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Some tales aren't necessarily so

Opening Round

Patient: That wasn't the tooth I wanted pulled!

Dentist: Relax. I'm working toward it.

Good stories do not always just happen. Nor, on the other hand, are they always pure fiction. Some of the best tales we hear and accept without question. Such stories are so believable that we actually resent it if some infidel sets out to disprove them. Take, for example, the disabled car on the freeway story.

The motorist had a weak battery. He somehow let the motor die and lacked the power to restart it. He got off the highway onto the shoulder and there he sat. After awhile he got out and endeavored to get someone to stop and help him. In due time a car stopped well down the road. The motorist ran down to catch it

before the passerby changed her mind.

He explained to the lady that he needed a push to get started. She was agreeable. The motorist went on to say that since he had an automatic transmission, she would have to get him up to about forty miles an hour before the engine would catch. She nodded. The man ran back up the highway while the lady carefully backed up to get behind him. He got in the car, turned on the ignition, released the brake, and put the shift in drive. He waited. Nothing happened. Finally he looked into the mirror to locate his benefactor. Imagine his feeling when he saw the helpful lady roaring up behind him at forty miles an hour!

Now that is a beautiful believable story. I heard it almost twenty years ago, and I

FIRING FOR RECORD



By Capt.

Robert H. Russell

still believe it. The story was on late night news where it got national publicity. So much so that in the next couple of months several hundred people sat down and wrote: "Dear Readers Digest. A funny thing happened recently to me-my-cousin-my insurance man-my first sergeant...."

Readers Digest thought it was a good story until they got waist deep in it. Then they began to investigate. They found the newsman who read the story off the teletype over the air and, eventually, the reporter who sent it out over the newswire. Alas, when crossexamined, the wire service man admitted that it had been a dull watch and he had made up the story. Now this should have been the end of the incident but it wasn't. The story recurs regularly and people

accept it even though it has been debunked each time.

I suspect that the thing keeps repeating because we all know someone unlucky enough to be one motorist and uninformed enough to be the other. Sooner or later, we reason, it has to actually happen. All it will take is for these two people to meet.

So if you see a hapless driver along the shoulder of the road one of these days, look around. You may be witnessing a twenty-year-old story coming true. If not, stop anyway, and offer a hand. After all, there is another old story about a Good Samaritan. Lots of people think that is a true story, too, and Readers Digest never got their hands on that one.

Parting Shot

People used to go to the movies for a good cry. Now they go to the supermarket.

At Force Troops NAMES MAKE NEWS

2nd TANK Bn. — Promoted to staff sergeant was Robert W. Learman. Promoted to lance corporal were James W. Schaffer and Stephan E. Smith. Promoted to private first class was Guy J. Demol. Receiving a Good Conduct award was Sgt. Danny K. Gebhard.

8th COMMUNICATIONS Bn. — Reenlisting for two years was SSgt. Leonard H. Mains.

2d RADIO Bn. — Promoted to lance corporal were: David B. Diamond, Ricky D. Goodgoin and Gary S. Piescia. Receiving a Certificate of Achievement was Sgt. Stephen A. Wilcox.

22d DENTAL Co. — Promoted to dental technician and receiving a Letter of Appreciation was DN Douglas C. Youch. Receiving a Good Conduct award was Sgt. Paul N. Drain.

24 HOSPITAL CO — Completing a service records course was PFC Richard P. Jenkins.

8th ENGINEER Bn. — Meritoriously promoted to corporal was Steven J. Schnepp. Promoted to lance corporal was Vernon E. Gardner. Promoted to private first class was Gary W. Purvis.

HEADQUARTERS Co. — Promoted to first lieutenant were: Harold L. Nash, Stephen Lane Cave and Robert A. Burroughs. Promoted to sergeant was Michael D. Hagerty. Receiving the CGS Career Planning Achievement award was SSgt. Francis E. Vining.

2d ANGLICO — Promoted to captain was John F. Otis Jr. Promoted to first lieutenant was Hugh C. Mendenhall. Promoted to master sergeant was Eugene C. Benson.

2d AMTRAC — Promoted to first sergeant was Ronald J. Pierce. Promoted to sergeant were David C. Hussey and Carl

P. Hurtt Jr. Promoted to corporal were Robert Lee Edgar and Dale R. Mears. Promoted to lance corporal were: Roderick G. Leaven, Clarence Green Jr., Richard R. Norton, Joseph G. Hackney, Arthur R. Kinion Jr., Jesse R. Sills, Albert F. Streshenoff and Robert J. Ottersberg. Promoted to private first class were: Harry A. McIntosh, David M. Nellis, Pedro J. Roldan, Dale D. Jordan Jr., Ernest R. Massie, Richard H. Harshell, David Sink, Donald E. Blankenship, Victor Mennella, Earl J. Rose, Michael Richardson, John W. Baugher and John A. Foster. Reenlisting for four years was Sgt. Frank L. Gittins Jr.

2d FSR—(H&S Bn.) — Promoted to gunnery sergeant was G.W. Gardner. Promoted to sergeant was Michael H. Carroll. Promoted to corporal was Jeffrey L. Jensen. Meritoriously promoted to corporal was Johnnie K. Orris. Reenlisting for two years was MSgt. Truman Lee Hopkins. Promoted to lance corporal were: Phillip D. Turner, David F. Harrup, Francis L. Howard, Thomas J. Arthur and William A. Hewitt. Promoted to private first class were: Terry R. McPeak, Johnie A. Paige, Shawn K. Gibson, Millard O. Robinson and Danny L. Stroud.

(Maint. Bn.) — Promoted to first lieutenant were Cecil B. Beyers and James M. Hemlick. Promoted to sergeant major was Earl R. Davis. Promoted to gunnery sergeant were Kenneth W. Nelms and Joseph D. Jones Jr. Promoted to staff sergeant were Joseph A. Cecil and Michael L. McGill. Promoted to lance corporal were: Frank L. Franklin, Verner L. Nelson, William C. Harmon, Hurstle M. Strunk and Ronald E. Kieft. Promoted to private first class were Willie Glasper and Julius L. Hawkins.

A good boss is a guy who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.

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Ten today - ready tomorrow



PUT IT ALL ON — She didn't leave her name when she made the rounds through the Base housing areas, but her message was: "Put it all on ... and turn the thermostat as low as you can take it. After all, summer's not that far away and then we

can take it all off..." She's right! Long trousers or slacks or jeans and long sleeves are in this winter for folks lounging around their homes — or barracks — who want to save fuel and stay warm too.

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back at the base

MCX service stations allocating gasoline Midway Park exchange hours change

Marine Corps Exchange Service Stations here are allocating 10 gallons of gasoline per patron.

Allocation began Dec. 22 when the exchange officer determined that the demand for gasoline had become greater than the supply available for the remainder of the month. The allocation system went into effect to ensure that the six MCX service stations could continue to provide service to patrons during December.

No determination has been made as to when the current allocation system will be lifted. However, an allocation system of 12 gallons per patron was used here for a few weeks in June last year when the gasoline shortage became a national concern.

MCX officials emphasize that the necessity to allocate gasoline purchases to 10 gallons per patron is unrelated to a request from Federal government officials to American motorists that they purchase only 10-gallons of gasoline per week.

Meanwhile, the Midway Park and Central Area MCX service stations have changed their hours of operation. They are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Midway Park Exchange has changed its Sunday and holiday hours of operation and shortened the hours its fountain service operates.

The small exchange is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the fountain operating from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

New Sunday and holiday hours for Midway Park Exchange are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with fountain service available during those hours.

Stables set horsey lessons, breakfast ride

The first Base Stables Breakfast Trail Ride of the new year is set for Sunday, Jan. 13 with a few openings left.

Sign up for the ride must be done by closing time Jan. 11 and the cost is \$6.50 per rider. The charge covers horse rental for three hours, a hearty cooked outdoors breakfast of steak, eggs to order, toast, grits, flapjacks, pastries, coffee, juice and good fun.

Meanwhile riding lessons will begin the week of Jan. 14 with sign up scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 5. Registration for the lessons costs \$10, with the student required to pay \$1.25 horse rental for each of the 10 lessons.

Sign up time is from 10 a.m. to noon with classes set for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders in both English and Western styles. Youngsters, ages 6 through 9, may sign up for pony lessons.

Field jackets, civies and liberty don't mix

Many Marines apparently like their field jackets and military boots so well they're wearing them on liberty in the ville to stay warm. Marines caught in such attire by the MPs will need the clothing to stay warm during their ride back to Base in a "paddy wagon."

PMO reports indicate that a growing number of Marines are being picked up in such cases and returned to their units for disciplinary action for violating civilian clothing regs.

Civilian clothing regs, relaxed in many areas last Fall, do not permit the wearing of field jackets and issue boots with civilian attire. It does not matter if the field jacket or the boots were purchased by the wearer, or a "gift" from a "friend", they're still illegal for wear with civilian clothing.

Though the field jacket may be worn directly to and from Base and aboard Base with the service uniform, it may not be worn as part of the liberty uniform. Marines caught in such a situation face the same action as those wearing the jacket with civies.

Dependent hospital costs double

For the first time in 26 years, the daily cost for hospitalization paid for military dependents will be doubled, Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger announced Monday.

Dependents who previously paid \$1.75 for each day of hospitalization in a military hospital began paying \$3.50 daily, Jan. 1.

The increase came after attention was brought to the House Committee which noted that the military was maintaining nominally priced medical services even though the military pay system has risen considerably. In the future, hospitalization rates will be reviewed annually in comparison with military pay increases.

Civilians pay an average cost of \$100 a day for hospitalization.

Jewish services set Friday

Jewish services will be held Friday, Jan. 4, at the Jewish Chapel here, Bldg. 67, at 8 p.m.

Services will be conducted by Ens. Arnold Resnicoff, a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Resnicoff is a former Naval line officer.

ComRat hike approved

A record-breaking 38 percent increase in combat and leave rations will appear in the paychecks of Marines entitled to such bennies beginning this month.

The raise, up from \$1.65 to \$2.28 daily, went into effect Jan. 1 and will be felt by enlisted Marines authorized to subsist away from Corps dining facilities or those on leave.

The \$68.40 ration rate is far ahead of the \$47.88 officers have received since the early 1950s.



STOP THAT TANK — Sgt. Paul L. Oubre, Co. A, 2d Tank Bn., Force Troops, climbs aboard the tank he rode off a 70 foot cliff at Gitmo in April, endangering his own life to save five Marines who were in the way of his runaway tank.

Runaway tank causes heroics

By LCpl. Chuck Fries

"It was like riding the tops of the trees," exclaimed Sgt. Paul L. Oubre, describing his unforgettable ride on a 52 ton tank.

That's how the Co. A, 2d Tank Bn. Marine described the sensation he felt as his tank plummeted 70 feet in freefall over one of the treacherous cliffs of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in April. For his achievement and courage, Oubre was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal recently.

A vivid portrayal of a "Cajun scrapper" from New Orleans, Oubre is no stranger to a tough challenge.

On his second tour at Gitmo, he served as a tank commander leading a daytime patrol of the defensive perimeter.

He recalls the day the tank ran away as an exhausting, sultry day, typical of Cuba's anesthetic heat waves that tend to drain a man's energy. Oubre's and one other tank skirted the Cuban fence line, stopping at key points to observe and report on activities on the Cuban side of the fence.

After returning from the patrol, the two tanks faced a steep hill and, without hesitating, churned upwards. Oubre went first, relieving his driver, Cpl. Kelvin Pettus, because at the time he felt, "In case anything

happens, my experience might come in handy."

When Oubre reached the top of the hill, he turned and discovered the other tank has stalled about halfway up so he reversed to offer help.

Suddenly, the brakes began to fail and the 52 ton behemoth, fully combat loaded, was bearing down on the five crewmen standing in front of the stalled tank.

Hurling towards the five stunned crewmen at 20 mph, Oubre tried to kill the engine by throwing it into reverse. The motor conked out but the tank kept rolling, threatening instant death for five men.

The only alternative for Oubre lay in a sheer 70 foot drop off the side of the cliff. Oubre threw the careening steel monster into low gear to restart the motor and yelled to his two men to jump off as he swerved his tank, to avoid the other tank only a few yards away, and ground off the cliff.

Both crewmen were in the turret of the tank. Pettus jumped clear and escaped with no injuries but the gunner, LCpl. Lynn Guyton, was knocked off by a tree branch and painfully assaulted by nearby cactus plants.

"I don't know how it happened," Oubre exclaimed afterwards. "We were all lucky, I guess it just wasn't our time to go."

Sgt. Oubre sustained only a broken finger as the freefalling tank landed upright on its churning tracks.

"It was a wonder the tank didn't explode on impact. I guess it was just one of those things."

The tank was armed with about 62, 90-mm high explosive rounds, eight incendiary grenades, more than 7,000, 30 and 50 caliber rounds and highly sensitive white phosphorous rounds.

"I really wasn't thinking about that though," Oubre explained, wrinkling his brow, "I was really scared because I didn't know where my crew was."

"I told them to jump off but I kept hearing someone calling my name and I didn't know where it was coming from."

"As soon as I hit ground, I popped her into a neutral gear, to the left, shifted and drove out of the ravine. It wasn't until then that I discovered my finger had swollen to a huge size," he concluded.

Sgt. Oubre believes that any Marine would have done the same thing.

"After all, when 52 tons hits you, it's like someone stepping on a rotten tomato. I just couldn't see flattening out five good Marines."

"Taking care of your men... that's what the Marine Corps is all about."

The Med: '...it ain't easy...'

The 34th Marine Amphibious Unit left Camp Lejeune on June 8, 1973. Destination ... Morehead City, the ships of Task Force 61 and 62, and eventually, the Mediterranean.

It wasn't until six and one half months later — two weeks later than scheduled — that the 34th MAU returned to the states.

It was, in many ways, not a routine cruise. In October, all field exercises and liberty were cancelled as the fourth Middle East conflict broke out and the President ordered the 34th MAU and the Sixth Fleet to go on alert.

Because of the 34th MAU's proximity to the trouble area, much of the time from Oct. 6 until the end of November was spent in a state of constant readiness and preparation. In case civilian personnel were caught in the middle of a hostile zone, the men of the 34th MAU would be called on to rescue these American civilians.

These months of October and November were tense ones. Communication centers became important gathering places to pick up the latest news off the wire services of UPI, AP and AFRTS. Even from the snail's eye view of the ordinary trooper, the situation appeared difficult. Russian ships, which had only been spotted at irregular intervals, became more obvious as the hostilities grew.

Much of this waiting period was spent off the coast of Crete, sailing in circles, squares and figure eights, remaining on condition three alert, a highly disciplined and complex state of readiness.

Even after the cease-fire of Oct. 24, the Marines of the 34th MAU and the sailors of the Sixth Fleet stayed on alert. It wasn't until Nov. 22 that the Marines of the 34th MAU were allowed liberty. It was the first liberty since Athens on Oct. 6.

Even in this troubled time Marines kept their morale and humor.

Said Cpl. Gary Whitlam of the Logistic Support Unit of the 34th MAU, "I'll admit I was a little leary about all the trouble going on over there in the Middle East and I tried to keep abreast of the situation as much as possible by reading all the news I could get my hands on. Yet, in a way, it was kind of cool too.

"I mean here we were sitting out in the middle of the Med. A regular old Med Cruise. And yet all of a sudden we were right there in the middle of it. I mean we were right there in the middle of history being made.

"If somebody would have told me something like this was going to happen before we left the states, I would have said they were crazy," Whitlam exclaimed.

"I don't know, it's kind of hard to describe the feeling," the corporal continued. "It's sort of a mixed bag of emotions. I mean I was sort of nervous about the thought of going in and yet on the other hand I was excited by the thing about being a part of history."

History. That's really what the Med Cruise is all about. Marines go through a lot of tough, rigorous training during the six month deployment. It's no walk in the sun. But the liberty makes the training worth it.

A chance to visit the birth place of Western Civilization, a chance to meet, live and work with people of other nationalities and religions, it's a chance very few men get in their youth. To the Marines of the 34th MAU, this was what made the six months of work worth it all.

The first port of call for the 34th MAU was Malaga, Spain, located on the Costa del Sol (Coast of the Sun) in the middle of one of Europe's most popular resort areas. Only nine miles west of Malaga, along the coast road, is the town of Torremolinos.

Torremolinos is described by James Michener in his novel *The Drifters*, and it draws young people from all over western Europe and the British Isles. Walking along the crowded streets of that city, among the small shops and discotheques, the languages of many nationalities are heard. The atmosphere of the town is very exciting, very cosmopolitan.

"I really liked Spain," said Cpl. Clarence Mizelle of Headquarters Co., 34th MAU. "From the earliest days of the cruise I was looking forward to Barcelona because I had such a fine time in Malaga and Torremolinos.

"The people in Spain are really great. They try to make you feel at home. I don't remember having a better time anywhere than I had in Torremolinos. There was just so much happening there and the great thing was, it didn't cost much.

"The only thing I missed was my wife. I am seriously thinking of spending my next military leave in Spain and taking my wife. She would enjoy it and I could have an even better time if she were around."

Barcelona is another one of the great, historical Spanish towns. It was in Barcelona that many Marines got their first chance to see a bullfight.

Many Marines took advantage of this port visit to pick up various souvenirs, including beautiful and intricate embroidery as well as leather goods and linen. Perhaps one of the biggest purchases in Barcelona were carved chess sets.

Chess became one of the major pastimes aboard ship. It was not just something to while away the time, but a real mental challenge. Tournaments were held on the ships and many young Marines got so involved in the game that they took to heart, the beauty and craftsmanship of the chess sets offered by the Barcelona merchants.

When not out on the town or souvenir shopping, Marines visited the Barrio Gotico (the Gothic Quarter) or the Pueblo Espanol (the Spanish Village), each offering fine examples of Spanish architecture from different periods, as well as various peasant workshops specializing in glass blowing and intricate lead work.

Also located in Barcelona is the second largest zoo in Europe which boasts the only albino ape known to be in captivity. On the other side of the coin is the Picasso Museum. Inside that three floored structure is housed the most complete collection of works by the Spanish master. Included in this fine collection are some of his earliest studio sketches from his student days in Malaga, followed by a progression of his work through his later years. It is both a museum and a biography of a great artist.

Spain is a beautiful and historic country and yet, Italy is no less historic nor less beautiful. The first city the Marines of the 34th MAU visited in Italy was Venice, the city of canals.

Venice is a very small city, with most of the sites of interest in close proximity to one another. Yet, in this small space is crowded much art, culture and history.

Venice was once known as the "Queen of the Seas" and earned that title by her huge armada of trading and war ships. She spread her influence over Europe, Asia and northern Africa. Her politicians became world famous as the Venetians were the first to set up diplomatic missions as we know them today.

"I loved Venice," LCpl. Daniel P. DeVito of the 34th MAU Communications section said. "I mean, it was really fantastic.

"It doesn't overwhelm you like some of the cities we visited. It's somewhat smaller and more easygoing. And yet there is, perhaps, more to see there than in any of the other cities.

"I mean there is so much to see in terms of the buildings and the museums and just the people. There is just so much happening. The Piazza San Marco is always crowded with people from all over the world. It's an education in itself.

"I just can't describe the excitement and everything that this city offers. It's just great," DeVito emphasized.

Also in Italy, Marines got a chance to visit both Trieste and Naples.

Trieste is a small city, along the same lines as Venice, in fact at one time Trieste was Venice's main trading rival. These two cities battled for several centuries before Venice eventually vanquished the neighboring town. That is not to say, however, that Trieste does not have a rich history and tradition, it does.

Trieste is situated at the narrow foot of the Karstic Plateau, at the head of the Gulf of Trieste. It has relics dating back to Roman times with a 2d Century Roman Amphitheater and an Augustan arch. In the center of town, near the sea, is the Piazza Unita, an impressive town square.

On the hill, commanding a fine view of the city, is the Cathedral of St. Just and the imposing Castello Di San Guisto. Begun in the 14th Century, the castle was completed in the 17th Century and during the summer months it hosts a traditional open air opera.

Just outside town is the white castle of Miramare. This was the residence of the Archduke Maximilian of Hapsburg, who later, for a brief time, was the Emperor of Mexico.

Just as historically interesting in modern times, Trieste was a center of fighting during the First and Second World Wars. Ernest Hemingway was wounded close to the city during WWI and wrote about the experience there in two of his novels, *A Farewell to Arms* and *Across the River and Into the Trees*.

Naples is a much larger city than either Trieste or Venice. Located on the western coast of the Italian boot, Naples is a major seaport and Italy's third largest metropolitan area.

Marines took advantage of this historic town and of its proximity to Rome and the ruins of Pompeii.

Tours were arranged for the Marines and many of them took advantage of either a tour of Rome or Pompeii.

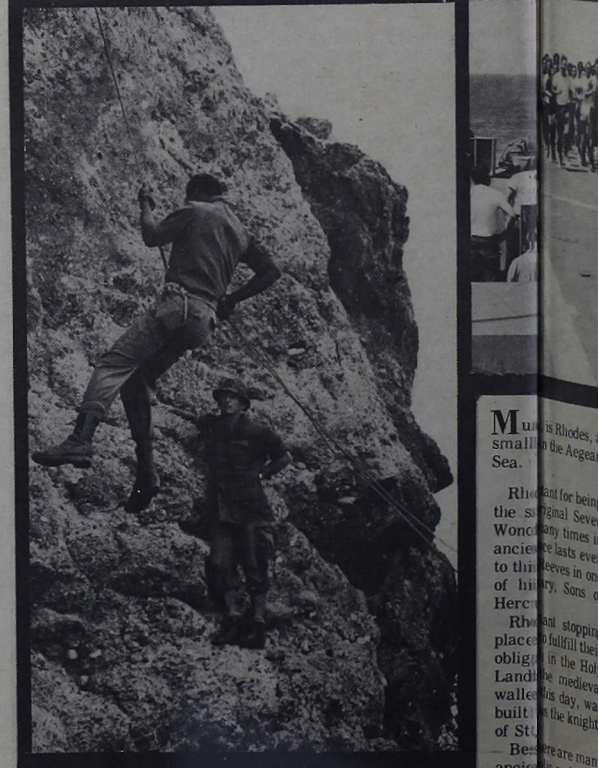
Rome is one of the great capitals of the world. Its architecture and statuary are impressive. The ruins of the Coliseum and the various other sites of early Roman glory still stand as a reminder of Rome's place in history. Though actually a separate state, the Vatican is located in Rome and is the seat of the only true church Christian or otherwise.

Just on the outskirts of Naples, overlooking the city, is Mount Vesuvius, a volcano that dumped tons of lava on the Roman towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum, killing thousands of people and yet preserving these ancient towns for archeologists centuries later.

In the city of Naples, itself is the National Museum which is the most important archeological museum in Europe. It has bronze sculptures from Pompeii, ancient Greek and Roman glass and silver work as well as brightly painted mosaics.

Also located in Naples is the Capodimonte Royal Palace, a fine museum with a large armor collection and many fine Renaissance paintings. For the less culturally minded Naples offered two military exchanges on the U.S. Air Force Base and the NATO base. Many Marines picked up photo and stereo gear at either one of these large European Exchanges.

The third and last country that Marines of the 34th MAU pulled liberty in was Greece. The first Greek port the 34th MAU visited was Corfu. Corfu is a small island located off the Greek coast in the Ionian Sea.



Museums in Rhodes, a small island in the Aegean Sea.

Rhodes is a beautiful island with many historic sites. The city of Rhodes is a well-preserved medieval city with many historic buildings and monuments. The island is also known for its beautiful beaches and clear water. Many tourists visit Rhodes to enjoy the historic sites and the beautiful scenery.

Story by Cpl. John Hull

Photos by Sgt. Richard Kline



For the men, liberty is the most important and most memorable part of the six month Mediterranean deployment. Yet the purpose of the cruise is the training, the operations and field exercises.

One of the hardest parts of the training are the initial landings, going ashore whether by helicopter, amtrac or mike boat. The landings require both skill and timing. They can be very long and tiring for the men who make the landings.

Monday, July 30, 0300 ... early in the morning, before the sun breaks, the dawn and elements of the 6th Fleet, including the Battalion Landing Team, made up of the 2d Bn., 6th Marines, wait aboard ships in the Gulf of Massara.

The long wait, a vigil with each man passing time in his own way.

In a semi-wakeful state, thoughts ramble in the brain. A place called Timbakion, Crete, is now only a few hours away.

"Too early, it's too damn early." A few Marines are trying to catch a little sleep. Some play cards or shoot the breeze, but mainly they just wait for the helicopters to take them ashore.

The helicopters warm up on the flight deck of the USS Guadalcanal. The men of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 264 scramble to get the choppers ready for the Marines bound for Crete.

"This ain't too cool, this early in the morning stuff," a mechanic says, "but I don't envy the grunts. I mean, two weeks in the bush just ain't my bag."

And so the Wing, the delivery system for the Marine Corps team, gets ready.

Below decks ... "Finally" ... riflemen of Co. "G", 6th Marines, are getting their gear together; their weapons, packs, cartridge belts and the rest.

Helicopter teams are called out over the PA system and the designated men move to the hangar deck to form into teams. Team by team, they move up the ladder wells, two decks up to the flight deck. On word from the team leaders, the men board the choppers.

Then it's the waiting again, as the choppers prepare to take off. The sun still isn't up and it's cool in the morning ... finally, one by one, the choppers take off.

Airborne ... and then looking down ... the water's so calm. The ship disappears in the distance till all it is is little dots of red and yellow lights that shine on the flight deck. Flying toward land, passing over a small offshore islet.

First the islet and then the island comes into view ... Crete of ancient glory with an important civilization 2000 years before Christ. Crete, civilization and history, the plains of Messara open below ... it was mentioned in Homer, in the Odyssey ... and that islet, that jut of rock, the one the blind poet talked of is just below and the cities he named are just onshore ... their ruins anyway ...

"... There is a slippery rock going straight up in the middle of the blue sea at the tip of the Gortys. There the south wind blows toward Phaistos and the left cape has enormous waves whose mighty rush is cut by the small rock..."

(Homer's Odyssey III, 293-296)

But right now, today, all it is, looking down, is a rock offshore, and where all the action is going to be is still in the distance. Timbakion, two weeks of training in its mountains. And before the two weeks are over there will be a lot of work, a lot of eating dust and dirt and some little bit of sweating too.

The choppers set down on a sandy bluff near the beach, directed by men from recon teams.

Signalling, a recon Marine points and the ramps of the choppers come down and men rush to the opening. They run low, close to the ground and moving to the right. They find cover and dig in on the bluff and on the road nearby, right next to the landing zone.

One team after another lands, nine teams in all, carried by 7 CH-46s and 2 CH-53s. When they land all of Co. "G", the landing zone is completely secure ... and then, more waiting.

The choppers bring Co. "F" into the landing zone next and "F" moves out immediately, into the bush and then into the mountain training areas. By the time the rear elements of Co. "F" move away from the landing zone, the sun has come up fully, burning off the early morning mists and bringing a blistering heat to the arid land of Crete.

"Damn, it's hot."

At around 0700 Co. "G" moves out from its positions around the landing zone and heads for the mountains. Humping the gear in the heat of the day, heading through the valley and then up into the hills. Waiting ... climbing ... stopping ... moving ... climbing again the hill ... and then "Finally, damn it's hot" ... resting under olive trees on the top of hill.

Co. "G" sets up a defensive perimeter and then takes a breather. It is mid-morning and yet most of the men have been up for eight hours already.

Gathering disconnected thoughts ... shooting the breeze ... playing cards ... waiting again. In the afternoon, after a C-ration meal, it's back to work ...

The deployment is the going in, the waiting and the training. It is men working together as a unit. Marines of the 34th MAU trained in such exotically named places as Timbakion, Crete; Githian, Italy; Puerto Scudo, Italy; Souda Bay, Crete and in Turkey where they spent five days working with the Turkish Army and the British Royal Marines on Exercise "Deep Furrow".

The training during the six month deployment was good and hard. It brought with it many new situations and experiences for the Marines to adapt to. It gave the more experienced men a chance to retest their skills and to teach those skills to their men.

One Marine who had a lot to offer his men was Sgt. David Fields of Co. "G". A Vietnam veteran, Fields served two tours there and earned two Bronze Star medals. He also graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School and is the only American ever to graduate from the Italian Alpine Climbing School. He excelled at the Italian school to such a degree that he finished first in his class.

In addition to his regular duties as platoon sergeant, Fields undertook the task of teaching the men of Co. "G" the skills of mountain climbing. They first put these skills to use on the island of Crete.

"Crete is about the same as I remember it when I was here in '67," Fields commented. "There are no real large mountains on the island, no famous ones that is. But there are lots of hills and any number of sheer rock faces.

"It's a pretty good place for a beginner," Fields pointed out.

"Just the everyday training and such gets the men in good shape. Once they get in shape I get them out on the mountains to show them the various mountain climbing skills. The hills around here aren't too tough, but are difficult enough to give the men a taste of what mountain climbing is all about.

"The men seem to take to it pretty well too. When I came up with the suggestion that we do a little mountain climbing, they were all for it. Each man donated what he could to a fund, so we could buy some first rate Italian climbing gear. Now that they've gotten a taste of mountain climbing, they've enjoyed it!

"Mountain climbing is a great sport and a great way to stay in shape," Fields said he wouldn't be surprised if a lot of the Marines "try to get into it in their free time back in the states."

Because of programs such as the one set up by Co. "G", training for the 34th MAU went well and the troops remained motivated during the long months before returning home.

But even more difficult, in some respects, than the training, was the adjustment of the individual Marine to the long period spent at sea during the alert.

These were trying times for all Marines, especially the young and inexperienced ones. The situation was eased to some extent by the constant effort of the older men, men such as the company first sergeants.

"My main job is to deal with personnel problems," commented 1st Sgt. J. B. Sandifir of Headquarters Co., 34th MAU. "These problems range from pay records to family problems. I have to examine and process each case as best I can. If a man needs counseling I give it to him. Or for example, if it's a case of an administrative error or something I straighten it out.

"Perhaps the best way to alleviate most of the problems that arise is to make sure morale is high," Sandifir believes. "There are a few basics that a Marine needs. He must have a place to live, clean items to wear, good food, money and liberty.

"If I can make sure every Marine in my outfit is properly taken care of so that all these needs are satisfied, then my people will be okay. If there are no complaints in the unit, then the men will perform to the best of their ability. It is my responsibility to look after them and their needs.

"Through my experience in the Marine Corps I can help my men. I believe it is my responsibility to both set an example for my men and to help them whenever I can. For me, that's what it's all about."

Any extended deployment such as a Med cruise demands the professionalism and hard work of the men in the unit, if it is to be successful. Adversity is not sought, but, if found, must be faced.

The Marines of the 34th MAU came together from many different commands and units to form a single unit. Through each individual's work and effort, when the Marines left the ships in Morehead City on Dec. 14, they left as a team.

Their shared hardships and triumphs formed a bond among them.

The experience of the cruise would not soon be forgotten.

The words of a pop tune that was popular before the 34th MAU left the states in June might have been their credo ... "It ain't easy ... you know it just ain't easy." But hell, nothing that's ever worthwhile ever is.

Medis Rhodes, a small island in the Aegean Sea.

Want for being the original Seven Wonders of the world. The ruins lasts even to this day. Sons of Heracles.

Want stopping the places fulfill their obligations in the Holy Land. The medieval walls of the knights.

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Flicks

* Sat. & Sun. 6:30 p.m.

Midway Park 7 p.m. Family Theater	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
Courthouse Bay 7 p.m.	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
Naval Hospital 7 p.m.	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
Rifle Range 7:30 p.m.	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
Montford Point Outdoor (Closed)								
Geiger Indoor 7 p.m. *	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Area III Gym 7 p.m.	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Montford Point Indoor	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Geiger Outdoor (Closed)								
Air Station 7 p.m.	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Drive-In '7 7 p.m.	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Onslow Beach 7 p.m.	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
French Creek Outdoor 7 p.m.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

A — CREATURES THE WORLD FORGOT (RT 95 PG) Prehistoric tribes clash in conquest of new lands and later rivals within the tribe fight for leadership. Stars Juliet Ege and Tony Bonner.

B — CAHILL, U.S. MARSHAL (RT 102 PG) John Wayne neglects his sons to do his work and they later become bank robbers with Wayne going after them. Stars John Wayne and George Kennedy.

C — JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR (RT 96 G) The rock opera depicting the last seven days of Christ as interpreted by a group of young people on a trip to the Holy Land. Stars Ted Neely and Carl Anderson.

D — X, Y, and ZEE (RT 109 R) Two people try to get a divorce and do it by constantly fighting. Stars Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Caine.

E — ELECTRA GLIDE IN BLUE (RT 133 PG) A motorcycle cop doesn't want to do his job but wants to be a detective. Stars Robert Blake and Billy Greene Bush.

F — DOLLARS (RT 121 R) 111-gotten goods are placed in a safe deposit box which cannot be entered by anyone except a crook clever enough to get in. Stars Warren Beatty and Goldie Hawn.

G — COPS AND ROBBERS (RT 89 PG) A New York patrolman holds up a store and decides to go on to bigger things with the help of his friend, a detective on the same force. Stars Cliff Gorman and Joe Balogna.

H — THE SOUND OF MUSIC (RT 172 G) Julie Andrews, a misfit in other peoples eyes, and a governess to a widower's children, ends up marrying him. Also stars Christopher Plummer.

I — THE SPOOK WHO SAT BY THE DOOR (RT 103 PG) A black tries to get in the CIA and is placed in the mailing dept for five years. He quits and becomes hood master of a black gang. At the end he meets his just end. Stars Lawrence Cook and Janet League.

J — BANG THE DRUM SLOWLY (RT 98 PG) A baseball player gets Hodgkins disease and his teammate tries to keep it from the team. Stars Michael Moriarty and Robert D. Niro.

K — CHROME AND HOT LEATHER (RT 92 PG) A Green Beret's girl is killed by a cycle gang so he goes out and evens the score with a few of his 'Nam' buddies.

L — THE LONG GOODBYE (RT 112 R) A melodrama about a detective who doesn't believe that his friend has killed his wife. Stars Elliott Gould and Nina Van Pallandt.

M — THE SECRET OF SANTA VITTORIA (RT 140 PG) Wine is the plot of the story as a small Italian town tries to keep their supply from falling in the hands of the German Army. Stars Anthony Quinn and Anna Magnani.

N — DETROIT 9000 (RT 107 R) White police guard a black town and the pressure finally blows. Stars Alex Rocco and Hari Rhodes.

O — BLESS THE BEAST AND CHILDREN (RT 102 PG) No information available.

P — THE NAKED APE (RT 94 PG) No information available.

Q — LOST HORIZON (RT 138 G) During an attack in Southeast Asia, a diplomat, an engineer, a comic and two correspondents survive a plane crash and find themselves in Shangri-La. The movie stars Peter Finch, Sally Kellerman, George Kennedy and Liv Ullmann.

R — TWO MULES FOR SISTER SARA (RT 105 PG) Stars Clint Eastwood and Shirley Maclane. A civil war vet and a whiskey guzzling, cigar smoking and swearing nun aid the poor followers of Juarez in capturing a French-held garrison under the flag of Maximilian.

S — I ESCAPED FROM DEVIL'S ISLAND (RT 87 R) Jim Brown convinces a Marxist revolutionary, Christopher George, to join him in escaping from the impregnable Devil's Island, located in French Guiana in 1918.

T — TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD (RT 129 PG) A story of racial prejudice in a small town as seen through the eyes of two youngsters whose father defends a black man accused of raping a white girl. The movie stars Gregory Peck, Phillip Alford and Mary Badham.

U — LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL (RT 99 PG) A rock-in-roll revival of the '60s is presented in concert by the artists who made them famous. Stars include Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Bill Haley and the Comets, Fats Domino and Danny and the Juniors.

2 P.M. Matinees

Midway Park — Sat., KIDNAPPED (RT 100 G) Sun., THE WISE GUYS (RT 101 G)
Geiger Indoor — Sat., FINIAN'S RAINBOW (RT 141 G) Sun., KIDNAPPED (RT 100 G)
Naval Hospital — Sat., FORTY POUNDS OF TROUBLE (RT 106 G)
Air Station — Sat., THE WISE GUYS (RT 101 G) Sun., FORTY POUNDS OF TROUBLE (RT 106 G)
Courthouse Bay — Sat., MOON ZERO TWO (RT 100 G) THE BOY FRIEND (RT 109 G)
Camp Theater — Sat., THE BOY FRIEND (RT 109 G) Sun., MOON ZERO TWO (RT 100 G)



A BILLY JACK OF ANOTHER COLOR

He's a GOOD COP...
On a BIG BIKE...
On a BAD ROAD

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(THINK IN REVERSE)

ROBERT BLAKE IS A BLUE BILL JACK!
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Electra Glide IN BLUE RATED "PG"

last week on base

What's happening

USO gives a lot

By LCpl. Bill Henderson

The Jacksonville USO isn't the only USO in the country. They are one of many yet unlike many other national non-profit organizations, they depend solely on the local area for support.

They offer something which is becoming a rarity these days — a welcome hand of friendship.

The USO gives the serviceman more than any other organization of its kind. They don't ask questions — they don't hassle you with forms to fill out and interviews to sit through in order to qualify — they just give and don't ask for anything else.

Here in Jacksonville, the USO offers the serviceman the comforts of home including an open icebox filled with drinks and food and at no charge. They have six color televisions to watch, a dozen pool tables, 35 stereo and tape players and over 700 up to date tapes for servicemen to listen to. They offer free movies and free road maps for swoopers plus some friendly people to help with anything else.

A great number of USOs have closed throughout the country because they didn't have the support required to keep the welcome mat on the porch. It takes a lot of money to run the USO and everyone here can help keep the J'ville doors open by throwing in a couple of bucks extra when they pass the kitty next time.

To a Marine or Sailor stranded alone in a strange city — an open USO is like an oasis in a desert.

SNCO

TONIGHT — Larry Anderson and Country Travelers will appear at Camp Geiger club from 8 p.m. to midnight.

FRIDAY — The Originals will appear at Hadnot Point from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

SATURDAY — The Unique Express will entertain in the Hadnot Point from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Patrons of the staff club are reminded the coming attraction — Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians Jan. 13. Reservations may be made by calling or coming in the club after tomorrow. Admission to the Guy Lombardo show will be \$6 per person.

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FRIDAY — Happy Hour begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. The dining room is open from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

SATURDAY — The Main Dining Room will be open from 6:30 until 10 p.m.

SUNDAY — Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. A special Sunday Buffet will be served from 11:30 until 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY — The Beekeepers Band will be on tap from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Broken Arrow will entertain from 9 p.m. until midnight.

USO

Free movies this week will be **WARRIORS EXPRESS** and **THE HALLS OF MONTAZUMA**. Free goodies are served each Sunday afternoon.

Fuel watch set for guzzlers in housing

Plans of base housing and quarters were limited to amount of heating fuel they may use beginning Jan. 1, according to base authorities.

Steam plant makes partial coal conversion

Estimated four million gallons of fuel oil will be used at Camp Lejeune in 1974 following partial conversion of the Base Steam Plant to a coal operation. The conversion was completed Wednesday (Jan. 2) as part of a government program for military installations to reduce their energy consuming operations by 15 percent. Under the new dual fuel system, the steam plant, which is slated for total conversion from burning coal to using 66 percent fuel oil under an environment-oriented program in April, will now generate steam using 50 percent fuel oil and 50 percent coal as energy sources in its burners. The steam is used to heat office buildings and barracks in Camp Lejeune proper and the Naval Hospital here. Camp Lejeune authorities received concurrence from the state and North Carolina environmental officials in making the energy saving conversion. Although some people might become alarmed at the return to burning potentially air-polluting coal, officials here say such fears are unwarranted because most of the coal burned will not result in pollution. However, observers may note that when the steam plant's chimneys are blown for clearing, a noticeable amount of dust may result and possibly settle on cars parked in nearby areas.

"The use of heating fuel must be reduced by 15 percent during 1974," said Col. J. F. Mader, Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities. "That means quarters and housing will have 300,000 gallons less fuel to consume. Therefore, everyone needs to continue doing his part of conserve."

Quarters and housing officials will establish an average amount of fuel for each home and add 15 percent of the amount to determine the heating fuel that can be burned by each home.

"We realize that some families will have additional problems concerning heating fuel," Mader said. "So, we are allowing the extra 15 percent for special cases."

If the fuel limitation is not met by a home, quarters and housing will mail a letter to the home advising the family of the situation. If the occupant burns 30 percent more than they should have, representatives of quarters and housing will visit the home to determine the cause. For those occupants who continue to burn too much fuel after having been reminded, other appropriate action will be taken on a case by case basis.

"The quarters and housing branch will not try to give occupants a hard time," Mader explained. "They realize that conserving fuel will cause some problems and they will do everything possible to help solve problems that may arise. But if a family does run out of fuel during off duty hours, they will not be able to receive any additional fuel until 8 a.m. the next working day."

Mader pointed out that there are some relatively simple steps quarters occupants can take themselves to help get more heat out of less fuel.

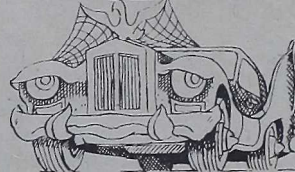
"Placing plastic over screen doors and windows, taping cracks in window panes, keeping fireplace dampers closed, keeping doors closed and turning the heat off in

unused rooms will save considerable amounts of fuel," Mader related. "But if these suggestions don't seem to help, call quarters and housing at 451-2577 and ask for Mrs. Linda Jarmon. She will be glad to assist families with their heating problems."

The colonel emphasized that Marines here have been making notable, positive efforts to conserve fuel resources.

"The entire base has really been great in helping with this problem," Mader said. "Now we need additional help and I'm sure that, together, we'll meet the challenge."

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GAS-SICK CLASSIC?



If you can't afford to trade it, keep it tuned, the tires inflated, watch jack-rabbit starts, plan your short trips so the route doesn't cross, and drive within the speed limits. Not only will it help stretch gasoline, but your fuel buying dollars will go further too!

'Rapid transit' can save government, Marines \$\$\$\$\$

In an all-out effort to conserve energy resources here, a new bus service will roll into service aboard Camp Lejeune proper Monday.

The shuttle service will operate during normal working hours and provide increased coverage of the Hadnot Point area with pickup points in easy walking distances of all areas.

The shuttle service begins at 7 a.m. at the Bus Terminal, Bldg. 235. To ensure smooth operation, there will be two bus routes running every 15 minutes.

The red shuttle will leave from the Terminal for the Hospital, Industrial Area, and the French Creek area with pickup points between and in each of the areas.

A green shuttle will make a continuous circle of the Central Area and the Division Headquarters.

An express shuttle will make a special run each morning Monday through Friday from the Bus Terminal going to Bldg. 1006 (Camp Cafeteria), Force Troops area (near the Traffic Circle), Bldg. 423 (6th Marines CP), Bldg. H-1 (Naval Hospital), and then returning to the Terminal.

Pickup points along all shuttle routes will be identified by a numbered sign at each stop. (The numbers correspond to the times listed in the shuttle schedule on this page.)

The new shuttle service is expected to reduce, and in some cases eliminate, the use of gas-sucking tactical vehicles presently used by many units for short haul administrative runs. It will also help Marines save gas by

not using their personal vehicles for short runs in areas covered by the shuttle service, provided of course, these motorists have the foresight to use the service. (The shuttle is available to anyone who is authorized to use military bus service aboard base.)

However, to effectively utilize the shuttle service, some units and sections may have to adjust their workday routine by a few minutes. For example, a company may have a deadline of 8:55 a.m. to get its unit diary to DPI. If the shuttle stopped nearest the unit at 8:45, but arrived at DPI at 9:05, the unit would have to adjust the time it completes the diary to catch an earlier bus and have the diary at DPI on time. Most changes to meet the shuttle schedule will be only a matter of minutes.

The shuttle system does not eliminate the Base Taxi service, which will be used to handle loads not suitable for bus transportation. Base Taxi will also provide services for emergencies where the shuttle bus can't be used.

However, requests for Base Taxi service must now originate from officers, SNCOs, or civilian department heads.

Not only will the shuttle save fuel, it will make more people who were previously operating and maintaining Motor-T rolling stock available for other duties. It will also allow a 15 percent cut in vehicle traffic in the Hadnot Point area.

By the end of this month, a certain number of vehicles aboard base will be placed on administrative deadline to save even more fuel.

Though the shuttle system represents one of the many methods Marines here are undertaking to save fuel resources it is a new idea and may have some flaws in it. The Base Motor Transport Officer said any suggestions from people which will help improve the services of the shuttle would be welcome.

RED SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

The Red Shuttle provides daily service from the Bus Terminal through the Hadnot Point Area via the following route with stops as indicated. This service operates Monday through Friday beginning in the morning at 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, and 7:45 in a clockwise manner on the odd hours; and at 8:00, 8:15, 8:30, and 8:45 in a counterclockwise manner on the even hours. Routes are run in this alternating manner with the last bus leaving the Terminal at 5:45 p.m. (The first two hours of morning operation are used as examples on this schedule. Numbers in parenthesis are building numbers where red stops are located.)

Stop	Location	Odd Hour	Even Hour
	Bus Term (235)	7:00	9:08
1	2d Marines (223)	7:01	9:07
2	2d Bn, 2d Mar (214)	7:02	9:06
3	Area MCX (117)	7:05	9:03
4	2d Tanks CP (127)	7:06	9:02
5	Goltschalk Marina	7:07	9:00
6	Naval Hosp (H-1)	7:08	9:01
6A	ARC-Nav/Rel (41)	7:13	9:06
7	Bus Term (235)	7:15	9:02
8	JPAO (302)	7:16	9:01
9	Proj T (304)	7:17	9:00
11	Div Chaplain (320)	7:17	8:50
12	HqBn, 2d Mar Div (317)	7:18	8:03
13	Div Dental (460)	7:18	8:34
14	6th Marines (423)	7:18	8:49
15	10th Marines (522)	7:19	8:33
16	1st Bn, 10th Mar (526)	7:19	8:33
17	Div Motor T (531)	7:20	8:32
18	Traffic Circle	7:22	8:45
19	2d Shore Party Bn. (1829)	7:26	8:41
20	OrdMain, 2d Ser Bn. (1780)	7:27	8:40
21	ElectMain, 2d Ser Bn. (1771)	7:28	8:39
22	Self Serv Center (1606)	7:30	8:22
23	Commissary Officer (1301)	7:32	8:35
24	Base Property (1101)	7:33	8:17
25	Base Main (1202)	7:34	8:19
26	RLU-Thrift Shop (1403)	7:34	8:18
27	Base Motor T (1502)	7:35	8:17
28	2d FSR MTM (1601)	7:36	8:16
29	Base Motor T (1407)	7:37	8:15
30	Camp Cafeteria (1006)	7:37	8:15
31	2d FSR SMU (904)	7:39	8:13
32	2d FSR Hq (914)	7:41	8:26
33	BMB Warehouse (915)	7:42	8:25
34	BMB S-4 (1117)	7:43	8:24
35	Base Post Office (1770)	7:45	8:22
36	Corner N & M Streets	7:47	8:05
37	10th Marines Hq. (522)	7:48	8:19
38	L St. & Main Service Rd.	7:49	8:03
39	NCO Club (425)	7:50	8:02
40	Div Surgeon (319)	7:50	8:02
41	HqBn, 2d Mar Div (317)	7:51	8:01
42	Comm Co. (321)	7:51	8:01
	Bus Terminal (235)	7:52	8:00

GREEN SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

The Green Shuttle covers the Central Area every 15 minutes throughout the day beginning at 7 a.m. with the last run leaving the Terminal at 5:45 p.m. (The first morning hour of operation is used in example. Numbers in parenthesis are buildings where green stops are located.)

Stop	Location	Times
	Bus Terminal (235)	7:00 7:15 7:30 7:45
1	CC Annex (3)	7:01 7:16 7:31 7:46
2	Credit Union (58)	7:02 7:17 7:32 7:47
3	Central Area Serv Club (62)	7:03 7:18 7:33 7:48
4	Main Exchange (84)	7:04 7:19 7:34 7:49
5	NavMedFldResLab (66)	7:06 7:21 7:36 7:51
6	Base Ed. Office (62)	7:07 7:22 7:37 7:52
7	Base Dry Cleaners (25)	7:09 7:24 7:39 7:54
8	Base Learning Center (11)	7:10 7:25 7:40 7:55
9	MCB Headquarters (1)	7:10 7:25 7:40 7:55
10	Division Headquarters (2)	7:12 7:27 7:42 7:57
	Bus Terminal (235)	7:14 7:29 7:44 7:59

BLUE EXPRESS SHUTTLE BUS

The Blue Shuttle provides a special run Monday through Friday leaving the Terminal at 6:35 a.m. This Express runs directly to the Camp Cafeteria (Bldg. 1006), the Traffic Circle, 6th Marines (Bldg. 423), Naval Hospital (Bldg. H-1), and back to the Terminal.

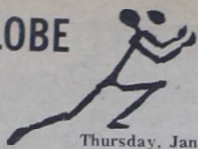
Give yourself a hus...

Look on the shuttle bus!



DON'T FUEL AROUND

We're all in this together



Thursday, January 3, 1974

A quick look at '73 happenings and athletes

By LCpl. Bill Henderson

Camp Lejeune had champions emerge in 1973 beginning with Michael Wyant of the 2d Marine Division and ending with a jogging general who picked up a 500 mile award in a matter of a few months before pinning on a new star.

Last year was a year of changes in the Marine Corps with the Marine football team put in mothballs to a hike in comrats so Marines can eat a little more and jog a little harder to run off that extra fat \$18 per month bought.

This year may be regarded in 1975 as the year of the bicycle and the jogger in view of the energy shortage. We can look forward to lower insurance rates and cleaner air but also to few big sporting events. Schedules will be planned with as little long distance traveling as possible.

The year of 1973 was a fat year for the Marine Corps with a regional, FMFLant, FMFPac, WestPac, All Camp, All Division or All Marine tournament underway constantly. Camp Lejeune fared respectively in many tournaments but when it came to the big time — Interservice — Lejeune produced two champs.

Interservice champ, Michael Wyant took his All Marine boxing crown in a matter of less than five minutes total time. It took him less than 30 seconds to eliminate his semifinal contender during the All Marine Boxing Tournament and knocked out the second opponent in the finals during the first round.

Wyant traveled to Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, Nev. and captured the Interservice crown in the same methodic order ... laying them out like cord wood.

He remained the great hope of the Marine Corps last year as he not only fought his way to innumerable titles but did his thing in the coaching department teaching his art not only to fellow Marines but also to youngsters such as those at Lake Waccamaw Boy's Ranch here in North Carolina.

Wyant worked hard for the titles he was awarded and lived up to the name Champion in every form.

The only other Interservice Champion coming from Camp Lejeune is Bill Reynolds who bowled his way to fame as a darkhorse and finished as the big cheese in the Interservice Bowling Tournament at Long Beach, Cal.

Reynolds joined two other Lejeune Marines, making the All Marine team, Ken Holman and Sandy Howard.

Reynolds finished as high individual in the Interservice tourney with a 222 average and also high game bowler with a blazing 279 game.

Last year, a former Lejeune boxer also made headlines around the world.

Ken Norton, who fought under the direction of Ray Rogers, battled Mohammed Ali to the canvas scoring a knockout and breaking the former world champ's jaw. Later last year, Ali came back and won over Norton in a split decision.

Another first was scored by a Camp Lejeune Marine

SSgt. W.C. West went to the rifle range to requalify and ended his week with a perfect score of 250 out of a possible 250 — breaking all Corps records previously held.

Last year, Camp Lejeune hosted the Interservice Tennis Tournament and the All Marine Boxing Tournament. Along with those two tournies, Lejeune also was the sight of some heavy link action with the Military Dependents Golf Tournament and the Camp Lejeune-College Invitational Golf Tournament.

The dependant's classic hosted the military wives of all US Armed Forces personnel throughout the world.

The Lejeune-College Invitational saw such teams as Duke University, Notre Dame, Wake Forest, North Carolina, Appalachian and Pembroke with their top golfers going for blood.

In the All-Marine Boxing Tournament, six Marines traveled to Las Vegas for the Interservice Tournament and two won titles, Wyant and an Okinawa Leatherneck, Darnell Price.

Ron Powell was the 'Ace In' for the Marines and was the last Marine to fall while the Army and Air Force dominated the Interservice Tennis Tournament. The Army finished first with the Air Force close behind while the Navy and Marines faltered in the wings.

There were several Lejeune Marines representing the Corps in Interservice competition such as the three bowlers, the six boxers, etc. ... But there were some unsung heroes such as J. Rodney Duckworth who was alone on the Interservice Volleyball team as the only Lejeune representative.

One of the most unusual Lejeune representatives to an Interservice fest was not a Marine but a Corpsman. HM-2 D.R. Turner was the only Navy Corpman on the All Marine Fast Pitch Softball team. Although he appeared out of place he played as though he spent the entire season with that All Marine team.

And in 1973, Camp Lejeune also hosted the Eastern Division Rifle and Pistol Championships, the FMFLant Billiard and Chess Tournament, the FMFLant Track and Field Meet, and the FMFLant Football Championships.

Division won the FMFLant Track and Field Meet, the All Camp Volleyball Championship, the All Camp Football Championship and finished runnerup in the FMFLant Football Championship.



Wrapping up the year, Service Shore Party won the Turkey Bowl over 8th Comm Bn. 26-6 and then met Marine Corps Combat Readiness Group-20 for the Lant grid crown and fell 16-6.

Headquarters Co. won the Force Troops cage crown while Division remained undecided as the year ended.

Coach Art Redden took the helm of the Lejeune Boxing Team and is looking for a red letter year in 1974.

There are two new activities on the Lejeune sports scene which

began in 1973 and will be big in 1974.

Camp Lejeune saw its first rugby season. It was a short season and the Lejeune team took several games on the chin but learned a great deal. Lejeune rugby players are looking forward to the 1974 season with the dream of a winning season in view of the valuable experience they have accumulated in 1973.

One important addition to the Lejeune sports scene is the formation of the Camp Lejeune

Officials Association by Division Special Services O LtCol. R.J. Kenworthy. The association was formed to prove the officiating at the sporting events. The association will afford its members chance to become well-customed with the various of the variety of sports acted played at Camp Lejeune. — 1973 was a fat year for Lejeune sports while 1974 may be somewhat leaner. One about a lean year though produces toughness.

He believes in what he says

Art Redden: man, coach

By PFC George MacLeman

"You have to convince yourself that you're so good ... so good that you can sit right up beside God."

Those are the words of 35 year old Art Redden, boxing sensation at Camp Lejeune from 1964-68 and now, head coach for the Lejeune boxing team. Redden is five feet eleven inches tall and he packs 215 pounds into a solid five year retired light heavyweight boxer's frame.

He's cocky ... and outspoken about it too. "You have to be cocky. You have to believe in yourself. If you don't believe in yourself, there's no one else around gonna do it for you."

He laughed a little and questioned, "Right?" He showed a deep seriousness in his eyes whenever he talked but he put a laugh at the end of his comments — the way a writer would use a period.

Coach Redden's belief in himself has been decorated with a gold medal from the 67 Pan Am Games, two gold medals from the 66 and 67 CISM Games and a bronze medal from the 68 Olympics. And that's not the half of it. There's All-Marine Titles, All-Interservice Titles, Golden Glove Titles, and State AAU Titles. Coach Redden said, "I didn't go the National AAU's. I gave the other heavyweight on our team the chance to go. I waited until AAU picked their champion and sent him to the Pan Am Games. At the Pan Am Games I beat AAU's champion."

Coach Redden is Black ... One of the many Blacks to be recognized throughout the sport.

Redden says it like this, "Sports in America is not a game ... it's bread and butter. And you have to physically fight for it. Now most of the Blacks in sports, have been brought up fightin'...fightin' for their 'damn' lives. So you take that fight off the street and put it in a boxing ring or on a football field and there is one good fightin' athlete. Only he's not getting in trouble...he's making his bread and butter."

There seemed to be a blank space between the end of his thought and his usual laugh. Like it was used to start his next thought instead.

"As for myself. I really didn't have to through the ghetto. I was brought up in Wilmington Delaware by parents who could afford to take care of myself, my brother and my sister through college. But my mother always said to me. She said, whatever you do ... whatever it is ... be good at it. So I did."

Coach Redden was the "Outstanding Athlete of North Carolina" in 1967. He had won in that year the North Carolina Golden Gloves and the North Carolina AAU's, he was All-Marine and Interservice, he won the gold medal at the Pan Am Games and the Gold at the Pan Am Games.

Coach Redden was the first Marine in forty years to be picked as North Carolina's amateur athlete of the year.

The following year, he was "Outstanding Amateur Athlete" again. This time his home state of Delaware picked him for the award. He had also won all the titles he received the year before except the two gold medals from the CISM and Pan Am Games.

He missed out on the two games only because he was training for the 68 Olympics in which he brought home a bronze medal.

Coach Redden said, "The awards weren't given to me, I took 'em. There isn't one person in this world that's gonna hand you something. If you want it, you have to take it. And what you make of it depends on how much you put into it."

He said, "Only a boxer knows how a starving feels or a thirsty man feels. You don't train for 'conditioning' ... you live it."

Redden is now putting all his efforts into the Lejeune boxing team. "They'll be the best yet," he said. "And I'll be the one to make them champions."

If there is anyone who knows how to make a champion...? A champion does. Champion Redden is back in '73, after serving in Viet Nam on recruiting duty in Los Angeles, he's back to get the sparring ring and punch his winning magic into the heads of the boxers on the Lejeune team.