

GI Who Blew Bugle At Pearl Harbor Now Mixes Martinis For Manhattans

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP) — Why didn't someone blow a bugle at Pearl Harbor ten years ago and wake up America? One of the sidelights on that catastrophe is the odd fact that at least one soldier blew four bugle calls on that historic day.

What was the call he blew just before the Japanese struck in the greatest surprise American arms ever suffered? It was a summons to religious service.

"I had just finished blowing church call that morning when it happened," said Bill O'Brien, 32, now a bartender at Moriarty's chop house on West 51st street.

Bill, who later became a sergeant and a machine gun man in the fight-back Pacific days, was only a private then. He recalls his bugle-blowing as only an episode that was personally less dangerous than later frontline service.

He got the job only because, as he says, some years before a retired army colonel passed around some free bugles among the kids in his neighborhood and he tested one until he could blow the calls well.

"As a bugler of the guard there in Hawaii, I had a 24-hour duty trick," he recalled. "I blew taps the night before, then napped with friends running the guardhouse."

He said he had become a bugler after he volunteered for it because there were too many men there without enough equipment and "I got tired of knocking off the top of hills because there was nothing else to do."

So, as Bill puts it, he warmed up his lips again on the bugle.

Fateful Day Recalled

On the December morning of international destiny it was the end half of his second day on bugle guard. He woke from his nap and was lucky to breakfast on two fried eggs.

"They were gold then," he said. "Some guys got up and ate them and went back to bed. I blew the four-note call for attention, the gun boomed, the flag went up."

It was a wonderful morning, fair ever was a fort run right—that was it. It was a wonderful morning, fall and clear, and in Hawaii it is usually raining. It is fantastic now—when I think of that morning.

After blowing reveille, his second lip job, O'Brien had nothing to do until 7 a.m. Then he blew church call, and the silver notes said to the soldiers:

"Go to church if you care."

"Do the right if you dare."

"Some folks go to church to sing and pray."

"Others to hear, the preacher's say."

"Many for they were raised that way."

"Go, all are welcome there."

Then O'Brien, waiting to sound a second church call, went into a building of his own coast artillery outfit, whose weapons were 50 calibre machine guns. He was writing a letter to a schoolmate and the building started to vibrate. He wrote, "something funny is happening here."

Sounds His Last Call

H remembers:

"I went outside. Guys came out with shaving cream on their faces, half-naked, mouths open. We were about a mile from the harbor."

"I saw the black smoke columns going up—the silver planes darting down. Now I know what it was. To tell you the truth then I didn't know, I even went back inside to finish my letter."

A lieutenant burst in, clad only in pajamas, and cried, "the Japs are bombing Pearl Harbor. Where is the colonel?"

O'Brien says that even then he thought the lieutenant was crazy. But soon after the colonel, who bossed his outfit, showed up in full uniform. And the first order he gave was, "Bugler, sound the call to arms."

And for the first and last time in his life O'Brien stitched a brass alarm:

"To arms, to arms;

"Get your guns, get your guns,

"Get your guns, get your guns,

"Get them from the stacks,

"Get them from the racks."

Bugle Lost At Saipan

What happened after that is the sad story of Pearl Harbor. O'Brien's summary:

"It seemed no sooner than I blew the call than everyone was there. But mention my colonel—Harold Muller. I thought he was a fine soldier. He was cool. He kept his head. He didn't get excited. He didn't have two fingers up his nose. An God knows I don't love colonels."

That was the last time Bill O'Brien blew a bugle call in war. He kept the bugle for a long time, even after the army promoted him from private to sergeant and made



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SMOKED OUT—A Red guerrilla kneels on the floor as he is questioned after capture in a village in the Chiri Mountains of Korea. Several hundreds of the behind-the-lines partisans have been rounded up in a recent offensive by ROK troops.

Top Cake In Contest Gives Woman \$25,000 Prize

NEW YORK — (AP) — Mrs. G. P. Weston, 38, of La Jolla, Calif., has been named winner of the \$25,000 first prize in the nationwide Pillsbury mills baking and recipe contest.

The best of class winners in the bake-off earning \$1,000 included in the cake class Mrs. Veva A. Blackburn of Walla Walla, Washington. Mrs. Blackburn's friends were said to have loaned her clothes for her to make the trip here.

Mrs. Weston, a mother of two, won with a chocolate dessert called "starlight-double delight cake," a creation the experts said is the newest thing in cake recipes in years.

Margaret Truman, announcing Mrs. Weston as the "cook-of-the-

year," handed her the first prize check at a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Winner of the \$5,000 in the teenage group is 17-year-old Helen Thatcher of Charleston, S. C., who baked an apple orchard pie that was grated apples, sweetened and flavored, topped with whipped cream.

Bonneville Service Linked With Eugene

PORTLAND — (AP) — The \$17,000,000 transmission line connecting Grand Coulee and Eugene has gone into service, Bonneville administration officials reported. The 317-mile line will carry a full capacity of 130,000 kilowatts when completed early next year.

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Still to be installed are transformers at the silvery substation, Eugene.

EUGENE BUS FARE UPPED
EUGENE — (AP) — It now costs Eugene residents two cents more to ride a bus to work.

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Nazi Movement Said To Be In Latin America

LONDON — (AP) — A New York Jewish leader charged here that an international Nazi movement is still in existence and is persecuting Jews living in South America.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the World Jewish Congress executives, American branch, said the movement was led by Germans who had left their own country — "There is little doubt that the center of the international Nazi movement is now in Latin America."

"This has resulted in grave attacks on the security of the Jewish communities, especially of those who had sought refuge from discrimination and persecution in Europe."

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