

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26TH

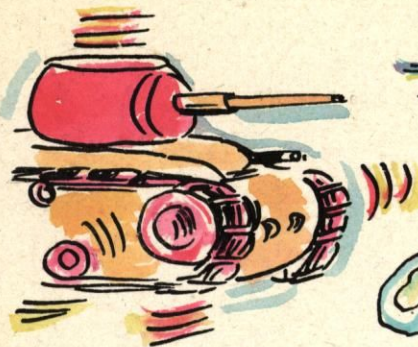


DEAR MR. MADDOX:

TIME OUT FOR A FEW
LINES TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF
PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING. IT'S



GREAT TO HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED IN THE MARINE CORPS AND BELIEVE
ME VISALIA HAS A GOOD REPRESENTATION HERE, FOR OUT



OF A BATTALION OF
APPROXIMATELY 400
STUDENTS AND
OFFICERS WE
HAVE FIVE

VISALIANS LISTED:

BESIDES NORM VERNY, "HAMMER" HERBENLING (BILL), we have
DICK ERWIN AND TOMMY ADAMS IN OCS CLASSES DOWN
BELOW. WE WERE OUT ALL DAY TODAY RACING

TANKS TO GET INTO FOXHOLES AND
LET THEM RUN OVER US.

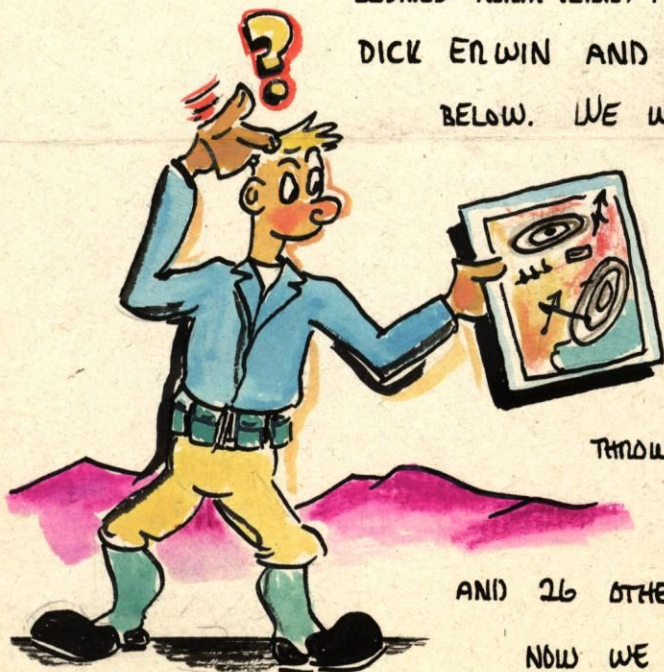
OUR COURSES IN OCS COVERED

ALL MACHINE GUNS, 37 MM GUN, FLAME-
THROWERS, GRENADES, BAROOKAS, ROCKET

WEAPONS, CHEMICAL WARFARE, RIFLES

AND 26 OTHER MILITARY TRAINING SUBJECTS.

NOW WE ARE LEARNING THE "TRICKS OF





TRADE" WHICH MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MARINE CORPS "OFFICERS"
AND OTHER ARMED FORCES "GENTLEMEN".

IT WAS MY GOOD FORTUNE TO "DRAG" AT A U.S. NAVAL
ACADEMY "HOP" AT ANNAPOLIS AND FROM MY VIEWS OF THAT
PLACE, NO DOUBT REMAINS IN MY MIND THAT THE U.S. PROVIDES
IN THAT SCHOOL THE BEST AND FINEST TRAINING IN THE WORLD.
WE ACCOMPANIED A 'PLEBE' THROUGH AN AVERAGE DAY, AND THE
MENTAL 'HAZING' THEY TAKE IS MAGNIFICENTLY PRESENTED, EVEN
OVER WEEK-ENDS.

I'M SHOOTING FOR A SPOT IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND
WITH A LITTLE ADDED EFFORT, MAY SUCCEED. IT IS CONCEIVABLE
THAT I SHALL BE RETURNED OVERSEAS SHORTLY, BUT THIS TIME
I'LL BE MUCH BETTER PREPARED.

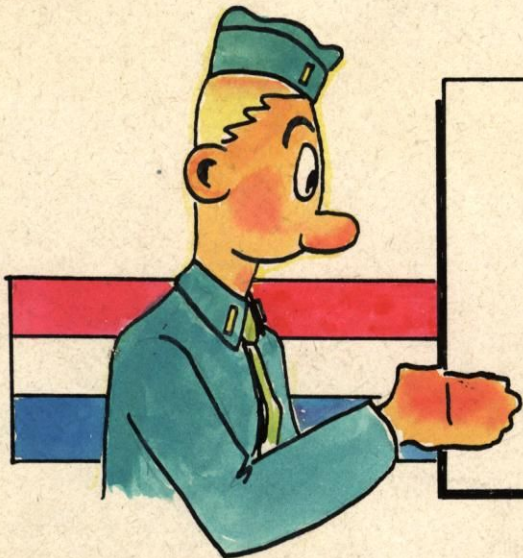
MORE NEWS AS OUR VISALIANS "LEAD ON"

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I'D LIKE TO CONTACT ANY OF FORMER
VJC "TAU DELTA PI" - "BETA KAPPA SIGMA" FRATERNITIES
IF THEY CAN FIND TIME TO CRANK A LETTER OFF OR
IF IN WASHINGTON, NORFOLK, NEW YORK AREA.

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