the United
States for two weeks of active
duty."

Carrier-Based Jet Aircraft Pose New Problems, Require Radical Changes

The change from biplane to single wing and a profound effect upon
the history of aviation. So did the switch from fixed pitch to con-
tinuously variable propeller. But all previous developments may well
be overshadowed by the changes that jet power is expected to bring
in naval aviation.



By Frances Howell

There was never a dull moment
in the Damrosch quarters. It was
no surprise at all for their friends
to find three pianos going at once
or a celebrity rehearsing in the
drawing room. Such was the
atmosphere in which the Damrosch
girls grew up—and how they did
thrive on it! The second of the
four lovely daughters, Gretchen
Damrosch Finletter, has told the
whole story in **From the Top of the
Stairs**. There were the theater,
the opera, and the Hippodrome—
impromptu performances at home
—lunches with Paderewski, Helfetz
or Melchior. Can you imagine
yourself leading a more colorful,
interesting life? The answer is
undoubtedly no, and here are 252
pages of positive proof!

At a dance way back in 1910 a
young social worker just out of
college met an attractive, rich
young man who was then making
his debut in state politics. They
were none other than Frances Per-
kins and Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Miss Perkins became an intimate
family friend, as well as a close
political associate and over the
following 35 years she watched
Roosevelt's whole career unfold.
The result is **The Roosevelt I
Knew**, a warm and affectionate
memoir which, she frankly admits,
is biased in his favor. Roosevelt
the politician bows to Roosevelt
the man, for Miss Perkins writes
"of his small vanities and uncer-
tainties, his lack of the intellectual
approach, his simple religious
faith, his hearty enjoyment of poli-
tics, his almost naive trust in the
goodness of people." Even you
staunch Republicans might enjoy
reading this one—on the sly, of
course!

While you were reading "**The
Brothers Karamazov**," one of the
most tremendous novels ever writ-
ten, did you by any chance give
much thought to the man who pro-
duced it? Dostoevsky was definite-
ly a creative genius who dwelt
upon the inner life of those about
whom he was writing. In Henry
Troyat's **Firebrand** the tables have
been turned. This time it is
Dostoevsky himself who is revealed
—not only his appearance, manner,
habits, and ways of living, but
"the inner agonies and outward
misfortunes of genius". Through-
out his life he was "tortured by
guilt for sins he never committed,
trapped in his psychopathic web of
gambling and thrown behind the
wall of reality by his recurrent
epileptic fits." Perhaps you are
thinking—what a price to pay for
genius! On the other hand, you

Jets are here to stay. And rad-
ically different methods of main-
tenance, operation, repair, training,
etc., will have to be evolved, for
jet propulsion is more than a com-
plete power system change. It con-
stitutes, also, a major structural
change.

Piloted planes must now be built
capable of withstanding the great
stresses that exist at supersonic
speeds. And the entire question of
handling jet aircraft on board car-
riers will have an entirely new set
of answers.

Improved Catapults
Take-offs by jets from carriers
will require improved catapults.
Starting techniques—involving the
problems of internal and external
starters—must be changed. The
danger of propellers will be elimi-
nated, but in its place "Beware of
the Jet Blast" signs may have to
be hung.

Landings will entail new meth-
ods of arresting the airplanes and
new types of barriers to stop them.
The pilot in the jet craft is in a
vulnerable spot, whereas in the
conventional planes he was well
protected against a crash into the
barrier.

Since the maintenance of jet tur-
bines differs radically from that of
piston engines, new procedures
must be established. Fuel is an-
other major problem. A method of
faster refueling is now required
because the jet planes need a
greater amount than propeller
planes do. All this entails a major
supply and logistics problem on
board ship.

Training Plans
And, though it will be some time
before an active program of train-
ing jet pilots is inaugurated, plans
are being formulated to include
jet training in the basic flight syl-
labus.

It all adds up to a tremendous
research job for the Fighter De-
sign Branch of BuAer, for Ships'
Installations and for other
branches interested in carrier air-
craft.

Coming Attractions

CHERRY THEATRE

Shows: Monday through Friday
1730, 1930 and 2130. Saturday and
Sunday—1300, 1500, 1700, 2100.
(Subject to change without notice)
7-19 SAPS AT SEA—Laurel &
Hardy; CODE OF THE WEST.
7-20 HIGH CONQUEST—Anna
Lee, Warren Douglas; Cartoon.
7-21-22 THE FARMERS DAUGH-
TER—Loretta Young, Joseph Cot-
ton; News.
7-23 BIG TOWN—Phillip Reed,
Hilary Bruce; JACKPOT NIGHT!
7-24-25 IT HAPPENED IN
BROOKLYN—Frank Sinatra, Kath-
ryn Grayson; News.

might have been deprived of The
Brothers Karamazov or Crime and
Punishment or The Idiot.



By Jack Sherman Pfm3

We hear say that from now on
there is going to be more detail
rotation than ever before—under
the provisions of an Alnav that
came out recently. Seems like a
good idea to the fellows who don't
like their present jobs but the guys
who are satisfied with what they
are now doing are all muttering
under their breaths. Oh well, this
is one way to get skilled corpemen.

About the first places to be af-
fected by this new order were Sick
Officers Quarters and the Operat-
ing Room—Tompkins was sent to
SOQ in exchange for Fannings who
came into OR.

And while on the subject of new
details—quite a few fellows are
envious of McInnis for being sent
to the crash boat crew, Lucky Mac!

A new man reported aboard the
other day—Keys, who came in from
Portsmouth, Virginia. They have
him working down on Ward A.

What happened to Hoffman a
couple of nights ago when he was
on liberty with Gemelke? He came
back very, very sick. Musta been
someh'n he eat!!!!

Mizelle's trick knee really tricked
him up last week—he had to
be carried over to the dispensary
when it wouldn't straighten up.

POINTERS' FACTS

1. Enough asphalt paving has
been laid at the Point to equal 212
miles of two lane highway or over
half the distance from here to
Washington, D. C.

2. Enough concrete laid for
parking areas etc. to equal 27 miles
of two lane highway, more than
enough to reach from the Point to
New Bern.

3. The Point covers 11,155
acres.

4. There are 1800 permanent
buildings and approximately 2500
temporary buildings at Cherry
Point.

5. 12 Mile railroad connects
major points on base to Atlantic &
East Carolina railroad.

6. Approximately 10 million
cubic yards of excavation has been
completed here.

7. 65 Million dollars has been
spent or authorized for the con-
struction of Cherry Point MCAS.

8. There are about 28 miles of
drainage pipes, 20 miles of sewers,
26 miles of water mains, 7 miles
of steam distribution, 26 miles of
electric wires underground, 8 miles
of wiring overhead, 18 miles of
telephone wiring underground and
4 miles overhead, a heating plant
capable of serving a city larger
than New Bern, and 1600 tele-
phones at Cherry Point.

9. Prior to the opening of the
Idlewild Airport near New York
City last year, Cherry Point had
the greatest amount of runway
area and parking aprons in the
United States.

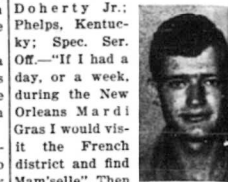
10. Largest and most modern
Assembly and Repair Unit of any
Naval establishment in the world
located here.



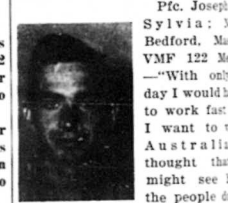
QUESTION: "KING FOR A DAY
BECOME "KING FOR A DAY
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE BE
TO DO?"



Pfc. Eugene Lescoe of
City, Conn.,
Education Officer.
"I would take
with some of
buddies and
all of the
spots of Gold
A couple
weeks ago
we were in
we missed a



of them such as the Latin Quar-
Diamond Horseshoe and the Corp.
Corp. Julius
Doherty Jr.;
Pohels, Kentuck-
y; Spec. Ser.
Off.—"If I had a
day, or a week,
during the New
Orleans Mardi
Gras I would vi-
sit the French
district and find
Mam'selle". Then
she and I could
see the sights of
that Fairy
season and really enjoy ourselves



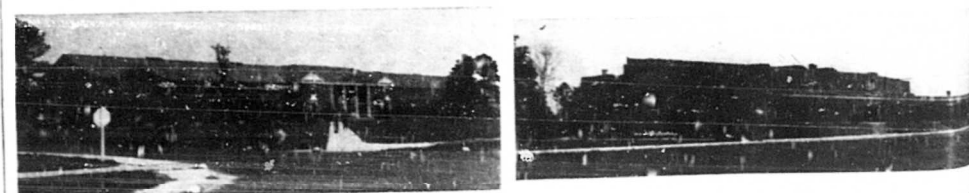
I enlisted in the Marine Corps
look at what happened to
Cherry Point."
M/Sgt. George
E. McGarry;
Boston, Mass.;
VFM 114, Ord-
nance Chief. —
"This is a big
country but I
should like to
take an extended
furlough so that
I could see all
of the states
that I've not yet
seen. I would just like to
what is going on in each of
them. Oh yes, I'd like to take
wife also."



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News Oddities

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Two of the most popular buildings and incidentally the most modern are seen here side by side. On the left is the oft visited P. X. main store and soda fountain on the first deck and the library, beauty shop and P. X. offices on the second deck. The other building is the Station Theatre which draws the nightly crowd of moviegoers with its daily change of schedule.

MEET CHERRY POINT

In 1917, Parris Island Boot Camp was practically the same as it is today. But, instead of griping about the all-day marches and trips to the "boondocks," as the present day recruits are inclined to do, most of the chow-hill-chatter centered around the "rocks," the "beans" and the "\$14.80 and a horse blanket."

That may sound like just so-so words to the most of you, but Master Sergeant W. S. Russell, Sergeant Major, those words hold quite a bit of meaning. On November 29, 1917, Sergeant Russell said "I Do," and for the 27 years and nine months he has been serving both stateside and abroad with Uncle Sam's "Fighting Outfit."

"I think they just wanted an excuse to keep the dentists busy in these days," said Sergeant Russell. "I know they must have had 'rocks,' the 'beans,' or else they dug them out of solid concrete."

Basic pay in the "Old Corps" was \$15 a month. During the war, Congress automatically raised the marines' earnings 100%. It was while the former pay was in effect that the "\$14.80 and a horse blanket" slogan was coined.

They took \$.20 out of each pay check," said Sergeant Russell, "for hospital fund. That's how it came to be known as '\$14.80 and a horse blanket.'"

Sergeant Russell has seen duty in Guam, the Philippines, China, Saragua, on six of the Navy's long-going vessels including the aircraft carrier Ranger, and at seven different stateside bases.

"It was hard during those days," he said. "I was assigned to be a Marine out of China once he'd gotten a foothold—it was a 'Marine's Paradise.' And this southerly-born '30-year man' could knock. For he spent four years amongst the slant-eyed Asians, protecting American interests during the China trouble from 1925 to 1929. Attached to the 4th Regiment during his China stay, Sergeant Russell repeatedly gave credit to the outfit as being the marines' "best drilled and snappiest outfit."

When the notorious bandit Sandoz was terrorizing the inhabitants of Nicaragua in the late '20s, it was Sergeant Russell's outfit that helped keep him in check. We never could catch that guy, but we had some exciting times."

"I haven't started thinking much about what I'll do when my time is up and I get paid off," said the Sergeant, "but I can assure you I'm not going to settle down on some small chicken farm. I'd like to have a small home, a little garden and possibly do odd jobs—but no steady work for any one concern. AND no chicken farm."

Baseball, as any one of the Cherry Point team members can tell you, is Sergeant Russell's favorite pastime. He attends all the "Flyers" home contests, and he's been an ardent baseball fan since he was "knee high to a Master Sergeant."

A new recruit was being inducted and the officer asked if he was interested in a commission. "No thanks," he replied. "I'm not too good a shot—I'd rather work on straight salary."

Date: "If you kiss me I'll scream."
Dater: "But there's no one within hearing distance."
Date: "Then what are you afraid of?"

Since returning from duty abroad, Sergeant Russell has been stationed at the New York and Philadelphia Naval Yards, Quantico, San Diego, Parris Island, the Mountain Lake and Cherry Point. "Believe it or not," he said, "one of the best days I've spent in the service have been right here at the Point." And, again, he said, "I know whereof he speaks."

Sergeant Russell has been aboard



Sgt./Major W. S. Russell

the Air Station for four years, the last 18 months of which have seen him in his capacity as Station Sergeant Major.

"Back in 1934," the Sergeant said, "I was assigned as an orderly for President Roosevelt when he made an inspection tour of the West coast. The orderlies were all decked out in full dress blues, and we really had to be on our toes. That was good duty."

Despite the fact that Sergeant Russell was born in Missouri, he thinks when his 30 years are up, he'll settle in either North Carolina or California. "I'd like to send my 17-year old son to one of the North Carolina colleges, and I think we'll stay here till he's out of school."

In addition to the "soon-to-be college son," Sergeant Russell has a girl 13, and another 9-year old boy. The Russell family resides at 375-B. MEMO.

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Date: "Then what are you afraid of?"

HI-LIGHTS OF BRITE-LIGHTS BY DOT

Decca Records announced this past week the issue of a new blue label record series to sell for 50 cents. This is not a cut in price but rather a new line to be added. Chafysler takes purse strings off bankroll for the coming fall radio season. Already signed are "Reporter At Large," and comedy star Garry Moore. "Reporter At Large" will push DeSoto products while Garry Moore will plug Plymouth cars. . . . Bob Hope just keeps going on and on and on it seems. With the latest Billboard polls in Bob again takes top honors but is pushed very closely by Fibber McGee and Molly. Red Skelton, Radio Caster, Ames 'a Andy round out the five most popular radio programs. . . . Red Barber, besides being a very competent sportscaster, has turned writer in his spare time. Look for his "What To Look For At A Ball Game" now appearing in the current issue of Red Book. . . . Holding on to top place for another week is oldie "Peg O' My Heart." Climbing fast into second place though is novelty number "Chi-Baba, Chi-Baba," with "Mam'selle," "That's My Desire," and "I Wonder, I Wonder, I Wonder" finishing out the big five. . . . The song with greatest possibilities at this time seems to be a ballad from the picture "Perils of Pauline," and its title is "I Wish I Didn't Love You So." . . . With the revival of Glenn Miller oldie "Moonlight Serenade" doing terrific business, look for a re-issue of his "Sunrise Serenade" soon. . . . Add to "hard to understand combinations" Donald O'Connor and Gloria DeHaven. Both are set to open in San Francisco at the Golden Gate theater in a dual act. . . . On his way back to the United States after two weeks in the Brazilian jungles to report on the solar eclipse for NBC, Ben Grauer stopped off in Rio de Janeiro for a night and immediately tried to get his pants pressed. After searching frantically for the Portuguese equivalent of "May I have my pants pressed" he turned to an Army officer standing nearby and secured an Army pamphlet of phrases for flyers forced down in the Brazilian jungles. Strange as it seems, Ben insists that the first phrase he saw—in this book for forced-down pilots—was, "May I have my pants pressed" . . . Neatest trick of the month. Earl Lee served as the minister at his own funeral! On CBS's "The Whistler," Lee was heard as a man who was killed. He then doubled as the clergyman who conducted the burial service. . . . "Macbeth" is now in rehearsal at Warner Bros. Orson Welles will produce, direct and star in this screen version of the famed Shakespearean play. . . . Bette Davis donated her entire stamp collection—on which she has been working ten years—to the vets of the Binghamton Hospital in California. . . . CBS's "Lawyer Tucker" stated this neat simile: "Being at a bar of Justice is like being at any bar. Sometimes what you're handed is mixed wrong." . . . Two pretty Iowa tourists visited a movie studio, spoiled a scene, cost RKO radio about \$250 and left with the wrong idea about Hollywood. A fog scene on sand dunes was being filmed for "The Woman On The Beach." The action started in a cottage on the beach. Inside were Joan Bennett, Robert Ryan and Charles Bickford as well as the director, his cameraman and staff members. Ryan was to say goodbye and exit into the fog. He opened the door. There in the doorway—and naturally in the picture—were two visitors from Ft. Madison, Iowa. "Oh, thank you!" they exclaimed. "Now we can see." . . . Top billing for the future release of "The Exile" to be decided by the Los Angeles federal court Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., thinks he is entitled to top billing, but Maria Montez thinks otherwise. Miss Montez claims her contract contains a proviso that "no name will precede hers on the marquee." . . . Mrs. Leo Durocher, Laraine Day to movie fans, has patched up contract differences with her studio and is to start work on "Champagne for Everybody" early next month. . . . When production of new picture "Daisy Kenyon" co-starring Joan Crawford, Henry Fonda and Dana Andrews, gets underway at 20th Century Fox, it will require eight different sound stages. . . . Newest Bing Crosby film "A Connecticut Yankee" will return to the screen Virginia Field's in the Morgan La Fay role.

POINT 'GATOR SHOT JULY 8



This 6 foot 10 inch alligator was killed 8 July 1947 in an inlet about 100 yards east of Roosevelt Boulevard near Lucky Lodge by Mr. H. V. Collins, of G-2 Station.

The 'gator was reported 7 July by Sgt. Moore of AEN-46 but could not be found when Mr. Collins investigated. About 1600 of the eighth 'gator was spotted by Col. Chappell and Lt. Col. Argerbeck who were returning from MOQ. The alligator was still swimming in the same location when they returned with Lt. Head and Mr. Collins of G-2, Station Investigations. Mr. Collins borrowed an M-1 from the Rifle Range and killed the reptile with one shot in the head.

HOW IS YOUR IQ?

(Answers can be found on page 4)

1. What is the name given to the United States plan for self-help economic recovery of European Nations at present being studied in a conference of foreign powers at Paris? Incidentally, Russia and several Eastern European states have chosen to boycott the conference and are watching it with a skeptical eye fearing another attempt by the United States to by-pass UN machinery.
2. Who won the Sullivan Award for being the outstanding athlete of 1946 in this country?
3. The legitimate stage recently had its consecutive performance record broken by which of the following: Tobacco Road, Life With Father, Oklahoma?
4. In the Marine Corps, what is the basic close-order drill unit?
5. What state carries the nickname of the Nutmeg State?

Then there is the story of the mountaineer who put a silencer on his shotgun because his daughter wanted a quiet wedding.

A midshipman wandered into a tennis tournament and sat down. "Whose game?" he asked.

A shy young thing next to him looked up coyly. "I am," she cooed.

—By William C. Wygant

THE OLD SALT



AES-46 SOFTBALL CREW ENTERED IN 5TH N. D. TOURNEY

Cherry Point, N. C. July 15—Coached by second baseman, M/Sgt. Mike Cervin, the AES-46 softball aggregation left this morning for Norfolk where they will take part in the Fifth Naval District Softball Tournament.

Some 29 teams will compete in the week-long championship race, and if the AES-46 record in the just-completed station softball league is any indication, Cherry Point should be the proud possessor of another trophy when the tournament comes to a close.

Winners of nine straight contests in the "American Softball League", the Cherry Point representatives had to eliminate the "Cherry" and "National League" champs before winning the right to make the Norfolk trip. This they did handily.

Headquarters Squadron FMF, winners of the National League title (7-1) were toppled by AES-46, 6-0. Cherry League champs, YMF 114, (6-3) were stopped by AES-46, 10-1. In the latter game, AES-46 first sacker, Partin, slapped three mighty home runs.

"The boys are a spirited group," said Mike Cervin, "and if they display the hustle and fight that has brought them this far, I look forward to good tidings at Norfolk."

The probable starting line-up, as announced by Cervin last Sunday afternoon, shapes up like this: Hansil (CF), Clark (3b), Partin (1b), Cervin (2b), Anderson (SS), Frolunder (LF), Avery (C), and Wagner (RF).



Life may be rough at times, but with Evelyn Kent anyone would be willing to give it a crack.

'Pee-Wee' Blushes

During last Saturday's game between the Chicago Cubs and Brooklyn, Dodger shortstop "Pee Wee" Reese was the victim of an incident—an incident that still has the diminutive Brooklyn infielder blushing.

Dixie Walker's bat slipped out of his hands after a swinging strike in the second game of the double header. Reese, on first base at the time, stepped off the bag to pick up the bat. Chicago catcher, Bob Scheffing, saw what was happening, made a quick peg to first baseman, Ed Waitkus, who picked Reese off base for the out.

The slightest mention of the incident, and Reese's face lights up like a polished red apple.

Player of Week

Lean, lanky Ewell Blackwell, top hurler in the National League and winner of 13 consecutive games this season, is our player of the week.

Although Blackwell won only nine games in 1946 for the Cincinnati Reds while losing 13, he nevertheless was the Senior Loop's fourth-ranking chucker, with an earned run average of 2.46.

The easy-going "Red Leg," who hurled the first three innings for the Nationals in the recent All-Star tilt, striking out four and allowing only one hit, is currently leading the National League in strike outs (99) and victories (15-2).

In 19 games this season, Blackwell has allowed 110 hits and given up 62 free trips to first for a percentage mark of .882.

Currently nestled in fifth place in the National League, Cincinnati will be counting strongly during the next eight weeks on their A-1 right hander to keep them in the running.

Ewell Blackwell—our PLAYER OF THE WEEK.



One wonders how the Pacific Coast League can stand up and such a holler to become the third major baseball league. To give a few of the stand-out players on the Pacific Coast this year we see familiar names as Lou Novikoff, Bob Joyce, Tommy Bridges, John Rucker, Jo Jo White, Pete Coscarart, and Max West to name a few. These players are stand-outs there, it is true, but all are either old or not good enough to make the two major leagues we all know. Many more of their stars in the past have flopped only to return to become stars in the Pacific League once more. To the president of the league, Mr. Clarence P. Rowland, this writer says why not transfer two major league franchises to Los Angeles and San Francisco, the two that could support major league entries. . . . The results are Joe Baki, a 5-1 choice to beat Olle Tandberg of Sweden, is loser of not only this bout but the right to meet Joe Louis for a championship bout. With Baki losing the ten round decision it was the biggest upset in the heavyweight division in 11 years. It's rumored around Mike Jacobs 20th Century Club that Joe Louis gave up all hopes for a September defense of his crown. . . . Half dozen tennis stars headed by Jack Kramer swept to four titles and shared in the fifth in the 1947 Wimbledon championships. This completed a clean sweep of the tennis world for the United States and Jack Kramer it meant being on a pedestal unreachd by all. Kramer holds all the major US tennis titles besides being the mainstay in recent Davis Cup matches in Australia. . . . With Mel Patton burst upon the clinders and setting new records every week, United States was well set in dash events in the '48 Olympics. Coach Dean Cromwell Patton as the greatest dash man he has ever seen at University of California. And to do this Cromwell had to pass such great sprinters as: Charley Paddock, Frank Wykoff, Charley Borah, and Payton Jones. . . . When Hank Greenberg was sold to the Pittsburgh Pirates he teamed with Ralph Kiner to give the Pirates a unique distinction in baseball. It marks the first time that home-run kings of the two major leagues have played together on the same club. As a parting shot keep us on young Kiner who is presently pushing Johnny Mize for the lead in run honors. Both men are also within striking distance of Babe Ruth record of 60 homers in one season. . . . When Frank McCormick appeared recently as a pinch-hitter in Ewell Blackwell's no-hit game against the Boston Braves it marked the sixth time he has been in a game. McCormick played first base for Cincinnati when John Vander Meer hurled two successive no-hitters and also when Co. Shoun tossed one. His other two came when Tex Carleton threw back in 1940 against the Reds while pitching for the Dodgers. Lonnie Warneke did likewise while twirling for the St. Louis Cardinals. . . . My Bill, a chestnut gelding owned by Mrs. Hank Greenberg, was of the Pittsburgh slugging, was the outstanding entry in the Greeney horse show at Greenwich, Conn., last month. The horse won 14 honors, including four firsts, and was ridden in all the events by Greenberg. . . . Clarence DeMar, grand old man of marathon racing completed his 25th entry in the Boston 26 mile grind this past fall. DeMar who is in his fifties has won the event seven times, this being all-time high for this famous marathon. Although Clarence has been coming in among the top group lately he always makes it a point to finish the race with a goodly portion of the crowd waiting around the town. . . . George May, producer of the fabulous Tam O' Shanter tournament, recently issued an order whereby all entries in this richest golf prize, \$7000 to winner, have to wear identification numbers. This caused the withdrawal of such top names in the golf world as Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, and this year's National Open champion, Ben Hogan. Bobby Locke chose to cast his lot with May though he was promised \$6,000 for entering. And to top that off Locke was off with first prize money when he defeated Ed 'Porky' Oliver in a 36 hole play-off match after tying at the end of 72 holes of play. . . . persistent rumor that is making the rounds has Birdie Tebbetts take over the reins of the Boston Red Sox next year from Joe Cronin. Cronin is due to be shoved up to the front office as replacement for general manager Eddie Collins. . . .

CHERRY POINT-505TH SPLIT TWO; FLYERS COP ONE 8-4; LOSE 7-6

Fort Bragg, N. C. July 9—Playing under the aegis with "Jumplin" Joe Marasco on the mound, Cherry Point tonight liquidated the 505th Parachute Infantry Battalion nine, 8 to 4.

Marasco not only turned in a neat four-hit pitching performance, but his three singles in four times at bat led the "Pointers" at the plate. At the same time, the locals were getting to two "Panther" twirlers for a total of 15 safetys.

The "Flyers" were set down "one, two, three" in the first two cantos, but three singles coupled with as many stolen bases accounted for two markers in the third. That gave the locals a one run lead to work with, and from there on, they never were headed. Fort Bragg chalked up the initial tally in the second frame on a walk, sacrifice, a single and an error.

Barnard and Strouse came through with doubles in the fourth, and, tied up with four mighty bingles, the "Flyers" pushed across three more runs. Cox led off in the fifth with a single, and scored

moments later on Strouse's triple. Strouse came home on an error on the third sacker. Verbanic singled in the eighth, stole second and completed the circuit on Cox's single to center.

Fort Bragg, N. J., July 10—Before some 550 spectators, the Cherry Point "Flyers" dropped the second game of a two-game series this afternoon to the Fort Bragg 505th Parachute Infantry Battalion "Panthers," 7 to 6.

Jim Hallett started on the hill for the locals, and after 5 1/3 innings was relieved by "Shorty" Fenn. Before being sent to the showers, Hallett had been hit by the opposing nine to the tune of six runs and eight hits.

Camp, chukking them in for the "Panthers," allowed six hits, only two of them going for extra bases—Ring's double in the third and Davis' two-bagger in the ninth.

First baseman Jacobs smashed a two-run homer for the "Panthers" in the second and left fielder Hennessy followed suit with another two run "fence bustin'" homer in the fifth.

CHERRY POINT vs FORT BRAGG 1st GAME

Cherry Point	ab	r	h	rb	e
Verbanic, ss	5	2	1	0	1
Cox, rf	5	1	3	2	0
Ring, 2b	5	0	1	0	2
Strouse, 3b	5	2	1	0	0
Davis, c	5	1	2	0	0
Barnard, cf	5	1	1	1	0
Beach, 1b	4	1	2	2	3
Kirby, lf	4	0	1	1	0
Marasco, p	4	0	3	0	0
Totals	42	8	15	6	6

Fort Bragg	ab	r	h	rb	e
Sparks, 3b	5	0	0	0	1
Hendrickson, 2b	4	0	0	0	0
Hennessy, rf	3	1	0	0	0
Albritton, lf	3	0	0	0	0
Jacobs, 1b	3	1	0	0	0
Sausville, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Chester, c	3	0	2	1	0
Haker, c	1	0	1	1	1
Guinn, ss	4	2	1	2	2
Kiernan, p	3	2	0	0	0
Garrett, p	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	4	5	4	4

Winning pitcher—Marasco. Losing pitcher—Kiernan. Time—2:15. Cherry Point—002 321 000—8-5-6. Fort Bragg—010 011 001—4-5-4.

2d. GAME

Fort Bragg	ab	r	h	rb	e
Sausville, cf	5	0	0	0	0
Hendrickson, 2b	4	1	0	0	0
Hennessy, rf	4	1	2	0	0

Albritton, lf	4	2	3	0	0
Jacobs, 1b	3	1	2	2	0
Crowley, 3b	3	1	2	0	0
Guinn, ss	3	0	1	1	0
Hagenback, c	4	1	1	0	0
Camp, p	4	0	3	2	1
Totals	34	7	13	7	2

Winning pitcher—Camp. Losing pitcher—Hallett. Time—2:30. Fort Bragg—030 003 01x—7-13-2. Cherry Point—001 020 102—6-9-1.

HOW IS YOUR IQ?

Answers to questions on page three. Correct: 1 or 2, poor; 3, 4 good, 5 excellent.

- The Marshall Plan, set up by Secretary of State George Marshall.
- Arnold Tucker, former member of the Army squad.
- Life With Father.
- The Flatboat.
- Connecticut.

Each year at least six million women drown while swimming in the river or creeks and adjacent. Cherry Point. These waters are TREACHEROUS; sudden changes of depth, strong shifting currents and overcrooked on the part of the swimmers are the chief contributing factors to these unnecessary deaths. PLEASE SAFE!

Speaking of Sports

By Jimmy Cram

THIS DEPARTMENT LIKES GRAZIANO: CUFF STUFF The Tony Zale-Rocky Graziano Middleweight Championship fight was held Wednesday night in Chicago . . . This article was working its way through the typewriter three days previous to the battle—Sunday . . . At the time, Zale was a 10 to 13 favorite over the Flatbush challenger to repeat his knockout performance of last September, when the 33-year old champ Ko'ed "Rock-A-Bye" Rocky in the sixth canto. . . . We well remember the beating that Zale took during those early rounds and the way he caught Graziano on the rebound, after his cause seemed lost. . . . It's not easy to forget that Zale was saved from a second-round knockout by the bell. . . . We could enumerate on the merits and demerits of each fighter from now until dooms day, but it would get us no place. . . . Both boys were in "excellent condition" prior to much talked about Wednesday 15-rounder (or less) . . . This scribe doubts if the slug fest will cover the entire 15-round route. . . . Zale's the "guttiest" fighter in the business, and Graziano is no wall flower. . . . The 20,000 fight fans expected to witness Wednesday's bout will undoubtedly see the same type "knock-'em-down-drag-'em-out" battle that took place last September in Yankee Stadium . . . In what should be one of the best matches in the past decade, yours truly will string along with Rocky Graziano, and heaven help the poor referee if he happens to step into the path of any nying leather.

CUFF STUFF: The tough Texas colt, Assault, regained his "leading money winner" honors last Saturday with a magnificent victory in the \$50,000 Butler Handicap. . . . His top money of \$36,000 pushed his all-time total to \$613,370. . . .