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Yablonsky And Wheeler Retired With Twenty Yrs.

Master Sergeants Joseph W. Wheeler and Anthony G. Yablonsky were retired from the regular Marine Corps in ceremonies in the Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station, office yesterday (14th).

A parade in honor of the two was cancelled because of inclement weather.

Yablonsky and Wheeler both were members of AEC-41, and have served in the Pacific and Caribbean areas. Yablonsky is currently working in the Overhaul and Repair plant here if he can obtain a position. Wheeler will return to his native state of Georgia.

In 1930 MSgt. Wheeler was a member of the All-Marine base team and continued his base team through 1933.

MSgt. Yablonsky saw service in the Army before serving with the Marine Corps. Both were War Officers during World War II.



This picture was taken at Cherry Point in front of the Administration Bldg. last winter. It shows the biggest snow of the Air Station's history. Xmas day it was too cold for much snow, so we are belatedly re-running this one.

223 Pilot Killed In Corsair Crash

Captain John Callahan of VMF-223 was fatally injured Christmas Eve when the Corsair he was piloting crashed into a small lake about seven miles southwest of Cherry Point at 1040 while on a routine tactics flight.

Captain Callahan resided in New Bern and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris Callahan, daughter of Brig. Gen. L. H. M. Sanderson, USMC; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Callahan of Baltimore, Maryland.

Funeral services were held in the Station Chapel Wednesday, 29 December, with interment at Arlington National cemetery today, 31 December.

Captain Callahan was born on Sept. 20, 1922, in Baltimore, Md. He attended Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and graduated in 1940. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on June 3, 1943 and entered flight training next day, finishing on 4 March, 1944. He spent two tours of duty overseas, one during World War II with VMF-112 and one shortly after the war with VMF-218 and HqSq-MAG-24.

Leatherneck's Featured In Jan. Leatherneck

VMF-122 gets excellent coverage in the January issue of LEATHERNECK in a lead article by Staff Writer Paul Hicks. Hicks, accompanied by LEATHERNECK'S Photo Director Louis Lowery, went to the Point recently to gather material for the feature and returned out a comprehensive, readable report on the activities and functions of the jet squadron. In addition to the illustrated article, there is a full-color shot of the jets on the cover.

KINDERGARTEN AIDS BINGO

Beginning Jan. 5th the Nursery Kindergarten will inaugurate a service for Point parents. By agreement with the Station Chapel, the Kindergarten will be used on Wednesday evenings to accommodate those who wish to see their children while attending Bingo parties.

NEXT HOME
Basketball
GAME
Parris Island

January 17
DRILL HALL

Drill Hall Scene Of Dance Tonight

There will be a New Years Eve dance in the Station Drill Hall tonight from 2030 until 0030. The station orchestra will help revelers bring in 1949 and play for the dancing.

Dress will be formal for all hands. Dress Blues "A" required. For details telephone 3183 or 2107, Special Services. There will be a certain number of young ladies present as dancing partners.

THE
Complete Details On
Changes In Pay
As Reported By
The Hook Board

Turn To Page Eight

Hoopsters Defeat D. C. Marines 59-45

The local basketball team defeated the Marine Barracks Washington, D. C. club Wednesday night in the Drill Hall by a score of 59 to 45.

The boys from Eight and Eye were a little rough around the edges and at times their play could be likened to football. For the "Flyers" it was Norm Criverton leading the way for the second straight night. He dropped in 22 points in his last game here.

Ford, as in the Quantico game, did not see action.

Cherry Point travels to Langley Field Air Force base for a tilt on January 5th. Their next home game is against Parris Island in the Drill Hall on Jan. 17th.



Fouled anchors, scarlet plumes, eagles and other insignia were worn by the U. S. Marines as a mark of identification, and in 1804 a brass hat plate, bearing an eagle, was the current device of the Corps.

Early in 1840 officers and enlisted men wore hats adorned with a gold wreath encircling the letters, "U. S. M.", while just before the Civil War this device had evolved into a U. S. shield, resting in a half-wreath, with the letter "M" placed within the ring of a bugle. Finally, in 1868, came the badge which has marked the Marine Corps up to the present day: the globe, eagle and anchor, shown here. Its designers were guided by tradition in retaining the eagle and anchor, but the addition of the western hemisphere appears to have been an inspiration of the moment. For official use, the Marines' motto, "Semper Paratus," appears on streamers above the eagle.



Here's Where They Play Tomorrow Bowls; Sites; Fees And Choices

Rose	Pasadena	California-Northwestern	Northwestern
Sugar	New Orleans	Oklahoma-N. Carolina	Oklahoma
Cotton	Dallas	SMU-Oregon	Oregon
Orange	Miami	Georgia-Texas	Georgia
Shrine	San Francisco	East-West	East
Gator	Jacksonville	Clemson-Missouri	Missouri
Delta	Memphis	Wm. & Mary-Okla A&M	Wm. & Mary
Dixie	Birmingham	Wake Forest-Baylor	Wake Forest
Sun	El Paso	Texas Mines-W. Virginia	W. Virginia
Harbor	San Diego	Nevada-Villanova	Villanova
Raisin	Fresno	Occidental-Colo. A&M	Occidental
Pineapple	Honolulu	Hawaii-Oregon St.	Oregon St.
Cigar	Tampa	Mo. Valley-St. Thomas	Mo. Valley
Salad	Phoenix	Arizona-Drake	Arizona
Tangerine	Orlando	Sul-Ross-Murray St.	Murray St.
Vucan	Birmingham	Greensboro-Ky. St.	Ky. St.

Wind Sock

Maj. Gen. Field Harris
 Commanding Air Station, Air Base
 Brig. Gen. I. A. W. Miller
 Commanding Air Base—Commanding MCAS

Maj. Walter T. Warren
 Officer-in-Charge

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Elaborate Service Held Xmas Evening In Station Chapel

An elaborate carol and candle-lighting service was held at 2000 on Christmas Eve in the Station Chapel and attended by a vastly large number of base personnel and families.

Following the "Proessional Carol" or "Come, All Ye Faithful," a "Call To Worship" was read by the Chaplain and Congregation. The first phase of worship was centered around the theme: "Mankind—Yearning For the Light." During this portion of the service the congregation prayed in unison and sang "Joy To The World."

The second part of the service was based on the subject: "God—Preparing to Give The Light." A responsive reading on the "Magnificat," and anthem by the Station choir and the singing of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" by the congregation made up this phase of the service.

"Jesus Christ—The Light of the World" was the theme for the third section of the service. Under this topic "The Fulfillment" was read by the minister, "The Christmas Prayer" was prayed and the congregation sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Other carols sung in connection with the service included "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Silent Night, Holy Night." The choir rendered several special Christmas Anthems.

The most beautiful part of the service was the service of lights. During this, the congregation stood and the candles were distributed to members of the congregation by the ushers. The Chaplain lit his candle from the altar and light the candles of the ushers, who in turn lit the first candle in each pew and the light was passed down the pews until every candle was lit and the chapel glowed in candlelight.

Fire Department Declares Safe Yuletide Season

The Fire Department takes this opportunity to express their appreciation of the cooperation received from all personnel on the station and in the Housing Project for the observance of Air Station Memorandum 171-1948 (suggested precautions pertaining to Christmas Trees and Decorations) by all hands there have been no actual Yuletide fires to date. Moreover the intensified fire prevention inspections by Fire Inspectors Banks, Swinell and Wade during the season undoubtedly helped to keep the fires in the fireplaces.

REMEMBER, ALL CHRISTMAS TREES SHOULD BE REMOVED BY JANUARY THE SECOND, AT THE LATEST!



By Chaplain P. A. Schmitt BUZZ

Buzz was his name as long as I can remember, and I guess it's because he kept so busy. If Buzz ever spent an idle day in his life, I couldn't have been around at the time. Buzz just naturally buzzed about something.

Even when we were kids, Buzz was the neighborhood handy man. You might see him any afternoon of the week painting somebody's porch or clipping somebody's hedge. That's the way Buzz was. He had to be doing something. Infact Buzz was so industrious that the rest of us suffered by comparison. Many an ear-burning ended up with, "You don't catch Buzz Barnes letting any grass grow under his feet." I guess if planting grass seed in Buzz' shoes would have helped, we'd have done it more than once, but you had to hand it to him for being a go-getter.

Buzz wasn't much for sports, but if hustle could make a star, Buzz could have been one. Usually we played our ball games of a Sunday, but Buzz would be off somewhere as an usher in the theater or something like that.

I think he used to get up Sunday morning at six o'clock—not to go to Church or anything like that, but just to caddy a few rounds out at the golf course, or mabe to deliver the Sunday papers.

As far as the Church goes, I don't think he ever went in his life. Once I heard him say it was a waste of time. One thing is sure, nobody could say he was too lazy to go. He just felt it was a waste of time and that's all there was to it.

I was just thinking about Buzz the other day. Someone said he was caught in the Belgian counter-offensive and fell with the others. I wondered what Buzz thought of when he was lying alone out there, or even if he had time to think. I wonder did he think it was irony for so hard a worker to go down so young. I wonder did he look forward to anything, or did he change his mind about church being a waste of time.

I wonder if he ever got to understand, that the guy who is really wasting his time is the one who sets his heart on the things of this world and forgets that the only reason he was born at all is to know, to love, and to serve God.

OPERATOR! OPERATOR!



Wayne Bowman, 9 months old son of MSgt. and Mrs. H. W. Bowman, places a hot call to the North Pole in order to thank Santa for all the swell toys that he received Xmas. Wayne seemed a little perturbed when the operator cut him off just as he was placing an advance order for next year.

March Of Dimes Needs 30 Million Says Telegram

The following Telegram was received here recently from the President of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis:

"I am sending this wire to all fund raising chairmen because of my duty to advise you of the importance of the next March of Dimes Drive. In 1948 alone it has cost seventeen million dollars to care for infantile paralysis patients. Of this amount National Headquarters sent tochapters 8 million, five hundred thousand dollars.

"Our epidemic emergency aid fund at National Headquarters is now completely exhausted and many chapter treasuries have been totally depleted. Make no mistake about it. This is an emergency situation.

"If we are to continue to help Polio victims and be prepared for epidemics next year, and continue our research and educational programs, the March of Dimes next January must be the greatest ever and net at least thirty million dollars.

"Without this sum, we cannot fulfill our pledges to patients and the public. Please do everything to help.

(Signed) BASIL O'CONNOR, President"

The Public Information Officer, MCAS and 2MAW, Maj. Walter T. Warren, is chairman of the March of Dimes Campaign at Cherry Point.

During the past year over \$7,000 was spent for March of Dimes funds on families of Cherry Point personnel. During the recent polio epidemic here dependents of Marine Corps men were greatly helped. Our contribution to March of Dimes was about one half of the \$7,000 expended right here. No worthy cause could hit closer to home, so don't ask "where does the money go?"—it'll never benefit me!

Appeal Answered; Liberal Donations To Needy Family

Cherry Point families have responded wholeheartedly to an appeal from Mrs. S. S. Jack, wife of Col. Jack, for clothing and supplies for a Marine family whose New Bern home burned down Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Jack is on the board for Navy Relief and head of the Volunteer Red Cross department. Through her efforts, the Officer's Wives and Staff NCO Wives were organized to collect items which included clothing, food, toys and personal gifts for the three children and their parents. The family has moved to new quarters in TMQ since the mishap.

Local Cage Star Goes To Academy

Corporal Norman D. "Nim" Norman Crestivan, stander "Flyers" basketball forward, recently selected for assignment to the United States Naval Academy. He joined Marine Corps August 1946 at Chicago.

Crestivan, 21 year old former resident of Calumet City, Ill., has been transferred to Naval Factory, Washington, D. C. for further assignment to the Naval Preparatory School at Baltimore, Maryland, and must make his there before getting a crack at the Academy.

Aside from his tour with VMF here at Cherry Point, Crestivan, radio technician, has seen duty Camp Pendleton, California, the Naval Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tennessee. It was during his stay in Memphis he took, and passed, the examinations for appointment to the Academy.

The loss of Crestivan was a blow to Coach Al Grasselli, cage man, but he, as well as every man on the team, was glad to see him get this opportunity to further his capabilities. Against unanticpated odds he led all scoring with markers.

DIVINE SERVICES

PROTESTANT SERVICES
 0915 Sun.—Sunday School (Nursery)
 1030 Sun.—Worship Service Main Chapel
 1830 Tue.—Youth Fellowship Recreation Center 2nd Deck
 1900 Wed.—Choir Rehearsal

CATHOLIC SERVICES
 Sun.—0645, 0845, 1200 Main Chapel
 Weekdays—1145 Catholic Wing Mass Sat.—0800 followed by Recitations of Rosary 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



IN MEMORY OF GRETCHEN, CHAPLAIN WINTER'S ALLEGED AUTOMOBILE!!!

Wiberg, Man Of Travels Is Married Here Dec. 31

The Little Station Chapel was the scene on Thursday afternoon at 1630 of the marriage of TSgt. Arthur W. Wiberg of Hamdon, Conn., to Miss Muriel W. Mallet, native of East London, South Africa. Chaplain E. D. Cleaves, Protestant Chaplain, performed the simple ceremony.

The travels of Sergeant Wiberg netted him not only a lot of experience and a good deal of adventure but brought him the meeting with his bride. Crew Chief on the plane of General T. Holcomb, former commandant of the Marine Corps, Wiberg got to do a lot of his traveling, while General Holcomb was U. S. Minister to the Union of South Africa.

While traveling in Capetown, Union of South Africa, in 1947 Wiberg met the girl whom he married yesterday. Eventually he was transferred and came at last to Cherry Point in October of 1948. His wife recently arrived at this base also.

The travel log of Sergeant Wiberg bears out the motto, "Join the Marines and See the World." In addition to his recent jaunt from

Iceland to Europe, through Middle East and Africa, Wiberg has also seen service in the Far East and Eastern areas.

Since the end of World War he has been in such places as Cairo, Pretoria, South Africa, Ndola, Northern Rhodesia; Nairobi, Kenya; Juba, Sudan; Haifa, Sudan; Tripoli, Libya; Rome, Italy; Nice, France; Paris, France; London, England; St. Francis; Port Lyanette, Morocco; Reykjavik, Iceland; Goose Bay, Labrador; Washington, D. C. and now is a member VMF-252.

MSGT. John Juneau of Alameda played the role of best man at night when the bride and groom were united, and Captain M. Butters of VMF-252, acted as half of the bride's parents and her in marriage.

Following the wedding, couple and their guests celebrated the event at the NCO club reception.

The groom and best man, as well as the other male members of the wedding party, were dressed in Dress Blue for the occasion.

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ATTEND CHURCH ON January 2, 1949 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN THE NEW YEAR

Successful '49 Reviewed In Local Range Report

On the 23rd of December, just two days before Christmas, came the final call to cease fire—the "baker" flag was lowered, coaches breathed sighs of relief, and title Range officials declared the range closed for the rest of the year.

According to official figures from the Range, a total of 433 officers fired the "45" for record. Lt. L. George Kross of AES-46 captured top honors with a score of 357 out of a possible 400. Not far behind Kross was 1st Lt. Emil L. Zanotto of MAG-11 who fired a cool 367 and 1st Lt. Donald R. Dempster also of MAG-11 with a score of 366. Eighty-two per cent of those fired the 45 qualified.

Of the 1,143 Officers and enlisted men who ventured to try their ability with the carbine, ninety-four per cent were listed qualified. There was a two way split for first place between Capt. W. H. Rodenberger of HqsS-2 and 1st Lt. Scott of MAG-11, both of whom fired a score of 262 out of a possible 275. Next in line for honors were 1st Lt. George Kross of AES-46 and SSGT. David J. Clement who banged the targets for 261 points apiece.

The M-1, basic weapon for Marine infantrymen, was fired by 2,042 men over the past year, and 81 per cent of that number qualified. Capt. E. E. Burt of MACG-1 came through with a score of 323 out of a possible 340 to grab "high man" honors for 1948. Second place went to 1st Lt. Kross of AES-46 who fired 322. Capt. David G. Johnson of MAG-14, Lt. E. L. Zanotto of MAG-11, and Cpl. John E. Schoun of MAG-14 were all reaching for the top with scores of 321.

The range will reopen January 27, 1949 for coaches who will undergo a two week period of schooling. On February 1, 1949 the range will officially open and the familiar cry of "targets" will again be heard.

Three Officers Go To Edenton

Three Cherry Point Officers were transferred to the new Marine Corps Air Station at Edenton, N. C. The transfers were effective earlier this month. 2nd Lt. Clyde H. Stamps, Jr., was assigned duty as Assistant Communication Officer, with additional duty as prospective Communication Officer of the Edenton base.

1st Lt. John FASTER was assigned duty as prospective Property and Clothing Officer (Marine Corps).

Major Willis R. Lucius was assigned duty as prospective Supply Officer (Marine Corps).

Local Civil Service Positions Open

Civil Service Examination for the position of Storekeeper, CAF-7 in the Federal Government is now open at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C. It was stated today by William E. Ward, Recorder, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.

This examination is being held to fill positions at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C. The salary is \$3727.20 per annum. Applications must be received by the Recorder, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Gate No. 1, U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C., not later than January 10, 1949 in order to be considered in the examination.

Competitors will be required to pass a written test. The written test will require approximately 2 hours.

Civil Service Examinations for the positions of Civil Engineer, P-2 through P-5; Electrical Engineer, P-3 and P-4; Mechanical Engineer, P-3 and P-4; Sanitary Engineer, P-4 and Structural Engineer, P-3 and P-4 in the Federal Government are now open here.

Salaries range from \$3727.20 per annum for P-2 to \$6235.20 per annum for P-5. Applications must be received by the Recorder, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Gate No. 1, U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C., not later than January 27, 1949 in order to be considered in the examination.

No written test is required in this examination. Applicants will be rated on the basis of their training and experience as described in their applications.

Complete information and application blanks may be obtained from any local Post Office where the announcement is posted; the Recorder, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.; and the Director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "R", Third and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 23, D. C.

1st Lt. Roy E. Oliver was detached from VMF (N)-114 for temporary duty at the Naval Unit, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., to undergo instruction in the Radiological Safety course.

Sgt. Dominick A. Ciollini was transferred from this station to HqsS, MCAS, Quantico, Va.

THE SQUADRONS REPORT

VMF-225

By B. R. Sessions
Thursday morning the 23rd of December, sixteen pilots from VMF-225 participated in a simulated air-group attack on Fentress Field which is fifteen miles south-east of Norfolk, Va.

Our planes met the dive bombers and torpedo bombers from the Navy Squadrons over Elizabeth City, N. C. which was designated rendezvous point. From here to the target eight pilots flew high cover at 15,000 feet while eight pilots acted as close cover at 14,000 feet for the bombers. One minute before arriving over the target, those planes on high cover began letting down and spear-headed the attack by making dummy strafing runs on the target. After the mission was completed, Major Kunt rendezvoused the entire air group and a simulated carrier break-up and carrier landing practice was carried out. Comdr. Campbell the air coordinator was very pleased with the operation and commented that the performance was, "Well done."

VMF-122

By Lt. S. W. Reese

At the time this edition rolls off the press, we find a lot of men walking around with new chevrons on their arms. Our newly promoted sergeants are as follows: Savoy, Stock, Carey, Taylor, Horton, Simcox and Satterlee. As for new corporals we have: Hyatt, Grimmer, Goodman and E. L. Moore.

Our old friend Tstgt. Grady Shelton is back aboard after a re-entitlement leave and with sleeves rolled up, they tell me.

Cpl. Divito departed for Lake Placid, N. Y. and the well-watched hickory boards. Watch those Leap-Offs. Tstgt. John Grabowski joined this organization coming from SMS-14. Nice to have you with us John!

A nice pat on the back should go to Pfc J. A. Story, squadron mailman, for his more than capable handling of mail during the Christmas rush.

MSgt. Eddie Bennett claimed it was pretty cold in the duck blind somewhere in the wilds of the Neuse River. Lots of ducks too, but me, I'll move a little closer to the fire.

Sgt. J. K. Harris and Sgt. W. R. Neitz TAD to Columbus, Ohio, for burial details.

Lt. Ingraham of the USS Palau, is giving the squadron LSO's a hand in bouncing the pilots of the squadron for re-classification.

MSgt. Blass has done a fine job of constructing racks for the dropable fuel tanks of the jet planes.

VMF-224

By IstLt. A. Grasselli

VMF-224 continues to function as before in a highly polished manner. The show is good, the promotions slow but everyone stays happy. As the day shift takes its departure after a heavy day of teeling at horse shoes, the swing shift takes over. A full production is being maintained but the pressing problem of seeing the peg at site is becoming more acute. Several suggestions have been offered. But the most promising one is economizing on electricity.

Four of the newly rebuilt F4U's have rolled off the 224 production line, and are already exceeding all expectations. Some sqd. pilots are predicting a priority take-off clearance from the tower by the end of next week—God, and jets willing.

The officers and men of the sqd. would like to announce their sympathy and regret, in the loss of Capt. Calabash of VMF-223. He was one of us, and a Marine respected by all.

AES-46

STOP PRESS! Lt. Geishecker Wed in Boston

Late word received from Massachusetts by telegram that IstLt. Edward J. "Ned" Geishecker, AES-46, was married over the holidays. Geishecker divulged the information in a telegram to his Commanding Officer, requesting ten days additional leave. He didn't say who the bride was.

Geishecker holds down several positions in 46, being Special Services Officer, Postal Officer, Voting Officer, Savings Bond Officer, Education Officer, Squadron pilot and a member of Station Welfare and Recreation council.

The sole remaining bachelor officer in AES-46 is Lt. Richard Bell. He has announced no matrimonial plans for his future.

AES-42

After a very Merry Christmas the squadron is "nighting in" on the New Year. The second wave of the men left on leave in high spirits and with a firm resolution to start the New Year right. Speaking of resolutions, lets hope the resolutions being made around the squadron take a longer time to break than it did to make them.

The squadron basketball team's present standing is two wins to one loss and a game scheduled with AES-46 on Thursday. The team is shaping up nicely and with a little more time and practice they should give a good account of themselves.

VMF-461

By Emil Skoepel

An unusual December of intense activity is coming to an end for VMF-461, as the squadron prepares for another carrier cruise early next year. Just returned in the latter part of November from the Second Task Force maneuvers in the North Atlantic, the squadron personnel are beginning to get accustomed to periodically packing and leaving Cherry Point. Three cruises were made in the last six months. Transferred this week was First Lieutenant Edward J. McQuillan, one of the squadron's landing signal officers. He is now attached to SMS-11. Also detached is Staff Sergeant Levy M. Hatler, to HqsS-11.

New personnel joining during the week are Corporals John R. Hardy and William Mitchell, Pfc. Parke E. Klapp, and one medical corpsman, HM2 Lloyd J. Flewelling. A full schedule of parties and open houses featured the officers' observance of the Christmas holiday with squadron "musters" being held at many of the homes. Among the hosts were Maj. Donald P. Frame, commanding officer, Capt. R. H. Twisdale, IstLts. Darrel L. Ritter, Clayton Ingraham and Dean Caswell.

VMK-252

By Sgt. H. C. Brannon
Sgt. DANIEL BOUAE CRAWFORD had a turkey hunt.

But on that hunt he couldn't find a turkey.

He heard a quack. Quack! here and a gobble; gobble! there. But Sgt. DANIEL BOUAE CRAWFORD didn't see a turkey.

Sgt. HILY ALEXSON GONSAIVES went along on a duck hunt.

E-I-E-I-O. But that on that hunt he couldn't find a duck.

He heard a quack; Quack! here and a quack; quack! there. But Sgt. HILY ALEXSON GONSAIVES didn't see a duck.

This is a story about VMK-252's foremost frontiersmen, namely, that well known trail blazer and hunter—Sgt. DANIEL BOUAE CRAWFORD and that dauntless scout Sgt. HILY ALEXSON GONSAIVES. Now it seems that most people who go a hunting try to be there earliest, earliest, and with the mostest equipment on the assumption that the "Early Bird" gets the worm. But since our boys only start their expedition about 1300 on that dreary, rainy, cold afternoon.

The fact that the curtain of darkness fell at approximately 1700 leaves some question as to who or what got lost—whether it was the canoe, the turkey, the ducks or the hunters.

Anyway, to give the canoe, the turkeys, the ducks and the woods the benefit of a doubt it must be stated that our Game Pursuers didn't return until 0100 the following day.

It is said that Woody Marines never try to build a lean—to out of Pine needles or a fire with one match and some Wet leaves unless their original intention (which was definitely NOT to stay overnight in North Carolina's forest land on a cold rainy December Saturday) went SNAFU.

But when two of our rugged Marine comrades exhibit their "Never say die" spirit by declaring their intention to launch a second chase on a not too distant cold(?) rainy (?) Saturday in January, the least we can do is offer them a toast:

Here's to beautiful turkey and fat ones
A pretty duck and not just one
A lean hunt, and a successful one
But please don't get lost on this one.

Special Service

MEMO

By Jack A. Gonyd

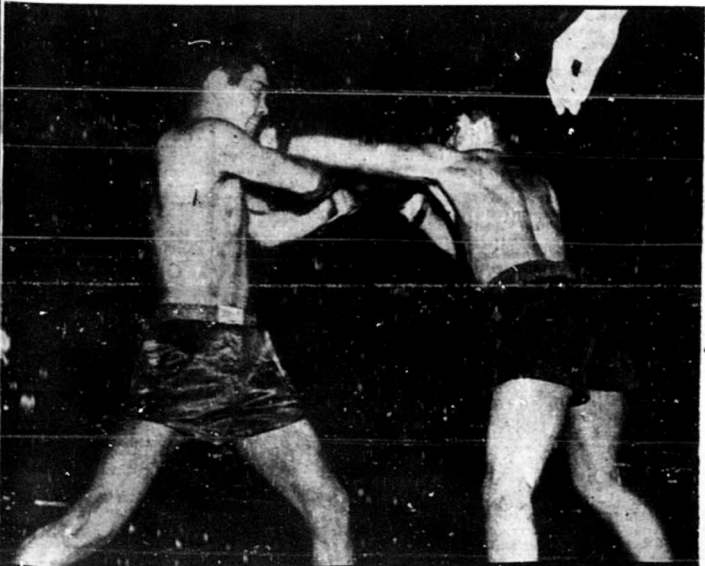
There will be a formal New Year's Dance held at the Drill Hall tonight. The dance will start at 2020 and end at 0130. The Station Orchestra will be on hand to render the latest hits. So hop on over and help ring in the new and chase out the old year.

The Christmas night dance sponsored by the New Bern Recreation Department and held at the George Street Recreation center last Saturday night was a huge success. Both Marines and students seemed quite pleased with the affair.

The night's highlight was when a large parcel of balloons was released from the ceiling. One of the balloons held a slip of paper which entitled the bearer to date the Christmas Queen. The Queen was chosen by popular vote.

The Special Services Department wishes to take this opportunity to wish everyone the happiest of New Years.

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Mike Zecca, one of Cherry Point's comic fighters is shown landing a hard left to Paratrooper Ralph Duran's jaw in the second round of their bout. Zecca, who dropped a close decision to Duran at Fort Bragg, took the 32nd Airborne fighter over the third round route.

Dilbert's Dilemma Or "What's To Do" At Cherry Point

I'm sittin' on my bunk, scratchin' my head and wonderin'. My first liberty was a little boring and expensive, and I saw about all there is to see. What's open for me to do on the station during my off-duty hours?

Let's see. There's one of the state's largest and most modern movie houses right here on the base, and it just costs twelve cents to get in. They show a different picture every night, and two on week-ends. Naw, I've seen it.

There's the golf course; eighteen holes with free club check-out, but I don't care for golf. Could go to the library, its close and has thousands of books and all the latest periodicals, open seven days a week, too. Nope, to tired to read.

The gym and athletic plant over at Drill Hall is open every day with all kinds of equipment to be checked out here in the Sqd. barracks. They have organized intramurals over there or some varsity boxing or basketball about every day or night. Three courts and lots of gear but I'm not that energetic.

Might go bowling or try the Pitch and Putt course over by the football field. Guess not. The Hobby Shop has a photo lab, a model plane and railroad room, ceramics, wood carpentry, metal shop, and several other activities, but I don't think so. There are just under 12,000 acres inside the station so I could take a hike in the woods and never need a library card. Might rain.

I could get about anywhere by bus or just take an orientation ride down to the docks and see if any of my buddies are in the row or sail boats. Too Lazy.

Maybe I'll go over to the recreation hall and play some pool or ping pong. Naw, it's a block away. If I wanted to be ambitious and get an education I could sign up with Marine Corps Institute over at Education and Personal Affairs office, its open five days a week. Too much like work.

Where are some of those many free recreational facilities maintained at Cherry Point for my use.

Toro VMF Pilot Shoots Up Plane

El Toro, Calif. Dec. 10.—(From "Wing Tips" in Flight Jacket)—In accordance with 1st MAW new training procedures, several of El Toro's fighter squadrons are undergoing air-to-air firing qualifications on remote-controlled "drones" furnished by the Santa Ana Naval Air Station.

The miniature pilotless planes, usually guided by twin-engine Beechcrafts, termed "mother ships," are put through a series of gyrations for the benefit of attacking fighter planes that attempt to shoot them from the skies.

The drones furnish an excellent means for pilots to keep abreast of actual combat "dog-fighter" practices.

Under the supervision of LTA squadron VU-6, First Wing units VMF-461, VMF (N)-513 and VMF-312 were able to complete qualifications this week. They will compete in future competitive exercises held to determine high scores next year.

The firing was held in a restricted area offshore between Oceanaide and San Clemente Island. Capt. James B. Graves of VMF (N)-513 displayed some fancy gunnery during this training when he completely destroyed a drone target plane in one run, firing a total of 20 rounds of 50 cal. ammunition.

In practice firing on drones it is not uncommon to fire 1000 rounds without putting the target plane out of commission, according to VMF (N)-513 officials.

The recruiting 'sarge' said there were some.

Nothing to do here, so I guess I'll walk over and get a milkshake and some popcorn at the PX soda fountain. I know its open and full of chowhounds up to 10 p. m. every night in the year. Yeah, that's for me.

1st Lt. Thomas J. Jones was detached from this station to Schenectady General Distribution Depot, Schenectady, N. Y. for temporary duty in connection with the return of World War II dead.

'Clipsheet' Appears In This Week's Sock; Staff Takes Leave

With about the entire staff of the Windsock on leave over the holiday period, the paper is coming out this week with very little local news.

Gramlich, Kennedy, Lattanzi and the other staff members would find it difficult to locate local news, even if they were here, with the holiday lull.

"Clipsheet" to the uninitiated, is anything clipped from another source and is the same thing in newspaper lingo as "boiler-plate."

Formal Dance For 'O' Clubbers Tonite

"The Young Man From The West," Royce Stoenner and his orchestra are slated to provide the music which will ring in the New Year at Cherry Point Officers' Club.

Music for this New Year's Eve affair, a \$2.00 per person cover charge event, will be provided from 2100 until one hour into 1949. Dress will be formal.

Dinner will be served from 1900 to 2200 and will be by reservation only. The price will be \$2.50 per plate, and charges will be made for unused reservations, and for reservations not cancelled prior to noon today.

Tables reserved for dinner may be reserved for the balance of the evening.

El Toro Lts. Ask "Who's Liable?"

1st Lt. Dewey H. Jackson of First M. A. W. just got off the hook for \$67,479.40 damages. He was sued by two young motorcycle riders of Orange county after a collision last April 14. A superior court jury in Santa Ana denied any damages recently.

1st Lt. Peter C. Osterhoudt of VMF (N)-512, El Toro, is now being sued by a Mr. John H. Murphy and wife of Santa Ana NAS for \$28,900 after another auto crash which occurred on Nov. 14. These facts were picked up from the Nov. 10th issue of Flight Jacket, El Toro base paper.

Squadron Skippers Figure In Orders

Recent orders in Station and Wing transferred several well known Commanding Officers to new billets.

Lt. Col. Marion E. Carl, former Commanding Officer of Marine Fighter Squadron 122 went to Marine Air Group 14 as Operations Officer (S-3) replacing Lt. Col. A. G. Smith, Jr. effective Dec. 16.

New Commanding Officer of VMF-122, which has the FH-1 jets as well as F4Us, is Major Loren D. "Doc" Everton. Major Everton came to Cherrp Point from Quantico, where he was an instructor in Amphibious Warfare School. Before going to Quantico Everton attended school at the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base Montgomery, Ala.

Another change of command took place on December 23rd as Lt. Col. L. L. Frank, former G-2, Station, assumed command of Marine Transport Squadron 252, relieving Lt. Col. Lowell S. Reeve. Lt. Col. Reeve is to replace Lt. Col. J. L. Neefus as Commanding Officer of Aviation Engineering Squadron 41, with duties in Overhaul and Repair.

Lt. Col. Neefus is slated for transfer to Armed Forces Staff School at Norfolk.

Capt. Alfred T. Moret Jr. was detached from this station to MAD NAS Patuxent River, Md.

1st Lt. Elmer Amundson was detached to MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina in connection with station Operations.

Capt. Franklin C. Thomas was detached from this station for temporary duty at Atlantic City, N. J.



Bibee Is Uninjured In Landing Mishap— Minor Damage To U

"Outside of being scared nearly to death," say Captain Albert J. Bibee Supply Officer for VMP-354, "I suffered little injury when my Corsair ground-looped on Runway 5 last Thursday morning."

Captain Bibee considered himself "just plain lucky" to have escaped injury in the smash-up which occurred on a final landing after field carrier practice.

Shortly after the touch-down, the left main gear collapsed and, after pivoting on the low wing, the aircraft came to rest at 1058.

After a cursory examination of the damaged plane, Captain J. A. Hardy, Jr., 212 Engineering Officer, said "apparently a left wing and a prop change will be necessary."

Reserved Airmen Here Next July

Washington, D. C.—The Chief of Naval Operations recently approved recommendation of dates for annual 1949 Marine Aviation Reserve maneuvers at Cherry Point and El Toro, Calif.

The reserve airmen will converge on Cherry Point from July 16 to 30. The program of training will be similar to that carried out here so successfully last July, with the various Reserve squadrons in the eastern half of the U. S. flying their planes to Cherry Point.

El Toro will entertain Reserve squadrons from the western half of the U. S. between August 13th and 27th.

**SAVE TIME
SAVE MONEY
SHOP AT THE
POST EXCHANGE**

3 El Toro Pilots Escape Injury In Plane Accidents

(From The El Toro Flight Jacket, Dec. 17—Three minor accidents involving El Toro planes and pilots occurred this week, none of which resulted in serious injury or serious damages.

1st Lt. Robert T. Bell, VMF-354, suffered a lacerated scalp on his plane ground-looped on landing at El Centro.

Maj. Charles E. Kollman, executive officer of VMP-254, was injured when the brakes of his plane failed on a landing. The ship off the end of runway 2-5 narrowly missing several workmen. The plane suffered negligible damage.

Tsgt. William G. Knapp, VMP-254, was injured when the left landing gear collapsed when the plane touched ground. The ship went to SPS for repairs. Knapp was returned from gunnery practice.

STATION THEATRE

Tonight 1800-2030

My Own True Love
Phyllis Calvert - Melvyn Douglas

Saturday 1000 Children's Show

The Wild Frontier
Alan Lane

Saturday 1800-2030

Ali Baba and 40 Thieves
Jon Hall - Maria Montez

Sunday 1300

Fury At Furnace Creek
Victure Mature - Carolyn Gray

Sunday 1800-2030

The Lucky Stiff
Brian Donlevy - Dorothy Lamour

Monday 1800-2030

Yellow Sky
Gregory Peck - Ann Baxter

Tuesday 1800-2030

Luxury Liner
George Brent - Jane Powell

Wednesday 1800-2030

Strike It Rich
Rod Cameron - D. Castle

Thursday 1800-2030

A Loaded Pistol
Gene Autry - Barbara Britton

Cherry Theatre

Tonight
The Best Years Of Our Lives
March - Loy - Andrews

Saturday
(double feature)
**Grand Canyon Trapped
Out Of The Storm**

Sunday
Hazard
Goddard - Carey

Monday-Tuesday
River Lady
(technicolor)
DeCarlo - Duryea

Wednesday
Embraceable You
Clark - Sakall - Brooks
JACKPOT NITE

Thursday
The Velvet Touch
Russell - Greenstreet

ENGLISH IS EASY? BUT CHECK THESE

All the "old salts" in aviation won't get a thing out of this, but it may prove informative to some of the "new boys," dependents, civilians and ground Marines. Several days ago an Army man dropped into the Windsock and politely asked what we were talking about on the Squadrons report page. Could the VMF-233 signify, "Very Mean Fighting Two Hundred and Twenty Third."

A few of the most used monikers and their meaning are: VMF—marine fighter Squadron; VMR—marine transport Squadron; SMS—marine service Squadron; ABS—Air Base Squadron; M&G—Marine Air Group; AF&M&L—Aircraft Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic; MCAS—Marine Corps Air Station; AES—Aircraft Engineering Squadron; MWSG-2 (prov)—Marine Wing Service Group Two, Provisional; MWS—Marine Wing Service Squadron; MCGIS—Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron; VMP—Marine Photographic Squadron; VMF (N)—the "N" means All Weather but usually means Night Fighter.

Then you get into the complicated business of the planes flown by Navy and Marine pilots. When it started out it was relatively simple with a few models and fewer manufacturers, but nowadays it takes a bright lad to keep up. There goes a "PB4Y-2A" means, there goes a Patrol Bomber, four-engine model built by Consolidated second modification of that model with another little change in the tail indicated by the last "A."

Lets be as exact as possible. The first letter in the plane's nomenclature indicates the type or purpose of the aircraft, for example, "F" is for fighter, "B" is for transport, "O" is for observation, etc. If a number follows the first letter it gives you the model of the plane built for the Navy, by a particular manufacturer, for example, an F4U-5 is a "Corsair" and the fourth fighter that Chance Vought built for Naval Aviation. The "1" indicating Chance Vought. The final number "5" after the dash stands for the fifth modification of the F4U. Modifications are changes or addition to the basic airplane as originally designed. The F4U-5 for instance is a far cry from the original F4U-1 built at the beginning of the war. The various modifications have changed the appearance of the aircraft very little, but actually the cockpit has been moved forward and improved, the engine has been made far more powerful, the tabs, radio, tail wheel, etc. have been developed into better and more efficient accessories.

An "X" before any aircraft flown

by the Navy stands for Experimental or Test research. The XF7U if approved and accepted by Navy will become the FTU-1 and drop the "X." It is a swept back wing jet and radically different in appearance and performance from the FAU-5.

The TBF is technically a Torpedo Bomber built by Grumman, the "B" being Grumman's code name in naval aircraft. About the time you learn the plane, some smart airdate will call it a "TBM." This may stop you, but means only that Grumman let the contract out to another company to build the plane and actually it is the same as the TBF.

Not that it makes much difference to the layman, but if you want to be correct, "Fighter" has replaced "Fighting" in the naming of VMF squadrons.

The Navy has a very similar set up to that of the Marine Corps and only drops the "M" out which stands for Marine. In technical language there are no Marine aviators, all of them being "Naval Aviators," trained and so designated by the U. S. Navy.

The Air Force has its own indicated system of identify its aircraft. An "F" means fighter, for example F-80, the Shooting Star jet, the F-51 or North American "Mustang." "C" signifies transport as in the C-54 Douglas four engine Skymaster. The British go the Air Force one better and forget numbers, using code names based on by the manufacturer, as "Dakota" transport, which is a C-47 to the Air Force, an E4D-5 to the Navy and a DC-3 to civilian air lines. They are all the same plane.

Basketball Court Gets "Raised" Look

Nowadays women have the "new" look, men have leaned toward the "bold" look, and the basketball court at the Station Drill Hall is taking on the "raised" look. It is expected that the transformation should be completed as this goes to press.

In accomplishing this "face-lifting" feat, Public Works carpenters will have laid approximately 6280 sq. ft. of new white oak over the old court.

Although almost an inch higher than the main floor, a skillful job of beveling around the edges has, but disguised the added elevation.

There will be no more playing or walking on the new floor with street shoes and boon-dockers.



Pfc. Charles J. Fredericks, of 2nd MAW Post Office, appears snowed-under by the mound of Xmas packages awaiting delivery to anxious Point Marines. Post Office employees handled a tremendous amount of mail and parcels during the Yuletide rush and rendered invaluable aid to St. Nick in spreading cheer to base-bound Marines.

Expansive Program In Navy Aviation Planned For 1949

(SEA)—Having established a year of unparalleled progress in 1948, naval aviation looks forward to still greater accomplishments in 1949.

Outstanding achievements for the Navy's fleet fighting forces during the past year have been the integration of carrier-based jet aircraft into operating fleet units, the development of faster and more powerful fighters and attack planes and better fuels, and extensive development of more efficient reciprocating and jet engines.

An important step towards a faster and more powerful air striking force is realized by the announcement of the proposed construction of a new 65,000-ton, 1,050-foot super carrier capable of operating aircraft of well over 100,000 pounds.

A program has been set up for the construction during 1949 of 1,222 new planes, of which 543 are to be jet fighters, 407 attack aircraft, 87 Patrol planes 8 transports, 35 helicopters, 120 F4U's, 1 blimp, 16 2-seat jet trainers, and 6 utilities (UTIs). Approximately 2,000 World War II-type planes now in storage will be withdrawn to meet the Navy's authorized strength of 14,500 aircraft by the middle of 1949.

It is planned to integrate approximately 2,000 naval aviation cadets into training by 1 July 1949 to meet the demand for pilots to man the 14,500-plane air Navy.

In addition, it is expected that field researchers will expand upon



Sgt. J. Clarke and Pfc. George LaChange are shown in the 2nd Wing Post Office taking packages for mailing from late Xmas mailers.

Air Mail Price is Up A Penny Now

(SEA) On January 1st, that's tomorrow, the current five-cent air mail rate on first class material weighing eight ounces or less will be increased to six cents per ounce. The five-cent rate has been in effect since 1 Oct. '46, at which time it was reduced from eight cents.

Lt. Col. Carl Gets Gold Medal For Muroc Speed Run

Lt. Col. Marion E. Carl, USMC, former commanding officer of VMF-122 and present Operations Officer for Marine Air Group 14 recently was presented with the Federal Aeronautique Internationale Gold Medal at a banquet in Washington, D. C.

The award was for Carl's flight on 25 August 1947 at Muroc Dry Lake, California when he set a new world's speed record in a Douglas experimental jet. He flew 558.8 miles per hour over a measured course.

Mr. Fred Crawford, president of the Cleveland National Air Race Committee and Thompson Products made the presentation of the civilian medal on Dec. 17th.

the tremendous strides that have been made to increase both the safety and power of naval aircraft through such materials as non-inflammable hydraulic fluids and high-powered super-octane gasoline.

Dancing For NCO's As Old Year Goes

Tonight at 2000 a gala dance will be held at the Non-Commissioned Officers' club as NCO's and their wives usher the old year out and the new 1949 in at midnight.

A full evening of entertainment is planned and the festivities will be climaxed by the traditional "Auld Lang Syne" as the clock strikes twelve.

Music for the dancing will be furnished by Dwight Price and his orchestra. The dress will be optional and all NCO's are urged to attend this last social activity of '48.

Sock Retracts On Bum Dope Items

The Windsock has pondered the idea of running a "so sorry" column each week correcting mistakes in the previous week's paper. Trying to do this, we found, took lots of time and space. Policy now is to correct only the most glaring errors.

In recent weeks we have let some wild ones fly. Among them: "A and I" inspectors to see hand. There is no "A and I" anymore. It is correctly the Inspector General of the FME, and Inspector Division. See MarCorps Gazette, Oct. '48, page 44 or L. of I, 1106 dated Aug. 14, 1945.

Sock sends sincere apologies to El Toro jet squadron. We erred, they have no two-seater-tandem jets, instead they have single place Lockheed "Shooting Star" planes and are doing very well with them.

Two weeks ago we tabbed VMF-212, holder of Navy "E", as—quite "Second Wing's hottest squadron." We do not retract, only qualify our statement to say that 212 was rated as most efficient by Navy standards. We heard from lots of readers on that one, many of them we never knew we had.

Scramble under last week's choir piz proved we have several close readers in the Chaplain's Department. There is no "Mrs. McEore." The Sock asks Captain Warren C. Watson's forgiveness; we have printed it Warren L. in our sports pages for several months.

In Dec. 10th issue our plane identification expert slipped up by calling a "Love Pater" F4U a VMF-223 aircraft. Actually it was skipper of VMF-461 coming aboard Palau and right on the front page.

We are doing the best we can with what we have, and are not only open for suggestions, but, have openings for writers. If you see an error that particularly irks you, let us know; we hate to repeat our mistakes.

We get a few bum steers, mostly it is our stupidity, so to-day we are starting the New Year off by eating "humble-pie."



FROM THE CAMP LEJEUNE "GLOBE"

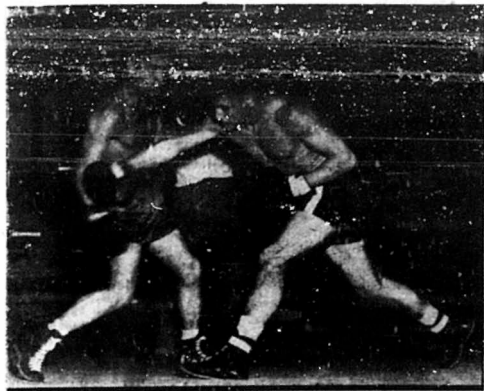
The Dec. 22nd issue carried the following news items: Varied Xmas Programs included Santa Claus Visit to children at Camp Theatre, Teen Age Dance at Midway Park, Radio Broadcast of Carols by Midway Park Carolers over WJNC, Stoenner's Ork Playing at NCO Dance . . . Lejeune Basketball Team Wins over Greenville Air Force Base and Wilmington Jr. College, Loses Close one to P. I. . . .

FROM THE PARRIS ISLAND "BOOT"

Dec. 18th B007 says: Lt. James R. Jones Takes Over As New P. I. O. . . . MSgt. C. H. Glassett Honored At Battalion Parade . . . Grid Banquet Held at Staff NCO Club . . . Sports page Headlines say "Parris Island Courtmen Clip Cherry Pt. and Lejeune In First Home Basketball Games" . . . Jefferson A. C. of Savannah Wins over P. I. Hoop team by 36-28 . . . PI Keglers Roll For Sixth Nav Dist Bowling Scores. . .

FROM THE EL TORO "FLIGHT JACKET"

Dec. 17th dope from Calif.: . . . Band Goes On Leave For 30 Days. . . New Laundry Equipment Installed . . . Philip E. Poppler, former 1stMAW Legal Officer admitted to Calif. State Bar . . . MSgt. E. F. Reynolds of VMF-323 Invents Portable Tank De-Fueler . . . Tsgt. Paul R. Ray of Operations goes Overseas . . . VMF (N)-513 To El Centro For Six Days of Rocket and Bombing practice . . . Bulls Beat Pt. Mugu Navy Basket team by 53-43 . . . Station Bowling Team In Tourney at San Diego . . . VMF-211 Develops New Tow Target With Black Border.



Rudy Lara lands a glancing hard right off Ben Maciel's jaw—Lara, fighting in his best form of the year, easily out-classed the Paratrooper to win his bout in the Drill Hall on Dec. 20th.

"Fighting Flyers" Team Is In Training For Tourneys

The Cherry Point "Fighting Flyers," at present, are training for future bouts in Golden Gloves competition to be held during January, on Jan. 9, 10, and 11. Coach Sam Conroy will take seven pugilists to Burlington, N. C. for the regional Golden Gloves tourney.

Fighting on Cherry Pt. will be, however: George Vickers III, bantam weight; Ralph Rowe, middleweight; Mike Zecca, middleweight; Lloyd Rousseau, welterweight; Rudy Lara, lightweight; Jimmy Smith, lightweight; and Gaston Deasay, featherweight.

Many of the local boxers are on leave over the New Year but stars such as Biancanello, Spencer and Lejeune will probably qualify for the State Golden Gloves matches at Charlotte, by fighting in the Greenville, Greensboro, and Charlotte regional prelims.

Tentative matches are lined up for February with Little Creek Amphib. Base at Norfolk, Shaw Field Air Force Base, and Camp Lejeune.

The bouts at Charleston will be held between 21 and 24 Jan. Greenville plans to hold their matches on 26 thru 29th of January.

Claude Bonatelli, highly touted welterweight has not made an appearance for the locals as yet due to stomach disorders, but expects to be in the ring this month against

some of the opponents listed above. Al Rossi, loser of his one bout at Fort Bragg, is out of the "Flyers" stable until a bad ear-drum heals, probably for another month.

Cherry Point's Boxing team is well known at Charlotte, having done very well in past years.

Late News About Intra-Mural Play

Playing as a prelude to the Varsity game Tuesday night, MACG-1 walked over SMS-14 in a fast game in the Drill Hall. The score was, MACG-1, 35, over SMS-14's 17 points. The second game, between Quantic and Cherry Point, was a fast one won by Quantic, 49-43.

Wednesday night the "Flyers" played host to the Marine Barracks Washington. Prior to the big game there was an intramural game with VMP-223 taking on AES-42. The preliminary was set for 1830 while the varsity played at 2000.

Thursday night there were two intramural games played at the Drill Hall. The first game started at 1900 between AES-46 and AES-42 and was followed by VMP-354 vs VF-122.

General's Cup

This Week's Schedule

Monday—Jan. 3, 1949

VMP-222 vs VMP-212

AES-41 vs MACG-1

Tuesday—Jan. 4

VMP-2a2 vs HqSq-14

SMS-14 vs VMP-114

Wednesday—Jan. 5

HqSq-MCAS vs VMP-225

HqSq-2 vs AES-42

Thursday—Jan. 6

VMT-1 vs VMP-122

AES-46 vs VMP-354

All game will be played in the Station Drill Hall, with a first game starting time of 1900. On nights when the Varsity team plays, only one intramural contest will be scheduled.

Intramural basketball for the week of December 20, was rather flat because so few games were played. On December 20 there were no games played. Dec. 21, HqSq-2a, worked their way to a smashing victory over VMP-212. The score was 53-46.

On the 22nd, two close games were held. HqSq-14 scored over VMT-1 at 27-21. Also VMP-114 took AES-46 in a close game of 22-17. VMP-225 forfeited to VMP-354 and VMP-122 forfeited to AES-42 on the 23rd of December.

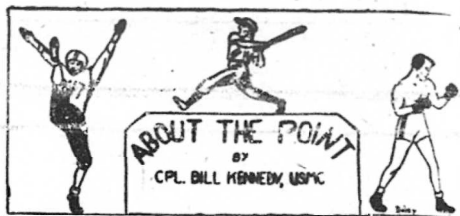
STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pts.
MACG-1	5	0	5
AES-41	4	0	4
HqSq-14	4	0	4
VMP-252	3	0	3
VMP-114	2	0	2
VMP-222	2	0	2
AES-46	2	1	2
AES-42	2	1	2
HqSq-Sta.	2	2	2
VMP-223	2	2	2
SMS-11	1	1	1
VMP-354	1	1	1
VMT-1	1	2	1
HqSq-2	1	3	1
VMP-122	1	3	1
VMP-212	1	4	1

Pfc John J. Allen was Honorably Discharged from the Marine Corps on the 7 of December 1948.

The following three men were transferred from this station to Memphis, Tenn., to undergo instruction as Aviation Electricians. They are: Pfc William J. Johnson, Pfc W. McCorkle, and Pfc James T. Oberle.

Pfc Charles M. Johnson was transferred from this station to MSAW, MCAS, El Toro, Calif., for transfer overseas.



Tomorrow, a new sporting year will be started at Cherry Point, 1949 passes into the realm of forgotten athletic memories. With the retiring season, we'll place many thrills on the diamond, the basketball court, the football field and the prize ring. The most exciting occurrence is hard to identify, but let's try.

The night was Oct. 23 and the stage, the Cherry Point Drill Hall. A packed house of Marines were watching a nip-and-tuck boxing show between two highly touted Quantic glovers and our own varsity combine, coached by SSgt. Johnny Tinsley.

The local pugilists were in front, 4 bouts to 3, and needed this one to take the match. It was the main scrap of the evening and brought together a pair of Lightweight boxers—Rube Aguilar of Quantic and John Biancanello of Cherry Point.

From the first round bell, no one could remain seated! Both boys tore in, with Aguilar almost flooring the talented Biancanello before many seconds had past. Rube tore in savagely, battering the "John Jabber" with a series of lefts and rights and pounding him against the ropes.

It was this point that Johnny showed the grit he was made of, roaring back and pummeling Aguilar with every bit of power in his driving fists. Aguilar was in trouble now, and almost went down, but the plucky visitor just wouldn't fall and only continued to swing with both hands.

For a second round, and into the third it was Biancanello, the Aguilar, then the local boy again. Neither gave an inch, neither would fall, but both were dead tired.

In the final heat, Johnny mustered all his remaining strength and drove Aguilar around the ring with a fierce attack that had the Quantic pugilist glassy-eyed and groggy. But, Rube was dead tired and wouldn't go down though his legs buckled at the impact of the blows. At the end, Aguilar was fighting back with a series of wild "roundhouse" punches but he had dropped the division.

The fight was close and the crowd was on pins and needles waiting for the decision. "The winnab, Biancanello," was the verdict and cheering through roared it's approval.

True, many outstanding athletic performances have been inscribed on the walls of Cherry Point during the year 1948, but none seem as dramatic as the story of two boys who wouldn't quit for a single second until the final bell sounded!

Coach Praises Footballers
Capt. J. R. Sloan, coach of the Cherry Point football team, recently praised the squad for it's good showing during the 1948 season.

Johnny Star, George Vavrek, Lige Simmons, Dan Thrompoulos, Dick Erickson, Mike Siegerst and Ernie Diaz all improved tremendously during the year in his opinion. George Jones and Tom Wichard came along fine, while Tom Shepherd played outstanding ball throughout the campaign. Shepherd was hampered by sickness during the season, and Johnny Kreamcheck wasn't able to play in many of the closing games due to injury.

Of course, Capt. Sloan omitted himself. In this respect, we might add that he aided the club greatly during the final contests against Lejeune, Coral Sea and the Miami Freshmen.

All-Navy Wrestling Bouts To Be Held On March 20th At The U.S. Naval Academy

(SEA)—Individual winners of the Navy-wide eight-group division wrestling eliminations will meet at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. this week of 20 March for the 1949 All-Navy Wrestling Championship matches. Rules governing eliminations and final series of matches including matters of transportation and finances, are contained in Barbers Cut, Ltr. 221-49 (NDB, 30 Nov. 1948). Actual competition will be conducted under the official Amateur Athletic Union "Rules of Wrestling."

All enlisted personnel on active duty in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are eligible to compete. For the purposes of this competition, midshipmen at naval air training commands are considered enlisted men. Personnel of NROTC and Naval Reserve units are not eligible.

Naval Air Training activities, Reserve Fleet and all other naval activities shall compete in their naval district playoffs. Units of the Inactive Fleet berthed at naval stations within naval districts shall participate in the eliminations sponsored by those naval districts. Fleet Air Wings will be considered as Fleet units.

Members of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard will compete in their naval district group eliminations. Fleet Marine units will be considered as shore-based activities and will compete in their naval district playoffs unless otherwise authorized by the Commandant, Marine Corps.

Commands of each group division will select the champion in each weight category, plus a manager and an officer in charge, to report to Annapolis prior to 18 March.

The following wrestling classes (with weight limit in parentheses) have been established for competitive participation: flyweight (115), bantam weight (125), feather weight (135), lightweight (145), welterweight (155), middle weight (165), light-heavyweight (175), and heavyweight (over 175).

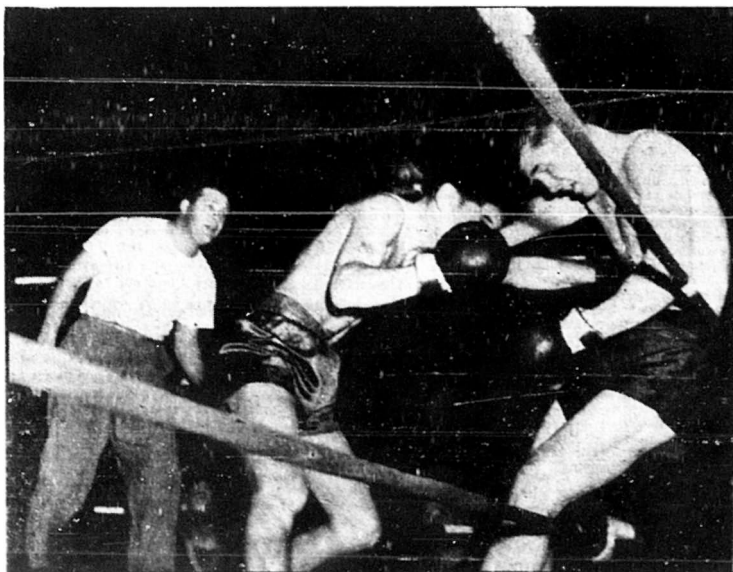
Wing Squadrons Handicapped In Intra-Murals

Recent standings show AES-46 leading the GENERAL'S CUP in intramural sports. Engineers is a station squadron based at Cherry Point continuously.

While it is squadron morale is high, both of athletes and managers, that make for winning teams and while this situation does not detract from laurels won by station teams; it is pointed out that Wing squadrons, particularly the Fibber and Carrier squadrons, are handicapped by being absent from Cherry Point on maneuvers and cruises.

At present the Intra Basketball League is in full swing and leading the league are VMP (N)-114, HqSq-14, and MACG-2. How many of these squadrons will go on maneuvers for a couple of months in the near future? This item of interest is brought out at the request of several squadron C. O.'s who feel their squadrons are not truly represented in some final standings listed in the Windsock sport page.

Weight-in-time will be 1000 lbs. the morning of each set of elimination bouts. Specifically, contestants must be within the weight limits at 1000 each day they compete.



Joe Gurrola, of the Ft. Bragg Paratroopers is shown hammering Lloyd Rousseau into the ropes. Rousseau, a newcomer to the "Flyers" boxing team, was no match for the hard hitting 82nd Airborne pugilist as he was floored three times in the first two rounds.

Officers' Wives Club

By Ann Sloan

The Book Review Section of the Officers Wives Club will meet the first Thursday of the new year, Jan. 6, in the formal lounge of the Officers Club. Chaplain R. D. Cleaves will review "The Big Fisherman" by Lloyd C. Douglas.

The Officers Wives Club will hold their first meeting of 1949 at 1100 on Jan. 11. Immediately following the meeting and program. Luncheon (\$1.00 per person) will be served at 1:00. Tables for bridge will be set up immediately following the luncheon for those who desire to play.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. A. G. Bunker, 4250, Mrs. C. M. Kuntz, 6142, Mrs. A. M. Moran, 5135.



Don Spencer, Local Boxing Standout.

Quantico Cagers Edge Out Flyers By 49-43 Count

The high powered Quantico basketball team was forced to "shoot the works" Tuesday night before edging out the underdog Cherry Point "Flyers" by the surprising score of 49 to 43. The locals led at half time, 26-24.

Norm Creviston led the outreached "Flyers" with sixteen points for the evening. His dribbling and floor play little to be desired as he sparked his teammates with spectacular play throughout the contest.

The game, played on a practice court in the Drill Hall, turned out to be the fastest and best played here this season. The new court under construction is expected to be completed this week.

There was no scoring in the first four minutes of play, with both teams methodically working the ball down, missing and retreating. The locals served notice they were going to be tough when Jim Partin broke the ice with the first basket of the fracas. The first half was nip and tuck with the lead changing hands often, but superior height and backboard control by the taller Virginians kept the fighting Pointers from stretching their early lead.

The combined heads-up play of Creviston, Partin, Hatfield and "Happy Boy" Hooper held the high scoring Virginians to one of the closest service contests they have played this season.

Last year the Quantico All-Navy Champs won forty games and lost one in service competition. This season they are undefeated in service play, but have lost to several college fives, such as Long Island Univ., Syracuse, George Washington, etc. Quantico has downed nine of Richmond and other highly touted college squads earlier this year.

After the game here local basket-

ball experts expressed the opinion that our club might have taken Quantico with the help of big Charley Ford, rangy regular center, who was on leave.

Quantico's scoring was largely from close in under the basket, with the exception of "Hap" Spulver's dead-eye set shots from the corners. Cherry Point was content to bang away from outside the tight Quantico zone defense and did very well at it with Partin, Creviston and Hatfield tossing most of the shots.

Coach Al Grasselli couldn't find the local trail by three points, and had lots of basket ringers drop out and failed to connect in the second half. Erickson was in the game for a short time for the "Flyers" but never threatened.

With three minutes left to play the locals trailed by three points, and kept the crowd on its feet with their determined effort to catch up; however the more experienced Marine Corps Schools squad controlled the ball and forged ahead primarily on foul shots. The "Flyers" were out scored but never out fought in the contest and if they retain the polish exhibited will be a winning club for the rest of the year. Robbins and Waldrop led the scoring for Quantico with 15 and 14 markers respectively.



Lt. Ray Teja, boxing coach for the Fort Bragg 82nd Airborne Boxing team reads the Windssock as two of his fighters look on. They are probably reading how our boxers beat Bragg on Dec. 20.

OFFICER'S SOCIETY NOTES

By Patl Witte

I'm dizzy as a twisted icicle on a Christmas Tree with notes as long as my arm and feeling very short-winded from the many parties of the week—But to hit a few: On Thursday the party mood blared forth from the home of LtCol. and Mrs. A. H. Adams with cocktails around the Christmas tree to entertain Mrs. Adam's family who are visiting for the holidays. And around the corner Barb and Mac McCabe started their holiday merry-making amid candles, friends and cocktails.

In Beaufort Tom and Jerris sent forth cheer to friends of Lt. and Mrs. Harold on the same cold Thursday Night. On the nite before Xmas all the way round, in each house thrown open, egg-nog was found.

Among the "oh-so-many" open houses was round-robin party given by members of VMF-461 with hourly changes of address beginning at 1900 at the Henshaws. The Derryberrys spent their Xmas Eve serving cocktails to their many friends in their Havelock home. Xmas morning found the egg-nog bowl at the "O" Club crowded with the entire family burning forth in Santa's finest and many visiting firemen.

Among those with us for the Yuletide season are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Witt visiting their son Lt. Bill Witt, Mr. Kenneth Gibbons visiting his sister Mrs. G. K. Baumgart, Mrs. A. J. Gillette visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Gilchrist, Captain and Mrs. George J. Waldie visiting their son George, Jr., and Miss Nancy Harris here with her family Major General and Mrs. Field Harris, Major William A. Simpson of the Chief of Naval Operations Office is with us for a few days T. A. D.

On Sunday Morehead became a bit of Chinatown, at least around the Baumgart's house. Chairs went out, shoes came off and Chop Suey and the like was served in typical Chinese style to the guests scattered about the floor. Monday Captain and Mrs. T. L. Allman kept the spirit of Xmas burning bright with cocktails in their quarters.

Tonight the Millers, the Battersons, the Winters, the Bunkers, and the Richards will link arms for Auld Lang Syne at a "no host" party given in the Bunkers quarters. Also tonight Lt. and Mrs. J. E. Baxter will have open house in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wood, visiting them on their honeymoon. And now time again to close another column and another year and to wish you Many Happy Returns of 1949. Remember, before the party, when you're hearty and hale call 6101 and tell me the tale.

AN ENDLESS STREAM



Thousands of garments, layettes, and hospital supplies flow from the sewing machines and nimble fingers of Red Cross volunteers working in chapter production rooms across the nation.

STAFF NCO SOCIETY NEWS

By La Tomlinson

Missed telling you last week about the surprise birthday party that Lorraine had for her husband, TSgt. Leroy Anderson, Dec. 15. The eight couples had a wonderful time playing records and acting out charades.

The unmarried Marines of HQ MAG-14 wish to thank MSgt. and Mrs. Joe Swindell for the Lady Baltimore, coconut, and fruit cakes they sent over Xmas Eve.

Even before the BIG day arrived, there was fun galore for the youngsters. The Nursery Kindergarten welcomed St. Nick with a party the 16th; the Station Theatre was jammed with kids, with and without their parents, two Saturdays ago for a party of movies, singing and gift receiving; and, in a more serious vein, on Dec. 19th the base Sunday School presented the story of the birth of Christ, called "Way do Bells on Christmas Ring" TSgt. A. H. Laribe was the narrator while Miss Deanna Dawson, daughter of MSgt. Ray Dawson, portrayed the Virgin Mary and Master Paul Rupakus, son of MSgt. P. Rupakus, was Joseph. The rest of the S. S. children were either the supporting cast or in the choir.

SSgt. and Mrs. Edward Reed of New Bern were dinner guests Xmas leave for Milwaukee shortly after the holidays.

Day of SSgt. and Mrs. Parents, also of New Bern. Mary expects to The Staff NCO Club was chock full of "gyreens" and their families Xmas Eve. Approximately fifty families enjoyed the turkey dinner Xmas Day and later they and many others danced to Roy Cole's 14-piece orchestra. This was the debut, incidentally, of the Club's new Harrington-Hardmon grand piano.

The Base Hobby Shop personnel know where Santa got the rocking horse for MSgt. Ralph Falter's son... but they won't tell!

TSgt. and Mrs. Blake shared their Christmas dinner with thirteen friends—seven adults and six children.

Mrs. Tom Nance and Miss Martha Nance, Mother and Sister of TSgt. Joseph Nance, are spending the week here. Joe and Vera plan to return to Franklinville, No. Car. with them the third on a ten day leave.

Mrs. Grace Goodwin and her twenty months old son, Ricky, are house guests of MSgt. and Mrs. Green. Grace is Mrs. Green's sister and halls from Birmingham, Alabama.

Better take your note books along to the next meeting of the Staff NCO Wives Club. Mrs. S. S. Jack, former interior decorating counselor for Barker Bros. in Los Angeles, Calif., is going to lecture on the types, uses and care of china and how to get the best quality for your money. Some exquisite samples have already arrived from New York. These she will use as demonstrations on the dinner table, where each place setting will be different. She also will discuss the types of china that our husbands can bring into the States, duty free, when they return from maneuvers.

Christmas afternoon Sgt. Major Hallett, of 212 had a "get-acquainted" party in his MEMQ home for six of the MSgts. in his outfit and their families.

The lucky families who got base housing before Xmas were: . . . IN MEMQ: MSgt. John Matthews . . . 623B, HM-1 James Rumeik . . . 559B, MSgt. Joseph Usery, Jr. . . . 522A, MSgt. Milton Beljune . . . 618B, MSgt. Theodorus Lis . . . 601B, SSgt. Wilva Corley . . . 512B, TSgt. Rra Treat . . . 534A, BSgt. Henry Cichlinsky . . . 677B, MSgt. Wallace Fried . . . 668A, And in permanent homjo housing: TSgt. Donald Rasmussen . . . 948B, TSgt. Herman Trauwek . . . 576A, TSgt. Joseph Nance . . . 985B, and TSgt. Stephen Bodnar . . . 976B.

If you are planning BIG DOIN'S for New Year; how about letting me tell others about it for you? 5159 is the phone no. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CHERRY POINT:

	FG	FT	F	TP
Cashen, f	4	0	1	8
Carpenier, f	1	0	0	2
Creviston, f	7	2	3	16
Honish, f	0	0	0	0
Grasselli, c	0	1	5	1
Davis, c	1	1	2	3
Erickson, c	0	0	0	0
Partin, g	3	1	9	7
Hatfield, g	2	0	0	4
Hooper, g	1	0	1	2
Totals	19	5	12	43

QUANTICO:

	FG	FT	F	TP
Whitlow, f	1	1	1	3
Robbins, f (capt.)	5	3	2	13
Gournier, f	0	0	0	0
Patrick, f	1	0	0	2
Waldrot, c	5	5	3	16
Quert, c	0	0	0	0
Skinner, g	0	0	0	0
Lister, g	0	2	0	2
Spulher, g	5	0	0	10
Friesen, g	2	0	2	4
Totals	19	11	8	49



All we know is the wind must have been blowing.



