

VMO-251

“Bung Ho!”



“Guadalcanal Clique”

Our Cruise

American Samoa

New Caledonia

British Samoa

Espirito Santos

Five months on

GUADALCANAL

Honorary "Clique"

Major and Mrs. Humberd Commander McNamara

Mr. Hank Rogers

Mrs. E. Madden

"THE CLIQUE"

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| IRWIN, John W. | ANDERSON, Joseph H. |
| MacCRONE, Charles A. | BISOL, Angeol J. |
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| CIGNOTTI, Louis J. | HINES, Vern U. |
| STEWART, Warren L. | JEFFREY, William G. |
| CLARY, Willard M. | ORDWAY, William C. |
| ERNST, John G. | RUIZ, Michael "A" Jr. |
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| KARNOWSKI, Harold O. | HALL, Jack D. |
| KRAUSHUR, Raymond J. | OWEN, Estil |
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| RYAN, Norman | KINARD, Samuel M. |
| ROBINSON, Cyrus B. | MEYERS, Joseph N. |
| WHITAKER, James W. | PERKINS, Fines J. |
| WILLIAMS, Melvin L. | POPRAWSKI, Stanley J. |
| WILLIAMSON, Ivan J. | ROBBINS, Charles A. |
| WOOD, Richard E. | FELITON, John R. |
| BARRERAS, Miguel P. Jr. | BANGLE, Glenn D. |
| BLEHM, Raymond E. | ROSENTHAL, Jack |
| HUSTED, Leon J. | ELLIOTT, Roy V. |
| JAMES, Karl D. | LE BARRON, Lawrence C. |
| KILLINGSWORTH, William L. | LOWERY, Richard W. |
| MADDEN, Albert | GRUNTNER, Mathew J. |
| MADDEN, Walter F. | ROESSLER, William Jr. |
| McCOY, Clarence L. | WILLIAMS, Paul S. |
| PETERSON, Robert A. | FLOWERS, Willis E. |
| TUTTLE, Louis P. | NAUGZEMIS, Anthony C. Jr. |
| URAM, John R. | McKEEVER, Carl |
| VINCENT, John B. | |

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO FIFTY ONE
FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE,
IN THE FIELD.**

2 November, 1942.

Lt.-Colonel P. O. Parmelee,
U. S. Marine Corps.

Dear Parm:

Here is a "pome" written by Corporal Albert Madden of this organization together with the news item which inspired it. I am sending it along in case it may be of any use for the Wing News Letter, for publicity, or possibly Colonel Maas could use it. Madden is one of the three brothers in the squadron you have probably heard me speak of.

NEWS ITEM

WASHINGTON: Against a background of momentous reports from the Solomons Capitol Hill focused its attention Friday on a proposition to revamp the fighting forces, Washington wartime agencies, and moreover, congressional procedure, all aimed at greater military striking power. Overshadowing all other proposals was that to combine the Army, Navy, and the Marine Corps into a single coordinated fighting force wearing one type of uniform and directed by one commander. Other propositions engaging the attention of legislators included the creation of a congressional high command committee, coordinate and expedite wartime legislation, and sweeping reorganization of federal agencies throughout, establishment of an overall office of war mobilization guided by an economic general staff.

DISBANDMENT

(With apologies to Oliver Wendell Holmes)

Aye, Politicians, send us out
To fight our country's war,
And while we're raising hell out here
Disband our gallant Corps.
Just tear the globe and anchor down,
Cut out the eagle's heart,
Clad us all in olive drab
And split us all apart.

Take our two-tone suits of blue
Reclaim our threadbare "greens"
But these traditions still belong
To the United States Marines.
Belleau Wood—Chateau Thierry
St. Mihiel—The Argonne
Wake Island—Midway—The Solomons
Where have those memories gone?

Far better to take our band
And group us all alone
(You'll have to search the far flung fronts
For you won't find us at home)
Then give us all the guns we need
With cartridges to spare
And send us to Japan itself
To make a landing there.

Beneath the canons' thundrous roar
On hot and bloody sand,
While "Wildcats" strafe from up above
Let us Leathernecks make our stand.
While the "Devil-Dog" insignia
Waves o'er the enemy's shore
Let the Gods of war decide
The disbandment of our Corps.

Corporal Albert Madden,
VMO-251, USMC

Sincerely,
Charles H. Hayes, Lt. Col.

MENU

Choice of

Banyan Root Cocktail or Beetle Soup

Salad—Shredded Coconut on the half shell

Entrees

Choice of

Bredded Spam

Fried Spam

Boiled Spam

Cold Spam

Chicken Fried Spam

Plain Spam

also

Dehydrated Potatoes

Dehydrated Cabbage

Dehydrated Carrots

Marmalade and Hardtack

DESSERT

Imported Rice Pudding

BEVERAGES

Powdered Milk

Coconut Milk

Torpedo Juice

Sick Bay Alcohol

Raisin Jack

Blow Torch Rum

Saki