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Parachute Course
Has No Appeal
For Correspondent

By LEE G. MILLER

MANILA — (By Wireless) — Business is picking up.

Staff Sgt. Bill Landua, who used to work on the Houston Press, dropped in to invite me to take a course in parachuting at the 11th airborne division. Guess who had a previous engagement?

Capt. Glen "Blackie" Weinberg of the marines, just in from Peleliu, phoned from the airport. And it turned out that the stranger waiting beside him to use the phone next was my old friend Lieut. Comdr. Ewel Stone, of Oklahoma, just in from Palawan. They came up to my place and we had quite a rally.

Maj. Addison "Spotie" Clark, Atlantic, Ia., of the sixth division dropped in, and then three friends from the 43rd bombardment group, Maj. Albert W. Brownfield, of Baton Rouge, Capt. "Slim" Zimmerman, of Oklahoma, and Lieut. Bob "Mole" Blake of Massachusetts.

Lieut. Col. Bernard J. McCauley, of Popular Bluff, Mo., division surgeon of the sixth division, and an old friend of President Truman, came by on the way to catch an airplane for home. And Capt. C. Harmon Nelson — The C. Stands for Colonel, so he is Captain Colonel Nelson — sent an invitation to visit the 5th division.

So now I've promised to go to the 52nd and the sixth divisions and to the 4th bombers, if I don't get tied up.

I had been invited to a cocktail party by a pretty Filipino girl, Miss Conchita Sunico, formerly Miss Philippines, but my clothes were all dirty and I had no transportation — there being about four jeeps to divide among scores of correspondents here. Well, I fast-talked a corporal into driving me. I borrowed a pair of pants from a press wireless man and a shirt from another correspondent. And then after all that finagling I arrived breathless at the appointed address and found that the party was to be the next day! (They gave me a cocktail anyway.)

My son, who is 19 and a newly commissioned second lieutenant, writes me he has arrived in Belgium, as commanding officer of a company of 200 replacements. He seems to be turning literary critic. An excerpt:

"I've just about finished 'Forever Amber' which is a filthy piece of literature. I must say, it's pretty good reading though."

An officer was complaining about heat rash all over his back. A friend said scornfully, "You call that heat rash? You should have been with us in New Guinea. Why, that's gooseflesh you've got."

My mother in Seymour, Ind., wrote that Mrs. J. L. Davis there, who comes from the prominent Perez Rubio family in Manila, had heard that her entire family had been murdered by Japs. I was finally able to wireless mother that three of Mrs. Davis' close relatives had returned safely to Manila from Baguio. The rest apparently were killed.

Laundry service is excellent everywhere I've been in the Philippines. There are always laundresses who will give you 48-hour service or better. The only drawback is they get the stuff mixed up. As a result I now have underwear in four sizes ranging from 30 to 36.

My office asked me to have some pictures taken, but that will have to wait until I get the bandage off my forehead. The other night I "augered in" — as the fliers say — tripped and fell and got a little cut over my left eye, and the cut promptly got infected. But a little sulfa is fixing it up. Meantime it takes all my self-control to keep from intimating modestly to inquiring friends that I got hurt on the Tarakan beachhead.

The public relations officers are looking forward to an enormous influx of correspondents from the European theater in the coming months, and are talking about arranging better accommodations and facilities for them. I suppose when they get here I'll regard them as "new boys" — having been in the Pacific since January myself — and will go around saying, "You should have been with us when it was rough."

It is pretty rugged in Manila right now. They show movies in our yard only three nights a week.

Detroit Pitcher's Leg is Broken By Hard Hit Liner

NEW YORK, May 25 (UP) — The dreams of Alton Benton, an ex-sailor who had hoped to pitch his Detroit team mates to a pennant, all but faded away today as he lay in a Philadelphia hospital with a broken leg.

It was in the fourth inning yesterday when fate struck its blow. Benton was pitching against the Athletics and had a 2 to 1 lead when Bobby Estelle hit a low but sharp line drive which struck his right leg above the ankle.

Relief pitcher Les Mueller was hammered for four runs in the next inning and Philadelphia won, 7 to 2, although the game was played under protest because the A's batted out of order in the second and Umpire Eddie Rommel ruled the side retired with only two out. Both managers protested.

The Cleveland Indians put over a 10th inning run on doubles by Pat Seery and Jim McDonnell to beat the Senators in a night game at Washington, 1 to 0. Steve Gromek shaded Roger Wolf for his fifth victory.

Yankees Topple White Sox
The usually light-hitting Bud Metheny made a double and two singles to account for three runs as the Yankees topped the leading Chicago White Sox at New York for the second day in a row, 6 to 3.

The Red Sox, led by rookie Ben Steiner and Leon Culberson, bested the St. Louis Browns at Boston for the second day, winning, 8 to 6, with a 14-hit attack on three pitchers.

In the National, pinch hitter Danny Gardella hit a two-run homer in the eighth to give the New York Giants a 7 to 6 victory over the Reds at Cincinnati. The Reds knocked out Bill Voiselle, leading major league pitcher, seeking his ninth win, in the second inning.

Phils Beat Cubs
Dick Barrett of the Philadelphia Phils ended the three-game winning streak of the Cubs at Chicago, 6 to 3, beating Veteran Paul Derringer with a five-hit pitching job. The major damage of Barrett was home runs by Andy Pafko and Harry Lowrey. A homer by John Barrett in the 11th gave the Pirates a 10 to 9 edge over the Braves at Pittsburgh, their second straight extra inning win against Boston. The Pirates used 20 men, ending the game with shortstop Frankie Gustine catching.

Charley Barrett, who came to the Cards yesterday in a trade for Morton Cooper, got off to a winning start with his new owners, beating the Brooklyn Dodgers, 7 to 5, with plenty of hitting support.



By JACK CUDDY

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NEW YORK, May 25 (UP) — Unyielding ice vs. explosive dynamite will characterize the greatest man-to-man match in the history of golf over the weekend when frigid Byron Nelson and temperamental Sammy Snead match strokes for the unofficial championship of the world.

It was suggested that this 72-hole encounter would mean as much to the links sports as a meeting between Joe Louis and Billy Conn in boxing. But Ed Dudley, president of the Professional Golfers' association, said, "It will mean much more." He said, "I don't know if Louis and Conn are rated the greatest fighters that ever lived. I doubt it. But there's no question in the minds of any golf experts that Nelson and Snead are the greatest golfers that ever stepped up to a tee."

Blond Craig Wood, the U. S. open champion for the duration, said, "That's right. This is tops in golf — the greatest match ever staged between two men. Either of these contestants could have beaten any golfer that ever lived — the way both have been playing recently."

Dudley and Wood were talking about the big match between Nelson and Snead that will be staged as follows: (1) 36 holes of medal play at the Fresh Meadows Country club, Flushing, N. Y., on Saturday, and (2) 36 holes of match play at the Essex country club, West Orange, N. J., on Sunday.

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Rainiers Bid For League Lead As Beavers Drop Two

By United Press

Results in the Pacific Coast league last night were enough to unbalance the minds of the citizens followers.

The basement-dwelling Hollywood Stars took their second straight win over Sacramento, 7 to 6, while the seventh-place San Francisco Seals trampled on the leading Portland Beavers twice 5-0 and 4-1.

The Seattle Rainiers cut Portland's margin to two games by making it three in a row over Los Angeles, 9-2, and the Oakland Acares whipped San Diego, 5-1.

Pitching Beats Portland
Neat pitching performances by Frank Seward and Elmer Orilla were responsible for San Francisco's victories. Seward spaced out five hits in the opener and Orilla turned in a seven-hit job in the nightcap.

Hollywood tallied its winning runs against Sacramento in the sixth inning on two walks, a single by Les Powers and a double off the bat of Ken Richardson. Credit for the win went to John Marshall, who relieved Ron Smith in the second. The defeat was charged to Joe Wood, Jr.

Southpaw Italo Chelini finally shook off his various arm ailments to beat San Diego for Oakland. Chelini allowed 11 hits but couldn't be hit in the clutch. Chel Rosenlund paced the Acares attack with three hits off Jim Brillhart, while Norm DeWeese and Les Searclair clouted doubles.

Los Angeles, usually one of the staidest fielding teams in the league, came apart against Seattle. The Angeles committed three errors in the fifth inning to add to Charlie Cuellar's mound misery. Hal Turpin was the winning pitcher, receiving potent batting support from Jack Whipple, who collected four for four.

Faye Emerson Has Leading Film Part

Faye Emerson, whose name has appeared prominently in the news in recent months, is cast in one of the chief supporting roles of the motion picture "The Very Thought of You," now showing at the Liberty theater. She is the wife of Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt.

She and Eleanor Parker are cast as Pasadena girls whose romance with a pair of veterans of the Alcatraz campaign forms the plot of the story. Miss Emerson has appeared in a wide variety of screen roles, and the current one is said to be one of her best. Dennis Morgan and Dane Clark have the leading male roles.

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NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

The combat infantryman badge has been awarded to two soldiers from La Grande for gallant performance of duty in the war against Germany.

The recipients are Pfc. Wesley L. Carter and Pfc. Paul E. Hyde. Carter was an ammunition handler in the 1st battalion of the 291st infantry. His wife, Edna, lives at 1914 Cedar street. Hyde, a cousin of Royal F. Tyler of 1102 First street, fought with the 66th (Black Panther) infantry division against the nazis in the Atlantic ports of Lorient and St. Nazaire.

Tech. Sgt. Virgil Chadwick is home from England on 30 day furlough, after completing 32 missions over Germany. He holds the air medal with four oak leaf clusters. He will report to Santa Monica on June 20, for reassignment.

Soldiers Are Freed From Nazi Prisons

To La Grande families have been notified that members of their families are at European ports of embarkation awaiting transportation to the United States, after liberation from German prisons.

Mrs. Ethel Saling was notified by the Red Cross of the liberation of her son, Staff Sgt. James Saling, tail gunner on a Flying Fortress, his wife, Mrs. Tessie Saling, lives in La Grande.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Wagner Ethridge has been notified that her husband, Lt. V. W. Ethridge, army air corps, is among those awaiting transportation home.

REDS LOSE SHORTSTOP

CINCINNATI, May 25 (UP) — General Manager Warren Giles of the Cincinnati Reds said today that a salary disagreement probably will prevent shortstop Eddie Miller from playing before he goes into the army.

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Umatilla County Group Will Boost Tax Referendum

Nine citizens of Umatilla county have accepted invitations to serve as a united citizens' committee for Umatilla county, to aid in the passage of the state building referendum measure at the June 22 special election.

Members of the committee include Gilbert Olinger, Mrs. O. P. Harstad and Lawrence Litcher of Milton and Hugh Murray, Miss Anne Thiessen and Charles Melan of Freewater.

The post-war building program authorized in the referendum proposal will provide necessary additions to higher educational facilities, remodeling of certain of the out-of-date institutions for Oregon's wards, and provide a substantial post-war employment program.

The money will come from income tax surpluses, though a property tax vote is technically necessary to make use of the available income tax revenues. No additional property taxes will be levied.

Whisky Sales Slip 6,000 Cases Monthly

PORTLAND, May 25 (UP) — Records of the state liquor control commission today showed that whisky sales in Oregon have slipped 6000 cases a month for the last two months.

Store supervisor Floyd E. Burton said that the growing exodus of war workers may have contributed to the condition.

Gin has been moving more rapidly since it was placed on the rationed list, records showed.

FIGHTER IS SUSPENDED

LOS ANGELES, May 25 (UP) — Carlos Malacra, Mexico City welterweight, today was under suspension in California until he can clear himself of indefinite suspension in Mexico.

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