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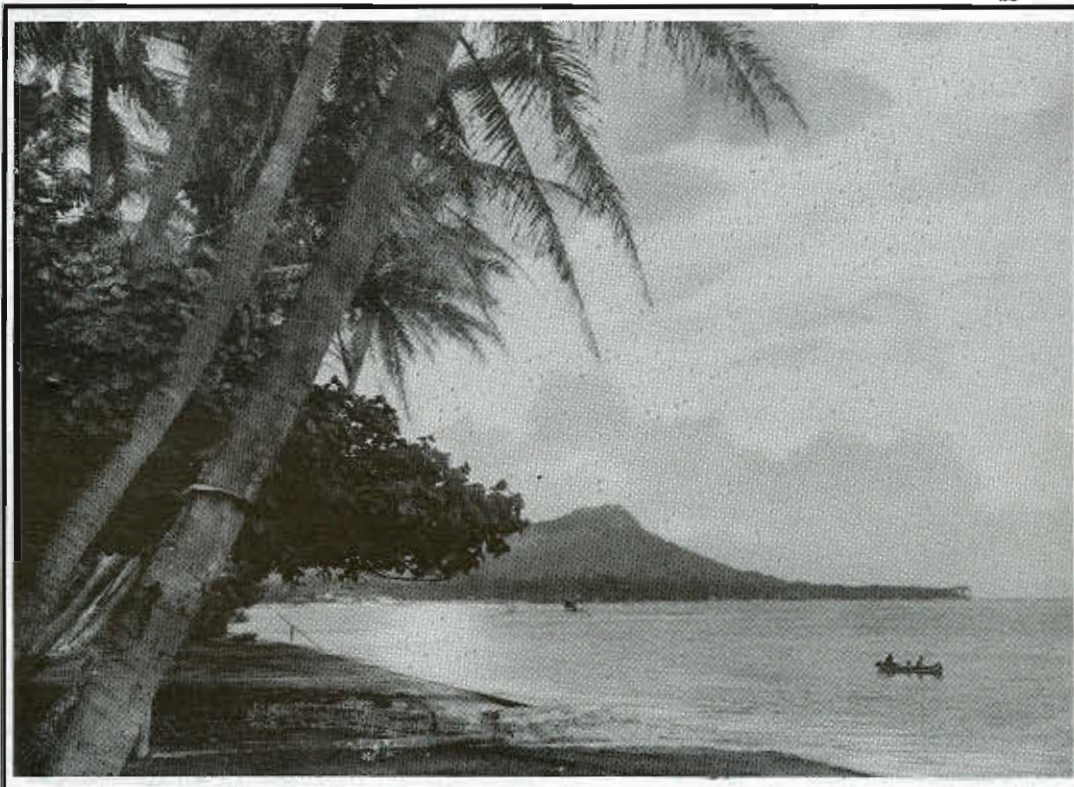


Bull Sheet
And, much
much more



HAWAII CALLS, ONE MORE TIME

Opportunity for Raiders to Bid Aloha to 158 Comrades Buried in Hawaii,s Punch Bowl National Cemetery



- Photo courtesy of Bob Mathews

This magnificent photo was sent in by Bob Mathews 4HQ. It shows Diamond Head in all her uncrowded, unspoiled pre-war glory. Diamond Head's "sister" extinct volcano, The Punch Bowl, overlooking all of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor, will be the scene of our association's Memorial Plaque presentation honoring the 158 Marine Raiders buried there. More details in President Mel Heckt's article inside. (Editor's Note: Notation on the back of the photo says "Hawaii, 1941". Looks like it could have been much earlier. Bob's note to the Patch that accompanied the photo - "Memories are made of this..." So true!)

2002 New Orleans • Aug. 28 - Sept. 1 • Start Making Plans

Association President Mel Heckt informed the Patch just before going to press that all plans, prices and details for our 2002 Reunion in New Orleans, LA have been made.

The Re-union will take place 28 August through 1 September, 2002 at the beautiful

Astor Crowne Plaza. The Astor Crowne Plaza is located where Bourbon Street meets Canal Street, on the former site of the historic Astor Hotel. Here, at the Gateway of New Orleans French Quarter, guests will find comfort and convenience in the 515 well-appointed rooms.

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- Marines & Helicopters/Ships Of The Sky: 2 films, dealing with early uses of helicopters by Marines in Korea & early 1960s, 40 min.
- HAWK Missile Battery: Story of Marine missile specialists of the 1950s who man one of the Corps' new weapons systems, 25 min.
- The John Glenn Story: From his childhood days to his triumph as an astronaut, this is one Marine's story, 30 min.
- USMC Aviation 1950s: Follow Marines into basic & advanced aviation training at Quantico, Pensacola and Corpus Christi, 30 min.
- MCRD San Diego 1950s: Covers the entire boot camp experience. Includes great footage of Rifle Range Camp Matthews, 30 min.
- Scagoing Leathernecks: Produced in 1960s, details training (Sea School) and shipboard duties of Marine detachments, 30 min.
- 3 Guys Called MAC: Marine Corps training in the 1950s — infantry, recon, aviation mechanic, etc., 30 min.
- Marine Observation: Fixed wing & helicopters. Includes 2 films, "Tactical & Gunnery Observation" & "Eagle Eye Bravo," 30 min.

MARINES IN BOOT CAMP

- Women Reserves Training 1940s, 45 min.
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- Boot Camp Parris Island 1950s, 30 min.
- Boot Camp MCRD, SD 1969/1973, 60 min.
- Women Marines Training 1960s, 45 min.
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- For DIs Only: Boot Camp From The DIs' Point Of View, 55 min.
- Retired & Active Duty DIs "Let Down Their Hair," 65 min.
- MCRD San Diego: Complete 75-Year History, 60 min.

MARINES IN WORLD WAR II

- The Camp Pendleton Story: 3rd, 4th, 5th Div. WWII, 70 min.
- The Marines Who Defended Midway, 60 min.
- Navajo Code Talkers Of World War II, 30 min.
- Marine Corsair Pilot & USS Franklin Story, 45 min.
- Marines Ship To Shore & How To Abandon Ship, 45 min.
- Tarawa: Official USMC Battle Report, 50 min.
- Guadalcanal: Official USMC Battle Report, 50 min.
- New Britain: Official USMC Battle Report, 40 min.
- Guam: Official USMC Battle Report, 70 min.
- Tinian: Official USMC Battle Report, 50 min.
- Saipan: Official USMC Battle Report, 85 min.
- Peleliu: Official USMC Battle Report, 85 min.
- Iwo Jima: Official USMC Battle Report, 50 min.
- Marines/Okinawa: Official USMC Battle Report, 60 min.
- 6th Mar. Div./ Okinawa: Official USMC Battle Report, 60 min.
- Marines On Bougainville, Raw Silent Footage, 40 min.
- Marines At Naha, Okinawa, Raw Silent Footage, 35 min.
- Marine Engineers Of WWII: Training/ In Field, 40 min.
- Amphibious Recon Teams WW II/ Recon Today, 45 min.
- Reising Submachine Gun & Pack Howitzer, 30 min.
- USMC Combat Conditioning: Judo & Unarmed, 30 min.
- USMC Combat Conditioning: Bayonet/Swimming, 50 min.
- USMC Combat Conditioning: Knife/ Club Fighting, 20 min.

MARINES IN KOREA

- Story Of 1st Marine Division In Korea, 55 min.
- Chosin Res. To Hungnam/1st 40 Days, 50 min.

MARINES IN VIETNAM

- Sand & Steel: Airbase at Chu Lai, 15 min.
- Marines 1965 & Operation Piranha, 45 min.
- Marines 1967 & Operation County Fair, 45 min.
- Marines 1968 & On Target, 45 min.
- A Day In Vietnam: Overview Of I-Corps Ops, 50 min.
- Chieu Hoi Program & The Viet Cong, 40 min.
- Operation Dewey Canyon & Legacy Program, 45 min.
- Ugly Angels (Choppers) & Wings Of A Marine, 40 min.
- FMF Village Search & Viet Cong Traps, 45 min.
- Siege At Khe Sanh & Contact, 45 min.
- VMCJ Photo Recon, Full Blade & Jungle War, 60 min.
- Hospital Ship USS Repose & Corpsman, 45 min.
- Marine Engineers & Seabees in Vietnam, 40 min.

SPECIALTY TITLES FOR MARINES

- Chesty Puller Story (Includes Puller Interview), 50 min.
- Steel Knight: 1st Marine Div. Live Fire At 29 Palms, 90 min.
- Band's All Here: Historical Salute To USMC Field Bands, 65 min.
- Embassy Marines 1960s: On Guard Around World, 30 min.
- Marines Land In Lebanon: 1958, 30 min.
- Basic School & Mtn. Warfare Training Center, 45 min.
- M-14: This Is My Rifle (On The Range At P.I.), 30 min.
- Rifle Platoon 1950s & Rifle Squad 1960s, 60 min.
- Old Corps: Marines Training In The 1930s, 60 min.
- To The Shores Of Iwo Jima & What Price Iwo, 45 min.
- Amphibious Marines: Development Of FMF, 30 min.
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- M-16 Rifle: Care And Operation/ Battlefield, 20 min.
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of Raider history.

"Wait 'til I get my hands on him..."



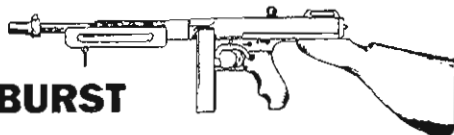
President George W. Bush seems to have the right track on
getting Osama Bin Laden. His "Wanted: Dead or Alive"
proclamation was a far cry from actions by the previous
administration. *Photo courtesy of the Bartose Family.*



SHORT



BURST



Notes & Thoughts From President Mel Heckt



President Mel Heckt

I want to thank President George W. Bush for his letter which I read at the Saturday evening banquet. The 534 Raiders, the next-of-kin, and the relatives appreciated his message.

PUNCH BOWL HONOLULU

Our USMRA Memorial Stone and Plaque will be dedicated Friday, March 8, 2002 at the Punch Bowl National Cemetery. It will honor the 902 Marine Raiders who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II, of whom 158 are buried therein.

Lt. General Earl Hailston and his Marines will provide the Marine Band, a Color Guard, a Firing Detail, a Bugler, a Bagpiper if available, and a Navy Chaplain. If General Hailston is available, he has been invited to attend and speak. I also am inviting Senator Daniel Inouye to attend and speak. You will recall that he was in attendance at Hickam to see our 13 Makin Raiders depart for Andrews Air Base.

HOTEL

We plan to stay at the Ohana Maile Sky Court Hotel, 2058 Kuhio Ave. on Waikiki Beach. The cost is \$61.28 for a non-ocean view room and \$77.99 for an ocean view room per day. Tax is included in the above price. Make your reservations now. Call 1-800-279-0126.

NORTHWEST AIRLINES

You may travel at the following rates any time between Feb. 25th and March 18, 2002. Many of us plan to leave Wednesday, March 6th and return Sunday, March 10th.

You have two options if flying NWA; discount from published fares or zone code basis.

Discounted Published Fares should be used if the fare is cheaper than the zone code fare. If I had flown Oct. 18th, the fare was \$575, but if flying on March 6th, the fare would be \$1100. The discount varies from 5% to 15% depending on the number of ticketing days before departure.

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- Zone 1 fare is \$871 plus tax and fees. It includes AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN and WVA.
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OTHER FLIGHT ALTERNATIVES

For those on the East Coast, you may find it less expensive to fly on an airline providing a "senior coupon book". Also, contact your personal travel agent.

Please write or e-mail me at melheckt@aol.com when you have made your airline and hotel reservations and tell me the number in your party who will be attending the dedication ceremony.

I am sorry to report that two outstanding Raiders of the same squad of the 4th had funerals and interment one day apart. Allen "Dick" Luckemeyer of St. Cloud, MN and August "Gus" Zurawski of Chicago, IL. They will be remembered, respected and honored by us all.

*Semper Fidelis,
Mel Heckt*

THE RAIDER ROOM "NEEDS"

JAP BAYONET FROG

The leather holder that the bayonet fits into. We could also use the complete set of bayonet, scaboard, frog.

JAP ARISAKA RIFLE MONOPOD

(the wire bracket that folds up under the fore-stock used for stabilizing accurate fire.)

If you have any of the requested items, or other items and wish to donate them to the RAIDER ROOM at the Command Museum at MCRD in San Diego, please send to:

John McCarthy,
Raider Room Coordinator/Curator
c/o The PATCH.
Thanks in advance.

HAWAII PUNCH BOWL MEMORIAL PRESENTATION WOULD WELCOME ALL RAIDERS

Would you be interested in joining a small group of association members that will go to Hawaii on 8 March, 2002 to place a memorial plaque honoring our fallen comrades buried in that beautiful national cemetery? There is a possibility that a group of us would continue the trip to Kawjalein to participate in a similar ceremony and plaque presentation honoring our nine Makin heroes whose lives were taken by their Japanese captors in October, 1942.

If you have any interest in participating, please contact Raider Association President Mel Heckt at 601 Carlson Parkway, Suite 750, Minnetonka, MN 55305. Fax: (952) 449-4149 • Tel: (962) 449-4141. We are trying to get a handle on how many of our people would participate.

Thank you and Semper Fidelis,
Mel Heckt 1BA



EDITOR'S NOTES

Perhaps Our Last Hoorah!

John McCarthy

With the recent internment of our 13 Makin Heros in Arlington National Cemetery this past August and the private burial of six of their comrades at other locations, the United States Marine Raider Association has just "one more hill" to climb.

The magnificent team at CILHI is about to make a vigorous and detailed attempt to find the remains of our nine Makin Raiders murdered by the Japanese in October of 1942. The site of the search is on Kwajalein. As I write this column, CILHI is studying every known detail that, hopefully, will result in the discovery of our Raiders. If any group of experts can, it's the talented and dedicated members of CILHI.

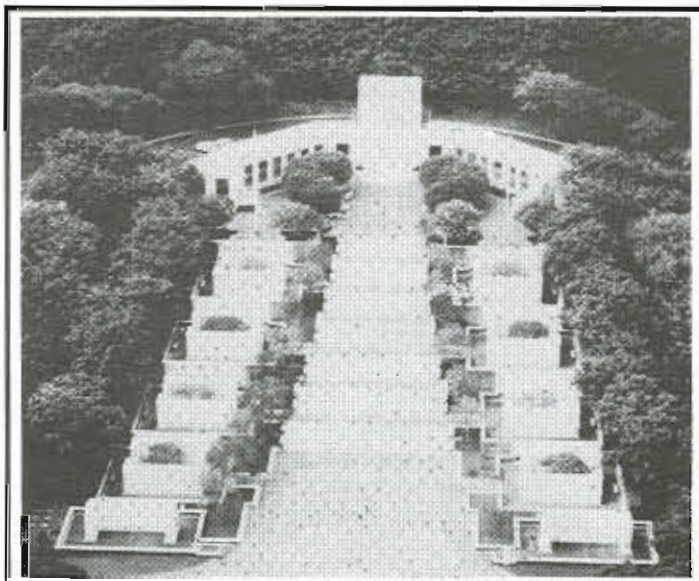
Additional emphasis has been added to the priority of the search. It appears that one or more Air Force B-24 crews were taken to Kwajalein later on in the war and were also executed by beheading. It is hoped that someone is still around that was witness to the atrocity and can pinpoint the location where the remains may lay. Perhaps both the Raiders and the Air crews were buried in a common grave. Remember, it was an aged Butaritarian who lead the CILHI Team to our Makin Raiders burial site.

The photograph in this column is a beautiful view of the Memorial to our Pacific War missing and dead in the Punch Bowl National Cemetery in Hawaii. The names of all 30 of our Makin heroes are enscribed on these walls of honor. It is our deepest hope that before long we can place the remains of those nine brave Makin Raiders along side those of their comrades now residing in Arlington National Cemetery.

On 8 March, 2002 all Raiders, families and friends will have an opportunity to visit this magnificent site and be a part of our association's memorial tribute to the 158 Raiders buried there. The plaque, in essence, will honor all Raiders who gave their youth and lives for Corps, comrades and country, almost sixty years ago.

For additional information on the planned memorial program, read President Mel Heck's "Short Burst" column.

— Editor



— Patch Photo

This shot of the magnificent memorial to the Pacific War dead and missing of World War II, is something very special. The Punch Bowl National Cemetery will be the location of our Raider plaque presentation on 8 March, 2002. You can be a part of it. (See President Mel Heck's "Short Burst" column.

From the Desk of the Membership Secretary

SPECIAL NOTICES:

"History of the Marine Raiders .. More than a Few Good Men"

Stock level is getting lower by the day. When orders that are now on hand are shipped, there will be just a few more than four dozen on hand. If you desire one, don't wait too long to get your order in to Jack Dornan, the Membership Secretary. Include check or money order made payable to the U.S. Marine Raider Association, Inc. in the amount of \$29.50 each. Credit cards are not accepted.



Jack Dornan

A Request for Data from our Honorary & Associate Members

When this Membership Secretary took over his assignment, many records were not as complete as desired. It has been a real effort to determine the affiliation of many of our Honorary and/or Associate Members, and this is a particularly hard problem in those cases wherein the last name is one where our Master List contains several where the sir name appears more than once such as Adams (9), Allen (13), Anderson (29), Baker (12) or Smith (84).

It would be a great help is each Honorary Member would send in a postcard with the full name of the Raider with whom they are affiliated, and include therewith what the relationship is, such as spouse, son, daughter, grandchild, or whatever. Some Honorary Memberships were granted by the Board of Directors and/or the Raider Membership. If that is the case, so note. Direct the postcard to the attention of this Membership Secretary.

OBITUARY



John Lee "Jack" Sterling

John Lee "Jack" Sterling, 81, of Pompano Beach, FL passed away November 21, 2001. He is survived by his beloved wife Dolores Wilson Sterling, and his daughters Nancy Sterling and Alexis Sterling Popovich.

Jack was born in Greenwich, CT on June 26, 1920, attended Dartmouth College and served with the elite Marine Raiders in WWII. He was awarded the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts, attaining the rank of Major. Beloved husband, father and grandfather, his devotion to his family and community will be deeply missed. A memorial service was held at Community Presbyterian Church in Pompano Beach, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his honor be made to the Detroit area Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, to which he devoted much service. Semper Fidelis.

Dolores Wilson Sterling
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REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR

SNEAK ATTACK INFURIATED ALL AMERICANS Many future Raiders were in recruiting lines within days.

By Patch Editor

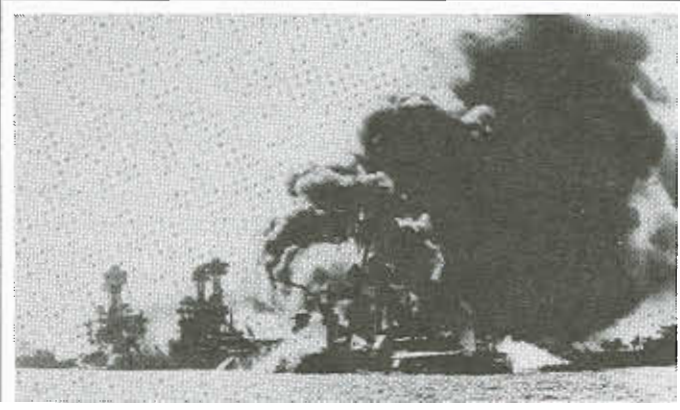
Can any of us believe it has been 60 years since that "dastardly act", "The day that will live in infamy", happened six decades ago? Being several years younger than most of you guys, your Editor wasn't faced with being drafted or going off to fight, and perhaps die, getting revenge on those little bastards. However, as a young teenager I experienced many of the same thoughts as you did and much of the same anger. By the time I went into the service, you fellows had pretty well had the "situation in hand". I am eternally grateful for that.

Being a Southern Californian, I, along with everyone else, truly expected the Japanese to be on the beaches of Santa Monica and Malibu by 8 or 9 December 1941. It was that bad. My brother worked for Lockheed/Vega in the San Fernando Valley. Monday morning, the 8th, craftsmen from the movie studios were at his Burbank plant painting the windows black and camouflaging the rest of the facility. While the talents of Warner Brothers, Republic Studios, Universal and R.K.O. were doing that, similar talent from MGM and 20th Century Fox were very busy doing the same thing at Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica. They were so good at what they did, several Douglas SBD Dive bombers crashed because the camo was so good they couldn't locate the runways. That problem was quickly solved.

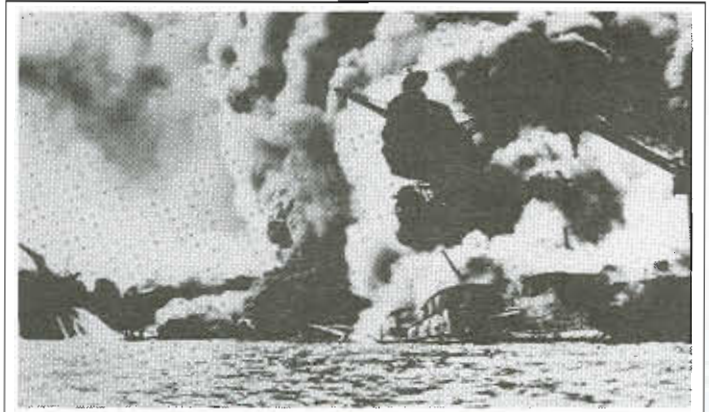
I thought it might be interesting to "pick" a few brains of Raiders who have their own thoughts about that day and what it meant to them. There is no question that the result of that act, on that Sunday was the defining moment in their young lives resulting in their becoming United States Marines and Marine Raiders.

Offhand, without going through every Raider's history, I can think of two who were already at Pearl Harbor when the "Nip Hit The Fan". One was Raider legend and latter General Allan Shapley. He was in charge of the Marine compliment of the U.S.S. Arizona. When a Jap bomb hit his gun position and entire crew, he was blown into the water. Severely wounded himself, he saved a young sailor from drowning. Shapley received the Silver Star for his actions that day.

Another Raider who was an eyewitness to the "Day of Infamy" was Joe Pennock, 2A. At 0400 on 7 December Joe took over his guard post on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. Within four short hours, Pennock was in the middle of the most horrendous inferno imaginable. He found himself almost totally helpless as he fired his .45 automatic at Japanese planes.



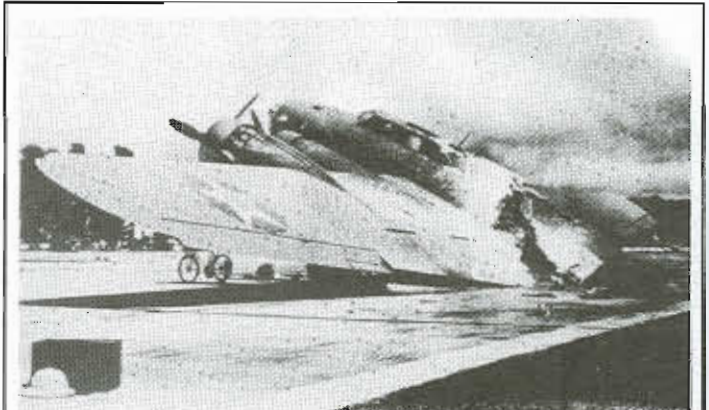
BATTLESHIP ROW - Pearl Harbor and it's Naval power was the main target of the Japanese. Their well laid plans called for a well coordinated attack on all U.S. military installations on Oahu. Even the Japs were surprised at their success.



ETERNAL MEMORIAL - The USS Arizona's forecable emerges from the smoke and carnage as the result of early Sunday morning attack. The Arizona still lives as a lasting memorial to her crew and country.



US AIR POWER "GROUNDED" - The Army Air Corps' Wheeler Field with her compliment of P-40 and obsolete Brewster Buffalos was hit early and hard. Soldier overlooks remains of P-40 Fighter at Hanger #4 in background.

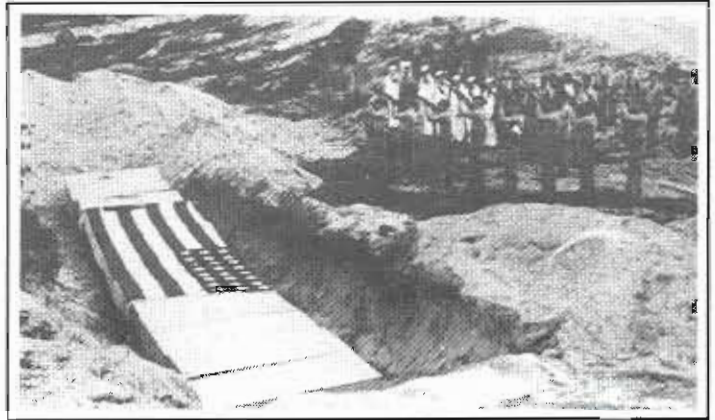


SEVERED LIKE A BANANA - A B-17C rests near Hanger #5 at Hickam Field. Few planes got airborne that morning and the enemy pretty well had his way. Sweet revenge would come five months later at Midway.

REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR - continued



FORD ISLAND took some very big hits. Most of the aircraft and other equipment was destroyed. Here, firefighters do their best to save several PBV's. The Japs did a very thorough job.



AS SAILORS LOOK ON, Marines fire a volley from their rifles over the caskets of comrades killed in action on that day "that will live in infamy." This scene was repeated several times this day.

RAIDERS REMEMBER: *In their own words...*

Here in their own words are what a few of our members remember about that day in our history...



Frank J. Guidone, 1ABD

I was stationed at Quantico with a soon to be Raider Battalion. A budding Private First Class. On this weekend I had a liberty and went home to Wellsville, Ohio. This is about 400 miles from Quantico. I went in a car pool as far as Pittsburg and then hitchhiked to Wellsville. I was in full greens, of course.

It was sometime in the morning

and I was in the process of gathering my gear together for the return trip to Quantico. My Dad owned a tavern and I was there when someone came in and asked me if I knew where Pearl Harbor was. Frankly, I knew about where it was but not much more. I was informed that it had been bombed. I had no idea of the gravity of this action. I was soon on my way to Quantico by way of Pittsburg. There was no great send-off from the family as though I was going off to war because we didn't know at that time.

It was not until I checked in with my unit did I learn that this was a serious situation. The whole base reacted as though we were about to be attacked. We were placed on alert as though we were leaving that day. Of course, within a week or so things calmed down and the base was quieter but steps were being taken to take on the "Yellow Foe".

Ashley "Bill" Fisher, 2B: I was fifteen and loafing, and on that Sunday I was listening to Alvino Ray on the radio. I did not get excited for a couple of weeks when I turned sixteen and by January 27th, 1942, I was on the way to San Diego.



Ashley "Bill" Fisher, 2B



Harry Reynolds, 2BHQ and Ken "Mudhole" Merrill, 2B

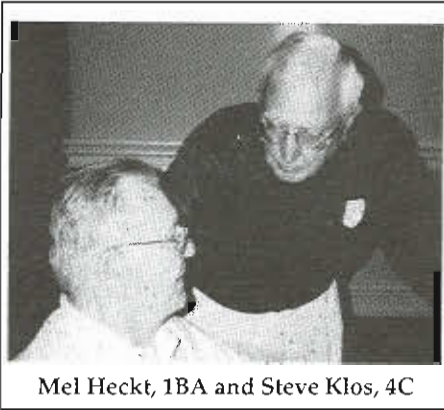
Harry Reynolds, 2B&HQ: When the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor I was living in Laurel Canyon in the Hollywood Hills. As I recall, it was about 11:00 or 11:30 a.m. that I heard it on the radio (my TV was broken). I immediately called two of my more scholarly friends, Bill Kramer and Dan Dennis to find out where Pearl Harbor was. Since they were not that well informed either, it was imperative that we get together and search the Hollywood Hills for a gun placement site. For all we knew, Pearl Harboar could have been just a few miles beyond Catalina Island or the Santa Barbara Islands. We needed to protect our homes so we looked around and found several nice locations just north of Hollywood and Sunset Blvds. Fortunately these locations were never occupied with guns, they now have million dollar plus homes on them.

Ken "Mudhole" Merrill, 2B: On Dec. 7th I was visiting my Dad in San Diego, California. He had a job with one of the aircraft factories. When we heard the news about Pearl Harbor, I told my Day I was going back to Arizona and join the Marines. I didn't even know where Pearl Harbor was until my Dad told me.

I had just turned seventeen and Dad told me that the only way he would sign for me was if I promised that when the war was over, I'd come back and finish high school. I gave him my word!

Steve M. Klos, 4C

I went rabbit hunting with my brother Joe, Johnny Doyle, and Art Kelsey that Sunday morning. We didn't have much luck and even back then I didn't like to shoot animals. On the way home we stopped for lunch and one of us turned on the car radio. Out came the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor. We were all in a state of shock. I was working for Courtland Industries at the time in accounting and they did a great deal of defense work. It kept me out of the draft at first. I wanted to join the Air Corps, but missed on the exam by one point. Walking back home through downtown I passed a Marine recruiting station. Just that quick and easy I was in the Marine Corps. That was in the early part of August, 1942, about the time of the Guadalcanal operation.



Mel Heckt, 1BA and Steve Klos, 4C

Mel Heckt, 1BA: On Friday, December 5, 1941 I was co-captain of the Grundy Center High School basketball team. We won the game that day and attended a high school Friday night dance at the Knights of Columbus hall. Saturday, December 6th my teammates and I attended a movie. Sunday, December 7th, my folks and I attended church, went home and were enjoying a Sunday dinner when we heard the radio program interrupted by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt announcing that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Later I learned that my pal John Broderick, he was a year ahead of me in high school, had joined Carlson's Marine Raider Battalion. I knew then that I wanted to join the Marine Raiders.



John Sweeney, 1EBCHQ

John B. Sweeney, 1EBCHQ:

The short reply is "somewhere on US Highway 1 in northern Virginia near Ft. Belvoir enroute to Washington, D.C. in the early afternoon".

I was with Myles Fox and Brenard Shapiro, both 2nd Lieutenants and fellow officers in the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, led by Lieutenant Colonel Merritt A. Edson. It was Fox's car and we

were going to the city for afternoon stops at various "watering holes" and dinner at O'Donnell's Seafood restaurant. The radio was on and we were listening to the Redskins game (with the New York Giants?) The sportscaster suddenly shifted his attention from play calling to reporting that large numbers of spectators were leaving their seats for the exits. Then came incredulous and somewhat excited bits of information that the Naval base at Pearl Harbor had been bombed by the Japanese!

The three of us, of course, were in a state of disbelief. After several more definitive news announcements were heard we turned around and high-tailed it for Quantico. We went

immediately to "A" barracks, which was our headquarters; others, both officers and enlisted men, were reporting in. What to do?

Soon a telephone call from base headquarters came in with orders to "double the guard!"

From that point on, all of our lives changed. Lieutenant Fox was the second officer killed in action on Tulagi only nine months later. "Bernie" Shapiro and two other Lieutenants received urgent orders for transfer to the Marine detachment at the Panama Canal to augment the guard there. Luckily, I remained with 1/5 which soon became the 1st Marine Raider Battalion.



"MARINE" MOVIE QUIZ

As a result of a conversation at our Washington, DC/Arlington Reunion, the idea for this special feature was born. A small group, including your Editor, got into a "movie trivia" quiz. The discussion narrowed down to just "Marine Movies". After another round of toddies, the quiz got hot and heavy. Here are a few examples of the questions fired around the table:

Q-1. In the 20th Century Fox film of the great war correspondent, Richard Tregaskis' "Guadalcanal Diary", what actor played the native American who swam to safety in the re-enactment of the Jap trap on the beach at the Matanikau where Col. Coettace and most of his patrol were killed?

Q-2. In the RKO film "Gung Ho", what actor portrayed "Pig Iron" - the real nickname of 2nd Raider Howard J. Mann (2C)?

Q-3. In the 1942 Paramount film "Wake Island" what actor played the part of the Marine Garrison's Commander, Maj. James P.S. Devereux on the island?

Q-4. In the 1949 Republic Pictures well done classic, "Sands of Iwo Jima", leading actor John Wayne was loosely portraying a Guadalcanal Marine Hero - Who was he?

Q-5. In the great silent tribute to the Corps, "Tell it to the Marines", what actor played the lead role?

Q-6. Name the Marine whose life was depicted in Warner Bros. drama "Pride of the Marines" and who portrayed the subject?

Q-7. Another off-beat flick about a troubled Marine was "Monkey On My Back" from United Artists in 1957. Who was it about and what were the circumstances?

Answers on page 13.

Astor Crowne Plaze Site of 2002 New Orleans Reunion

The Marine Raiders 2002 Reunion will take place 28 August through 1 September, 2002 at the beautiful Astor Crowne Plaza. The Astor Crowne Plaza is located where Bourbon Street meets Canal Street, on the former site of the historic Astor Hotel. Here, at the Gateway of New Orleans French Quarter, guests will find comfort and convenience in the 515 well appointed rooms, including 28 suites, which feature luxurious designer fabrics and traditional New Orleans style furnishings. The hotel's commitment to service is marked by a friendly and dedicated staff, attending to every need in the time-honored manner of southern hospitality.

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The Astor Crowne Plaza is located where Canal Street meets Bourbon Street. The location, as a hotel site, has quite a history. The 19th Century Cosmopolitan was a French Quarter landmark. The location is steeped in history, as an even earlier building housed the office of Dr. Antommarchi, last physician to Napoleon Bonaparte on the exile island of St. Helena, and the maker of Napoleon's death mask, now on display at the Cabildo Museum.

With easy access to all the "good stuff" New Orleans has to offer, the Astor Crowne Plaza is a perfect site for our 2002 Raider Reunion. We'll have lots more information in the next issue of the Patch, including registration forms and all you will need to be a part of what promises to be a great get together.



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Rymer Steps Up Again!

Another salute is offered to Raider Barry Rymer (4HQB). For the second year in a row he has contributed a sizable cash donation to our Association.

Barry has volunteered at the last three conventions to help in any way he can to make things better and easier for everyone else. He is one dedicated member of our Marine Raider Association, and we are sincerely grateful for his assistance. If any of us deserve to be connected with the mottos "Semper Fideles" and "Gung Ho", it's Barry Rymer.

Thanks again Barry, from a very grateful Marine Raider Association.

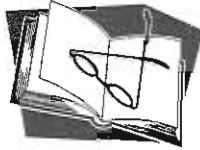
The following was seen on a car's bumper sticker driving down I-396 in D.C.

**"It's God responsibility to forgive
Bin Laden and his followers -
It's our responsibility
to arrange the meetings..."**

United States Marine Corps.

BOOK REVIEW

(Editor's Note: A couple of issues back we did a small report on a new book, "Into the Shadows Furious" by Brian Altobello. We now offer an in-depth review of the work about the brutal battle for New Georgia from our own John Sweeney (1EBCHQ). John reviews the book with a great deal of authority, he was there with the rest of the "Fighting First" Raider Battalion.)



"INTO THE SHADOWS FURIOUS"

Reviewed by Col. John Sweeney, USMC, Ret.



The Brutal Battle for New Georgia
by Brian Altobello
Presidio Press
Novato, CA 94945
\$29.95

This is a revealing and unusual account of the long neglected campaign to seize from the Japanese a little known island in the South Pacific. The island, New Georgia, is the sixth largest in the Solomons Islands, itself made up of some 700 islands, large and small. It lies about half-way between Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

This book should be of interest to all Marines, especially those who were there in mid 1943. That would be men of the 1st and 4th Marine Raider Battalions and regimental headquarters. That is not to overlook the 9th Marine Defense Battalion which turned in an outstanding performance on the battlefield with their heavy artillery, anti-aircraft gunnery and platoon of eight tanks.

Author Altobello, a history teacher and nine year U.S. Army veteran, begins with a concise description of the situation of the Japanese forces vis-a-vis Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey's South Pacific Area (SPA) command. The excellent summary sets the stage for his account of the attack on the Japanese airfield at Munda - code name "Operation Toenails", planned to begin in early July, 1943.

Halsey, of course, was in overall command with "old friend" of the Raiders, Rear Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner again leading the Amphibious Force. Major General Frank T. Harmon, Commander of the New Georgia Occupation Force, NGOF, consisting of the 43rd Infantry Division, 9th Marine Defense Battalion, and two Navy Construction Battalions. The 43rd would lead the assault to seize the Munda airfield; it was a National Guard unit from Connecticut, as yet untested in battle, commanded by Major General John T. Hester.

Two Army divisions, the 37th and 25th, were available on Guadalcanal and the Russell Islands, if needed.

As the attack plan developed the need for supporting operations became clear. These were: pre-invasion landings on Rendovo and Vangunu Islands, also at Segi Point and Rice Anchorage on the main island. Segi was to be the site of a future Allied airfield; small, swamp-laced Rice Anchorage would be the "beach" for a hybrid landing force named the Northern Landing Group. (NLG).

The NLG, led by Colonel Harry Liversedge, USMC, consisted of the 1st Marine Raider Regiment Headquarters, the 1st Raider Battalion, and two Army battalions from the 37th Division (3rd Bn. 145th Infantry and 3rd Bn. 148th Infantry). The mission - to seize control of the Dragons Peninsula area (Enogai-Bairoko Harbor) after the night landing on 5 July.

The 4th Raider Battalion, led by Lt. Colonel "Mickey" Currin, was assigned two separate missions. First, to reinforce Coastwatcher Donald Kennedy's camp at Segi Point (awaiting arrival of Army troops and a Navy Construction Battalion which would build an airfield nearby.) After that task a detachment of the battalion would seize nearby Viru Harbor and Wickham Anchorage on the small island of Vangunu.

Comment: It would have been helpful for the reader if, in the early pages, a table or chart, "Composition of Forces and Armament", had been included. The graphic would list all major organizations and special units available to both sides. Learning about each unit for the first time as the story unfolds was distracting and became confusing.

Mr. Altobello uses oral history methods which include recording literally hundreds of pertinent quotes from individual soldiers, Raiders and others. Most relate to actual battle situations where their feelings or emotions are evident. Also the author uses many extracts from letters, publications and memoirs which are woven into the story.

All of these are very effective in his vivid description of the many horrific incidents experienced by soldiers of the 43rd Division during the first few weeks of the battle. They occurred as the division made a tortuous advance through unfamiliar jungle and swamps toward the Munda airfield. You need to read about them to believe they actually occurred.

Suffice to note that initially two battalion commanders and a regimental commander were relieved and, on 29 July, the division commander was sent packing. Leadership failures were also experienced throughout the 43rd. All of this led the Commander, NGOF, to request that COMSWA release the available two Army divisions to move quickly to New Georgia.

After more bitter fighting, vividly described by the author, the Munda Airfield area was finally secured in early August, 1943.



— Paich File Photo

Two Marine Raiders demonstrate the truth of a World War II slogan, "There's no atheism in a foxhole" as Capt. Ralph N. Priest (right) of Gwynold, PA reads verses from the bible while PFC. Ramiro Sarabia from Alamo, TX listens. These are two of the hard fighting Raiders who occupied Enogai Inlet, New Georgia.

BOOK REVIEW continued

In "... Shadows" the Publisher chose to place all "Notes", about 470, in the back of the book, by chapters. Many are brief, i.e. "75. Peatross, Bless 'em All, 227" and others are four, five or more lines in length.

It would make for an "easier read" to have divided them into two groups - one liners at the bottom of the appropriate page and all others by chapter in the back of the book.

Mr. Altobello's account of the dangerous missions that were completed by pre-invasion patrols drawn from the Raider Battalions is positive and long-overdue. Raiders who were on those patrols should be especially interested in this part of his story.

Aerial photos of the main island did not reveal vital information about the ground beneath the jungle canopy.

Amphibious reconnaissance patrols were the only viable solution. That had been the case prior to the Russells operation. Then, several days before D-Day, Halsey's staff dispatched Lieutenant Murry Erlick and Sergeant Frank Cutting of the 3rd Raiders, and several scouts to land before dawn on the main island. Their mission was to verify unconfirmed reports that the Japanese had actually departed the islands. After searching and talking with the natives, the two were able to report that, indeed, the enemy had departed several days before. The attack was cancelled and a bloodless occupation resulted.

Drawing on this experience, Halsey's staff dispatched a flurry of reconnaissance patrols via PBY flights to Coast Watcher Kennedy's secluded fortress at Segi Point, New Georgia. As the author relates, most of the patrol leaders and members came from the Raider battalions. His account confirms that the detailed information these and other patrols reported, significantly helped in shaping the final attack plan for New Georgia and supporting operations at Viru Harbor, Vangunu, Rice Anchorage and Dragons Peninsula.

Mr. Altobello tells about these operations including eyewitness accounts from those present. This from twenty year old Private Willard Goodson during the Viru Harbor attack by two companies of the 4th Raiders.



NEW GEORGIA CASUALTY - John R. Corbett
was one of the fine young men lost on Bairoko. He was KIA 20 July, 1943.



— Patch File Photo

PBY'S EVACUATED WOUNDED from Enogai after the Bairoko withdrawal. Raiders ferried casualties to the planes in rubber boats, and nearly 200 sick and wounded men returned to base hospitals in rearward areas. Less than five minutes after this picture was snapped, enemy aircraft attacked and damaged this plane.

ADDENDUM

"We went right up that ridge into the muzzle of that damned gun... Five boys died going up but another, Steve Klos, kept right on going... You should have seen that guy, sir... A bullet tore into his leg and smacked him down... But he kept on going on his hands and knees. He had one of our bombs* in each fist and a lighted cigarette in his mouth. When he got within throwing distance, he lit the fuses and heaved them! ... we went up and over. There were 18 Jap bodies lying around the gun sprawled out the way the explosions had tossed them.

(* The 4th Raiders had made these "bombs" with 2 blocks of TNT and a fuse to use as described or to simulate mortar fire when appropriate.)

Anecdotes like this abound in "... Shadows Furious". A good many are from Marines in the Raider Battalions.

The author focuses on Dragons Peninsula operations in Chapter 4. His description of the night landing at Rice Anchorage on a "beach" about 150 yards wide and made up of mangrove swamps is realistic and fairly accurate. In a few words - organized confusion. Adding to that, tension was palpable as the sounds of a naval battle in Kula Gulf was heard (the USS Strong, a destroyer in the covering force, was sunk by a Japanese submarine).

Compounding the misery, rain fell all through the night. Nevertheless, three battalions, about 2600 troops and most of their supplies and equipment, had been landed before dawn.

Shortly after daylight and a cold breakfast of field rations, the eight mile march toward the objective began with the 1st Raiders leading, followed by the NLG HQ. Then came Lt. Colonel Schultz's 3/148th and two companies of 3/145th. There were approximately 2000 Raiders and soldiers in the soggy column. (Lt. Colonel Freer's 3/145th, less two companies, remained at Rice Anchorage as a reserve and to guard supplies there. They would move forward when Enogai was seized.)

BOOK REVIEW continued

There were actually three trails from the landing area to the Giza-Giza river, the first day objective. The additional two were parallel to the original, and had been cut several days in advance of the landing by native scouts from Coast Watcher John Corrigan, an invaluable ally in the weeks ahead. The original plan was to attack Enogai on 7 July. That was delayed because of the jungle, swamps and two river fordings, one of which (the Tamako) became a huge obstacle caused by a torrential rain on 6 July. After a brief search native scouts found a large tree that had fallen across the river forming a treacherous pathway to the opposite bank. Using this makeshift footbridge, about 1700 Raiders and soldiers crossed the Tamako river - one by one. Darkness prevented the two 3/145th companies from crossing until the next morning. Those who did endure another night bivouac in another swamp. The column had advanced less than 1000 yards that day.

As planned, Colonel Liversedge now directed the Commander, 3rd Battalion, 148th, Lt. Colonel Schultz to split off from the main body to follow another marked path due south to the Munda-Bairoko trail where a trail block was to be established.

The lead units of the long column did not exit the last swamp until noon on 7 July. Their long and challenging trek through unbelievably hostile terrain had a satisfying "pay-off" - they had surprised not only the enemy but themselves as well.

The author continues the narrative with extracts from memoirs, periodicals (Our PATCH and 1st Raiders' DOPE SHEET among others), and several quotes from Marine Raiders including combat correspondents who were with us. The main topics include: approach to and capture of Enogai; actions of the 3rd Battalion, 148th, at their road block; the unsuccessful assault on Bairoko.

The last few pages of the chapter are of particular interest. It is there that the author asks the question, "Was the NLG's sacrifice (meaning mostly Bairoko) worth the effort?" Mr. Altobello tries to provide an answer, citing among others, the evaluation by the JCS "in faraway Washington."

Then Captain Tony Walker, 4th Raiders, is quoted as saying years later, "If we had been provided the gunfire of one destroyer, we may well have won. Generals and Admirals are supposed to think of this."

The author offers several assessments of the decisions made by the commanders responsible in this "Bloody Battle." While these come almost sixty years after the fact, (we know that "hindsight has 20/20 vision") the evaluations are based on his extensively documented research.

The assessment of Admiral Halsey, Admiral Turner and General Harmon is harsh. In summary, they were simply too stingy and slow in providing additional troops and firepower when there was ample evidence that such was needed to achieve a timely victory. He points out that this "was all too reminiscent of the mistakes made by the Japanese on Guadalcanal."

The New Georgia battle, as brutal and bloody as it is described, was the penultimate of its kind. After victory there, Allied commanders sought to bypass enemy strongholds.

Bougainville would be the last of the major islands invaded. Subsequent lesser invasions and occupations of Pacific Islands would effectively neutralize the Japanese major base at Rebaul.

Aside from the constructive comments concerning content and display of information, "Into the Shadows Furious" is an engrossing and informative story. It tells what it was like for those who went, some unprepared, into battle against a well led and tenacious foe in that jungle-encrusted place.

— Col. John Sweeney, USMC, Ret.

MARINE RAIDERS NO MORE

While there was no attempt to verify the accuracy of each of the voluminous "Notes", #92 of Chapter 4, "Dragons Peninsula", needs a correction. There it is explained that the "Marine Raider battalions were disbanded in early 1944" and most Raiders were "reassigned to the newly formed 5th Marine Division" in California preparing for the invasion of Iwo Jima.

That tells only a small part of what happened. It is true that most of the Marine Raider Training Center staff and trainees there may have been reassigned to that Division. However, all Raiders, about 2500, then encamped at Tassafaronga, Guadalcanal, as the 1st Raider Regiment were reassigned on 31 January, 1944. They, and the regiment, overnight became the reactivated 4th Marine Regiment on 1 February. The "new" 4th was the name of the "old" regiment which had fought so gallantly in the Philippines and was lost when American defenders on Corregidor were forced to surrender in May, 1942.

While many long-time Raiders were disappointed, some bitterly so, Marine Corps leaders at the time were satisfied. They looked forward to forming the 6th Marine Division in preparation for the final assault on the Japanese homeland. Now the "new" Fourth Marines, already battle-tested, would see action soon at Emirau, Guam and Okinawa.

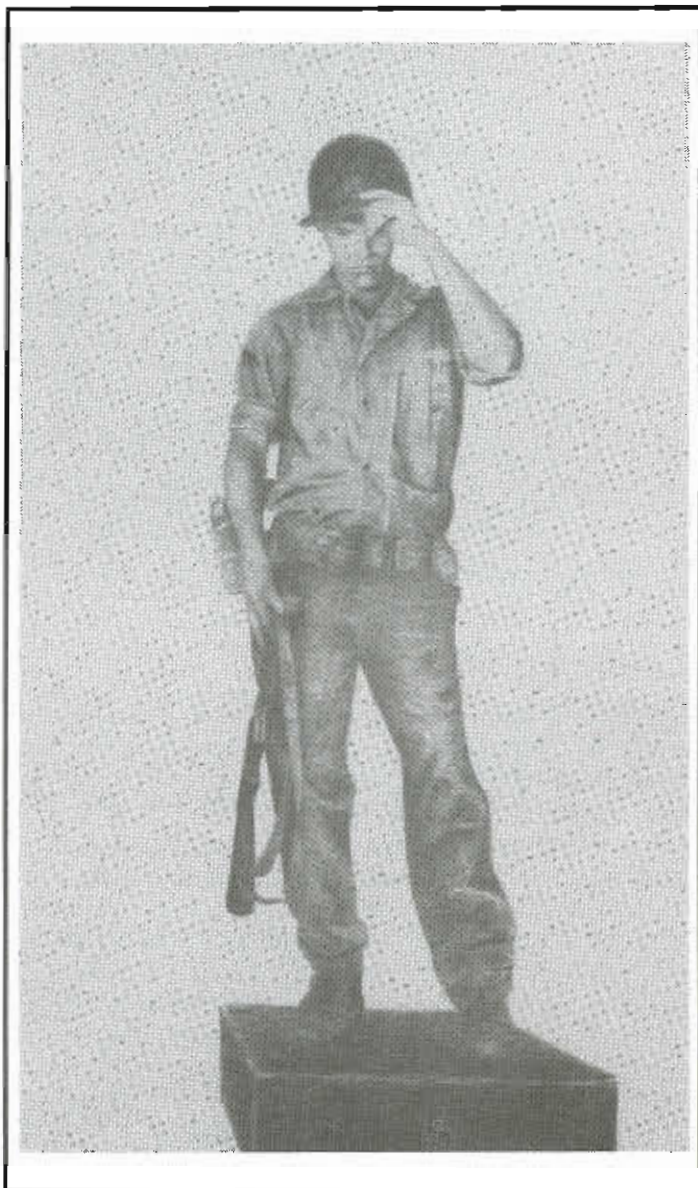
GLAD IT'S OVER!



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Two members of the 4th Battalions Special Weapons Platoon look over a captured Jap flag taken during the 42 day fight on Bairoko, New Georgia campaign. Right is Sgt. W.J. Swanson and left is Pvt. R. J. Barberio. Both Raiders were members of "C" Co.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MARINE RAIDERS



This photo shows a proposed statue for honoring all Marine Raiders who lost their lives during World War II. The art for the sculpture was commissioned by your Patch Editor to get the "ball rolling" so to speak, while we're all still around to do something about it. It is just an idea and this is just a proposed rendering. But remember, it was just someone's idea that resulted in Sculptor Felix De Welson's magnificent Marine Memorial, the Iwo Jima flag raising that dominates the Washington/Virginia landscape.

No such grandiose plans for our Raiders. We hope the statue could be bronze, actual size about 5'10" from boon dockers to the tip of his helmet. The base is proposed to be imported green marble with a simple inscription honoring all those Raiders who served in all four Battalions and a special tribute to those who didn't make it home.

The rendering was done by Brian Pelliar, a young southern California artist whose works are a prominent part of the campus at the University of California, Irvine.

Too young to know anything about the Raiders, Brian spent hours with your Editor going over hundreds of photos of Raiders in all sorts of combat modes. It was decided that a stance of reflection might be appropriate. A posture of remembrance of fallen comrades. Weapon in hand and about to remove his helmet in homage, while his eyes gaze at the ground beneath him.

The artist did a magnificent job in conveying that theme. We'd like to hear your thoughts. If we can get this project off the ground, the costs would come from private donations. The artist has agreed to cut his fee to his costs only. It would be "his honor" to honor the United States Marine Raiders. He estimates the final cost at between \$20,000 and \$23,000 - A bronze, life-size Raider. And that's a real bargain - I've priced these things!

The selection of where the statue would be placed would depend on several factors. Several places would come to mind. Arlington National Cemetery, Quantico, Camp Pendleton, Parris Island and other locations could be considered.

One thing for sure - the final decision would be made by the United States Marine Raider Association.

In a small way, we already have the "ball rolling". The commemorative coins that we made for the Makin Raider internment at Arlington was the start. The profit from each coin will go into a "Memorial Statue Fund" to be administered by our Association Treasurer, Steve Klos.

Let the Patch know what you think of this project. We'll have much more detailed information in future issues and perhaps some real progress by August, 2002 in New Orleans. But don't wait for that! You can contribute right now by sending your check to USMRA, C/O Raider Patch, 14851 Jeffrey Road, Suite 270, Irvine, CA 92618. Be sure and mark your check "Raider Memorial Fund". Thanks and Semper Fi.

— Patch Editor



"MARINE" MOVIE QUIZ ANSWERS

Q-1. It was Anthony Quinn, who seemed to always play Indians in one of the finest motion pictures about Marines in combat.

Q-2. "Pig Iron" was the part assigned to a young and eager Robert Mitchum.

Q-3. Veteran actor Brian Dunlevy played Maj. Devereux in one of the war's best films, especially seeing as it was made so early in the war.

Q-4. In a very loose account, he was supposed to be "Manila" John Basilone. (CMH Guadalcanal)

Q-5. The classic "Man of 1000 Faces" Lon Chaney, Sr. as the crusty Sgt. Maj.

Q-6. Al Schmid who was portrayed by actor John Garfield. Schmid was nearly blinded while manning a .30 heavy M.G. during a Jap attack on the 'canal.

Q-7. It was about professional boxing champion, Barney Ross and his post war effort to kick a morphine habit as a result of picking up a bad case of malaria in the Solomons.

We hope you enjoyed this little trip through some movie nostalgia. If so, let us know - If not, don't bother!

— Editor

1st Raiders Embarked for Tasimboko, Guadalcanal September 7, 1942

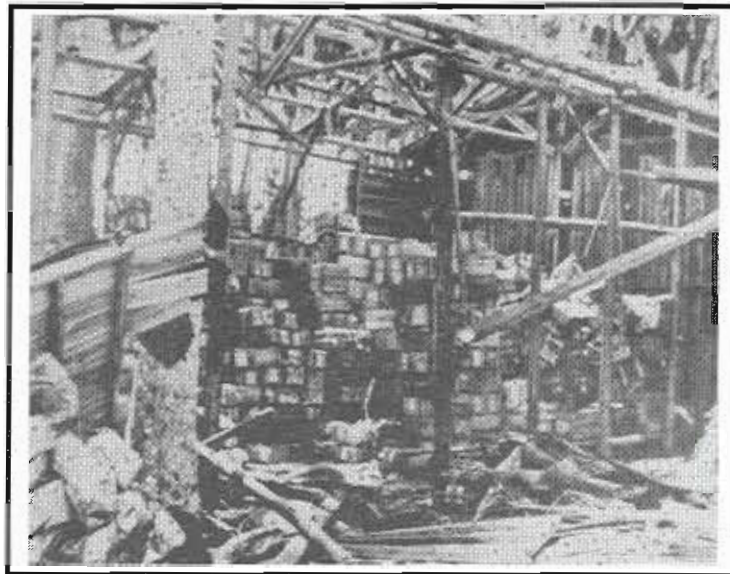
By Frank A. Cannistraci

The Japanese commanding General Kawaguchi, with 3,000 troops embarked from Taivu/Tasimboko, on his trek through dense jungle to overtake Henderson Field, in a 3 prong attack with a total army of some 7,000 soldiers. He left behind large stores of food, weapons, ammunitions, medical supplies, etc., to his rear echelon of 300 men... Coincidentally, and by the good grace of God, seeing Marines debarking from APDs Manley and McKean and the diesel powered yippies (California tuna boats) #346 and #298, an incoming convoy of two American troop and cargo ships accompanied by a cruiser and several destroyers on their way to drop off their load somewhere else on the Guadalcanal Coast, was interpreted and wholly mistaken by the Japs, as a large invading force. Members of the Jap rear echelon stayed around long enough to get off a frantic message to General Kawaguchi that "A major landing was under way." Abandoning their hot breakfast and weapons, they headed for the jungle boondocks. The 1st Marine Raiders landed unopposed.

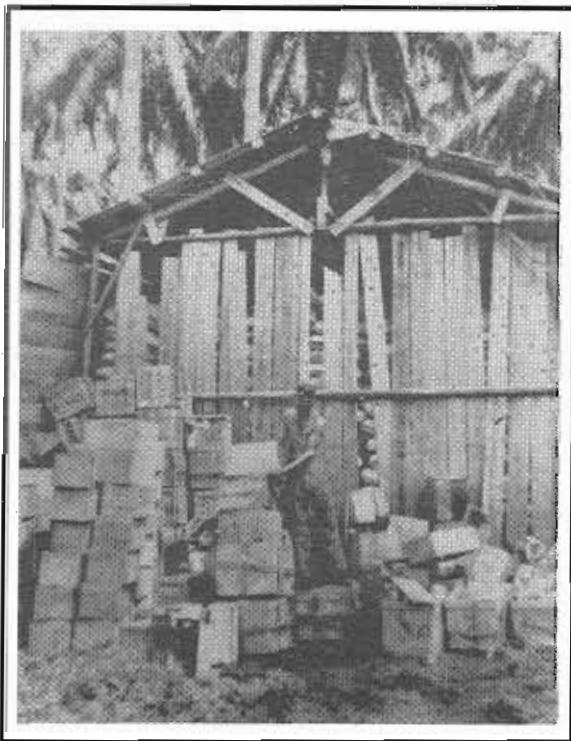
The captured booty was overwhelming but there was no time to load these captured weapons, equipment and food, all of which could have been used to advantage. Just about everything the Marines laid their hands on got destroyed. 50 men were detailed to jab holes in thousands of tins of sliced beef, crabmeat, etc. while others emptied hundreds of bags of rice into the turf including light and heavy weapons. The Marines wrecked a powerful radio set and burned five thatched huts piled to the roof with assorted supplies. Col. Edson viewed the scene with satisfaction. At four o'clock he ordered all troops to embark. Curiously, during the fast run back to base, Edson discovered upon the hurried embarkation, every officer and enlisted man was sagging under the heavy load of tinned crab and sliced beef packed in soy. Twenty-one cases of Japanese beer and seventeen half-gallon flasks of sake. Also, the men helped themselves to large stocks of British cigarettes, bearing a Netherlands East Indies tax stamp. Most medical supplies were transported back to headquarters. Without these weapons, food and medical supplies, thousands of Japanese were doomed to death and starvation.

Richard Tregaskis, the lanky INS correspondent and author of Guadalcanal Diary, poked around and filled a Japanese army blanket with papers, notebooks, maps and charts which proved invaluable, showing Jap plans and intentions which later resulted in the battle and defense of Henderson Field by the First Raider Battalion, at the battle of "Bloody Ridge". The Japs came within 1,000 yards of the field and retreated.

For more detailed information read Battle for Guadalcanal - pages 107-109, by Samuel B. Griffith, B/Gen. USMC. Also, from Guadalcanal Diary by Richard Tregaskis - pages 206-214 or Edson's Raiders by Colonel Joseph Alexander - pages 107-132.



Almost everything the Japs left behind was put to good use.



Raiders welcomed abandoned Jap supplies, including their beer!

RAIDER ROOM

The Raider Room is still seeking artifacts, relics, memorabilia, weapons and other Raider and Marine items for display. Contact Patch Editor and Raider Room Curator/Coordinator:

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COLLECTOR SHOWS RAIDER MEMORABILIA EXHIBIT

Doug Bailey of Rosewell, GA is an honorary member of our Association who really displays his admiration for Marine Raiders. Doug joined us in Washington/Arlington for the entire program in August and offered his outstanding display of Raider memorabilia for all to enjoy.

His 20 year collection includes many items of great historical significance. A set of sergeant's chevrons belonging to our First Raider hero Clyde Thomason, KIA Makin, 17 August '42. Other items on display ran from photos, printed material, a variety of Raider patches, equipment from both Raider and Jap inventory, all authentic and displayed in a most effective manner.

Doug is an avid Marine historian and collector and is proud to show his efforts off at special functions like our recent reunion. Thanks very much, Doug, for bringing your collection for all to enjoy.



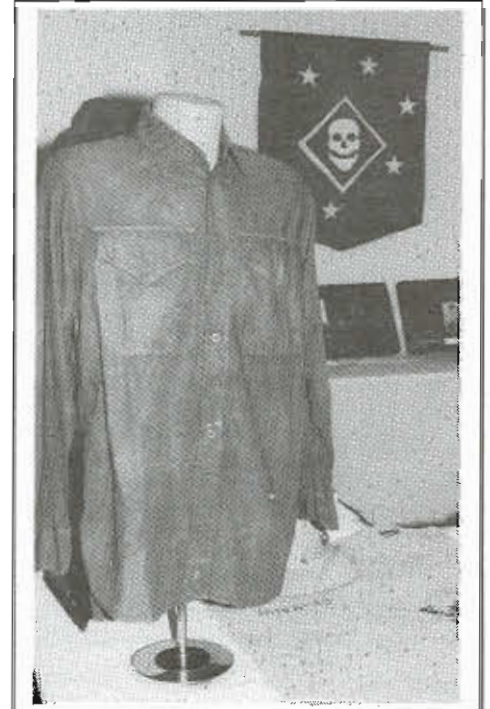
A variety of Raider memorabilia of Doug Baily's 20 year collection



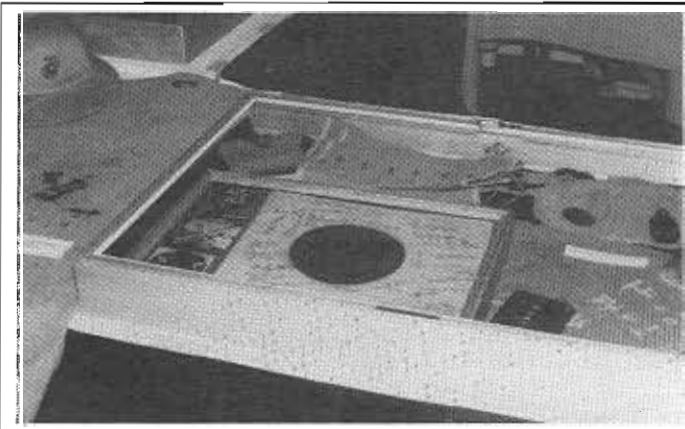
Uniform of Wener J. Heumann (2C). The Jap mess kit used by Heumann on Carlson's long patrol. Camo helmet cover made of burlap and strips of HBT material and worn by Heumann on the Canal, Bougainville and Iwo Jima.



Makin Raider Ben Carson's (2B), Camo dungarees he wore during Bougainville campaign. These practical outfits didn't arrive until '43 and were part of Doug Baily's outstanding exhibit.



This shirt, dyed black, was taken on the Makin Raid by Calvin L. Inman (2B). Because of the high reflection of the black cloth it was decided not to use them. Many Raiders can be seen on the returning submarines wearing their "original Marine camo" outfits.



Captured enemy equipment and mixed Raider items make this a most interesting exhibit.



DID YOU KNOW ?

Question:

In military bugle calls, what was the difference in meaning between "Tattoo" and "Taps"?

Answer:

"Tattoo" signaled lights out. "Taps" was last call. Elderly veterans may remember a third call that preceded those two: "Call to Quarters".

RAIDERS EDSON AND CARLSON HONORED AT ANNAPOLIS

The attached copy of a letter and accompanying photographs were received by our Association President Mel Heckt in August of this year, just prior to the beginning of the 2001 football season. It was from the Director of Athletics at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

The names of two of our great Marine Raider heroes will forever be present when undergraduate midshipmen take to the field at the magnificent new Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The beautiful facility will serve as a time honored proving ground for future Naval and Marine Corps officers, who at another time, in another place will win other victories.

It was the Duke of Wellington who said, "The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." If that's so, the Battle of Midway was won on the playing fields of Annapolis. — Editor

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August 8, 2001

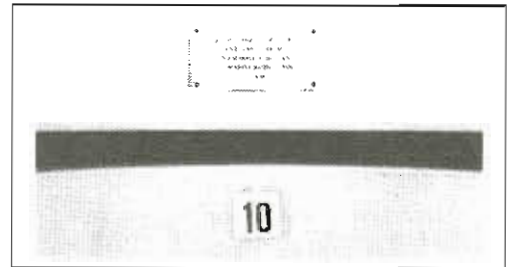
Melvin Heckt
President
U.S. Marine Raiders Association

Dear Mel,

On behalf of the United States Naval Academy and the Naval Academy Athletic Association, I want to thank the members of the United States Marine Raiders Association for their contribution to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium with the naming of two chairs in honor of Brigadier General Evans F. Carlson, USMC, and Brigadier General Merritt A. Edson, USMC.

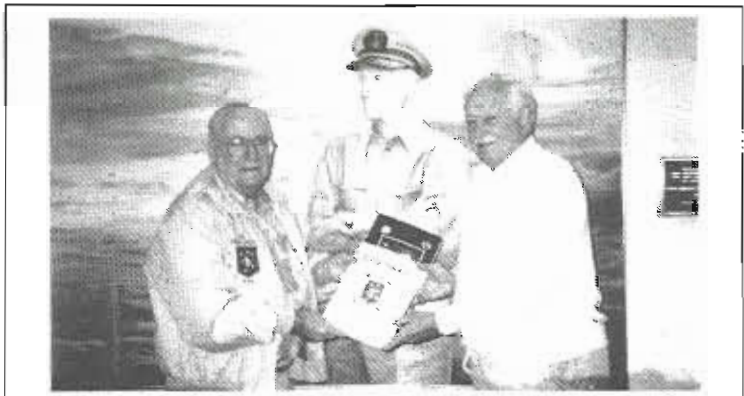
The Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium carries the names of the great Naval and Marine Corps battles, and it is only fitting that we honor these two great military leaders in this stadium.

Sincerely,
Jack Lengyel
Jack Lengyel
Director of Athletics



NAVY AT HELM OF SHIP OF STATE!

The U.S. Navy didn't come into its own, in one manner of speaking, until the early 1960's. Before that time, no former Navy man had been President or even presidential nominee. Then along came John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George Bush, ex-Navy men all. Only Jimmy Carter was an Annapolis graduate.



— Patch Photo
Under the eyes of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz your Patch Editor, left, presents a copy of "Bless 'em All" and Jerry Beau's "Those Who Served", to the library at the U.S. Naval Academy. Col. Rolley Turner, USMC (Ret.) accepts on behalf of the Academy. Presentation took place in August, 1997.

Please, always include your Battalion and Company(s) when writing to the Editor.

To the Editor:

Hello, my name is Tom Needham. My father was at Makin Island and he passed away 1½ years ago. Dad was always proud to be a Raider and he would've been at the burying of his friends if he was here. In his name I would like to thank everyone for all they have done in getting the Makin Island Heros home where they belong.

Thank You,
Tom Needham

Dear John (Editor):

I hope all goes well for you. The "Raider Patch" is wonderful and keeps one on top of Raider news.

I want to tell you that on Tuesday, November 6th, the History Channel had a documentary about the classic movie *Guadalcanal Diary* made by Van Ness Films. The documentary is called "Guadalcanal Diary - A Call to Arms". I hope that you got to see it.

All the very best to you,
Moana Tregaskis

Editor's Note: Moana is the widow of award winning author Richard Tregaskis who wrote Guadalcanal Diary. Thanks for the tip Moana. I did watch it and the History Channel did a great job!

Hi X-Raiders,

Unknown to me until a few years ago, a lot of people still thought I was missing in action or dead instead of just lost for a short time in the USMC system. I am glad Francis Hepburn finally caught up with me. Fellow Raiders, I am very much alive and well in Texas where I am semi-retired.

I joined the Raiders in 1942 in San Diego. There were three men to a squad. Our squad consisted of myself, (Wythe), Daily and Hoke. We stayed together as a squad until 1944 when the Raiders disbanded. I joined the Marines in 1942 in San Diego and from there I went to Camp Pendleton for more training and from there to New Hebrides. I was in Guadalcanal and New Georgia for a while. After being wounded I went to Noumea, New Caladonia for a short stay and then on to New Zealand. In 1944 when the Raiders disbanded I ended up with the 2nd Marine Div. L-3-8 and moved on to Siapan, Tinion, Okinawa and Nagashka before ending up back in San Diego in December 1945. The only names I can remember off the top of my head right now are Capt. Snell, Hoke and Daily - the men that were in my squad.

Semper Fi,
George W. Wythe, 4AN



To the Editor:

My name is Carilyn Flynn and I am twenty-five years old. I am writing to ask is any of you knew my uncle, Lawrence Flynn. He was from Brockton, Mass. and was in the 1st Marine Raider Battalion, Company C.

Larry received the Silver Star on two occasions. First at Guadalcanal ("Bloody Ridge"), and second at Tulagi for saving several of his comrades from enemy fire. One of these, my father, (a WWII veteran himself) has visited the Flynn family home in Brockton to thank Mrs. Flynn "for her son".

It has been said that Larry was recommended for the Medal of Honor by one of his commanding officers, but the latter died before he could follow through with the paperwork. I would like to see if the award could be given posthumously, but need some help before I begin my inquiries. Would you consider doing so? I am interested in anything you might know of my uncle, as well as stories about yourself.

Thank you, Most Sincerely,
Carilyn Flynn
ScariCari@aol.com

Editors Note: How about it Raiders? Can anyone help Carilyn out? Let her know by email.

Dear John (Editor):

Well Done! On the last two issues of the Patch. They were excellent tributes to the Makin Heros. Am also writing on behalf of the Four Stack APD Veterans to thank you for the recognition in the article "A Ring on the Fickled Finger of Fate". It was very much appreciated. You may enjoy the enclosed copy from the Patch of over 20 years ago when the APD sailors were invited to become Honorary Raiders. Our Commanding Officer said to me at one time, "The two best kept secrets of World War II were the Marine Raiders and the Four Stack APD Sailors."

Best Personal Regards,
Rear Admiral James V. Grealish,
USNR (Ret.)

To the Editor:

In the Aug./Sept./Oct., 2001 Raider Patch issue I am able to identify my late husband in one of the scrapbook pictures. On page 22, "A Little R & R Couldn't Hurt",

the person on the far right is Robert J. Popelka. He was either a 2nd Lt. or Capt. at the time. His rank was Major on discharge.

He has the exact same photo in his Marine Raider photo album and had it enlarged and framed for his office.

Sincerely,
Dorothy K. Popelka

To the Editor:

Hello, Back on my feet again after stumbling around for six months. Don't get around much, but am hoping to make the next reunion. Finally got around to my dues. Use the extra where it is needed.

Hope to see you all soon.

George Yazvac, Jr. (4P)

To the Editor:

My Grandfather-in-Law, George Wolbert (2G) passed away on Nov. 13, 2001. He is a former Marine Raider from World War II. I have been searching for a flag display case with the Marine Corps emblem etched on the glass and have had no luck. If you could please let me know when I can find something like this, I would appreciate it.

Thanks for your help.
Sue Lurvey
MSLURVEY@AOL.COM

Editors Note: How about it Raiders, can you help Sue? I have never seen such a flag case, but it sounds like a terrific idea.

Dear Sirs,

I am a Marine Raider and would like any information about invading the Russell Islands in the Coral Sea after Guadalcanal or where I can get any information about Russell Islands 1943 and about converted destroyers. I was stationed on Manley and Humphrey in rubber boats when Jap Zeros strafed us after landing two times. Enclosed are my dues. Hopefully somebody can help.

John P. Gavlik, 3C
2945 Reynolda Rd., Apt. 100
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Dear Archie (Rackerby),

I am sorry I didn't give you the name of my friend, Edward Earl Jolly (1A). He was wounded three times. Once on 26 July 1944 on Guam. He was with B Co., 1st Bn, 4th Marine Regt., First Provisional Brigade, Reinforced. He passed away and his son, Ed Jolly, Jr. is trying to find people he knew and knew him. Anyone with information can reach me at (401) 724-1672. Thanks.

Leonell Asselin
6 Willow Way
Lincoln, RI 02865-1518

To the Editor:

Greetings! Here are my dues. Sorry for the delay due only to carelessness on my part. The coverage the Patch has given the return of the Makin boys has been very creditable. Also, what the media has generally done is much appreciated, even though I am sure it had to reawaken much grief among relatives of the men. I was a member of the Second Battalion, but was not on the Makin Raid.

As ever,
Virgil Leeman
Known more commonly in
"C" Company as "Bomber"

To the Editor:

I am a former Marine (1941-45) who was in A-1-10 prior to Pearl Harbor and there to A Co., 2nd Armored Amphibian Bn. Was Larry I. Peoples a Carlson Raider and Tom Foster a Edson Raider. No one knows what happened to Larry Peoples. He received the Silver Star and Bronze Star while serving with our unit. We understand that Larry was a nephew of Evans Fordyce Carlson. Any assistance in finding out his whereabouts would be greatly appreciated.

Semper Fi,
John Einarson
5734 Valley Green Dr.
Broad Run, VA 20137

Ahoy,

I have not done a very good job of following up with my former associates. My life has been devoted to education. I still teach. This is my fifty-third year. I really learned to read while I was in the Corps. My seabag was full of books. When I returned to the States, I spent seven months in a Naval hospital. I had plenty of time to read. The result was that I discovered I wanted to go to college. I had dropped out of high school to join the Marines. Fortunately, I had the funds to go to college - thanks to Public Law 16 which came before the GI Bill of Rights. This was the greatest investment our government ever made. While there are no figures revealing the return our government received for the investment it made in former members of the military, I am certain that the rate of return was extremely high.

I finished my service in the Sixth Marine Division on Okinawa where, like so many others, I was wounded several times. I was discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

Thank you again for sharing the Marine Raider material with me. I have looked over the Directory and recognized some of the names.

Sincerely,
John N. Terrey (31)
1821 N.W. 195th, C-13
Seattle, WA 98177



BULL SHEET

To the Editor:

I received my Raider Patch after contacting Jack Dornan, but I only received it a few days ago, so I imagine you already know who donated the Jap items. However, just in case you don't know the identity of the donor, I'll tell you that is was Oliver D. Ludwick of Lima, Ohio.

Enjoyed the Patch, as usual.
Best Wishes,
Elmer Mapes (2HQ)

Editors Note: Thanks Elmer for the info and, thank you Oliver for those thoughtful items for our Raider Room.

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for sending me the Raider Patch. I'm sorry it took so long to tell you. I wanted so much to have been able to attend the Reunion. My vision is so darn bad. Would have liked to have met you and others like Ann Hamers, nice lady. Hope you can read this. My brother I.B. Earles services here in Tulare were so nice. Again, thank you. No fun being a senior citizen! Ha, Ha.

Reba Reeve

To the Editor:

How do I, as a WWII Marine veteran get a U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard for my funeral? Also, where can I obtain a set of U.S. Marine dress blues uniform with all the accessories, such as shirt, tie, belt, shoes and the like? I live in Haverhill, Massachusetts about 40 miles north of Boston. Also, since I did not ever receive a set of dress blues, would I be entitled to it? I'm 100% permanently and totally disabled. Thanks for your help.

Grampy23@aol.com

Editor's Note: We suggest that you contact your local veteran's administration offices, or the local Marine recruiter's offices.

To the Editor:

Respectfully request any information you may have on my brother, Pfc. Gordon Schnelle, USMC, Marine Raider, 4th Marines, 6th Marine Division. He fought on Okinawa. He was killed in action on May 25 or 26 (?), 1945.

Thank you,
Kathy (Schnelle) Quinlan
kquinlan@amerytel.net

Reply from George MacRae (3K) at the Raider Museum follows:

Hello Kathy,

Pvt. Gordon Schnelle joined the 3rd Raider Battalion in July of 1943 and served in I Company. His serial number is 813608 and he was wounded while with the 4th Marines at Okinawa on 26 May 1945. If you are his next of kin, you may write to:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records - Marines
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Ask them for standard form SF-180. When you receive that form, fill it out and return it to them. You will receive your Marine's military records in up to six months. This information is ONLY available to next of kin.

Also check at www.usmcraiders.com and www.usmarines.org for more info on the Raider story.

The name of Gordon Schnelle appears on the Memorial Doors of the Raider Museum in Richmond, VA. The address is 1142 W. Grace St. Hours are M-F 11:00 to 15:00. Admission is free.

To the Editor:

My name is PFC Christian Murdock. I am a U.S. Marine who graduated from boot camp 15 September 2000. I want to e-mail and say "Thank You" to the ninth degree for all that you have done for our country in your many years and theatres and campaigns of service. I feel eternally thankful for the sacrifices you Marines of World War II made so that my generation could live and be free. The Marines of World War II too often get the short end of credit in the victory of WWII, overlooked by the campaigns in Europe. What most people fail to realize is that for much of the war the Japanese posed a far more credible threat to America than the Germans, and that the Marines did far more with much less than the Army did in Europe. So, in closing, I would like to restate my eternal gratefulness to you and all of your comrades. I am currently 18 years old, and I can only hope that I would be able to perform up to the incredibly high standards you set with your service. Being 18, just as most of you were, giving so much for others, is just totally incredible to me. Thank You!

PFC Christian W. Murdock, USMC

To the Editor:

Hello, my name is Leo "Frenchy" Asselin. In the Aug/Sept/Oct 2001 issue of the Raider Patch there was a letter to the Editor looking for some help finding information about their family member, Edward Earl Jolley. They were looking for someone that knew him and could give them the information they were looking for. I would really like to help these people out but I am having trouble getting in contact with them. They are not responding to the email address listed (bean@101inc.net) I do not have email and had my son write the letter for me. If they could contact my by writing to my house I would appreciate it. My address is 6 Willow Way, Lincoln, RI 02865. I would be grateful for any help you might be able to offer me in getting in touch with this family.

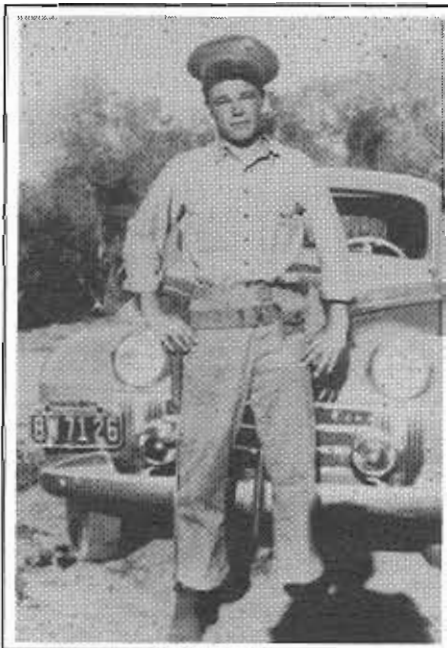
Sincerely,
Leo Asselin

To the Editor:

My stepdad, Bill Singley (3BE) was recently honored with the presentation of the Combat Action Ribbon. He's always been extremely proud of being part of Carlson's Raiders, as we are. Thank all of you. If anyone cares to correspond with Bill, he resides at Sunbridge Care, 1660 Hospital Dr., Raton, NM 87740.

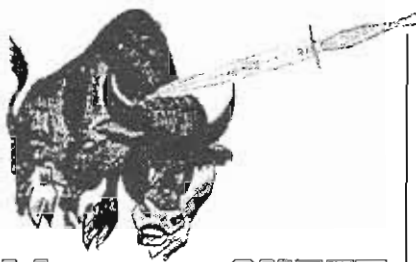
Dwain Romero

WHO IS THIS ? PHOTO FINALLY I.D.'d



We had several calls, e-mails, and letters regarding who the above photo is. It was unanimous -

It's Glenn Mitchell (2BN)



BULL SHEET

Hi John (Editor):

Thanks for your kind note. It was a pleasure to meet you and see you again in August at the Reunion. I learned something new in Ben Carson's Bull Sheet note about the awarding of the sub combat patrol insignia for the Makin Raid. I would like to have a copy of the Frank Knox authorization letter if someone has it for copying. I have assembled many documents relating to Clyde and the raid; these are in Memorial Albums about his life and a copy of that letter should be included if possible. Do the USMRA files have it, or can you put me in touch with Ben or Jerry Beau, if it might be that either one has one - any source of a copy would do. Many thanks and best wishes.

Hugh Thomason

Editors Note: Ben - Can you provide any help for Hugh? He is Clyde's half brother. We met in D.C. in February on the Arlington Reunion program. (His brother Clyde was the first enlisted Marine awarded the Medal of Honor in WWII.

To the Editor:

Col. Dave Severence, Secretary/Treasurer of the Association of Survivors (Marine Paratroopers) suggested that I contact your Raider Association to see if you had any shoulder patches like those worn by Marine Raiders during WWII.

I am in need of three if they are available. My VFW Post #9182 of Katy, Texas has a military museum and I am making up a framed display of Marine shoulder patches worn in WWII. And, I would also like to make one for myself and my old Sargent if at all possible. As you probably know, the Marine Corps Association Gift Shop has all the six divisions and four airwing patches available, but not for the Raiders and parachutists.

I would certainly appreciate it if you would drop me a line and let me know if they are available, as well as the cost and shipping charges. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Semper Fi.
H. B. Kirkpatrick
P.O. Box 163
Katy, TX 77492-0163

Editor's Note: The following is a copy of a letter sent to the 4th Recon BN by our own Thomas L. Cleary (2AHQ) to the Officers and men, 4th Recon BN., Albuquerque, NM after the Sept. 11th World Trade Center attack.

Sept. 14, 2001

Officers and Men
4th Recon BN
Albuquerque, New Mexico

In America's darkest hour since December 7, 1941 your recon units stand out as the elite units of our elite Marine Corps.

Events have placed you squarely in harms way, superbly trained and physically fit. We know you will successfully carry out and complete whatever task or duty assigned to you - no matter how arduous that duty may be.

You are the creme de la creme and we old "Marine Raiders" salute you and wish you God Speed. Good luck and good hunting, swiftly, silently and deadly. You will prevail over all who seek to destroy America.

God bless you all.
Semper Fi.
Thomas L. Cleary (2AHQ)
WWII Marine Raider.

Dear Patch:

I was in Washington, D.C. on the 17th at Arlington. I was moved to pen the following.

Semper Fi
Marine Chuck Tatum
B-1 - 27th - 5th (Iwo Jima)

WE ARE THE RAIDER 19

God bid us rise from the sand
where we reposed
For years we slept
while you wept
We waited for this day when we
say our final farewell to you
Who mourned us
when first we fell
There is no need to mourn again
We are now in God's command
So march the caisson slowly
once pass the sacred ground
Where buddies wait for us to
join them in everlasting sleep
Let the sound of rifles
fill the morning air
Have the buglers sound taps
one last time
This isn't good bye, it's only so long
till we meet again
On heaven's welcomed shore

Semper Fi Marines,
Pfc. Charles W. Tatum
B-1-27th-5th
Iwo Jima

Raider Mini-Reunion • WA, 2001



Those attending were: Bill Carroll, Bob Gjerness, Chuck Meacham, Ted Parker, Jim Studabaker, JC Caldwell, Nolan Attaway, Rudy Frick, George Beachwood, Ted Wilhite, Arnold Nadeau, Fred Brim, Jess Perry, Lyle Brandt, Fred Butcher, Luther Fleming, Jim Van Winkle. Also, Mary Baldwin and daughter, and the shelterhalves of the Raiders. Lyle Brandt's son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Karen Brandt. We are always happy to see families come and join us. Jim Studebaker's daughter and grandson were also there to enjoy time with the group.

The Northwest Raider Mini was held in Ryderwood again this year in July. We had a nice group to enjoy great days of just getting together with good stories and lots of food. The weather was nice as well. Had a raffle of a squirrel feeder that was donated and won by Mary Baldwin. The money was turned over to the city to help their building project on the Park where we met.



The city put up this sign to welcome us.



Raiders Raid Reno

A group of Raiders got together recently in Northern Nevada to share comraderie and war stories, in an informal and relaxing manner. Seen in the photo to the right are, left to right, Bob Mathews (4HQ), Chuck Meacham (3K), Don Harn (3L), and Emmitt Hayes (1HQ3K).



Raiders seen in the photo to the left are, Frank Cannistraci (2HQ), Emmitt Hayes (1HQ3K), Dan Gallager (3L), Jim Castro (1EC) and Royal Billings (1B). Thanks to Archie Rackerby (3K) for the photos.

This "Get Together" is getting to be a habit. It seems to happen every May.

HONOR ROLL



GOACHER, Keith O. (3M) 9/12/01
 LUCKEMEYER, Allen A. (4CP) 10/21/01
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Memorial Fund

President Mel Heckt reports that the Memorial Fund for recently deceased Raider Allan "Dick" Luckemeyer 4CP is approaching the thousand dollar mark.

Donations in Dick's name can be sent to the Marine Raider Association Secretary. (See page 3)

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Note: Status Report numbers vary on a day to day basis. Reports of a member's death, returned mail indicative of a bad address or an unreported move, and changes in status such as from Annual to Life Membership are the basis for changes in numbers. A total of 1,167 were reported on the rolls in the last issue of the Patch. New members have been added. Those reported as deceased have been removed from the active list and in some cases the spouse or next-of-kin as been added. The last of those members who have not submitted dues for the year 2000 have been dropped from the mailing list and are no longer active. Our total on rolls has declined by 31, all of the above being considered.

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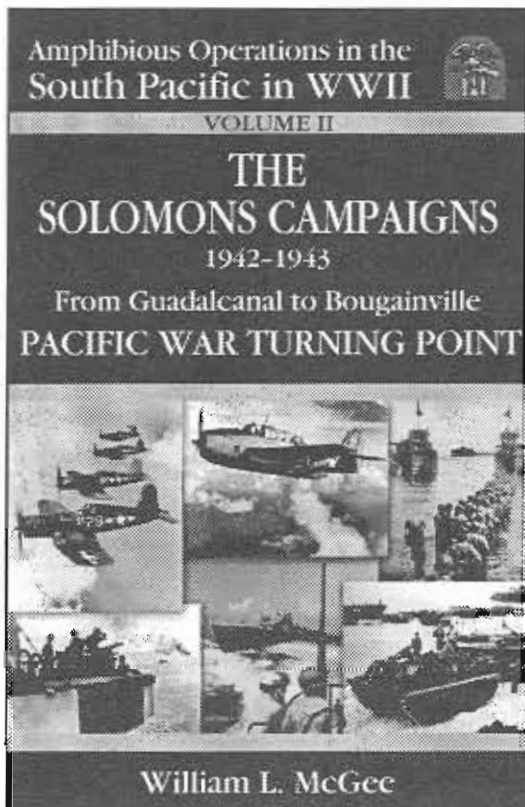
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Makin Leader's Son at Reunion



The crew of the C-130 aircraft that brought our Makin KIA's home, proudly pose with the son of Evans F. Carlson, Evans C. Carlson at Andrews Air Force Base. It was quite an emotional experience for those present. Photo courtesy of Ashley Fisher (2B)

Nimitz Kept Cool Head

As we all know, Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz was a great friend and admirer of the Raiders. MacArthur had his army, but Adm. Nimitz had his Marines and especially his Raiders. An incident happened early in the war that could have been the end of the Admiral.

Flying from Pearl Harbor to San Francisco on board a government operated PanAm clipper for a meeting with Navy top brass to discuss plans for starting an offensive against the Japanese, the Admiral's clipper crashed into the Bay, killing the pilot.

The noted San Francisco surgeon, Dr. Sam Sherman, then a Navy Lt. stationed at Treasure Island, was first to arrive at the scene in a crash boat, and personally fished Nimitz out of the water. Sam offered him a shot of brandy and a blanket, which the Admiral rather brusquely refused. Instead, he asked Sam to order the divers to go below again and try to retrieve his uniform cap - a request Sam complied with, of course, but found exceedingly odd. When they finally came up with the cap, the Admiral looked relieved for the first time. Later, on Guam, where Nimitz once again met Dr. Sam Sherman, by now a Commander, he explained it all.

The waterproof lining of his cap contained the top secret plans for the invasion of Guadalcanal!



On a recent trip to Las Vegas, Frank Cannistraci (2HQ1A) and Harry Reynolds (2BHQ) took your Patch Editor on a tour of the town. First stop, The Marine Club in Las Vegas. The Sgt. Maj. mannequin seemed out of place with these guys. When in Vegas visit the Marine Club, their welcome mat is always out!

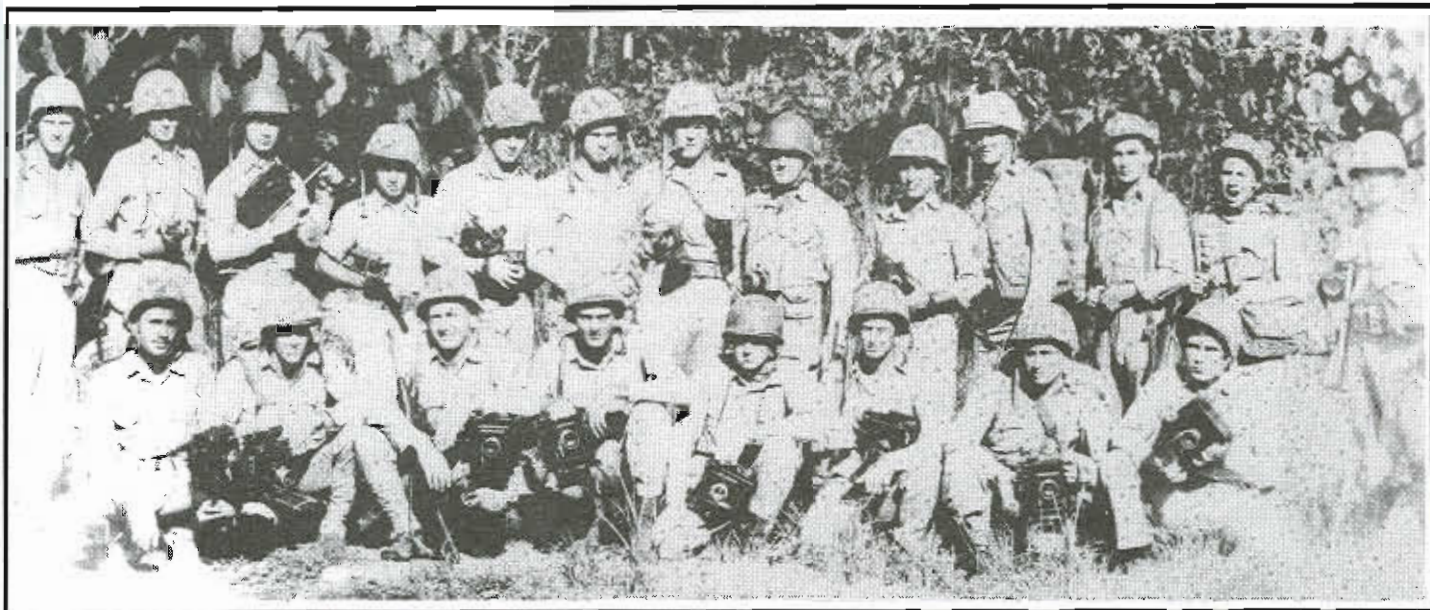


While in Las Vegas, we took our Patch camera to Frank Cannistraci's home and got a personal tour of his "Marine Room". The walls of the room are covered with hundreds of great photos from the War in the Pacific. Many he personally took as a photographer with 2 HQ.



Yet another stop on our Vegas visit was at the home of Jack T. Barnes. Here's Jack with his son-in-law Phil Fortenberry standing under some of the memorabilia from a life-long career in the Corps.

NOBODY DOES IT **PR** LIKE THE MARINES



Loaded and Ready for Action: These U.S. Marine Photographers, both still and movie, covered the Solomons Campaign from start to finish. In the process that added much lore to the already bulging history books about the Corps. They were a brave and dedicated group who put themselves in harms way over and over again. Subject of the following interview, Second Raider Frank Cannistraci is seen at the extreme left, front row. Photo taken on Guadalcanal, 1943.

By Patch Editor

As a journalist and Editor, no one could appreciate the efforts of the combat photographers and the combat correspondents more than me. Without their dedicated expertise, courage and devotion to duty, our World War II history books and TV documentaries would be virtually non-existent. Many, far too many, paid the ultimate price or were wounded in action in pursuit of their military specialty.

As your Editor, I have hundreds, if not thousands of photos in my files and access to thousands more. With the exception of many personal photos taken by and sent to me by members of this organization, all are the products of combat cameramen.

To record the terrifying and often tragic actions that only war can provide, these brave and talented people put their lives on the line time after time to record for history what combat was really like. All Services had their fair share of these outstanding individuals. However, the United States Marine Corps was blessed with some of the very best.

In fact, they were so good the Army, Navy, Air Force, as well as the American public, thought there must have been ten times their actual number. Much to the aggravation of the other Services.

Like I said, I've always been fascinated by photojournalism and decided to talk to someone "who's been there, done that!" My interview was with Frank Cannistraci, a member of Headquarters Company, Second Raider Battalion. Frank is a fascinating former Marine and is filled with stories that could make a book. In fact, Frank has penned many short stories about his favorite subject: The U.S. Marines in World War II.

We are pleased to review one of Frank's efforts here. This one concerns the perception of many, especially some very high placed people, regarding the United States Marine Corps and their phenomenal public relations abilities.

"The Marine Corps has a propaganda machine second only to Russia's Stalin, so uttered President Harry S. Truman in 1950" Frank Cannistraci began. "This quotation is

recorded in the Congressional Record and was printed in just about every newspaper in the United States, he added.

"This so-called "propaganda machine" came about in 1941 when Commandant Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Holcomb saw the necessity to establish a Public Relations Dept. Coming out of retirement, Brig. Gen. Denig was to head it. Assisting was 1st. Sgt. Walter "Joe" Shipman, who successfully recruited many top news and radio reporters, as well as movie and still photographers. These talented men had to go through recruit training - boot camp! The emphasis was they had to be **Marines First**. Then when assigned to various Marine units, perform their respective assigned duties as Combat Correspondents (a.k.a. "CC's), Cannistraci added.

"Ironically, this idea of CC's originated with an Army Colonel, namely, Col. Julius Klein. He first submitted his idea to the Army and they rejected it. However, Colonel Klein had the occasion to convey his idea to Gen. Denig and the Marine Corps adopted it immediately... the rest is history", Cannistraci said.

The Marine CC's reporting and photographing of their combat actions from the Solomon Islands, etc. ... to Tarawa, Guam, Siapan, Iwo Jima through Okinawa was so successful, it gave the American people the impression that the U.S. Marines ALONE were fighting the Japanese nation. All America was in awe, concerned and in love with their Marines. Marine recruiting stations were overwhelmingly swamped with tens of thousands of young men eager to join these highly publicized, elite warriors.

"The popular magazines of those

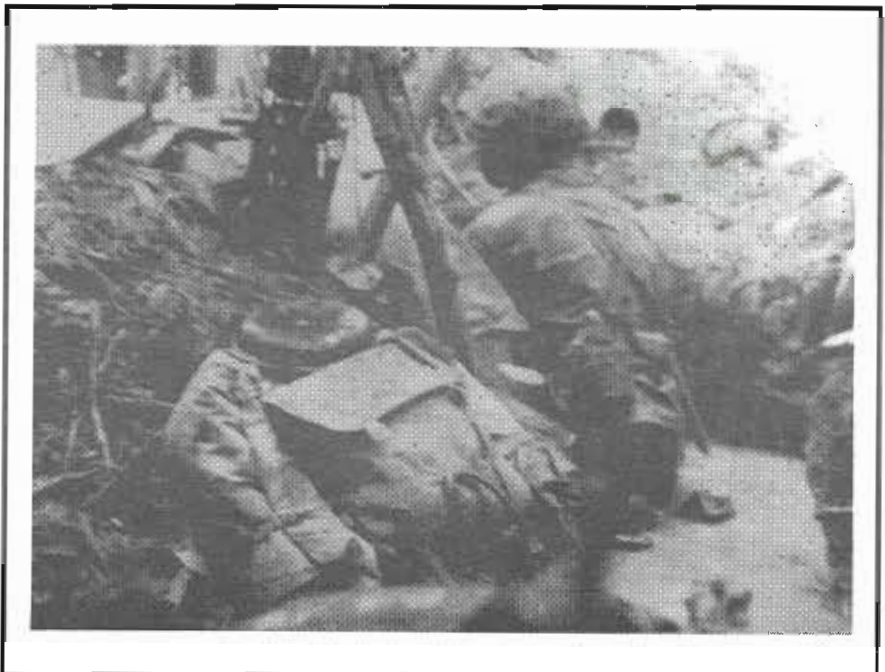
days were Life, Time, Newsweek, Look, etc. ... and just about every edition featured highly front line dramatic and emotional still photos taken by Marine photographers. Hollywood movie studios got into the act, producing no less than 25 top-hit, money making movies of the Marines at war," Frank Cannistraci continued.

"In addition, hundreds of books were authored of Marines. Publication and sales of these books ran into the millions. Needless to say, the Army, Navy and Air Force and the likes of President Truman were irked and very un

happy at all the publicity the Marines were getting and had gotten," said Cannistraci. He added, "Thanks for that honor and the credit goes to all the Marine Corps correspondents and combat cameramen."

So paranoid was the Army in the Pacific Theater, that when General Douglas MacArthur learned in 1944-45 that the Marine Corps had raised their T/O from a 12-man squad to 13 men, it prompted him and his staff to ask if the 13th man was a Marine photographer. It must have really galled 'Ol Doug.

— Echoes Editor



If there was a worse place to wage war than Bougainville, no one every told the Marine Raiders. These two photos pretty well sum up how it was on the deadly Piva Trail. To the left, the machine gunner in the top of the photo didn't quite make it. Photos taken by 2nd Marine Raider photographer Frank Cannistraci in November, 1943 during the "rainy season".

Services For Raider Gus Zurawski

A synopsis-description on the funeral-burial of Gus "August" Zurawski, a fellow Marine Raider on October 27, 2001. The theme/focus of services from the entrance hymn at St. Juliana's Church in Chicago, IL to the closure commentary at the cemetery were Marine dominant.

Under a sunny October sky, with presence of a Marine Honor Guard, Marine Raider pall bearers carried the casket, placing it at the open grave.

Following the prayers by two priest, the Marine Honor Guard retrieved the flag from the casket, folded it with care, and presented it to his wife, Cassie Zurawski.

In closure, the following words were spoken by a Marine Raider pall bearer:

*"Gus, your fellow Marine Raiders
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By Patch Editor

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I had also commissioned an artist/sculpturer to provide a rendering of a lifesize Raider and a plaque depicting a submarine with two rubber boats filled with Raiders departing for the beaches of Butaritari.

At the start of this project, it wasn't, and still isn't an Association effort, although the Board and members are whole heartedly for it. There just wasn't time to go through channels to get them done in time. Consequently, your Editor made the commitment and payment. We sold a good many at the Reunion, but still have quite a few left.

They were extremely popular with the Next of Kin and their extended families, as well as Association members and their families. They are truly a lasting memento of a most unique event in Raider history. All proceeds will go towards a permanent memorial statue and memorial plaque dedicated to all Marine Raiders of World War II.

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