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Foreign Duty

Marine Corps Headquarters has announced a new policy concerning enlisted men who have less than two years to serve and wish overseas duty.

The men who desire foreign duty must extend their enlistment in order to have a minimum of twenty-eight months and will be able to select one of the numerous foreign stations where Marines are serving.

Accrued leave due will be given to men going overseas and shall not be more than sixty days. Enlisted men who have one year or more overseas shall be granted accrued leave not more than sixty days. Those having a minimum of twenty-one months overseas may select their next duty station in the United States.

Men interested in the new policy must submit requests to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D. C., when official directives are issued to posts and stations. Requests for foreign duty must contain the desired period of extension, choice of foreign duty, accrued leave to credit, Specification Serial number with an endorsement by commanding officers relative to whether or not a relief is required.

NROTC Exams

On January 28, Cherry Point will be the scene for examinations given to all nominated candidates for admission into Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and the Naval Aviation College Program. This is the same test that will be taken at the same date by 75,000 civilians and members of various naval installations and detachments throughout the world.

This examination will be conducted in two sections taking 90 minutes per section and five minutes recess between; total test taking three hours and five minutes. This test will be held in Wing 9 of Mess Hall 1.

Capt. R. E. Coddington has been chosen to assume the responsibilities of the senior member of the Air Station Board. The commanding officers, of Marine Air Groups within the AIRFMFLANT group, will convene the boards.

Upon the senior member of the board will fall the responsibility of safeguarding examinations, designating a suitable place to conduct said examinations, providing a member of the Board to be present to supervise the actual examinations, and forward completed exams to the commanding officer.

George Washington Slept Here!



Mr. and Mrs. George Washington with their son and daughter, George, Jr. and Martha; guests at Hostess House during holidays. —Photo by Flo.

Trenton, Valley Forge, Yorktown—stirring times in the American Revolution: Washington led battling American troops to victory. And now, believe it or not—Washington has actually been at Cherry Point!

Visiting his son, Pvt. George Washington, Jr. of AES-41, George Washington and his family spent a Christmas vacation at the Hostess House here. The arrival of the Washingtons marked, almost to the day, the first anniversary of the enlisted men's Hostess House which opened its doors during the pre-holiday season of 1945.

Formerly a Marine with 18 years in the Corps, George Washington, Sr. served 11 and a half years in the West Indies. Romance flowered when the Haiti stationed Marine met his wife, Laurette, who was visiting the island during her vacation from Rochester, N. Y. The "knot" was soon tied: George, Jr., who was born on Lincoln's Birthday, and his sister, Martha, joined the family during its Port au Prince years.

Interestingly enough, Mr. Washington, while on active duty with the Corps, served as a first sergeant under General Cushman when the General was a first lieutenant.

Now living in Morgantown, W. Va., the Washingtons made the attractive red brick-white shuttered Hostess House with its maple furnished bedrooms, lounge, and sitting rooms, their headquarters. The "General's" namesake and his family left for home the 27th of December.

Designed by the well known New York City architect, James C. MacKenzie, plans for the guest house got underway in January 1945. Rates ranging from two dollars per day for single guests to three dollars for couples—reservations accompanied by deposits being taken in advance—the Hostess House has accommodated an estimated 2500 guests of Cherry Point Marines during its first year of operation.

The Hostess, Miss Anne V. R. Bean, who served 41 months in the MCWR—now a second lieutenant in the inactive reserve, was formerly Officer-in-Charge of the Hostess House and Executive Editor of the WINDSOCK. Major Thomas H. Mann, Jr., Assistant Special Services Officer, is the present Hostess House Officer.

CONGRATULATIONS, MISS

CPHM and Mrs. Albert Anderson are the proud folks of the first baby born at Cherry Point for the New Year. Weighing 5 lbs. 12 ozs., the tiny miss was delivered at 0800, on 1 January, at the Station Dispensary to her anxious, awaiting parents and a new world!

To little Miss Myonva Lee Anderson, so named by her parents, the WINDSOCK staff extends their heartiest congratulations to you and your proud parents for being the first baby born at Cherry Point for the year of 1947.

TERMINAL LEAVE

Washington, D. C.—Marine Corps Headquarters announced that a total of 170,000 terminal leave claims have been settled by the Marine Corps to date and simultaneously urged discharged Marines, entitled to terminal leave benefits but who had not filed claims, to do so immediately.

New Year Parties

Amid noisemakers and funny paper hats in a variety of colors, the Marines who remained at Cherry Point welcomed the infant year of 1947 in with a grand flourish at the New Years Eve Dance held at the Drill Hall with the delightful music of the Station Dance Band. The only thing lacking to make the dance even more of a success was the fact that many Marines were on furlough.

"Quiet, we're on the air," with those words, quiet consumed the audience in the Drill Hall and the Station Dance Band, under the direction of Master Sgt. Weir, began playing "Painted Rhythm" over the broadcast facilities of radio station WHIT. Other favorites played were: "Twilight Time," "Tampico," "Si-boney," and Hoagy Carmichael's immortal "Ole Buttermilk Sky." Pvt. Jimmie Crum did the announcing while Tech. Sgt. Pinky Goodall guided the controls of the delicate apparatus so as to maintain good reception.

At the stroke of Midnight the balloons were released from their former positions and they slowly floated just beyond the grasp of the people gathered there. Anxious hands reached out angrily and greedily at the fragile balloons. Most of the balloons never reached the deck, instead, many burst under the extreme pressure of the crowd.

OFFICER'S DANCE

BANG! The New Year arrived in just that manner. At the Officers' Club, MCAS, Cherry Point, Doug Parker's band played the favorite Auld Lang Syne at the fateful midnight stroke—the officers and their guests cut loose with all the usual and a few unusual New Years noisemakers—confetti and colorful streamers filled the air over the dance floor—infant 1947 arrived literally reigning supreme.

Uniforms, tuxedos and evening gowns mixed together in a gray wheel of dancing couples from the first dance at 2100 to the closing number played by the Doug Parker ensemble—fresh from the Portsmouth Country Club—nigh on to 0200.

STAFF NCO SHIN-DIG

Cherry Point's Staff NCO's rang in the New Year with merriment, noisemaking and dancing to the music of Al Batts at their beautiful club located along the picturesque banks of the Neuse River.

The Staff NCO Club was crowded with members, their wives, girl friends and guests; all wanting to celebrate the coming of 1947 and paying farewell to almost bygone 1946. And celebrate they did, the galley sold out and the bar had difficulty keeping cold beer on hand.

Paper hats and noisemakers were distributed just before midnight and then the jubilation really got under way. Rough and tough Staff Sergeants with cute little pink, blue and silver paper hats on their heads, noisemakers in their hands provided a sight to see.

Al Batts played "Auld Lang Syne" before the stroke of twelve and then shifted to the "Marine Hymn," greeting the New Year in. Streamers were scattered over the ballroom, everyone happy, couples kissing, men shaking hands, everyone wishing "A Happy New Year."

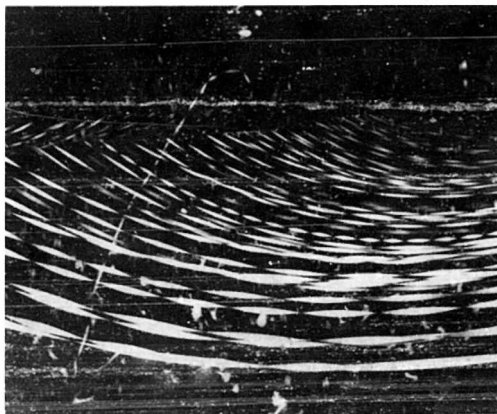
'DIMES DRIVE' Pictures 'Live'

INFANTILE PARALYSIS STRIKES CHICAGO AREA—how many times have you seen headlines like that one in your home town papers? In this case 1,255 people—men, women, and children—were stricken down by this indiscriminate killer.

The local Chapter and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis cared for nearly three-fourths of these cases supplying desperately needed hospital and doctor care.

And now, the annual "March of Dimes" drive is opening January 15th for the New Year. Two weeks to pay for the specialists' care and hospitalization of thousands in '47. Two weeks during which you can help less fortunate guys and gals to walk, skate and dance—to live normal lives.

Contribution boxes will soon be in evidence wherever you go; they are there for your convenience. A little kindness now can make others live—can change a hospital's gray-white ceiling to a blue country sky for thousands. Give and give generously to the "March of Dimes"; help safeguard the lives and health of your loved ones at home—now!



Birds-eye view of the New Year's Eve party at the Drill Hall; Marine couples showering each other with vari-colored streamers and confetti as 1947 arrives. —Photo By Criscone

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MARINE CORPS--IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

FMF Atlantic

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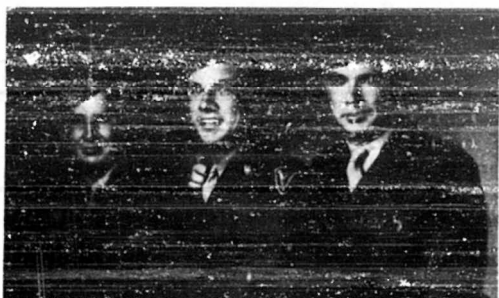
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Stationed here are three men. They have different jobs, are in different outfits, and enlisted at different times, but have three things in common--they're all Marines, all come from the same home town of Jasper, Alabama, and have the same last name of Gunter. This would seem like an amazing coincidence if it were not explained by the fact that they are brothers.

The eldest, Corporal Melvin M. Gunter, enlisted early in 1941. He served on the famous aircraft carrier *Essex* as a 20 millimeter gunner, seeing action in the bombardment of the Philippines and off Saipan. From there he went to Tinian where he went into aviation ordnance. Melvin is now with the ordnance department of V. M. F. 461.

Corporal James W. Gunter, now with close to four years of service behind him, is attached to A. E. S. 46 and is now on the rifle range as a coach. "Will," as he is affectionately called by his older brother, served for 31 months overseas. He partook in the heroic battle of Iwo Jima, and holds the Purple Heart and oak cluster for wounds received while fulfilling his duties as mortar man. Will is married, a year Melvin's junior, and has big plans for his truck line upon discharge in September of 1949.

Pvt. Talmadge L. Gunter, the youngest of the trio, now with A. E. S. 42 station police, is 18 years old and before his enlistment eight months ago attended Walker County High School, the family alma mater. At the conclusion of his two years' service, he plans on finishing high school and then entering college.

A younger brother, William Howard Gunter, now sixteen years of age, is awaiting the time when he may follow in the footsteps of his three older brothers.

Washington, D. C.—Activation of an Atlantic Fleet Marine Force, that took place on December 16, was announced by the Corps Headquarters.

The organization of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, closely parallels that of the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, which conducted the Marine amphibious forces in the Pacific war. It is composed of a striking force of ground troops and supporting aviation units which will operate under the jurisdiction of the Atlantic Fleet.

The ground troops include the veteran Second Marine Division of Tarawa fame, who also saw action at Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa and took part in the occupation of Japan.

Aviation elements of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, include units previously operating with the Second Marine Air Wing. Headquarters of the aircraft command is initially located at Cherry Point, North Carolina, a Marine Corps Air Station.

Headquarters of the service command was activated around January 1, with headquarters located at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Major General Keller E. Rockey, veteran of both World Wars, has been assigned as Commanding General of the new Fleet Marine Force. General Rockey, who has served in Nicaragua, Haiti and France, commanded the Fifth Marine Division at Iwo Jima, and later became Commanding General of the Third Amphibious Corps in the China Theater. He was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1913.

Major General Ralph J. Mitchell, C. G. of the 2nd Marine Air Wing, is the commanding general of the new Aircraft FMF Atlantic.



QUESTION: WHAT PART OF THE GI BILL ARE YOU PLANNING TO USE AFTER DISCHARGE?

Pvt. Alvin Cranman from Savannah, Georgia is assigned to AES 42 with Motor Transport. — "I plan to use the educational opportunities offered me through the GI Bill. It will give me a good start in Business Administration at the University of Georgia. I also intend to continue my insurance after discharge. The GI Bill sounds like a good deal to me and I am planning to make good use of it."



Pvt. Hardy Pederson from Princeton, N. J. He is a soda jerker in the P. X.—"I don't plan on using the GI Bill. I have everything I need, farm, money and equipment. I think that will start me off alone and if anything should happen I can always fall back on the GI Bill. With some work and confidence I should make out OK without the help of the government. Unless there is something I don't know about the GI Bill, I can't see that I'll have any use for it."



Pfc. Philip Livingston of Chicago, Ill. is an MP at the Main Gate.—"I plan on taking out a GI Loan to start a Polishing and Buffing Shop for jewelry, lamp bases and anything that could use a shine. With this loan, which affords me the money I otherwise couldn't raise, I think I can start a successful business and will be able to pay back the loan in a short time, if things go right."



Pvt. John Molitor of VMP 354 is from St. Louis, Mo.—"I came into the Marine Corps to get the GI Bill. With it I am intending on going to college for auto mechanics. Then I am planning on getting a loan so I can start up my own business. I also am going to keep up my insurance because it is a wonderful opportunity to secure the future of the family plan on having."



Pfc. Anthony Fiara of the Post Exchange Carpenter Shop is from Brooklyn, N. Y.—"I want to get a GI Loan so I can start into my business as a General Contractor. It will be a big business and I will be well on my way after a good start from the government. As for borrowing money, I think it is a good idea because my uncle has borrowed some and he is now in a prosperous business with his debt to the government steadily decreasing."



From The CHAPLAIN'S DESK

By EMMETT T. MICHAELS, Catholic Chaplain

Now that the excitement and glamor of the Christmas holidays are passed the Marines go back to their mechanical or administrative duties. However, before we go back to our work and get into the swing of things let us take a good look at our work. Is it something we do merely to earn a living? Something we have to put up with because we are in the Marine Corps? Are we getting any good out of our work other than the pay at the end of two weeks or the month?

The MOTIVE we have in our daily actions, and particularly in our work, regardless of whether it is working in the mess hall, operations tower, forestry, or banging on a typewriter all day, determines whether we are really getting more out of our work than a monthly wage. A motive determines whether we are getting merit, supernatural merit, out of our activities.

Our job should be more than a job, more than merely making a living. It should be a means to heaven. The things we do during the day should be of the type that could never bring a blush to our faces when we kneel before God at night prayers or in Church on Sundays.

With the approach of the New Year will our job be a means for carrying our God's laws, a means for a better life, a means to heaven?

Schedule of Divine Services

Protestant	Catholic
0945—Sunday School at Cherry Point School.	0645, 0845, 1200—Mass at WRRH.
1000—Divine Worship at WRRH.	Confessions Saturday 1900-1900, and 1930-2100.
1100—Divine Worship at Community Church.	0900—Mass at Community Church.
1900—Young People's Meeting at Cherry Point School.	Daily Mass at 0645 at Dallas Huts Chapel.
2000—Evening Divine Worship at Community Church.	Perpetual Novena Devotions Tuesday at 1800.

NEW-ELECTED STAFF NCO CLUB OFFICERS



Left to right: Master Sergeants G. H. Horne, Jr., president; H. E. Brooks, vice-president; and Chief Pharmacist Mate K. L. Woodworth, secretary; new officers elected December 16, 1946 by a general assembly of Staff NCO Club members. Retiring officers, President and Vice President respectively, are Master Sergeants K. C. A. Fratus, and Jackson, Master Sgt. G. H. Horne, Jr., former secretary, now succeeds as the new president of the club.

—Photo By Criscione

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN?

By The Associated Press

Scientists and War Department ordnance experts faced the new year last night with a worry never before experienced by man since Newton went to sleep under an apple tree.

What goes up must come down. That's the law of gravity, discovered when the falling apple hit Newton.

But does it always? That's what baffles the experts in trying to account for the mysterious warhead which disappeared off a modified German V-2 rocket out in "the wild blue yonder" over New Mexico.

Lieut. Col. Harvey Rivkins of Ordnance headquarters disclosed today that the warhead vanished 10 days ago when the rocket "blew its top" at an altitude of 114 miles—the highest ever attained by a man-made contrivance.

Colonel Rivkins, just returned from the testing grounds at White Sands, N. Mex., said that as far as the experts know the warhead could still be in the skies, though Newton wouldn't believe it.

The rocket takes off with a swoosh and a flash of flame. As it rises, it gains speed until by the time it is out of sight it is traveling too fast to be heard. It can do 3500 miles an hour, while sound drags along at 700. It returns to earth at 2400 miles per hour, which means if it hits you, you never hear or saw it.

Conservative experts think it has landed somewhere. Others of the Jules Verne school note that 2000 pounds, traveling at 2400 miles per hour, can't exactly sneak in.

Did the warhead get beyond the pull of gravity? Scientists who think Jules Verne was a piker speak of "space platforms," stopovers for a cup of coffee, refueling spots and transfer points for round-the-world travelers—or maybe to the moon. Why quibble?

Thirteen tons of the 14-ton rocket did "what comes natchly" and came down. The experts have proof of that. But they can't find the warhead. Searching parties have been out by jeep and plane. At altitudes as low as 10, 20 and 100 feet, a plane has criss-crossed the testing area looking for it. But not a sign of it have they found.

U-CONTROL MODEL AIRCRAFT MEETINGS



Left to right: F7F-Lt. Greene, Flicker-Pvt. Meeker, Super V Shark-S/Sgt.-Le Blanc, Snauf Ecoupe-WO Keltner.

The above are some of the competitors that showed up on Sunday afternoon for the regular Weekly model aircraft meet out back of the Administration Building.—That is provided the weather and winds are agreeable. The meet is under the direction of Miss Lou Hoover and is held from 1300 until Sundown. If you have a plane or are interested, everyone is welcome. Plans are under consideration for a Model Club.

—Photo by Pio.

'Platter Info'

By FRANCIS R. MISIEWICZ

When Andy Russell whispers, "It's Dreamtime" and the Pied Pipers who in sweet harmony another hit is born. The reverse has "I'll Close My Eyes" with Paul Weston stringing in . . . Peggy Lee complains, "Everything's Moving Too Fast," a throbbing boogie-woogie tempo. Flipping the juke makes you think Peggy is singing just to you, "It's Lovin' Time" . . . Folks in "Connecticut" and the other forty-seven states will enjoy this catchy lyrical and rhythm ditty, sung by Martha Tilton . . .

A new vocalist, new appeal; Clark Dennis, an outstanding tenor adds a crooning interpretation that has a different and new charm all of its own, "Bless You For Being An Angel." The other side has "Peg O' My Heart," a heart warming Irish tenor oldie . . . Rhythm that will get you by Jesse Price in his latest, "I Ain't Mad At You." Jesse chants one of those clap hands rhythm, "He ain't mad at her . . . he ain't mad at her." "I'm the Drummer Man" is blue brother deep indigo with a native drumming appeal that sets the hips a'twitchin . . .

Merle Travis packs some unusual lyrics in a tune that has more chuckles than his super "Divorce Me C.O.D.", it's so good that it needs no more, "So Round, So Firm, So Fully Packed" . . . Another tune right out of the hills is Merle's "Sweet Temptation" . . .

"You Can't See the Sun When You're Crying," a cute title and a cute song handled by the harmony of the Pied Pipers and Paul Weston's Orchestra supplying a solid beat . . . "Make Me Know It" is one of those old-w swing ballads that satisfies . . .

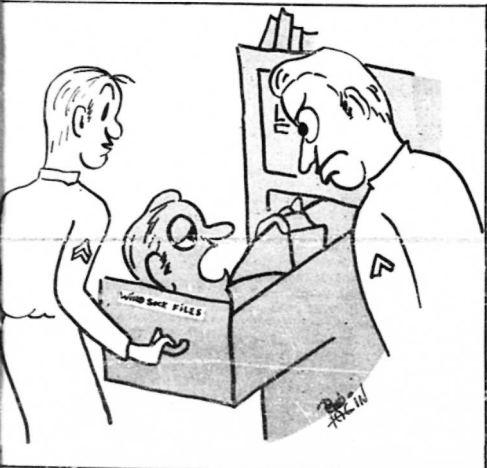
SEMPER FIDELIS—CORPS' NEW ANTHOLOGY

Washington, D. C.—The Marine Corps' new anthology, SEMPER FIDELIS will be available in the nation's book stores on 19 February, the second anniversary of D-Day on Iwo Jima, it was announced recently.

This volume of stories, drawings, sketches and photographs—all by Marine Corps Combat Correspondents and fighting men—was edited by two former Marines, Captain Patrick O'Sheel, and Staff Sergeant Eugene Cook.

Reporting the activities of the Corps from Guadalcanal to V-J Day, most of this book was written on invasion beaches, in foxholes, or behind the lines in some fifty or a hundred yards.

Section headings, such as "In Battle," "The Flyers War," "The Nature of the Enemy," "The Islands and Their People" and "The Role of the Conqueror" give a clear idea of how this book covers all phases of the war.



Well, at least I ain't settin' a bad example by sleeping at my desk.

G.I. BILL

Personal Affairs

HOME LIFE

By T. H. MANN, JR.

Men in the Armed Forces are offered a variety of insurance policies through the National Service Life Insurance. They can obtain, at rates much lower than any civilian companies offer, term life insurance or permanent life insurance such as ordinary life, 20 payment life, 30 payment life, 20 year endowment, endowment at age 60 and endowment at age 65.

These National Service Life Insurance policies are practical not only because of the low cost; their optional settlements and other features are advantageous. Because this insurance is Government supported, it's a bargain such as you'll never be able to duplicate. It pays more money to the beneficiaries and puts no strings on your own actions. It's a favor, not a business deal, and the man who doesn't hang on to it is shorting himself. This insurance marked down. For a man of twenty-five, the NSLI premium is 23 per cent lower for ordinary life insurance than the figure you obtain if you average the premiums charged by ten leading mutual companies.

Another big difference comes in the payments, in the amounts that will be provided to a person's beneficiary. Again taking the average of ten leading private companies, NSLI monthly income is 30 to 35 per cent larger. A widow whose husband dies when she is fifty-five can receive \$60.30 a month from a \$10,000 NSLI policy. Private policies of the same size will pay about \$45. And the person gets a larger policy for his money—more insurance, more protection. The soldier twenty-five years old bought \$10,000 in Government life insurance for \$162.20 a year. Taking a ten-company average of the big private companies, we find that \$162.20 will buy only \$7,650 in insurance. The \$7,650 policy will pay a widow, at fifty-five, payments of \$34.40 a month, as compared to \$60.30 from the Government policy.

Most Military Personnel have term policies with NSLI. These policies can be converted into permanent policies. The wise policy holder can save several hundred dollars in converting his policy. An example, is a man aged 25, who has had a term policy for five years and wishes to convert it into a 20 payment life for \$10,000. He may date his new policy from the date he originally obtained the term policy. By doing this he must pay in one sum slightly less than the amount of premiums that he would have paid over a period of five years. By dating his policy from the date that he was 20 years old, the policy will cost him approximately \$4,684 for the 20 years period. If he dates the policy from the present date when he is 25, his premiums will be greater and the policy will cost him approximately \$5,478. In this way the policy holder can save approximately \$704.

Men who are interested in converting their policies can obtain further information from Major Mann, the Personal Affairs Officer, in the WR Recreation Hall.

CONVERSION OPTIONS AND MONTHLY PREMIUMS THROUGH NSLI

Term	Age	18	20	22	24	26	28
Ordinary Life		\$0.64	\$0.65	\$0.66	\$0.67	\$0.68	\$0.69
20-Payment Life		1.18	1.23	1.28	1.34	1.41	1.48
30-Payment Life		1.91	1.96	2.02	2.08	2.15	2.23
20-year Endowment		1.49	1.54	1.59	1.64	1.70	1.76
Endowment at 60		3.45	3.46	3.46	3.47	3.48	3.50
Endowment at 65		1.52	1.61	1.71	1.83	1.96	2.10
		1.38	1.45	1.53	1.62	1.72	1.84

We Admit It

We printed in the Dec. 20 issue of the WINDSOCK a paragraph stating that Miss Lou Hoover is in charge of the Hobby Shop activities. Our source of information at the time was b-a-b-o-o, Mr. Arnold Borden is the Administrator and Supervisor of the Hobby Crafts Program. He is capably assisted by Miss Lou Hoover.

Also we stated that a man must wait nine months before he is eligible for promotion to private first class, six months in grade as a private first class to make corporal and six months as corporal for eligibility for promotion to sergeant.

A Marine must wait six months before eligibility for promotion to private first class, nine months as a private first class to make corporal and nine months as corporal before eligible for promotion to buck sergeant. This information is quoted from the October 1946 issue of the Marine Corps Headquarters Bulletin.

INFLUX OF DEER

Have you noticed large migratory groups of deer near MEMQ, the N. C. O. Club, Officers Club, and the Rifle Range lately? Since the opening of the hunting season, a large influx of these peaceful animals have been making their appearance here via different creeks and rivers such as the Neuse River, Harlowe Woods, Adams Creek, and Slouem Creek (directly behind the MEMQ area).

BIRTHDAY PARTY



Huffin and Puffin — That's what this little miss, Sue Ree Burrough, daughter of MT/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald E. Burrough of Mobile Training Unit, is doing while celebrating her sixth birthday at the Staff NCO Club New Year's Day.

—Photo by Criscola.

Witty Witticisms

MP (producing citation book)—
"Name?"
Private—"Aloysius Alastair Cyprian Thaddeus William—"
MP—"Well, don't let me catch you again."

Pfc: "Too bad about the Sergeant Major. He died of that backache he was complaining of."

Pvt: "Died! Of a backache?"
Pfc: "Yeah, some new nurse rubbed it with alcohol and he broke his neck trying to liek it off."

Etchings are fetching,
But liquor is quicker.

A newly married doctor took his wife walking down the street when a pretty girl smiled and nodded to him. The wife scenting an earlier love, said, "Who is the lady, dear?"
"Oh, just some girl I met professionally."

"No doubt," she said, "but whose profession, yours or hers?"

"What started the Grand Canyon?"
"The paymaster dropped a penny in a ditch."

"Parden my slapping your face. I thought you were trying to steal my sorority pin."



Sultry Ava Gardner, a North Carolina lass with plenty of class, keeps her figure in those trim lines by a daily swim. However, alas for the public, the pool is a private affair surrounded by high hedges. Ava is currently working at Universal Studio in Mark Hellinger's production of Hemingway's "The Killers," co-starring with Edmond O'Brien and Burt Lancaster. In the film she uses her seductive charms to lure the tragic Swede, played by Lancaster, to his death. "Oh, death, where is thy sting?"

Speaking of Sports

By JOHN T. AUMANS

With Christmas a thing of the past and the New Year finally on a wheel, sport activities at Cherry Point are beginning to roll. Directly off the cart comes word that the Cherry Point Intramural Basketball League is ready to resume operations. In fact, before this goes to press, the league might be off to a bang-up start. First game is scheduled around the 7th of this month. A total of 14 teams are entered. Teams consist of different outfits on the base. Namely: Station Paymaster, Athletic Dept., AES-46, AES-42, VMP-225, MACG-1, HqSq-2, VMR-962 and the Recreation Dept. The league will be composed of two parts, the National league and the American league. The winners of each league will tangle for the championship of Cherry Point. All games will be played at the Drill Hall during the day. No games will be played on Friday or the weekend. By the looks of things there should be some rugged and interesting battles.

All bowling team captains are requested to pick up their new schedules at the Station Bowling Alleys. The league has a long way to go and we hope to have the same interest we have had in the past. If team captains can't possibly make it down to the bowling alleys they should send one of their team members to obtain the schedule. The big match of the season comes off on Thursday, January 16th when the Post Exchange meets MACS 11. This coming week the Post Exchange team will lose three of their standout bowlers via the discharge route. Regardless, the match should prove interesting.

Here are a few statistics concerning the Cherry Point Flyers basketball team. They have scored 729 points in 14 games for an average of over 52 per game. Opponents have scored 581 points for an average of a little more than 41 per game. Individually the scoring goes like this . . . Bob Rose leads the team with 149 points, "Tex" Ritter comes second with 131 points, "Shorty" Fenn has 93 points, "Moose" Fry 57 points and "Lefty" McQuillan has 53 points. The team itself has won ten games while losing four. Three of these defeats were registered by top notch teams . . . one being the "House of David." The only defeat inflicted by a service team was the loss to the Fort Benning Doughboys, 58-33. Comes January 11-12 the Flyers have their chance to reverse that decision as they meet the Doughboys on successive nights. The games should be very interesting. Let's try and have the same sort of crowd for the Fort Benning game as we did for the House of David. They can use your support.

Hunting and Fishing

by Lt. O. W. Curtis

Hunting season is over except for a few days of dove shooting left. If you have never matched your skill at wing shooting with this bird, plan to do so before the season closes.

I ran across an article in Ed Zun's book, "To Hell With Fishing," and thought you might like to read it. Here it is:

HOW TO DISPOSE OF DEAD FISH

A recent survey showed that roughly two-thirds of all fishermen never eat fish. This should surprise nobody. Fish is brain food. People who eat fish have large, well-developed brains. People with large, well-developed brains don't fish. It's that simple.

The question a fisherman faces, then, is how to get rid of the fish he has caught. There are several schools of thought on this problem. The Pilgrim Fathers buried a dead fish in each hill of corn to make it grow. Unfortunately, few fishermen have access to cornfields. Most farmers would sooner have a cyclone.

Some fishermen try to palm off their catch on kind-hearted friends and neighbors. Naturally, it doesn't take those folks long to learn that when a trout has been lugged around all day in a hot creel, it is poor competition for a pork chop.

Other methods of fish disposal are (1) stuffing them in a corner mailbox when nobody is looking, (2) hiding them under potted palms, (3) checking them at the Union Station and throwing away the check, (4) hurling them from fast-moving cars on lonely roads late at night, (5) mailing them to the Curator of the Museum of Natural History, requesting an identification of the species and giving a phoney name and return address, and (6) baiting walrus-traps with them.

None of these methods is satisfactory. (1) is probably illegal, (2), (3), (4), and (5) are in lousy taste, and (6) brings up the problem of walrus-disposal. Walrus-disposal makes fish-disposal seem like child's play.

My friend Walt Dette throws back all the trout he catches in the Beaverkill, and keeps only chubs to feed to his seven Siamese cats. This is dandy for people who have (a) sense enough to put back trout for future sport and who also have (b) seven Siamese cats. Few fishermen have both.

Both, hell. Either.

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SCHEDULE

11-12 Jan.	Flyers vs. Fort Benning	(home)
15 Jan.	Flyers vs. Langley Field	(home)
17-18 Jan.	Flyers vs. Parris Island	(away)
20 Jan.	Flyers vs. Chincoteague	(home)
24 Jan.	Flyers vs. Norfolk Rec.	(away)
25 Jan.	Flyers vs. Camp Lee	(away)
26 Jan.	Flyers vs. Quantico	(home)

All home games to be played at the Drill Hall.

Game time—2000



Flyers' "Tex" Ritter drops a lefthanded set-up for two important points in first Parris Island game.

—Photo by Pio.

FLYERS TAKE 2 FROM PARRIS IS.

By JIMMIE CRUM

Cherry Point, N. C., Dec. 27—Cherry Point hoopers are getting in the habit of winning court skirmishes the hard way.

They racked up their seventh victory in ten starts here tonight by tossing a dynamite packed offense at the Parris Island Marines in the final quarter; an offense that gave the Flyers a 60-51 victory.

Leading by only one point at half time and at the end of the third canto, the Flyers amassed 21 points in the fourth quarter while holding the losers to 13 markers.

Charlie (Chuck) Skinner, a 5'9" guard was the "thorn in the Flyers side" during the entire first half. Eight of the P. I. cage star's one handed shots split the mesh for 16 points. Ed Bolton, P. I. forward, sank three 2-pointers in the first half, and in the last 20 minutes of play when Skinner was held to one gratis toss, exploded with 11 points to the Skinner with 17 points.

Cherry Point jumped to an early first period lead on buckets by Ritter and Fenn, only to see that lead cut considerably after Skinner and Bolton propelled two-pointers through the mesh. Holding a comfortable seven point, 15-8 quarter lead, the Flyers bogged down during the second and ten minute period, and their half time lead was cut to one point, 29-28. The two clubs traded point for point in the third period, and for the second time the Flyers held only a one point lead, 39-38, at the third quarter.

Bob Rose pushed his season's total to 108 points as he dropped through eight from the field of action and four from the charity line for 20 points.

2ND PARRIS ISLAND

Cherry Point, N. C., Dec. 28—Cherry Point slowed down Parris Island's attack to a standstill tonight to hand the South Carolina Marines a decisive 53-27 defeat before 450 spectators in the last of a two-game series.

The Flyers, who were out after their eighth victory in eleven starts, controlled the game throughout. Charlie (Chuck) Skinner, Parris Island captain and guard garnered just four points, these coming on buckets just before and after the half time intermission. Skinner's failure to hit the hoop was the main reason for the visitors bad showing. Last night, with Chuck tallying 17 points, Parris Island battled the Flyers on even terms for three quarters before falling behind.

Ed Bolton, Parris Island forward topped the visitors scoring with four floor shots and three charity tosses for 11 points.

Flyers Overwhelm Norfolk

By JIMMIE CRUM

Cherry Point, N. C., Jan. 3—Cherry Point's high flying basketball aggregation staged a basketball track meet here tonight, and it was their fellow Norfolk Marines who finished far in the rear, 83-31.

In one of the highest scoring games ever witnessed on the "Flyers" hardwood, 12 Cherry Pointers entered the scoring column. With the second and third teams playing for better than 13 minutes of the initial half, Norfolk felt the sting of the home squad late in the half when Cherry Point's starting quintet (Rose, Ritter, Fenn, McQuillan and Fry) punted sharply into a 15 point, 31-16, half time lead.

Fry and Fenn formed the individual offensive power for the victors, each connecting for five field goals and two gift tosses for 12 points.

Cherry Point's fast-breaking offense, clever ball handling, and defensive ball-hawkishness had the visitors in a fog from the moment the game got underway. Vaught and Hurst pushed the victors into a 4-0 lead early in the opening frame, and two more "bunnys" dropped through by Vaught gave the Flyers an 8-0 lead before Shuey broke the scoring ice for Norfolk with a beautiful, high-arched set shot from the corner.

Playing with an aplomb that they hadn't displayed before this season, the "Flying Leathernecks" kept after the visitors, causing them to become more rattled in the final half.

Spark plug of the Norfolk crew was their center, Shuey, who through the aid of his long set shots from all angles, led the visitors in scoring with 11 points.

"Shorty" Fenn turned in an excellent defensive performance and Bob Rose brought loud "oooh's" and "aaah's" from the crowd with his fancy shooting.

Cherry Point, N. C., Jan. 4—Excitement ran rampant in the "Flyer" air tonight as the Cherry Point basketball aggregation won a "tough and tumble" 67-27 victory over the Norfolk Marines.

Buckets by E. Able, Gilner, Vaught and Mille gave the "Flying Leathernecks" an 8-0 lead, and they were never headed. But in the final chucker, in attempting to slow down the fast moving Cherry Point offense, the Norfolk club used a few of the "knock-em-down-drag-em-out" tactics, with the result being a total of 71 fouls called by the officials.

While the Cherry Point starting five "warmed the bench" for the biggest part of the contest, resting up for tomorrow night's tilt with the House of David quintet, it was the second and third squads that ran up the early lead. Substitute center, Hurst, dropped through five shots from the floor to lead the scoring with 10 points.

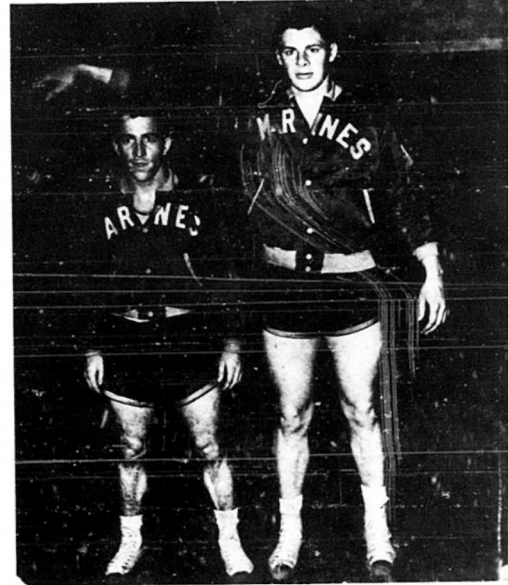
It was the fourth straight victory for Cherry Point, and the second over Norfolk. Last night the "Flyers" trounced Norfolk 83-31. Tonight's one sided score gave the Flyers a two-night total of 150 points.

Doughboys Halt Flyers

Fort Benning, Ga., Dec. 21—The Cherry Point Flyers win streak of six was snapped tonight as the Fort Benning Doughboys went wild in the last quarter to trounce the Flyers, 58-33.

The Doughboys travel to Cherry Point on Jan. 11-12 for two games. These games should prove very interesting as the Flyers are on a new win streak and will certainly seek revenge.

'SHORTY' FENN AND 'MOOSE' FRY



—Photo by Criscione.

The smallest man on the Flyers, the greatest crowd pleaser and the person the fans always root for, because of his size, is "Shorty" Fenn. Shorty stands but 5'6" but believe it or not, has a twin brother who is well over six foot.

"Shorty" hails from Winstead, Conn. During his high school days he tossed them in for Gilbert High. He joined the Marine Corps in 1943 and served with the 2nd Wing in Hawaii, the Marshall Islands and the occupation of Japan.

Besides basketball as a favorite sport, Shorty is quite a baseball player. He hurled for a semi-pro nine in the Conn. Inter-State League and with a Marine team on the west coast.

"Shorty's" plans for the future are undecided. Whatever he may decide—lots of luck, Shorty.

Known to all fans as the heaviest and tallest man on the Cherry Point Flyers is "Moose" Fry. Always plugging and always fighting is one of Fry's good points. "Moose" stands well over the six foot mark and hits the scales at 220 pounds.

Rockford, Ill. claims "Moose" Fry. "Moose" played three years of standout basketball for We Rockford High. He alternated between center and guard positions. After his high school days were over, "Moose" signed for the Marine Corps. He entered the Corps on July 9, 1946.

"Moose" has a couple of plans for the future. One of these is collecting while the other is entering a business of his own. The latter would consist of opening a huge fishing resort somewhere in Minnesota.