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## Book To Be Tribute To Local Dog

"Mike," heroic Doberman pincher owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Schnabel, 634 Center Street, who was killed in action against the enemy during the invasion of Iwo Jima, will be given a living memorial in a book relating his experiences while with the Marine Corps.

The book, now being compiled by his Marine Corps handler, Edward G. Bernhard, of Portsmouth, Va., will relate scores of incidents, heroic and comical, that occurred to him in the K-9 division.

"Mike's" character and performance of duty were excellent throughout his career as a Marine War Dog. We regret his untimely loss," wrote Lieut. Col. W. M. Greene, Jr., USMC, at the time of his death March 20, 1945.

Another of his handlers, Pvt. Ernest H. Wade, Jr., of Acastel, Ga., wrote Mr. and Mrs. Schnabel that the young pincher had saved a lot of lives while carrying out his duty and with the 28th Regiment of the Fifth Marine Division, and that he had been buried in a war-dog cemetery on the volcanic island.

"Mike" served his country indirectly before entering the Corps. Several times a week he would go to an Air Observation Post in Butztown with his master and perform tricks for members of the Harry F. W. Johnson American Legion Post. He became attached to quite a few of the men, who missed his visits after he entered the Corps June 13, 1944. After completing his training at Camp Lejeune, N. C., he left for active duty in October.

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