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Rct. Tyler Eaton, 21, Platoon 3100, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, acts as security for his partner as the pair advance through the day movement course Nov. 19 at Parris Island's combat training area. Recruits practiced basic combat tactics while on the course. Eaton, from Williamson, N.Y., is scheduled to graduate today.

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Photo by Lance Cpl. David Bessey

Kilo navigates through training

Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Hill
Staff Writer

The recruits of Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, navigated Parris Island's wooded areas Nov. 20 using only a map and compass to prepare for times when modern technology is unavailable.

"Even though the modern world has a lot of navigational technology, it is still important to teach the recruits the basics," said Sgt. James Reed, a land

navigation instructor. "They need to know it in case all the technology stops working."

Instructors taught the recruits about possible terrains they could cross while practicing land navigation, the different features on a map, how to plot points on their maps, and how to use their compass and protractor.

The recruits received four points they had to find during the course, which they completed during the day and night.

"We made them do it at night too because they

never know when they are going to need it," said Reed, a 23-year-old from Ossian, Ind. "Technology can go out at any time, and they need to be prepared."

Some recruits believed land navigation would be easy because they had experience with some form of it prior to arriving on Parris Island.

"I hunted a lot before I came into the Marine Corps, so I thought I knew a lot about land navigation," said Pfc. Matthew Miller, Platoon 3096. "After we were taught the way the Marine Corps does land navigation, I was very surprised and happy I paid attention."

The recruits can see the numbers on the compass during the day portion of land navigation, said Reed. When they do the night portion, they have to rely a lot more on their math skills and pace counts.

"When we do the night portion of land navigation, we are going to have to move a lot slower," said Pfc. Alexander Albrecht, Platoon 3097, a 19-year-old from Easley, S.C. "We are going to have to concentrate and be precise in our pace counts because we have the element of darkness against us."

The recruits of Kilo Company have navigated to the end of recruit training, and now they march across the parade deck as the nation's newest Marines.



Photo by Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Hill

Rct. John Watson, left, and Rct. Juan Guevara-Sanchez, Platoon 3096, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, discuss a plan to find their next destination during the land navigation course at the land navigation training area Nov. 20 on Parris Island. Watson, a 19-year-old from Pensacola, Fla., and Guevara-Sanchez, a 23-year-old from Orlando, Fla., had to navigate to four points using a map and compass during the course. Kilo Company is scheduled to graduate today.

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Pfc. Matthew J. Miller, Douglasville, Ga.
Platoon 3096, Miller was recruited by
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Pfc. Wesley R. McCulloch, Dyersburg, Tenn.
Platoon 3098, McCulloch was recruited by
Staff Sgt. Totzke and trained by Staff Sgt. Hogue

Pfc. Kevin R. Wiseman, Glenwood, N.J.
Platoon 3101, Wiseman was recruited by
Sgt. Newton and trained by Sgt. Butler

Pfc. Alexander J. Albrecht, Easley S.C.
Platoon 3097, Albrecht was recruited by
Staff Sgt. Hodges and trained by Gunnery Sgt. Hickman

Pfc. Zachary D. Alexander, Stuart, Fla.
Platoon 3100, Alexander was recruited by
Staff Sgt. Frazao and trained by Sgt. Herrera

Pfc. Robert E. Harrington Jr., Baltimore
Platoon 3102, Harrington was recruited by
Gunnery Sgt. Stepney Jr. and trained by Sgt. Sylvester

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Kilo's final hours: THE CRUCIBLE



Recruits of Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, make their way across a rope bridge obstacle during the Crucible at Parris Island's combat training area Dec. 6. The recruits faced a number of obstacles during the Crucible that are designed to test their mental and physical stamina, teamwork and overall development as recruits. At the end of the Crucible, recruits are awarded the Eagle, Globe and Anchor and the title of U.S. Marine.



Rct. Caleb Burford, Platoon 3102, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, helps another recruit drag a simulated casualty to safety during the Crucible on Dec. 6 on Parris Island. Burford, 21, from Fairfax, Va., helped drag the simulated victim through sand and under razor wire obstacles during the course.

Photos by Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda



Recruits of Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, sprint out of a simulated helicopter during an event of the Crucible on Dec. 6 on Parris Island. The recruits maneuvered through obstacles before crawling through a simulated battlefield. Kilo Company is scheduled to graduate today.



Photos by Lance Cpl. David Bessey

Rct. Jorge Garcia-Bermudez, 21, Platoon 3101, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, crosses a log bridge during the day movement course Nov. 19 at Parris Island's combat training area. Recruits crossed the obstacle with their rifles elevated as they looked ahead for potential threats. The course consisted of a series of events and obstacles that recruits navigated using combat maneuvering techniques. Garcia-Bermudez is scheduled to graduate with his company today.

KILO COMPANY RUSHES TO FINISH

Lance Cpl. David Bessey

Staff Writer

The recruits of Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, honed combat maneuvering skills during the day movement course Nov. 19 at Parris Island's combat training area.

Recruits navigated a simulated battle environment with another recruit, maneuvering in short sprints and over obstacles.

"The tactics they learn here are the basics of how to shoot, move and communicate on the battlefield," said Sgt. Jason Boggess, 26, lead day movement instructor at the combat training area.

The course gave recruits a chance to take charge and perform fire-team tactics they previously learned during Basic Warrior Training.

"It was challenging," said Pfc. Rocco Mills, 18, Platoon 3101 and a native of Green Brook, N.J.

Recruits remained in constant communication with their buddy as they advanced through the course. Failure to do so resulted in both recruits being sent back to the beginning to retry the course.

It gave recruits a chance to develop leadership, listening and communication skills, and camaraderie, said Mills.

The recruits completed the short sprints in the wooded area and advanced to the second half of the course consisting of a series of obstacles.

One such obstacle is called the "tangle-wire." Recruits cautiously made their way through a grid of razor wire less than a foot above ground masked by white smoke.

"The smoke is used to conceal the tangle-wire and forces recruits to pay attention," said Boggess, a native of Stuart, Fla.

Recruits used their peripheral vision to spot the wire as they simultaneously looked through the scopes of their rifles, searching for potential threats.

Many recruits found themselves struggling when they reached the next obstacle – spirally cords of razor wire spread over the ground.

Recruits crawled on their backs under the wire, using their rifle to push the wire above their heads while slowly inching their way to the other side.

When the recruits completed the obstacles, they rushed to the finish, giving a sigh of relief.

The knowledge the recruits gained through the course will carry them through future training in the Marine Corps as they continue to sharpen their skills to work as a unit on the battlefield.



Rct. Dane Ellis, 18, Platoon 3102, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, attempts to crawl under razor wire after getting stuck while advancing through the day movement course Nov. 19 at Parris Island's combat training area. To successfully navigate the obstacle, the recruits used their rifle to push the wire above their heads before crawling under it. Ellis is from Afton, N.Y., and is scheduled to graduate today.



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Notice to Boaters

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Marines load a KC-130 Hercules aircraft at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Japan, bound for the Republic of the Philippines on Dec. 8 to assist in disaster relief efforts in the wake of Typhoon Bopha. The aircraft transported personnel and relief supplies to areas where they are needed. Personnel with 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, already located in the Philippines, will help provide assistance to areas affected by the typhoon in support of ongoing relief efforts by the government and the armed forces of the Philippines and the U.S. Agency for International Development.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

Marine Corps continues typhoon relief in Philippines

Courtesy Story

OKINAWA, Japan – At the request of the government of the Republic of the Philippines, the U.S. government is assisting with humanitarian relief operations in the Philippines in the wake of Typhoon Bopha, which made landfall Dec. 4.

Two KC-130 Hercules aircraft from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, arrived in Manila, Philippines, from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma on Okinawa on Dec 8. The aircraft are transporting relief supplies to the affected areas.

The squadron has flown a total of six flights and transported approximately 202,300 lbs of relief supplies, including 14,500 family packs, 500 relief aid boxes and 40 generators.

Relief supplies were transported from MCAS Futenma to Villamor Air Base, close to the disaster area, where the supplies were given to displaced families

affected by the typhoon and distributed by U.S. Department of Defense Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid program.

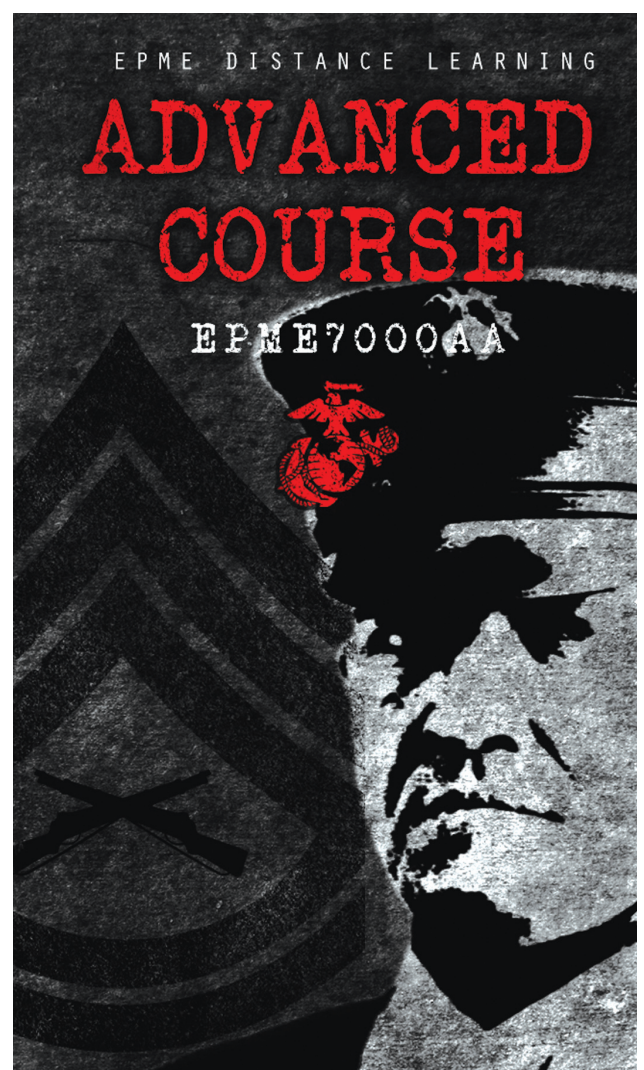
The U.S. military is providing air transport and other assistance in coordination with the armed forces of the Philippines through the OHDACA program to support the relief effort led by the government of the Philippines.

U.S. military personnel, including Marines with the III Marine Expeditionary Force who were in the Philippines attending a planning event for Exercise Balikatan, were redirected to assist with the response effort. Balikatan is the largest annual U.S.-Philippines military exercise, which focuses on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

The Philippine government and military have led the effort to help its citizens during after typhoon. The U.S. military has partnered and trained with the armed forces of the Philippines for many years in humanitarian and disaster relief operations.



A KC-130 Hercules aircraft prepares to take off from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Japan, to the Republic of the Philippines on Dec. 8 to assist in disaster relief efforts in the wake of Typhoon Bopha. The aircraft provided the lift capacity and capability to transport personnel and relief supplies to affected areas. The aircraft and Marines are with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, based in Okinawa, Japan.



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Lifelong goal achieved

Lance Cpl. David Bessey

Staff Writer

A young man from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has dreamed of serving his country in uniform since he was a small child.

Pfc. Tahrick Duncan, 21, Platoon 3102, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, graduates today after more than 13 weeks of training and a lifetime of wishing to earn the title U.S. Marine.

Duncan needed 12 college credits to enlist because he failed to excel at his local high school, said Arepha Duncan, Tahrick's mother.

Tahrick Duncan wanted to enlist in the military directly after high school, but his mother refused to sign the paperwork for her 17-year-old son unless he completed two years of college, Arepha Duncan said.

Tahrick Duncan attended classes at the Marion Military Institute in Alabama.

He earned an associate degree in science and eventually worked toward a degree in meteorology.

MMI is predominantly an Army-inspired institute but has a few Marines who attend classes. During his time at MMI his mind swayed to possibly enlisting

in the Army. However, Tahrick Duncan saw how the Marines there held themselves to a higher standard compared to the other cadets. He said their professionalism and demeanor attracted him to the Corps even more.

Tahrick Duncan's closest friends from high school enlisted in the Marine Corps. He saw how they changed after returning from recruit training.

However, his friends were later tragically killed in combat in Iraq. Tahrick Duncan had another reason to join – to honor his fallen friends.

Like any mother, Arepha Duncan worried her son risked the same fate.

"I didn't want to lose my child, but at the same time it's been his lifelong dream," said Arepha Duncan.

"My family was completely against me joining, but they still support me," he said.

Tahrick Duncan has much planned for his career after he graduates recruit training and is the first in his family to enlist in the Marines.

"I want to financially help my family and one day even be deployed," he said. "I would also like to finish my degree."

"He is one determined young man, and he just wants to serve his country," said Arepha Duncan. "He loves his country and wants to help make the world a better place."



Photo by Lance Cpl. David Bessey

Rct. Tahrick Duncan, Platoon 3102, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, patrols in the center of his squad's formation during a march to their next event of the Crucible on Dec. 6. Duncan was only hours away from earning the title U.S. Marine, something he has wanted since he was a child. Duncan, 21, is from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and is scheduled to graduate today.

