

Brief Ceremony At Edenton Opening

Col. Ray E. Hopper officially commissioned the Marine Corps Station at Edenton shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in brief ceremonies which were attended by approximately 400 persons.

The Edenton High School band, under the direction of H. W. Williams, played martial numbers while a platoon of Marines marched in front of the administration building and ran the station's flag to the top of the tall flagpole.

Mayor Leroy B. Haskett of Edenton then presented a key to the city to Col. Hopper.

Members of the Edenton City Council, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners, the Public Utility Commission and various civic clubs, as well as a delegation of Boy Scouts, were on hand for the ceremonies. Attending the ceremonies were groups from Elizabeth City and other nearby cities.

At present the station has 65 enlisted men and 10 officers and will be in operation for another month, when it will have a Marine group, including a headquarters squadron, four tactical air squadrons of 24 planes each, an interception squadron with what a ground controlled approach unit and night fighters.

Following the ceremonies Col. Hopper received the visiting officer in his office and talked about what the station would have when it gets in operation.

Final Bond Results

The U. S. Savings Bond drive at Cherry Point came to a close during the latter part of February. With the ending of the two week campaign, 250 increases in pledges by both military and civilian personnel serving at this base were recorded.

Overall figures for the percentage of personnel with bond pledges were: military workers with 51.5 percent and the military contribution amounting to 35.5 percent. All personnel on the base, a total of 45%, contributed to the drive by pledging the purchase of bonds.

Final breakdown results are set below:

	Percent
Civilian	51.5%
USMC	58%
Administrative	55%
Education	80%
Medical Dept.	76%
St. A.	98%
Public Relations	62%
Public Works	47%
Business Project	64.2%
Supply (Navy)	57%
Personal & Repair	47%
Military	
Headquarters Squadron	39%
AS-1	43.6%
ES-40	31%
ES-41	44%

The savings bond officer wishes to express his appreciation to the bond officers, Bond Chairmen and other persons who joined in to make the Savings Bond Program successful. It is his hope that the drive will continue so we may be able to make this station, the Edenton station in Savings Bonds.

ATTENTION DRIVERS

All persons with Station Tag are urged to register their 1949 state license plate numbers with the Provost Marshal. Also, any changes, cancellations, or lapses in automobile insurance should be reported immediately. License plate numbers may be phoned in to SISA.



AIRBORNE REINFORCEMENTS for "embattled" Second Division assault forces board Douglas R5D Tuesday morning bound for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Troops, under command of Lt. Col. F. W. Benson, were slated to land a few days later on "captured" air strip at Vieques.

Three Year Tour For Staff NCO's

Many Cherry Point enlisted personnel of the three top pay grades may soon receive their orders to transfer to other bases. It was revealed in a memorandum released by Headquarters, Aircraft Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, to all Commanding Officers.

The memorandum cited a CMC letter of Feb. 14 which stated that the normal tour of duty to be established at any one base within the continental limits of the United States was not to exceed three years. Accordingly, enlisted personnel of the first three pay grades may expect to receive transfer orders at any time following the completion of three years on any one station.

At Cherry Point approximately one hundred men will be affected by this directive and, since the Eva and Tingtau bases have been ordered to an inactive status, most of the staff NCO's expect to see Ed Toro or Edenton on their orders.

'Dimes' Pres. Sends Thanks To 'Point'

The following letter was received by Colonel T. J. Walker, Jr., acting commander of Cherry Point. The letter, sent by the president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in New York reads:

Mr. dear Colonel Walker:

In the name of those whom the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has been able to help in their fight against polio, I wish to thank you and all the members of your organization for the generous contribution to the 1948 March of Dimes.

It is gratifying to know that the members of the Armed Forces appreciate the work of the National

Downed Pilot Gets 'The Air' With Jato

MSgt. L. F. (Bud) Blass had quite a time getting to the scene of the maneuvers now in progress. Enroute from Miami to Guantanamo Bay, the veteran VMF-122 fighter pilot was forced down on a soft sand beach near Azua, Dominican Republic when his Phantom jet developed fuel trouble and the engines stopped.

Landing on the 1200 foot beach stretch after a sixty mile glide, MSgt. Blass waited for the next week for necessary minor repairs to be made by an emergency crew dispatched by his squadron.

The Dominican officials cooperated completely and with the aid of sixty natives, cut a five-mile road through the dense jungle so that supplies and workers could reach the disabled jet.

Since the beach was unsuitable for a normal take off, JATO (jet assisted take off) was employed and, with a light fuel load, the sleek fighter with Blass at the controls was airborne after a very short run.

Blass then proceeded to the Dominican Capital, Santiago, Trujillo, where he was met by the Governor of the Province and other high officials.

After refueling the tardy Marine proceeded to Roosevelt Roads and rejoined his squadron mates, three of whom had experienced difficulty on the trip down but managed to reach a landing field.

Overhearing Blass describe his experience, one was remarked "Hump, those jets ain't so fast—they took this guy eight days to get here from Miami!"

Foundation and support it so whole-heartedly. With my personal thanks and best wishes, I am Sincerely yours, Basil O'Connor, President

Two Lejeune Companies Fly From 'Point' To Cuba

After remaining overnight at Cherry Point, two companies of Camp Lejeune Marines left Tuesday morning for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The troops, all one-year enlistees, were flown in 10 R5D's and 3 R5C's to the Cuban base where they were to await call as airborne reinforcements to assault troops of the Second Marine Division.

The flying "shock troops" were then to proceed to the "captured" air strip on Vieques and reinforce their comrades engaged in the amphibious assault of the Caribbean island, focal point of the Atlantic Command exercises now in progress.

Cherry Pt. Nomads 461 and 225, Return

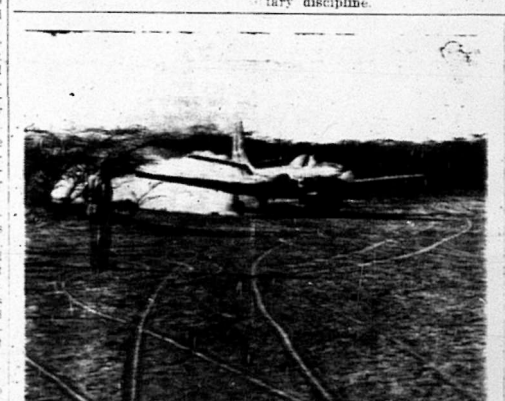
Officers and men of VMF-225 and 461—the seasoned continental travelers whose adventures have been appearing regularly in the WINDSOCK—are due to return to Cherry Point today and tomorrow.

Pilots of both carrier units, who have been on an extensive training cruise in the Mediterranean, will disembark from the Mighty Midway and fly their planes here, probably arriving this afternoon.

The enlisted personnel will go ashore when the giant carrier docks at Norfolk and will be picked up there by Commandos of VMF-155. Tentative plans call for their arrival some time tomorrow.

The cruise was highlighted by liberty in numerous interesting Mediterranean ports—Gibraltar, Tripoli, Augusta, Sicily, Naples, Rome, Paris and the Riviera. No doubt all hands will have a liberal supply of "sea stories" to relate when they return.

(See Page 3 for report of cruise from VMF-225).



OFF IN A CLOUD OF DUST is MSgt. L. F. (Bud) Blass as he leaves the beach by JATO after being forced down by fuel trouble. Major L. D. Freelon, CO VMF-122, observes the "getaway" from the foreground.

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IT IS YOUR RED CROSS

For 67 years the American Red Cross has meant sympathy, compassion, and help in time of need to the people of the United States and of the world. During that span of time it has become a vital part of American life—a powerful symbol in this country of man's humanity to man, of his universal compulsion to aid the suffering and the distressed.

The Red Cross is not a thing apart, but an essential section of the fabric of America. It is as truly of and by and for the American people as our government.

The broad activities of the Red Cross—for disaster victims, on behalf of members of the armed forces and veterans with the hospitalized—in teaching safety and health to hundreds of thousands of people—and through the Junior Red Cross—are dependent upon the volunteer efforts of the millions of men, women, and children who make up its membership.

Its ability to help, instantly and effectively, the family across the street, or across the nation, or across the sea, is founded in the broad network of Red Cross chapters which reaches into every community in the United States. And it exists only to serve, to do what you would do if you were on the scene.

In truth, the American Red Cross is your agent for the complicated task of meeting human need wherever it exists in this modern world. That is a heavy responsibility. Each individual American must bear his share of it.

MAG-14 SCOOP AF Jets Equipped To Burn Gasoline

The Lions Club of Ponce, Puerto Rico, invited Colonel E. L. Pugh, Commanding Officer of Marine Air Group Fourteen, and his staff to their weekly meeting at the De Puerto Club on Monday, 21 February. A delicious dinner was served which included "Puerto Rican Yams."

Among the principal speakers was Colonel Pugh who expressed his appreciation to the host on the behalf of the Marine Officers. Mr. Armstrong, a representative of the YMCA, spoke on the need for a YMCA for the city of Ponce.

The officers present were Colonel E. L. Pugh, Lieutenant Colonel R. E. (Joker) Lientenant, Colonel M. E. (Capitain) F. W. Earnest, R. J. Richtmyer, Lt. Col. Schmitt, First Lieutenants T. H. Nichols and C. B. Malone.

Master Sergeants Can Ask Discharge

Marine Corps Memorandum number 7-45 provides for the discharge of any master sergeant who desires such discharge and has completed one year of service on his current enlistment or extension. Such discharges will be effected only upon the written request of the individual who must include in the request the statement that he understands that he is being discharged at his own request and once transferred for discharge, cannot change his mind and that the discharge is for the convenience of the government.

The following personnel will not be discharged:

Those in a disciplinary or probationary status, those requiring medical treatment or sick in a hospital, or those retained as witnesses in court-martial cases.

In effecting transfer of personnel for discharge, it is imperative that the SER of the individual include a copy of his written request; commanding officers were notified. If for any reason the CO disapproves of the request it shall be forwarded to HqMC for final action and will include complete information as to the reason for disapproval.

Noting that this directive affects the privilege of enlistment in the inactive reserve. However, no individual discharged under this authority will be permitted to reenlist in the Regular Marine Corps within a period of 24 hours for the purpose of being reappointed to the first pay grade.

Washington (APPS)—The Air Force recently announced that all jet planes are being equipped to burn gasoline, as well as the usual kerosene, to assure quick starting in Arctic temperatures.

Gasoline is less desirable as a fuel for jet planes from the standpoint of heat released per pound, the Air Force explained, but it is much better for cold weather starting.

The change will also mean that jets will be able to refuel at any Air Force base which can accommodate propeller planes.

All new jet engines built for the Air Force must conform to the new two-fuel pattern. Changes in present planes call for relocation of fuel lines in some cases to lessen fire hazard. New types of fuel lines, modification of fuel pumps and minor changes in the engine fuel nozzle are also indicated in the specifications.

Belgian Lass Is Applicant for MC

News that the Marines are again recruiting women—this time for regular service—really got around.

Recently, a Belgian girl in Brussels planned a request to Marine Headquarters in Washington, D. C., asking to be accepted as a member of the Women Marines.

So great was her wish to join Marine women "whose work I have always admired," that she received her parents' permission to give up her Belgian citizenship.

United States citizenship is a requirement for Marine Corps enlistment.

If her letter, written in French, "because I do not know American," she expressed a desire to travel to far places and stated her qualifications. "I am a Belgian, tall and strong and am 19 years of age."

The closed with words to the effect that permission to be one of Uncle Sam's Women Marines would make her the most happy of all women.

Regrettably, her application was turned down because of the citizenship requirement.

Two Marine Corps regiments, the 4th Marines and the 6th Marines, received the French Foreign Legion for service in World War I.

Officers' Orders

Lieut. Elmer Armstrong, from AirFMPLANT MCAS, Cherry Point, to CO NAS Corpus Christi, Texas.

Lieut. John A. Nauman, from Cherry Point, to CO NAS, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Lieut. Carl O. H. Harvoldson, from Cherry Point, to CO, NAS, Alameda, Calif.

Lieut. Thomas J. Jones, from Cherry Point, to CNAT NATC NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

Lieut. Emil Skoepel, from Cherry Point, to CNAT NATC NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

Capt. William D. Armstrong, from Cherry Point, to CG Lowry AF Base, Denver, Colo.

Capt. Malcolm C. Magan, from El Toro, Calif., to CG Lowry AF Base, Denver, Colo.

Capt. Johnny D. Lindley, from Cherry Point, and Lieut. Harry G. C. Harvoldson to CG NATTC NAS, Memphis, Tenn.

Lieut. William L. Hall, from El Toro, Calif. TAD to CNAT NATC NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

Lieut. Eugene M. Oster, from El Toro, Calif. TAD to CNAT NATC NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

Lieut. Ray H. Damsch, from El Toro, Calif., to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Lieut. Gas Robinson, from El Toro, Calif., to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Lieut. John W. Stage, from El Toro, Calif., to Cherry Point, N. C.

3000 Lbs Of Mail Flown Down to PR

The maneuver Marines may be gone, but they are not forgotten. Tuesday before last, 3000 pounds of mail from wives, sweethearts, families and friends of the men were flown by El Toro's R5D's from Cherry Point to Puerto Rico.

It took two planes to carry all the mail sent to the Cherry Point personnel down south.

Mail is flown to the scene of the exercises every Tuesday and Friday. If the 3000 pound figure is any indication, their boys certainly can't say that they theme-song is "No Letter Today."

The Padre Says—

USE YOUR EYES

By Chaplain E. B. Cleaves

It is surprising how much some men can look at and how little they see in what they have looked at. It is even more surprising how much other men can see in what seems to be small and plain and insignificant.

I bring this fact to your attention at this time when so many of us are away on trips because I challenge you to see as much as you can in the opportunities given to you. The story is told concerning one man who took a trip to Rome. He visited in that city for several weeks—he had almost unlimited opportunities to visit ancient shrines and the ruins of bygone age. He had the opportunity that many people would have given much to have shared. When he had returned home, however, and his friends asked him to tell them about Rome, all he could remember was a particular bar and a certain brothel. There was nothing else that he could recall. He remembered nothing about the ancient monuments or the masterpieces of art that he had had the privilege of seeing and studying.

On the other hand I have known people who after a trip would tell fascinating stories of the places they had been, the people they had seen, note unique items of dress and exotic bits of food. They would tell you about the landscape and the vegetation. They would tell of unusual sights and would give much of what they had seen to those who had not been privileged to go.

Each one of us who is away from the "Point" can return with something to share with those who have not been with us. To have something of interest doesn't mean that we have had to be on maneuvers. For if we look and understand what we have seen we will have great moments in our daily lives to share with those near us and will find a greater depth in our own lives.

In World War I there were approximately 50 "Marinettes" or Women Marines.

Reduction of MSgt. 's By Recent AImar Explained in Headquarters MC Bulletin

In an attempt to clear up misunderstandings by master sergeants reduced by AImar 29-1946, and to alleviate their fears concerning the future in the Marine Corps, HqMC published an information bulletin giving complete explanation of the necessity and method of selection of the reductions.

The bulletin explains in detail the coverage of first pay grades as existed in the aviation functional field, the methods employed to adjust this coverage, and finally, the four-point procedure established to maintain uniform and equitable selection of those to be reduced. The procedure involved the following four factors:

1. A numerical credit for Marine Corps service, including aviation cadet service.
2. A numerical credit for aviation in the rank of master sergeant and higher, including aviation cadet service.
3. A numerical credit for medals on all items regarding officer and enlisted, since 1 October 1946.
4. A numerical credit for Special Report on technical skills which was submitted to the commanding officers for marking up to the meeting of the selection board.

These four items resulted in a final numerical score. All master sergeants in Functional Field Two were arranged in order of the respective scores. A final determination was made of the credit and an allowance was made for normal attrition during the preceding six months. The final score showed that there was still a coverage of 396 master Sgt. A's, including the 396 MSgt.'s with lowest scores. A final determination was made of the credit and an allowance was made for normal attrition during the preceding six months. The final score showed that there was still a coverage of 396 master Sgt. A's, including the 396 MSgt.'s with lowest scores. A final determination was made of the credit and an allowance was made for normal attrition during the preceding six months. The final score showed that there was still a coverage of 396 master Sgt. A's, including the 396 MSgt.'s with lowest scores.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

SUN.—0645, 0845, 1200 Main Chapel

Weekdays—1145 Catholic Wing Mass Sat.—0800 followed by Reconciliation of Sinners Confessions Sat.—1900-2100 Other times by appointment

1900 Tues.—Novena Devotions

JEWISH SERVICES

2000 Wed.—Divine Worship in Protestant Wing

CHERRY POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

1100 Sun.—Morning Worship

1815 Sun.—Christian Endeavor

1930 Sun.—Evening Worship

P. X. Notes

BEER GARDEN

Have you forgotten? Or did you ever know? The Post Exchange will deliver cases of Coca Cola to any person living in quarters on the Station by just calling 7165. Post Exchange will deliver, upon request, cases of any brand of soft drinks or beer to persons living in quarters on the Station. The phone number to call is 7165.

SODA FOUNTAIN

For those persons of discriminating tastes, the Post Exchange Soda Fountain is now stocking issue ice cream at the very reasonable price of 25¢ a quart. This the Subsistence Department here believes ice cream is made by at Cherry Point. Since the Sales Commissary cannot sell this special issue ice cream, you are urged to purchase it from the Post Exchange Soda Fountain.

As a special courtesy to our patrons who are planning parties, ice cream regularly sold by us may be purchased in 2-1/2 gallon lots by requesting same from the Soda Fountain.

The ladies of the Jewish Faith will serve refreshments at the 10th U.S.O. 465 Broad Street Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Tentative plans call for a Jewish week service with the Rabbi Teich of Kingston officiating.

For you servicemen who like bowling, the U.S.O. pays the expense of the bowling alley every Friday night. However, before you can register with the club before Friday night.

A company of Marines was assigned as legation guard at Seoul, Korea, in 1904.

U. S. O. Notes



ON THE AIR for an ABC wire-recorded broadcast from a Caribbean area recently were: Lt. Gen. Feller E. Rucker, CG, 1st Lt. Mr. Harwood Bull, ABC special agent man; MAJ. J. J. Wicks, Commander Joint Expeditionary Forces; and Maj. G. Field Harris, CG 2nd MAW and Tactical Air Commander for Atlantic Command Exercises.

Latest High Spot of VMF-225's Mediterranean Cruise

Italian Tour

Sicily

By Lt. E. B. Sessions

On the 25th of January the U. S. MIDWAY anchored in the protected harbor of Augusta, Sicily, about equally distant from the two large cities of Sicily's east coast, Catania and Syracuse.

Sicily is a triangular island of about 10,000 square miles and a population of nearly 4,000,000 people. It is separated from Italy by the east by two miles at the Straits of Messina, and in the southwest, from North Africa's Cape Bon by eighty miles. Most of the island is steep, cliff-bound, and wild rock; however, in the east and south there is farming land. The principal industry of Sicily is agriculture. The eastern end of the island is dominated by the snow-capped peak of Mount Etna, the only active volcano on the island. It rises very gently from a base of 400 square miles in area to an apex 10,558 feet above the sea.

VMF-225 personnel have taken tours to Syracuse which is populated by 50,000 people. The ruins here include a Greek theatre and Roman amphitheatre. In the Parthenon marble quarry we visited the Dionysian Hall, which is an S-shaped chamber, when the softest whisper in one's ear becomes an increasing crescendo to a loud conversational tone at the other.

Since the city of Augusta is very small and has limited marketing facilities, many visits have also been made to the city of Catania, Sicily, which has a large variety of souvenirs and more interesting places to view.

We expect to hoist anchor for our ports of interest in the Mediterranean area on February 11, 1949.

Rome

By Capt. J. L. Newman

On Saturday afternoon the fifth of February, our party left the Midway for a short visit to Rome. We boarded the buses and headed forth through the Italian countryside. All along the road were signs of the war. Entire towns in ruins with a few people living amidst the rubble. While the houses looked like they were in a graveyard, and the roads were well traveled.

We arrived in Rome about nine P.M. and got settled in our hotel. We had dinner and proceeded to do a little Pub-trotting. Sunday morning those who desired to do so visited the American Catholic Club. After lunch we boarded our buses, cameras in hand and started out to see the city. We went first to the Piazza Venezia. This square is flanked by three sides by famous buildings. You enter the square you see the Victor-Emmanuel II monument. This is a white building built by Victor-Emmanuel II to commemorate the unification of Italy. It also contains the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of World War I, guarded by two armed lions.

On the left is the Palazzo Venezia, the old Venetian Palace and on the right is Mussolini's Palace. You see the balcony from which Mussolini spoke to the people and entered the square. The lighting is rather dark as though the splendor faded with that of "Duce."

From the Piazza Venezia we fled through the streets of Rome, past the Colosseum and the Arch of Constantine, through the ancient Roman city wall to St. Paul's Cathedral. At St. Paul's we marveled at the mosaic work that covered the ceilings and the mosaic depictions of all the Pope which covered the upper sections of the walls. At St. Paul's we got the opportunity to buy souvenirs from the Benedictine Monks from Monte Cassino. Most of us bought rosaries, blessed by the Pope for our friends at home.

We returned to our buses and the Colosseum for a closer look at the old amphitheatre. Our guide led to reconstruct the ancient splendor of the place as he described the original building, the seat of the gladiatorial arena and the rest of the story of the ancient Madison Square Garden.

The next stop was St. Peter's

Cathedral in the Vatican and all hands were eager to see this picturesque church. We entered the Vatican City and went right to St. Peter's sticking close to our guide so as to be sure not to miss a thing of interest. While looking at the beauties and wonders of the church we lost all track of time.

Monday morning we were scheduled for an audience with the Pope, so we entered the Vatican early that morning. We were very interested in the uniforms of the Swiss guards and in the residence of the Pope. We entered the main audience chamber and then moved into a smaller chamber where the Pope would greet us. Both chambers were richly and tastefully furnished, with the ceilings and walls of the main chamber covered with priceless mosaics and paintings.

The Pope spoke to us about the wonderful opportunity we have of traveling and meeting other peoples and learning how to get along with them. He blessed us, our friends and relatives and the religious articles we held in our hands. He then walked around and spoke with a few of the officers and men in the group. This completed the tour to Rome, and we boarded the buses for our journey to Naples and the U. S. S. Midway.

Naples

By Lt. E. B. Sessions

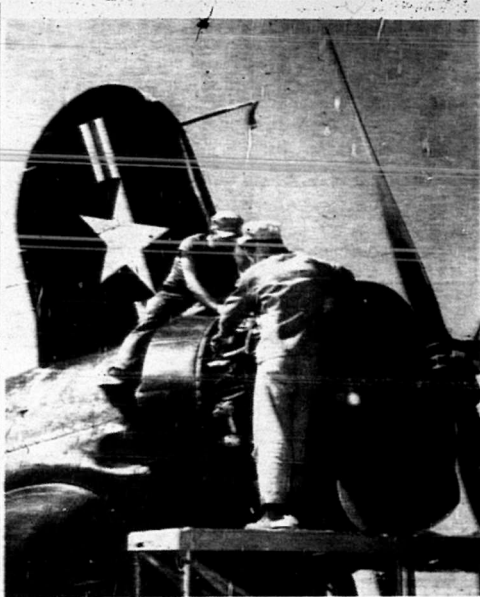
On 5 February, we anchored in the curve of the beautiful bay of Naples, the chief port of Italy. The city is built at the base and on the slopes of a range of volcanic hills and rises from the shore like an amphitheatre. On the northeast shore east of Naples is an extensive flat, watered by the Sarno river, which, in classical times, formed the port of Pompeii. From the flat rises Mount Vesuvius, at the base of which on or near the seashore one sees the populous villages as well as the classical sites of Herculaneum and Pompeii. In the city of Naples we saw the Castle Del'Ovo, the royal Palace, the National Museum, San Carlo Opera House, and the Cathedral of Saint Januario. We found the Castle of Saint Elmo, which dominated the whole city, and was erected by King Robert the Wise in 1282 to be the most interesting of the castles. However, most of the present structure was constructed by Don Pedro de Toledo in 1557-66. The Castle Del'Ovo, which was restored in the 16th century, stands on a small island joined to the shore by an arch supported causeway.

The National Museum was the high light of the tour through Naples. There we saw ancient murals and paintings from Pompeii, the finest collection of ancient bronzes in the world, many round masterpieces of ancient marble sculpture, Egyptian and medieval antiquities, engravings, and paintings.

Interesting tours were also conducted to Pompeii and Sorrento, to the Isle of Capri, and to Rome. The eighth of February at 0830, we hoisted anchor, and at 1000 VMF-225, VMF-461, in conjunction with other pilots from Carrier Air Group Six were launched for a demonstration flight with important Italian Personnel aboard as guests of Admiral Sherman, Commander Sixth Task Fleet, and Rear Admiral Clark, Commander Carrier Division Four. Consisted of rocket attacks by the dive bombers, followed by a dummy strafing run on the USS Midway (CVB-41). At particular moments it was narrated and breath-taking to both the observers and the pilots. For instance, on the launching many of the pilots were hitting slipstream along the same time they were becoming airborne due to a starboard cross-wind down the flight deck. Our pilots will never remember the close timing of fighters and bombers over the target.

With the completion of the aerial operations, Admirals Sherman and Clark gave a "Well done" to all squadrons. About 1400 we again anchored in the harbor of Naples, and by 1430 liberty sections were departing for the grove and Cane shops of Naples.

The American Flare was first raised over the Philippines by a detachment of Marines which took possession of Cavite on May 3, 1898.



VMF-225'S CO-PILOTS will see lots of action during the maneuvers so mechanics Sgt. A. E. Garden and Pfc. E. B. Chouinard see to it that they are kept in tip top shape.

OPERATIONS

By Tsgt. James L. Thomas

The activities of the Cherry Point Control Tower cover many phases besides the direct control of aircraft. Any vehicle desiring to go out on the landing field must first get cleared by the Control Tower. This also applies to personnel on foot. This clearance is accomplished by means of lights and flag signals. The site of the Control Tower, which stands in the area directly across from Hangar No. 1, is so located as to affect an open view of the entire landing area. The Tower is 66 feet high and is one of the tallest structures on the base.

The volume of traffic handled by this section of Operations varies from day to day. During the past quarter an average of 342 flights per day were controlled by Cherry Point Tower. The disposition of visiting traffic is also taken care of by this unit. A public address system is maintained from the Tower to the VSL line.

The voice facility of the Cherry Point Radio Range is also located in the Tower. This is used to facilitate range let-downs during instrument conditions.

When the weather hampers operations to the extent that GCA is needed, teamwork pays off in the close cooperation between the Tower and the GCA Unit.

Weather reports are sent out on a regular broadcast over the Radio Range frequency, every half hour. Controlling an aircraft is a procedure that requires keen observation and precise instructions. When an aircraft is in the landing pattern, or standing by for take-off, he is given the number of the landing runway or the service runway, also wind direction and velocity in order to facilitate his landing or take-off.

This unit is the control point in the event of a crash, either on- or off-station. Direct communication is maintained with all crash facilities located in or around Cherry Point.

The personnel in the Tower are well trained under the supervision of MSgt. John H. Du Bois. MSgt. Du Bois was most cooperative and a big help in drawing up this article.

AES-46

By Cpl. W. S. Taylor

The telephone rings, and somebody says, "Is this the Society for the Prevention of Hoof and Mouth Disease?" You answer, "No, this is GCA." The voice replies, "Uh, Oh, thank you—Uh, GCA! What's that?" at this point you say, "Well, friend, I'm glad you asked that question."

GCA (Ground Control Approach) is primarily a navigational device, which could be referred to as a radar controlled tower. It does exactly what the name implies. By establishing radar and radio contact with a plane, GCA guides the plane with directions by radio, to the landing runway. By the use of Planned Position Indicator scopes, the plane is directed into the traffic pattern, and turned on a final heading that will align it with the landing runway. From this point the flight is observed on Precision scopes, which indicate whether the plane is going to the left or right in relation to the runway, or up or down in relation to the glide path. With this information available the final controller can direct the plane safely to a touch down point on the runway.

Cherry Point GCA now headed by Capt. E. J. Lupton, has an enviable record of having directed more than 200 planes to a safe landing under actual instrument conditions.

French Tour

The Riviera

By Lt. E. B. Sessions

About 1100 the eleventh of February, we arrived at the long awaited Gulf of Juan. At last we had reached the high light of the entire Mediterranean cruise aboard the U. S. S. Midway. This was the Riviera, garden spot and playground of the world, especially for the wealthy, and the ex-royalties.

Each day a tour of the Riviera was conducted so that all hands could have an opportunity to see the most interesting sights of the French Riviera as inexpensively as possible. Our tour left the ship on the morning of the thirteenth and boarded buses in Antibes.

From the beach road enroute to Cannes, we saw many beautiful Chateaux, including Prince Ali Kahn's Chateau Horizon. Along the narrow street of Rue D'Antibes in Cannes, we saw a shopping district similar to that in cities of the United States with the exception of the exterior design and construction of the buildings. The view of the beautiful hotels along the Promenade D. La Croisette was one of absolute splendor.

From Cannes we proceeded to Grasse, where we were shown through a perfume factory by a charming French lady. She lectured to us on the processes necessary to obtain such alluring perfumes as Guerlain, Shalimar, Christmas Night, and Chanel No. 5. Of course, we concluded our visit to the factory by each of us purchasing a few ounces of that aromatic substance.

We found Nice making preparations for a forth-coming carnival, however, this in no manner hindered the beauty of the city. We gazed with wonderment at the majestic architectural style and interior design of the hotels along the shore line. On the outskirts of Nice, we saw a magnificent stone monument, which had been sculptured out of the rocky mountain in honor of the French soldiers who fought in World War I.

Along the narrow mountain road to Monte Carlo, we stopped occasionally to look down at the sea and small villages. These scenic, rustic villages with the clear blue sea lying just beyond, created a state of amazement among us. The combination of the works of man and the beauties of nature exceeded all expectations. While on the mountainous road, we saw the snow caps of the Alps in the distance horizon. Later we saw a small inn known as "Auberge de Napoleon" where Napoleon spent the night while on his famous march to Paris.

With the leaving of the Riviera on the fifteenth, we were all eagerly looking forward to our voyage across the Atlantic and our arrival at Cherry Point.

Paris

By Capt. E. W. Cline

During the ship's stay at the Riviera, some of the Two and Quarter personnel took a trip to Paris. An all night train ride took us up the Rhone Valley from Marseilles, to Lyon, then northwest through Roanne to Paris.

We arrived at Rue De Bercy station and were taken to the Du Louvre Hotel. The accommodations were very excellent, and we and food were excellent, and we found ourselves located in the very heart of the city. Just across the street stood the Jardin Du Palais Royal. A few minutes walk down Avenue De L'Opera brought us to the magnificent Paris Opera House.

As the guided tours took us through the city we were all very much impressed by its architectural beauty. Each building seemed a work of art, every street planned to obtain a certain effect. The Arch of Triumph, Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Museums, and the Eiffel Tower were among the sights of particular interest.

At night the "Bright Lights of Paris" were the attraction, and they dimmed only at the coming of dawn.

We left this place of fashion, art and beauty in complete accord that she truly is the "Queen of Cities."



- Feb. 23—A son, Marvin Lloyd Van Beck, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Van Beck.
- Feb. 24—A son, David "A" Anderson, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson, Jr.
- Feb. 25—A son, Chris Robert Ehret, born to MSGt. and Mrs. Robert K. Ehret.
- Feb. 26—A son, Steven Marcus Cook, born to Maj. and Mrs. Milton M. Cook, Jr.
- Feb. 26—A daughter, Sandra Lynn Anthony, born to SSgt. and Mrs. Paul J. Anthony, Jr.
- Feb. 26—A daughter, Linda Diane Weaver, born to Sgt. and Mrs. Bernard L. Weaver.
- Feb. 26—A daughter, Deborah Royetta Sorenson, born to Cpl. and Mrs. Donald R. Sorenson.
- Feb. 27—A son, Michael Wayne La Croix, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Mitchell N. La Croix.
- Feb. 28—A daughter, Marcia Ann Mills, born to MSgt. and Mrs. Harmon V. Mills.
- March 1—A son, Brad Jay Vincent, born to Cpl. and Mrs. Edward C. Vincent.

During the Spanish-American War, the first landing in Cuba was made by a Huntington's Battalion of Marines at Guantanamo Bay.



IT'S NO SURPRISE that Hollywood starlets figured in the best "undressed" ten since movie moguls pay particular attention to the "eye-filling figures" of their proteges. Anyhow, here's Virginia Mayo (left) and Janis Paige, two of the "Big Ten."

At Base Theatre Tues., March 15

That mystifying mystic of hypnotics and hilarity, Prof. Daniel Schmidt, is coming to the Station Theatre on Tues. 15 March at 1800 and 2030.

It is difficult to explain in detail the amazing things that the Professor does with his subjects—once he puts them to sleep. His act has to be seen to be appreciated. He works with none of the corny ho-hum-poke, using rather a smooth and subtle approach to the art.

Once his subjects enter the slumbering state, a variety of amazing phenomena occur. Aside from the fact that the hypnotized move a bit stiffly and have their eyes closed it is hard to believe they are more than group of wide-awake volunteers doing what teacher tells them.

Litigated matches are held under limelight without feeling; they give imaginary movies, pull imaginary cows, eat lemon halves with relish when told they are delicious sweet peaches, take imaginary showers, get drunk on a glassful of air and have to down an imaginary shot of bitters to get sobered up. These and a host of other hilarious antics are performed by the drowsy neophytes—with none of them any the worse for wear, for any the wiser, when they are awakened.

Doing things in a big way, Prof. Schmidt hypnotizes a stageful of people at once, usually putting a few in the audience to sleep at the same time.

Not at all the dry-bookish type of artist-lecturer, the Professor is an amiable and amusing personality possessing a disarming manner and ready wit. A first-rate showman he does everything he does. When working before a non-scientific audience, he does not dwell too much on the deeply scientific side of the subject but illustrates hypnotics through humorous and comic situations. Particularly outstanding are his posthypnotic suggestions given to the subjects in the sleeping state and carried out when they after they have awakened.

He uses no stokes, rings, plants or professional go-betweens; only volunteers from the audience and there is a standing offer of one thousand dollars to anyone proving the demonstrations are not completely on the up and up.

As president of the Pennsylvania Psychological Research Institute, Professor Schmidt ranks today as one of the foremost exponents of the hypnotic science in America. He is an accredited member of the Pennsylvania Bar, and although his presentations of hypnotism are scientific in implication, he presents his whole program in such a fast-moving manner that it is sometimes entertaining and still educational. Illustrating throughout that hypnotism can be fun.

STATION THEATRE

Tonight 1800-2030

You Gotta Stay Happy

Joan Fontaine - Jimmy Stewart

Saturday—Child Show—1000

Public Cowboy No. 1

Gene Autry

Saturday 1800-2030

Family Honeymoon

Claudette Colbert - Fred MacMurray

Sunday 1300

Bride Goes Wild

June Allyson - Vap Johnson

Sunday 1800-2030

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William Lundigan - Virginia Bruce

Monday 1800-2030

Brothers In Saddle

Tim Holt - Richard Martin

Tuesday 1800-2030

Little Women

June Allyson - M. O'Brien

Wednesday 1800-2030

Clay Pigeon

Bill Williams - Barbara Hale

Thursday 1800-2030

Badmen Of Tombstone

Barry Sullivan - Marjorie Reynolds



FROM THE EL TORO "FLIGHT JACKET"

EL TORO'S MARCH OF DIMES FAIR EXCEEDS OF \$2000. El Toro Marine and civilian personnel contributed \$2615.13. Request being made to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to use that money to purchase an iron lung for Orange County. This year's total more than doubled last year's figure of \$1225.37, and was attributed to the recent polio epidemic.

MEASLES CASES DOUBLED AS EPIDEMIC HITS FOURTH WEEK. Racing into the fourth week, El Toro's Measles epidemic almost doubled the number of cases. All units have the disease as cases jumped from 25 to 44.

BULLS WHIP NAVY FIVE TO ENTER FINALS. El Toro's basketballers eked out a 37-36 victory over the Terminal Island Naval Base to enter the finals in the 11th Navy's Tourney. El Toro led at half-time by a 21-18 score. The "Bulls" will face either Port Hueneme or San Diego Recruit Depot.

FROM THE PARRIS ISLAND "BOOT"

POST PERSONNEL DONATE \$246 TO MARCH OF DIMES. First Recruit Battalion takes first place in competitive drive with total of \$1,292.62. Entire drive is greater success than expected, as Parris Island gives all they've got.

ANNUAL INSPECTION COMPLETED TODAY. The annual inspection of the Parris Island Recruit Depot by representatives of the Inspector General's Office completed February 12. From P. I. Inspection Team will divide to form two teams for purpose of inspecting Sixth Naval District installations.

KIEHNAN DROPS EIGHT ROUND DECISION TO ROOT IN SAVANNAH BOIT—HARRISON TAKES TKO IN 1ST ROUND. TSGt Kiehnan, pride of Parris Island loses to Robert Root, former Panama Junior welterweight champion. Reggie Harrison TKO's Savannah boy after one round of six-round bout. Matches were held in the Savannah Municipal Auditorium where Joe Louis boxed in exhibition that night.

FROM THE CAMP LEJEUNE "GLOBE"

NARINES INVADE CHARLESTON. Marines from Camp Lejeune headed for maneuvers, pulled 45 days of liberty in Charleston, South Carolina. The city really laid down the welcome mat with dances, guided tours, concerts and general all-around entertainment.

FORMER LEJEUNE MEN TO PLAY BASEBALL FOR KINSTON N. C. Two former members of last year's baseball team have been signed up by the Kinston club. They are Catcher Jack Woods, who led the Lejeune club in home runs and RBI's last season, and Bill Messheimer, former third baseman, one of the three top hitters for the line company club.

FROM THE QUANTICO "SENTRY"

GENERAL WILLIAM LUSHINGTON TALKS AT SCHOOLS. VIEWS POST. Maj. Gen. Godfrey E. Williamson-Lushington of the British Royal Marines spoke to the students of the Senior and Junior Course of the Amphibious War School. His subject was the organization and function of the Combined Operations Headquarters, an office under the Ministry of Defense and responsible to the Chief of Staff of the Army, Navy, and Air sitting in Committee.

QUANTICO BASKETBALLERS WIN TWO AND LOSE ONE DURING WEEKLY GAMES. The Quantico basketballers won two and lost one during weekly games. They defeated Andrews Field Rockets 66-45, ground and VMI's cagers, 45-44, and lost to the Colonials of George Washington University by a 60-58 score.

Navy, Marine Corps Airmen Aiding In Haylift Operation

SEA—Showbound Navajo and Hopi Indian tribes ranchers and cattle in northeastern Arizona have received help dropped from Navy and Marine Corps planes.

Planes from air stations in four California cities have been supplying emergency food and medicine to the hard-pressed area. Tons of hay have been dropped to isolated cattle.

Two-engine B4D's and four-engine B5D's have been used in the haylift operation with headquarters at Naval Air Station, Litchfield, Ariz. The area being covered, known as the Colorado plateau, is a 15,000-square-mile sector bounded on the north by Utah and on the south by Flagstaff, Ariz., and Gallup, N. M.

Pilots and plane crews are from local and marine air stations at San Diego, Miramar, Alameda and El Toro, Calif. By the time the emergency airlift was 24 hours old, more than 30 tons of hay and one ton of food were moved to the stricken area. The wood is needed by the Indians for heat and cooking.

Veteran flying marines recalled that their "haylift baptism" took place in 1927 during the Nicaraguan campaign when they used aerial transportation to drop feed for government mules unable to find grass in the mountains.

Meanwhile large amounts of snow removal equipment were made available by the Navy to alleviate blizzard conditions throughout the Midwest. Such equipment in excess of the Navy's immediate needs in the 9th, 11th, 12th and 13th naval districts were made available to governors of states affected.

O' Club Activities

Sat. March 5

2000

Welcome Home Dance
For VMF-225 and 461

Tues.—2000

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Wed.—2030

BINGO

Women Marines At PI For Training

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (Feb. 24, 1949)—Women Marines once again answered to the clarion call of the bugle as the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island became an educational today with the activation of the Third Recruit Training Battalion for the training of Women Marine recruits.

By the act of Congress, June 12, 1948, the more dainty counterpart of the male Marine lost her Reserve status and took her place as a United States Marine. Parris Island was designated as the training grounds for the women recruits and the Third Recruit Training Battalion under the command of Captain Margaret M. Henderson was activated for that purpose.

Women have played important roles during the past two World conflicts.

During World War I only 305 women were enlisted in the Women's Reserve of the United States Marine Corps. The Marines as they were called at those days were a feminine adaptation of the male Marine Corps uniform—khaki in the summer and green in winter.

Late in 1942 after the Army, Navy and Coast Guard had organized their women's reserve units, Congress authorized the creation of a Women's Reserve for the rapidly expanding Marine Corps. Initial groups of women were trained at Hunter College, New York City and the U. S. Midshipmen's School, Northampton, Mass. Later all training was transferred to Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Assignments of the Women's Reserve, which reached its peak of 19,000 in July, 1944, included practically every type of noncombatant service at the more than 50 camps and stations throughout the country. They received special training in aircraft and automotive mechanics, radio, instrument repair and many other technical and administrative positions. Upon completion of their schooling they were detailed to some phase of aviation, motor transport, clerical and quartermaster billets, replacing male Marines for combat duty.

On January 28, 1945, the first cadre of Women Reserve landed in Hawaii. The first unit, consisting of 160 enlisted personnel and five officers, grew to almost 1,000 before Japan capitulated.

The surrender of Japan brought about the point wherein the mass demobilization of the Women Reserve Corps.

With the inception of the bill to make the Women's Reserve a component part of the regular Marine Corps, a selector board was set up to select applications from those still on duty and those that had been of active duty during the war.

Staff NCO Club

March 4-5-6, 2000

PLATTER PARTY

Thursday 2000

Bingo

Friday 2000

PLATTER PARTY

PACKAGE STORE HOURS

Effective 1 March 1949, the Package store will be open during the following hours:

Tues. 1640-1730 — 1830-2000

Wed. 1640-1730 — 1830-2000

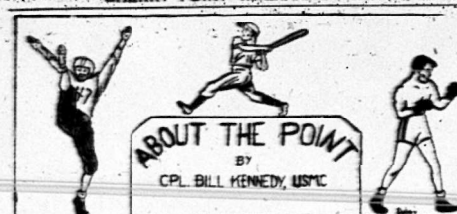
Thurs. 1640-1730 — 1830-2000

Fri. 1640-1730 — 1900-2130

Sat. 1500-1600 — 1800-2000

Sun. 1500-1600 — 1800-2000

The present program was started off with the enlistment of eight former enlisted members of the Women's Reserve into the regular Marine Corps by the Commandant of the Marine Corps General Clayton B. Gates, of the Marine Corps Birthday, November 20, 1948.



Camp Lejeune's scrappy basketballers terminated an amazing exhibition of court stamina on Thursday, Feb. 24. After almost a week and a half of continuous effort, the Caputomen demonstrated that night after night of exhaustive action can't dampen a club with spirit and a fighting heart.

Playing four rough South-Central engagements and six equally grueling Sixth Naval contests, the Marines were on the floor from Feb. 14 through Feb. 24 with only one day of rest. Winning eight of those ten trays, the Leathernecks established a remarkable endurance record.

Following their South-Central tournament victory, Lejeune left Cherry Point for Norfolk, Va. for the Fleet Championship. The winner in these matches will travel to Pearl Harbor, T. I. representing the Central and eastern United States along with other Navy club.

Bishop, Gilmore Standout Performers

As an All-Star team we select the following array of South-Central group competitors: "Whiz" Bishop, Lejeune and Ernie Guttmüller, Great Lakes, at forward; Frank "Red" Gilmore at center; Bill Johnson, Great Lakes, and Ed Kobza, Camp Lejeune, at guards.

Guttmüller, whose accurate split second set-shots were a treat in themselves, earns out vote for a forward spot. The Great Lakes tar, a great performer, sparked on both offense and defense. An excellent dribbler, Harry was at his best in bringing the ball up court and fixing his deadly sights for several of his neat long range two-pointers.

Bishop's selection, of course, can't be disputed since Lejeune's flashy scoring threat was a brilliant all-round floor player. Stealing the ball on numerous occasions, "Whiz" converted several such maneuvers into buckets. For his final part of tournament clashes Bishop dunked the staggering average of 30 points per night. The slim number "16" became the offensive heart of Lejeune and a consistent point-making threat almost every second he was in action.

Frank Gilmore nosed out Great Lakes Crossley and Lejeune's Westphal in earning the first string center berth on our All-Star list. The towering rearward, with a deceptive rebounding knack, set up most of the Texan's scoring under the twine. Using his height to fullest advantage, Gilmore proved a thorn in the side of opponent quietists with his keyhole ability.

Kobza, the "forgotten man," performed his guard job well. Ed concentrated on an exhibition of defense and offensive workmanship that had as much to do with Lejeune's trophy as Bishop's picturesque "swishes." The unspectacular guard position, hard to bring appliances, proved the Leathernecks' all round value to the club as he dribbled meticulously snatched rebounds and set up fleet Lejeune forwards with scoring opportunities.

The other guard, Johnson, was another overlooked performer. This Great Lakes hooper, with a tricky set shot, acted as a steadying influence on the sailors throughout the tournament. Though less flashy than some of his bucket shooting comrades, the stubby basketballer played good, hard ball to earn out vote along side the rest of the team members.

Lejeune Attendance Packs Drill Hall

Camp Lejeune's followers made a continuous pilgrimage to their basketball mecca, the Cherry Point Drill Hall, for nearly eleven successive days to watch their favorite whiz any and all corners. The final night attendance jammed a court affair at Cherry Point. The final night attendance jammed a court affair at Cherry Point. The final night attendance jammed a court affair at Cherry Point.

Broadway's bright lights will spread their glow on three members of Cherry Point's "Fighting Flyers." Coach Johnny Tinsley, Heavyweight Jimmy Deleone, and Lightweight scrapper Johnny Biancanelli, started for New York today from Charlotte for the National Golden Glove show being held in Ridgewood, L. I. and Madison Square Garden.

For Deleone, the trip will be a home-coming affair. Jim resides in New York, making his civilian residence at 19 East 58th Street, Bayside. Besides handling the Cherry Point glowers, Tinsley will be in charge of the entire North Carolina squad.

Montreal May Compete Here in April

The Montreal Royals, International League team affiliate of Brooklyn's baseball Dodgers, replied affirmatively to a recent letter sent by the Special Services Department regarding the possibility of that club's competing in an exhibition tilt at Cherry Point. Tentative arrangements, not yet complete, would have the Canadians here April 14 and 15.

Besides the Royals, who are International League material, the Binghamton Triplets of the Eastern League may play here April 22. This club, a New York Yankee affiliate organization, is managed by the famous "Bruin Bomber" team turned out by Joe McCarthy. Before Selkirk took over at the Binghamton helm, the Eastern Leaguers were handled by Vernon "Lefty" Gomez.

Negative replies were received from Columbus (AAA) Newark (IL), Buffalo (IL), and Baltimore (IL). In the case of Newark, a possible game might be booked at Cherry Point if any present exhibition opposition of the Bear line cancels.

Intramural To Resume After Maneuvers

Intramural activity curtailed by present maneuver absences is slated to resume when Puerto Rican operations terminate. The latter part of March, Navy expects the schedule handicap, is as important one for ASES and H&S-MCAS. Should the H&S athletes win and the Engineers fail to place third, things would be all-knotted up in the CC trophy race at 15 points apiece.

Cherry Point May House Boxing Tournaments

Cherry Point is bidding for the host role when the Sixth Naval and South-Central District boxing tournament take over the sporting calendar in May.

Boxing, always popular at Cherry Point, will be a very good bet to draw the Drill Hall, if permission can be obtained to house the Navy glowers here. Of course, the "Fighting Flyers" will be on hand, and should give the home folks quite a treat should the eliminations be held at their home soil.

Flyers' Win Ninth Go To Puerto Rico For Week Invasion

Cherry Point's basketballers soared into the air, Feb. 25, for a week sortie against a pair of Bermuda military teams. The "Flyers" should return about Mar. 8 after their seven day invasion of the island.

Games were slated to be played with San Juan Naval Station and the Fort Buchanan Army Base while the Marines tour the Maneuver area. Cherry Point personnel will witness the hoopsters in action.

Before departing, the "Flyers" captured their 9th victory of the regular season against helpless Anacostia Naval Air Station, 65-45, in a listless affair at the Drill Hall, Feb. 24.

Playing before a slim afternoon attendance, Coach Al Grasselli let his substitutes take over the central scoring roles, with Lt. Hoensch connecting for 20 points to spearhead the offensive parade. Davis followed Hoensch in the "Flyer" scoring column with 13.

The Marines, in front 28-18 at intermission, used their regulars sparsely throughout the entire contest, preferring to give the second stringers an opportunity to add extra markers to their individual records.

Valentine visitor forward, was a constant thorn in the "Flyer" side, scoring Anacostia's attack with 18 points.

BOWLING

AES-41 and H&S-MCAS met in a Feb. 23rd match in the Station Recreation Hall Alleys, with the O&I keelie capturing the three game set, two to one. H&S-MCAS won the first, 752-714, only to see their margin vanish when AES-41 rebounded to take the final two, 760-742 and 769-717.

TSG: J. B. "Hot Rod" Pierce was high score for the winners, hitting close to 200, while Cpl. Gerard sparked the loser attack with a 189 pin mark.

The NCO and Officers' Wives landed in a two team match at the alleys recently in a clash between the first teams, both groups fought to a 2-2 standstill. The Enlisted wives led in games, 2-1, but the Officers' Wives scored a superior point average. The Officers' Wives 27, the Enlisted 24. The second teams of each organization, shut out the Enlisted, 4 points to none.

Mrs. Cordi Moran and Mrs. Adah Lindner were pace setters in the Officers' Wives circle. Mrs. Moran rolled 163 while Mrs. Lindner rolled 162. Mrs. Mary Balko, rolling in the NCO Wives division, mise a strike in the 9th frame that deprived her of reaching the 200 mark. Her final tabulation showed 199.

Attendance has been fair at the alleys during the past two weeks. Pin boys are needed at the present time.

So far the action has been taken in regard to the formation of a Station League.



NOT THE BALLEE RUSSE but the South Central Group Tournament produced the graceful tableau above. Guttmüller (5), Great Lakes, forward, tried for a basket, displaying form that would have made Nijinski envious. Balloran (18), forward for the champion Lejeune five, waits tensely for the rebound in this final game action sequence. Line Company quietest took game and title, 70-32.

Lejeune Rips Great Lakes Takes South-Central Cup

By Cpl. Bill Kennedy, USMC

Camp Lejeune's court wizards wound up a brilliant endurance drive by seizing their second tournament trophy in less than two weeks when they thumped Great Lakes, 70-32, to capture the South-Central crown. Spunked the Leathernecks held sizable margin through most of the sizzling basketball struggle, the losing Illinois tars threatened continuously from the start to finish, providing a jam-packed Cherry Point Drill Hall with abundant pin exercises.

When hostilities ended, Col. J. C. Batterton, representing Brigadier General J. W. Miller, hands Major Anthony Caputo, Lejeune coach, his "Oscar."

Bishop Paves Way "Whiz" Bishop, collecting pin like rainwater, dunked 28 to stage a one man scoring spree for his winners. Thirteen came in the final half when Lejeune needed all the could obtain to stave off the nightingale sailors.

Working into a quick 6-1 lead, Lejeune found it knotted 6-6 in 10 minutes later as Great Lakes roared back. Once more the Marines went ahead, this time 19-10, only to have the bluejackets recover and move into a 25-24 deadlock on a seven point string: a sailor toward Voss.

Bishop broke the tie with a canny shot, putting Lejeune in front 26-25. From that spot until the finish, Great Lakes couldn't catch up, and Lejeune led 42-32 at intermission.

The Marines opened a 51-33 lead in the second half. Henry trouble shot appeared in the Leathernecks' armor when Maj. Caputo removed three regulars, with four personnel apiece from a contest. Lejeune's mentor decided to hold his current lead with a serve strength and save his stringers for a final stretch assault.

The patched-up Lejeune, containing only regulars Bill Williams and Ed Kobza, managed, kept their heads above water, seven minutes. When the subs, the Marines still were on top, 66-45 as Caputo inserted his key operatives back into action shortly before the final whistle.

Bishop, with his 38 marks, placed first in Lejeune's scoring column while Williams followed, 20. Crossley, Voss, and Guttmüller provided the hot artillery for Great Lakes, with 15, 16, and 14 points, respectively.



Baseball Starts

Baseball practice ushered its way into Cherry Point sports life March 1 when candidates for pitcher and catcher positions on the 1949 diamond organization began indoor work-outs. The "Flyers" will be coached by Lts. J. P. Baden and L. C. Beach, will have a general meeting to discuss team formation and initial practice will be moved up to March 8 instead of the original March 1 deadline. Meeting time for March 7 is 6:00 for 1500 in the afternoon.

Read The Windsock For Latest C. P. Sporting News

"IT'S GETTING TO BE A HABIT," says Major Anthony Caputo (left), Camp Lejeune coach, as he accepts second trophy within a week for tournament championship from Col. J. C. Batterton, Chief of Staff, M&S. Winning team members look on and recall thrill-packed two weeks of play which brought them the Sixth Naval District and South-Central Group championships.

Fighters Eclipse Amphibies Win Three Of Four Bouts

The Cherry Point's "Fighting Flyers" kept in trim by snatching three of four bouts from Little Creek's outclassed Amphibies in a team match at the Naval Station, Feb. 25.

With Rudy Lara, Jim Smith, and Don Spencer winning handily with second round knockouts, the Marines had little to worry about from the sailors, whose sole triumph came at the expense of Mike Zecca. The "Fighting Flyer" Middleweight dropped a split verdict to Jim Yarbrough.

Football Coaches

Make March Visit To Watch Drills

Cherry Point's football chiefs, Captain John "Dad" Watson, Captain Warren "Dad" Watson, spent a busy week interviewing some of the Southern Conference grid notables, possibly with an eye toward the 1949 "Flyer" campaign.

Journeymen to Wake Forest College, the pair watched Coach "Pee-wee" Walker's "Deamon Deacons" in their 1948 unveiling as the college gridders went through spring practice workouts. Walker, a staunch T-formation addict, showed the system's finer points to the Marine visitors.

Just to get both sides of the picture, however, the officers went to the North Carolina University campus to see Carl Snavely, one of America's foremost coaches.

Snavely, whose 1948 eleven went through an undefeated season only to drop its New Year appearance at the Sugar Bowl, is an exponent of the single wing. The crafty North Carolina mentor still relies on the older form of assault which his Tarheels employed so effectively last year. In doing so, Snavely has opened wide the defensive bar of tricks to stop the "T," and many of these may be employed by this year's Cherry Point gridders against future foes.

Planes Land Each 10 Secs To Set Record

Berlin (APTS)—American and British aircraft pilots and crew members established a new record at Washington's birthday by flying 151 short tons of supplies into Berlin over the Russian blockade in the 24 hour period ending at noon.

This "superb accomplishment" it was described by Lieut. Gen. Dan K. Cannon, USAF Commandant, was announced even as the news broadcast that the airlift was deteriorating.

The record tonnage was delivered to the blockade city despite a 10 and one-half hour shutdown of both Rhein-Main and Wiesbaden American bases, and with limited operations possible for

Larry Maltz Shannon

Joe Shannon, former Ohio State Featherweight champ, was the victim of Rudy Lara's mud-slinging left that sent the sailor to the canvas in the first frame. Rudy cornered Shannon with an explosive volley that had him reeling.

Cherry Point's second knockout victory came at the expense of Bob Hartwell. Fort Monroe pugilist fighting under Little Creek's banner, Jim Smith, the "Kris Krak" applied the dreamland dose after a tough first stanza that saw Hartwell charge from his corner with a bull-like rush. However, the smiling Irishman's superior ring ability soon had the situation under control.

In the evening's Light-heavyweight bout, Don Spencer's power-packed fists proved too energetic for F. M. Handley to cope with. Another Fort Monroe lead-in was ingredient, Handley hit the deck in the fatalistic second.

Zecca Falters

Jim Yarbrough, the rangy Middleweight who led Mike Zecca on points until the Marine scored a second round TKO in their first meet Jan. 14, stayed the entire three rounds to earn a decision for his squad's only win. Using his tricky jab to full effectiveness, the sailor scrapper earned a split decision in a close struggle. Both boys now boast a victory in two appearances against each other.

Willie Moore and Bill Canty, a pair of "Fighting Flyer" Light-heavyweights, contributed to the fans' enjoyment by staging a new exhibition contest. Canty, a newcomer to the Cherry Point boxing organization who tasted action for the second time, and Moore, returning to form, showed promise in their last set-to.

Thirteen members of the "Fighting Flyers" journeyed to Little Creek, but only four men were used due to the scarcity of opposition. Johnny Biscanelli and Jim Delange, waiting for their New York visit, made the trip, but didn't see action.

A total of four hours in the 24. Once the weather cleared, however, planes were landed in Berlin at the rate of one every 50 seconds.

The tune of the Marines' Hymn, first sung after the Mexican War in 1847, occurs in an old Spanish folk song and in the French comic opera, "Genevieve D'Brabant" by Jacques Offenbach.

Officers' Wives Club

By Betty Smith

The next meeting of the Officer's Wives Club will be held Tuesday, March 3 at 11 A. M.

After a short business meeting, Mrs. N. J. Bray of the Farmer's Supply in New Bern will supply up with answers for all of our spring gardening problems. Mrs. Bray is reputed to be quite an authority, so bring your questions, and she will be most willing to help you with your gardening troubles.

Following the luncheon we will have a preview of Easter Bonnets for this season as there will be a Spring Showing of "Hats By Post" from "The Cottage" in the lounge of the club.

All Officer's Wives, who are new on the station, are cordially welcome along with members.

For luncheon reservations call one of the following between 9 A. M. and 5 P. M.

Mrs. E. K. Pedersen, 5239
Mrs. C. M. Kunt, 6153
Mrs. A. M. Munn, 5236
Mrs. A. G. Barker, 4350

BOOK SECTION

Colonel R. T. Carlsson, who has just returned from a tour of duty in Palestine, gave a most interesting talk on "The Situation in Jerusalem" to the Book Section Thursday, March 3.

BOWLING GROUP

The Cherry Point Officer's Wives Bowling Team is going to meet the Officer's Wives Bowling Group of Camp Lejeune on Sunday. We wish them as much success as they have had in the past.

GOLF GROUP

The Golf Group will have their first tournament of the Spring Season next Thursday, March 10 at 9 A. M. Be at the Club House a bit early as the tee off will be at 9 sharp.

CERAMICS GROUP

The regular meeting of the Ceramic Group will be on Wednesday at 1:30.

BARGAIN MART

The Bargain Mart which is run and sponsored by the Officer's Wives Club is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30 to 4:30 P. M. They have a variety of things, especially a lot of new furniture to sell, so go in and look around you might find a really good bargain.

NCO Wives Club

By Esther Brown

All Club members who are interested in ceramics are to call Mrs. Lynch at 6148.

Mr. Smith of Hammie's Flower Shop in New Bern is to give a flower show at the next meeting of the NCO Wives' Club on March 10. He will be assisted by a representative of his company in Norfolk, Virginia.

Four C. P. Officers To Be Promoted; 1 LtCol, 3 Majors

The President approved the selection of 69 Marine Corps lieutenant colonels for promotion to colonel and 98 majors for promotion to lieutenant colonel last Friday.

The selections were made by a board headed by Major General Lomax C. Shepherd, Jr., Commandant of Marine Corps Schools, Quantico. Promotions will be temporary.

A board to select captains and first lieutenants for advancement to their next higher rank is now in session at Headquarters, Marine Corps.

Actual promotion of all officers selected for grades up to and including colonel will be made after professional examination of the officers and a vacancies occur.

Those officers from Cherry Point included in selections announced on Feb. 25 are:

LtCol. 76 Col.
Alexander G. Barker, Asst. Chief of Staff (G-1)

Majors To LtCol.
Russell Daniel Rupp, CO, VMF-222

George J. Walde, Jr., Station Operations Officer
Richard W. Wycanowski, CO, VMF-222

The first Marine brigade occupied Iceland jointly with the British in 1941.

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The Hat Show at the Staff NCO Wives' Club meeting last Thursday was a grand success. The lovely models were Mickey Le Baron (picture No. 1); Lee Fogle (picture No. 2); Nancy Lubke (picture No. 3); Catherine Blanton, Elaine Shay, and Barbara Gibson. Each was a beautiful picture in the white frame with sprigs of colorful spring flowers for decoration. There were hats designed by Patti Witte for every type face, hair color and style, and even for every mood. Everyone greatly enjoyed the show and the short explanations of each hat by Mrs. Witte. Pie and coffee were served following the meeting and Hat Show.

—Photos by Mgrt. Blanton

STAFF NCO SOCIETY NOTES

By La Tomlinson

Mrs. Rose Karch was the hostess at a pot luck supper Sunday night. In the center of the dining table was a bowl filled with gifts which were tied with strings that led to each of the ten guest's places. With the gifts were slips of paper indicating which team they would be on while playing charades. Rose also had the Wednesday night sewing group at her home this week.

Mrs. Jewell's teen-age group had a picnic supper beside a camp fire Friday night. The Girl Scouts loaned them their cabin for the evening. Lights were dimmed as the young couples danced to the music of the record player before the glowing fireplace in the cabin. There were four adult chaperones present. Incidentally, those same teen-agers help fill the Protestant choir lot every Sunday.

Miss Enay Lee Sessions, daughter of Mgrt. and Mrs. W. H. Sessions, celebrated her fourth birthday Sunday afternoon with thirteen of her friends and her little brother, Billy. They played musical games and played in the "pond" for presents. The Session family made Enay a lovely white cake with pink trimming and yellow roses. Her presents were all practical and personal. The kids are anxiously waiting to see how the pictures that were taken of them in their party finery and paper hats turn out.

The Wednesday afternoon bridge club met in Mrs. Lorette Moreland's home last week. There were two tables. Marge Bischoff and Nancy Lubke were the high and low scorers.

Mrs. Susan Barber, Mrs. W. C. Jewell and I represented Cherry Point at a Girl Scout leaders meeting in the Havelock Community building last Thursday. Tuesday afternoon of this week Mrs. Alta Law, Mrs. John Tuttle, Mrs. G. E. Brasher and Mrs. R. E. Ross held a base Brevolve reorganization meeting in my home. Mrs. Brasher and Mrs. Ross plan to assist me in leading this troop. Wish us luck!

The sunporch of the Club resounded with childish laughter yesterday afternoon. The occasion was Master Mickey Balko's second birthday. His seventeen guests received balloons and suckers as favors. Mrs. Barbara Gibson made the unique cake which was served with ice cream. Mickey's grandmother, Mrs. George Matthews of New Bern, assisted his Mother, Mrs. M. P. Balko, with the party.

W. L. Barkam and his fiancée, Miss Lucille Phillips of Washington, D. C., were week-end guests of Mgrt. and Mrs. John Blackman.

I realize that this column is short this week. Either I haven't been home to answer the phone or you haven't called. ... let's get together and do better next week. Phone 8159 or write NEDQ 4864.

OFFICER'S SOCIETY NOTES

By Patti Witte

It looks like the sudden chill has turned a cold shoulder on the festivities hereabout. However, with the too long missing carrier squandering arriving this week-end, things should be picking up.

In the Sunday Buffet Supper line it was grand to see such familiar faces as Maj. and Mrs. Conley, Capt. and Mrs. Henry Turner, Lt. and Mrs. William Gustafson, Lt. and Mrs. Carl Keller.

Miss Elizabeth Babb has come from Columbus, Ohio to spend a few weeks with her sister and brother-in-law, Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. Charles Rickerd. They spent Sunday visiting in Raleigh.

Back from Dallas, Texas, no doubt just in time to welcome home her carrier pilot husband, comes Mrs. H. L. Van Campen. Not on the same plane, but with the same idea in mind, Mrs. Sheldon Ingie re-opened her house Sunday in gay preparation for VMF-461's arrival.

Last Saturday, Mrs. L. R. Jilly entertained with a small bridge party in her quarters. As did Mrs. C. M. Kunt on Tuesday night, honoring Mrs. Ingie's home-coming.

The weekly Bingo winners were taken over by the men this past week. We, at our table, were so hoping that Mrs. Johanna Mars, here visiting Lt. and Mrs. W. G. Mars, Jr. would walk home with a prize under each arm.

Mrs. O. W. Curtis held the weekly meeting of her bridge club on Thursday, the 3rd, in her quarters. There were three tables.

Mrs. Robert Cling kept the "Midway Widows" busy thinking of bridge hands and not the winding days 'till home-coming, on Friday, the 25th. She had four tables in her little TMQ and served the ladies present. Liquid refreshments!

Mrs. I. E. Boniske was honored at a refreshment-shower for their newly adopted one-month old daughter, Linda Nell, by Mrs. Arthur Moran. The Moran's quarters burst forth in pink and blue Friday when the twelve guests presented the new comer to Cherry Point with their thanks.

With the best hour the new comer this year of our club again for another week but I NEED THIS NEWS YOU THINK IS SMALL, 6101, SO WON'T YOU CALL???



TOP HONORS in the Charlotte Regional Gloves tourney were taken by Johnny Tinsley's battlers. Pictured above with the "best" were: kneeling: (l. to r.) Bantam George Vicknair, and Lightweight Johnny Blumacelli, outstanding boxer winner; standing (l. to r.) Lightweight Lloyd Rousse: Coach Tinsley, voted Outstanding Coach and selected to coach Carolina entry in N. Y. finals; and Heavyweight Jim Delange. Delange and Blumacelli will accompany Tinsley to the "big city" in search of a national crown.

Curtain Call



A JET DEMONSTRATION for members of the Puerto Rican Press was given recently by VMT-122. The island newspapermen and photographers were greatly impressed with the Phantom and many said it was the first time they had seen jet at close range. Shown after the demonstration are (l. to r.) Pilot Captain J. L. Whitaker and Lt. John McManus; Maj. L. D. Everton, CO VMT-122; and Col. L. A. Montgomery, CO MAG-11. The jets are attached to MAG-11 for the maneuvers.

Post-Jato Convention



STOPPING TO REFUEL at Ciudad Trujillo after leaving the beach where he had been downed for eight days, Wsgt. L. F. Bass meets with Dominican officials before proceeding to Roosevelt Roads. Out to greet the Lafayette, Ind., jet pilot were (l. to r.) Capt. J. Koury of 47th Province; Major L. D. Everton, CO VMT-122; Wsgt. Bass; George Stemetz, ex-Marine pilot and present director of Dominican Air Force School; and unidentified Dominican officer. Story on Page 1.

SOCK SHOTS



GENERAL VIEW of transport loading area last Tuesday morning at Cherry Point as two companies of Lejeune Marines embarked for Guantanamo Bay to await call as airborne reinforcements. Planes are Douglas R5D's and Curtiss R5C's from Transport Squadrons 132 and 133, who flew on to their destination. (See story on Page 1).



POINTING in your direction is the large rocket protruding from the nose of an experimental F-80 "Shooting Star." Flame and heat from the rocket thrust is dissipated through an opening in the underside of the nose and the pilot is protected by a special fire wall.



LOOKING as if he'd just been asked for a ten dollar loan, Lt. Al Lavers (right) of the 2nd Wing Public Information, gives serious thought to a question from Harwood Hull, ARI special event broadcaster. Occasion was wire recorded program describing jet demonstration at Roosevelt Roads.

CG Directs Activity of 2nd Wing At Point and In the Field



IN OFFICE AT POINT AND OUTSIDE OF IS-PUBLIC INFO GEN. HARRIS MAPS WING ACTIVITIES. FLANKING CG ARI COL. H. D. BOYDEN AND COL. C. T. BAKER