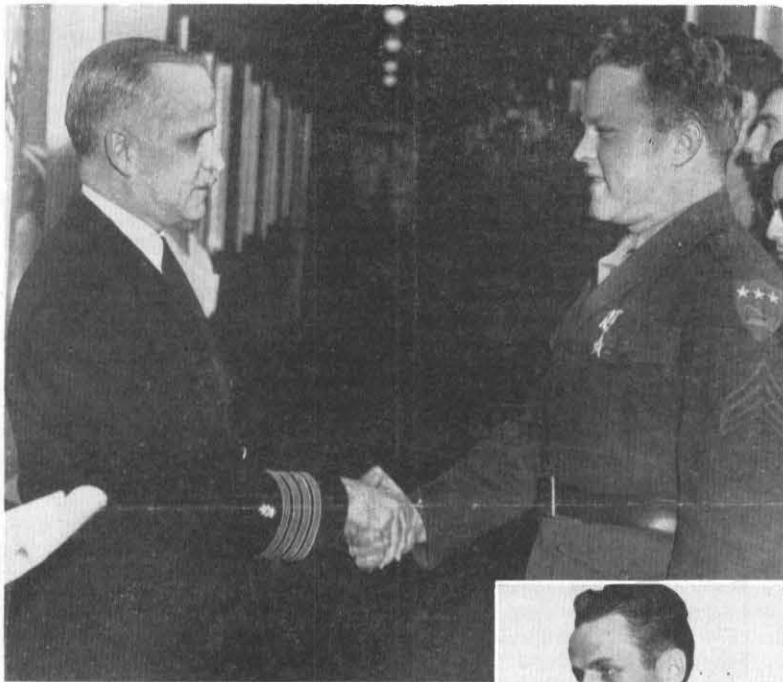




# MARINES IN DOUBLE DECORATION



CONGRATULATIONS were tendered Sergeant J. L. Mulcahy of Ward 24 last week by Captain J. T. Boone after official presentation of the Silver Star took place. Sgt. Mulcahy earned his award on Saipan while 1st Lieutenant Edward L. Simmons of SOQ (b), pictured at right, won his second Bronze Star medal in action against Japanese on Peleliu Island. The awards were bestowed in each patient's respective ward.

## Twofold Presentation Finds Sergeant Receiving Silver Star As 1st Lieutenant Gets Bronze Medal

Officially commended for exceptional performance in South Pacific action, two hospitalized Marines, 1st Lieutenant Edward L. Simmons and Sergeant J. L. Mulcahy, received decorations last week in successive presentations held in each patient's ward by Captain Joel T. Boone, commanding officer.

Receiving the Silver Star was Sergeant Mulcahy, 23 years old, from Yakima, Washington. Already the proud possessor of a Presidential Unit citation, a letter of commen-

dation for Marshall Island's action and the Purple Heart with a Gold Star, Sgt. Mulcahy earned his Silver Star award in action against the enemy on Saipan while with a small party of officers and enlisted men who were studying Japanese fortifications. Enemy action took place which fatally wounded an officer and seriously injured Sgt. Mulcahy. Suffering from shock and with a bullet in the base of his brain seriously impairing his vision, he volunteered to go alone for aid several miles distant, making it possible for two unwounded men to remain with the officer casualty.

Marines, Mulcahy was attached to the 5th Amphibious Corps and saw action on Kwajalein Atoll, Tarawa, was wounded in the Marshalls and on Saipan.

A Marine for the past four years, his favorite subject is his wife, Madaline, whom he married shortly before going overseas. Mulcahy is the only Marine in an all-Navy family.

### Bronze Medal Awarded 1st Lt.

First Lieutenant Edward L. Simmons, patient in SOQ (b) was awarded the Bronze Star medal for efficient performance of duty and leadership in action against armed

As a photographer with the

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## Louise Isgreen, Popular ARC Worker, Leaves

Fulfilling orders directing her to a newly commissioned Evacuation Hospital in San Francisco, Miss Louise Isgreen, senior Red Cross recreation worker, departed from this hospital last Sunday after a commendable tour of duty that made her one of the best-liked personages in the hospital.

Her charm and vivacity coupled with amazing drive for such a tiny girl, resulted time and again in the promotion of beneficial recreation activities for both patients and staff members.

Miss Isgreen joined the Red Cross staff at this hospital several months after its commissioning. She immediately plunged into countless enterprises to provide relaxation for everyone. Her spirit and aggressiveness helped inaugurate variety shows, ward movies and bingo games. This hospital publication was helped consistently as she promoted supplies for its development



MISS LOUISE ISGREEN

during the early days. The manner in which she performed "Chaplain Duties" for so many patients and corpsmen earned her the title as "the gal with the sunny disposition."

### HOSPITAL SHIP ESTABLISHES FLOATING WHOLE BLOOD BANK

Guam, Marianas Islands (HCQNS) —A Navy hospital ship successfully brought a large quantity of whole blood to this island during the recent campaign, the first example of a floating whole blood bank, hitherto believed impossible due to deterioration of the blood under sea conditions. Blood donated by Marines in the Marshalls was carried successfully to the Guam beachhead.

### GI's Get Extension In Job Applications

Washington (CNS)—Congress has extended the period during which an honorable discharged veteran of this war may apply for his old job from 40 to 90 days. Selective service regulations made the time extension retroactive to cover all men who had been discharged within the 90 days prior to December 8, 1944, the date on which President Roosevelt signed the amendment effecting the change. Disabled veterans who require hospitalization following their discharges may apply for their former jobs within 90 days following completion of hospitalization, providing they do so within a year of leaving the service.

If you're not receiving your copy of The Stethoscope regularly, just phone Extension 201.

### CHRISTMAS COPIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

A few copies of the Christmas Issue of The Stethoscope published 22 December, 1944, are still available for distribution from The Stethoscope office located next to the Library in the Recreation Building. Stop in today and get your copy.



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## FROM YOUR SKIPPER

It is with deep gratification that the Commanding Officer quotes from two letters received in recent days. The first is from the Surgeon General of the Navy, Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire (MC) U. S. Navy:

"Dear Captain Boone:

"We are nearing the end of the present year and with it comes the Christmas Season. In America, Christmas has always meant a great deal in our lives in that it represents the best of everything in human life. Today, we are in the fourth year of this terrible war which is bringing grief into thousands of our homes.

"The thought I want to bring to you is that your hospital is doing a great work in the healing of the sick and the wounded caused by this war—bringing them back to their families and to their Nation. This in itself is a reason for happiness and for satisfaction in work well done that should prevail during this Christmas time.

"Will you extend, for me, as Surgeon General of the Navy, my heartiest greeting to all the patients and all the members of your staff in this Christmas Season.

Sincerely,

Ross T. McIntire  
 Vice Admiral (MC)  
 Surgeon General, U. S. Navy."

A few days previous to the one above quoted, the Surgeon General, in writing a personal letter to the Commanding Office, voiced another word of appreciation as follows:

"I want you to know that I appreciate very much the splendid work that you and your staff have done in this past year. You will have a real responsibility in the year to come, for I am sure that much of the evacuation from the far Pacific areas will come to Seattle."

Two days prior to Christmas the District Medical Officer of the Thirteenth Naval District telephoned the following message which he requested the Commanding Officer to publish to the Command:

"I desire to extend my best wishes to you and your staff for the Holiday Season and to compliment you all on a very excellent performance of duty in the past year. The hospital is splendidly managed and operated. A very creditable contribution has been made by you in the Navy hospitalization program. Best wishes and keep up the good work!"

It is indeed gratifying to have the aforementioned messages. While in each is voiced appreciation for work well done during the past year, there is also the challenge of greater responsibility lying before us as we enter the New Year. We cannot foresee what will be required of us as individuals or as a group but we can be ready.

J. T. BOONE, Capt. (MC) USN,  
 Medical Officer in Command.

### Pinup of W. M. Shipley, PhM2c



The wonderful bundle of happiness pictured above is none other than Larry Mark Shipley, three months old, who was born October 6, 1944. He is the son of Rose Mary Shipley and William Mark Shipley, PhM2c, of the Hospital X-ray Department, formerly of Salina, Kansas. The parents' ambitions for little Larry are to give him a fine education and let him decide for himself what his future shall be.

### Marines Get Medals . . .

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enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on September 18, 1944. Lieutenant Simmons with his platoon of "B" Company, First Battalion, First Marines, was assigned the difficult and dangerous mission of frontally assaulting the high coral peak in the center of strongly entrenched enemy positions on Hill 100.

When units of his flanks were decimated by enemy fire and fell behind, Lt. Simmons placed himself at the head of his platoon and dislodged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat and reorganized hasty defenses against counter-attack. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Lt. Simmons then placed himself on the peak in a conspicuous position under heavy and accurate sniper fire and directed mortar fire on the enemy until gravely wounded.

Receipt of his award, marked the second Bronze medal that Lt. Simmons has won, his first being gained in action on Cape Gloucester.

Lt. Simmons has served 2½ years with the Marines and is 29 years old. He hails from New England, North Dakota.

#### A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Emerson said that a great institution is the lengthened shadow of one man.

The way an institution is run depends upon its manager, and his spirit can be seen throughout its surroundings.

Responsibilities go to the men who can shoulder and understand them. —Taylor.

## Chaplain's Corner

### DIVINE SERVICES Hospital Chapel CATHOLIC

Chaplain.....Oliver P. Zinnen  
 Sunday Masses.....0620 and 0930  
 Weekday Mass.....0620 Daily  
 Confessions: Heard before all masses.

### PROTESTANT

Chaplains.....W. Boyd Thrift  
 Lloyd A. Doty  
 Divine Services.....1030  
 Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 1700  
 Vesper Services.....Sundays, 1600

### We Can't Do Less

By Chaplain W. Boyd Thrift

For a lot of us this year, the first of January was just another day. We went on duty, or we didn't rate liberty. Certainly, for the men in the front lines and on the fighting ships it was another day, for there was work to be done, a war to be won, and they went ahead with the job before them.

Actually, there could be no more suitable way of celebrating New Year's. The day itself demands of us only that we go ahead with whatever is our task; determined that we shall carry on with more energy and more efficiency than we have ever before displayed. For most of us, that is really not asking too much. The fellows who fought and died on New Year's Day not only made resolutions . . . they carried them out.

We cannot do less.

### New Catholic Chaplain Assumes Duties Here



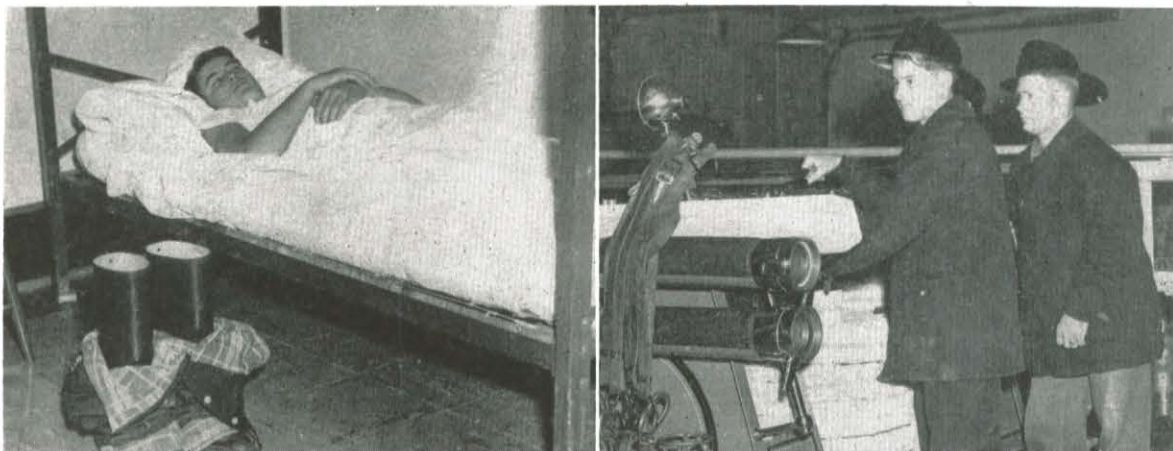
CHAPLAIN JOHN LANE

Arriving from the Chaplain's School in Williamsburg, Virginia, Chaplain John Lane, Lt., USNR, took over the Catholic Chaplain post early last week. He relieved Chaplain Oliver P. Zinnen who left Wednesday, 27 December, for sea duty.

Chaplain Lane, before entering the Naval service, was a priest at St. Mary's Parish in Waltham, Mass. He is a member of the Arch-Diocese of Boston and has been a priest of the Roman Catholic Church for 13 years.



# Clang! Clang! Clang! Goes the Fire Bell . . .



**WATCHWORD** of the Hospital Fire Department is speed, demonstrated above as E. Garber, S1c, though sound asleep, has his "boots and bunkers" in position for quick dressing of the fire bell rings! A matter of seconds transpire before he joins his partner, L. E. Davis, PhM3c, on the fire engine fully dressed to fight any prospective blaze. Contrary to popular ribbing, there is **NO TIME** for checkers, card games or other indoor sports in the Hospital Fire House. That, according to the boys, went out with the fire horse!

## Speed Marks Fire Department's Daily Duties

Clang! Clang! Clang! Goes the fire bell, and before a minute and a half ticks away, the Seattle Naval Hospital Fire Fighting Squad faces a fire ready to pour water on the flames.

No, it doesn't always take a full minute and a half for the Squad to reach a fire somewhere on the compound. That's the longest length of time it takes the Squad to reach the ward farthest from the fire station—namely, Ward 20. With-

in those 100 seconds, according to official timing, the crew arrives, lays hose and stands ready to fight the blaze. And that record proves life-saving speed. If the fire were in the galley, closer than Ward 20, the Squad would be set up probably before the alarm stops ringing.

The trim fire-fighting squad follows a rigid daily schedule in upkeep and practice. Because of their diligent care in holding field day daily in their quarters and cleaning all equipment thoroughly, including the wagons, from the tire-hubs on up to the ladder rungs, the squad earns such praise as "the fire station is the show place of the hospital," spoken by Captain Boone.

As a hunter cares for his guns, so the firemen care for their hose. Scrubbed after each use, the hose is hung to dry on the 40-foot modern hose tower.

The tower serves another purpose, in practice fire-fighting. On its 40-foot face, the squad gains more experience in scaling walls, working at heights, mounting ladders and other exercises about which the layman knows very little.

The entire crew goes out for daily drills in manning equipment, solving imaginary problems and putting out invisible flames, all of which tends to keep the men "in condition" for the real thing, say the chiefs.

Nicknamed "Smokey," the civilian veteran fire chief, J. W. Stover, well understands the intricacies of putting out a blaze. He should. He fought fires for 38 years with the Seattle Fire Department. His twinkling blue eyes and silver-

white hair are familiar to all who have seen him making frequent rounds of the hospital, checking fire equipment, working along with the naval crew in keeping up a constant fire prevention program.

Also widely experienced in fire-fighting is William Roble, assistant chief of the Fire Fighting Squad. Roble is on a military leave of absence as a captain in the Spokane, Washington, Fire Dept., where he has spent more than 13 years.

## Fire Chief Became Grampa On Christmas

Proud as a peacock these days is civilian Fire Chief "Smokey" Stover whose buttons are fairly popping off his uniform due to the good fortune of becoming a grandfather on Christmas Day.

"Smokey" revealed to all whom he met last week that the youngster was a boy born to his daughter, Ethel L. Lawson. The baby was named after its father, Alvin E. Lawson, Jr., who is serving with the Army Signal Corps somewhere in France. The little one also holds the distinction of being a third cousin of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

## Additional Christmas Menus Available

Souvenir Christmas menus are available to hospital members who did not receive theirs on Christmas Day. Call for yours at the Commissary issue room.

## French Resorts Become Rest Centers For GI's

France (CNS)—As a form of reverse Lend-Lease, the French are opening their classiest resorts to battle-bleary GI's as rest centers.

According to local sources, France is turning over resort hotels in the French Alps and on the Riviera to 24,000 Yanks. Hotel space in Paris also is being made available for war weary soldiers.

## NAVY MEDICAL OFFICERS SPONSOR ARRIVAL OF FIRST LEYTE BABY

Leyte, P. I. (HCQNS)—The first Filipino baby to be born under the American flag after the invasion of Leyte was delivered by Navy medical officers aboard the USS Sheridan. The baby was christened Roberto Sheridan Cayobit by the ship's chaplain.

# SPORTS

E. Mayhew . . . Sports Editor

## Varsity in Two Basketball Wins

Naval Hospital's quintet continued in their drive for the Seattle Service Basketball League title by downing the Naval Station 45-25 and the Port M.P. squad 45-22 in games played in the league last week.

In the game played December 22 against the Naval Station, the home boys were forced to a last quarter rally to rack up the victory. "Butch" Nash led scoring for the varsity five with 20 points. Half time found the score 18-16 in our favor.

In the triumph over the Port M.P.'s, Naval Hospital led from the beginning of hostilities. The game kept the Hospital squad tied for 1st place with the VR-5 team from Sand Point. "Butch" Nash again found the range for 18 points to lead the scoring for the Hospital team, while Barrow, a newcomer to the lineup for our squad, was runner-up with 11 counters. Sadler topped the losers with 11 points.

### BOX SCORE

Port M.P.'s (22)			
	FG.	FT.	Pts.
Team totals	9	4	22
Naval Hospital (45)			
	FG.	FT.	Pts.
Team totals	19	7	45

## WENT IN FOR A HAIRCUT, GOT ROLLED INSTEAD . . .

Brooklyn (CNS)—Cecil King, a merchant seaman, dropped into a barber shop for a going-over. He got more than he bargained for, he told police, when the barber gave him a haircut, shave, shampoo and massage—then konked him with a lead pipe and robbed him of \$400.

## Interdepartmental Basketball Schedule (At Lakeside School)

HCQ vs. Chiefs	1900
Staff Officers vs. P&A	2000
Commissary vs. Bye	
<b>January 8th</b>	
HCQ vs. Commissary	1900
Chiefs vs. P&A	2000
<b>January 11th</b>	
Education vs. Rehabilitation	1900



Two-ton Tony Galento, the cheerful little beerful from East Orange, N. J., has started another comeback in the ring. He recently flattened someone called Jack Suzek in the third round of a late bout on a smoker card in Wichita, Kan. Two-ton's last comeback came to a disagreeable end two years ago when an East Orange cop beat a tattoo on his head with a nightstick during a brawl in front of the Galento suds shop on Day street, East Orange.

L/Cdr. Benny Leonard, ex-light-weight champ, was voted the man "whose conduct has reflected greatest credit on the sport" by the New York Boxing Writers recently. Leonard, now overseas, will receive a plaque when he returns.



## Phonographs To Cover Wards With Music



CLASSICS AND JIVE will soon join hands aboard the new portable electric phonographs designed for bed patients at this hospital. The "music-on-wheels" devices were donated 20 strong to the Welfare and Recreation department by the Rotary Club of Seattle. A practical design enables them to be played at any bedside. Giving the machine a trial is patient Keith Hansen, Sgt. of Ward 33. Observing his technique is M. Hoffman, H. McCoy and D. Nichols.

## INQUIRING REPORTER FINDS VARIED IDEAS IN RETURN TO CIVIES

By Bill Tracy, SK 2/c

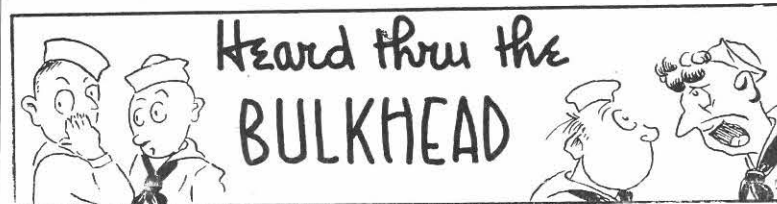
**QUESTION:** If you were going back to civilian life how would you spend your first thirty days as a civilian again?

**D. S. Umstead, F2c, USNR.** I would spend my first two weeks getting acquainted with my friends back in my old home town. I would be getting used to the taste of that good old Pennsylvania beer for all the time I have missed it. I would certainly get myself some sleep without worrying about hitting the deck at 0530.

**Wave M. A. Kennedy, HA1c.** The first week I'll sleep right through. The next week I shall go into town and buy myself a lot of new hats all different colors, and I shall have breakfast served in bed every morning. I shall drive my car every day as much as I can. That is if there is any gas left by then.

**J. Merlo, S2c, USNR.** I am going to spend my first two weeks getting acquainted with my children again. I plan on taking it easy for the whole thirty days and make my plans about getting back on the job. The main thing I am going to concentrate on is to take orders from no one for at least thirty days.

**L. F. Ulrick, AMM3c, USNR,** I am going right back to work if and when I am released from the service. If it is in the winter, I shall wait until the fish are biting real good on some nice quiet little lake, before I decide to take it easy for thirty days.



Wilkes, PhM1c, is suffering of dissipation due to high living after returning from Sun Valley as chaperon.

Chief Stover of the Fire House is still looking for a Wave secretary.

Betty McCurran, HA1c, is sporting a new diamond she received from her "Bill."

Why does Jerry Gray, PhM2c, of Physical Medicine wear a frown when she hears a duty party is leaving.

**A word to the wife is never sufficient.**

Pfc. Schoflin, Marine patient, works on the directory in the P.O. Dept., but he is trying to find the index to a certain little Wave's heart.

Rodriques, PhM2c, outside detail is trying hard to make 1st class as he needs the dough to buy a silver band.

What's this about "Skipper" Wellington, "dream boy," Ward 46, playing games in the galley? Was he looking for butterflies?

It seems that the name L. Leavitt, Sp(M)3c, was listed on the register of the Corpsmen's Quarters and the party mentioned missed muster several times. After checking up, it was found L. Leavitt is a Wave.

## Ads 'n Stuff

FOR SALE—Elgin Pocket Watch. Keeps perfect time. See CPhM Smith, Storeroom No. 1.

LOST—Billfold, light tan. Reward. Contact W. F. Buyer, S1c, in Wd. 49 or Print Shop.

LOST — Sterling Silver Dunhill cigarette lighter. Sentimental value. Reward. Return to Recreation Office.

NOTICE—LCI Men. Contact Mrs. R. R. Rossman, state chairman. 17586 Ballinger Way. Phone Sheridan 4962.

LOST — High School Graduation Ring. Name of school, "Bowie." Initials "G.R." engraved. Return to J. Provencio in Ward 48.

When in hot water, be nonchalant . . . take a bath!

Who was that man I saw you outwit last night?



By Jane Raymond, PhM3c

With the Holidays now history, the WAVES face the final six months of their third year of service with renewed earnestness. New-comers to the Hospital Corps, twenty WAVES recently joined the "old salts" of Seattle. They are: HA1c, Doris Henry, Mary Jones, Otilia Harvey, Mary Franklin, Shirley McGosley, Mary Lakes, Lyda Tinnell, Catherine Watson, Eleanor Larsen, Martha Bradford, Marjorie Haller, Flora Barkley, Martha Rowan, Barbara Kessler, Claire Reynolds, Elizabeth Luke; HA2c, Charlotte Peterson, Betty Smith, Virginia Bartl, Gertrude Warrick, all from Bethesda, Md. Corps School, and Ruth Papizan, HA1c, from St. Albans N. Y.

That beam of light on Gloria Swift's pan nowadays radiates from the knowledge her "Allen" is back in the States, expected in Seattle shortly, after an extended tour overseas . . . They might just as well add that women are always little girls as to say men are always little boys at heart. Take for instance, B. J. Miller and her doll-baby, a gift from B. J.'s mother. The handmade stuffed doll with its embroidered face attracted widespread admiration . . . A new high in Christmas tree decorating was reached by "Heinke" Heikleman, of Dental Lab. She adorned her bedside evergreen with cotton dipped in what appeared to be merthiolate. Only a Pharmacist Mate would think of that! . . . Possibly the Navy thought "slipping in the bath tub accidents" would be avoided by simply not installing bathtubs in the WAVES' barracks. Showers prove a safeguard to bathtub accidents. But such deduction doesn't take into consideration Waves like Josephine Palona, of the Library. She reported for her early morning detail the other day with a bloody elbow and the explanation she slipped in the shower . . . Santa paid a belated visit to the Wave Officers' quarters last week. The twelve Wave Officers attending included the four newest staff members: Ensigns Edith King, Eleanor Peterson, Rita Snow and Marguerite Fitzgerald . . . Also, Mrs. Jack Kendall, nee (Lt.-j.g.) Louise Garden, medical illustrator who married just before the holiday season. (Her husband, a Marine flyer, has returned overseas). Scuttlebutt says sandwiches, ice cream and much chocolate syrup highlighted the refreshments . . . Expected here shortly is Mary Baker, PhM2c, due from San Diego to take over an assignment of qualified assistant in the Occupational Therapy Department.

Fickle Bob Galvin, PhM3c, worked overtime under the Commissary mistletoe. Complaints were submitted on chaplain chits stating that his actions were far too arduous.

**Hi Diddle Dumpling  
My son, John,  
Went to bed with his  
Stockings on,  
One shoe off and one  
Shoe on . . .  
Boy! Was he plastered!!**

Word just arrived that PhM1c Lindstrom, a "MA" here about a year ago, is back in the "States" after being in on the Saipan invasion. He is recuperating from a tropical disorder at Farragut, Idaho's Naval Hospital.



NEW YORK — Sgt. Melvin S. Biggs, mess sergeant for Co. B, 81st Inf. Tr. Bn., Camp Roberts, Calif., watched a KP duck into the pantry. Later that day he caught up with him and asked him what he had been doing.

"Filling those salt shakers you gave me," was the reply.

"All day?" asked the MS.

"Listen, sergeant," said the KP, "it ain't easy pouring salt through those little holes."—Yank.