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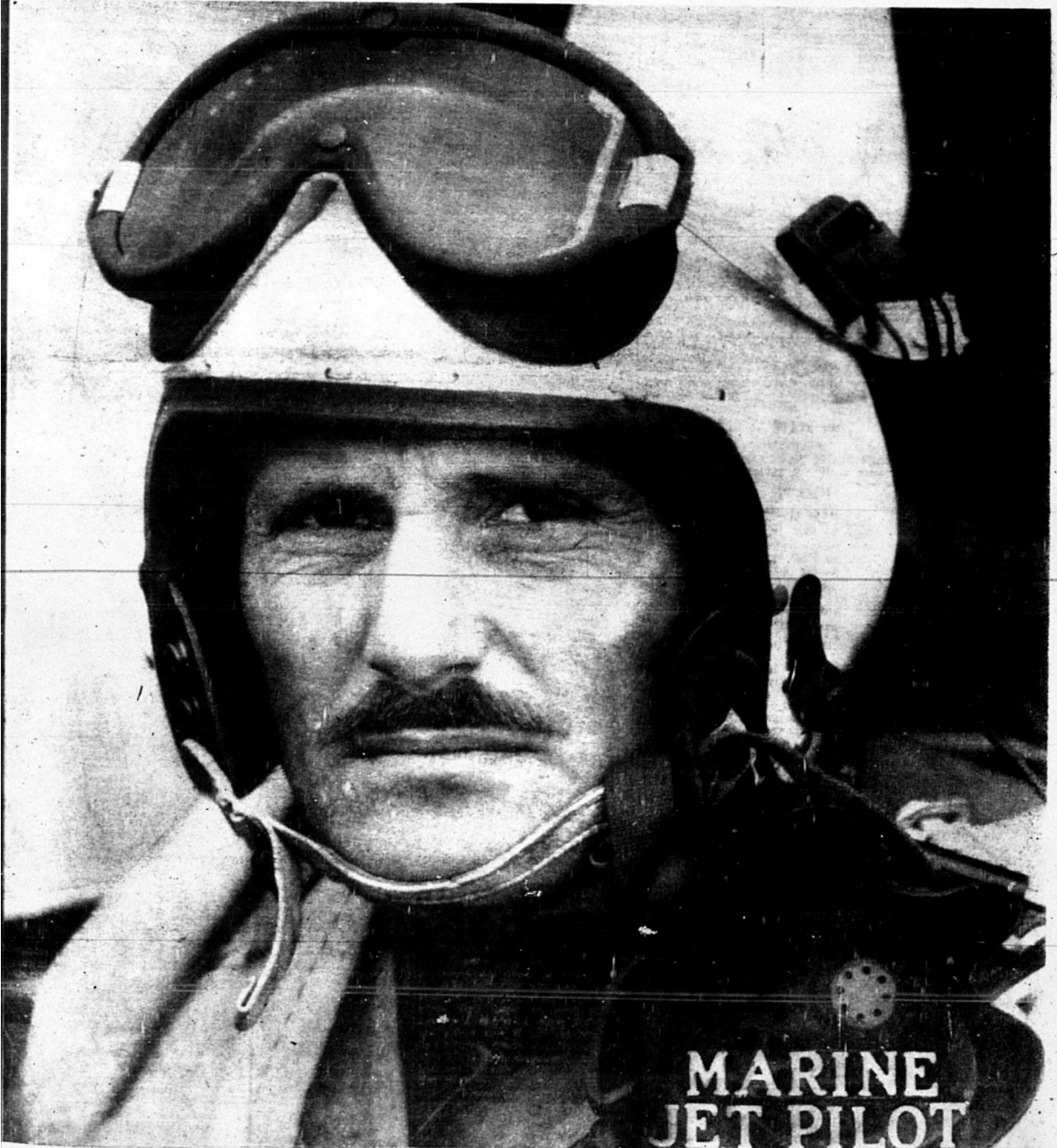
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# Marine Enlisted Pilots Okayed For Carrier Duty In New MarCorp Policy

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Master Sergeant Lytton Blass, VMF-122

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BRIGADIER GENERAL IVAN W. MILLER COMMANDING  
GENERAL MARINE CORPS AIR STATION.

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## WHO IS THIS MAN?



THIS MARINE IS FLYING an OY-1 observation plane and apparently landing. We know who he is and will give \$5 to anyone identifying him. Answers must be in writing and accompanied by ten cents. Proceeds will go to local Red Cross drive. Five dollars will come from Windsock staff. IF WON.



## MARINE CORPS POUNDUP

### FROM THE EL TORO "FLIGHT JACKET"

COL. JUNE SUCCEEDS COL. RIDDERHOF AS C. O. OF EL TORO. The El Toro "Flight Jacket" headlines the fact that Col. Stanley E. Ridderhof will be replaced by Col. Frank M. June as the Commanding Officer of the California air station. Col. Ridderhof plans to retire after more than thirty-two years of active duty.

SAN DIEGO FLIERS OUST EL TORO FROM CAGE PLAYOFFS. El Toro dropped its second consecutive game to San Diego NAS by a 54-52 count to bow out of the All Navy playoffs. San Diego jumped into the lead at half-time by a 27-21 margin and was never headed. An interesting side-light is the fact that it was the "Bulls" eleventh game in seventeen days.

\$500 DONATED TO RED CROSS DURING WEEK. El Toro personnel, still contributing generously to the Red Cross drive, donated more than \$500 to the American Red Cross during the past week to bring the Air Station's total to over \$1600.

SADDLE HORSES UP FOR SALE AT STATION STABLES. Due to overcrowded conditions at the station stables, thirteen of El Toro's saddle horses have been offered for sale by the Special Services Department. The horses range in price from \$125 to \$25.

### FROM THE QUANTICO "SENTRY"

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS MONDAY. The Quantico Marine nine, defending All-Navy champions for the past two years, will get its 1949 season underway when they meet Colby College on the Post Diamond next Monday. Plans have been made for air-light tilts on the Quantico diamond. Next on the agenda for the Marine squad will be Haverford College on March 29, and Richmond University the following day.

QUANTICO PREPS FOR HORSE SHOW. Preparations for the 11th annual Quantico Horse Show to be held on May 7th are being made. Officers and enlisted men and their dependents are invited to participate in the Show.

WOMAN KILLED; MARINE SHOT, IN D. C. APARTMENT. A 34 year-old woman was fatally shot and a Quantico Marine wounded in Washington, D. C. The woman, Mrs. Lucille P. Robertson was entertaining Pfc Everett Flagg, a girl friend and another Marine in her home when her husband entered the apartment. Words followed between the husband and wife and then Mr. Robertson shot her. A short time later, he returned, and when the woman refused to admit him to the apartment, he broke the door down and shot her and Pfc Flagg. The woman died instantaneously, the Marine's condition is reported as being critical.

STUDENTS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT ORDNANCE SCHOOL GRAD. At Hon. Sixty-three students of Quantico's Ordnance School received diplomas from Brig. Gen. D. S. Brown at the school's 21st Graduation Ceremony.



VMF-161 pilots in ready room of carrier Frigate D. Roosevelt. Man in front on right is Major Don Frame, Squadron skipper.



"PILOTS MAN YOUR PLANES"—VMF-161 pilots coming out of cat walk "on the double" to man planes on flight deck.



CAPT. TOM CUTLER of AEN-46 says Cooler tomorrow. Pix taken in March, 1948.

## The Skipper Of Guadalcanal

(Editorial—New York Times)

The retirement of Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift will remove from the active list of the United States Marine Corps one of its finest officers and one of the most modest of the men who fashioned victory for their country in the war against Japan. It was the Marines' First Division, which he led in the attack on Guadalcanal, that exploded the myth of the Japanese soldier as a superman and set the pattern for the successful island fighting that followed.

When General Vandegrift—then wearing only two stars—sailed from New Zealand for the Solomon Islands in July of 1942 the Japanese conquest of half a world was almost complete. They held all of the China they wanted, the Philippines, the Netherlands Indies, Malaya, Siam and they were deep in Burma. The ineffectiveness of the defense of those areas had incited the Japanese to fantastic proportions as a fighting man. The 15,000 men led by General Vandegrift were about the only troops trained in amphibious warfare that the United States had.

Facing the frightening unknown on Guadalcanal, the reinforced Marines' First Division soon proved that a properly trained American, equipped with good weapons, was more than a match for the Japanese. With inadequate air support and only timid sea support for three months, the Marines successfully slugged it out with a constantly reinforced enemy and did it with a proportion of fatalities that was not equalled again—700 Marine dead to an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 of the enemy. The key man of the whole show was the tall, balding, soft-spoken Marine in unpressed khaki who occupied the No. 1 tent in the willow thicket hard by the Lunga River. None deserved more the Medal of Honor than that was awarded him.

General Vandegrift was the first Marine ever to wear four stars of a full general, which also was appropriate. For it was under his command in the South Pacific and later as Commandant of the Corps that the Marines finally reached their full stature and received full recognition as the world's elite fighting force. Anyone who saw them in action would not trade Vandegrift and his Marines for any other shock troops in the world. After forty years of service he will leave the Corps secure in the knowledge that he added luster to its reputation.

## ALL ABOUT NAP'S GOING ABOARD NAVY CARRIERS

Marine Corps enlisted Pilots have been approved for duty with squadrons based aboard carriers it was revealed in a recent Marine Corps Memorandum. The memorandum, numbered 12-49, reads in part as follows:

### ComMart Staff Here for Confab

Cherry Point, March 30 — Several top Marine Air Training Reserve Staff Officers, headed by Brigadier General C. F. Schilt, arrived here today by R4D (Douglas DC-3 "Skytrain") to confer with the staffs of AirFMP/Lant and Station on the annual training of Organized Marine Reserve Squadrons. The "Flying Reserve" units will partake in the training maneuvers to be held here from July 16 to July 30.

The conferring officer, from Headquarters, Marine Air Reserve Training Command, arrived here at 1430. They were: Brig. Gen. Schilt; Col. F. H. Wirsig; Lt. Col's, R. O. Bission, G. J. Quilter, J. L. Mueller, and R. M. Baker; Majors L. P. Dollman, Jr., R. P. Mac Geringie, H. R. Barr, and L. H. Connell; Captain H. J. Blackwelder and 1st Lt. P. M. Hitchcock.

The board plans to discuss payment for Reserves, liberty, uniform regulations, medical facilities, mail, and quartering for men and officers, as well as equipment and space needed by the Reserve organizations for the duration of their stay here.

Brigadier General Schilt who is the Commander of Air Reserve Training for the Marines was the first flag officer in the Navy and Marine Corps to fly a jet plane.

## DIVINE SERVICES

- PROTESTANT SERVICES
  - 0945 Sun.—Sunday School (Nursery)
  - 1000 Sun.—Worship Service (Main Chapel)
  - 1030 Tue.—Youth Fellowship Recre. (Center 2nd Deck)
  - 1100 Wed.—Choir Rehearsal
- CATHOLIC SERVICES
  - Sun.—0645, 0845, 1200 Main Chapel
  - Wed.—0845—1145 Catholic Wing
  - Mass Sat.—0800 followed by Recitations of Rosary
  - Confessions Sat.—1300-2100
  - Other times by appointment
  - 1900 Tues.—Novena Devotions
- JEWISH SERVICES
  - 2000 Wed.—Evening Worship in Protestant Wing
- CHERRY POINT COMMUNITY CENTER
  - 1100 Sun.—Morning Worship
  - 1815 Sun.—Christian Endeavor
  - 1900 Sun.—Evening Worship

Commanding officers will require enlisted personnel designated as naval aviation pilots to qualify for a primary SSN in the aviation functional field which has a terminal rank not below their present rank. The SSN 770 must be assigned as primary in cases where the NAP has no other qualifications in the aviation functional field which are identifiable by an SSN. When enlisted pilots become qualified in another specialty in the aviation field, such specialty will be assigned as primary and the SSN 770 will be assigned as secondary. The SSN 770 will not be assigned and reported as secondary to Basic, SSN 521.

The following billets are established for enlisted pilots. These will not be shown in the Table of Organization but will be indicated in allowances.

- FLEET MARINE FORCE
  - Two Helon (AirFMP/PA & AirFMP/Lant)—Flight Sections
  - 2: Helons (MarAirWings)—Flight Sections—2; 16 VMF Squadrons—80; Two VMP-AM Weather Squadrons—2; Two VMP Squadrons—10; Two VMO Squadrons—9; Two Instrument Training Squadrons—10; Three VME (N) Squadrons (Twin Engine)—15; 2 Air Control Groups—Flight Sections—6; Six Group Helons (VME)—Flight Sections—12; Six Group SERVON—Engineering Sections—12; Two VME (Twin Engine) Squadrons—30; Two VMR (Four Engine) Squadrons—30; Subtotal for Fleet Marine Force is 228.

SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS  
MCAS Cherry Point—Flight Section—3; O&R—3; MCAS El Toro—Flight Section—3; MCAS Edenton—Flight Section—4; MATTC Memphis, Tennessee (Instructors)—10; Naval Attaches—Flight Sections—4

Subtotal for Shore Establishments is 30. The Total NAP's allowed is 250.

The above will serve to effect a reasonable distribution of aviation pilots. There is no objection to assigning aviation pilots to duties other than shown above, and they may now be assigned as squadron pilots in carrier-based units. Aviation pilots will only be employed as co-pilots in multi-engine transport aircraft except that they may be assigned as plane commanders in cargo, test, and local instruction flights.

## AIR FORCE SIX JET BOMBER



LANDING IN TEXAS with a parachute to slow it down—XB-11.



FAITH AN' BEGORRAH, 'tis a real pretty colleen you're seein'. Not only is she a typical Irish lass, but her name is also appropriate. It's Colleen Townsend. The fire-crackers surrounding her are to give an idea of the big BANG she made when she hit Hollywood.

**New USMC Memo Explains Policy On Quarters and Subsistence Payment**

One of the major problems facing the post war Marine Corps is the reconsideration of policy relative to uniform payment of subsistence and/or quarters allowances for enlisted personnel. Marine Corps Memo 16-49, dated 14Feb49, details of policy and this article is a condensation of the Memo. It is recognized that any contemplated action which would change practice would entail the loss of allowances in many instances. The effect on morale is apparent. Recognition must be taken of all aspects in the matter in order to justify the authority for subsistence and quarters.

At the present time, Articles 14-14.102 and 14-103, MCM are revised. Payment of quarters and subsistence allowances to enlisted personnel will be considered

on a billet basis. Quarters and messing facilities, if available, or can economically be made available, must be employed. Therefore, the Commandant has approved the following policy:

Subsistence and quarters allowances are separate allowances. Justification for one does not entail approval of both. Further, subsistence allowances may be authorized for designated meals only when facts do not substantiate need for full allowance. These allowances are for the purpose of providing for men who cannot utilize existing quarters and messing facilities because of their duty situation. In no instance are considerations such as dependence marital status, or inducement for enlistment valid substantiation for approval of requests.

These allowances are in lieu of quarters and messing facilities to which the personnel would NORMALLY be entitled.

Approval of requests will be contingent upon facts which indicate that utilization of existing facilities invokes hardship on the personnel involved or considerable loss of their services to the Marine Corps.

Upon promulgation of the revised articles in the MCM covering subsistence and quarters allowances for enlisted personnel, all outstanding authorizations for personnel serving within the continental U. S. will be canceled as of a specific date, to be announced. Under the above policy, all requests for subsistence and quarters allowances within the continental U. S. will be approved by the Commandant. It is planned to provide sufficient time between promulgation of the revised articles and the termination date of current authorizations to permit all commanding officers to make a survey within their organizations of the need for payment of subsistence and quarters allowances, taking into consideration reasonable and practicable utilization of existing quarters and messing facilities.

This advance info is being released so that commanding officers after making their surveys, may immediately upon receipt of advance changes to Marine Corps Manual, submit to the Commandant new demands for the payment of allowances.



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**NEW NOVELS:**

**THE FIRES OF SPRING**, by James A. Michener. A first novel by the author of the prize-winning "Tales of the South Pacific." You will be impressed again by his remarkable knack for character analysis in this story of the education and emotional growth of one Dave Harper.

**THE DUKAYS**, by Lajos Zilahy. The critics are saying "Keep an eye on this one!" Changes of life in Europe from the late 19th century to the outbreak of World War II are revealed, and quite engagingly so, through the experiences of the Dukays, a large Hungarian family.

**THE WALLED CITY**, by Elspeth Huxley. South Africa as a setting is becoming increasingly popular in current fiction. The story here concerns "a group of Englishmen who are uprooted and dropped into the steaming, witch-haunted African bush country with its riots, its black intrigue, its colonial politics, and its resistance to the white man and all he stands for."

**AN ACT OF LOVE**, by Ira Wolfert. Another novel to come out of World War II. After his cruiser has been torpedoed Harry Brunner, pilot, finds himself on a large island held by the Japanese. How his confidence in Man is restored when he witnesses a sacrificial act provides a good theme for the story.

**SHORT SHORT STORIES:**  
A Treasury of Sea Stories, by G. C. Aymer; Prize Stories of 1948; The O. Henry Awards, by Herschel Brickell; The Best American Short Stories 1948, by Martha Foley; The Old Beauty and Others, by Wila Catlyn; Crunch and Desi Storvis of Florida Fishing, by Philip Wylie; Famous Dog Stories, by Page Cooper.

**ALL ABOUT RADIO:**  
Radio Servicing: Theory and Practice, by Abraham Marcus; Radio Fundamentals, by A. L. Albert; Radio Troubleshooter's Handbook, by A. A. Ghirard; Radio Physics Course, by A. A. Ghirard; Modern Radio Servicing, by A. A. Ghirard; Radio Operating Questions and Answers, by Nelson and Hornung.

**"It Ain't The Heat" But, Oh Brother**

"It ain't the heat, but..." personnel were starting to gasp on March 24 when the thermometer soared to 78 degrees, a couple degrees under the torrid 80 degree mark. Field Jackets, Blouses and Battle Jackets were being shod in great quantities as Marines geared themselves for spring and summer weather.

The Windsock Office wasn't any exception. Hibernating behind closed portals throughout the winter months, our staff was prepared for the humidity wave both physically and mentally. After sweltering about three hours without realizing the cause of discomfort, someone finally woke up and suggested opening the windows.

**Rifle Range Deadeyes Hampered by Weather**

Cherry Point's "Daniel Boones" aren't writing to Mom or Dad about their rifle range scores since the new year started. A combination of bad weather and the new firing setup have proven extremely rough on those aiming for the elusive expert medal, since only eight shooters have hit it thus far.

In addition to the eight experts, a total of thirty six sharpshooters and 195 marksmen have recorded passable but scores. A saddened one hundred and fifty-five drew unqualified totals and a "God Help The Blind" rating.

**Mar Air Reserves Get "Well Done"**

CHICAGO—Squadrons and Detachments of the Marine Air Reserve Training Command have earned a "Well Done" from their Commanding General, Brigadier General C. F. Schilt, COMMAIT, has expressed great satisfaction with the results of this year's annual military inspections of the command.

The 27 Marine Fighter Squadrons and 8 Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadrons based at 22 Naval Air Stations throughout the country are at the highest level of strength and operating efficiency in their three-year history. "On the inspection tours we found many squadrons with waiting lists not only of qualified Naval Aviators and Ground Officers, but also many qualified enlisted ratings waiting for billets to open."

A good example of prevalent squadron interest and spirit was displayed by VMP-124, Memphis. Of the 52 officers and 37 enlisted men on the muster rolls of the Memphis Squadron, 48 officers and 149 enlisted men were aboard for the inspection. All hands had to come through a storm of gale proportions to get there. Five officers from Jackson, Tennessee, flew a PBY around the edge of a tornado ripping through the Memphis area to be on hand.

Preparations for the annual Training Maneuver periods at Cherry Point, and El Toro, this summer, were the keynotes of the inspections.

"With the Command now up 93% of authorized strength, the Marine Air Reserves come up to maneuvers this summer not only at the greatest strength since the program was established in April, 1946, but with national attention now sharply focused on their activities because of the accomplishments of the past two years," General Schilt pointed out. "Each year on these maneuvers we place stress on some particular phase of our training program."

"This year, emphasis will be laid on the primary function of Marine Aviation—close air support to Marine ground forces—because this year, in line with plans developed by Commandant of the Corps, Marine Air Reserves will be working more closely, and on a larger scale than ever, with Marine Reserve ground units."

"These plans include mass air-lifts of a number of Marine Reserve ground battalions to maneuver points for co-ordinated all-Marine Reserve air-ground exercises."

Maneuvers at Cherry Point will be held 16-30 July for all East Coast Reserve Squadrons.

Until last week, the average expert ration was one out of every sixty shooters. Three men hit the charmed circle that day. However, weather had an important part to play in the number of washouts and low scores that plagued the firers. Last Friday was the first record day that went by without some sort of bad shooting conditions.

Besides his regular range work, Lt. George Kross is taking twelve hour rifle time to Camp Lejeune for rifle team tryouts, with the eight high scorers competing in the May 16-20 matches there. The four top shooters in this event will journey to Quantico later in the year for the Elliot Trophy windups.

Accompanying Lt. Kross to Lejeune are: MSgt. Edward W. Carter, MSgt. Eric Joneson, MSgt. Avner C. Renfroe, TSgt. Theodore J. Annis, TSgt. Raymond L. Berric, Jr., SSgt. Carl L. Dilbone, TSgt. Ronald Faber, Pfc. Curtis O. Hatcher, Sgt. Richard H. Pfingst, Pfc. Arden G. Boekard, Pfc. Joseph F. Mucha, Pfc. Frank A. Roddy.

**No Recruits For 2nd Month in Row**

For the second consecutive month, the Marine Corps has suspended acceptance of male recruits for general service.

Principal exception is the continuing monthly quota of about 100 eighteen-year-olds for one year of service.

Vacancies also exist for recruits existing for steward duty only. Enlistment of women for regular service continues, with enlistees being placed on a waiting list for active duty assignment to successive training platoons of 50 recruits each at Parris Island, South Carolina. The second such platoon will commence training April 11.

Enlistment of eighteen-year-olds for one year of service began in July 1948. A quota of 500 per month was established to build this component of the Marine Corps to a strength of 6000 by July 1949. As of mid-March, the Marine Corps had enlisted 97 per cent of its cumulated monthly quotas.

**- BIRTHS -**

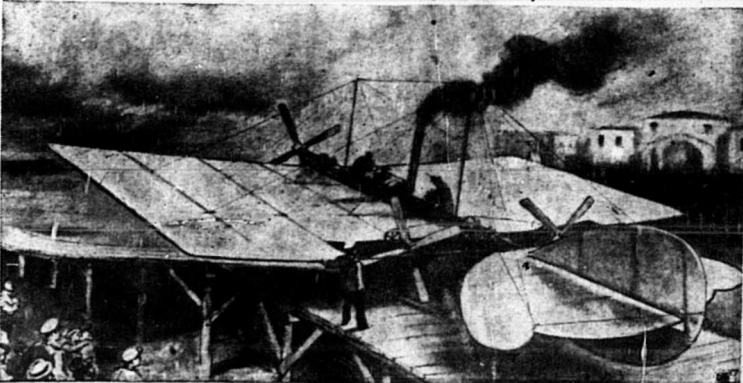
March 22—A daughter, Sandra Gayle, born to Major and Mrs. Thomas "H" Mann, Jr.

March 23—A daughter, Jean Ann, born to MSgt. and Mrs. Joseph H. Swindell.

March 23—A son, Roy Keith, born to Sgt. and Mrs. Roy H. Anderson.

March 23—A son, Roger Van, born to MSgt. and Mrs. Charley V. Corley.

**Maybe Orville and Wilbur Just Improved on It**



This, according to the official Soviet picture agency, is "Mozhaisky's plane, on the runway made of boards, before the takeoff for the world's first flight in a heavier-than-air machine." Unable to furnish actual photographs, the Russians supplied this painting to prove their claim that Russian inventor Alexander Mozhaisky produced this steam-powered flying machine, with three four-bladed propellers, and successful flew it July 20, 1882.

**Station Theatre**

Tonight 1800-2030  
**My Dream Is Yours**  
Jack Carson - Doris Day

Saturday 1800-2030  
**The Green Promise**  
Marguerite Chapman  
Walter Brennan

Sunday 1300  
**Walls Of Jericho**  
Linda Darnell - Cornel Wilde

Sunday 1800-2030  
**Julia Misbehaves**  
Jack Carson - Walter Pidgeon

Monday 1800-2030  
**Bride Of The Yankees**  
Bette Davis - Teresa Wright

Tuesday 1800-2030  
**The Last Bandit**  
William Elliot

Wednesday 1800-2030  
**Bride Of Vengeance**  
Linda Darnell - Paulette Goddard

Thursday 1800-2030  
**Tulsa**  
Susan Hayward  
Robert Preston

**LAFF ALONG**

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**APRIL fool**



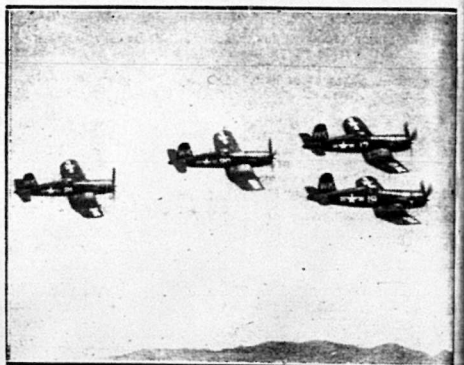
"GET ME IN THE HAT" says 2 MAW Marine as buddies look on. Scene is San Juan street. Most 2nd Wing men on maneuvers had liberty in the capitol city of Puerto Rico.



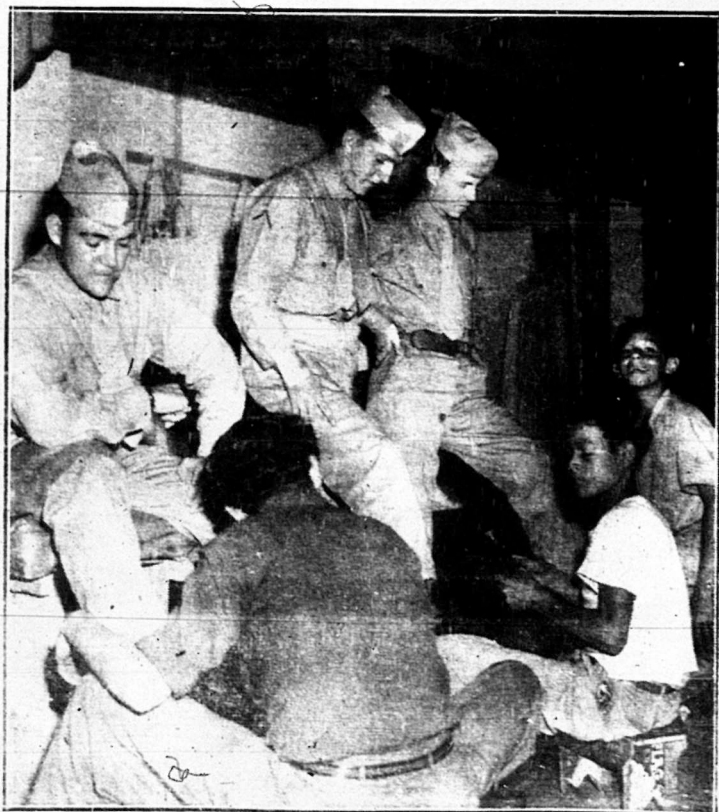
MAJ. GEN. FIELD HARRIS, Commanding 2nd MAW, presents MSgt. George H. Brown of VMP-334, the Air Medal with permanent citation.

The citation read, "for meritorious achievement in aerial duty during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on Dec. 29th, 1942."

MSgt. Brown was awarded the medal last Thursday in a brief ceremony held at the General's office.



VMP-224 CORSAIRS sailing past the control tower at Roosevelt Roads. This pic of F4U's is one of 250 taken by Pub Into photographer on maneuvers.



SHINE 'EM UP. As three Marines fall in, their street shines in town of Fajardo near Roosevelt Roads. They were given the job for a ten cent.



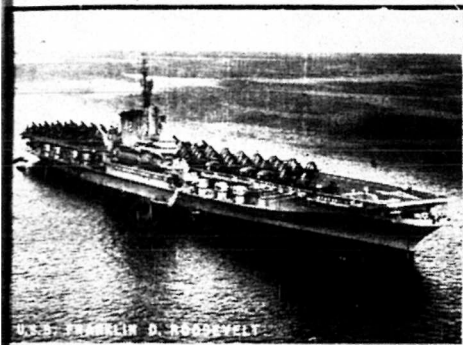
MARINE IN MONKEYPOD TREE — The Corp's only place on monkeypod tree. We know he is a Pie and based it



ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF NAVY for Air Kimball and Lt. Col. Marion Carl talking it over on Norfolk docks last week end.



"TERESA WAY" says local Puerto Rico policeman in "giving directions to Pic's John Flanagan and Robert L. Hall of VMF (S)-114. Marine on right is Quantico based.



SECOND AIR WING CORSAIRS on deck of F. D. R. Last week and this was home away from home for 12 VMF-461 pilots.



Swimsuit for the bad... escapes us.



JANE WYMAN, ACADEMY AWARD WINNER



VMF-222 "ORANGES UP" Pic's Harry McKinney, Everett Taylor and Clyde Thompson (L to R) haggling for oranges (price is the question) with street vendor in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Vendors are numerous, peel the fresh fruit for you.

# ABOUT THE POINT

By BILL KENNEDY



Mr. Sports on Cherry Point? Ask an AES-46 stalwart that question and his immediate answer will probably be, "Why Yabo, of course." Better known on the muster rolls as MSgt. George A. Yablonsky, "Yabo" has proven the byword for the intramural sporting scene's championship Engineer athletes during the past two seasons. Instrumental as a player, organizer, coach and advisor to his 46 teammates in nearly every sport, "Yabo" has been drumming up the "old college try" among his proteges. His efforts have paid handsome dividends, for the Engineers are currently picked to reap this year's General's Cup if they continue their red-hot pace.

After hitting most of the "far away places" in the Marine Corps chain of activities, Yablonsky settled down at Cherry Point a couple years back. Assuming the post of Leading Chief on the AES-46 flight line, "Yabo" helped instill spirit and skill into the squadron's intramural program. Besides playing and managing, he holds the post of senior member on both the Air Station and AES-46 Enlisted Recreation Councils.

Primarily an organizer, Yablonsky displayed leadership and alertness as a player. He managed the Softball and Handball organizations last year and was a member of the Championship football squad that remained unscathed upon in 1948 competition. Add to this the fact he's lined up Basketball, Badminton, Swimming, Ping Pong, and Bowling teams and you have "Mr. Sports"—at least in AES-46.

However, "Yabo" insists that, "credit for the fine performances of our Intramural clubs must go to MSgt. D. H. Tuk, Sgt. B. W. Williams, Pfc. George E. Johnson, Lt. E. J. Geichecker, SSGT. E. E. Hempling, MSgt. M. V. Cervin, SSGT. W. J. Partin, SSGT. N. R. Bousquet and TSgt. M. J. McElwaine. These men captained various Intramural groups and were responsible for a great deal of the enthusiastic response on the part of the boys in our squadron."

**MONTREAL, NOT "DEM BUMS," ARE COMING TO TOWN**  
Brooklyn isn't coming to town April 9th. This to clarify a state of misinformation currently invading the streets of New Bern. The Sun-Journal Sports Editor called our attention to this piece of "wrong way" dope and we informed him that "Dem Bums" wouldn't be present. However, possible error may have resulted from the fact that Montreal is arriving for a two game series April 14 and 15.

**MIKE ZECCA OWNS FISTIC CAREER TO MOVIE SCREEN**  
Mike Zecca, Middleweight bombshell from Belleville, New Jersey wasn't lured by the movies to seek a Hollywood career, but a place on the Cherry Point "Fliers" instead.

Sitting in the Station Theater one heated night last summer, Zecca saw a "Fighters Needed" sign dash across the screen before the start of the main feature. Thinking it over, Mike decided to do something he'd never tried before climb into the prize ring. Zecca accepted the challenge, lunged down the gauntlet with a power-packed punch, and hammered out a sensational win to put himself on the Cherry Point fistic map. The rest is wrapped up newspaper copy and a collection of trophies.

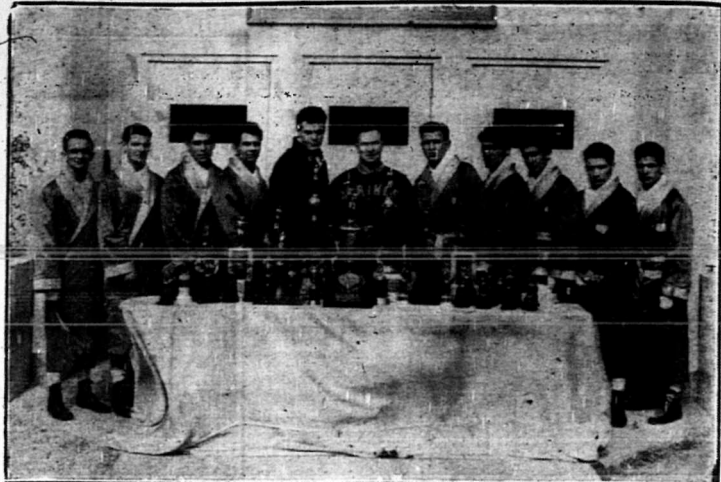
Born on Sept. 29, 1920 in Belleville, N. J. just outside Newark, Michael J. Zecca had no apparent ring ambitions. "One of my four older brothers fought after he left the army, but he quit after a short time," explains the "Mauling" Middleweight.

Mike never intended to make a career of the fight game. He still doesn't. "All I did while I was home in the way of boxing activity was watch a few bouts now and then. I never trained, never sparred and didn't work out at all. In fact, about the only sport I was interested in enough to play was sandlot football. I've to play in my spare time."

As far as a vocation was concerned, Zecca never reached a final decision on that matter. His four brothers, all older than himself, entered the service while three sisters remained at home. Two of his brothers joined the Army and two more entered the Marine Corps. One was stationed at Cherry Point being assigned to the O&R Department. After graduating from grammar and high school, the Belleville belter searched around for a career. Entertaining ideas of travel and education, Mike became a Leatherneck.

"Boxing," he summed up, "was something I could take or leave. I'd never bothered to prepare for a bout, had no organized fights and only a few street encounters that never reached much of a decision. I fight for the love of physical contact. Maybe, if I'm outstanding or reach great heights, I'll consider a professional career. Then again, maybe I'll work out. Perhaps I'd like to try college, as I prepared for it in high school curriculum."

"What's been my greatest moment on this team?" Mike thought a moment and then replied, "The help Major Henry Hise has given to me, especially in defensive work, is improving my style and aiding me to become a better fighter."



**Lucky "Strike"**—Boasting a veritable goldmine of prizes and championship boxing trophies, members of the Cherry Point "Fighting Flyers" fistic organization stand before mementos of their slugging prowess. (Left to Right)—Coach John Tinsley, George Vicknair III, Jim Smith, Mike Zecca, Don Spencer, Jim Delenze, Lloyd Rousse, Bill Canty, Bascom Beasley, John Biancanello and Rudy Lara.

Slated for a new test in Boston on Monday, the Marine fliers have finished a campaign of intensive preparation for their coming "Hub" matches. In mid-April, the battlers are off for the All-Navy Sixth Naval and South Central District Group tournaments. The winners there receive a trip to San Francisco for the All Navy glove finals.

## Spring Football Practice April 15

Four weeks of spring football practice will commence April 15 at the football field. Captain John "Jake" Sloan announced recently. (Cherry Point's grid director) announced the drills would be held after regular working hours on weekdays and on Saturday mornings. Basic football fundamentals and "T" formation instruction will form a large part of the activity with several new plays slated to receive a tryout test. Organized scrimmages and an intrasquad scrimmage on the final training day are scheduled to be included on the practice agenda.

## Golf Team Starts Against Jax 19th

Big time Golf will return to Cherry Point this month when local "dirt-diggers" form a club for activity during the coming spring and summer.

Jacksonville's green artists arrive April 19 to start the season rolling. The Marine "fore" criers have lined up Pensacola, Jacksonville, Camp Lejeune and East Carolina Teachers for home-and-home engagements in April and May. Several service teams and college organizations are being contacted for possible playing dates.

Candidates will begin qualification trials for the eight man squad the week of April 11. Members will be chosen from the eight lowest scores turned in by competitors for 72 hole medal play. However, late entrants and improved contestants will have an opportunity to make the club any time, providing they turn in a lower total than team members for the same course. Tryout candidates must check in with Bill Parker, club pro or other authorized golf men prior to playing.

Low amateur golfers from this base will see action in the Professional-Amateur tournament at Fort Bragg, April 12th and 13th.

Matches already arranged include: Jacksonville (here)—Apr. 19; E. C. T. C. (here) Apr. 22; E. C. T. C. (away)—Apr. 25; Pensacola (away)—Apr. 30; Jacksonville (away)—May 3; Camp Lejeune (away)—May 7; Pensacola (here)—May 13; Camp Lejeune (here)—May 28.

## Bowling Alleys Burn As Pipe Sizzles

Outside heat and internal combustion gave Station Bowling Alley personnel a hot time April 27. Springs' first real appearance in 1949 found both the building and interior fixtures doubling as burners when a plug igniter caused a gas pipe to explode and a busy visit from the fire department. There was no damage.

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Two squadrons are planning to enter teams in Bowling, eight in Pool and Ping Pong, and six in Badminton for points toward the General's Cup Trophy. Though final compilation of entries wasn't finished at press time, here is a list of those teams competing in the various sports.

**Bowling:** MACG-1, VMR-252, AES-41, HqSq-MCAS, AES-42, AES-46, VMT-223, HqSq-14, VMT-1, MVSS-2, Ping Pong: MACG-1, VMR-252, AES-41, HqSq-MCAS, AES-12, AES-46, VMT-223, VMT-1, Badminton: MACG-1, VMR-252, HqSq-MCAS, AES-46, VMT-223, VMT-1.

Play in the four sports will begin April 5, with a preliminary meeting of all managers being listed for 11:00 April 4, to discuss rules, regulations and schedules.

## Boxers Shove For Boston AAU Meet; Navy Show Next

Fort Jackson's "Red Devils" are arriving for a team bout at Cherry Point's Drill Hall, April 12. If present plans materialize, Tinsley will card a ten bout extravaganza with the doughboys. Camp Lejeune, Shaw Field and Memphis are among those requesting matches, though it appears all can't be accommodated on the "Fighting Flyers" expanding schedule.

June will mark the end of Cherry Point leather throwing for this summer. The pugilists are planning a deserved vacation through July and August before resuming next September. Special Services is considering a series of outdoor matches as a possible climax in June, with Quantico and Fort Bragg's 82nd Airborne Division at the top of the invitational list.

## Jackson Glovers Arrive Here 12th

The Cherry Point "Fighting Flyers" will sally forth on Sunday for a 3-day stand in the Hub, where they'll split into two team factions representing the Base and the Carolinas AAU in the Eastern Seaboard finals. The Marine Glovers plan to stay at the Mangar Hotel during their "Beantown" excursion and the bouts will be held in Boston Garden.

Following the Boston trip, Johnny Tinsley is entering his proteges in the 6th Naval Tournament, to be held in Charleston, S. C. in mid-April.

A two team system, one for Wing and the other for Station, will be employed by Johnny, due to the abundance of boxing material at his disposal.

## Norfolk Five Wins All-Navy Tourney

Norfolk NAS captured the All-Navy Basketball Championship by defeating SubPac, 52-38, at Pearl Harbor, T. H., last week. Behind 23-19 in intermission, the East Coast stars stiffened their second half defense to win easily. SubPac collected just four buckets and seven free throws during the second half.

Favored Quantico suffered double elimination proceedings at the hands of Norfolk and SubPac to fall from the tournament rolls. Major Russ Honsowetter's charges failed to make the finals.

SubPac, a lethal underdog, carried the fight to the limit with Norfolk. After losing 69-57 in their first crack at the East Coast sailors early in the tourney, the under-water mariners bounced back to upset Norfolk and carry the battle into its final evening before bowing out.

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CAMP LEE, VA.	May 15	CAMP LEJEUNE	May 11
LANGLEY FIELD, VA.	May 17	CAMP LEJEUNE	May 12
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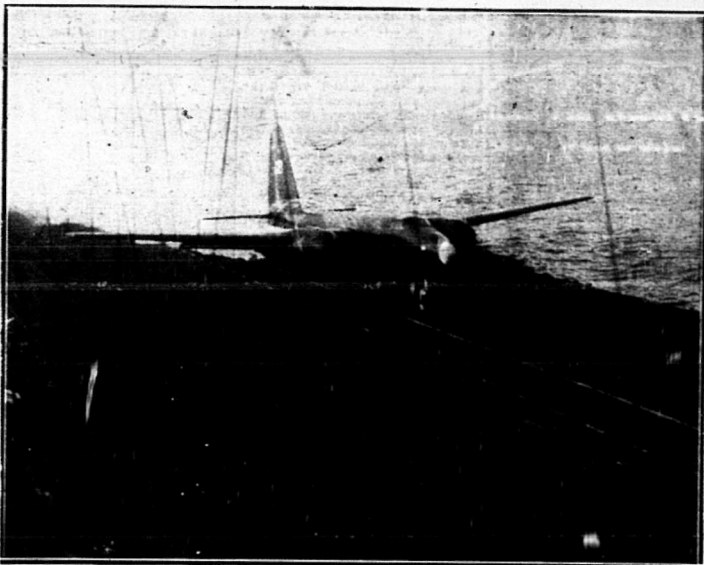
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**ACQUAINTANCE**  
A four-ball picture—the Azalea Gardens in Wilmington, Accounting was well represented over the weekend with Jean and Dick Tuttle, Eleanor and Clayton Ring, and Albert and Roris Canus. Trips were made to the Orton Plantation—Speaking of pictures, Eleanor and Clayton saw "Joan of Arc" during their visit in Wilmington. Eleanor has cut her hair. I wonder if there is any fascimile—maybe FLASH—Kay Maynard is back after having been ill for so long. Welcome back, Kay we really have missed you. Louise Smith is on the ailing list, hope she will be feeling better soon. Jean Gifford says the biggest news item she knows is that Jim is home from maneuvers. Darleen Dale's Godmother is visiting her at her home in Beaufort.

**DISBURSING**  
Kathryn Johnson and her husband represented Disbursing at the Azalea Gardens this weekend while Elsie Hamilton attended the wedding of Ethel Pittman, Public Works, and Ross Simpson at the Neuse Forest Church. It was a very nice wedding and quite appropriate for the first day of Spring. All of Supply and especially Accounting Disbursing extended their sympathy to Tom and Virginia Willis, who lost their infant son on Saturday.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**  
Mr. Harold Avery is still on the sick list after more than a week now. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery. Ruby Forrest seems none the worse for wear after the accident over the weekend. Marcell Johnson's son is celebrating his first birthday on the 25th.

**CONTROL**  
Control Branch seems to do its part of travel too. Jean Tuttle is going to Wilmington—Azaleas again—Priscilla Gill to Raleigh, and Ruby Baldrice to Durham. Frances Taylor has a new Chevrolet—let me know a "dealer." Artie Shrubler is back after an extended illness but Amy Noe is sick.  
**MATERIAL**  
Five storeroomkeepers have transferred from Stores Unit I to the Apprentice School. W. L. Jones, M. L. Garner, H. O. Ackley, J. E. Pearson and D. T. Walton. Our best wishes go with you lots, but we shall miss your services in the stores. The welcome mat this week is extended to two new storeroomkeepers, John Bell and Bill Pitzer, and to Mrs. Gertie Campbell who is back on duty after a prolonged illness.

Borden Wade reports a nice catch of fish over the weekend. It will take more than a March wind to keep him from fishing. No kidding, Borden. do you really catch all those fish or do you just like to see your name in print in the Windsock? Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price and son motored to Taber City in Wilmington over the weekend. Give love to Polio's President who has transferred to Marine Branch and welcome to Allen Arnold who is back after an absence due to illness.



### Financial Report EMPLOYEE WELFARE ASSOCIATION

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	
Deceased members	
Personnel	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	215
Amount in Savings Plan	\$1566.00
TOTAL ASSETS	
Less \$100.00 contribution	11.00
BENEFIT FUND	\$1859.00
Amount to be distributed	91.95
Amount to be retained	\$1767.05
Amount reserved in Depository Fund	\$ 883.02
STAT'S OPERATING FUND	
Total	
Membership dues	\$ 92.95
Expenses	75.50
Balance at March 1st	\$ 17.45

By Roxie Earle

Miss Ethel Joyce Pittman, daughter of Mrs. Sam L. Pittman, Sr., and the late Mr. Sam L. Pittman, Sr. of Route 4, New Bern, and Mr. Ross Simpson, Jr., son of Mr. Ross Simpson, Sr. and the late Mrs. Ross Simpson, Sr. of Morehead City were married on Sunday, March 20, at 6:00 p. m. at the Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church. The officiating minister was the Rev. Hubert Morris.

Miss Ruth Atkinson, pianist, Miss Catherine Latta and Mr. J. Harper Wetherington, soloists, gave the program of nuptial music. The bride and groom were Sam L. Pittman, Jr., brother of the bride, and Ernest Dale, Jr. of Morehead City. The best man was Elvin Oglesby of Morehead City.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Charles M. Pittman, wore a white gabardine suit with navy blue accessories. She carried a white prayer book, centered with a purple throat orchid and tied with white satin ribbon.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Charles M. Pittman, wore a gray gabardine suit with blue accessories and corsage of yellow roses. Mrs. Pittman, mother of the bride, wore a black suit with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Mattie Simpson, the bridegroom's sister, wore a green suit with black accessories and a peach rose corsage. Immediately following the ceremony the bride's mother entertained at a reception at her home after the reception the couple left on a wedding trip and upon their return will be at home in Beaufort. The bride graduated from New Bern High School and since that time has been employed at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, in the P-W Department. The bridegroom, graduated from Morehead City High School, served



MR. HERMON W. BELL

## Career Employee Made Chief Clerk At Supply

Mr. Hermon W. Bell, recently assigned duties as Chief Clerk, Station Supply, of SMC, comes to his new assignment with a varied and interesting background of naval service experience.

Mr. Bell is a well known figure to most of us who are employed on the station. He was born in New Bern, N. C. on 13 September, 1890, and attended school there. He is married, has four children, three daughters and a son, and lives at 21 North Pinecrest, Street, Havelock, N. C.

Mr. Bell started to work in 1918 with the Aluminum Company of America at Badin, N. C. In 1918, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and saw active duty in France. When he was discharged from the Marine Corps in 1919, he returned to the Aluminum Co. of America at Badin, and remained there until 1921.

In 1921, Mr. Bell reenlisted in the Marine Corps and remained in the Corps until 1929. During this period of time, he was stationed at Mars Island, California, Norfolk, Virginia, Quantico, Virginia, Fort Ord, California, and Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

Upon discharge from the Marine Corps in 1929, Mr. Bell was appointed Assistant Clerk, CAFS, by the Adjutant and Inspector's Department, U. S. Marine Corps. From this job, Hermon went to the Army Air Corps company, Washington, D. C. as Office Manager, and in 1932 he accepted a position as Traffic Manager with the Northern Oxygen Company, Arlington, Virginia.

In 1935, Mr. Bell returned Civil Service with the Bureau of Public Roads, as an Assistant Clerk, CAFS, and he served there for 26 months. In 1929 he transferred to the Navy Supply Department at the Norfolk, Navy Yard working in Stock Control of the Navy Supply Department. After 10 months in Norfolk, Hermon transferred to the Naval Air Station, Coco Solo, Canal Zone, and he served there for 3 months. In 1941 he transferred to the Navy Supply Department at the Norfolk, Navy Yard working in Stock Control of the Navy Supply Department. After 10 months in Norfolk, Hermon transferred to the Naval Air Station, Coco Solo, Canal Zone, and he served there for 3 months. In 1941 he transferred to the Navy Supply Department at the Norfolk, Navy Yard working in Stock Control of the Navy Supply Department.

## OVERHAUL & REPAIR

We welcome back Lois Irland, Jack Hogan, Rachel Lewis and Houston Osher who have all been away for sometime. Mr. Chuck is back from Pennsylvania where he has been for two weeks due to the illness of his wife and the death of his mother-in-law.

We just received a card from William Trotter and former SSG Charles. They are homecoming in about four weeks and are sure that it's a great big business world these days. Several of our boys plans to join our civilian friends in the near future. On March 17th, our very own "Tex" will be returning from the States and will be home about the 20th. Don being in that big EPR

warehouse all by himself. Did you know that OER is just full of great sportsman? In basketball Lois Irland, Fred Locky and Max Harman are holding the spotlight while Ralph Ditcher, Reba Prewitt and Ray Mather are making good time on the golf course. And the baseball players are no numerous to mention.

Today's question: What type of appointment do you have? Permanent, Probationary, War Service or Temporary? If you happen to have one of the latter two mentioned, then you should know your classification such as M-1, M-2, E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7, E-8, E-9, E-10, E-11, E-12, E-13, E-14, E-15, E-16, E-17, E-18, E-19, E-20, E-21, E-22, E-23, E-24, E-25, E-26, E-27, E-28, E-29, E-30, E-31, E-32, E-33, E-34, E-35, E-36, E-37, E-38, E-39, E-40, E-41, E-42, E-43, E-44, E-45, E-46, E-47, E-48, E-49, E-50, E-51, E-52, E-53, E-54, E-55, E-56, E-57, E-58, E-59, E-60, E-61, E-62, E-63, E-64, E-65, E-66, E-67, E-68, E-69, E-70, E-71, E-72, E-73, E-74, E-75, E-76, E-77, E-78, E-79, E-80, E-81, E-82, E-83, E-84, E-85, E-86, E-87, E-88, E-89, E-90, E-91, E-92, E-93, E-94, E-95, E-96, E-97, E-98, E-99, E-100. You should know your classification such as M-1, M-2, E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7, E-8, E-9, E-10, E-11, E-12, E-13, E-14, E-15, E-16, E-17, E-18, E-19, E-20, E-21, E-22, E-23, E-24, E-25, E-26, E-27, E-28, E-29, E-30, E-31, E-32, E-33, E-34, E-35, E-36, E-37, E-38, E-39, E-40, E-41, E-42, E-43, E-44, E-45, E-46, E-47, E-48, E-49, E-50, E-51, E-52, E-53, E-54, E-55, E-56, E-57, E-58, E-59, E-60, E-61, E-62, E-63, E-64, E-65, E-66, E-67, E-68, E-69, E-70, E-71, E-72, E-73, E-74, E-75, E-76, E-77, E-78, E-79, E-80, E-81, E-82, E-83, E-84, E-85, E-86, E-87, E-88, E-89, E-90, E-91, E-92, E-93, E-94, E-95, E-96, E-97, E-98, E-99, E-100.

## Apprentice School STATION SUPPLY DEPARTMENT (USMC)

**By Hildegard Porter**  
"Spring has sprung  
The grass has awed  
I wonder where  
The flowers is."  
And with that cute little delicate piece of punk poetry, Lavice greeted us on this balmy, breezy morning. We've hardly had time, though, to think about the weather as this, you know, was the week of final exams for our old boys, and screening exams for our new ones. What an assembly of manly pulchritude our corridors boasted. They're all so pretty—pretty smart, that is. Our unanimous head goes higher day by day as this swell apprentice school goes on its way. Another boy entered training this week. A tiny little fellow arrived in this world, and he could do no better than follow his granddaddy's footsteps and become a fine Air Training Supervisor, Yessir. Mr. Oliver has added to his enviable collection of grandchildren, a namesake, James Oliver Cox. Grandfather and baby are doing fine, thank you. Bill Barnes has been going through his exams with sleepy eyes because his "Just-arrived" baby daughter has been keeping him awake. By the way, Bill, where are you going to spend Thursday and Friday nights?  
"Way! Joe's an exceptional husband who is exceptional because he is always "anxious" to get home to his wife" was spending pretty much time on his exams. "I try to get the last little 100%," says boys in his car-pool told him "waiting" but they would keep him the minutes "waiting" ask him where?

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