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PFC Jose López is a grunt.

His story, and that of other Marines

at Pohakuloa, is on pages 4-11.

Here's my 2¢ worth

My favorite Marine

Dear Sir:
It has often been said that Marines are the worst group of military men in the Armed Forces.

In most small towns near Marine bases, the local young men despise the Marines because they take away the young ladies. Perhaps this is true. The fathers of these young ladies dislike the Marines because of small bundles that are sometimes left for the grandparents to raise. That Marine did not do it alone. Why should he take all the blame? I still say one bad Marine can carelessly give a whole company a bad name.

I want to take this opportunity to tell you about one "hell of a Marine." We always hear about the bad they do but who stays around long enough to say something good.

My favorite Marine served 18 months in Vietnam and I believe he resides here, in the Kaneohe area, with his family. He walks like a Marine; he talks like a career Marine; he motivates like a Christian Marine and, most of all, he looks like a Marine. He is a walking example of the Marine Corps and he is always, but always, neat as a pin: shoes shined, brass shined, neatly pressed trousers and shirt and a haircut fit for a Commandant.

He has been in the Marine Corps four years and 8½ months and has

already picked up staff sergeant. Not because he had a friend at HQMC or an exceptional IQ, but because of the determination to be one of the world's finest. And he is.

He stands commendable in the eyes of many people. He is a leader, a hard worker, a planner, a PT man, a morale booster, a friend to his troops, a counselor and still he finds time to sing in his church gospel choir.

I'm proud he serves my country and I extend a hardy "well done Marine." The Marine Corps was looking for a few good men. I know they've got one if no more.

Name withheld by request

Accurate reporting

Public Affairs Officer:

I would like to convey to you and your entire staff my sincere appreciation for the excellent coverage this command had received in recent editions of the Hawaii Marine.

Not only were these articles very informative, they most assuredly will enhance the esprit de corps within this command and as an artilleryman I can unequivocally state that they were written by professionals and accurately depict the mission and functions performed by the Field Artillery in those areas that have been covered to date.

LtCol. W.D. Fitts
Commanding Officer
First Battalion, Twelfth Marines

Chaplain's column

For better or worse

By Father Michael Murphy

K-BAY - Some years ago a man wrote the Department of Agriculture for advice about the dandelions that were sprinkled too copiously on his lawn. In a protracted correspondence the Department sent him letter after letter suggesting different ways of eradicating them, but the dandelions continued to sprout their stubborn heads. In desperation one day the farmer wrote, explaining the discouraging results and asking if there was anything further they could suggest. The answer came back "We suggest you learn to love them".

There is a moral in that little anecdote for all married people. Inevitably the weeds of human frailty pop up in marriage, and for some, apparently become too difficult to bear. If married people would face marriage for what it is - a union of two human beings - and not for what they would like it to be - a union of two perfect beings - then faults would be absorbed from time to time, with understanding.

From the very beginning of

marriage, this reality is supposed to be understood. Everyone says "For better or for worse". So everyone should expect that the shifting moods of time would bring with them sometimes, the not so glorious moments. Coping with them seems to have become a serious problem confronting millions of Americans anymore, judging from the overloaded schedule of every divorce court.

There is no deep secret attached to achieving a happy marriage. Like everything else in life, it requires constant effort. How does a gardener transform a dreary section of monotonous black dirt into a patch of magnificent flowers? How does a student get good grades in school? By working at it.

One must work just as diligently toward a successful marriage. And it is work too. Being more patient; developing self control; never taking one another for granted; thinking of the other person first, as is the law of love; these are just the elongation of the phrase "For worse" that you took one day with ecstatic joy. Without doubt the most difficult phrase in the English language to pronounce with sincerity is "I was wrong".

In my opinion

How do you like being at PTA?

FIRST LIEUTENANT
DON STROUP
H&S 1/3

This is my first time to really be in the field but so far I've enjoyed it. It's different from anything I've ever done before. The troops don't seem to mind the weather or the quarters and I think they're looking forward to the training. It's a chance for us to prove we can do what we're supposed to be able to. Everyone seems to get a kick out of it and put out a lot more effort.



CORPORAL
KEVIN RAINES
3D RECON.

I think living out in the field is much better than being back in the barracks. I don't like garrison duty. When we go out on a mission here, we really have something to do that is challenging and satisfying. It's the sort of thing I wish we could do more often.



SERGEANT JOHN LEWIS
PSB



Actually, I'd rather be back at K-Bay because I'm doing the exact same job in the same manner here as I do there but working and living conditions are more primitive here than back at the Air Station.

It's real good experience for some but not for me because we just have more problems out here.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
BRYAN CHINARIAN
A CO., 3D MOTORS

It's good experience; you learn a lot of things. We're finding out how to live in the field and some of what it would be like to be in combat. I think everyone out here, regardless of job, is accomplishing something. It takes teamwork. It's cold at first but you get used to it.



SERGEANT BOB HOSNER
3D SHORE PARTY



For new troops it's good but I don't think old troops should have to come because they've been and they've had enough of it. But when the operation is over,

I'll probably realize it was a good idea to bring everyone. Everyone is learning something by being in the field. There's quite a change in the weather between here and Kaneohe and this seems to bother some but I don't care. I like cold weather. The living conditions aren't the greatest but what do you expect? They're better than last year.

CHIEF HOSPITAL CORPSMAN
GEORGE GIRGIS
REGIMENTAL AID STATION



I really like going to the field. Being on an exercise with the Marines is a lot better than being in garrison. There's so much more going on out here, so much of what we're really here for. It's exciting out here; you never know what's going to happen next. In the rear, everything is so routine.

LANCE CORPORAL
NORMAN GELSTER
MAG-24

I don't think the facilities are very good out here. It's not really bad but I feel the living quarters are not as good as they could be.



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
ROBERT JACKSON
H&S 1/3



There's not a great deal of difference between being in the field and being in garrison; we've got a job to do and it doesn't matter where we are. I think we're accomplishing something concrete by being here. We have a lot of new men who have never been to the field before and this is really good training for them.

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World War II vet given job as new WM sergeant major



CARLE

WASHINGTON — Sergeant Major Grace A. Carle has been selected to be the new Sergeant Major of Women Marines.

Born in Yankton, S.D., she is a 1940 graduate of Pender, (Neb.) High School. Her father, Mr. John H. Carle, resides in Lyons, Neb.

SgtMaj. Carle enlisted in the Marine Corps in April 1943 and received her training at Hunter College, N.Y. During World War II she saw service at Headquarters Marine Corps and in Hawaii. She was released from active duty in November 1945 during a reduction in forces following the war.

She joined the Los Angeles Volunteer Training Unit in 1948, and was ordered to active duty in 1950 at the beginning of the Korean Conflict. She served initially at San Francisco and integrated into the regular Marine Corps in 1951.

Other duty assignments have taken her to El Toro, Calif., Parris Island, S.C., Camp Pendleton, Calif., New Orleans, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Okinawa. At the time of selection for her new position she was the Sergeant Major of Women Officer School, Quantico, Va.

She replaces SgtMaj. June Andler who was honored with a retirement parade at Marine Barracks, Washington last Tuesday.

Weight watcher earns honor by pounds loss, representing slimming group at national meet

K-BAY — Mrs. Olga Garza has been selected to represent Hawaii at the annual TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Convention in Seattle, Wash., May 11 thru 13.

Mrs. Garza was chosen TOPS' queen by 13 of the group's chapters at a recent state convention. The honor came her way because of her outstanding weight loss (dropping 51½ pounds in 10 months). During the convention in Seattle, she will be vying with other state queens for the national title.

TOPS is a national organization for people who want to lose weight without killing themselves in the process. It doesn't adhere to any specific diet plan, but allows the individual to pick what is best for him. What it does do is allow dieters to get together and discuss problems and ideas. Members weigh in once a week.

Mrs. Garza joined TOPS in

November 1972 with a goal of 140 pounds in mind. By September 1973 she not only had attained her goal, but had stayed at 140 for eight weeks. In a couple of months, she will have maintained it for a year.

"It was tough," says Mrs. Garza. "For the first couple of weeks, I kept a list of what I had to eat. Then I'd go over the lists and eliminate things that I thought I could do without." Another trick she uses, and advises others to use, is keeping a full length mirror around. "It's amazing how many people don't really know what they look like," she says.

Although she goes for a walk everyday, Mrs. Garza relies on her diet to lose those unwanted pounds. She considers eating at regular times and avoiding nighttime snacks to be especially helpful. "What a person has to do is eat sensibly and count those calories," she declares. "If you find you've put on a

pound, do something about it then; don't wait. That pound or two can add up fast. Once you make up your mind to lose though, nothing can stop you."



GARZA

Airlines alter prices for military traveling

CAMP SMITH — Effective Wednesday, all military leave travel aboard air carriers will be at a fare level of 75 per cent of the jet coach (Y class) or standard (S class) and will require a seat reservation at all times.

The change applies to all trunk and most local service airlines serving the continental U.S. The military standby fare (M class) at half-fare has been discontinued.

To be eligible the member on leave must have a valid active duty ID card and fill out the necessary forms that state travel is at member's expense while on authorized leave.

Dining halls check meal passes, Losing money to illegal eaters

K-BAY — Beware: those on-again, off-again meal card checks are here to stay.

According to Station Bulletin 10110, "numerous Marines" here are getting into Pless and Anderson Dining Facilities without meal cards. The Marine Corps loses money because "unauthorized" people are eating at government expense.

The solution has been to crack down on enforcing meal signature

Gas plan dropped

K-BAY — Effective today at all Marine Exchange gas stations, the odd-even system and the half tank or less policy will be discontinued. Hours of operation will remain the same: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Theme released

WASHINGTON — The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., has announced the theme for its 1974 Patriots Award competition.

Letters, essays and poems on the subject of "Human Goals — The Advancement of Human Dignity" will be accepted by the Foundation until Nov. 1, 1974. Entries should be no less than 100 nor more than 500 words in length, and should include the writer's name, rank, social security number, branch of service, and complete unit address as well as complete permanent home state address and zip code.

Awards will include \$1,000 and the Defender of Freedom Awards, and additional awards of \$100, \$50, George Washington Honor Medals and Honor Certificate awards.

Civilian government employees and the wives and children of service personnel are not eligible for consideration in the Valley Forge Patriots Awards, but may enter other categories of the Freedoms Foundation Awards Program such as cartoons, editorials, public addresses or sermons, as well as essays on another subject than that of this year's program.

Entries should be mailed to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481.

ADP courses drop

WASHINGTON — The number of academic disciplines offered by the Corps' Advanced Degree Program (ADP) have been reduced for this year.

Due to excesses in previous ADP and Special Education Program selections, applications will only be accepted in 12 disciplines this year. They are: applied mathematics (statistics); aeronautical engineering; computer science (technical); defense systems analysis; education, curriculum and instruction; electronics engineering; financial management; management; operations analysis; and public relations/journalism.

Selection boards are tentatively scheduled to meet in July and October. Officers should ensure that their applications reach HQMC in time to allow administrative processing.



JUST FOLD AND TUCK — Registered Nurse Mrs. Cindy Ory shows expectant mother Mrs. Marilyn Potter the correct way to diaper a baby. This is only one of the helpful hints mothers-to-be can learn in the Red Cross' mother and baby care course, which will start Tuesday. For further information contact the Red Cross at 257-3575.

Photos by Sgt. E. S. Saylor

policies, including checking each individual's meal and ID card. No card — no food.

Quoting the bulletin, "Commanders will insure that all (signature supervisors) possess the necessary leadership qualities to enable them to carry out with force the requirements related to this duty." So if you're feeling put upon because you have to hassle with cards, don't get down on the dude behind the counter. After all, it's his hassle, too.



Photo by Cpl. T.J. Kearns

HUMPING TO PTA — The Marines of 2d Battalion, Third Marines, marched from the halfway point between Hilo and PTA into Pohakuloa's Quonset City. They were much

fresher coming in at the end of the first day's march than when the whole affair was over days later.

2/3 holds classes, assault training while on march

Infantrymen hump 55 miles at Pohakuloa

By Cpl. Terry Kearns

POHAKULOA — Humping mile after mile across the terrain of PTA, sleeping in the cold biting wind, protected only by a sleeping bag and a shelter half and carrying out attack drills along the way is hardly an exciting prospect.

To such a fate were the nearly 400 men of 2d Battalion, Third Marines, consigned. Living up to Corps tradition, they walked and fought their way to their objective. The fighting was simulated but none the less fierce.

After being flown into Hilo Airport by Air Force C-141 Starlifters on April 24, 2/3 spent the night at the National Guard Armory there. The next morning the battalion was trucked 23 miles to the halfway point between Hilo and this desolate training area and began earning money for what a grunt is known to enjoy more than anything else, humping hills and learning how to fight.

JUST LIKE COMBAT

According to Lieutenant Colonel D.R. Timmons, 2/3 commanding officer, "We're humping to PTA instead of being trucked for the purpose of good training and combat readiness. It's a rare situation when you are trucked or flown directly into combat. When you move on the ground you can send out scouts and get to know the terrain. That's what we're doing here."

Moving in a tactical column, the ground pounders had an uphill climb from the outset of their march. Ten minute breaks every hour, a drink of water hastily gulped from a canteen and a change into dry socks with a soft piece of earth to sit on was a welcome change from the steady stride that the column maintained until they reached their first destination in what would turn out to be a four-day exercise of nerves and stamina.

Doffing 782 gear and pitching shelter halves, the weary Marines had finished a day long confrontation with 15 miles of uphill grade. The battalion's company commanders were proud to boast of not one medevac.

But like any veteran Marine will tell you, "When you tackle one challenge there is always another one staring you right in the face." As the shelter halves were almost in their upright positions, a heavy mist moved in on the puu (that's hill in Hawaiian) where the Marines were making camp and brought with it a rain that might have filled a small lake.

Those members of 2/3 who had never experienced the lava rock fields of this "away from nature" area learned quickly that the volcanic excess is as bad an enemy as the pouring rain and high winds. Moving through these fields in the day, when visibility allows a marcher to pick the easiest route, is hard enough, but treading along blindly after dark is a nightmare.

Despite the potential of turning into a blundering fiasco, the night attack

was termed a "success." After another evening in the rain and mist, 2/3 was back on the road the next morning, this time sending out patrolling parties to gather information as their tactical column moved 10 miles to their next position. Setting up a base camp just outside of PTA's Quonset City, the weary Marines ate chow and were given classes on different types of field conditions.

ATTACKING AGAIN

When everybody awoke the following morning, there were high hopes of moving into Quonset City and washing off the dirt and grime of their march. Instead, when the word came to saddle up, the Leathernecks found out that they would bypass the tin roofed camping ground and move 15 miles and make another night attack on another puu.

After the sweaty hump to the base of the new puu, the grunts were tired but ready to hit the objective. Using what must have been every bit of energy and stamina they had left in their bodies, the night attack resulted in another Marine victory and was this time deemed "highly successful."

The next morning smiles and grins broke out on the soiled faces of the battalion's Marines when they learned that the next hump would bring them into Quonset City and showering points where they could wash off the dust and grit of four days in the field.

Bill Katary, a private with Echo Company, 2/3, summed up what every Marine in the battalion must have been thinking when they finally pulled into Quonset City: "We're tired, filthy, sore and hungry, but we're also the happiest people in the whole Marine Corps."



Photo by Cpl. A.E. LeMieux

ASSAULT TRAINING — Members of Headquarters and Service Company, 2d Battalion, Third Marines, prepare to assault a

simulated enemy fortified position during tactical drills on their march to Pohakuloa.

Camp supplies all that visitors need

By GySgt. Dale Dye
Photos by Cpl. A.E. LeMieux

POHAKULOA — Quonset City is a nice place to visit but you probably wouldn't want to live there.

Unless, of course, you really dig the thought of dwelling in a house that looks like half a sewer pipe laid on the ground amidst 149 other buildings that look exactly the same. If that thought doesn't upset your esthetic sense, consider the fact that all the dwellings are set on 759 acres of lava dust and volcanic rock which acts on any exposed skin like sandpaper in a windstorm.

CAPITAL CITY

Quonset City may be called the capital city of the U.S. Army's Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) on the Big Island of Hawaii and visiting it is something the 1st Marine Brigade does virtually every year.

Maneuver areas around Quonset City encompassing some 116,000 acres compose fine infantry training terrain and Brigade units take full advantage of it, spending as much time as possible in the field, but the city itself is home most of the time.

Like most other urban areas, Quonset City is self-supporting to a large extent. A complement of 48 soldiers are stationed at PTA permanently and their jobs closely resemble city administration.

Quonset City has its own fire station, night clubs, theater, restaurants and church, all Quonset huts. The chapel at Quonset City breaks the cylindrical city skyline with a jury-rigged steeple which is fitted on its roof. It is one of the only such protrusions in a city of half circles.

Night life centers around military clubs, a snack bar and the base theater, all under Quonset roofing. The restaurants are Quonset mess halls where seating arrangements depend on the diner's proximity to the curving wall.

CARE NOT SIMPLE

Caring for Quonset huts at PTA is not as simple as it would seem, despite the simplicity of their construction. Umco Hokomoto has been the base engineer at Quonset City since 1960 and he claims to have a full-time job just keeping the huts habitable.

"The weather up here," he says, "is not good for any structure, especially Quonsets. The wind and dust act just like abrasives and they'll eat away windows and walls after a while. Also, it's very cold here at night and we have to keep after the 215 oil heaters we have in the huts to keep them working."

As with any city which has a high rate of transient visitors, things tend to get destroyed or damaged at Quonset City by the troops who live there during training periods. Hokomoto was quick to point out the Marines are rarely responsible for such damage.

"The Marines have good discipline, and there's never very much damage after they stay here for training," he said. "I wish I could say the same for all the units who use the area for billeting."

It's a good bet that Quonset City at PTA will find a place in the Marine Corps lexicon of areas all real salts have found themselves in for training at one time or another.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME — Quonset City (above) boasts few luxuries but has the necessities such as a chapel, shower, theater, clubs and recreation huts—all are converted quonset huts. One necessity (below) is a mess hall from which these Marines are exiting after the noon meal.



Special Services able to fill Marines off-duty time in field

By Cpl. Terry Kearns

POHAKULOA — Located in what seems to be the middle of nowhere, this remote training area on the Big Island of Hawaii offers little to active Marines in training when it comes to relaxation and recreation.

The Third Marines solve the problem by packing up their recreation program and taking it to the field with them. Thanks to the efforts of three Marines in Headquarters Company, Leathernecks coming in from the "bush" to Quonset City aren't faced with the inactivity and boredom normally associated with living in a Quonset hut environment.

Rather they can rely on Special Services to provide the opportunity to enjoy first-run movies to relieve the weariness in their bodies from walking and climbing over PTA's lava rock-infested terrain. If weariness hasn't set in, they can even play all sorts of sports with all the equipment they need.

First Lieutenant Charles Welles, Sergeant Marvin Jackson and Sergeant Bill Aitken run the Third Marines Regimental Special Services Shop located in the rear area of one of the larger

Quonset huts at PTA. They make sure Marines who want recreation equipment get it.

The Special Services team can provide everything from footballs to badminton sets for action-hungry Marines. If an outdoor sport isn't what the customers want, Special Services also brings to the field all types of games including Monopoly and Password and playing cards, which are perennial favorites.

For pool sharks and ping pong enthusiasts a Quonset hut has been set aside here and competition continues late into the night.

Movie fans don't have to buy Hollywood magazines from the small post exchange to satisfy their hunger for the golden screen. Special Services supplies movies for such entertainment at PTAs Quonset hut theater.

The Regimental Special Services team also provides liberty-bound Marines a chance to ride a bus rather than walking or thumbing their way to the distant city of Hilo for liberty.

"The most satisfying part of our job is the happy faces we see when gear is returned," commented Welles. "That's what our job is all about."



Photo by Cpl. A.E. LeMieux

RECREATION IN THE FIELD — When the Regiment went to PTA it did not neglect to provide for the leisure time of its Marines. Special Services' Sergeant Marvin Jackson (seated) offers Corporal Lester Morris and Corporal Dave Robinson (foreground) a selection of athletic gear after their return from a day's lump.

Skills polished for mortarmen while in field

By Cpl. C.W. Rowe

Photos by GySgt. Dale Dye

POHAKULOA - Often labeled "the battalion commander's hip pocket artillery," the 81-mm mortar is a frighteningly effective weapon.

The weapon and the Marines who use it are receiving a thorough work-out during the deployment to this Army training camp. Mortarmen of Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, Third Marines, arrived April 21 and were in the field with their tubes April 23.

SEVEN LIVE FIRES

With seven live fire exercises scheduled, the platoon has had to conserve the less than 500 rounds available for their missions. Besides the four 81s, the platoon also brought two 60-mm mortars, with 60 rounds of ammunition, but these were used only during a night exercise with infantry. The 60s are a smaller version of the 81s which might be called the company commander's personal artillery.

Second Lieutenant Alfred Perry, platoon commander, was philosophical about the shortage of ammo, passing it off as "one of those things," but did admit "we should be firing at least 75 rounds per day per gun."

During April 23's shoot here, only 60 rounds were available for the four guns but the mortarmen made the most of them. Sergeant Mitchell Webb, first section leader, remarked, "Last year we were firing eight and nine hundred a day."

High explosive (HE) rounds were used during last week's fire exercise at a primitive place, known as Firing Point 907. The only thing to distinguish 907 from any other patch on PTA ground is a tall, red metal stake with the numbers "907" on it. No targets are provided. The mortarmen simply pick a prominent terrain feature and and let fly.

MAKE PREPARATIONS

After humping nearly three miles to the range, the tube men set up their weapons. Pits, three feet deep and six feet in diameter, had to be dug for the mortars. Shells were unloaded and removed from protective crates, and the communications network was rigged by radio operators and wiremen from the battalion communications section. Mortars, shells, rations and other heavy equipment had been trucked to the site.

After chow (those always delicious C-rations), the gunners checked their sights for deflection and elevation and the mortars were lined up on the aiming stakes. Putting in the stakes had not been an easy job for the mortarmen, as lava rock does not always give down to the correct depth to which a stake must be driven, regardless of what regulations say.

NERVE CENTER

Establishing the Fire Direction Center (FDC) was the primary after chow activity. The FDC is the nerve center or brain of the platoon which orders a strike, and the mortars are the arms and legs which do the striking. Forward Observers (FOs) call in fire corrections to the FDC. Their direction and range changes are translated by the FDC into the elevation and deflection readings applied to the calibrated scales on the mortar sight.

With a radio operator relaying sight changes, two members of the FDC work a



FIRING CORRECTIONS - Sergeant Donald Bruch shows Sergeant George Claiborne deflection and elevation figures for the next firing mission. Claiborne will communicate the information to the mortar pits via the chest/head phone he sports. The two

members of the Fire Direction Center receive their information from Forward Observers who check the results of each fire mission.

sort of primitive computer system to translate map corrections from the FOs into proper sight settings for the mortars. A good team at FDC can plot and call shots quickly enough to insure rapid and accurate fire.

PLATOON'S EYES

Once permission was received from the Army to use the range, the mortarmen moved into high gear. The platoon's eyes, Forward Observers, on a hill 2,000 meters to the right and forward of the guns picked a target, a small hillock 2,000 meters straight down range, and estimated initial range.

These figures were passed to FDC, translated, and given to the crews of the two mortars selected to fire adjusting rounds. Several rounds later, when all was working smoothly, the command "fire for effect" was given and the hillock was inundated by a deadly accurate barrage.

After the shoot, the Marines disassembled their weapons, shoveled in the pits and policed the area. With these chores completed, the mortarmen made the hike back to PTA base camp.

UNIT'S PURPOSE

Perry, a tall, lanky man who has only been with the platoon a few weeks but is obviously quite firmly in charge, explained the unit's purpose at Pohakuloa.

"The whole thing is to give the gunners training with their guns in live firing. Also, we're coordinating FOs and guns into the team they have to be. It's like going to the rifle range. You spend some time snapping in, that's what garrison is like for us. Then they pass out live ammo and you have at it, that's what being here is for the 81s."

The Lieutenant doesn't fear for his men's performance. "Most of them are pretty well experienced," he indicated. "They've fired before. I believe in letting my men do their jobs, in working on their own initiative."

Recalling his ammo shortage, Perry wryly summed up the 81s operations at PTA: "It will be a quality shoot rather than a quantity shoot."



PREPARE TO FIRE - Lance Corporal James Kenner awaits word to half load a mortar round, the last step before firing, while Lance Corporal Mark Chick makes final adjustments on aiming in the tube.

Truckers keep on movin', fight with dust, lava rock

By Cpl. Terry Kearns

POHAKULOA — Support is one of the most important assets that an infantry regiment has while deployed to the field. Without someone to supply the beans, bullets and bandages, survival would become the only mission and training would fall to the wayside.

Part of the logistics support here that is contributing to the success of the Third Marines deployment is Alpha Company, 3d Motor Transport Battalion. The trucking company provides the ground pounders with transportation.

Leaving Hickam Air Force Base on C-141 Starlifters, the transport unit landed at Hilo Airport and began the 45-mile truck convoy to this Big Island training area April 21.

Bringing with them 16 two-and-a-half ton trucks, 12 jeeps and a fifteen ton M-49 refueler the fifty motoring Marines began transportation support as soon as they rolled into the lava rock laden paradise.

Hauling supplies to the field has been the outfit's main mission since their arrival. Hot chow, ammunition and troops have taken up the rear of the 6X6 in most cases.

When not providing trucks for the field, the transporters find themselves tasked with duties at Quonset City. Their biggest chore is making trash runs from the mess halls. It is an unpleasant but positively vital task since approximately 1,000 Marines pass through the chow lines during each meal. Without needed trash runs Quonset City would become Trash City.

"We've been averaging 12-hour days since we arrived here," stressed First Lieutenant George Colvin, 3d Motors commanding officer. "We're geared to give transportation support 24 hours a day. If that need arises, we will fill it."

Dust and lava rock have taken the biggest toll on the trucks. In the first week, they suffered six flat tires, which the motormen are learning to fix quite fast. Dust lodging in the wiring and the engine has also put two trucks off the road.

Even though maintenance and transportation commitments have taken up many hours of free time and liberty, the CO admitted that it's all worth it because of one very important thing.

"I've never seen a better training environment for my people since we pulled out of Vietnam," Colvin emphasized. "Many of my truckers just finished the field skills training program and are getting a chance to see their job as it really is."

PTA encompasses 116,000 acres of lava rock and impact zones so the motormen are required to read a map to find their way to destinations. So far they have no missing trucks to report. For the men that couldn't read a map well or who didn't know the area, senior Staff NCOs have held classes on map reading and have taken the "books" out into the field in 6X6s, showing them the terrain.

Even if commitments kept pouring in without let-up Colvin is sure that 3d Motors can hack it. With a grin, he quips, "No matter what happens, we will keep on truckin'."



Photo by Cpl. T.J. Kearns

TRUCKERS' DILEMMA — Working on the business end of a one-and-a-quarter ton truck, 3d Motors Marines (from left) First Lieutenant George Colvin, company commanding officer, Staff Sergeant Theodore Chatman and Corporal Gary Chan are up to their elbows in the 6X6's motor. Rough terrain and dust storms make good maintenance a frequent must at PTA.

Praised for hill climbing ability

Goat proves worth, challenges terrain obstacles

By Cpl. Terry Kearns

POHAKULOA — What can travel up steep grades, bulldoze its way through impossible terrain and swim through the surf? An amtrac, right? Wrong!

Possibly the most unique new vehicle that the Marine Corps has added to its combat lexicon is called a Gamma Goat. Believe it or not it's really called a Gamma Goat.

Designed to overcome almost any type of obstacle, the one-and-a-quarter ton vehicle is getting its first taste of rugged terrain here since the 1st Marine Brigade started grazing the Goat on the K-Bay range last September.

One unit putting the vehicle through its paces is Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, Twelfth Marines, motor transport section. After only one week of use here the cannon cocking motormen have come up with a phrase that is becoming quite popular: "What you can't do in a 6X6, you can do in a Gamma Goat."

With six wheel drive, the most popular aspect of the Goat is its ability to climb hills. In fact, boast drivers, the vehicle can climb any hill. Some even say that it could climb straight up a wall. Gamma Goat drivers spin sea stories too.

With only three Goats in the battery, a lot of truck drivers like to make fun of the strange but powerful looking vehicle. "Three cylinder pig," some cry. "Hope you don't blow a generator; supply hasn't been given any yet," others claim.

Lance Corporal Jeff Meisner, who is school trained in both two-and-a-half ton

trucks and Gammas quickly put these heresies to flight. "Sounds like a bunch of jealous comments to me," he flashed.

Meisner backs his beliefs up with facts. "First of all the Goat is one-and-a-quarter tons lighter than the 6X6. This plus the fact that it has 103 horses shows you right there that it will take over on any upgrade. Another added plus is that the Goat is made out of aluminum."

In the event of having to ford a river or lake, the Goat is equipped with a plug in the cab and cargo compartment

which only has to be inserted into drainage holes. After that it would take a pretty large wave to make the Goat turn turtle or sink in the water.

Passengers riding in the rear compartment, which can hold up to 13 troops, have a comfortable ride even though the compartment is not connected to the front cab. Two of the vehicle's six wheels on the rear turn when the front wheels do from pressure put on the steering wheel. Thus the cargo compartment and front cab act as one.

Up in the cab there are racks for

two rifles and on the right side of the cab there is a mount for an M-60 machine gun. For a Goat it could get surprisingly mean; that's no bah.

According to First Lieutenant Dan Michaels, commanding officer of Headquarters Battery's motor-transport unit, "So far the only thing that has gone out on the Goats is the tires," he smiled. "Lava rock would even take its toll on Superman."

The next time your squad leader tells you that you're going to the range on a Goat, don't panic.

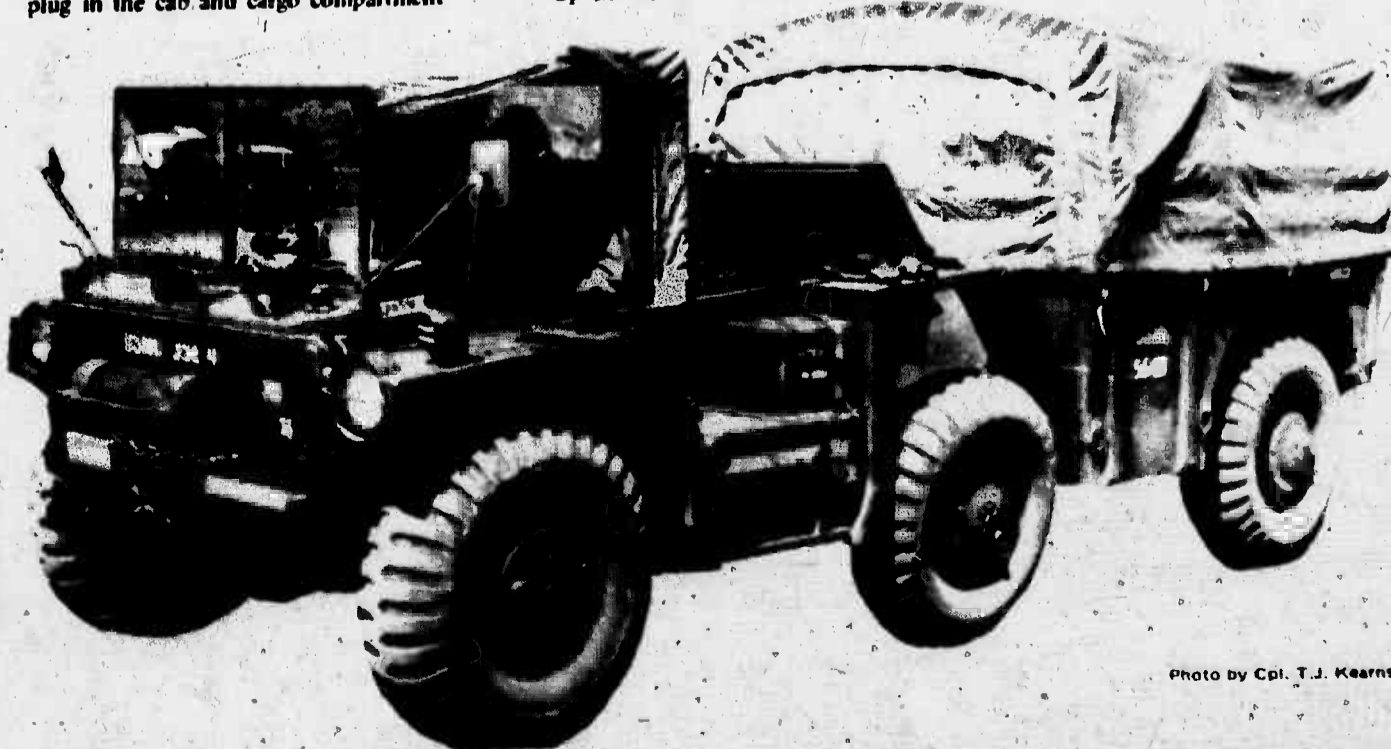


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Bravo blasts away on Pohakuloa's ranges

By Cpl. C.W. Rowe

Photos by Cpl. A.E. LeMieux

POHAKULOA — From out of the clear sky, with no enemy in sight, whistling death drops.

Thousands of meters away the guns of Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, Twelfth Marines, have launched long range destruction upon another target.

The battery, together with the rest of the battalion, is receiving an extensive workout here on the many large ranges and firing points available to artillery. Supplied with 1,500 rounds of high explosive (HE), white phosphorous (WP), white and red smoke and illumination, the 105 mm howitzer unit is shooting 200 fire missions spread over 10 days of firing on more than a dozen ranges.

SCHOOL FOR FOs

Besides training gun crews, the Battalion is running a school for Forward Observers and members of the Fire Direction Center. As such, they are not working with the batteries but under Battalion direction during fire missions.

A typical exercise took place April 25, when the Bravo left for firing point 131, five miles from Quonset City. Taking 100 rounds of HE, WP and white and red smoke, the 70 cannoneers loaded into four jeeps and seven trucks with six howitzers and a water buffalo attached and convoyed to the range.

Most artillery convoys are preceded by an advance party, composed of the commanding officer, assistant executive officer and one gun truck with howitzer and crew. The CO and the assistant XO lay out the sites for each gun and determine the direction the barrels must be pointed to be on target. When the rest of the convoy arrives, howitzers can be set up without delay.

LEADER OF THE PACK

For this exercise, the battery practiced a full unit convoy without an advance party. Led by the CO, Captain John Eager, the trucks and jeeps formed in a precise order. The order is necessary; it allows each vehicle to go where it is supposed to without getting in each other's way.

When the convoy reached the range, the trucks halted some distance back and the jeeps proceeded in. Equipment was unloaded and the firing direction was determined. This must be done exactly because the barrel of a 105 does not swivel and needs to be on target to hit anything.

Once the preliminary work was completed, the proceedings moved into high gear. Trucks raced in, crews tumbled out and an amazingly feverish pace of activity was sustained until the guns were laid. Had the situation been real, Bravo could have fired on an enemy less than five minutes after its guns were cleared to enter the range.

SENSE OF COMPETITION

There is a sense of competition in the battery, low key perhaps, so no one will lose his cool, but there nonetheless. A member of the Gun 5 crew, Lance Corporal William Carter, vocalized the feeling: "We're the best gun in the Battery. We're going to beat the rest of those turkeys." His sentiments were echoed up and down the firing line.

Watching his men hustle, Gunnery Sergeant Tracy Crews, battery gunny, expressed his satisfaction. "This battery has improved a hundred per cent in the last five months. It's probably the best battery in Twelfth Marines; that includes the whole regiment. The improvement has been caused by two things. We changed some key personnel, got a new skipper, and we've been pushing them hard. We've also made a lot of firex in the past few months, more than most units."

Under the gunny's watchful gaze, trucks and guns were camouflaged, ammunition was passed out, powder pits were laid and the Fire Direction Center was established. The name of the game was speed and efficiency. Everyone moved, and fast.

PROPER DEFLECTION

The gun crews are six or seven men. In charge is a section chief, the overall supervisor and a safety qualified NCO. The gunner has only one job, to put the proper deflection of the gun, and the assistant gunner controls elevation and pulling the firing lanyard. Other members of the crew load rounds and prepare shells and fuses.

Rounds come in a large cardboard container. The projectile is separate from the powder cannister. Powder cannisters contain small bags of gunpowder, and the number of bags left in the cannister when the round is fired determines the boosting force behind the projectile. Variance in boosting force will put the projectile from 5,000 to 11,000 meters down range, minimum and maximum distance for the 105.

With everything set up, the battery took a break until time to fire. During the

rest period, First Lieutenant Phil Hughes, battery executive officer, explained what the day would be like: "We'll fire here from 1300 to 1600 or 1630 and then move a few clicks to firing point 141 where we'll fire 70 rounds, including illumination, from 1700 to 2100. Then we spend the night at 141. Tomorrow we go to firing point 151 and fire 140 rounds. It's a pretty full schedule."

Because the troops produce, the heavies look out for them. "We'll have hot chow brought out tonight and tomorrow. It's going to be cold enough out here; we need something to warm up."

READY TO FIRE

Finally word was received to fire on the range. The massive impact range here is a delight for the artillerymen. As Crews explained, "It's so much better than some of those damned postage stamps we've had to shoot on."

Because of the altitude and the upward slope of the range, the impact area appears to curve up and meet the sky where it disappears into the clouds. In every direction, there is no sight of life. Parts of the range are composed of large flat sections of gray lava rock, unbroken except for small crevices and fissures. It has the appearance of the face of the moon or a burned out and abandoned section of Dante's Hell. There is so much space that the mind cannot comprehend nor the eye fully appreciate.

When the 105s begin to fire, reality returns. To the novice, the first few rounds are a shock. The projectile leaving the barrel makes a sound like a sharp and lonely wind whistling between two tall and forlorn buildings in the cold and gray early morning. The explosion of the powder shakes the ground and hits anyone close by like a physical punch to the solar plexus. Experienced artillerymen do not seem to notice.

SERIOUS WORK

Rounds were fired quickly and efficiently during the day. Each crew jumped to change firing setting and powder charges. A training exercise it might have been but the men of Bravo took it seriously.

Many of them were enthusiastic about being at PTA and having the chance to do so much live firing.

Corporal Michael O'Brien, battery embarkation NCO, left no doubt as to his feelings. "I think that if the Marine Corps had any brains, they'd move the whole 1st Marine Brigade over here. The Brigade

is basically a grunt unit and except for Schofield there isn't any place on Oahu that's feasible to train troops."

OUT OF SIGHT

Others agreed as to the quality of training they were receiving here. "I think it's out of sight," asserted Lance Corporal Dominick Schropp. "You get away from K-Bay and it breaks the routine. It's worth putting up with the cold."

Lance Corporal Gregory Walker was another who welcomed the opportunity to get away from garrison life. "I like it up here. Nothing but the weather is bad. I'd rather be here than at K-Bay because I really love being in the field. You get a little more freedom and aren't so tied down with training."

Gun 4's section leader, Sergeant Byron Coleman, was particularly impressed with the many opportunities to practice with the guns: "It's good training. It breaks the routine of being at K-Bay. We have a lot more area to fire in here and even at Schofield we don't receive as good training as here. The weather's not so bad if it wasn't for the dust. Being at K-Bay kind of ties our hands as far as preparing for combat goes. Here we can really get ready."

Two other cannon cockers were equally vociferous in their judgment of the training. "It's better than we get stateside," stressed Lance Corporal Bob Culy. "It's just like Vietnam," assessed Sergeant Jerry Reners, a section leader.

With enthusiasm and efficiency, the Marines of Bravo Battery are doing their job here. Dante's Hell or face of the moon, it's all the same to them, a big target area into which they can introduce whistling death.

ROUND
Greg Wal



ON THE ROAD — In convoy, the cannoneers of Bravo Battery head for the first firing point of the day. After expending 70 rounds there they conducted a night fire, slept in the field and fired again the next day.





ROUND AWAY — With the round on its way to the target, assistant gunner Lance Corporal Greg Walker flips open the breech so the shell casing can be extracted. The gunner, Private

First Class Dominick Shropp, checks the deflection setting.



READYING THE GUNS — The crew of gun 5 (above) erects the camouflage netting above its 105. Once this type of preparation was over the guns could receive fire missions. Once one was ordered (left), the crew of gun 4, (from left) Private First Class Dominick Shropp, Private First Class Willy Perkins and Lance Corporal Greg Walker, loaded their howitzer and set the proper elevation and deflection.



BRADSHAW OPERATIONS — Mechanics such as Sergeant Raymond Baker (above) help keep the three helicopters at Landing Zone Bradshaw flying with their many hours of maintenance work. When the birds are up, Sergeant Mike Rademaker (below) provides air traffic control from Bradshaw's permanent tower.



Wing plays vital part in infantry mount-out

By Cpl. C.W. Rowe
Photos by Cpl. A.E. LeMieux

POHAKULOA — Even though the deployment is unquestionably a ground operation, there is a small but vital air element involved.

Tucked away at Landing Zone Bradshaw, the permanent Army air strip at PTA, a group of 34 enlisted and eight officers struggle to maintain their air integrity in the midst of a grunt's paradise.

Providing mechanics, airfield operations, crash crew, refueling, communications and tower control, the aviation Marines have a complete air operation working. Marine Air Base Squadron (MABS)-24 provided a Tactical Air Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS), motor vehicles including a fuel tanker and communications personnel and radios. Mechanics and other ground support men were supplied by Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron (H&MS)-24. Station Operations and Maintenance Squadron (SOMS) chipped in an air traffic controller to run the tower and Marine Air Traffic Control Unit (MATCU)-70 supplied a navigational aid TACAN and a man to maintain it. A crash truck complete with crew was also brought over.

REAL POWER

The real power of course is the helicopters assigned to the air strip for the duration of the deployment. Two UH-1E Hueys from H&MS provide fast, light transportation and the heavy hauling is taken care of by a CH-53 Sea Stallion

from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH)-463.

Each day the birds average two missions apiece, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This flying is in addition to daily runs from K-Bay made by other helicopters.

The aviators draw a variety of tasks, explained Captain John Gaynor, the MABS flyer who is the number two man at the strip. "We draw anything from range sweeps to troop insertions." Range sweeps are an every morning affair; a low, slow sweep of the firing ranges to check for campers, poachers, lost personnel or anyone who shouldn't be in the danger zones.

TROOP INSERTION

A recent troop insertion carried out by the field's '53 was to drop 34 troops from Alpha Company, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, into a valley north of Hilo. They spent four days in the field and hiked back here. Other missions the flyers have carried out include high altitude lifts, such as the pick-up of junked autos for transport to the large impact area, and food and administrative runs.

Jobs are assigned to the wing unit each evening at a Regimental staff conference. The air detachment is represented by its skipper, Captain Dan Healy, an aviator from '463.

The field opens at 7 a.m. and the Army's permanent personnel cease operations at 4 p.m. However, "We stay up as long as there's a need for us," Gaynor stressed. A Huey is also available round the clock for medical evacuations.

Terrain is, of course, no deterrent to the choppers. Weather is. The problem, Gaynor pointed out, "As far as flying goes, is that we're in a cold atmosphere. So it requires more power to do the same work. That makes us a lot more limited than we are at K-Bay."

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance on the helicopters has not been a hassle. "We've had a few minor problems," Gaynor admitted, "but when a bird goes down, H&MS or '463 sends up a chopper with the replacement parts and any maintenance people we might need."

There is one hang-up. "Our only real big problem is getting motor vehicle support," Gaynor related. "We need some maintenance parts that haven't arrived and we can't get them from the Regiment because they don't have that type of vehicle here. We have a motor transport mechanic up here and he's taken good care of the vehicles as far as he's able."

Surrounded by the infantry and its support units, the wingers fight to keep their heads in the air. And they even manage to fly a few helicopters.

Copter lifts junked cars to arty area

By Cpl. C.W. Rowe
POHAKULOA — The Marine Corps went into the used car business April 24.

A CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopter air lifted two junked automobiles to the large impact range here, providing targets for the cannon cockers of 1st Battalion, Twelfth Marines.

The most important part of the show was provided by Alpha Company, 3d Shore Party Battalion, which is supplying the Helicopter Support Team (HST) during the deployment to this Army camp.

One of the two automobiles was lifted from the Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) only a few miles from Quonset City. The other was extracted from a brush area near Puu Keekee, a 5,758 foot high hilltop. The car at the ASP was from

a collection staged the previous day by Shore Party; all will eventually be dispersed to various ranges as targets.

A three man crew from Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) was dropped into the area where the cars would be deposited that morning. They searched the immediate area, exploding or defusing dud bombs and shells. The task required all morning.

At 10 a.m., the rest of the operation kicked off. A four-man team from Shore Party left by vehicle for Puu Keekee. The junked auto had to be dragged to a spot where the '53 could get close enough to drop an external hoist rig.

Headed by Captain Joel Cooley, company commander, another four-man Shore Party crew jeeped out to ASP.

Another rigger left the Army's permanent air strip here, Landing Zone Bradshaw, via Marine UH-1E Huey for the impact area.

A half hour later, the CH-53 lifted off, headed for Puu Keekee. After the hook-up was completed, it flew into the impact zone and deposited the car, sling and all. The lone Shore Party man on the spot collected that sling and the other one. After the operation, he was picked up by the Huey and returned to Bradshaw.

Shore Party's riggers at Puu Keekee joined the others at ASP while the first automobile was enroute. The other lift went off without incident.

By noon, the entire business was completed and the Marine Corps was out of the used car business.

What it's like to be a mortarman

Tube tinkering takes teller to task

By Cpl. C.W. Rowe

PONAKULOA — Anyone who has ever heard that terrifying, screaming whistle of a mortar round coming in can understand the trepidation I felt upon learning that I would spend a day with an 81 mm mortar platoon.

Actually, I was not as fearful as I should have been. Having spent most of my time with the mighty and omnipotent air side of the Marine Corps house, I could not conceive of a mere infantry weapon that could impress me. There were a few revelations in store for one arrogant aviation journalist.

When the assignment cropped up, I laconically indicated an interest, thinking it would be nice to descend from the clouds and do a ground story for a change. Figuring that it would be a welcome break, I envisioned riding out to the firing range, spending a few hours milling around and then leisurely riding back.

The nice gentleman who is my boss promptly informed me that such would not be the case. I have since heatedly discussed his character and heritage and consigned his soul to the nether regions. He informed me that my means of locomotion would be the ones provided by nature and he expected me to uphold the honor of the shop and stay right with the leaders during the hump. Adding that I would be wearing slack jacket, helmet and web gear and carrying a haversack, he gave one of the vilest grins I have ever seen on the face of a Staff NCO.

Learning of the hump, I began to feel an attack of arthritis, neuritis, footitis and legitis. All of which were designed to keep me off that march. The boss grinned, chuckled, chortled and slapped his knee, obviously impressed with my inventiveness. Thinking I had it made, I relaxed. As the Gunny prepared my pack, web gear and helmet, I realized he wasn't quite that impressed.

BOSS MAN

Resigned to my fate, I reported to the platoon commander, Second Lieutenant Alfred Perry, boss of the mortar men at Headquarters and Service Company, First Battalion, Third Marines. As I shivered in the cold and wondered why I hadn't joined the Air Force, he remarked as to how it was a beautiful day for a hike. I more or less agreed, having been raised to be polite to officers.

Perry turned me over to his first section leader, Sergeant Mitchell Webb. Sensing my less than boundless enthusiasm, Webb politely informed me that "We've got some good people," obviously expecting me to measure up. Determined to uphold shop honor, I pulled my shoulders back and gut in and thrust my chest out. Then I remembered the hump and everything slid and slouched back into my doomsday posture.

Luckily we would not have to carry the mortars. I had envisioned myself with knees buckling under the load of a mortar baseplate and heart straining to carry on as sweat poured from my brow. Actually, I was a little disappointed at being denied this martyrdom.

With the platoon formed into a column of twos, Perry gave the signal to move but. As we started, I assumed he was simply trying to exercise his long legs. In other words, he set a fast pace. As he continued to exercise, I figured he just wanted the platoon to step smartly while going through camp. By the time we left the front gate, it dawned on me that this would be the pace for the whole two and a half miles of the hump, an impossibly long distance for one used to flying to and fro in relative comfort.

GROAN OF PROTEST

As enlightenment flooded me, I voiced what I thought was an inaudible groan of protest. Perry heard me and inquired, "Did you say something Corporal?"

I replied, "No, sir, just remarking on the beauty of the morning."

Trudging along, I could feel blisters forming, long unused muscles screaming their dissent at this untoward activity and my morale sagging. I was beginning to debate the worth of shop honor as opposed to continuing this agony. However, when I noticed that the rest of the platoon continued to step along, I resigned myself to silent and prolonged suffering.

Weeks later (it seemed), we arrived at the firing range, a patch of more or less cleared ground marked by a tall metal stake. Shucking my gear, I looked around for a warm spot to take a snooze. There weren't any so I figured freezing was just another price to pay for my story.

DIG-IN

This was not to be. Pits had to be dug for the mortars, which had arrived by vehicle, the weapons had to be assembled, aiming stakes had to be driven into the ground and ammunition had to be prepared. Thankfully, the ground was soft and digging-in took little time.

Afterwards, we ate. Hungry beyond belief, I ripped open my pack and prepared to devour the C-rations inside. Then I learned of the nasty trick the Gunny had played on me. My meal was ham and eggs chopped, which is far from my favorite. I also chalked this up to story cost but began to wonder if it was worth it. I figured it would be if I got a Pulitzer Prize but such a hope was, I knew, a pipedream.

With chow over, I decided to try and learn a little about the business of firing mortars. I first talked to the Forward Observers and they explained their job, which involves maps, compasses and radios. Having no idea of how to work any of them, I just nodded my head with an idiot smile affixed to my face as they explained.

NOT AGAIN!

One FO, Corporal Lester Cronier asked, "Want to go with us?" Eyeing the

jeep into which they were loading their gear, I gave assent. Then he explained that the jeep would take them to the bottom of a hill and they'd have to hump to the top. I remembered a previous appointment.

Still determined to learn something, I wandered over to the Fire Direction Center, manned by Sergeants Donald Bruch and George Claiborne. They attempted to explain how they translate firing corrections from the FOs into the settings on the mortar sight. Not even attempting to maintain my dignity, I just shook my head and ambled over to the mortars.

I saw no way that a weapon that is basically a tube could be too difficult for my brain to comprehend. The tube turned out to be simple. Just drop a round in after setting the powder charge and removing the safety pin and the round flies out on its way to the target.

Then Mitchell turned me over to the gunner I would be working with, Lance Corporal Mark Chick. He showed me the sights and explained how to adjust the mortar to fire for various distances. He turned all sorts of knobs and other gadgets and I decided to stick with the tube.

PREPARATIONS TO FIRE

When time came to fire, I jumped down into the pit on the side of the mortar away from the sights. Chick's assistant gunner, Lance Corporal James Keasler, instructed me in the proper procedure for dropping a shell into the tube, one hand on top and one on bottom. He cautioned me not to bring the bottom hand over the tube's muzzle after dropping the round or "You'll find it down range where the shell lands." As this was an unattractive prospect, I determined to follow instructions carefully.

Chick warned me to "Crouch down and stick your fingers in your ears after you drop the round or this thing will blow your eardrums." This was another piece of advice I felt it would behoove me to follow.

Beginning to get the hang of things, I was all ready with a round in my hand when the talker sang out "Stand by!"

Then came the command "Half load!" I gently placed half of the shell in the tube.

FINALLY—FIRE!

Finally, it was the big time. "Fire!" I dropped the round, crouched quickly and put my fingers in my ears.

That mortar erupted with an ungodly "Whoomp!" and kicked up a billowing cloud of dust as the base plate settled. Having no idea what was going on, I scrambled from the pit with visions of home dancing before my eyes.

Chick caught me before I had gone more than a few feet. Informing me that the mortar fired that way normally, he chuckled a little at my flight. I allowed myself to be reluctantly led back to the pit.

After that everything went smoothly, although I kept myself prepared for a quick evacuation if that thing acted up. I couldn't help but think that the 81 mm mortar was a mighty and omnipotent weapon.

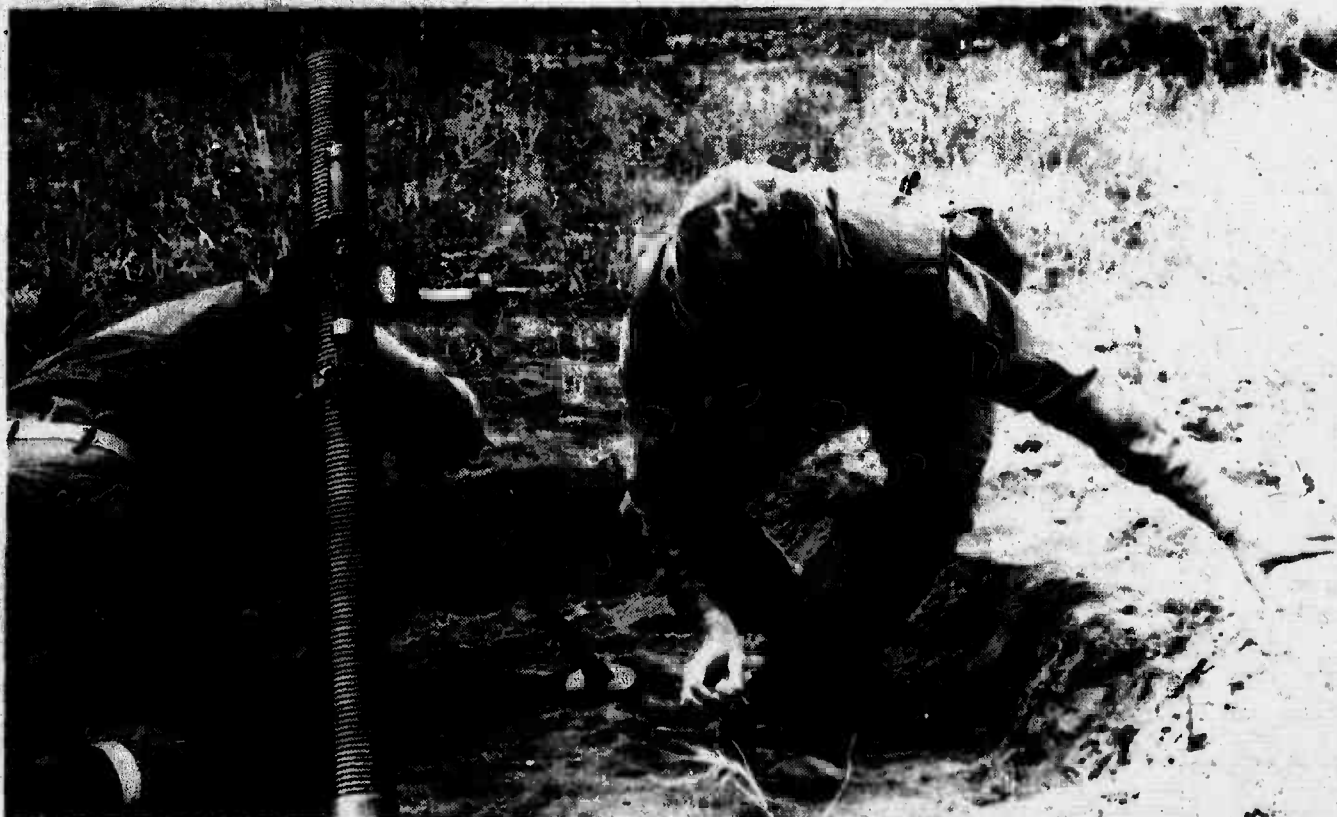
Thoroughly inundated with dirt, my ears ringing, I looked around to see my Gunny standing on the edge of the pit, a big grin plastered across his face as he thoroughly enjoyed my discomfort. Debating the relative merits of hitting him with a round or dropping a base plate on his foot, I turned my duties over to Keasler and crawled from the pit.

INJURED

Threatening mutiny, I persuaded him to take me back in the jeep with him so I could write my story. He pointed out that I had a small powder burn on my right cheek. When I got back to the hooch I determined this to be correct and felt rather pleased with my wound.

The Gunny dashed my hopes, loftily informing me that I did not rate a Purple Heart. I sulked for a week but decided to be satisfied with retaining my new beauty mark. Three days later I took a shower and shaved, having been assured by my hooch mates that the burn would not wash or shave off.

Crawling out of my sleeping bag the next morning, I felt quite a bit more respect for the lowly ground pounders. Aching muscles and a sore body made me realize that there is also more than a little bit of might and omnipotence in what they do.



ON ITS WAY — Chick, a veteran mortarman, had already ducked and shielded his ears by the time the round left the tube. Not knowing exactly what to expect, I was a little slow in getting

down. Next time, I hit the deck before the shell connected with the bottom of the tube.

Photo by GySgt. Dale Dye

Marine boxers nail first in interservice championship

By SSgt. Jack Michalski

CAMP SMITH — Marine fighters slugged their way to the 1974 Interservice Boxing Championship April 23-25 at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Awarded two points for each of four finalist winners, the Marines amassed 15 points after leading at the end of the semi-finals with seven.

ARMY TAKES SECOND

The Army was runner-up with 13 points while the Navy and Air Force followed with seven and six points, respectively.

The Leatherneck interservice crowns came in the 112-pound flyweight, 125-pound featherweight, 132-pound lightweight and 139-pound light welterweight division.

The 3,500 plus attendance at William C. Lee Field House showed their roaring approval of action in the 112-pound final as the Marines' Leonard Ramirez, MCAS Beaufort, S.C., gained a decision over Thomas Melendez, Army 67th Signal Bn, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

The fighters traded heavy exchanges in the opening minutes with a solid right by Ramirez sending Melendez reeling for a standing eight count. After a close and slower second round, both boxers opened quick in the final round with Ramirez scoring in close off the ropes.

The twice All-Marine gloveman ran his five-year mark to 37-10, while Melendez fell to 24-7 in four years.

STAFFORD TAKES FEATHERWEIGHT

Roger Stafford, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, a Golden Gloves winner here, came on strong in the second round to win the featherweight championship by decision over the Air Force's Joe Curiel, Kirkland AFB, N.M.

Both fighters, cautious throughout the first round, began hammering away in close exchanges before a Stafford left-right combo rocked Curiel to the ropes in the second stanza. Curiel slipped through a hard right and uppercut, but Stafford countered with a powerful left to complete his round two dominance over the three year All Air Force Boxer.

The win was Stafford's 14th against no defeats in his first fight season.

One of the evening's best slugfests came in the 132-pound encounter as Ricky Whitt, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., outpointed Lawrence Smith, Navy, Newport News, CA-148.

Whitt, a southpaw, bloodied the gritty Navy fighter's nose with a crunching left early in the opening round. A quick combination and pounding left closed out the round in the Marine's favor. In the second round, the fighters battled toe-to-toe, rocking each others head with an array of punches. Whitt, fighting well off the ropes, scored well on lefts but not before being bloodied in final round action.

The win set the interservice champ's record at 92-7 in eight years, with Smith standing at 54-9 in five years.

DELGADO TAKES WELTERWEIGHT

Stephen Delgado of Camp Pendleton, Calif., stormed back in the second round to pin a defeat by decision over the Army's light welterweight Samuel Bonds, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg.

Last year's runner-up Delgado nailed the two-time Army champ with a hard right in a second round flurry to open the door for left counters. Third round action opened with the fighters exchanging shots before Delgado hammered home a barrage of lefts to wear Bonds down.

The win was Delgado's 49th in 58 fights, while Bonds' ring record stands at 20-8.

OTHER FIGHTS

In other title fights involving Marines, Riley Smith, First Marine Aircraft Wing, lost a decision to the Army's Robert Frazier, 82nd Airborne, in the welterweight clash. The Army's Willie Goodwin, 101st Airborne, Ft. Campbell, KY, gained a decision over Hosea Sprewell, Camp Lejeune, N.C., scoring heavily with good rights. Russell Flicking, Navy, USS Vulcan AR-5, last year's middleweight king, stepped up a class and earned a decision over Leon Spinks, Camp Lejeune, N.C., in the light heavyweight title tilt.

Three Marine pugilists also lost in the semifinals. Toney Wilson, MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C. lost to eventual champion Jose Negron, Army, 4th Bn, 10th Inf., Panama Canal Zone, in the light flyweight division; bantamweight Mike Johnson, Navy, NAS Norfolk, Va., the only fighter to successfully defend his crown, decisioning Alvin Towns, 1st Bn, 4th Mar, 3d MarDiv Okinawa, and Camp Lejeune's Marshall Tillman dropped a decision to the Army's Charles Bryant, Ft. Bragg, in a middleweight match-up.



Photo by Cpl. D.E. Kester

ALL-SERVICE FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION — Roger Stafford, a recent Golden Glove winner here, came on strong in the second round to win the featherweight championship by decision over the Air Force's Joe Curiel.

K-Bay, Camp Smith sports wrap-up

K-BAY INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

	W	L
East Division		
PSB	7	2
MACS-2	6	1
VMFA-235	6	1
1st Bn, 12th Mar.	5	1
3d Amtracs	4	2
Results as of Tuesday.		
West Division		
Hq 3d Mar	7	0
Navy	6	1
SOMS	6	2
1st Bn, 3d Mar	4	3
1st Radio Bn	4	3
VMFA-212	4	3

LITTLE LEAGUE

	W	L
Senior League		
Pirates	6	1
Cubs	5	2
Mets	5	3
Dodgers	3	5
Pirates	0	9
Major League		
Twins	7	0
Athletics	5	2
Phillies	4	3
Senators	4	3
Braves	1	6
Pirates	0	7
Cap Division		
Pirates	5	0
Athletics	5	1
Cubs	5	1
Dodgers	5	1
Twins	3	2
Mets	2	4
Padres	2	4
Senators	1	5
Phillies	0	6
Tee Ball		
Pirates	5	2
Athletics	4	3
Phillies	4	3
Senators	4	3
Braves	2	5
Twins	2	5
Results as of Sunday.		

GIRLS SOFTBALL

	W	L
Pigtail Division		
Coast Guard Roadrunners	4	0
K-Bay Marine Roadrunners	2	0
Coast Guard Warriors	2	0
K-Bay Lightnings	1	0
K-Bay Marine Red Barons	1	1
Coast Guard Wahines	1	1
Pearl Harbor (A)	1	2
Ft. Snatter Wipeouts	1	2
K-Bay Marine Royal Menhunes	0	2
Ft. Snatter White Sox	0	3
Pearl Harbor (B)	0	2
Ponytail Division		
Pearl City (A)	3	0
Coast Guard Wolverines	3	1
Pearl City (B)	2	1
Coast Guard Shamrocks	2	1
Pearl Harbor	1	1
K-Bay Marine Blue Angels	1	2
K-Bay Marine Demons	0	3
Ft. Snatter Wipeouts	0	3
Senior Division		
Hickam Falcons	4	0
Pearl City All Stars	3	1
Pearl Harbor Streakers	2	1
Wheeler Gold Dusters	2	1
K-Bay Marine Crushers	1	1
Wheeler (B)	1	1
Schofield Demons	1	1
Borders Point Allstars	1	2
K-Bay Marine Streakers	1	3
Schofield Imperials	0	2
Pearl Harbor Crusaders	0	3
AN Girls Softball results as of Monday.		

CAMP SMITH INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

	W	L	GB
Allies	4	0	
Pacers	3	1	1
Rat Pack	2	1	1 1/2
Spartans	2	2	2
Steelers	2	2	2
Barbours	1	3	3
Under-Officers	1	3	3
Maintenance	1	4	3 1/2
Results as of Tuesday.			

In weekend doubleheader

Asahis dump Hawaii Marines

By SSgt. George Spear

K-BAY — The Air Flo Express Asahis edged by the Hawaii Marines 4-3 here Sunday in the first game of a doubleheader and returned to capture the second match with a comfortable 5-2 victory.

The first inning of the first game held nothing in store for either team as batters fouled or grounded out at first.

The second inning broke the silence for the Marines as Bob Brown cracked a homer over the right field fence, giving the Leathernecks the edge.

The Asahis threatened with a run in the third after one out and Ray Shimizu stole his way to third. Then all Shimizu could do was stand helpless as the next two batters struck out.

Through the seventh inning both teams were at a standstill. Every time the Marines got runners on first and second, the Asahis would zap a double play and

stop them. Four double plays were executed against the Marines in the first game.

The eighth held two more runs for Asahis as Brian Oshiro and Ray Shimizu took honors. In the bottom of the eighth the Marines were able to narrow the margin as Bill Schoen and Bill Beck stormed home to make it 4-3.

The ninth inning was scoreless.

The second game was almost a reverse replay as most of the scoring was done in the first few innings.

Asahis batted in a run in the first inning and returned to do it again in the second. The Marines managed a run in the second but fell farther behind in the third inning as Asahis blasted in three more runs.

The score remained the same, 5-1, until the sixth inning, when it changed for the last time, the Marines making one more run and the final tally resting at 5-2 for Asahis.

NUC conquers H&MS-24 on spikes, serving aces

By SSgt. George Spear

K-BAY — Naval Underseas Center flooded Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron (H&MS)-24 with 15-9 and 15-10 losses Monday night during Intramural Volleyball action.

A combination of spikes and service aces did the trick for NUC in both games.

The hamsters scored first on a spike by Jesse Turner but NUC countered with a service ace by Junior Lopez and a spike by Bill Steel.

A service ace by Chuck McGowan and an out-of-bounds ball gave the air gang a 3-2 advantage.

Then the underwater crew blasted back with an eight point scoring streak on spikes by Terry Whitlock, Lopez, Ben Melo and Mel Liu, and three out-of-bound balls and a service ace by Whitlock.

With the squadron behind 10-3, Dan Boyer spiked to give the crew their fourth point.

An out-of-bounds ball gave the sea dwellers their eleventh point but H&MS quickly countered. Service aces by O.J. Landau, Chuck McGowan and Ernie Noll plus a spike by Boyer brought the wingers to 8-11 under NUC.

The score was evidently too close for NUC as the underwater trodders lengthened their lead by three, thanks to service aces by Whitlock.

A spike by the lightning arm of Turner gave the air crew their ninth point but Whitlock also countered with a spike and gave NUC their winning point.

The second game had just as much action, as the water gang rallied the first five points on service aces by Scott Henderson and Lopez and an out-of-bounds ball.

Two service aces by Ernie Matzek and a penalty point for pushing the ball gave H&MS-24 their first three points.

Three service aces by Whitlock lengthened the underwater gang's lead by

three. Turner countered for the maintenance men with one of his speedy spikes but NUC quickly landed three points on a spike by Melo and two aces by Lopez.

With the score at 11-4 for NUC, the underwater gang found that scoring consistently was almost impossible for the remainder of the game.

A spike by Turner gave the H&MS-24 crew another point, then Liu quickly countered for NUC with a spike.

With the score at 13-7, Simpson spiked again for H&MS-24 but a poorly returned ball by the H&MS crew put them six under again.

An out-of-bounds ball and an ace by Turner gave H&MS-24 their tenth point but an ace by Henderson gave NUC their winning point and ended the game at 15-10.

Breed takes four from Bad News

CAMP SMITH — The Mixed Breed swept four games from Bad News in the Male SNCO Bowling League Thursday to increase their lead.

George Luke paced the winners with a 200/559 series while Ike Goodman added a 548 and Art Mendez a 203/533 series.

Harris, with a 498, was high for the losers, who dropped into a fourth place tie.

The Bar Rats won three games from the HMS Bandits but fell two games behind the Breed. Fred Stepp rolled a 218/527 for the winners. Jerry Fogle had a 517 for the last place Bandits.

The third place Kingpins took three games from the Goodguys. Tom Cutri paced the Kingpins with a 490. Les Ryan had a 453 for the losers.

Sports

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ARTS AND CRAFT CLASSES — Registration for arts and craft classes began Wednesday at the Hobby Shop. Classes are: ceramics (beginners and advanced), candle making, lapidary, leather crafts and de coupeage. Tuition is \$10 for six three-hour classes. A CERAMIC MOLD SALE will be held Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hobby Shop.

RETAIL STORE SALE — Everything will be sold at cost except ceramic and flying model supplies each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CAMP SMITH

TENNIS TRYOUTS — Tryouts for the Hawaii Marine Tennis Team will be conducted June 10-14 at the courts here. The first team match will be the Hawaii Armed Services Athletic Council (HASAC) Tournament June 19-21 also at the courts. For further information contact 477-6938/9.

GOLF MEETING — A meeting will be held Tuesday for team captains of the new Intramural Golf league in the Battalion Conference Room at 9:30 p.m. Team captains should bring a roster of their players with handicaps and have a team name selected.



MIGHTY SPIKE — Scott Henderson (left) prepares to spike the ball into H&MS-24 territory. Henderson scored numerous spikes in the game that had NUC over H&MS-24 15-9, 15-10.

Win by 10 run margin

Death Angels stomp Amtracs

By SSgt. George Spear

K-BAY — After their first softball game was rained out, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA)-235 challenged 3d Amtrackers in a rematch Monday and upon completion of two hours of hard playing, VMFA-235 emerged a strong 21-11 victor.

Confusion and errors plagued the first inning as the VMFA-235 Death Angels stormed six runs across home under the loose defense of the heavy trackers.

Amtrackers got their first chance at bat and were stopped dead cold by pickoffs at second and strike outs.

DEFENSE TIGHTENS

Pulling a '180, the Amtrackers barricaded the field with a tight defensive net and allowed only one hit. A strike out by Kim Brown ended the winger's attempt.

Motivated by their improved defense, the heavy trackers applied the same formula behind the bat and were more successful. Consistently finding holes, the Amtrackers kept them filled with deep hits and grounders and were rewarded with five runs.

With the Death Angels ahead a narrow 6-5, it was apparent they had to do some lead stretching. And they did; four runs by Ben Oseguera, Dale Marolf, Don Barnes and Steve Woodie put the Death Angels ahead 10-5.

Somewhat shaken by the winger's scoring streak, the heavy trackers seemed to hit directly into the awaiting gloves of VMFA-235, killing their scoring attempt in the top of the fourth.

The Death Angels were determined to pull no punches and hammered four more runs across home with the help of two walks and stolen bases.

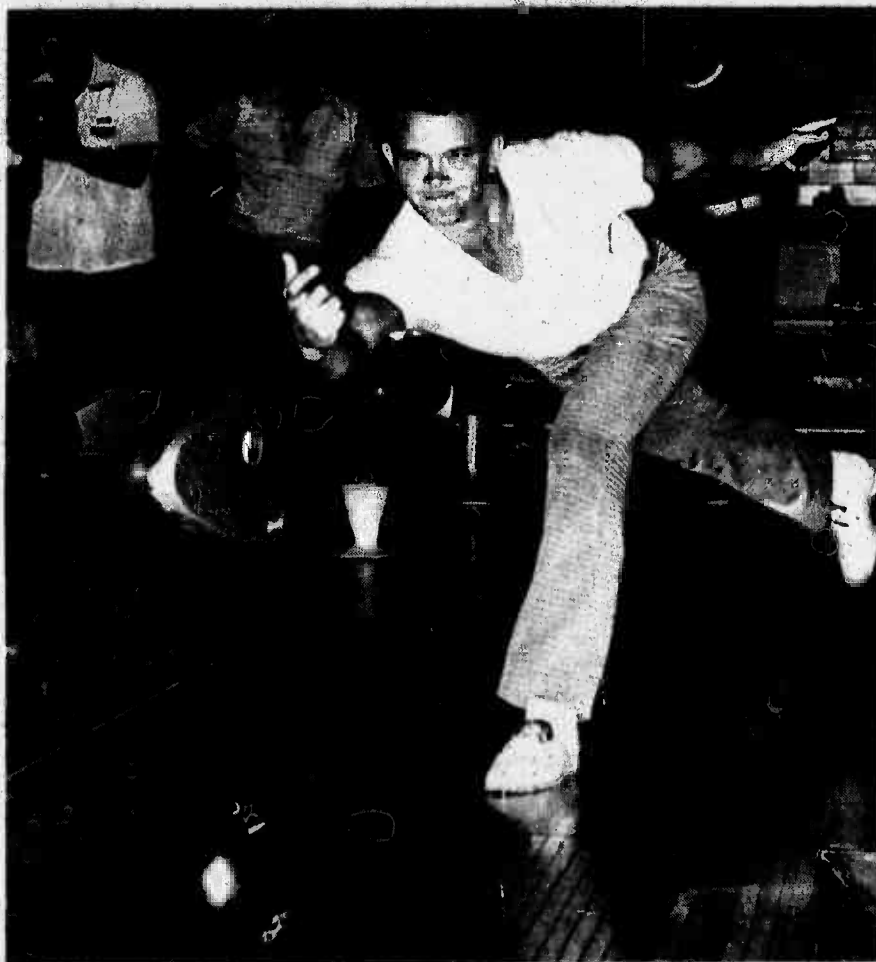
With a seemingly comfortable 14-5 lead, the wingers found their scoring cushion on the chopping block in the top of the fifth. For when the dust had cleared from the diamond and the rampant trackers had made their third out, the Amtrackers stood three short of the flyboys, 14-11.

Woodie, West and Chuck Vance strengthened the winger's lead, with each making a run.

Amtrackers attempted to catch the Death Angels in the top of the sixth but a six run lead by the wingers was too much and the heavy trackers finished the inning without a single run.

The Death Angels, determined to keep their momentum, surged ahead. First Dale Marolf bunted and Don Barnes flied to left field. Woodie knocked a high and dry to center field and the bases stood loaded. Vance stepped up, put one against the left field fence and after a score of errors, Barnes, Marolf and Woodie made it home. West was next,

flied to center field and Vance crossed home, giving the wingers a 21-11 victory under a 10-run lead softball ruling.



FIRST GAME — Dave Garbarca rolls the first ball in the WestPac Regional Tournament held Monday through Thursday. Although final results weren't available at press time, next week's issue will give a complete wrap up.

FMFPac grabs top slot in All-Marine volleyball

By Cpl. Ray Hammond

MCAS, YUMA, ARIZ. — The Fleet Marine Force, Pacific demonstrated why a combination of youth and experience was the best formula when they ran away from the rest of the field April 25 for this year's All-Marine Volleyball title.

The deciding match was the first set, April 24, when they defeated the West Coast All-Stars in straight sets, 15-13 and 15-9, to successfully defend their All-Marine title.

Pac's team started the first day's play by losing to the East Coast in three games but came right back to defeat the West Coast later that day, in straight sets, one of them a humiliating 15-0 debacle.

HARD WINS

Wednesday's competition had them winning their two matches, but with some difficulty. They struggled against the East in both games before disposing of them by 15-13 and 16-14 scores. Then the West took them the full route before losing. The scores of that match were 15-11, 13-15 and 15-9.

The final day's competition saw the Fleet Marines needing only one win to hold the title they had garnered last year. Their opponent this time was the West Coast, a team whose major fault was inexperience.

FMF built an early lead as the inexperience of the West Coast surfaced time and time again. Then the momentum started to shift to the younger club and they began chipping away at Pac's lead.

SCORE NARROWS

They managed to narrow the score down to two points but that's the closest

they were to come and the game ended on a 15-13 note.

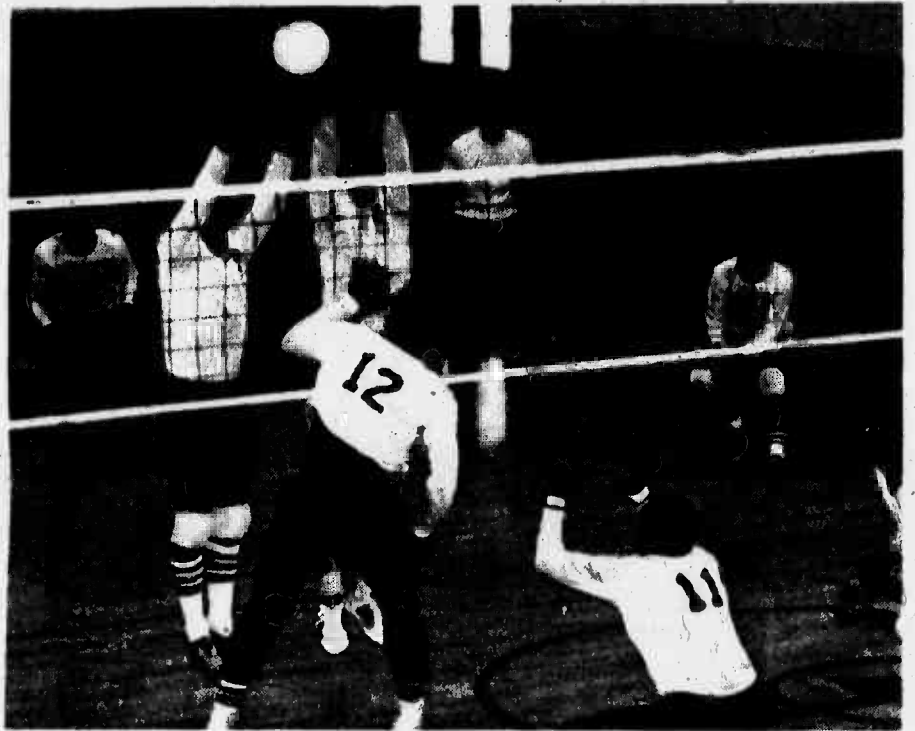
The younger team looked like they might be coming back at the start of the second game, opening with the first three points on the board. But the Pacific Marines came right back with three of their own, and the teams traded points and serves, with even scoring for the next four points.

The West began to feel the pressure of keeping up with the Pac veterans, knowing that the loss of this series would mean the title. Under the gun it was their inexperience which cost them the game as they fell apart under the pressure, and Pac walked away with a 15-9 victory.

Pac's remaining match of the tournament was meaningless since they had already won the title and their play showed as much.

They won the first game in overtime against the East, 17-15, but played their less experienced men against the East's first string in the other games and lost both 15-9 and 15-12.

Following the tournament, an awards banquet was held. Each member of the first and second place team received a plaque and the All-Marine team members were announced.



BLOCKING POWER — Bob Ducl (8) and George Bender of FMFPac block a spike by the East Coast's Mini Hunkin during the All-Marine Volleyball Championship held at Yuma, Arizona, April 26. Bender was selected for the All-Marine Volleyball team.

Allies capture top spot Tuesday after dealing Pacers a 3-0 loss

CAMP SMITH — Batterymates Jim Sells and Jack Michalski carried the Allies to a 3-0 win over the Pacers Tuesday night and first place in the Intramural Softball League here.

Sells pitched a two hitter to gain his

third win without a loss. He struck out 14 to raise his league leading total to 37 in only 18 and 2/3 innings. The big righthander has yet to give up an earned run this season. He walked five and hit one.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth when John Saxton and Sells reached base on errors. Michalski followed by ripping a triple to rightcenter to score both runners.

The Allies added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth. Randy Critz led off with a double to center, took third on a wild pitch and scored on a sacrifice fly by Bob Fioritto.

The Pacers threatened in the first, third, fourth and sixth innings getting two men on in each inning but couldn't bring them across.

The biggest threat came in the fourth. With one out Al Finger tripled to rightcenter. Bob Payne fanned and John Ramirez was hit by a pitch. But Felton Young looked at a third strike to end the inning.

MORENO'S FIRST LOSS

Juan Moreno took his first loss of the year. He allowed only four hits, struck out two and walked three.

The Allies also won a doubleheader last Friday, whipping Maintenance 16-0 in the first game and topping the Motor Transport Steelers 22-11 in the second.

Terry Gorman knocked in three runs and George McDaniel, Art Reynolds and Saxton batted in two each to pace the Allies' attack in the first game.

Sells struck out 11 and allowed only one hit, a leadoff double by Harvey Barnes.

McDaniel had four runs batted in and Reynolds three in the win over the Steelers, as Roy Gittings picked up his first win of the year with relief help from Sells.

In other action, the Rat Pack erupted for nine runs in the bottom of the fifth inning for a 15-10 win over the Barbums and sole possession of third place.

Behind by five going into the inning, the Pack sent 13 batters to the plate, hanging out nine hits and taking advantage of four Barbum errors and a walk.

Don Robinson was the big man in the uprising, batting in three runs with a home run and a single. He also doubled in a run in the first.

Winning pitcher Gary Braymen also drove in four runs with four singles.

Howdy Doane had three RBI's and Russ Kees and Sam Logan had two apiece for the losers.

PACERS OVER MAINTENANCE

In other games, the Pacers spotted Maintenance a six run lead, then rallied for a 19-7 win.

Tom Drudge drove in three runs for the Pacers with a pair of singles and a double and scored four times. Al Finger and Juan Moreno each knocked in two.

Ed Simpson gained his second win with relief help from Moreno.

Sam Davis batted in two runs for Maintenance.

STEELERS SHAKE UNDER-CIDERS

The Motor Transport Steelers scored in every inning to outlast the Under-ciders, 17-10.

Doug Wilson had two singles for the Steelers and scored four times.

Mike Effner gained the win in relief of Joe Nunez.

Maintenance opened up a 12-1 lead and then hung on for the winners, and Joe Reed had three hits.

Davis earned his first win of the year. He fanned eight, allowed only three hits, but walked 16.

The Spartans evened their record at 2-2 by crushing the Under-ciders 24-10.

Jack Bricker had four RBI's and three hits, Gary Craddock batted in three runs on four hits and Jim Cerenelli hit his second home run to lead the Spartan attack.

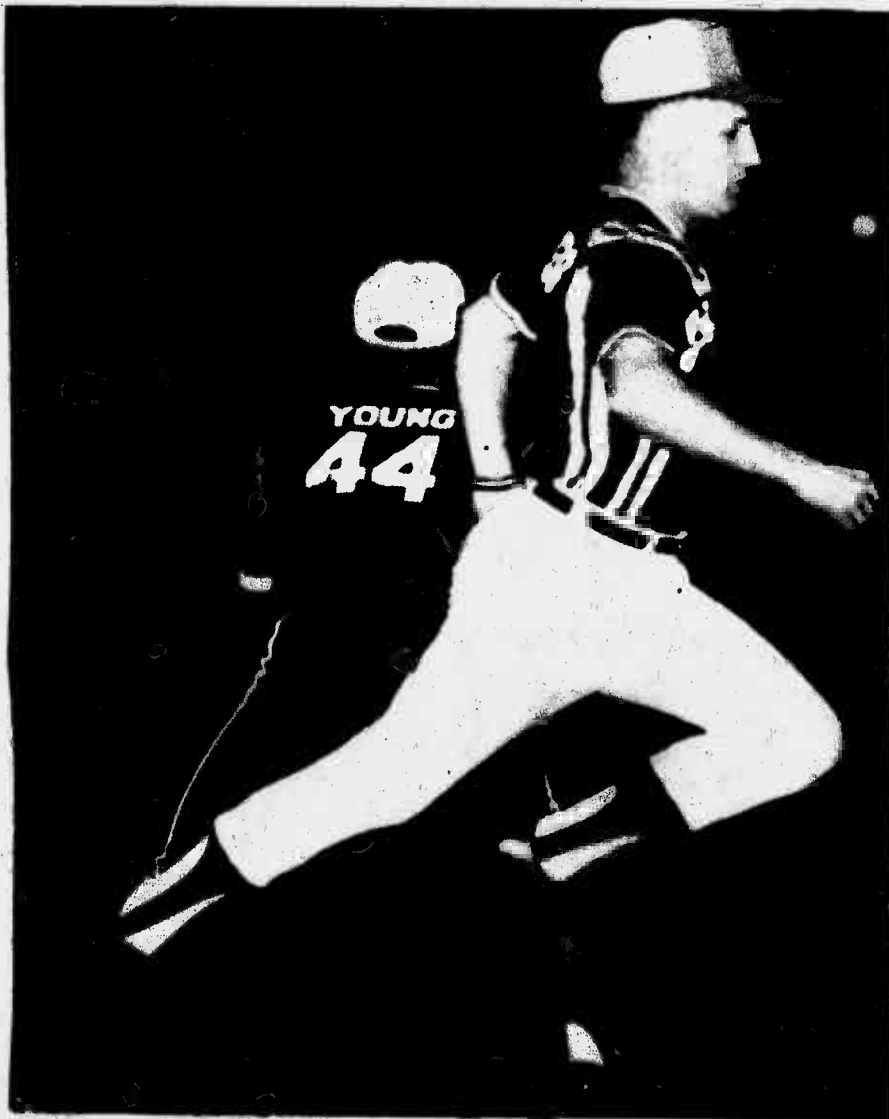


Photo by Cpl. R.J. Kenison

BEATS THE THROW — The Allies' George McDaniel beats shortstop Tom Drudge's throw for an infield single in Intramural Softball action Tuesday night. The Allies downed the Pacers 3-0 to take first place.

Local locomotion

Law Center

K-BAY - Assistance at the Joint Law Center here will be on an appointment basis only in emergency cases.

Appointments can be made by calling 257-2456. Normal waiting time for appointments is seven to ten days.

Clubs

K-BAY'S STAFF CLUB

SATURDAY - Don Shane and the Country Aires will perform from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Crystal Gayle Show will entertain for an hour beginning at 9 p.m. Admission will be \$1 for the Crystal Gayle Show.

TUESDAY - Buddy Varnell will present his show in the Cocktail Lounge at 5:30-9:30 p.m.

CAMP SMITH'S STAFF CLUB

SATURDAY - The Praying Mantids will present the music from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. A side feature will have the fantastic Doctor Burton do a hypnotist act at 10 p.m.

SUNDAY - Games begin at 2 p.m.

MONDAY - Staff NCO Wives business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

CAMP SMITH'S 'E' CLUB

TODAY - It's Rock and Roll night from 7 p.m. until midnight.

SATURDAY - Two country bands will be featured with Crystal Gayle from 5 to 7 p.m.; and Buddy Varnell and the Golden Horse Shoe Boys from 8 p.m.-midnight.

Leisure

FINE ARTS OPPORTUNITY

CAMP SMITH - Armed Forces personnel with musical, artistic, theatrical and related talents are invited to participate in a Festival of Joy at Asa Park May 11-12.

For further information contact Mrs. Jacqueline Ward, City and County Department of Recreation at 955-3711 or 734-0397.

USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL CLOSES

PEARL HARBOR - The Arizona Memorial will be closed beginning Monday for interior and exterior painting. It's scheduled to reopen May 25.

The Naval District boat tours of Pearl Harbor and shuttle runs to the Arizona Memorial will continue to operate on schedule but will not stop at the Memorial. Both tours will include a brief pause alongside the Memorial for close viewing and photography.

Since the maintenance period includes the annual observance of

Armed Forces Day, the Commandant has requested and the contractor has agreed to place the Memorial in an acceptable condition for public viewing on May 18, if the contract is not completed by that day.

In the news

CAMP SMITH

Michael K. Burch and Thomas L. Vicevich were promoted to sergeant. Burch is from Indianapolis, Ind., and Vicevich is a native of Cambridge, Ill.

Capt. James M. MacEvitt III and G.R. Corn, SSgt. H.E. Marts and Thomas Catal, and Cpl. J.L. Harriet were awarded Certificates of Commendation for work with the Solating Battery.

PEARL HARBOR

LCpl. Robert D. Perkins was promoted to his rank. He's assigned to CINCPACFLT as an orderly for Admiral Wiesner.

Robert L. Durham and Anthony O. Prados were promoted to sergeant. Durham is assigned to Security Company as sergeant of the

guard. Prados works for Barracks Company as storeroom manager for the Globe and Anchor Club.

GySgt. David C. Hedden received a Meritorious Mast for duties as the Globe and Anchor Club's treasurer and manager. He's assigned to Barracks Company.

Sgt. D.M. Guernsey completed a MCI course on Infantry Battalion Organization, Communications and Organic Support Weapons. He's assigned to the Defense Communications Agency.

Johnnie T. Buchalow was promoted to private first class. He's a guard at the Correctional Center.

The following Marines received their first 100-mile certificates: PFCs Scott L. Belanger and Donald B. Martin, LCpls. Greg Severt, Chris J. Matalas and Robert J. Cummings, and Cpl. Gary R. Thomas.

Irvin B. Spencer and Paul R. Titus were promoted to private first class. Both Marines are assigned to Security Company as guards.

LCpl. Christopher J. Matalas and Dennis M. Angelotti were both awarded Meritorious Masts.

WAIMAWA/KUNIA MARINE DETACHMENT

Kenneth E. Fields, Stephen F. Austin and Steven J. Feldmann were promoted to private first class. These Marines are security guards.

Maynard L. Sinclair and Michael R. Bibeau were promoted to sergeant.

Cpl. Balton J. Langlais received a Meritorious Mast while serving as corporal of the guard.

Sgt. F.G. Richardson completed a MCI course on the Marine NCO. His present duties are sergeant of the guard.

Station playing host to 30 ROTC cadets

K-BAY - The Air Station plays host this week to 30 Junior ROTC cadets from Snohomish, Wash., who arrived Monday for a week's visit here.

The cadets, five of whom are female, and three chaperons

represent the JROTC unit of Snohomish High School, near Seattle. It's the first Marine unit in the Northwest to visit Hawaii.

The first stop on their tour of the base was at the Station control tower for a firsthand look at air traffic control.

The air wing took its turn showing off Tuesday, turning the kids on to a spot in the "panic seat" at the Tower, followed by a close-up view of the wing's various aircraft, from the mammoth CH-46 chopper to the fleet Cobra; from the F-4 phantom, superjet, to the unimpressive-but-important trainer craft.

Gruntland, namely 3d Amphibious Battalion, came across with an amphibious tractor demo Tuesday afternoon, only to be upstaged by a wind-blasting SATS (Short Airfield for Tactical Support) exhibition Thursday. Guns were put in the hands of the youngsters Thursday when PSB issued them M-16 rifles and .45 caliber pistols for range practice.

The cadets hope to see some of the island while here, so if you're heading for the beach or somewhere, turn one on to a ride.



Photo by Cpl. E.P. Buchanan

"IT'S ALL IN THE WRIST" - Big Brother Captain James Oldham shows his Little Brother Richard and the secret of successful frisbee flying. A group of 25 Little Brothers joined their Big Brothers for a weekend aboard the Air Station. Arriving Saturday morning, the man-boy teams toured the flightline, looking at the aircraft there, and swam in the pool. The kids got a taste of Corps life, spending the night in Barracks 225 and eating in Station dining facilities. After a full day of athletics, the group departed Sunday. Big Brothers is a nationwide organization that provides surrogate fathers for young boys who don't have one.



Photo by Cpl. A.E. LeMieux

PROUD MOMENT - Captain L.S. Foster, commander, Company A, 1st Battalion, Third Marines, is promoted to his present rank during a ceremony at PTA last week. Doing the honors are Colonel John J. Grace (right), commanding officer, Third Marines, and Lieutenant Colonel F.E. Soley, commander of 1/3. The battalion arrived at PTA over the weekend for field training until mid-May. Foster has commanded the Company for 10 months.

Corps increases

performance pay,

cuts special pay

WASHINGTON - Marine Corps plans for proficiency pay for the next fiscal year call for an increase in the amount paid for superior performance, but decreases in payment levels for a substantial number of MOSs drawing shortage specialty pay.

Superior performance pay will jump from \$30 to \$50 monthly. This program rewards outstanding lance corporals through gunnery sergeants who are not eligible for other categories of pro-pay. Field commanders submit to Headquarters the composite scores of their nominees, who then establishes cutting scores for each pay grade. The nominees who equal or exceed this score will receive the \$50 payment throughout the next fiscal year.

While the Corps will be paying out substantially more money for pro-pay in the coming fiscal year, there will be a big

cut in the amount spent for shortage specialty pay. No MOSs will receive increases, and the many reductions include utilization of the \$50 P-1 level for the first time since 1970.

Fifteen MOSs now drawing the P-2 level \$75 monthly are being terminated. Those drawing the payments in June will be eligible to draw \$37.50 a month shortage specialty termination pay through June 30, 1975. The MOSs are 6612 through 6620, 6682, 6683, 6689, 6712, 6722 and 6724.

Fourteen other MOSs now drawing termination pay for \$50 monthly will drop to payments of \$25. They are 2570 through 2579, and 6656 through 6659.

Six MOSs will drop from P-3 of \$100 to P-2 of \$75 monthly. They are 5931 through 5935, and 5992.

Fifty-nine MOSs will drop from P-2 of \$75 to P-1 of \$50 monthly. They are

5921 through 5928, 5941 through 5943, 5945, 5948, 5952 through 5959, 5962 through 5964, 5974, 5978, 5979, 5981, 5982, 5991 through 5996, 6623 through 6629, 6632 through 6639, 6642 through 6646, 6652 through 6655, and 6691.

Special duty assignment pay will remain at \$50 monthly for drill instructors and \$30 monthly for career planners. There could be a change in the amount paid recruiters. Congress is now looking at an increased incentives plan, and the Corps has money in the till to put it into effect in FY-75. There's nothing official yet, but the plan calls for \$50 monthly for the first six months of recruiting duty, \$100 for the next six months and \$150 monthly for the rest of a tour. Those starting a second recruiting tour would get \$100 for the first six months and \$150 for the rest of the tour.

Classified ads

For Sale

1965 CHEVY IMPALA SS, 327 automatic trans, shift on the floor, recent engine overhaul and tune-up, runs great, \$400 or best offer. Call Sgt. Richardson at 257-2141 or 257-2142. Leaving for the Mainland, must sell.

FOUR BEAUTIFUL PERSIAN KITTENS, eight weeks old. Both parents have papers. Call 254-3128 anytime.

1972 PINTO WAGON, excellent condition, auto trans, A/C, luggage rack, 22,000 miles, leaving for mainland, \$2,300 or best offer. Call 254-1970 AWH.

BURMESE KITTEN, male, four months old, has pedigree, litter trained, \$150. Call 254-1423 anytime.

1973 VOLVO 142, four speed fuel injected with FM stereo tape deck, 14,500 miles, still in warranty until July, \$3,700. Call 257-2871 DWH.

CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE 1965 Honda 160cc; only 8,400 miles, original owner, 62 MPG, \$150. Call 257-2534 DWH, 261-4394 AWH.

1972 PONTIAC LE MANS Sport in excellent condition. Black vinyl top over gold, four new tires, rust proofed, \$2,300. Hotpoint washer and dryer, two and one half years old, Harvest Gold, \$250. Call 257-2346 DWH, 254-4589 anytime.

MALTESE, male, three years old, no papers, excellent with children, \$85 or best offer. Baby Walker, \$4; two girls coats, size 14, \$3 each; boys gear, \$5; boys sport coat size 10, \$2. Call 254-3049 anytime.

1970 NOVA, 350, 250, V-8, Low Blue Book, new in and out. Call 254-2512 anytime.

OFFICERS UNIFORMS, 180 lbs, 5'10", accessories included. Call 257-3156, 257-3561 DWH, 955-5454 AWH.

SOFA AND MATCHING CHAIR, green, \$40 or trade for dresser. Oval rug 5x9, \$10; golf cart, \$8. All good condition. See at 982 Murray Drive, Radford Terrace. Call 829-6202 anytime.

ORBIT FOUR CHANNEL RADIO control system with accessories, \$200. Call DT2 Ellison 257-2290 DWH.

1964 FORD GALAXIE, good mechanical condition, best offer or \$250. Gold carpet, 15'x18", \$25; Picnic table, \$10; dog house, \$7; three bicycles, best offer, girls and boys 24 and 26 inches. Call 254-2790 anytime. 1968A Hanson Cir, KMCAS.

BAYLINER BOAT, 17 foot, Sport Runabout Model, Evinrude outboard motor, excellent condition, trailer and all accessories included, \$3,200. See at 2014-A Fleming Circle, KMCAS. Call 257-2307 DWH, 254-4516 AWH and weekends.

FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE, two bath, double carport, patio, fenced, air conditioned, drapes throughout, range, disposal, underground lawn sprinkling system. Asking \$69,900. Call Major Derrison 477-6046 DWH, 671-1917 AWH.

ONE THIRD ACRE residential land on Wicomico River (Md.) Washington, D.C. area. Sale or trade plus cash on home or condo Oahu. Call 734-8598 anytime.

LADY KENMORE DISHWASHER, \$200; G.E. Console Sterep, \$75; King size bedroom suite includes extra firm mattress and box springs, \$400; Amana 10,200 BTU air conditioner, 115 Volts, \$75; and a NEW never used Datsun heater unit for a '510 series car, \$50. Moving - must sell. Call 257-2307 DWH, 254-4516 AWH and weekends.

LAWN MOWER, used, power reel type, runs, \$10. Call 261-8345 anytime.

1972 DODGE POLARA Custom, four door hardtop, air, power steering and brakes, new tires, \$2,500 or best offer. Call 257-2481 DWH, 254-1088 AWH.

1965 FALCON convertible, V-8 289, auto, pwr steering, radio, heater, eight track stereo, good tires, no rust, no hole in top. Good transportation, \$350 or best offer. Call 257-2721 DWH, 261-3689 anytime.

1973 Rd 350 YAMAHA recently overhauled, new rear tire, chain, dependable race proven, \$900/off. Call 257-3123 DWH, 261-8117 AWH.

1969 TRIUMPH TR-6, new tires, exhaust system and water pump. Offer. Call 257-3553 DWH, 261-3987 AWH.

CRIB, mattress, springs, dresser, high chair, plus extras. Everything in good condition. All for \$75. Call 477-6232 DWH, 456-9340 anytime.

1966 BUICK GRANDSPORT only 62,700 miles. Engine good condition, body fair. Best offer. Call 257-3150 DWH, 254-3673 anytime.

AIR CONDITIONER, 11,000 BTU, used four months, \$125. Also odds and ends. Call 239-7963 anytime.

GIRLS BICYCLE, 16", training wheels and basket. Hard rubber tires, \$10. Call 257-3149 DWH, 262-4862 AWH.

1969 OPEL two door wagon, very good condition, radio, good gas, mileage, \$650. Call 257-2822 DWH.

DISHWASHER, counter top, Carocelle, holds four place setting, ideal for small family or camping, runs by water force, has been used about six times, like new, will sell for \$25. Call 254-1649 anytime.

HONDA QA50 mini bike, red, excellent cond, \$150. Call 254-2147 anytime.

KIMBALL ORGAN with magic cord and swinger rhythms, \$2,200 new, \$1,000/off. Call 257-2356 DWH, 254-4675 AWH.

1941 CHEVY COUPE, runs good, new tires, \$300/off. Call 254-4236 after 1200.

1973 DATSUN PICKUP four speed, side moulding, radio, tonneau cover, west coast mirrors, step bumper, rust proofed, 10,000 miles, \$2,750 or trade with a Ranchero or El Camino. Call 247-0539 after 5 p.m.

1957 CHEVY "327", three speed, four new tires, and four magnesium mags (Candy Apple Green), asking \$600 or best offer. Call 257-3485 DWH, 257-3178 anytime.

BOY'S SCHWINN five speed Stingray, excellent condition, \$30. Call 257-3689 DWH, 254-2248 AWH.

Coin show

KAILUA KOIN KLUB will have a coin show on May 18th, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the 19th Puka, KMCAS. The public is invited. Call 257-2304 DWH, 254-4967 AWH.

Lost

WHITE REX male cat, answers to Sam. Call 257-2690 DWH, 254-1392 anytime.

Garage sale

TOMORROW, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., 225 South Kalāheo Ave, Kailua, 11 ft. Kool sailboat, lawnmower, \$30; tropical fish, plants - electric exerciser, \$25; pocket books; child's bike; misc. other junk. Call 257-2534 DWH, 261-4394 AWH.

TOMORROW and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 1956B Hanson Circle, KMCAS, lamps, pictures, clothes, toys, games, books, chest of drawers, fan, night stands, chair, misc. Call 257-3509 DWH, 254-1718 anytime.

TOMORROW, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 2144 Bancroft St., KMCAS. Many bargains including bedroom set; ping pong table; bar; 9x12 rugs and other items. Call 254-4636 anytime for inquiries.

Free

BABY KITTENS, red and yellow tabby's, 1968A Hanson Circle, KMCAS. Call 254-2790 anytime.

Job opportunity

PRE SCHOOL TEACHERS needed for school term September 1974 thru May 1975. Apply at Joint Special Services Office, Bldg 219, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Call 257-3108 DWH.

Wanted

DEPENDABLE BABYSITTER, three children, two in school, five day week only, excellent pay. Call 254-2032 anytime, 477-6619 DWH.

RIDER to share expenses from Norton AFB to Wisconsin or connecting points. Leaving Honolulu 3 June, leaving Norton AFB, early morning on 4 June. Call Cpl. Spahnauer, 257-2762 DWH, 257-3536 AWH.

TOYS FOR TOTS may be left at 2093A Elnod Drive, KMCAS. Call 254-2148 55at Hawkinson anytime.



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Movie memo

BOONDOCKER	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur
6 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7 p.m. (Thursday)							
FAMILY THEATER							
7:15 p.m.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:15 p.m. (Thursday)							
BARBERS POINT							
7:30 p.m. (Outdoor)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CAMP SMITH							
7 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
MARINE BARRACKS							
7 p.m.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- *MAN OF LA MANCHA - Peter O'Toole, Sophia Loren, PG, musical
- *MAGNUM FORCE - Clint Eastwood, Hal Holbrook, R, adventure
- FIGHTING 69TH - James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, None, drama
- SLEEPER - Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, PG, comedy
- *WATERLOO - Rod Steiger, G, drama
- RED SUN - Charles Bronson, Ursula Andress, PG, western
- BLACK BELT JONES - Jim Kelly, Gloria Hendry, R, drama
- ELVIS ON TOUR - Elvis Presley, Kathy Westmoreland, G, musical
- YOUR THREE MINUTES ARE UP - Beau Bridges, R, comedy
- *THE EMIGRANTS - Max Von Sydow, Liv Ullman, PG, drama
- JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL - animated, G, fantasy
- KID GALAHAD - Edward G. Robinson, Bette Davis, none, drama

*Extra Long Running Time