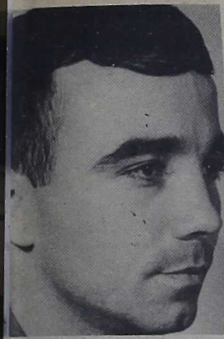


# 2 Corporals Get Silver Star Medals



Cpl. White

By CPL. STEVE GAMBEE  
Our nation's third highest combat decoration was presented to two Marines during the 2d Marine Division's anniversary celebration at Goettge Memorial Field House.

Corporal Bobby R. White, 20, and Corporal Hubert M. Lifred, 21, were presented with the Silver

Star Medal for heroism in Vietnam.

Corporal White, a native of Charleston, W. Va., was cited for his actions while serving with the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines as a squad leader.

Corporal White's platoon was providing security for a convoy enroute of Cam Lo from Camp

Carroll when they were ambushed by a company of North Vietnamese soldiers. During the initial burst of fire the platoon left the vehicles and established defensive positions.

Within minutes of the enemy onslaught, the platoon commander was wounded and White (See 1, Page 12)



Cpl. Lifred



MOMENT OF PEACE - Infantrymen of the 9th Marines and artillerymen of the 12th Marines take time to attend church services at Fire Support Base Razor. The Marines are engaged in a search and clear operation. (Photo by Pfc. C.E. Sickler, Jr.)

## By 9th Marines' Attack

# Enemy Hit In Breadbasket

The Third Marine Division's Marines, under an umbrella of artillery and Marine air support, are hitting the enemy where he hurts most, in the breadbasket. Using leap-frog tactics reminiscent of World War II's island-hopping campaigns, the 9th Marines launched Operation Dewey

Canyon, north of the Ashau Valley, long the heart of the enemy's logistical area, with swift helicopter assaults atop the steep ridge lines.

"According to the reports, the area we are in now is the headquarters for the enemy's 7th front," said Maj. Gen. Raymond

G. Davis, 3d Marine Division commander.

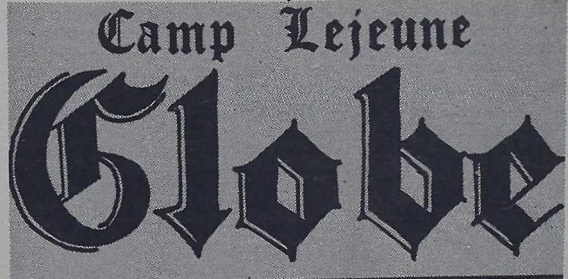
"A heavy increase of vehicular traffic entering Vietnam from Laos, a significant swell in anti-aircraft fire in the area, observation and contact with the enemy by reconnaissance teams and spent reports were all deciding factors in entering the area," said Davis.

Reflecting a high degree of maneuverability in the jungled hills the past seven months, the 9th Marines reopened fire support bases (FSB) Henderson, Tun Tavern, and Shiloh two days prior to the operation. Under cover of Marine jets and artillery the Marines were heli-lifted into landing zones (LZ) Tarawa, Levette, Rusan Flintlock and Puff.

Sporadic contact was made with enemy elements early in the operation. Contacts averaged five to six a day with enemy elements hiding in way-station huts and hidden bunkers.

On the fourth day of Dewey Canyon, two battalions of the 1st Army of Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) Division's 2nd Regiment landed to the east and began a sweep of the area.

Operating far west and south of Hue, the ancient capital of Vietnam, Marines opened three (See 2, Page 5)



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# Safety Council Salutes Lejeune

By LCPL TOM HINKLE

The National Safety Council has cited Camp Lejeune for best performance by a military installation in the Council's 1968 Defensive Driving Campaign.

In a letter from Howard Pyle, president of the council, Camp Lejeune was congratulated on training 13,063 civilian and military personnel in the Defensive Driving Course. This was the largest number of persons trained at a military installation within a one-year period.

This marks the third consecutive year that Camp Lejeune has gained first place. The figure represents nearly one-half of North Carolina's total. It was the first-ranking state in the country in terms of administering the course last year.

Mr. C.W. McDaniel, supervisor of licensing and training, Base Motor Transport, serves as instructor trainer for the course given in Building 1502.

The class is broken down into eight one-hour sessions. The driver is given the opportunity to learn what is involved in driving defensively, why and how various motor vehicle accidents occur, and what it takes to prevent them. Students are provided with a standard of driving excellence which they can use to evaluate and improve their own driving.

Camp Lejeune is playing an important role in our nation's continuing driver improvement campaign.

# Swooper Specials' Make Debut Today

By LCPL TOM HINKLE

Swoopers take note. This afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, non-stop "Swooper Specials To Washington, D.C." will leave the swoop circle near Goettge Memorial Field House at the cost of \$8.80 one way and \$17.55 round trip, according to Col. C.H. Sullivan, base special services officer.

Buses will begin loading at 2:00 p.m. and thereafter as needed. Tickets may be purchased at the circle. Passengers can make connections to other points from Washington. Buses run to Philadelphia and New York every thirty minutes.

Special return departures will start boarding in D.C. at 7:15 p.m. Sunday from 12th and New York Aves., Northwest.

# Amtracs' Team Set For Apollo Launch

A team of Marine Corps specialists from Force Troops' 2d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, have deployed to the Nation's Space Center, Cape Kennedy for the historic launching of Apollo 9.

The 12-man group will be part of the Launch Site Recovery Force, whose mission is to retrieve or recover the command module in the event the mission has an abort within the first 120 seconds.

The group of Marine Corps specialists, under the command of 1stLt. John Fowler, reported to the Cape last week to prepare for the space shot.

The crew employs two modified track recovery vehicles (LVTR) and will be on hand in the event of an abort and if the module vehicle should land in the water surrounding the Cape's launch site.

GySgt. Lucian Hayden, a veteran of the Apollo and Gemini shots, has been selected as the NCOIC of the detail. Other men in the crew are: SSgt. Michael Wathan, Sgt. Charles Lowery, Sgt. David Rau, Sgt. James Steike, Sgt. John Wargo, Cpl. L. W. Brown, Cpl. William Hicks, Cpl. William Baggs, Cpl. John Demunce and LCpl. T. L. Howard.

# A Missing Marine

A young Marine is missing. Not as a result of enemy action, but of his own free will. He is absent without leave—AWOL—a deserter.

The Marine Corps wants him to come back. He has a contract to complete and the Corps has a sizeable investment in him. His buddies want him to return because they hate to see a fellow Marine in trouble and they still think of him as a good Marine. His mother wants him to come back because—in her words—she is "sick and heartbroken."

She feels so badly that she has written a letter to a newspaper asking help in persuading her son to return to the Marines. She writes a convincing letter.

Dear John,

To think I would ever write a letter this way to reach you had never entered my mind, but I am desperate now and will try anything to get one more message to you.

The Marine Corps says you are a deserter but, regardless of what you are called, you are my son and I love you more than anyone ever loved you, or ever will. Nothing will ever change that fact, John.

I know you must have faced something you felt was more than you could take to cause you to do this. You are too good a boy and wanted to make a good Marine for it to have been otherwise. But remember that problems are solved by facing them, not by running.

I do not believe you ever meant to stay out like this. I know you don't want to breathe the free air of the greatest country on earth in dishonor, and that is the way it will be unless you go back.

I remember John, how tenderhearted you are, and I know you will never live with yourself like this. Please go back and let us hear from you and help you to do it. We love you, miss you very much, Mama

We don't know John's last name. We have his serial number and could find out, but that's not important—knowing who he is. The important thing is that he has caused a lot of people a lot of grief. He has been absent since last July so indications are he plans to cause a lot more grief.

Well, the Marine Corps can survive that grief. Administrative procedures are automatic and when a man is declared a deserter the FBI is alerted. It is just a matter of time until John is apprehended.

His friends can survive and will make new friendships. John is gone but not forgotten by those who liked him. He will be remembered as "The guy who quit—the one who went over the hill."

His parents are another matter but they too will survive. May be an errant son is not the worst thing that can happen to a family but it must be hard for them to accept that their beloved son is now a wanted man.

A family in grief loses something. A little of the spontaneity, gaiety and closeness is gone. Worry causes tension and it's not hard to imagine the sleepless nights for this distraught mother. A bright spot in her life has been extinguished. A son admired and honored has disgraced himself.

It seems such a waste.

# A Message For Lent

By CHAPLAIN JAMES C. CHARNLEY

Lent is the season of the Church Year devoted to the special considerations of our Saviour's passions and the events which brought about His crucifixion and death.

It is pre-eminently the season of spiritual quickening in the Church. It began this year on Ash Wednesday, 19 February, and ends with the Saturday preceding Easter.

Originally, the forty hours between the death and the resurrection of our Saviour were observed as a period of fasting and mourning. Later the hours were lengthened to days and their number set at forty, determined by the duration of the fasts of Moses, Elijah and of our Lord in the wilderness. Sundays, however, were never included, so this period is still forty days in length.

This Lenten Season should be a period of anticipation for every Christian. Just as anticipation deepens the excitement and appreciation of our birthdays and Christmas, so thinking deeply about the final events in our

Lord's life and His resurrection makes the celebration of Easter more significant.

We also have a special opportunity in this season to seriously face the questions of our own discipleship. We can do this by attending the special Lenten services, by reading the New Testament, and by taking time each day to commune with God in prayer. The Gospel of Mark in one of the new translations, like Good News for Modern Men, The New English Bible, or J.B. Phillips' translation is a good place to begin. Your chaplain will be happy to suggest other helpful books that will make this holy season take on a new and deeper significance for you.

## Increase Approved

A Pentagon committee has approved what amounts to a 10 percent increase in household goods shipping allowance for military families. The allowance change, okayed by the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Committee, will benefit families when it comes to packing and crating personal property, officials said.

# 'Buckle Up For Safety

More than half the motorists in the U.S. are neglecting a simple safety precaution that could save their lives in event of a traffic crash, according to a survey by the Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee.

In a nationwide poll of more than 135,000 drivers, only 46 percent of those responding reported they always used their seat belts for local travel — trips up to 25 miles. Slightly more than half (55 percent) said they always wore their seat belts on trips of 25 miles or more.

"People who don't bother to buckle up because they are only driving around town at slow speeds may be making literally a fatal mistake," says M.R. Darlington, Jr., the Committee's managing director. "Four out of five traffic accidents occur within 25 miles of the driver's home, and 50 percent at speeds of 40 miles an hour or less."

"It takes only seconds to fasten a safety belt, but for lack of that quick and easy act perhaps 10,000 persons lost their lives last year, and thousands more were seriously or even permanently injured."

Studies of fatal accidents repeatedly show ejection from the vehicle as a leading cause of death, Mr. Darlington points out. "Additionally, severe and often fatal injury can result during the so-called 'second collision'

when unrestrained bodies hurdle forward to strike portions of the car interior, or fellow passengers. Seat belts fastened snugly, holding their wearers securely in place, can prevent the majority of 'ejection from vehicle' or 'second collision' type injuries and fatalities."

U.S. automobile manufacturers began making front seat belts standard equipment in all models produced after Jan. 1, 1964. In conformity with standards of the National Highway Safety Bureau, all U.S. cars manufactured from Jan. 1, 1968, provide a seat belt for each passenger position plus shoulder belts for the two outside front seats.

Mr. Darlington sees the results of the survey, the eighth to be conducted during the Na-

tional Vehicle Safety-Ch sponsored by the Committee a clear indication of the need for stepped-up education in reasons for proper and regular use of safety belts. "Make seat and shoulder belts standard equipment puts the safety of drivers and passengers literally in their own hands," he says. "There is no law compelling people to wear safety belts,—apparently not even the law of self-preservation."

How to wear safety belts? Seat belts, firmly around the hips—not the waist—with no slack. Shoulder belts, just loose enough so a fist can be placed between belt and chest. When to wear them? "Whenever and wherever you ride or drive, buckle up—get the SAFETY habit."

# Photo Contest Set

The 13th annual Interservice Photography Contest is scheduled for November 1969.

Open to all servicemen and women of all five branches, it will be hosted by the Department of the Air Force.

Contestants must have been on active duty for at least 90 days and cannot submit an entry which has been entered in any previous Interservice Photography Contest.

Entries in the three groups—black and white, color prints and color transparencies, must reach the Department of the Air Force prior to Nov. 1, 1969.

Categories include people, pets and children, animals, action, scenic, military life, still life and experimental.

To be eligible for entry, a photograph must have been taken on or after Dec. 1, 1967. No official military photos will be accepted. Any entry that does not conform to size restrictions, identification and entry requirements will be disqualified. To insure proper identification, each photograph should bear a title.

Further information can be found in Marine Corps Order 1710.19.



LIEUTENANT JOSEPH T. Wood presents a sewing machine, donated by CARE, to a pair of very happy Vietnamese women from Ky Sanh village, north of Chu Lai. Your donation to CARE can help in this worthwhile aid to the underprivileged.

# Bishop Sets Visit To Base

The Rt. Rev. Arnold Lewis, Episcopal Bishop for the Armed Forces, will visit Camp Lejeune Tuesday and Wednesday, 4 - 5 March. This visit is part of a two week trip during which Bishop and Mrs. Lewis will visit with Episcopal Chaplains serving at Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps Base throughout the Southeast.

On Tuesday afternoon in the Base Protestant Chapel at 5:30, a class will be presented to Bishop Lewis to be confirmed by him. After the service there will be a reception held in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Lewis and those confirmed. The reception will be in the Chapel vestibule. All those interested are invited.

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# Ask Any Marine Rifleman— He'll Tell About 'Humping'

He calls it "humping." If you haven't tried "humping," ask a Marine rifleman—a "grunt." He'll tell you about it.

"Humping" is an everyday occurrence south of the Demilitarized Zone within the 3rd Marine Division. After assault landings from helicopters, it is up to the Leatherneck infantryman to stalk the hills and search for "Charlie"—the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong soldier.

The origin of the words "grunt" and "hump" becomes obvious as a Marine "saddles up," or straps on his gear. The equipment is loaded around his waist and on his back.

Back packs, carrying all the things needed to sustain life and a few luxuries, contain sundry items from a toothbrush to an inflatable air mattress.

In the pack will be up to five days' rations. Although designed to give nourishment, an experienced Marine will supplement the rations with hot sauce, onions or whatever else may enhance the taste of pre-cooked foods. Also included within the pack are his "snoopy blanket," (a camouflaged nylon cover), socks, poncho, rain gear, and shaving equipment.

Strung around his chest may be bandoleers of ammunition while his cartridge belt contains more pouches of ammo. Also hanging from his belt are canteens containing almost a quart of water each. Regulations normally require two canteens, but the field Marine usually carries at least four.

Other items include rifle cleaning equipment, gas mask, first aid packet, and entrenching tools to dig a fox hole.

Then there is still more equipment placed on the Marine's body. His rifle, smoke or fragmentation grenades, flak jacket, and helmet. Radios for instant communications, parts of mortars and ammunition for the mortars are also carried.

The weight? No one has stood still long enough to determine how much this assortment of gear weighs. The average Marine would gladly lighten the load if he could.

Experts have made estimates

of sixty to eighty pounds, about one-third of the man's body weight.

No two Marines carry the same equipment, but each Leatherneck would testify that his load must weigh at least two hundred pounds. He would also tell you that he is carrying the heaviest load in his company.

Day in and day out carrying this burden, obstacles are placed before him. The long slant-

ing slopes of ridge lines, frequently wet and slippery; jagged mountain cliffs; dense jungle growth; and trails that twist and turn every few feet. To these natural obstacles the enemy has added mines, poison punji stakes and booby traps in many forms.

But the Leatherneck continues to march, troop, stomp, pace or hike.

He calls it "humping." He frequently "grunts" as he does it.



DR. MAURICE C. SHEPARD, internationally known bacteriologist, at work in the Naval Field Medical Research Laboratory, Camp Lejeune. (Photograph by Cpl. Joe Clemente)

## Bacteriologist Shepard Is No Ordinary Doctor

By PFC DON ABOOD

A world famous bacteriologist, accomplished cellist and family man, Maurice C. Shepard is no ordinary doctor.

In 1964, Dr. Shepard achieved international stature when he discovered that a drug called erythromycin could be used to treat venereal disease known as non-specific urethritis.

Formerly employed by the Public Health Service in Durham, N.C., Dr. Shepard joined the staff of the Naval Research Laboratory here in 1953 when the lab was just beginning to study the disease that Shepard is now considered an expert on.

Non-specific urethritis, a disease similar to gonorrhea, cannot be treated with penicillin. Until 1964, when Shepard's findings were published in the British Journal of Venereal Diseases, "no effective treatment for the disease was known. Shepard had originally intended

to become a physician, but a course in the summer school at Wisconsin State College persuaded him to bacteriological research. After undergraduate and post graduate work at Wisconsin State College and the University of Wisconsin, Shepard obtained his doctorate from Duke University.



COLONEL RICHARD KERN (left), Commanding Officer, 6th Marines, 2d Marine Division, presents graduation certificates to Sergeants (left-right): David E. Gray, Company "D", 1st Battalion, 2d Marines; Clifford Allen, Headquarters, Force Troops; and Paul Ward, Headquarters and Service Company, 2d Anti-Tank Battalion, top three graduates in the Division Career Planning Orientation Course. (Photograph by LCpl. Chris John)



TAKE FIVE—LCpl. Dennis Butts takes a well-earned break after humping his heavy pack and radio in operation in Quang Tri Province. Butts, a member of I-9, is one of the thousands of grunts who must carry such equipment on missions. (Photo By Cpl. J. C. McCullough).

### Insurance Information

WASHINGTON — Servicemen may now use their discharge papers as proof of eligibility for converting Servicemen's Group Life Insurance to commercial plans.

Until now, SGLI holders have had to get specific approval from the Veterans' Administration in order to take advantage of SGLI conversion opportunities.

A man with SGLI coverage in force at time of separation can convert to commercial coverage within a 120-day period without having to undergo a physical examination or furnish other proof of good health.

More than 500 commercial insurance companies across the country now offer SGLI conversion plans. A listing of participating companies is sent each serviceman within 30 days after discharge.



MR. WILLIAM SCHEY, president of the 2d Division Association, presents a watch to Sgt. W. G. Le Blanc, squad leader of the composite squad from the 2d Marine Regiment which captured the annual Tarawa Award. The presentation was made at the Division's anniversary celebration. (Photo By Cpl. John Rossi).

*Tailor Plys Trade For 26 Years*

# From Generals To Bulldogs

By LCPL T.A. HINKLE  
 Civilians have their Oleg Cassini - the Marine Corps has its Adam Pietras, who has outfitted everyone from generals to bulldogs.

Adam Pietras is manager of the uniform shop in the main

exchange and he has faithfully uniformed Marines for over 26 years.

He is not an "average" tailor. He moved to Poland at an early age with his mother and went to a school that was half Polish

and half German. At the age of 14, he became a tailor's apprentice, working in this capacity for more than three years.

After attending a compulsory business school, he passed the journeyman tailor examination with the highest degree and was presented a silver watch by the Polish government. He later took designing courses in Poland and England and practiced his profession in cities throughout Poland and North Germany.

In 1936 Pietras came back to Massachusetts, the state of his birth. He worked in some of the finest clothing stores in the state before enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1943. Stationed at Camp Lejeune, he helped to uniform 21-23,000 Women Marines. He was later put in charge of the officers uniform shop and outfitted men and women officers during the war. He was discharged from the Marine Corps as a Technical Sergeant in 1945.

"I accepted a job with the exchange after I was discharged as department manager of the uniform section," Pietras said. "I've been here at Camp Lejeune since."

Presently he is the manager of the largest department in the Marine Corps exchange system. It encompasses the uniform section, all accessories, civilian clothing, military and sport shoes, the boys section, men's gifts, and the clothing mail department.

"Eighty per cent of my time is spent in the alteration shop," Pietras related. "This is due to the shortage of employees with tailoring knowledge. There are very few of us left - it's just a forgotten thing."

"I came back to this country with a shabby cardboard suitcase and 95¢ in my pocket. I worked for \$2.00 a day. I still have the suitcase but it would take a van to move my things out."

Adam Pietras knows 2d lieutenants that he uniformed who are now colonels. He believes he has outfitted men who are generals. He made the dress blue coat that is presently worn by the base mascot "Rumples" - a bulldog. He has literally run the gamut in clothes design.

"Some of the retired personnel that I once uniformed often find that I am the only one here who remembers them," Mr. Pietras stated. "I have fun with it - I enjoy reminiscing with them."

Adam Pietras has seen Camp Lejeune change from an isolated post to a city. He has served under every exchange officer at the base. He particularly delights in remembering familiar faces. He's a master of his trade and sees to the needs of thousands of military personnel - from generals to bulldogs.



ADAM PIETRAS measures Rumples' "dress blues" to insure a proper fit. (Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph by Cpl. Joe Clemente)

## Family Assistance Corporal Answers Many Questions

Corporal Bertie Brown goes out of her way to counsel the men of Camp Lejeune. Whether their problems are financial, personal, or legal, Cpl. Brown goes to them to offer assistance for very often they cannot go the her.

Cpl. Brown works in the Family Assistance office on base. Roughly once a month, she receives a call from the Corrective Custody (CC) Section, asking her to come out to the compound to talk to a new group of men.

When she arrives at CC, Cpl. Brown speaks to these men in groups and individually. She informs them of their rights concerning pay, medical aid, and legal assistance, and, if the Marine is in difficulty because of family problems, she will make every effort to contact his wife or family in order to rectify the situation, if possible.

A typical case began recently when a young Marine approached Cpl. Brown after she had finished instructing a group. His wife was pregnant, and was having problems with the baby. Unaware of the proper procedure used to obtain emergency leave, he went UA to be with his wife.

As a result, he was confined to CC and nothing was solved.

Cpl. Brown contacted his wife and her doctor, and stayed in touch with them until the baby arrived with no difficulty. As a result, the Marine experience some security knowing that someone was there if needed, and he gave no further thoughts about going UA.

Cpl. Brown is only one of the many Woman Marines on base whose activities are not confined to a typewriter in an office.



Cpl. Brown

## Thrift Shop Halts Greens

As of Friday, February 21, the Thrift Shop will not be accepting articles of winter clothing for consignment. Summer clothing will be accepted after March 12. The Thrift Shop will be open as scheduled for regular sales during this time. Hours of operation are Wednesday's and Friday's from 0900-1400



### Cancellation

The March 3rd meeting of the Camp Lejeune High School P.T.A. has been cancelled. Next month's meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 24th.

# CRADLE ROLL CALL

- 2-13-69  
 TRACIE LYNN to CPL and MRS, Morris Randolph BRAZIER, USMC
- 2-14-69  
 HEATHER MAE to 1STLT and MRS, John Wilson ADAMS, USMC  
 JOHN COREY to SGT and MRS, John Alfred ANDERSON, USMC  
 ANN THERESA to SSGT and MRS, Robert George CHOQUETTE, USMC  
 ANGELA RENEE' to CPL and MRS, James Lloyd CRONAN, USMC  
 ALIZA to SSGT and MRS, Carlton GREEN, USMC  
 CHRISTOPHER RAY to LCPL and MRS, Gary Lee HARR, USMC  
 EDWARD JOSEPH II to CPL and MRS, Edward Joseph WILSHUSEN, USMC
- 2-15-69  
 MICHAEL RAY, JR. to CPL and MRS, Michael Ray BISCOTTO, USMC  
 JAMES THOMAS II to MSGT and MRS, James Aubrey CARR, USMC  
 MELISSA CAROL to SGT and MRS, Thomas Stanley Gene HART, USMC  
 WENDY ROBERTSON to CAPT and MRS, Franz Peer JEVNE, USMC  
 JULIE MARIE to LCPL and MRS, Kenneth Earle SMITH, USMC
- 2-16-69  
 DAVID BRADLEY to SSGT and MRS, Albert Galley BROOKS II, USMC  
 KEITH ERIC to LCPL and MRS, Herman FRISBEE, USMC  
 FRANCESCA LA CHELLE to SSGT and MRS, Frederick Lee MILLER, USMC  
 MELISSA MARIE to CPL and MRS, Gerald Eugene SOCKWELL, USMC
- 2-17-69  
 TAMI MICHELLE to CPL and MRS, Robert Allen COKER, USMC  
 BRETT ALLEN to CPL and MRS, Roy Lee MORITZ, USMC  
 KAREN MARIE to CPL and MRS, Edward Robert POLACEK, USMC  
 JOANNE MARIE to CAPT and MRS, Charles Henry REINHARDT, JR., USMC  
 MARLA VICTORIA to PVT and MRS, Roy Eugene SMITH, USMC
- 2-18-69  
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- CINDI MARIE to CPL and MRS, Robert Steven HILSEE, USMC  
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 ROLAND SCOTT to CPL and MRS, Dennis Wayne RAYFIELD, USMC  
 JAMES ANDERSON, III to SGT and MRS, James Anderson SMITH, JR., USMC
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 GREGORY SCOTT to SGT and MRS, Eddie Cecil ROBERTS, USMC  
 PHILLIP ANTHONY, JR. to GYSGT and MRS, Phillip Anthony WINSTEAD, USMC
- ALISHA EON to SGT and MRS, John D. PENNINGTON, USMC



## Pre-Natal Class Planned For Mar.

A new series of Prenatal Classes will start on Thursday, 6 March 1969, in the Naval Hospital Theater, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. These classes will be held each Thursday for four (4) weeks from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Subjects covered will be layettes, care of the expectant mother, labor and delivery, hospital routine, and methods of infant feeding. The classes will be supplemented with visual slides, demonstrations and free literature.

The classes are taught by a Registered Nurse, and are provided free of charge to Navy and Marine dependents by the Camp Lejeune Auxiliary, Navy Relief Society.

## Inspection Set

Major General E. B. Wheeler, commanding general, 2d Marine Division, will conduct an inspection of Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines (BLT 3-6) at Landing Zone Falcon March 4 at 10 a. m.

The public and dependents are invited to observe the BLT.



MRS. O. R. TUTER shows Mrs. J. C. Toth some of the many items that are available at the Thrift Shop at discount rates. The Thrift Shop, which takes both military and civilian items on a consignment basis, is open every Wednesday and Friday from 9 a. m. until 2 p. m. (Photo by LCpl. Andrew Lynch)

enjoys Doing His Thing

# Driver Excels Piloting Ontos

By PFC DON ABOOD  
 Corporal Gary W. Jackson, a year-old Ontos commander, likes at doing his "thing." An Ontos (Greek for "The Thing") is a tank killer which is loaded for combat, weighs 100 pounds, costs \$860,000, armed with six 106mm recoil rifles, four 50 caliber spot rifles, an M-60 machinegun, is over hills and through bumps at 30 mph. Jackson is responsible for the speed, performance and safety the brute and for the lives of crew— Corporal Clyde A. Green and Lance Corporal James Sullivan.



CPL. JACKSON

Jackson modestly says that any lance corporal or private first class, properly trained, could do my job," but First Lieutenant Phillip D. Allum, Commanding Officer of Company "C", Anti-Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division (Jackson's unit) disagrees.

"An Ontos commander has to be mature and willing to accept responsibility or we just don't make him a vehicle commander," Lt. Allum says.

"He has a tremendous responsibility. He has to know how to employ his weapons, know maintenance and gunnery since he has to do all the gunning himself, be almost a mechanic and be able to maintain proper speed and proper direction as well," the lieutenant adds.

In short, an Ontos commander has to be a jack-of-all-trades and do each not only well-but at once. For this reason Ontos commanders are normally sergeants, but combat experience and proficiency waive the rank requirement.

Jackson, and his crew members, are Vietnam veterans— Jackson served as an Ontos crewman overseas— Green commanded on Ontos for three months before transfer to a reconnaissance unit and assignment as a patrol leader— and Sullivan, a "grunt" in Vietnam, is well aware of the value of "The Thing" as a supporting weapon for infantrymen.

Sullivan, who was evacuated from Khe Sanh after a burst of shrapnel tore up both his legs, is currently involved with six months on-the-job training as an

Ontos loader and driver. There are no formal schools to teach the fundamentals of the Ontos to a new crewman— skills are passed on by veterans.

Sullivan considers his commander "one of the best in the battalion" and says "he's taught me a lot since I first arrived."

Jackson attributed excellence to teamwork— each man is trained to do the other's job so that in combat the Ontos can continue to carry out its mission despite the loss of one of the crew.

"In Vietnam," Jackson comments, "we used the Ontos mostly on patrols and for infantry support. We caught a lot of small arms fire but the slope of the vehicle caused the bullets to ricochet and we never had much trouble."

For Cpl. Jackson, one of the biggest problems encountered on combat missions is "a break in the track" or getting bogged down in a swamp.

"We carry four extra track bars, eight guides and a new section of track to cope with the emergencies," Johnson says.

"And we always travel in twos and threes, never alone," he adds. "If one of us gets in trouble, the others set up a perimeter."

The Ontos crew relies on "hit and run" tactics in combat— "We have to fire and take off because the backblast from the 106's give our position away," Jackson says.

"A tank can be loaded from inside, but on Ontos is loaded from outside. The loader has to climb out where he's subject to sniper fire. A good loader can fill all six guns in less than a minute," Jackson comments.

Although living area inside the Ontos seems scarce, Green claims that "you could fit 20 midgets inside" and Jackson says "a whole crew can sleep overnight on field exercises there."

A great portion of the crew's working day is given over to training and preventive maintenance of the vehicle.

One platoon from the 2d Anti-Tank Battalion accompanies a deploying unit on Caribbean or Mediterranean cruises whenever they are scheduled.

In addition to everything else that an Ontos commander is expected to do, he is also responsible for checking the vehicle's interior, weapons system and maintaining radio contact with the command while in combat, field exercises and before, after and during breaks in operations.

"Each one of the men in this crew," Lt. Allum says, "is a good man. They have to be. We can't afford to have a goof-off in an Ontos crew."

The responsibility given to Cpl. Jackson and crew, all 20-year-old Marines, is staggering. They accept the task willingly. A tight-knit professional team, Jackson and his buddies excel at doing their thing.



ANYWHERE . . . ANYTIME — Marine UH-1E (Huey) helicopters touch down with their loads at Fire Support Base Cunningham. Artillerymen of the 12th Marines are supporting elements of the 9th Marines conducting search and clear operations. (Photo By LCpl, M.C. Patterson)

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new fire bases, Razor, Cunningham and Erskine, to provide artillery support as the Leathernecks advance farther into an area in which allied forces have never before operated.

The South Vietnamese battalions are supported by artillery from their own fire support base Lightning.

Through the third week of the operation, the Marines were credited with 83 confirmed Communist dead, eight detainees, one Chieu Hoi, 87 individual weapons and five crew-served weapons captured, 144,000 rounds of small arms ammo, 132 mortar rounds, 363 rocket propelled grenades, 500 pounds of TNT, 18,000 pounds of rice and large quantities of medical supplies. Seven trucks were destroyed.

Also seized were an NVA transmitter and other communications equipment.

Marine units were hampered by bad weather for nine days early in February by "the only thing we lost by the weather was some momentum," said Col. Robert P. Larrow, commander of the 9th Marines.

"This regiment has operated constantly for the past seven months in good weather and bad. We've picked up a few tricks that enable us to operate rather effectively even when we are



CPL. GREEN

socked in," Barrow said.

By pre-positioning several days' food and ammo supplies as they moved forward and by supplementing their diet with captured rice, the Marines fared well until the weather broke sufficiently to permit resupply.

Now screening the area with saturation patrols, Dewey Can-

yon's second place, the Marines wonder what they're getting into.

"Plenty," said Col. Barrow. "The enemy seems determined to defend this area. He is down there. The farther we go, the stiffer the resistance will be."

Allied casualties remained light during the first three weeks of the operation.



BRIGADIER GENERAL J.C. Fegan, Jr., (right), Assistant 2d Marine Division Commander, accompanied by Captain Gregg Knapp (center), Commanding Officer, Company "A", 2d Motor Transport Battalion, reviews troops during the General's inspection of 2d Motor Transport Battalion, February 13. (Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph by LCpl. Chris John)

## Two Lieutenants Receive Awards

Force Troops tankers First Lieutenants Thomas E. Hefner and James P. Coan were awarded combat decorations by Lieutenant Colonel J. L. Saul, Battalion Commander, 2d Tank Battalion, Force Troops.

Lieutenant Thomas E. Hefner was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V" (for valor) for his service with the Third Amphibian Tractor Battalion, in the Republic of Vietnam.

Lieutenant Hefner's citation read in part; "On 24 June, 1968, while participating in Operation Mameluke Thrust, his platoon came under intense enemy mortar fire, seriously wounding one Marine.

"Completely disregarding his own safety, Lieutenant Hefner rushed across the fire-swept terrain to aid his comrade. Arriving at the wounded man's side

he determined that his injury was too serious to be treated in the hazardous area and fearlessly carried the man sixty meters to a relatively safe position where first aid was administered."

Lieutenant James P. Coan received the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for his service with 3d Tank Battalion in the Republic of Vietnam.

His citation read in part; "On numerous occasions, Lieutenant Coan led his platoon to relieve beleaguered infantry units in heavy contact with hostile forces.

"Completely disregarding his own safety, he skillfully directed his vehicles into firing position and supervised the loading of casualties aboard the tanks for evacuation to an area of relative safety."

# ★★ Strictly From Hunger: An

Hunger isn't funny.  
Hunger is deadly.  
Hunger is a knife thrust into the belly of a child's soul, killing the will to live.

Hunger is a gnawing in the gut so fierce that it eats the hearts, and minds, and bodies of persons who experience it everyday.

Hunger is an enemy.  
The enemy can be stopped.

Combat Marines are already fighting the war against hunger in Vietnam.

Orphans are fed, clothed, schooled by Marines who pay the cost with regular donations from their paychecks.

Men like Corporal Mike L. Jameson, Gunnery Sergeant Carl Strobel and Hospitalman First Class K. E. Vrendenburg con-

tinue to fight the never ending battle against hunger and disease in South Vietnam.

Staff Sergeant Del Vernon, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, described Jameson in a recent article published in Vietnam as "an ordinary Marine—a 21 year-old mechanic" who gave "\$20 each payday to support two orphans."

After spending 30 minutes in a refugee camp near DaNang, Jameson rushed to a nearby Exchange and purchased 50 pounds of laundry soap, 144 bars of handsoap and 25 toothbrushes for the children who existed (not lived) in the refugee center.

The corporal also managed to obtain 2,500 servings of soup for the kids.

GySgt. Strobel, attached MAG-16 as Chief Weather Forecaster, adopted four South Vietnamese war orphans at a cost of \$10 per child each month.

Strobel "spent every free hour of his time" rebuilding mess halls and other facilities for the orphanage and earned the nickname of "King Scrounger" for his dedication to providing the kids with some comforts of life.

Ap Bon, a village southeast of DaNang, was entirely destroyed during the 1968 Tet offensive. One squadron of MAG-16 rebuilt the village using materials and donations from organizations such as CARE, SSgt. Vernon commented:

"The two biggest problems we have (with the kids) are that they are dirty and don't have food," Vrendenburg wrote his parents in Sharon, Pa.

The young corpsman requested help from his parents in getting food and soap for the children.

His parents and Sharon civic groups showed their concern for the welfare of the orphans by mailing 750 pounds of food, clothing and toys to the combat zone.

"There's no greater feeling in the world than seeing children happy. After all, they're just like an insurance policy for us in the years to come," the corpsman said.

The photos on these pages taken by Vernon, are indicative of the scenes one is apt to find near, or in, one of the 16 refugee camps or four orphanages in and around DaNang.

Nguyen Thi Nahn, pictured with outstretched arms, was 14 months old when Vernon snapped her photo at a refugee camp near the village of Hoa Long.

These camps are usually established by South Vietnamese District Chiefs and assisted by organizations like the International Service Agencies.

Marines obtain contributions from such organizations as CARE and pass them on to these children along with personal donations made on the spot.

At the China Beach Orphanage, 280 "Leathernecks" adopted children supporting them by contributions from their paychecks.

Nuygen Bah was one of 300 children at the China Beach Orphanage treated to ice cream by Marines of MAG-16 just after the Tet offensive in March 1968.

Bah is six years old. His parents were killed by Viet Cong. He is looked after by a 12 year old "teacher," another orphan at the China Bay home.

Despite their efforts, the Marines encounter problems. In the hamlet of Cam Ne, "Leathernecks" built a school. The day following dedication of the school, the building was blown up by the Viet Cong and American sympathizers were slaughtered.

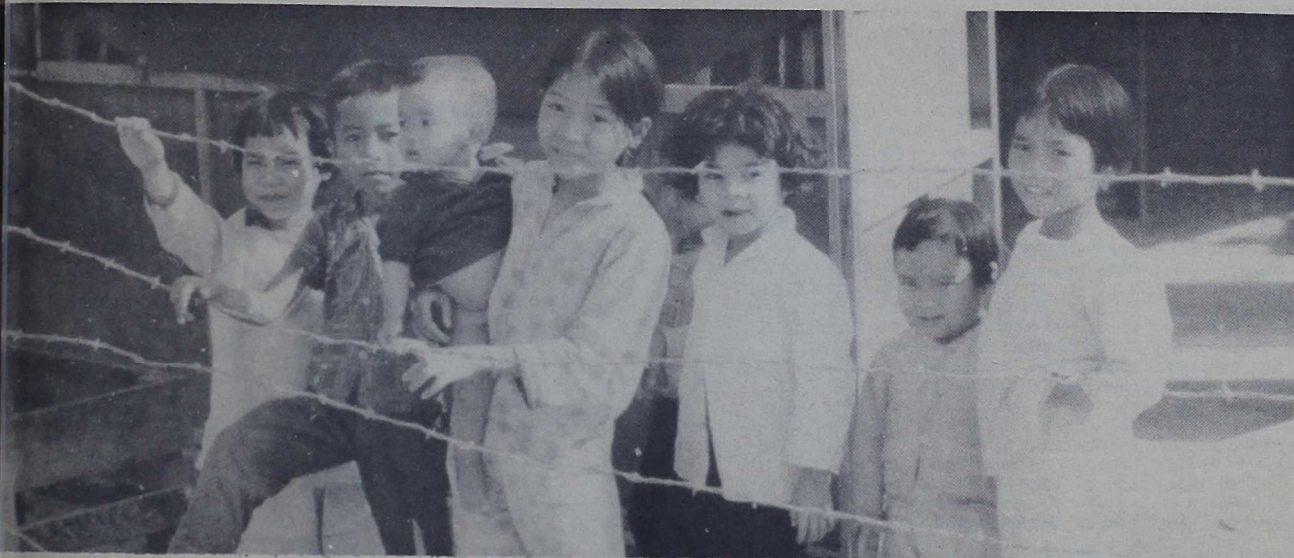
A Catholic priest who operates a refugee camp in the



This Vietnamese Girl Shows That Hunger Can Be Painful

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# ing But A Laughing Matter\*\*



Vietnamese Children Get Look At Outside World Through Barbed Wire Fence

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years" and who are  
ted by groups such

as CARE and American Health  
Agencies.

The war on hunger and poverty  
in Vietnam is far from over.  
Those in garrison at Camp  
Lejeune can help in the fight  
now.

Nor is hunger confined to  
Vietnam.

Hunger and disease is world

wide in countries less fortunate  
than our own. Poverty is also  
a commonly known facet of life  
in America today in some sec-  
tions.

Marines in Camp Lejeune can  
help in the fight to make this a  
better world by contributing to  
the joint International Service  
Agencies and National Health  
Agencies fund campaign which  
will run through March 31.

Contributions will assist the  
National Society for Prevention  
of Blindness, United Cerebral  
Palsy Associations, American  
Cancer Society, American Heart  
Association, Arthritis Founda-  
tion, Muscular Dystrophy As-  
sociations of America, the Na-  
tional Cystic Fibrosis Research  
Foundation, the National Founda-  
tion-March of Dimes, the National  
Multiple Sclerosis Society and  
the Easter Seal Society.

Donations will also assist  
CARE, Project Hope, the Amer-  
ican-Korean Foundation, and  
Planned Parenthood World Popu-  
lation.

"We Marines have a proud tra-  
dition of opening our hearts  
and responding to the relief of  
human suffering in the world,"  
fund-drive chairman Lieutenant  
Colonel Arthur C. Beverly said.

"During this fund drive, we  
have a tremendous opportunity  
through our donations to share  
in the efforts to advance the  
cause of human dignity and free-  
dom throughout the world. No  
matter how large or how small  
the gift may be-- the important  
things is to give," the colonel  
said.

"Give as if your future de-  
pended on it."

Story By: PFC Don Abood

Photos By: SSgt. Del Vernon



ngster Finds Ice Cream To His Liking



A Corpsman Offers Help To Vietnamese Boy

Base Unit With 100% Participation \*\*\*

# Action Slated To Begin March 12

## Boxers Prepare For All-Marine Trials

By LCPL ANDY BYRNES  
The fighters of the Camp Lejeune Boxing Team are eagerly awaiting the upcoming All-Marine Boxing Tournament to be held at Camp Lejeune.

One has only to enter Goettge Memorial Field House to hear the sounds of activity emanating from behind the locked door of the boxing room.

Above the sounds of slapping leather and shuffling feet, one voice is evident. That voice is Gunnery Sergeant "Rocky" Winstead, the team's coach.

The "Rock" is quite valuable in the gym, counseling his boys with a voice similar to that of an irritated grizzly bear. When queried about his team's chances in the upcoming tourney, he did a complete turnabout, and simply said, "Talk to the boys, they're gonna do the heavy work."

First of all, there is "Sugar Bear" Williams. In the past, Williams has been referred to

as "cuddly," "fat," and possesses "adolescent fat." Who-ever made these statements never saw him "up close." Williams, at 241 pounds, is muscular. His stomach can be deceiving, but there is no doubt about the power contained in his arms and legs. He is aggressive, fast, and a very powerful contender in the ring. Like his coach, "The Bear" doesn't say much. Only that, "I plan to go all the way."

In the light heavyweight class, newcomer Ray Russell is another fighter who could go "all the way." He has already held the Marine championship of Japan, and is fresh from a victory in the North Carolina A.A.U. boxing tournament. Russell's ring technique may be described as "classic." He is tall, 6'3", supple, and possesses an extremely fast left hand. As a newcomer, he displays a "team" attitude, saying, "I hope we all win; the ability and the desire are there."

In the 156-pound class, Charles Ross and Rich Royal will provide the ability. Ross is fresh from a victory at Charlotte, North Carolina, where he won the state Golden Gloves title. Royal, who

fought last year at 147 pounds, looks good with his new weight, and will be a close contender.

Larry Carlisle and Jerry Davidson will battle for the 147-lb. title. Carlisle was last year's

156-lb. All-Marine champ, and Davidson is fresh from a victory in the North Carolina Golden Gloves.

Sergeant James Ham, last year's 139-lb. All-Marine champ, recently captured the North Carolina A.A.U. championship, and could go to the Inter-Service tournament.

Action will get underway at 7:30 the evening of March 12th at the Goettge Memorial Field House. Admission is free, and the public is cordially invited.



HEAVYWEIGHT JAMES "Sugar Bear" Williams (left) and 139-pound James Ham (right) mix it up during sparring practice in preparation for the All-Marine Trials. Both are current All-Marine champions. (Photo by LCpl. Andrew Lynch)

### Volleyball ★ ★ Tournament

All personnel assigned to the 2d Marine Division are eligible to participate in the 1969 2d Marine Division Intramural Volleyball Tournament, which will get underway on March 10th.

Each Battalion and each regimental headquarters company/battery may enter two teams in the tournament. The teams will be limited to twelve men including a player-coach. The number of teams entered will determine whether the tournament will consist of a single or double elimination.

Each battalion and each regimental headquarters company/battery desiring to participate in the tournament will submit a letter.

Games may be rescheduled due to operational commitments. When it is necessary to reschedule games, team coaches will notify the Division Athletic Officer 24 hours prior to scheduled games.

### 11th Frame

## Bowling Leagues In Full Swing

further information, call GySgt. Al Elfreth, 353-5059, or Danny Cieliesz, 346-4876.

Ladies Scratch Trio's Lil McGreevy rolled a 213-575, Fran O'Meara a 235-571, and Elaine Redlinger a 209-563.

Men's Scratch Trio's Rick Parker rolled a 214-609, Roger Blad had a 226-602, and John Lehfeldt a 595. John Schmidt had a 225 and Archie Baker a 214 game.

SNCO League's Grant LaFleur had a 247-634, Phil Zimmarino a 219-606, J. Matson a 592, Herm Bollman a 226, and Bobby Jones, 224.

In the Naval Hospital League, Ken Reagan tossed a 203-557, Dottie Statzer 202-530, Shirley Atkinson 499. John McDonald came up with a 205 game.

Officers' League action saw D. McClung roll games of 220-204-207 for a 631 total.

Dot Statzer led the Late Risers with a 224-581, Peg McWhorter rolled a 544, Ila Ratchford a 529, and Betty Smith 504. Carol Mueller had a 210 game.

Paradise Point Mixed's Fred Olson tallied a 548, Vickie Hill a 236-569, Lil McGreevy 209-504, Helen Worley 219-508, and Dottie Givens 500.

PX Mixed action saw John Wood with a 539, Kay Willis a 201-548, Dave Reynolds had a 203 game.

In Leftover Mixed League, Archie Baker had a 545 and Bernice Bollman a 221-551. Sharon Venable converted the 6-7 split.

MCB Intramurals saw Bill Zuben lead with a 223-627, Ron Millar had a 223-613, Harry Coates a 598, and Crystal Horwath a 202-516. Dan Zoerb had a 225 game, Dick Dempsey a 217. Congratulations to Nat Griffin for converting the big 7-10 split.

Bowlerettes' Marge Whaley rolled a 200-566, Bernice Bollman a 521, Fran O'Meara a 515, and Ola Titel 513. Jonnie Maynard converted the 6-7-10 and Rosemarie Shaw the 5-6-7.

Tuesday Morning's Women's League action saw Marje Fitzgerald bang out a 511 and Helen Christopherson a 504.

Military personnel interested in taking horse back riding lessons on Saturday mornings may sign up at the Base Stables. Lessons will begin on Saturday, 15 March.

## GLOBE SPORTS

LCpl. Andy Byrnes

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## Little League Registration To Commence March First

Dependent boys, ages 7 through 15, living at and in the vicinity of Camp Lejeune, and boys of civilian personnel living within the confines of Camp Lejeune are eligible to participate in the Camp Lejeune Boys' Athletic Association Baseball Program.

Registration forms will be available at Marston Pavilion and the Youth/Community Activity Center at Tarawa Terrace between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. from March 1 through March 8.

After March 8, the forms will be available at the Goettge Memorial Field House and the Youth/Community Centers. All applicants, ten years or older, must have a dependent I.D. card with them in order to register.

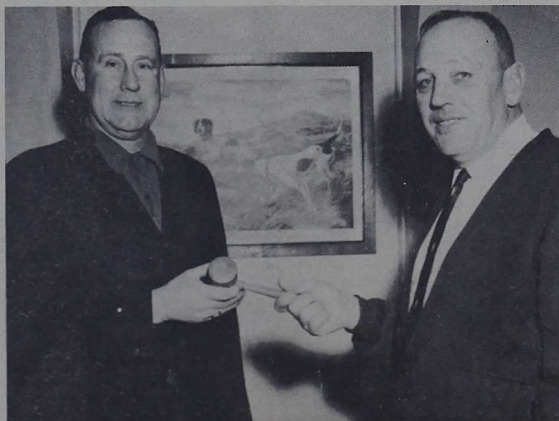
The program will be divided into four leagues. The Babe Ruth league will consist of boys 13, 14, and 15. Dates of birth must be between August 1, 1953 and July 31, 1956. The Major League will consist of boys 11 and 12. Dates of birth must be between August 1, 1956 and July 31, 1958.

Minor League applicants must be either 9 or 10 and born between August 1, 1958 and July 31, 1960. The T-Ball League will consist of boys 7 and 8. Dates of birth must be between August 1, 1960 and July 31, 1962.

Teams will be formed in two divisions. They will be the Stone Street and Tarawa Terrace Divisions. Boys will play with teams nearest their area of residence.

Children must have an Athletic Card in order to participate in the program. A \$2 fee will be charged for these cards. A \$3 deposit is required for each uniform when issued, to be refunded when the uniform is turned in.

Parents and other interested personnel who have had previous baseball experience are desired as coaches and assistants to supervise the program under the guidance of the president of the Camp Lejeune Boys' Athletic Association and the assigned Commissioners of the League.



SERGEANT MAJOR John C. Kull, Sergeant Major of Marine Corps Base, accepts the president's gavel from Captain Van Johnson, USN. Sergeant Major Kull takes over the presidency of the Camp Lejeune Rod & Gun Club, the first Marine to be president in two years.

# Devilfish Ace Rick Harris Sets Two Swim Records

Two state swimming records came yesterday's statistics at week at the First Annual Greensboro Invitational Swim meet.

Twelve-year-old Rick Harris of the Camp Lejeune Devilfish set records in the 100-yard breast stroke and the 200-yard individual medley.

The records broken were previously set by Rick. His new marks are 112.3 seconds in the 100-yard swim, and 225.5 seconds in the 200-yard race. In addition to his two wins, Rick also placed second in the 200-yard butterfly.

For his efforts, Rick received the 11-12 age group trophy for the outstanding swimmer in the meet, and will participate in the 18th annual Phillips 66 swim meet being held in Barlottesville, Oklahoma, March 8 and 9.

In addition, 14-year-old Chip Campbell placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke, 13-year-old Maria Armington took fifth

in the 200-yard individual medley, and 15-year-old Dan House took two sixth places, one in the 100-yard breaststroke and one in the 100-yard freestyle.

The Devilfish will next see action March 8 at the Area 5 pool where they will host the

Fort Bragg Dependents Swim Team.

The annual Devilfish Booster Club meeting will be held March 19 for the purpose of updating the bylaws and electing new club officers. The time and location will be announced.



ALL-STAR Marine hopefuls from Camp Lejeune include five men from Force Troops, two men from the 2d Division, three men from Beaufort, S.C., and two from Cherry Point.

## Basketball

The Regional All-Star Basketball Tournament for 1969 is being held at Quantico, Virginia, on February 24-28. The tournament, which is the play-off of the 1968-69 basketball season, will have the All-Marine Corps teams competing.

The five teams vying for the All-Marine championship are Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Quantico, Virginia, Hawaii, Camp Lejeune, and one team from the West Coast.

The members of the augmented squad from Camp Lejeune were chosen in competition in the Regional Tournament held on base February 3-7. The team sports the members from Force Troops, two members from the 2d Division, three members from Beaufort, South Carolina, and two from Cherry Point Air Station. The men who will be travelling to Quantico are Tony Jones, Robert C. Lister, Donald E. Elam, James Cole, Jacob Anthony, Joseph Facciorri, R.J. White, Robert N. Lowery, Ronald M. Chambers, Dennis C. Musgrave, James MacLaughlin, Jerome Colson, Robert O. Miller, and Eddie L. Thomas.

Best wishes are extended to the team with confidence that they will return victorious.

## Boat Licenses

There is an established licensing program each Saturday morning at the Wallace Creek Boat House from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. This program consists of written and practical tests.

The license program is in dire need of a leader at this time. The hours are reasonable; 2 1/2 hours per week, and the work is rewarding. This is a voluntary activity, and without voluntary help, it cannot exist.

For further information, contact M. McIntyre, Recreation Director, Special Services, at extension 5528, or Captain Stewart at extension 2628.

## Lejeune Outdoors

By LCPL ANDY BYRNES

ALLIGATORS? Yes, alligators! A recent talk with the base Game Warden has revealed the fact that alligators as large as 14 feet in length inhabit the more swampy areas of Camp Lejeune.

Unfortunately, the Tri-Command's gator population is in danger of being hunted into extinction. Troops in the field, believing these reptiles to be undesirable, very often shoot them on sight. By doing this, the men not only upset the balance of nature on base, but also destroy a very useful amphibian.

A great portion of the alligator's diet consists of catfish, carp, and gar. These fish are known as "rough," or non-game fish, and as such are not as useful to Camp Lejeune anglers as good game fish such as bass or perch.

While we're on the subject of anglers, you enthusiasts might do well to clean up your tackle boxes and fishing gear. The cold weather is on the way out, and Spring is just around the corner.

Freshwater fishing was from good to excellent in most of the ponds and rivers in and around our county this past weekend. The owner of the local bait shop reported that he counted 22 bass that anglers had caught over the weekend.

Many of you, no doubt, despite all advice, will wait until spring really arrives before getting out for that first trip. You'll be sorry. Word to the wise; Pitch Kettle Creek, a tributary of the Neuse River above New Bern, will have large numbers of American and hickory shad arriving on their spawning migration. Trying for shad has become a favorite sport among area fishermen during late winter and early spring.

Shad seem to take the bait best during the first hour or the last four hours of daylight. Sometimes, however, they strike readily throughout the day. For best results, use from eight to fifteen pound test lines on light fresh

water outfits. Size "0" spoons seem to be the best lure for this silver scrapper.

Devil Horse and Rebel lures were very popular with bass this weekend, but live minnows also produced excellent results.

The cold wintry blasts evident over the last week kept many would-be anglers indoors, but several days of warming is certain to change all that. I'm certain that the upcoming warm weather will bring an influx of anglers to local waterways with great possibilities for success.

## Sports Quiz

1. What college holds the record for consecutive basketball victories: (a) University of San Francisco; (b) University of North Carolina; or (c) UCLA?
2. Elgin Baylor, Los Angeles Lakers' star, played for which of the following colleges: (a) Kansas State; (b) Seattle; or (c) Wisconsin.
3. What teams have defeated the University of North Carolina's basketball team this season: (a) South Carolina and Villanova; (b) St. John's and Villanova; or (c) St. John's and South Carolina.

Answers

1. University of San Francisco
2. Seattle
3. St. John's and South Carolina

## NCO Golf Tournament

The NCO Golf Association's President Cup Tournament will be played Sunday afternoon at the Paradise Point Golf Course. Tee-off time will be 8:30 a. m., and the entry fee will be \$2.00. Interested individuals may sign up on Sunday morning prior to the tournament.

## From Tee To Green

By LTCOL JIM HALLET

The first Scotch foursome of the year was held Sunday. Although the weather was threatening, the rains held off and everyone seemed to have a good time. Refreshments were available for participants both before and after the match, courtesy of the Pro, Jim Gantz.

Winners by flights were: A Flight - Low gross, runner up; the team of Maj General and Mrs. Tompkins, Gretchen Weinert and Joe Wirthman; Low net, the team of Tom and Mrs. Jones and John and Mrs. Chambliss. B Flight - There was a tie for first place low gross between the team of Karl and Mrs. Faser, Dick Kern and Arlene Slemmons and the team of Jerry and Mrs. Jerue and Jim and Mrs. Hallet. Low net was also tied between the team of Jessie and Mrs. Sutor and Sully and Mrs. Sullivan and the team of Jim and Mrs. Doody, Jim Gantz Jr. and Susan Jarrett. C Flight - There was a three-way tie for low gross between the team of Gerry and Mrs. Rumble and John and Mrs. Manton, the team of Chuck and Mrs. Treble and Shirley and Mrs. Mays, and the team of Hoss and Mrs. Herlihy, Tim Geraghty and Bob McGowan. The low net winning team consisted of George and Mrs. Cornwall and Billy and Mrs. Hill. Runner up low net was the team of Roy and Mrs. Duffy and Art and Mrs. Beverly.

Don't forget the COGA Membership Tournament scheduled for 2 March (weather permitting). Entry fee is the \$2.00 cost for your 1969 membership card. There will be a business meeting at 9 a.m. for election of this year's officers. Let's have a big turnout.

The odds of blasting out of a sand trap into the hole are extremely high. However, Captain Sutor and his playing partner, Doctor Marshall, did it three times in one round last week. Captain Sutor did it on the first and 12th holes. Doctor Marshall blasted in from the trap on the 4th hole.



JERRY JARRETT, assistant pro at Paradise Point Golf course, shows Jerry Owens some of the items offered at the pro shop. The pro shop, as well as the Golf Course, is open to all Marines and their dependents. (Photo by LCpl. Andrew Lynch)

# Artillerymen Hone Skills During FIREX

## Exercise At Vieques Demonstrates Readiness

By LCpl. JIM GRAVES  
The Marine forward observer, lying in a skillfully camouflaged position, slowly swings his head from left to right, firing from his attempts to remain motionless. He suffered from a feeling of dizziness induced by prolonged contact with the hot rims of binoculars that came with scanning the terrain.

Left to right, right to left, left to right, right to - suddenly he stopped and focused on something moving on the hillside directly in front of him.

He couldn't be sure of what he saw. The hot sun caused heat waves to quiver before his eyes.

One figure, then two and three, then a whole platoon of enemy troops came into his line of sight. The enemy patrol was moving slowly down a trail towards a stream at the bottom of the hill.

Quickly he checked his watch and map and determined that enemy troops would reach the bottom of the trail in 15 minutes if the steady march continued.

He immediately radioed the necessary data to his fire support unit. Several times in the next 15 minutes, he repeated the data and adjusted time estimate.

After 15 minutes, the enemy patrol reached the stream. As the first man stepped into the stream, 56 shells - from 56 separate guns - exploded simultan-

ously in a pattern that ran from the stream up the trail, on both sides, for over 150 meters.

The enemy soldiers who had been thinking about what a hot, miserable day it was only seconds before were not thinking at all now. Those who were still

alive were completely stunned or in a state of panic.

A few seconds after the first barrage fell, a second, third, then a fourth burst around their position. After the fourth time-on-target barrage there was nothing - nothing but the forward ob-

server.

He picked up his radio handset, called his battalion command post and reported, all rounds, on time, on target, no more movement.

The 15 minute interval between the first sighting of enemy troops

and the first time-on-target barrage is the most complex and important part of the artillery support coordination procedure.

During that 15 minutes, the original information supplied by the forward observer travels over miles of telephone wire and is heard over scores of radios. The data is checked for accuracy, additional facts computed, and the figures are rechecked by both qualified fire controllers and sophisticated digital computers.

When all of the data is compiled and checked for accuracy, a 96-pound shell is lifted off a rack and loaded into the breech of a 155 millimeter Howitzer and fired. If the data is correct the steel-jacketed inferno, traveling 14,500 meters in 58 seconds, strikes home the moment the first enemy soldier steps into the stream.

These steps -- none more important than another -- are but a portion of an overall exercise involving the 10th Marine Division.

During the recent Vieques, Puerto Rico, exercise, labeled "FIREX 1-69," casualties were simulated, situations were fabricated, but the individual Marine was faced with the stark realization that this was as close as he could come to combat without actually going to war -- just one more phase of the 2d Marine Division's readiness program.

During the period of January 24 - February 9, the 10th Marine Regiment fired over 12,000 rounds of ammunition. A good portion of the ordnance expended was fired in support of maneuvers acted out by infantry regiments from the 2d Marine Division. This requires the skill of a well-coordinated group of Marines and some very sophisticated equipment.

Target data is sent from the FSCC to the Fire Direction Center of the battalion selected to fire a mission.

When the information arrives at the FDC, the target data of the gun and observer are fed into a Field Artillery Digital Automatic Computer (FADAC).

According to Sergeant R. A. Newberg, FADAC operator for the 4th Battalion, 10th Marines, FADAC simulates the flight of the round through the atmosphere to the target area and makes corrections that will make the gun accurate to within ten yards.

Another of the more important pieces of equipment that was used during FIREX 1-69 is the M-36 chronograph, a portable radar unit that can give the muzzle velocity of a projectile seconds after the round is fired.

The chronograph enables the 10th Marines to coordinate artillery pieces of the same caliber, fired from the same position but with different muzzle velocities so that all rounds reach the target at the same time.

On February 9, action pursued by the 2d Marine Division was completed. All objectives were taken and all enemy resistance was eliminated.



(Photo By Cpl. Willis Edwards)  
**Sgt. R.A. Newberg Checks FADAC Control Panel During Exercise**



(Photo By Cpl. Willis Edwards)  
**The Big 'Punch' Of The Artillery - an Eight-Inch Self-Propelled Howitzer - Fires**



(Photo By Cpl. Willis Edwards)

**Marine Tries To Blot Out Noise**



(Photo By Cpl. Willis Edwards)

**Mortarmen Check 4.2 Inch Mortar Alignment**



# BOOKS

**THE FALL OF FORTRESS EUROPE** - Fred Majdalany. From the first crack in November of 1941 to the final collapse in August 1944.

**FROM GHETTO TO GLORY** - Bob Gibson. The story of Bob Gibson and how he broke through the barriers of poverty and prejudice to become one of baseball's greats.

**ECLIPSE** - Alan Moorhead. A magnificent narrative covering the war from the invasion of Sicily to the conquest and disintegration of the Third Reich.

**HAPPY HUNTING GROUND** - Martin Russ. This book is compiled from journal entries and letters written by Mr. Russ during the six months he spent in the field with American, Vietnamese and Australian troops as an accredited but unaffiliated correspondent.

**VOYAGE OF THE NINA II** - Robert F. Marx. The dramatic account of the 77-day crossing from Spain to San Salvador in the 42-foot replica of Columbus' ship.

**THE LANDING OF VERA CRUZ: 1914** - Jack Sweetman. The first complete chronicle of a strange encounter in April, 1914, when the United States Navy captured and occupied the city of Vera Cruz, Mexico.

**EVERYTHING TO LIVE FOR** - Paul Horgan. The scene is eastern Pennsylvania, the time is the early '20s, and the story revolves around human passions and conflicts as old as literature and as new as each generation.

**PINCHER MARTIN** by William Golding is an elemental adventure story, a tale of frightening suspense. It is also, as all great literature must be, a story of man's ultimate struggle - not so much with fate and death as with himself.

**THE CIVIL RIGHTS READER** - Leon Friedman, ed. Basic documents of the Civil Rights Movement.

**LIBRARY OPEN**  
10 - 10 Monday thru Saturday  
2 - 10 Sunday and Holidays

## Matinees

**GEIGER INDOOR**  
Saturday at 2 p.m. - "Ski Party" RT-90  
Sunday at 2 p.m. - "Double Man," RT-105

**NAVAL HOSPITAL**  
Saturday at 2 p.m. - "First To Fight" RT-97

**AIR STATION**  
Saturday at 2 p.m. - "Counterpoint," RT-106  
Sunday at 2 p.m. - "First To Right," RT-97

**COURTHOUSE BAY**  
Saturday at 2 p.m. - "Chubasco" RT-98  
Sunday at 2 p.m. - "Frankenstein Conquers the World," RT-87

**CAMP THEATER**  
Saturday at 2 p.m. - "Frankenstein Conquers the World," RT-87  
Sunday at 2 p.m. - "Chubasco" RT-98

# OPEN EVENINGS

\* - Matinees: Sat., Sun. & Holidays

Feb, 28 Mar. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Midway Park	* 7:00	Closed until Mar. 5							
Courthouse Bay	* 7:00	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
Naval Hospital	* 7:00	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
Rifle Range	7:30	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
Montford Point	7:00	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
Geiger Indoor	* 7:00	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Camp Theater	* 6 & 8:30	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
500 Outdoor	7:00	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Geiger Outdoor	7:00	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Air Station	* 6 & 8:15	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Geiger T. Park	7:00	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Drive In	7:00	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Onslow Beach	7:00	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

**AUDIENCE RATINGS**  
++ Adult & Matured Youth  
+ Adult  
Numbers at left indicate running time.

103-A-Fearless Vampire Killers	**	110-I-The Scalphunters	*
120-B-Planet of the Apes	**	125-J-Anzio	*
98-C-Night of the Living Dead	**	129-K-The Parent Trap	*
103-E-The Swimmer	**	98-L-Mini Affair	*
122-F-Bullet for a General	**	97-P-Lost Continent	*
123-G-Valley of the Dolls	*	90-Q-The Hellcats	*
188-H-Tiger and the Pussy-cat	**	135-R-In Cold Blood	*
		113-S-Lovely Way To Die	*
		103-T-Coogan's Bluff	*

# Activities Calendar

## Wine Discourse

An address on the various uses of wines will be the program at the buffet dinner sponsored by Group VIII of the Officers' Wives' Club Thursday night, March 6, at the Paradise Point Officers' Club.

Mr. R. Switzer, a representative of a wine company, will deliver the address to club members and their husbands. A social hour at 6:30 in the Lejeune Room starts the affair and dinner will follow at 7:30.

Mrs. J.L. Saul and the ladies of the 2d Tank Battalion will host the event. Reservations may be made through hospitality hostesses or by calling Mrs. R.E. Monette at 21-7403 by March 3. Cancellations must be made by noon March 5.

Sitter Service reservations should be made 24 hours in advance by calling 353-4788.

## Driving Course

Onslow Technical Institute will sponsor a beginners' driving training course at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center starting Monday morning, March 23, at 9 o'clock.

The 33-hour course, which is state sponsored, will meet each Monday and Wednesday and is designed for individuals who desire to learn to drive. Included is 18 hours of "in the car" training.

The cost is \$16 and students must be at least 18 years old.

## Social Hour

Group III of the Officers'

Wives' Club will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner March 5 for the members and their husbands in the Paradise Room of the Paradise Point Officers' Club.

A social hour begins at 6:30. Dinner will be served at 7:30 and will cost \$1.75. Check your O'Clock for additional information.

Mrs. J.T. Smith of 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion and Mrs. J.D. Roberts of 2nd Medical Battalion and the ladies of the two battalions will be co-hostesses for this special event.

Members will be contacted for reservations. However, if you are missed, please call Mrs. R.R. Raffel, 353-0969, before noon March 3rd. The Sitter Service will be open this night. Reservations should be made 24 hours in advance.

## NCO Club

Friday - The Grass of Eden; The Night Workers.  
Sunday - The Shadows.

## Officers' Club

Friday - Mogan David and the Grapes of Wrath.  
Saturday - The Tee Tones.

## SNCO Club

Friday - Hadnot Point; The Soul Express; Happy Hour, 4:30-6 o'clock.  
Saturday - Hadnot Point; Squirrel and His Aces; The Kalmar Family (Floor Show)  
Sunday - Hadnot Point; Buffet Special.  
Monday - Hadnot Point; Dining Room Special - Italian Plate.

## USO Club

Movies are shown continuously from 6 p.m. Friday, from 1:30 p.m. Saturday and from noon Sunday.

This week's selections are: "That Tennessee Beat," "Night of the Grizzly," and "One-Eyed Jacks."

## NCO Wives

The Camp Lejeune Staff NCO Wives' Club will sponsor a Side-walk Sale on Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Tarawa Terrace Community Center Building. The sale will consist of donated articles of clothing from the Thrift Shop and will be priced from 5¢ to \$1.00.

## Staff Wives

The Camp Lejeune Staff NCO Wives' Club will hold a pot luck luncheon on Thursday, March 6, at 11:30 at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center. Each person attending is asked to bring a covered dish. Following the luncheon there will be a show of the latest hat fashions for spring. For more information call Mary West, 346-6742 or Claire Faust, 353-4384.

**NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD**  
Horror drama starring Judy O'Dea.

**BULLET FOR THE GENERAL**  
Adventure drama of the Mexican Revolution, Color, starring Gen. Maria Volonte and Lou Castel.

**VALLEY OF THE DOLLS**  
Three lithesome enchanters etching varied careers in the tinsel world of Hollywood follow the prompting of fame and fortune and destroy their self-respect in this color drama. Stars Sharon Tate, Barbara Parkins and Patty Duke.

**THE SWIMMER**  
Color drama starring Burt Lancaster.

**FEARLESS VAMPIRE KILLERS**

A ghoulish nonsensical film whose only redeeming quality is the presence of Sharon Tate. If idiosyncrasy delights you, you'll find this one captivating. Color.

**PLANET OF THE APES**  
Space travellers trapped on a hostile planet discover that the process of evolution has been inverted. The higher life forms descend from man. An interesting color drama starring Charlton Heston.

**IN COLD BLOOD**  
Four homicidal murders afford the theme for this realistic drama which details the drafting and execution of the most talked-about crime of the decade. Black and White.

# MOVIE REVIEWS

You'll Love our  
**MENU**  
Mar. 1 - 7



## Lunch

Saturday  
Sunday  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Brunch  
Brunch  
Corn Beef  
Veal Loaf  
Turkey Sandwich  
Beef Stew  
Seafood Platter

## Dinner

Oven Roast Beef  
Chicken Newport  
Beef Steak  
Baked Ham  
Roast Beef  
Pork Chops  
Meat Loaf

## New First Sergeant



FIRST SERGEANT Jerry L. Moore is presented his First Sergeant warrant by Lt. Col. R.L. Brownell, executive officer of H&S Bn., Marine Corps Base, First Sergeant Moore, who is currently the Senior Career Adviser at Marine Corps Base, is scheduled to report to the Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C., for First Sergeant School. (Photo by LCpl. Andrew Lynch)

## Cpl. McCormack Gets Silver Star

By SSGT DEL VERNON  
One more accolade has been added to the ever-swelling honor roll of awards presented to 2d Division Leathernecks as the nation's third highest combat award, the Silver Star Medal, was presented today to Corporal Charles M. McCormack.

McCormack was cited for heroism on Sept. 29, 1968, when he served as a squad leader with Company "H", Second Battalion, Fifth Marines.

While on an operation near Quang Tri Province, his unit came under heavy attack from three sides by a large North Vietnamese Army Force. Several casualties were sustained in the first moments of the fire fight and the Marine element was almost immediately pinned down. McCormack obtained a machinegun from a wounded Marine and directed suppressive fire toward the enemy position while his men moved to a safer position. He advanced

across the hazardous area and single-handedly killed four NVA.

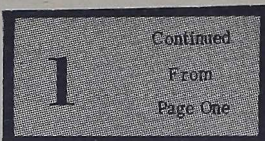
McCormack, after seeing that his men were in better position, ran to his company and organized a reaction force to assist his beleaguered platoon.

Time after time the Corporal disregarded his own safety in evacuating fellow Marines wounded by the enemy. His citation cited his heroic actions as an inspiration to all who observed him and his platoon. He is credited with recovering all the platoon's casualties while inflicting 13 enemy kills through his exceptional courage and selfless devotion to duty.

The Silver Star Medal citation was signed by Fleet Marine Force Pacific Commander, Lieutenant General H.W. Buse, Jr., and was presented to McCormack during ceremonies held at 2d Marine Division Headquarters by Brig. Gen. J.C. Fegan, Jr., Assistant Division Commander.



HEROISM CITED - Corporal Charles M. McCormack is decorated with the Silver Star Medal by Brigadier General Joseph C. Fegan, Jr., Assistant Division Commander, 2d Marine Division, Feb. 14. Corporal McCormack was cited for his actions while serving with the 2d Battalion, 5th Marines as a squad leader. (Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph by LCpl. Chris John)



was left in command.

Disregarding the enemy fire which had the platoon pinned down, White left his position and continuously exposed himself in order to maneuver his men. His actions kept his platoon from being overrun.

Corporal White is currently serving as a machinegun team leader with Company "K", 3d Battalion, 2d Marines.

Corporal Lifred was cited for his heroism as a fireteam leader while serving with the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines during operation Scotland II in Quang Tri Province.

On September 15, 1968 Corporal Lifred's company was conducting a patrol in support of the operation when a mine was triggered which signaled an ambush by enemy forces.

As a result of the initial volume of fire the company received numerous casualties, wounding the squad leader, leaving Lifred in charge of the unit.

After establishing a portion of his unit to provide covering fire for the removal of wounded Marines, Lifred charged across an open area that was receiving heavy automatic arms fire and positioned himself about ten meters from an enemy bunker.

From his position he delivered a suppressive volume of fire allowing more mobility for his men. He remained in the position, although under attack by the enemy attempting to kill him, and delivered fire to several additional enemy strongholds.

After repeated assaults by enemy soldiers with hand grenades, Lifred withdrew when the men in his unit had evacuated to positions of safety.

Later, the 21 year old corporal led a relief unit into the hazardous area and assisted in recovering two mortally wounded comrades.

Corporal Lifred, a native of Union, New Jersey, is presently serving with the Provost Marshal's office.

Lieutenant General Richard G. Weede, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, made the presentation.

## King Of The Road



KING OF THE ROAD - A Force Logistic Command "War Wagon," a converted five-ton cargo truck, is readied for one of the daily convoy security runs conducted by Marines of the FLC's Truck Co. Armor plating, radio equipment, and a .50 caliber machinegun make the "War Wagon" a self-sustaining security vehicle for resupply convoys to support 1st Marine Division forces south of Da Nang. (Photo by LCpl. N.W. Myers)

## King Of The Road

### 'War Wagon' Rolls

When a "war wagon" begins to roll, no one disputes its claim to be "King of the Road" - not even Roger Miller.

A war wagon is an armored cargo truck bearing a .50 cal. machine gun. These mechanical monarchs reign over convoys of Truck Company, Force Logistic Command (FLC), headquarters at Camp Books, near Da Nang.

"Our war wagons provide security for a minimum of two cargo vehicles to as large a convoy as we might form," said Sgt. Angolo A. Tchowitz, Tchowitz was one of the Marines who helped build the war wagon.

"Our main objective," he explained, "is to gain rapid fire superiority in case our convoys are attacked. Two Marines, a driver and a gunner, are assigned to each war wagon.

"When driver-gunner teams are assigned to a vehicle, they stick with that one vehicle. After every convoy, the driver does the mechanical work on his truck, and the gunner checks and cleans his machine gun. They personally handle these tasks because they

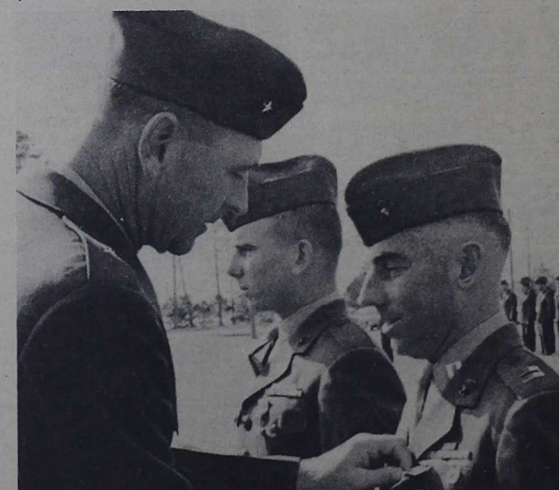
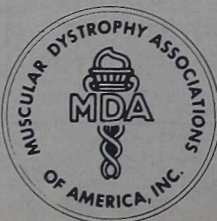
know they have to depend on their performance - and that others depend on them."

Besides providing fire power, the war wagons carry out other tasks within a convoy. One war wagon serves as the convoy commander's mobile command post equipped with a permanent radio system. Other convoy vehicles carry portable radio systems, for communications with the mobile command post.

"We also carry supplies: C-rations, extra ammunition, spare tires, and spare parts," Tchowitz continued. "In the event that another vehicle has a minor mechanical problem during the convoy, the spare parts carried on the war wagon are used, with the driver-gunner team aiding in the repair work.

In all, there are 22 men assigned to Truck Company's war wagons.

The teams have compiled an enviable record. They have never lost a war wagon during a mission and they provide daily protection for convoys covering up to 100 miles a day.



AWARDED MEDAL - Captain William J. Macardle is presented the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" by Brigadier General Joseph C. Fegan, Assistant Division Commander, 2d Marine Division, Feb. 14. Captain Macardle was cited for his performance of duty with the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. (Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph by LCpl. Chris John)