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DOWN EAST WITH BILLY ARTHUR

Raleigh—We were sitting around the breakfast table chattering over a third cup of coffee...

About coffee and such, Sgt. Cy Levine came through with a good one last Saturday while discussing the cigarette shortage.

For the first time in a number of months—well, a long time any way—I cut myself while shaving the other morning.

It was a brand new razor I had purchased, and hadn't become accustomed to the feel of it, and that's the reason, I think, that the flesh was nicked out of my chin.

Now I've got some sort of a complex. I just can't shave with that razor with peace of mind.

One of my favorite occupations is sleeping, and I just can't seem to get enough work. Beds and work don't go so good together, you know, and yet they do.

Harvey Booth, manager of the American Telephone and Telegraph company here, really gets things done when his necktie is involved.

One of the pay stations at the Capitol wouldn't work recently and there were complaints resulting when the contraption wouldn't return the money, if the call was not completed.

The appropriations committee is fast getting down to its last dollars with a number of requests for additional funds in the hopper.

Rep. Clarence Stone is having trouble, it seems. Last week, he got eggs in his lap at a breakfast given by Governor Cherry.

Writing in the Charlotte Observer, Jake Wade, famous sports and General Assembly reporter, said Sunday:

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Camp Lejeune Celebrates 2nd Anniversary of Women's Reserve



MARINES DEPART—A January graduating class steps smartly down the parade grounds in its final review of "Boot camp."

Camp Lejeune—This huge North Carolina Camp, chosen by the Marine Corps for the training of all women Marines is marking the second anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve today by proceeding with "business as usual."

Business includes the indoctrination and training of new recruits who are being trained as replacements. The flat terrain of the Carolina coastal region and the mid winter permits the continuous drill instruction which is an important part of Marine training.

Another important part of the Marine Corps' education of the woman Marine is showing her the training received by Combat Marines in order that she will understand the work of the Corps.

At the present time there are approximately 2,400 lady Marines stationed here. Of that number 900 are attached to the Schools and 1,500 are stationed here as members of the post troops performing duties which include typing, filing, clerical work, dictating, post-exchange work, commissary work, and many unusual jobs including photo-lithographing, machine operation, carpentry, radio repair work and plumbing.

Reviewed by Major General Marston, Commanding General of this Camp, Brigadier General Alfred H. Noble, Commanding General of the Training Command

here, the entire Camp General Staff, and high ranking women officers, 1,200 women Marine-staged an impressive review Saturday afternoon in honor of the second anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

Although the anniversary is today, the parade was held on Saturday so that it would not interfere with the working day of the women Marines who have replaced combat Marines in many of the jobs on this camp.

Of the 1,200 women Marines participating in the review, approximately 800 were members of the permanent post troops and the other 400 were members of the basic training unit here.

Major Mary L. Parks, Commanding Officer of the Women's Battalion here, acted as regimental commander, and Major Dorothy Mott, Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve Schools, acted as Adjutant for the Review.

Pvt. Grover B. Blake, Jacksonville, Wounded In Southwest Pacific

Pvt. Grover B. Blake of Jacksonville has been wounded in the Southwest Pacific area according to his mother, Mrs. Katie P. Blake, 111. Southside from the War Department.

Miss Marcilla Robinson, Formerly of Jacksonville, Passes in Wilmington

Miss Marcilla Robinson, 70, died last Friday at the home of a brother in Wilmington following a long illness.

The funeral was held at the home of her brother, Mr. Robinson, near Secor Hill at three p.m. on Saturday, conducted by the Rev. Lonnie Yopp, Primitive Baptist, of Jacksonville.

She is survived by six brothers, Frank, Charles, and Lester of Jacksonville; Kelly and Louis of Burgaw and Jack of the home.

Schools to Cooperate With Navy Dept. in Training Men for Radar Service

Chief G. W. Stewart, Navy Recruiter for this area, who is at the Jacksonville Post Office each Thursday morning, announced that the Navy Recruiting Service for the state moved today to acquaint education leaders with the Navy's Radio Technician Program.

This is a course by which selected men are trained to become operators and maintenance men for radar devices, and high school principals, Lieut. W. W. Templin, Jr., recruiting and induction officer, spoke of the "urgent need" for more Radar men and outlined subjects to be studied in preparing for the Eddy Aptitude Test.

The outline of subjects to be studied is given as follows: Mathematics, arithmetic and algebra, with ability to use addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, with emphasis on fractions, decimals, roots, ratio, proportion and percentage, algebraic solution up to quadratics, exponents and algebraic fractions.

Physics: general principles and practical application of the laws of heat, light, sound, mechanics, and magnetism.

Electricity: familiarity with simple direct current circuits, and with various terms, definitions, general laws and types of circuits, as well as an understanding of the practical application of such terms, as resistance, amperage, capacity, voltage, and wattage.

Radio: nomenclature of commonly used parts, broad principles of transmission and reception of radio waves, and the vacuum tube theory.

Shop practice: use of common hand tools, including hacksaws, drills and files, soldering, and precision instruments, micrometers calipers and gauges.

The Eddy Test is given daily at the New Bern recruiting office to Navy volunteers and to selectees who have passed their physical examination for military service.

Pvt. Eddie B. Lovitt of Jacksonville Awarded Good Conduct Medal

Pvt. Eddie B. Lovitt of Route 1, Jacksonville, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal while serving overseas.

Cpl. Allan B. Gawthrop Reported Wounded in Action on Belgium Front

Mrs. Grace Gawthrop, executive secretary of the Onslow County Chapter of the American Red Cross was notified Friday that her husband, Cpl. Allan B. Gawthrop, had been wounded in action somewhere in Belgium on January 24.

County Schools Get \$190,000 Appropriation

Camp Davis Hospital Will Be Ready for Use in Three Weeks

Major Donald S. Joyce, who commands temporarily the 1079th Army Air Forces hospital unit at Camp Davis, said that the AAF station complement staff was gradually taking shape and predicted that the base hospital would be ready for use by convalescent airmen in about three weeks.

Five members of the station complement already have joined Major Joyce, who arrived at Camp Davis last Friday. The officer said others are expected late this week and that between 10 and 20 would arrive the first of next week.

Oscar L. Schneider, MM2c Of Swansboro, Participated In Invasion of Luzon

Aboard a Coast Guard Attack Transport At Luzon—Special Coast Guardsman Oscar L. Schneider, Machinist's mate, 2c, of Swansboro, N. C., won't have much trouble recalling his most anxious moments during the invasion of Luzon.

Schneider who works below decks with fellow members of the "black gang," got that funny feeling in the midriff when the grim announcement came over the lookout telephones that a Jap torpedo boat had sneaked in to embattle Lingayen Gulf under cover of darkness.

He couldn't see the searchlight stab through the darkness as it caught the fleet Nip craft, nor could he see sheets of tracer fire convert it into a flaming torch.

All of us down below breathed easier when they got that Jap boat," the Coast Guardsmen said.

Members of the black gang don't limit their spic-tinglers to the torpedo boat episode by any means. Since this vessel has been in the gulch, aerial bombs have been dropping with various degrees of accuracy virtually from morning until night.

"We thought at first they were our guns," they recalled. "Imagine our surprise when they told us differently!"

The Japs got their first licking when the convoy reached the approaches of the Gulf on "D-Day minus one. Telephone talkers at lookout stations relayed to the black gang accounts of how Jap planes were shot out of the air both by flak and by Yank fighter planes. It continued that way into D-plus-one.

Farm Agent Urges Farmers to Purchase Fertilizer Early

Farm Agent Charles Clark today warned local farmers to purchase their fertilizer early because of the acute labor shortage in fertilizer plants throughout the South.

He pointed out the War Food Administration estimates a 10 per cent shortage of nitrogen exists, plus a 15 per cent shortage of superphosphates, but that 20 per cent more potash than was available last year.

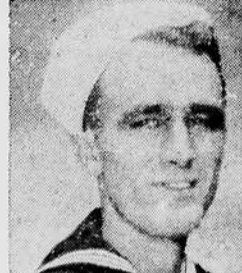
War Dogs Will No Longer Be Used to Detect Buried Mines

Atlanta, Ga.—The training of war dogs for the detection of buried enemy mines has been discontinued by the Quartermaster Corps, it was announced today by Headquarters, Fourth Service Command.

The training of dogs for this purpose was started little more than a year ago and it was discovered that the dogs could detect a certain percentage of buried mines, it is explained. However, continues the report, tests under field conditions in theatres of operation showed that while the dogs could find a good percentage of buried mines, the percentage was not high enough to justify the use of men and dogs as a substitute for more efficient mechanical devices.

Training of scout and messenger dogs, whose performance against the Japanese already is credited with the saving of hundreds of American soldiers, will be continued.

Brushes Death



Machinist Mate 2c R. J. Darden of Jacksonville, Onslow County, counts himself among the Navy's luckiest war survivors. Darden was one of six men rescued from a crew of 200 when the USS Monaghan, destroyer, was swamped by a Philippines typhoon. He spent three days and three nights clinging to a life raft in mountainous seas.

Mrs. Nora Humphrey, Mother of Local Man, Dies Near Deep Run

Funeral services for Mrs. Nora Harper Humphrey, 72, widow of Edgar Humphrey, of near Deep Run, who died at her home at 11 a.m. Thursday after a week's illness, were held from the residence at 4 p.m. Friday with burial in nearby Harper cemetery. The Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Free Will Baptist of Kenansville, officiated.

Mrs. Humphrey was a daughter of the late Wendell and Emmaline Taylor Harper of Lenoir County and had been a member of the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church for 50 years. Her husband died about 45 years ago.

Surviving are four sons, Oscar and Edgar of Deep Run, Lot of Kinston, Route 1, and James of Jacksonville; one stepson, John Humphrey of Little River, S. C.; two daughters, Mrs. E. C. Taylor and Mrs. Albert Langston; and two brothers, Simpson and James Harper, all of Deep Run; 26 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren.

Alton Ray Horne, HA2c, Now Stationed at Portsmouth Naval Hospital

Alton Ray Horne, HA 2c, USNR, has returned to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., where he is stationed, following a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horne, here. He entered the Navy February 23, 1944 and spent six months overseas, participating in the invasion of North Africa and Southern France before returning to the States.

Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune to Have Two New Wings

Construction has already begun on additions at the United States Naval Hospital here that will increase the capacity of that facility by 250 beds. The plans include two new wings, one for women and the other for neuro-psychiatric patients. The project will be complete within six months.

The wings, according to Captain J. R. White, (MC) USN, Medical Officer in Command of the hospital, will be constructed at each end of the present hospital building and will be in exact conformity with existing architectural features of the large edifice.

The east wing, on which construction has actually begun, will be used entirely for the care of neuro-psychiatric patients, Captain White explained. The west wing, he added, will be a new development for women who will be complete with isolation ward. It will also have an open ward space. The new structure, each identical with dimensions of 176 feet by 40 feet, will be joined to the present structure by connecting corridors that will follow the existing architectural designs. The material used will be hollow tile with brick facing. The interior walls will be finished in plaster. Appointments for each wing will be the same as those prevailing in the present wards.

Adrian Earl Gurganus, Jacksonville, Reported Wounded in Action

Adrian Earl Gurganus, GM 3c of Jacksonville has been wounded in action, the Navy Department announced last week.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Gurganus of Route 1, Jacksonville.

Canadian First Army Pushes Through Kleva

Paris—(AP)—Canadian First Army troops pushed beyond the heavily fortified line anchor city of Kleva today, leaving groups behind to mop up the last nests of snipers.

In center of the front the U. S. Fourth Division cleared half the major road function of Pruem behind the widely breached Siegfried Line. This fortified traffic center is eight miles inside of Germany.

Between focal points of battle, floods loosed by German breaching of Schwammenauel dam flood gates, immobilized the U. S. Ninth and the British Second Army lines, up along Roer, which was a rampaging river two miles wide at one point.

Russian Drive Continues

London—(AP)—Russians, encircling Breslau except for a 5-mile gap, drove on unchecked across Silesia today and the Germans said Marshall Ivan Konev's tanks had broken into Bonzlau only 74 miles from Dresden, capital of one time Kingdom of Saxony.

The smash took the First Ukrainian Army forward almost to Bobber river and three-fourths of the way across lower Silesia to within 22 miles of Czechoslovak frontier.

Compromise Manpower Plan

Washington—(AP)—A compromise Manpower Control Plan which would give statutory top to the present War Manpower Commission Recruitment Program was reported under preparation today.

Its advocates think it may attract enough votes in the Senate Military Affairs Committee to displace the Work-Or-Jail Bill for which the White House generals and admirals have asked.

118 North Carolina Hatcheries Cooperating With Poultry Plan

North Carolina ranks among the top states in the number of hatcheries cooperating with the National Poultry Improvement Plan, having 118 hatcheries for the 1944-45 season, it has been announced by Dr. William Moore, head of the Veterinary division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Although this figure is high, explained Dr. Moore, it is 13 less than the number cooperating with the plan last season. Total chick capacity of these hatcheries is approximately 7,000,000, he said.

Japs Reported Trapped Between Pasig River And Manila Bay

Manila—(AP)—Manila's bitterly resisting Japanese defenders were trapped in a narrowing triangle between Manila bay and the winding Pasig river today as increasing numbers of American troops and armored divisions poured in for the kill, aided by artillery and Marine divebombers.

Maj. Gen. Verne Mudge's First Cavalry division columns have thrust deep into south Manila from the east and Maj. Gen. Robert Beightler's 37th Infantry fight along south Manila Bay shore.

Airborne 11th Division tanks are battling around Nichols Field.

Air Blows On Japan

Washington—(AP)—American, British and Chinese planes from Superfortresses to fighters have destroyed or damaged 164 Japanese planes in a spread ruin through target areas of the Rangoon district of Burma, the Shantung peninsula of China, and at Ota, Japan, in 24 hours of major action, it has been announced.

In addition, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's planes destroyed a number of parked enemy planes at Takao airbase on Formosa and sank two ships in adjacent waters.

Jacob Cicero Lanier of Chinquapin Serving With Navy in Pacific Area



Jacob Cicero Lanier of Chinquapin, electrician's mate first class, is with the Navy in the Pacific. He entered service in October, 1941, and went overseas last November. Lanier, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lanier of Chinquapin, is a graduate of Chinquapin High School.

Public Warned Not to Use Social Security Cards As Means of Identification

Occasional complaints, that social security account number cards are improperly used as identification for check-cashing purposes, today led N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington office of the Social Security Board, to issue the following cautionary statement:

"The social security account number card is not intended to serve as identification for check-cashing purposes, and should not be accepted as such.

"A social security card is issued to any person who applies for it. It is issued for one purpose and only one. That is to identify a social security account on which the wage record of the possessor may be posted as credit toward old-age and survivors insurance benefits. The account number is used with the person's name to identify his social security account, because many people have the same name but no two can have the same number. The Social Security Board, in paying benefits, requires that the beneficiary identify himself fully."

Camp Lejeune Officers Named Honorary Members Of Chamber of Commerce

At a recent meeting of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce honorary memberships were extended to Major General John Marston, Lt. Col. R. H. Pepper, Lt. Col. Harden, Lt. Col. Beal and Capt. Lloyd.

The Chamber of Commerce has extended these memberships in a continuing effort to cooperate with the base and extends a cordial invitation to these officers to attend their meetings.

Capt. Preston H. Robb Returns to Jacksonville From Pacific Duty

Captain Preston H. Robb of Onslow Terrace, Jacksonville, has recently returned here after serving more than thirty one months in the Pacific theatre.

Captain and Mrs. Robb came to Jacksonville in October, 1941 and Mrs. Robb has been making her home here while Captain Robb was overseas.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Cpl. Arthur J. Everette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Everette of Jacksonville, recently was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is serving with the Fifth Army in Italy.

Norway declared its independence from Denmark and Sweden in 1814 but the union was not dissolved for 91 years.