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Gen. Harris Opens 1949 Baseball Season At C.P.

The Cherry Point "Flyers" got their 1949 season underway yesterday, facing the Montreal "Royals" on the Marine's home field. At press time the "Flyers" were trailing by an eleven to one count going into the eighth inning.

It was perfect baseball weather with a clear sky and little wind. Major General Field Harris, Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Air Wing, got the season officially underway at 1430 when he "pitched" a ball from the mound to Bob Jethro, the Royals center-fielder.

An estimated crowd of 4000 people attended the game to cheer the Marine aggregation on. Among the notables present were Brigadier General Ivan W. Miller, Commanding General of the Air Station, and Marine Major General Rockey E. Keller.

Johnny Sullivan started on the mound for the "Flyers" and gave way to Burns, a colored pitcher from Lejeune, sent to give a helping hand. Sullivan gave up six runs and three hits during the three innings he pitched. Burns replaced him in the fourth inning and gave up five runs and four hits, two of them being tremendous in-the-park homers, one by Catcher Charlie Thompson and the other by first baseman Bahard, both coming in the seventh.

The Marines big scoring opportunity came in the fourth inning when Goodyear, the second base-

man, a very fast boy, pushed a bunt down the first base line, beating it out for an infield hit. The fans roared as Mike Romanak was safe on a fielders choice. Ring, playing right field for the "Flyers", was then hit in the stomach by a pitched ball and went to first, loading the bases. Goodyear dented the plate for the "Flyers" first tally when Okowski hit into a double play, short-stop to first, and the rally fizzled completely as third-baseman Adams swung and missed at a third strike, leaving Romanak stranded on third.

Officers Wives To Hold Easter Egg Hunt Sunday

On April 17 at 1430, the Officers' Wives Club will hold its first annual Easter Egg-hunt for all officer's children. Plans for serving refreshments on the club terrace are now being made, and parents of children who will attend are requested to bring six colored eggs to the club by Saturday night.

A special Easter Buffet will be served from 1700 to 2000, and free punch will be served to all members of the commissioned officers mess.

In the event of inclement weather, the egg-hunt will be cancelled.

Red Cross Fund Campaign Ends Here With A Total Of \$4,229; MWSS-2 Leads

The Red Cross 1948 fund campaign at Cherry Point came to a close on April 7th with total receipts reported in the amount of \$4,229.30. Major Jack E. Conger, campaign fund chairman, and Mr. John A. Kramer, Red Cross field director, desire to express to all donors appreciation for their contributions, and to publicly thank squadron representatives and their assistants, civilian department representatives and their assistants for their efforts in making the campaign a success; also the Havelock business houses for their generous contributions.

Contributions from the various organizations and departments were as follows:		
MWSS-2	\$ 440.15	
AES-31	\$ 247.21	
AES-30	272.88	
O & R	229.79	
AES-21	229.00	
VNF-212	207.00	
Hdq. Sqd. MCAS	197.00	
Supply & Fiscal	176.40	
Fire Dept. (50 men)	150.00	
Havelock Stores	148.00	
Public Works	145.02	
VNF-225	143.90	
AES-22	129.00	
VNF-100	119.75	
VNF-122	100.00	
SMS-14	92.25	
MACT-1	88.00	
VNF-212	88.00	
VNF-21	87.15	
AES-37	78.77	
VNF-451	68.61	
VMP-354	63.37	
Hdq. Sqd. MAG-11	55.45	
Station Supply	52.42	
SMS-11	52.25	
Hedron Two	55.90	
VMF-223	45.70	
VMF-531	27.13	
Hdq. Sqd. MWSS-2	27.40	
Civilian Housing	26.45	
VNF-114	22.00	
Hdq. Sqd. MAG-14	19.50	
Dispensary	19.00	
Red Cross Office	19.00	
VNF-224	17.00	
Officers Wives Club	15.00	
Gray Ladies	12.00	
Womans C'-b., Havelock	12.00	
1st Cit. Bank (bas.)	10.00	
NCO Wives Club	8.00	
I. R. O.	7.67	
Civilian Police	7.00	
Miscellaneous	67.98	
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,229.30	

Staff NCO's Are Promoted Here

The following Staff Sergeants were promoted to Technical Sergeant by authority Marine Corps Special Order No. 99-49.

Richard O. Spoderly, Elmer D. Stright, Lawrence H. Nelson, John H. Rubisch, Dwight W. Seymour, Oral E. Montgomery, John D. Burrouse, Thomas E. Moore, George E. Bell, Peter Vail Ness, Jack P. Thetford, David A. O'Neil and Jose L. Gonzalez.

Robert H. Huffman, John G. Lauman, Robert D. Balckwell, Willie Moore, Raymond C. Rand, Robert L. Nelson, Curtiss J. Turner, Vernon W. Knox, James F. McCoy, Jr., David J. Clement, Jackson D. Sims.

According to the same authority, the following promotions from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant have been received:

Orste K. Aruni, John M. McBryde, Leonard A. Anderson, Edward J. Popp, Stanley J. Cheronaki, Bennie W. Jeans, Gordon K. Gray, Warren L. Osburn, Charles Craig, Ronald E. Schmidt, Glenn T. Wells, Fred S. Rossi, William Sichina and William J. Podolsky.

Noel Nuntery, Teddy D. Clarke, Richard C. Van Mullen, Jerald M. Hartman, George W. Masson, Joseph A. Nobile, Ernest I. Teter, John P. Murry, Harry E. McGraw, James K. Love, Richard D. Gonzales, and Bryon G. Woodard.

Arthur R. LaBonte, William B. McDaniel, Joseph S. Starzynski, Paul Moyer, Jr., Theodore Fien, Louis C. McGill, Robert H. Myers, Joseph R. Robinson, Theodore D. Kazear, Billie U. Branaman, Harold R. Compton and Kenneth O. Frautschi.

Robert C. Graffin, Alfred L. Messier, Joseph L. Chaunon, John B. Mares, Thomas L. Birgs, Vergene C. Batty, Arlin C. Wallace, Harry A. Awines, Donald P. Brehmer, George R. Fulda, Aven L. Putman, Roland A. Masterson, James Abreu, Jr., James A. Hancock, Carl B. Neblett, Theodore Matis, Edmund J. Papuzynski, Horace F. Jackson, and John M. Bloodworth (stationed at MCAS, Edenton, N. C.).

Andrew W. Szych, Kenneth N. Ayers, Richard A. Corzens, Richard L. Myron, Mason N. Dodge, Michael Punko, Richard A. Bartell, Charles C. Harris, Robert L. Watson, Grover W. Sims, William A. Hosal, Samuel Gayjikian, Billy S. Bray, and Calvin J. Hennessey, Homer J. Anderson, "A", "B" Westfall, Peter J. Hillcock and Kenneth C. Mayer.

This list covers both Station and Wing.

FACES MONTREAL "ROYALS" HERE TODAY



SEATED TO GO TO THE HILL in the second game of the season is "Frenchy" St. Anant. He appeared in a few games for the "Flyers" late last season. Game time is 1400.

Dispensary Gets 3 Ambulances; One For Edenton

Three new 1949 Packard ambulances were purchased recently by the Station Dispensary to replace the older and more obsolete ones being used. One arrived last Saturday and was shipped to MCAS Edenton Wednesday afternoon, when the other two arrived here. The other two were pressed into immediate service.

The vehicles, costing approximately \$2500 each, are 25 feet long, weigh almost three tons and are the latest word in the "litters" on wheels.

According to one driver: "They're so beautiful, I don't know how to describe them."

The ambulances are being broken in under fifty miles-per-hour, but it is estimated that they can easily hit 100 and over if the situation demands it.

Pointers Exchange Green For Khaki

Cherry Point's Marine personnel started their summer transition from green to khaki this morning.

Guided by joint AirFMFLant and Bases Memorandum 271948, Leathergrecks cast aside their winter garb. The regulations specify Summer Service A or B, Blue Undress B or White Undress on appropriate occasions, will be the uniform of the day. For leave and liberty, Blue Undress B, White Undress or Summer Service A are the prescribed uniform.

Civilian clothing may be worn while proceeding to and from leave or liberty. Summer Service B uniform is authorized for wear as part of the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, for the purposes of this order.

Naval personnel are slated to switch to the appropriate naval uniform corresponding to the uniform prescribed for Marines.

BASEBALL
TODAY

- 1400 -

SPORTS

Newport Edges 'Flyers' INTRAMURAL In 'Comedy Of Errors' SPORTS

Cherry Point's baseballers locked horns with Newport's Tidewater League team in an exhibition game on the "Flyers" diamond last Saturday afternoon. Newport eked out a 15-14 win in a pitcher's passing parade, as both clubs shuttled hurriers in and out to try to stop a two-way scoring spree.

Though the locals counted a thrilling triple play in the seventh frame, poor fielding marred the three hour and fifteen minute endurance contest. Many defensive melapases were recorded in addition to those registered in the score books.

The Marines started well. Opening pitcher Don Buchanan, though hit liberally, managed to leave the game with a 4-4 advantage after a four inning slat. His "Flyer" successor, "Frenchy" St. Amant, seemed ready to coast in on the strength of a gigantic 6-run Leatherneck uprising in the fifth, begun by a muffed double play in front of 12-4. St. Amant and the local infield proceeded to go to pieces simultaneously, allowing five Newport tallies in the sixth frame. Biggest blow of the rally came in the form of a three-run homer by Helvins into deep left center.

Sparked by Hinderson's "grand slam" four-master into right center in the first of the eight, Newport racked up a six run onslaught in that frame to offset a pair of single mariners scored by Cherry Point in the sixth and eight. The tying "Flyer" finally evaporated in the ninth inning when a Leatherneck base runner was tossed out attempting to steal third.

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Cherry Point 103 261 010 - 14

Sullivan Shines Against Newport In Sunday Loss

Newport's baseballers handed Cherry Point's "Flyers" their second one run exhibition setback 4-1 in as many days when the clubs tangled at the Tidewater town on Sunday, April 19.

Southpaw Jim Sullivan proved the "Flyers" most heartening bit of prospect to date by allowing Newport just three scattered hits in a brilliant six inning scoreless stint.

Tom Shepherd started for the Leathernecks and was rapped for all four Newport markers in a big third inning outburst. After Sullivan arrived to quell the fire, and curb Tidewater bats the rest of the game, Cherry Point tried valiantly to go up matter. Scoring twice in the seventh and providing spectators with a hit-raising finish by denting the plate once in the final frame, the "Flyers" fell one run shy of deadlocking the game.

Cherry Point 000 000 201 - 2
Newport 001 000 003 - 4

Blank Referees Bouts

One of the main features of the Cherry Point-Fort Jackson team game on Tuesday night was the appearance of boxer Johnny Biancanello as referee. "Johnny" handled the entire evening's bouts and did a commendable job. According to Biancanello, it was the "first time" he'd ever acted in that capacity, though enjoying a tiny bit of informal experience in some church bouts back home.

Triple Play Point's First

Cherry Point didn't wait for an official season's opening before springing a triple play in an opponent. The weird occurrence arrived in the seventh inning of last Saturday's game with Newport.

With two Newport runners on and none out, the Tidewater batter hit one to short right and the Cherry Point outfielder trapped the ball. Uncertain as to whether he had made a shoe-string catch or not, the Newport runner on second halted between third and home just long enough for a tagout on the baseline. In the confusion, the Newport batter passed the runner on first base who retreated to the sack, thinking the ball to have been caught. Therefore, the man on second was out for having passed his teammate on the baseline. Wondering what was happening, the runner on first snatched off the sack and was tagged out to complete the cycle.

Most of the players on both benches, and many in the field, didn't realize what happened until the Cherry Pointers took their batting pokes in the last half of that frame.

Local Golf Team Tryptouts Underway

Candidates for the 1948 Cherry Point golf team started tryout rounds at the Station links last Monday. During the week, entrants continued to compete for berths on the club by testing their prowess in a 12 holes medal match course. The eight men obtaining the lowest scores for the course are slated to be selected as members of the divot organization. However, should later entries surpass their low marks in any subsequent trial, the positions will be open to competition, providing the trial is conducted under supervision. Scores from this week's trial, verified by club pro Bill Parker and other authorized golf officials, were turned in at the completion of each round by contestants Jack Scoville, Naval Air Station's clubber, will start the Marines on their way to April 25 at Cherry Point.

OPENING DAY BALL GAME BROADCAST

As previously definite arrangements were not confirmed, but station WHIT of New Bern was to have broadcast the opening game of the 1948 Baseball season, played here yesterday.

May 4, 1948, will mark swimming day for Cherry Point's Intramural hopefuls with ten big events listed or entries. There are 50 and 110 yard free styles, 50 and 100 yard backstrokes, 50 and 100 yard breast strokes, three fancy diving contests from the one meter board, 200 yard relay (4 man team), and three more fancy diving contests from the three meter board. One man from each squadron may be entered in each individual swimming event, two men in one and three meter board diving events, and four men in the 200 yard relay. Entries must be in by 1500, April 4th at Special Services.

Track Meet

There will be a mammoth Intramural Track and Field Meet on May 11, 1948. Ten contests are planned including: 100, 440, and 220 yard dashes, Broad Jump, Shot Put, Javelin Throw, Mile Run, Discus Throw, 880 yard run and a mile relay.

Each squadron is allowed one man per event, except the Mile Relay where each squadron may enter as a team. No person may be entered in more than two dash or running contests nor in more than two field events. Entries must be in by May 11 to Special Services.

HOBBY SHOP

Join the crowd headed for the Hobby Shop and enjoy one of many fascinating and profitable hobbies. Here are a few:

- Leathercraft:** We have received a new shipment of leather and there is room for all to work.
- Ceramics:** Try your hand at modeling clay. We have the kilns, tools, and clay's cheap.
- Photography:** We're equipped to accommodate you and your friends.
- Machine and metal shop:** Whether it's a turned lamp or trailer frame, we are set up for it.
- For weaving:** we have the looms and necessary space.
- Model railroading:** We are working on a large layout and need interested people to help get it started.
- For radio addicts:** we have a shop set up and the store has kits for assembly.
- Model building:** There's plenty of room to work and we handle a large line of model planes, racing kits, boats, gas and solid models, pupa, air supplies, dope, balloons, motors, and supplies for photography.
- Woodworking:** Build anything from a shelf to boat. If you don't have any ideas, we can give you some.
- For fishermen:** we have fly-tying kits, vises, and some boat lifts for sale at very reasonable prices.
- There are instructors for all of the above lines ready to serve you.
- The Sales Store handles a line of goods that covers all except metal, and some wood board stock.
- For further information call Capt. L. B. Swindell or Wser. J. E. Blackman, at 7175.

ABOUT THE POINT

By BILL KENNEDY

"An endurance contest is what you could classify the Boston show as," smiled Johnny Tinsley after returning from the Hub where his "Fighting Flyers" spent two days and evenings of unsuccessful battles. "I fought from noon until midnight with no respite," he continued, "I didn't see the sack for more than a few hours and during that period ate exactly one meal."



The business manager, press agent, director, coach and all-purpose co-ordinator of Cherry Point's glory industry minced few words in explaining his New England AAU finals and tribulations. Confronted with the national amateur cream of the crop, one of three of Johnny's proteges entered the quarterfinals and none could thrust further into championship territory.

Fights were continually in progress throughout the afternoon and evenings. There were no breaks, no halts, and no novices in the ranks. With the exception of Cherry Point's Leathernecks, the 82nd Airborne Division and scattered entries from a few service posts fighting under assorted banners, every competitor in the Boston Gardens held a state title in some weight division. From Honolulu, Oregon and California, raw-boned champions poured in to trade raps for a National crown. California "Istruck it rich" in the team prospecting field, winning the group trophy.

BIANCANELLO PERFORMS NOBLY

Narrowing down the behemoths proved difficult. "Before I realize it," Tinsley inserted, "we were entering an endurance grind we weren't accustomed to. Johnny Biancanello fought three time in two days. First time out, his opponent was Joe Gurroia of the 82nd Airborne. Johnny turned in a close win that weakened him for later bouts that followed rapidly. In a few hours, Biancanello had to go tooth-and-nail for another victory. On the following day, he met Ray Adams, Indiana and now National AAU champ, who captured a one point triumph in one of the closest bouts on the card. Alkins went on to take the title."

Cherry Point proved the only service entrant capable of placing men in the quarter-finals. Fort Bragg's highly rated 82nd Airborne "Assassins" couldn't forge beyond the trials. Only Lee Pilleen, ponderous paratrooper welterweight, could win a single fight-for Lt. Ray Tejaunions. Pilleen's subsequent importance was minimized due to the fact the doughboy suffered ignominious defeat his second time out and just missed a "dreamland" dose at the hands of his superior opponent.

FAILURE TO SCALE WEIGHT COSTLY

The assemblage of top-flight adversaries proved bad enough and the "Flyers" added to their downfall by failing to make their correct weight divisions in a couple instances. Mike Zecca and George Vicknar were victims of the scale mismatch. Zecca couldn't strike Middleweight and dropped a close verdict to a more experienced and harder punching Lighthavy who retained a 14 round margin.

Jim Delange dropped a Heavyweight decision but received the solace of being requested to "drop around" by a New York handler for future ring work after his discharge in July. Rudy Lara, Dan Spencer, and "Irish" Jimmy Smith produced crowd pleasers in even sense of the word, falling in defeat after very creditable displays of ring artistry.

AES-46 Wins Intra Sports Trophy Cup Pro Golf Tournery

Three teams of AES-46 athletes received the Station Intramural Trophy for sweeping championships in Pool, Ping Pong and Bowling averages and Ryder Cup points mural league, the pocket-sized group was created by the four station clubs for the purpose of retaining interest in Intramural activity while Wing squadrons were absent on maneuvers during February and March. Presentations were made in the Drill Hall, April 12.

The clubs, counting no points toward the General's Cup, purchased a separate trophy to be awarded the winner upon completion of the two-week, three-sport tournament.

Major Joe L. Warren, Special Services Officer, made the presentation to Lt. Colonel Arthur H. Adams, CO of AES-46, with members of all three winning Engine-er clubs watching. AES-46 needed wins in only two of the three sports to annex the cup, but captured all three to make their victory a unanimous one.

Members of the AES-46 Station Bowlers included: MSgt. G. E. Reid, MSgt. G. A. Yabonsky, TSgt. M. J. McElwaine, Sgt. R. E. Clarke, and ISLt. G. K. Ross.

Ping Pongers were: Pfc. R. F. Lavalle, Sgt. J. M. Orle, Sgt. G. Victor, Sgt. W. M. Petcock, ISLt. W. J. Mars, Sgt. E. W. Williams.

Pool sharks included: D. F. Johnson, M. C. Hannal, and R. J. Plankowski.

The first annual PGA Golfers tournament will be held at Camp Fear Country Club, Wilmington, N. C., April 21-24. Known as the Wilmington Open Invitational, the tournament will feature many of the World's leading pros.

A golf clinic April 26 will be a pre-tournament interest feature. Fourteen leading professionals are scheduled to demonstrate various shots, how to play difficult situations and answer questions concerning the game. Amateur photographers are encouraged to take pictures of the event.

Eighteen holes of medal play will find an expected field of 150 pros and amateurs competing the first two days. Sixty low scores will compose Saturday's field. Those will play Saturday and Sunday for 10,000 dollars in prize money. Low amateurs will receive a prize and scores in the Wilmington Open will count heavily in sectional qualifying for the National PGA championship. Scores in averages and Ryder Cup points will be figured from the local tournament.

Following is a partial list of the better known pros who will compete: Bobby Locke, Jimmy Demaret, Cary Middlecoff, Jim Ferrier, Ed Furgol, Bill Parker, Local CP. Prof., Marty Furgol, Skip Alexander, Dutch Harrison, Chick Harbert, Tom Hamilton, Ky Lafoon, Clayton Houtner, Ellisworth, Vase Jimmy Thompson, Henry Ransaw, and Eric Monti.

Rupp, Britt And Finn To Take Command Of New Reserve Squadrons

Major Russell D. Rupp, Commanding Officer of VMF-222 and two former Cherry Point officers will take charge of three of the six new proposed Reserve units by July 1, according to a recent Navy Department release.

The new units, three lighter squadrons and three supporting air detachments, will be located at Naval air stations in Birmingham, Alabama, Niagara Falls, New York, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

The squadrons will fly F4U "Corsairs" and each will have an authorized strength of 40 pilots, 10 aviation ground officers and 145 enlisted personnel. Their designations are those of wartime Marine squadrons which were decommissioned.

The supporting air detachments, commanded by officers of the regular Marine Corps, normally include two other reserve officers

and 39 enlisted personnel in their complement.

LtCol. George F. Britt, former Operations Officer at this base, will establish the detachment at Birmingham on May 1 to support VMF-451. The squadron will be commissioned about 1 June.

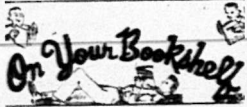
At Niagara Falls Major Russell D. Rupp, will establish a supporting detachment for VMF-441 which is scheduled for commissioning on 1 July. The major, who has been selected for promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel, will be detached from Cherry Point about 29 April.

Fighter Squadron 115 to be commissioned at Lincoln about 1 July, will be supported by a detachment under Major Edward V. Finn, former Operations Officer of MACG-1, a Cherry Point based squadron. The detachment will be established on 1 June.

Defense Director Abolishes Marine Corps Birthday

Defense Secretary Louis Johnson abolished the practice of separate holidays for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps on April 6 in favor of a single celebration that would be observed by all four services simultaneously. No date has been set for the new "Armed Forces Day" as yet, though Admiral Louis E. Denfeld suggested Sept. 2 date of Japan's surrender, as a possible choice.

By abolishing special days for each service, Johnson ended the annual Marine Corps birthday festivities which occur Jan. 16 in Marine posts and stations throughout the Continental limits of the United States and on foreign soil. The "Leatherneck" holiday was established in 1922 and has been celebrated ever since.



STATION LIBRARY Top Deck PX Building

By Frances Howell

- LEADING NOVELS**
- THE HEAT OF THE DAY** by Elizabeth Bowen. It is the first novel in her series of "London" novels. A story of the lives of a family in London in 1940. It is the literary Guild selection for May.
- THE WASTELAND** by Federico Garcia Lorca. A collection of poems. The result of a year's work in the mountains of Granada. It is the literary Guild selection for May.
- THERE IS NO ARMOR** by Howard Spring. Another one of his outstanding English novels. It tells of the life and death of a young man in the trenches of World War I.
- THE MOMENT OF TRUTH** by Storm Jameson. The story of a woman who is forced to choose between two men.
- THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SWIFT** by Louis L'Amour. A story of a young man who invents a flying machine.
- THE CASE OF THE BURNING MAN** by Lawrence Sanders. A mystery story.
- THE WINDS OF CHANGE** by Rosemary Sutcliffe. A story of a young girl who is taken to a concentration camp.
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Air Cadets Must Have 2 Yrs. College

(From All Hands Magazine)

Navy men having less than two years of college education are no longer eligible to apply for training as naval aviation cadets. Under an earlier modification of entrance requirements a high school education was sufficient.

Amex 8-19 (NDR 31 Jan. 1949) states that effective 15 Feb. 1949 applications from enlisted men with high school education only are suspended until further notice. Approximately 50 per cent more applications for NavCad training than can be approved in fiscal 1949 have been received from service sources. For a summary of basic requirements for NavCad eligibility see All Hands September 1948. It is anticipated that a new directive concerning eligibility for NavCad training will be promulgated in the near future.

NAVY NURSE BELIEVES MARINE HYMN WORDS

Washington (AFPS) — Miss S. Dampse H. Fowler of the Navy Nurse Corps, believes in the words of the Marine Corps Hymn which declares the streets of Heaven are guarded by the U. S. Marines.

Upon entering duty, Miss Fowler held an affidavit giving her home as Wheeling, W. Va., and declared her intention of returning there.

Unless said avowance from the Navy is caused by death in which case I expect to reside in Heaven, the streets of which are allegedly guarded by United States Marines.

Movie Uniform Is Set for Officers

Cherry Point's Officer personnel will be authorized to wear a new uniform at the Station Theatre's Saturday holiday officers' ball. The complete civilian uniform as prescribed in AFMFI Order No. 6 Modifying the Uniform of the Army and Base General Order No. 6 states "The uniform for the Station Moving Picture Theatre is the Uniform of the Day When Uniform may be worn if desired."

Officers had been allowed to wear civilian clothing to the Station Theatre in accordance with AFMFI and Base General Order No. 6.

7 Generals Will Get New Billets

An announcement from the National Military Establishment last week revealed several important command changes in Marine Aviation. The new assignments are to be effective this summer and involve the following general officers:

Brigadier General Thomas J. Cushman, now commanding Aircraft Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, in Hawaii, will become Assistant Commanding General of the First Marine Air Wing at El Toro California.

Brigadier General William L. McKittick, who has been commanding Marine Air Group Twenty-Four, (Reinforced) and Commanding General, Marine Air Base, at Guam, will become Chief of Staff and Inspector General, Department of the Pacific, at San Francisco, California.

Brigadier General Lawson H. M. Sanderson, Deputy Commander of the First Marine Air Wing at El Toro, California, will become Assistant Commanding General of the Second Marine Air Wing at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Brigadier General Christian F. Schilt, Commanding Marine Air Reserve Training Command, Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois, will become Chief of Staff, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, at Norfolk, Virginia. He will succeed Brigadier General Vernon E. Meese, who is to assume command of Marine Air Group Fifteen at Edenton, North Carolina.

Brigadier General William O. Brice, Assistant Director of Aviation Headquarters, Marine Corps, will succeed Brigadier General Schilt as Commander, Marine Air Reserve Training.

General Brice will be succeeded by Brigadier General Clayton C. Jerome, presently Chief of Staff Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia.

Easter Sunrise Service To Be Held At Chapel

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at six o'clock Sunday morning on the lawn in back of the Station Chapel. Lasting for thirty minutes, the service will feature the combined Protestant Choirs of the Havelock Community Church and the Station Chapel who will furnish special music.

It will be informal, with the Youth Fellowships of Station and Havelock Christian Endeavor assisting. All personnel aboard this station are cordially invited to attend.

VAUGHN MONROE WRITES WINNING SONG FOR ARMY

Washington (AFPS) — The Army Song Contest is ended—but the melodies linger on.

The six prize winners in the Army Song Contest, first in the nation's history, were announced recently by Maj. Gen. Russell B. Reynolds, Army Chief of Special Services.

First prize, a \$1,000 signing bond, went to Vaughn Monroe, orchestra leader, for his "Men of the Army."

The prize winning entries were selected from a field of 1,500 songs submitted. They will be tried out on the Army and the public during the year to determine their respective popularity.

General Reynolds emphasized that none of these winning contest songs has been designated as an official Army song. However, if one becomes popular, it may be so designated.

The words of Vaughn Monroe's song are as follows:

We're stamped men
We love our life
We're hardy men
Don't look for strife
We love our land
This life we live
And cherish all the time
And our our our
It goes on and on
We'll never shame the name

CHORUS

We're proud to be in the Army
We've served our history we made
We're always in the thick of things
And always have a grin
We love our land and sweat and fight
But never take it on the chin
We're proud to fight for the Army
We never give up
It's never with the enemy
We're sons of sons of fighting men
We'll serve our history we made
We'll carry on, but like our stripe
For all eternity
We're proud to be in the Army
We're proud to be in the Army
And over at K. P.
The Army is the best for you and me.

TWO DIVEBOMBER PILOTS AWARDED DFC'S IN D. C.

Two aviators attached to Marine Headquarters received wartime decorations today from Major General William J. Wallace, Director of Marine Aviation, for combat dive-bombing missions flown in the Solomon Islands area during middle of World War II.

Lieutenant Colonel Glenn L. Todd of Concord, California received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Gold Stars in lieu of a second and his third through ninth Air Medals. Col. Todd flew a total of 47 missions in the Solomons in 1943 and 1944 as commanding officer of VMSB 235. He is a graduate of St. Mary's College in California, was designated a Naval Aviator in 1940 and is now in the Intelligence Section of Marine Headquarters.

Major Daniel L. Cummings, Mazon, Illinois, received Gold Stars in lieu of his second and third Distinguished Flying Crosses and his second through sixth Air Medals. He flew 42 missions in the Battle of Midway and at Guadalcanal in 1942 and 1943. Maj. Cummings was attached to VMSB and VMSB 141. He majored in engineering at Purdue University and Bradley Polytechnic Institute, was designated a Naval Aviator in 1940 and is now in the Personnel Section of Marine Headquarters.

New Engine Sets World-Wide Range

The workings of an engine that will extend the range of the Navy's P2V patrol bomber to 14,000 miles were disclosed yesterday by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation. Known as the Turbo-Cyclone 18, the engine, an advanced version of the power plants of the B-29 and Constellation, is being produced in quantity for the type of bombing plane that now holds the world distance record.

It was a P2V, the Truculent Turtle, that flew non-stop from Perth, Australia, to Columbus, Ohio.

In disclosing the potential of the new engine, Curtiss-Wright announced that "equipped with the new engine, present patrol bombers, capable of carrying an atom bomb, can be given enough range to fly around the world, without refueling, in the fifty-fifth parallel."

This means, the manufacturers said, "that from some interior point such aircraft could fly non-stop via Labrador, the British Isles, the Baltic Sea, North Central Russia, Siberia, Kamchatka and the Aleutians, back to the starting point."

Bandmaster Lynch Makes Book Cover

New York, N. Y.—Marine Master Sergeant C. H. Lynch and his model railroad at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C., are featured on the cover of the March issue of the model railroad magazine, THE HO MONTHLY.

In addition to this, the April issue of the magazine will carry an article, "The Leatherneck's Hobby," describing Sergeant Lynch's hobby and how he became interested in "railroading."

The pictures and story were prepared by the Cherry Point Public Information Office. SSGT. C. H. Dagenais did the photos and Capt. William Daum wrote the feature story.

Magic Show Here On April 19th

"Gene and Jo," a team of well known magicians, and their troupe of assistants will invade the Cherry Point Station Theatre, April 19 for an evening of mystic entertainment, sponsored by the Special Services Department. The duo will present two shows, starting at 8:00 and 9:30 in the evening.

- BIRTHS -

- April 4 - A daughter, Gwendolyn Daddene, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Leonard J. Clark.
- April 5 - A son, Paul David, born to SSGT. and Mrs. Paul P. Moore.
- April 6 - A son, Edward Joseph Sweney, Jr., born to TSgt. and Mrs. Edward J. Sweney.
- April 8 - A daughter, Alice Louise, born to SSGT. and Mrs. Warren W. Huskey.

Station Theatre

Tonight 1800-2030
Daughter of the West
Martha Vickers - Phillip Reed

Saturday 1800-2030
Impact
Brian Donlevy - Ella Raines

Sunday 1300
Dream Girl
Betty Hutton

Sunday 1800-2030
Adventure in Baltimore
Robert Young - Shirley Temple

Monday 1800-2030
The Mutineers
John Hall - Adele Jergens

Tuesday 1800-2030
Stageshow
Jo and Gene
World Famous Magicians

Wednesday 1800-2030
Sundown
Gene Tierney - Bruce Cabot

Thursday 1800-2030
Riders of Whistling Pine
Gene Autry

THE SQUADRONS REPORT

OPERATIONS

Marine Fighter - 225 -

By Lt. R. E. Sessions

There have been quite a few of the boys in Operations sporting their new stripes since the promotion order was received aboard station, and it is impossible to count them all at this writing, so I will have to give them a "blatant" congratulations.

Corporal Louis J. Schwertler taken over the duties at the Space Dispatchers desk and doing a swell job. On top of his assignment he is also handling part of the police duties of the operations building. Saw him hanging out of one of the windows last week with a telephone in his hand. He must be a busy man. I wonder that he would have done if the fire did not extend that far? His business has been increasing with the nice weather as there have been a lot of people leaving on furlough.

With some of the strong winds that have been blowing at the moment recently, the balloon boys in Aerology have been having hard time hanging on to those balloons that they send up at frequent intervals to get data on winds at upper altitudes. Was wondering why the smallest fellows usually get that job on a windy day, and the big men go out when the calm.

I wonder why MSgt. H. W. Bessie, NCOIC of the Crash Crew, has been going around with a cigar in his mouth all the time? Could that be had some left over from the last blessed event in his family. He also must give him credit though, with five children in the family he still has time for a hobby.

MP-354 Photoman Lets Chinese Medal

Master Sergeant Paul Miller, Jr. VMP-354, was presented with the Breast Order of the Cloud and Banner, Seventh Grade, with Ribbon, in a brief ceremony held in the office of Major L. T. Bryan, commanding officer of VMP-354, on Monday at 1330. Major Bryan made the presentation to Miller on behalf of the National Government of the Republic of China for meritorious service while on active duty in China. The award was also accompanied by a letter from the commanding officer of the Marine Corps, General C. B. Cates.

A veteran of fifteen years active duty, Miller earned the medal while serving with VMP-153 in China during the time he held the rank of Lieutenant. At the conclusion of the war his squadron was given the job of transporting supplies, etc., and greatly assisted the Chinese Government in disarming Japanese forces caught there at the end of the war.

Master Sergeant Miller, who hails from Petersburg, Virginia, also received the Breast Order of the Cloud and Banner from General C. B. Cates, commanding officer of the Marine Corps. The text of the letter read: "It is a great pleasure in congratulating you upon the award of the Breast Order of the Cloud and Banner, Seventh Grade, with Ribbon and Certificate bestowed upon you by the National Government of the Republic of China for meritorious service."

On January of '47, Miller was transferred from China to Cherry Point, N. C. and attached to VMP-354, where he is now in charge of the Photo Laboratory.

VMF-223

By Lt. O. L. Stephenson

There are new faces to be seen around the squadron as many officers have joined from other outfits. Those welcomed aboard during the past week are Captains Rex Wilson from NATTC Memphis; Joseph R. Kapsch from Headquarters Squadron, MAG-11; and First Lieutenants Carl E. Franson, SMS-11, and George H. Smith, AES-42.

The Landing Signal Officer, Lt. Richard H. Peacock, is a busy man these days as he "waves 'em in" for field-carrier-landing-practice. All pilots in VMP-223 will be carrier qualified in short order.

In the intra-mural competition for the General's Trophy this squadron's teams have won games at pool, ping pong, and bowling, so far. One bowling match was lost, but the team has much confidence concerning future events.

"Shades of yesterday" it was when a group of pilots from this and other squadrons were sent to school for a week. Now, we're talking about ground-school and not that week of class lectures the county judge enrolls you in for being a demon on wheels.

Anyway, when reporting in at the little gray school house among the pines one is inclined to blink one's eyes in disbelief, for there is a scene so familiar as to jar loose a memory or two. First it necessitates a peek into the window to see if this is really the place. Then, as arm chairs and teacher's desk come into view, the imagination is sure to take wing for a moment and the new-comer has fleeting visions of other springs.

Perhaps if the eye could only be brought into perfect focus there would be a third reader or a spelling book lying around, a paddle with holes in it on the front desk, an old apple core on the desk, and a couple of smaller buildings just outside within running distance.

Thoughts of care-free days fade back into reality and in this life of income taxes and parties next door after midnight one sits down to hear about icing conditions and pressure instruments. There is no one in the class with hair long enough to dip into an ink-well.

Toro's Photo Pilots Get New Type Plane

Having already received two of the new F4U's, and awaiting delivery of four more of the planes, VMP-254, stationed at the Marine Air Station at El Toro California, is the first Marine squadron on the Pacific Coast to get the planes, according to the base newspaper, the Flight Jacket.

Major Robert E. Cameron, Commanding Officer of VMP-254, is the only pilot in the squadron at present checked out in the new ship, though other pilots are scheduled for check-outs in the near future.

The plane features new improvements in the camera set-up and cockpit design. The ship also has an ash tray and cigarette lighter for the pilot's convenience.

A person would have to travel around the world more than 200 times in order to make up the distance flown by the Cherry Point R5D "Skymasters," R5C "Commandos," and R4D "Skystrains" while operations were taking place.

With an aggregate of 5,239,797 passenger miles to credit in a period of two months, the Marine transport squadrons of the Second Air Wing showed that they were on the job, night and day.

Availability Record Set By VMF-223 In Recent Puerto Rican Manuevers

98.5% Aircraft Flying Each Day

By Lt. O. L. Stephenson

Amid combat field conditions and a vigorous schedule of operational activities Marine Fighter Squadron 223, under Major R. W. Wyczawski's command, established the phenomenal score of 98.5 per cent availability of aircraft during the recent Atlantic Command Exercises. Attached to MAG-11, the squadron operated from NAS, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

If any squadron in the Second Wing bettered this record, it hasn't come to light so far. Every day, except five, the full complement of twenty-four planes was in the air. During one day two were grounded due to ordnance difficulties. Upon landing it was discovered that they had been damaged by flying rocket rails and empty 50-caliber cartridges dropping from other aircraft in the formation. There were four days when twenty-three of the squadron's planes went aloft, one being downed for normal maintenance.

On January first VMF-223 had only three aircraft. Twenty-one newly overhauled "Corsairs" were assigned from Norfolk and completely gone over with 120-hour checks by the Engineering Department within the six-week period prior to departure for Puerto Rico.

The squadron flew 992.2 hours in combat flights and 528.8 between Cherry Point and Roosevelt Roads, totaling 1,522 hours of flight time for the month.

Enroute to the Caribbean from Cherry Point twenty-two planes reached their destination on schedule. Two were delayed a couple of days in Miami for minor repairs. Homeward bound, all twenty-four landed together at Cherry Point on March 14.

Although it became a common occurrence for 223 to be seen winging over the islands in a twenty-four plane formation, there was more to it than met the eye.

Behind the scenes were two busy and efficient line and check crews which labored night and day to keep every plane in the air.

Here is the streamlined organizational set-up that accomplished such near miracles.

The Engineering Department, headed by Captain E. O. Aisp, is divided into two main sections, Engineering and Line. Both are coordinated and supervised by the leading chief, MSgt. Randall Vernon, and each is headed by an engineering and line chief respectively.

The Engineering Section is staffed as follows: MSgt. Clossy Mullins, engineering chief; MSgt. Harold

Baker, in charge of the electric shop; MSgt. Edward Klisiewicz, instrument shop; TSgt. T. R. Carpenter, Metal Shop; Sgt. Ivan Teter, hydraulic shop; TSgt. Jack Crossley, radio; SSgt. George Pullen and Cpl. Alvin Kurtzahn, tool crib; and Sgt. John Pihanich, parachute department. Engine and aircraft log books are kept in order by Sgt. Virgil Welton, the engineering clerk.

The line section is a small army of skilled aviation mechanics and apprentices and bears the brunt of the aircraft maintenance burden. Organizational methods employed here are always the deciding factor in any squadron's plane availability problem. The genius of MSgt. Joe Robinson is expressed in the smooth function of VMF-223's Line Section, for he is the responsible NCO-in-Charge.

By dividing the line into six sub-sections, or section crews and giving each the responsibility of maintaining four aircraft, all hands have a more personal interest and a greater competitive spirit in their work.

Each crew has a section leader and four plane captains, the balance of the group being composed of "747's." (Specification Serial Number designating aviation mechanics) and such additional personnel as the squadron roster permits.

Under this system the newest private first class acquires valuable training and experience from the start, and without the haunting expectation of finding himself "swabbing 'em down" or gassing planes instead of working with the tools of his trade.

Much credit is due the following noncommissioned officers, listed according to their respective section crews: MSgt. Donald Ave and TSgt. Charles Nault; MSgt. Berry and SSgt. James Llanagan; MSgt. Glenn Martin and TSgt. Randall Snoddy; TSgt. Gilberto Mora and SSgt. Joseph Pratt; TSgt. Cleve Wolfe and TSgt. John Chadbourne; and MSgt. Jessie Williams and SSgt. Wesley Jenkins.

MSgt. Vernon and Cpl. Charles Hardin kept up the service of supply, a service upon which every fighting unit leans heavily whether in the field or at home.

When the drone of engines or whistle of powerful jets can be heard overhead it is not only the pilots who are flying them. Somewhere far below is the true copilot, the man with skillful hands and a kit of tools whose knowledge and enterprise helped put the plane into the air.

FIGHTER SQUADRON 461

By Lt. M. A. Hill

A week of "Hello, welcome aboard and sorry to see you leave," got under way with MSgt. Joe Nesmiths welcoming a "baby girl" closely followed and duplicated by 1stLt. George Elias on Saturday 9 April with both mothers and daughters doing nicely.

On Monday, 11 April, Captain George F. Mauman reported in for duty. His last station was with VMP-211 at Tsingtao, China, and this is his first tour with a carrier squadron. Captain and Mrs. Bauman are staying temporarily in TMQ 940B. Also 2ndLt. William G. Siegfried, Jr. reported in Monday. Lt. Siegfried had formerly been attached to AES-46.

First Lieutenant Dean Caswell

a carrier pilot from way back, including duty aboard the U. S. S. Bunker Hill when she was hit by Kamikaze planes during the war and a member of the 1000th landing club, took his departure from the squadron Tuesday 12 April. He is now assigned to Service Squadron 11 Lt. Caswell has been Adjutant for the past year. 1stLt. Jim Felton is now replacing him in the swivel chair.

First Lieutenant J. J. Fischer fired expert with the M-1 last Friday 1stLt. D. L. Ritter previously copped the high score.

Lt. (jg) Tom Ward and Joe Coleman of the U. S. S. Midway stopped by the squadron Tuesday to see how Marines fare ashore.

NCO Wives Club MSgt. Jack Hopper Retires After 26 Year

The NCO Wives Club at Cherry Point held their bi-monthly meeting April 7 at 8:00 P. M. Representatives from Parsons, who will present a style show selected 22 models from approximately 45 candidates to model dresses, coats, evening wear, suits, sports wear, maternity wear and accessories.

The show entitled "The Fashion Show" will be given Wednesday April 27 at 8:00 P. M. in the NCO ballroom. Mrs. Ev. Query and Gloria Kehler volunteered to help the publicity committee with posters needed for the show.

The retirement chairman Mrs. Ella Galien and her committee Mrs. Ann Winters and Mrs. Helko are doing a splendid job of providing all members with refreshments at the meetings and should be commended.

The clothing committee has received a "thank you" letter for the boxes of clothing sent to Yugoslavia according to Mrs. Evelyn Volpe chairman. Boxes have also been sent to the Navajo Indians in Nevada. Mrs. Golpe and Mrs. Alice Law will be happy to pick up boxes at any time for this month the boxes go overseas again.

The newly formed program and entertainment committees headed by Mrs. Barbara Gilson are hard at work preparing a banquet in conjunction with the Navy Relief Dinner, May 6.

April 1st of this year was more than likely just another day to most of us, but to one man and one woman it was a day of great closing of doors and colorful Marine Corps careers. For on that day Master Sergeant Jack Hopper was transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve on the inactive list after completing twenty-six years of active duty.

At 10:00 o'clock in the office of Major General Field Harris, Commanding General, Second Marine Air Wing Sgt. Hopper received his order for voluntary transfer to inactive status in an informal but appropriate ceremony.

The jovial white-haired sergeant started his career in 1923 as a member of the scoring detachment for the National Rifle Matches held that year. As he puts it, "In those days, the time before specialized training came into effect, a Marine had to be a jack-of-all-trades."

Following this, Hopper pulled out in such places as Shanghai, China on Yangtze Patrol with the name 4th Marines as a member of the Naval Expeditionary Force in China, and service during the Presidential elections in Nicaragua in 1928. The sergeant termed the time spent in Nicaragua as one of his most interesting hours of duty. The Marines' two main worries, according to Hopper, were to outfit and insure that the ballot boxes weren't stuffed, as was so often the practice in those times.

This tour added the Nicaraguan Campaign Medal to the Yangtze Patrol, the Naval Expeditionary Medal, and two Good Conduct Medals, which were already a part of his uniform.

Due to numerous mail train robberies occurring in '26 and '27, Marines were assigned to guard the U. S. mails, and among those assigned this duty was Sgt. Hopper. This Leatherneck Guard Detail, carrying out just one of its peac-

time missions, brought Sgt. Hopper "stop to these rail robberies." Hopper next saw duty with rifle units on Hawaii, the United States and in 1937 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Shortly after he was transferred aboard the famed USS "CARRIAGE" RANGER, which he was assigned to shore duty in aviation units.

The sergeant's transfer to the 3rd Marine Air Wing and subsequent promotion to Major saw him at Cherry Point and the E Marine Air Station in San Diego, California. In April 1947 he was promoted to Sergeant Major of Third Marine Air Wing and remained with that organization until it was deactivated, after he served as Sergeant Major, Marine Air Group 15, stationing the Marine Corps Air Station, Ewa, near Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Service in World War II at the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, American Theater Medal, Victory American Defense, and the European Theater Medal to his credit. For all of the twenty years Hopper has enjoyed a good record. This is deserving the nine stripes he wears on Good Conduct Ribbon, some of which the sergeant is proud of, and is the envy of his fellow Marines.

As for future plans, Hopper intends to visit his parents and their families. After a brief stay in his home town of Wood, Arkansas, he expects to go to the West Coast, where he will take a job as a Personnel Manager with a major film studio.

General Harris and his staff wished the veteran Leatherneck the best of luck in his civilian endeavors and agreed wholeheartedly when he said, "The Corps truly was a lot different when I came in, but it's still by far the best in the world for my needs."

MARINE CORPS ROUNDUP

FROM THE QUANTICO "SENTRY"

QUANTICO MITTENS WIN FIVE OF SEVEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PRNG. The Quantico boxing team took five of seven championships in the PRNG finals at Patuxent Maryland. The newly crowned champions were Keith King, heavyweight who won by a split decision, Eldrige Thompson, light-heavy who won by a decision, Walt Strohovich, middleweight, Kord his opponent in the last round, took the championship in his division, Marco Desantis, welterweight who KO'd his opponent in the early part of the second round, and Harry Rogers who took an unanimous decision in the light-weight class.

22ND MARINES PREPARING FOR AWS, JO PROBLEM BY APRIL 22. The 22nd Marines (retrained) will continue the Battalion Defense Demonstration on April 22. They will move to Camp Coates from April 18 to 22 to prepare for their presentation of the problem.

POST PERSONNEL TURN OUT FOR BLOODMOBILES RETURN VISIT. Quantico personnel turned out in full force in response to the appeal for volunteer blood donors. According to latest reports, 128 persons were scheduled to become donors for Friday April 7.

MARINES SQUASH SPIDERS FOR SPLIT IN TWO GAME SERIES. The Quantico Marine baseball squad rallied for an 8-5 victory over the University of Richmond Spiders, after dropping a 4-2 nod to the visiting college squad.

The Marines later defeated Johns Hopkins College 14-12 and dropped a 4-2 nod to the Michigan University nine.

FROM THE EL TORO "FLIGHT JACKET"

MARINES GO ALL OUT FOR ARMY DAY. El Tero's First Wing Land helped the Army celebrate their holiday by playing five basketball games held at the Santa Ana Bowl. They are also scheduled to play for the arrival of Rear Adm. Whitehead Naval Reserve, Aviator, chief.

BULLS BEAT PANTLETON 7-6 IN 12TH. The El Tero "Bulls" coached by Carl Petroff, pulled the game out of the fire with a 12th inning rally against the Camp Pendleton squad. Previously, Petroff had coached in the past inning with the bases full.

EL TORO BEATS MARCH FIELD SANTA ANA NINES. The El Tero Flyers won back in the fifth inning against the Army when they blasted him runs across the plate and they went on to take a 1-0 victory. Earlier in the week, the Marine Squad took their third straight contest by beating the Santa Ana's in an 8-5 count.

FROM THE SAN DIEGO "CHEVRON"

POST MITTENS SWEEP VICT AT PORT HUEMAN MONDAY. Eight MCRD Marines literally showed under a hand-picked Port Hueman team in an away from home smelter last Monday as they swept all eight bouts in the mat.

CAPTAIN CHAS. WALKER TAKES OVER ATHLETICS; FOOTBALL STARTS APRIL 11. With the arrival of Captain Charles E. Walker, the new MCRD Athletic Officer, and the announcement that spring football training would start on April 11, Capt. Walker was coach of last year's Quantico eleven.

