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THE U. S. MARINE CORPS

Great Britain, having the first modern naval organization, was the first to form units of marines as they are known today. They were men accustomed to the sea and qualified in other respects to perform the tactical missions for which marines were then, and are now destined, i.e., first, to help fight a ship; second, to capture and hold land approaches of a harbor to be used by naval vessels; and third to furnish a small compact unit for offensive action, generally referred to as a landing force.

Among the first Federal troops authorized by Continental Congress, were two battalions of Marines, organized in November, 1775 and used to good effect during the Revolutionary War.

In the Navy of today, the Marines fulfill the same tactical missions as did Marines of the past. They man the secondary batteries, on first and second class ships. Each year since the War of 1898, they have served in the protection of American lives and property, or assisted in naval actions. The places and occasions are too numerous to mention more than sketchily: 1899- Phillippine insurrection and Samoan uprising; 1900- Phillippines and Peking; 1901 and 1902- uprising on the island of Samar and a landing force at Panama; 1903- Santo Domingo and Korea; 1904- Panama (the forming of the Republic); 1906 to 1909- Cuban Army

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BLAINE WASHINGTON

As Blaine, Washington has been designated as our 4th of July port, what information on hand is published for information of all hands:

Situated on the Canadian Border. Population approximately 2500.

It is 1237 miles from San Diego and 130 miles from Seattle.

We are due to arrive on 3 July and depart 5 July.

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THE GUNNERY OFFICER SAYS:

"Now that the Gunnery year has ended with the Houston well up among the leaders, the ensuing few months are to be utilized in polishing up on many of the things that go to make up a real fighting ship. Toward that end may be expected Landing Force Drill and a chance to familiarize ourselves with the Landing Guns and the new 37 mm Gun, recently received on board. Also, with the construction of our new back stop, small-bore sharks will have a chance to try out their eyes. To those who are not familiar with Rifle and Machine guns, due instructions will be given, as well as an opportunity to fire through the Small-bore Course. There is to be no let-down in the large state of efficiency which constant drill and hard work has brought us. Short, snappy drills will be held, and all hands are expected to keep on their toes, so that when the new gunnery year begins, we can hang up a score for all others to shoot at."

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Send the BLUE BONNET home.

WANDERING

The rattle of the chains up thru the hause-pipes of a ship, outward bound, destination unknown, is a definite sensation, a pleasant one, for those who dislike the same streets, the same haunts for relaxation, liberty after liberty. The old attraction of new places is one that seldom grows old for a man without ties. Going is often confused with leaving. There is something final about the first surge of the screws; all ties are broken irrevocably for the time at least. Memories, the only reward of the wanderer when wandering is done, are better for a little age and much contrast. Surely an itinerary with more contrasts than that of this ship since commissioning would be hard to imagine.

Southampton, with its traditional rain, lack of restaurants, left-handed traffic and bar curfews, is followed by Rotterdam, a port busy with strange small craft and ocean going vessels, outlet for the trade of central Europe, cobble stones and the Skeedam Skeedyke, toughest street in any land. Then Le Havre, shipping port for Paris and for the Houston tourists, the beginning of a 7 hour trip to Paris; Paris the home of the "Cocotte" and the Mona Lisa, the former no less advertised than the latter, altho the valuation is very different. Many will remember the "Palais de Glaces" with its feminine decorations surrounded by mirrors. Then home for Christmas holidays and the telling of

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### OUR MOTHERS

In the whirl of everyday life, when work and play are so intermingled that we have little time for other things, we are prone, sometimes, to forget our mothers. We forget that in the past—those irresponsible days when we were not burdened with the cares of a heartless world—we were cared for and protected by our mothers. Our mothers were the mighty forces which kept us from harms way. In our many petty difficulties of childhood, when we needed assistance, our first thoughts were of our mothers. There lay our hope of help—there, always, we were assured of sympathy.

And now we have grown up, many of our mothers have aged. Grey hair and lines of care have replaced the charming features of the yesteryears. The mothers of others of us have gone to their last reward, where they may rest through eternity, their duty well performed.

But we do not mean to forget—most of us have not yet reached the reminiscent stage of life—our lives lie before us. Greater things lie before us—we have no time for the past. And that is why we devote one day each year to the memory of our mothers. That is why the second Sunday in May is dedicated to the Mothers of America—so that we may not totally forget, even though other things may occupy our minds, the greatest love this world can give to man—his mother's.

Mothers Day is Sunday, May the

### CRAUT STOMPIN'

Exclusive interview with H.F. Myers

It seems that in the dark fastness of Louisiana, many strange things befall, and when one considers the rather unusual products of those regions with which the service is familiar, it is not too difficult to accept the following tale.

In the turmoil and lack of order and poor systems of communication existing in the days of first settlement of our great country, a very strange clan, tribe (or sect might even be the proper term, for "Craut Stompin'" is nothing short of a rite) sneaked by the Pilgrim Fathers, and traveling only at night arrived in the dim reaches of the misty swamp lands, to practice in peace and security the custom and rite which caused them to leave their beloved Fatherland. The Fathers from Leyden came for freedom before God, the Adventurers for quick profits, Oglethrope's settlers came to dodge the chit collectors, but the Sons and Daughters of Fatherland came for "Craut Stompin'"! Craut Stompin'! What a world of soul stirring there is in the mere murmuring of that name! Evey man woman and child able to stand, walk, or sit, assembles for the ceremony. Full moon, on a date fixed by the patriarch of the clan, and man is in his ascendancy! Woman sits and trembles at the bull roarings of the male, in the frenzied abandon of the "Stompin'! Huge vats, in a clearing deep in the scrub and swamps, ringed about with awed, nae, cowed women and children, big eyed, watching with bated breath, the sweating, milling, twisting, frantic, roaring mass of males, 'stompin'! stompin' with their bare feet in the

12th. Few of us can be with her, but all of us who have mothers living can write to her or wire her, just to let her know that we do think of her and that we do appreciate.

She will appreciate the few words of love that you send—it means life to her to feel that her boy remembers—that he is thinking of her.. By letting her know that he is thinking of her, he shows that he is living according to her standards, perpetuating her ideals.

Write to your mother today.

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juicy mass of Craut, prepared with such care by the women folk! What an inspiring sight, to see those hairy chested sons of a transplanted Fatherland in this hard earned freedom, roaring in the abandon of their unique rite!

While Myers is essentially modest it is to be suspicioned that the skill of his "Stompin'", caused him to be banished by his less able brothers.

Thus the "Craut Stompers."

It has occurred to this faithful chronicler that the true origin of the famous ballad, "Clementine" might be that same obscure group of liberty lovers.

"Struck her foot against a splinter,

And fell into the foaming brine."

What a background! Should he not be nominated as candidate for the next presidential elections?

### WANDERING

fancifull tales to those who never get outside, and to share with them the prospect of a trip to the Orient. The Phillipines; caramettas, the Silver Dollar bar, men in flowery shirts, women squatting, smoking black cigarettes backward, the first active volcano. The Orient proper, which after a three year cruise is still not old; the home of "comshaw" "Wambeshaw", Five Star beer, where one word "BOY" is as good as Alladin's Lamp. Japan, where men look like monkeys and the women like fashion plate dolls. Then home again, Some hoping for a rest, and finding the Barbary Coast in and Prohibition out, some glad to be home again and to see family and loved ones, others to find things so changed that they must learn all over again.

Contrasts have continued since. In the variety of duties and assignments, if not so much in the ports of call.

Wandering after all is no sorry lot, even tho it be in the service.

### PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

Notification has been received that the report of the Naval Examining Board has been approved by Congress, thus placing Ensigns Jurika, Williams and Leon in the permanent commission status.

Congratulations!



## NOSEY NEWS by EV' BODY

The lads have been cutting a few capers since the home-guards Paradise has taken on the aspects of Po-dunk Center; not that they didn't do their bit when the marty byways were packed with curious and pleasure seeking humanity. We admit its rather a strain for one ship to try to uphold the renown of the fleet, but what with the shieky bean-jockies we shouldn't have much difficulty. The following is a paid adv.—“Any-one desiring expert tutoring in the romantic art of osculation, see Lewis, the MAA. Hours-One to Won.” Jossi of the F claims that he is going to be a No. 1 stay-aboard. We wonder why? Perhaps those three Marines could use some of the same philosophy. The Marines landed but the situation was in the cops hands. Schrum, the Damage Control mill-pounder, had better try dancing with his hands full of glue after this. Don't be for dropping those 'lil gals like that! We wish to tender a belated congrats to West, SM2c. How's the 'lil fella, now? Nickel, the Dinuba Wonder, says 'tis no use saving himself no mo'. Whassa matt', pal, something else go wrong? It is only a question of time, now, whether “Stinky” Davis or “Dazzy” Vance will be married first. How about a tie game? Someone said that “Frog” is about to stumble and fall upon the alter of wedlock. Well, well, after all these years, we can hardly believe it. The Duke of Sylvia was rather puzzled and couldn't figure out why a man shouldn't come back from leave for a day so that Syl. could have Special Liberty. He must be a Golden Grainer of the oldest order. Thor, the god of might and power, would have been abashed had he seen our “Sandgap” Standafer doing his strongarm, lady tossing tricks on

the beach last Sunday. Whatta toss! Arthur was all set after the box full of lip-stick, nail polish and what have you, was received by him. Do be careful, won't you? We wonder if “Tiny” Rimmers could have had anything to do with starting the expression, “No Sleep” after his spectacular return at 4 a.m. And lastly, just who is the EM who forgot he wasn't in China and startled some of the uninitiated when he, after due luck with the rod and reel, cut the heads off of his spoils of the hunt, threw the bodies away, then after getting a chit signed, blithely wended his way homeward with fish heads to prepare the feast of fish heads and rice. We wonder how his missus liked his idea of a delicate dish? Well, our ever-seeing eye and all-hearing ear is sorta fastigued so will give it a day's rest before looking you-all up again.

### EVOLUTION OF A C. P. O.

#### Apprentice Seaman:

Enthusiasm the salient feature of his character, visits other vessels on liberty.

#### Seaman second class:

Salty in his actions; attire, perfection, from inside curves in his pants to form fitting in his jumper. (Stacomb frequently in evidence.)

#### Seaman first class:

A settled man, aspiring to a family, accomplishing great dexterity in the art of the “Golden Grain.”

#### Third class petty officer:

A razor blade for insignia, acquires a deep basso before next advancement.

#### Second class petty officer:

Cultivates all the right people; becomes the personification of good conduct and something of an oracle.

#### First class petty officer:

Develops class conciousness, and a wealth of patience; waiting, waiting, always waiting.

#### Chief petty officer:

A somnambulant plutocrat at last! With a somnambulant appetite!

Sgt.: Why all the worms?

Pvt.: Well, sarge, old boy, I'll tell you I'm going to cross these wooly-worms with wire-haired terriers.

Sgt.: Why?

Pvt.: Then with a little training they will make wonderful rifle brushes.

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### THE MILITARY GENTLEMEN

You've noticed the hustle and bustle in the Marine Detachment every morning these last two weeks. It is just that the boys are taking advantage of the Landing Base Ball Field to do a little soldiering. We have to admit that the first day we showed signs of having “Sea Legs”, but after that the platoon struck its stride. Two hours a day isn't so much but it gives the non-coms a chance to practice commanding a squad or platoon, and with all working together, builds a stronger, more unified detachment.

In one corner of the field the buglers of all the Scouting Force hold their daily practice and it looks like they are working to form a Drum and Bugle Corps that not only knows how to blow a horn but drill while doing it. If they are together as a Corps at the next Fleet parade they will certainly hold up their end of the line and the unsuspecting public will never guess that nearly each one of them live on a different ship.

It wasn't told to me. I only heard, that a certain Cradle-Snatcher in the Guard either rang the wrong door-bell at the right time or the right door-bell at the wrong time, however, there are no scars to keep him from denying it. Another, rough-tough nasty, (I think he is a RED) is trying to do a little organizing. At the present all he needs is a ball and bat and the time and the place and he'll have a MUSH-BALL team. Anyone having the needed items see Stipetic. The Three ROVER boys, Sergeants Gus, Earl, and Harold are going in for base-ball in a big way, is it beer or love?

Come on WAKA-WIKI-HULA-OOMA-NUKA-OOPA-OOPA.

A new member of the lifeboat crew thought he was hot stuff after a few days practice but decided to ask the coxswain his opinion. “Hey cox'n”, he asked, confidentially, “What kind of stroke do you think I've developed?” “Paralytic,” was the quick reply.

Lt. (jg) E. S. Shanze has been ordered from Annapolis, Md. to report to USS Houston.

The Third Division is scheduled to edit next weeks issue of the BLUE BONNET. Take it away Third Division!

## ETAOI SHRD CMFWY VB GK

## BY "Bugs" CLEMENTS, PFC, USMC

The PEDICULAE HEMIPTRA ACANTHIAS LECTURIUS is a small bug two and a half lines in length, flat and wingless; it is a rust red in color with fine brown hairs; by its shape it is adapted for living in cracks between boards in furniture etc., and by its slender proboscis it sucks the blood of its victim. That, my good friends, is a fairly good description of the common ordinary, every day BED-BUG.

This PEDICULAE HEMIPTRA ACANTHIAS LECTURIUS (still Bed-Bugs) lays eggs throughout the warmer months, the year round in this section, the generations succeeding each other as long as the temperature remains high—Oh death, oh death, where is thy sting?—The eggs are white and oval and the young bugs hatch out in eight days, escaping by pushing off the lid at one end of the shell. The young are white and transparent, one can watch one's own blood course through the body of a bug as he bites for the first time. It takes eleven weeks for the Bed-Bug to mature during which time he molts about five times. One Bed-Bug lays from five to seven thousand eggs, in 19 weeks from five to seven thousands Bed-Bugs lay that many more eggs each. My problem is to determine which came first, the Bed-Bug or the egg. I have bred several thousand of pedigreed Bed-Bugs and think that I will be able to determine this after a few more generations. One of my colleagues, Doctor De Greer has kept full sized individuals in a sealed bottle for more than a year without food.

The HEMIPTRA TRIATOMA MEGISTA (cockroach) and REDUVIUS and certain kinds of ants are the natural enemies of the Bed-Bug, but people can rid their premises of the Bed-Bug more easily by sprinkling insect powder in the cracks where they live or by painting the cracks with corrosive sublimate dissolved in alcohol. The most effective method though is to fumigate the house thoroughly with brimstone. Temporary relief may be had by sprinkling insect powder over the sheets of the bed one is to occupy.

## BASEBALL

During the past week the baseball team has played four games with local teams in the L. B. City League, winning one, tying one, and losing two. All games were well played, with the team showing great improvement. On Thursday, 25 April, the team met the Delta A. C. on Terminal Island. With perfect support from the team, O'Brien pitched for six innings, holding the Delta's to 7 scattered hits. The team piled up a comfortable lead with good hitting and smart base running. In the 6th, with two away, O'Brien weakened, Slough then finishing the inning. Eggerter then went in to the box to finish the game in great style. Box Score:

Team	AB	H	R	E
Houston	37	12	10	1
Delta A.C.	35	8	8	3

On Friday, 26 April, the team played the Houghton Park, J.C. at Houghton Park. In this team we met the snappiest ball club so far this season. Rimer pitched a fine game, but the gang failed in the pinches, allowing the J.C.'s to score 5 runs on errors. Slough poled a homer, good in any league. Box Score:

Team	AB	H	R	E
Houston	34	6	5	6
Houghton Park J.C.	41	6	10	3

Sunday, 28 April, the team journeyed out to Lowell Field for an overtime game with the Millard Creamery. Dingle, the newest addition to the pitching staff twirled a winning game but the gang just could not overcome a bad streak of basting the ball. The team hit well, but the errors gave the Milkmen the game. With the score tied 9 all in the 9th, Eggerter went in, holding them down for one inning, but in the 11th, the Milkmen began working Eggies fast one, driving in the winning run to end an exciting game. Box Score:

Team	AB	H	R	E
Houston	49	14	11	11
Millard Creamery	49	12	12	7

Wednesday, 1 May, the team played a return game with the Houghton Park J.C. at Recreation Park, L.B. This was undoubtedly the best game of the season, ending at 2 all when the diamond had to be turned over to the teams for the 2nd game of the afternoon at the park. Rimmer was in great form, allowing but two hits to the heavy hitting J.C.'s. Our boys

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of Pacification; 1907- Honduras uprising and aid in the earthquake in Jamaica; 1909 to 1912- Nicaraguan revolution and China (overthrow of the Manchu dynasty); 1917 and 1918-war with Germany, etc.

Since the World War the importance of the tactical missions has changed somewhat in relative importance. The Marine Corp's importance is now as a landing force, composed of units particularly trained for that service, accompanying the fleet. Modern land warfare has changed so much in recent years that units especially trained for land operations have become a very important factor in the effectiveness of a fleet; in safeguarding its security as well as a weapon of offense. The recent organization of the Fleet Marine Force, as an integral unit of the United States Fleet, is destined to increase their effectiveness in that respect.

The forming of the Fleet Marine Force a little more than a year ago was one of the most important steps in the modernization of any branch of the armed service, since the adoption of the National Defense Act, in 1920; second only to bringing the fleet up to treaty strength. The Marine Corps, through the F.M.F., is now prepared to fulfill its primary mission, which is to seize and maintain the advance base of the fleet.

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### HULU HULU DUTY

The following named men have been ordered to Pearl Harbor, to be transferred upon our arrival in Honolulu:—

W. H. Fraey, CRM; E. S. Powell, F1c; G. T. Sawyer, Yeo2c; F. J. Bitzelberger, Cox; P. J. Breidecker, QM 2c; and R Malit, MAtt.

We wish these fellows good luck in their new assignments.

connected safely 6 times. A bad overthrow let in the tying run for the J.C.'s in the 8th. Nickle played a great game at 2ndB. also scoring our two runs, but in the 8th he was painfully injured when a J.C. runner crashed into him at 2ndB, putting Nickle out of the lineup for some weeks to come with a fractured ankle. Box Score:

Team	AB	H	R	E
Houston	35	6	2	4
Houghton Park J.C.	39	2	2	1