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# Secretary of Navy To Visit Lejeune

The Honorable Paul R. Ignatius, Secretary of Navy, is scheduled to visit the Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point Marine complexes, according to a recent announcement by Headquarters Marine Corps.

The purpose of the secretary's visit is to gain first hand knowledge which will assist him in handling Marine Corps program and budget matters and to determine the combat readiness of Marine units at those installations.

Mr. Ignatius assumed his present position in July, 1967, relieving Mr. Paul H. Nitze, who became Deputy Secretary of Defense.

A former Navy lieutenant, Secretary Ignatius graduated with honors from the University of Southern California and holds a master's degree from Harvard School of Business.

Department of the Navy's executive will arrive at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, Monday morning, touring the installation most of the day. The schedule calls for arrival Monday afternoon for a meeting by the base commander, General Joseph O. ...



Hon. P. R. Ignatius

He has held government positions as Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Logistics (1961); Under Secretary of the Army (1964); and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations and Logistics (1964).

The Secretary's visit here will be his first to this area as the Department of the Navy's top official.

## Camp Lejeune Globe

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### Force Troops Birthday

Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic will observe its 17th Anniversary Monday, April 1. Individual units have set several ceremonies but no major observance will be held by the entire command.

A special Force Troops Sunday will be observed 31 March at Camp Lejeune, with massed flags and color bearers at both the 10:15 a.m. Mass at the Catholic Chapel and at the 11 a.m. service at Protestant Chapel.

The public is cordially invited to join Force Troops Marines in these Divine Services.

For a close up look at Force Troops and its past and present years, the GLOBE is presenting a four - page pull out anniversary issue in this paper.

### For Temporary Officers

## Selection Board

The Headquarters Marine Corps selection board is now in session to select temporary commissioned officers and warrant officers for a permanent status.

A total of 1,561 selections will be made in the following categories: regular officers - 100, reserve officers - 500, reserve officer (women) - six, LDO (terminal grade Lt Col) - 200, LDO (terminal grade Capt.) - 150, warrant officer - 600, warrant officer (women) - five.

The one time only program will select temporary officers appointed before Dec. 31, 1966. Those appointed during 1967 will be considered at a later date.

Selections for limited duty officers or warrant officer status will be made on a best qualified basis within technical occupational fields.

Temporary officers not selected for permanent status will be required to revert or retire at a future date.

Selection as regular officer must possess or be reclassified in a category 1 MOS. Selection for permanent status will not effect current temporary grade unless the permanent rank is higher, according to ALMAR 212056Z of 10 March.

Temporary warrant officer selection for LDO status will be terminated as temporary warrant officer and appointed to grade of second lieutenant.

Excluded from the selection are all permanent warrant officers and SNCOs appointed as temporary LDOs in fiscal year '67 who were not serving as temporary officers at the time of selection. Also excluded are temporary officers who have reverted.

### Jewish Holiday

The Jewish holiday of Passover will begin this year on Friday night, April 12. A Seder will be conducted for all Jewish personnel in the area at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center at 7 p.m. on the 12th. Reservations are required. Contact the Office of the Jewish Chaplain in Bldg. No. 67 at 7-5822 for additional information and for reservations.

## Ohio State NROTC Students Visit Here

Spring break is a thing looked forward to in college almost as much as homecoming or the senior year. Most students are found at the nearest "in spot" relaxing, however, throughout the year, Camp Lejeune claims many of the vacationing scholars.

Through a program designed to

bring Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets (NROTC) on tours of Camp Lejeune, 15 members of Ohio State University spent their spring break finding out what the Marine Corps is about.

Ohio State has one of the largest NROTC units in the coun-

try (around 300-350 yearly) and it produces one of the top Marine options in the nation also. In a cadet's junior year, he is given the choice of continuing his military pursuits in either the Navy or the Marine Corps.

The tour, comprised almost see NROTC page 3



AN OHIO STATE University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet receives expert instruction in firing the M-16 while touring Camp Lejeune recently.

### New Policy For Off-Base Housing

Headquarters, Marine Corps Base announced a new policy recently that established an Off-Base Housing Referral Service for Marine families stationed at Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Facility, New River.

The referral program, according to Base Order 11101.42, provides a personal and conveniently available service to assist local military personnel in locating suitable off-base housing when military housing is not available for assignment.

The service, directed by Mr. A.P. Olmstead, base quarters division, maintains continuous liaison with real estate boards, realtors, brokers, individual property owners, and other commercial and public organizations,

The service advises them of military family housing needs, encourages open housing policies, and obtains an open housing listing.

In addition, the referral service will provide centralized information concerning readiness of public quarters, types and costs of available private rental housing, schools, shopping and other community services. A list of houses that can be bought by direct purchase on a nondiscriminatory basis will also be maintained.

Another feature designed to insure military families suitable housing by the referral service is a constant check of building permits, courthouse records, oc-

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### Credit Union

During three years of rapid growth, the Marine Corps Credit Union recently raised its annual dividend rate to 5.1 per cent. They also expanded the monthly interest computation date from the fifth of the month to the tenth of each

month. The dividend increase is one per cent over the rate made by the Credit Union during past years. In three years, the rate has been raised from 4.8 per cent to the present level of 5.1 per cent. The interest computation which became effective February 1, money deposited before the tenth of each month will earn interest from the first of the month.

### Did You Know?

...that the borrower of a vehicle is required to have a note from the lender giving him permission to operate it here. The borrower and owner must get up to 2 points and 15% restriction.

...in accordance with BO 10.1G, paragraph 703, amateur or commercial radios, mobile or stations, MUST be registered with the Communication-Electronics Office located at Building No.



Captured 1,000 Japanese

# Marine Son Of WWII Hero

Nearly 25 years ago a young Marine named Guy Gabaldon, fighting on Saipan with the Second Marine Regiment, single handedly captured 1,000 Japanese. He was presented our nation's second combat award, the Navy Cross.

A motion picture, "Hell to Eternity" was made depicting his story.

Today his son, Guy Gabaldon Jr., serves as a radio telegraph operator with the Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, 2d Marine Division, the same division his father saw action with.

He is proud to be a Marine and is proud of his father's record, but he does not wish to live on his dad's past. Guy Jr. says he would rather make his own footprints in life.

But young Gabaldon just might be fighting heredity. There seem to be more similarities than differences between father and son.

Guy Sr. interrupted his high-school studies to join the Marine Corps during World War II and finished his secondary education while in the service.

Guy Jr. interrupted his education to help his father distribute anti-communist literature in

a program which was, according, to Guy, backed and supported by the doctors and businessmen of Los Angeles and Orange County, Calif. He has also finished his education in the Marine Corps and has been attending East Carolina University at Camp Lejeune.

Like his father he has an insatiable appetite for adventure, flying and seeing new places—excitement is high on both father and son's list of interests.

Guy's flying interests have led him into the fish import business. When his military service is completed he hopes to return to the business he owned and operated before he enlisted. His father also operates his own import-export business.

Both father and son have an aptitude for languages. Guy Gabaldon Sr. speaks Spanish, Russian, Japanese and served as an interrogator in the Marines.

Gabaldon Jr. speaks Spanish and Russian, and is presently taking a course in Vietnamese through the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI).

As the similarities continue, Guy Gabaldon Jr. awaits his turn to serve in Vietnam.

## ...Housing

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occupancy permits, local economic news, and similar sources in order to provide up to date information on new housing developments, schools, shopping areas, transportation, and other community facilities to interested personnel.

A counseling service is also provided for each family concerning standards of conduct when occupying private housing and also to help in resolving complaints between tenants and landlord.

The Housing Referral Service, now in effect, is located at the Quarters and Housing office, building no. 43, Tarawa Terrace.

## M-1 Rifle Ends Reign

It was a sad yet somewhat glorious occasion as an old "friend" of Marines the world over retired without ceremony or fanfare here recently.

"Retiring" was the U.S. Rifle Caliber .30 M-1, the constant companion of Marine infantrymen in combat from Guadalcanal to the Chosin Reservoir.

Although slowly being phased out, many of the rifles were still being used for training by the First Infantry Training Regiment (ITR) here.

The infantry school, one of two currently operated by the Marine Corps, recently called in the last of the rifles, packed them in a preservative solution and sent them to storage.

The M-1 was replaced by the more modern M-14 and M-16 rifles as the principle training weapons at the school.

The Marine Corps' Second Infantry Training Regiment, based at Camp Pendleton, California still uses the M-1 in certain phases of training.

In its more than 20 years of service, the M-1 played a vital part in training millions of Marines in the art of the infantry. In its last year at the training regiment, this weapon fired in excess of 12,000,000 rounds.

Its day is gone, however, and the 6,500 M-1s usually stocked at ITR armories have been traded for more modern weapons.

## ...NROTC

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equally of Marine options and freshmen and sophomores, visited Infantry Training Regiment for Parris Island recruit graduates at Camp Geiger. They witnessed demonstrations of Marine firepower and tested their marksmanship with the M-16 rifle.

Marine Corps Engineer School offered a display of mine warfare and explosives.

At the Second Division's Counter Guerrilla Warfare Center, the cadets toured a simulated Vietnamese village and saw a display of weapons used by Viet Cong guerrillas and North Vietnamese Army troops.

These highlights, and other visits to various Camp Lejeune points of interest, left the college students wondering who was really doing the studying. According to one awed freshman, "There seem to be more schools and training centers here than on many college campuses."

The cadets left, by plane from the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station nearby, with the sure knowledge that some of them would return again -- this time to take the training.



CE CORPORAL Guy Gabaldon Jr., checks out a high frequency - long range radio. The insert is Guy's father, Guy Gabaldon Sr., who single handedly captured 1,000 Japanese during World War II.

## Petticoat Pilots Meet Marine Cooks

and pilots of a unique organization known as the "Petticoat Pilots" held their monthly meeting here Friday.

The group, which meets each week in the home area of one of its members was hosted here by Mrs. Roesch, wife of Major Joseph Roesch of Camp Lejeune. The ladies were met at the Jacksonville airport by the club's president, Mrs. Roland Ledin of North Carolina and Mrs. ...

... Jacksonville airport is the most modern facility to date where ... has met and high winds blowing on the 26,000-foot runway of asphalt, grass and gravel thrill.

... lady wore a distinctive ... with a crest depicting the organization.

... a brief meeting and refreshments at the airport the ladies were met by Major John ... of Marine Corps Service Support School (MCSSS) who was ... for the tour here. ... visited the Montford Point ... Services School Battalion ... served lunch with ... commander Colonel R.R. ... and other officers of Camp ...

... our continued after lunch ... the school's baking facilities here they saw a field set up for students of ...

... were shown the field ... minutes before their ... had been prepared by six ... Marines training to be ...

... ladies all complimented ... on the meal which included Roast Beef, Baked Ham and all the trim-

The ladies either rent or own the aircraft they fly into the meetings and their flying times run from a few to several hundred hours in the air. Two have commercial licenses while one member is a qualified helicopter pilot.

Occupations for the ladies are as varied as their flying times. They are housewives, secretaries, a dance instructor, a registered nurse, a real estate agent, a riveter, a professional photographer and two instructors on the piano and organ.

While on their tour of Montford Point, one of the ladies carried a multi-colored beachball with her name written on it. When quizzed about it, she said

she was the winner of the "Bouncing Ball Award" which she explained is given to the pilot who bounces her plane the highest on landing for a meeting.

The ladies offered a few hints for women fliers —

— To make certain your engine starts right off; don't fasten your seat belt until after starting the engine.

— To make certain everything is going to be perfect, leave two hours early. This way you will arrive at your destination on time after getting lost enroute.

— And if it's just the weather you're worried about, don't wash your hair, it'll be a beautiful day.



PETTICOAT PILOTS Joanne Johnson, (right), and Dalla Scott are served by Gunner Sergeant Isiah Baker at Marine Corps Service Support School, Marine Corps Base during their tour here Friday. The ladies flew into Jacksonville for their monthly meeting. Photo by Cpl. T. BENNETT.

## Awards Honor Roll

NAME	RANK	DIVISION UNIT	AWARD
HALL, C.L.	Capt.	1/6	Helicopter Rescue
HAYDEN, D.R.	Cpl.	2/6	Pur. Heart
PHILLIPS, G.R.	LCpl.	2/6	Pur. Heart
BAIRD, W.T.	Cpl.	3/8	Bronze Star
GOODSON, W.E.	GySgt.	HqBn.	Bronze Star
PAQUETTE, P.	1stLt.	HqBn.	Bronze Star
HAUXHURST, J.	Sgt.	2d Recon	Bronze Star
COST, J.L.	Cpl.	Hq8th Mar.	Bronze Star
DOZIER, W.L.	Cpl.	Hq8th Mar.	Bronze Star
GLASER III, C.W.	Capt.	Hq8th Mar.	Disting. Flying Cross
GILLASPIE, B.	Capt.	3/2	Disting. Flying Cross

# Passover— April 12

The Jewish festival of Passover, which begins this year on the night of April twelfth, commemorates the Exodus of the Jews from Pharaoh's Egypt. The message of the holiday is hardly confined to a single people, time, or place, however. It addresses a warning to all of the Pharaohs of history whose power rests on the enslavement of others, and it is dedicated to all men who dream and hope for freedom.

"Let my people go" is the Biblical phrase which captures the Passover mood. It is God's demand that all the chains which enslave men be broken. But, the Passover theme of freedom means far more than broken chains and the simple liberation from physical bondage. It means liberation from all the enslavements which warp the spirit and destroy the soul even though they may leave the flesh alive. Passover reminds us that there are many ways to enslave men.

Men can be enslaved to themselves. When harmful habits tyrannize over them, when apathy or cowardice keep them from doing what they know to be right --

they are slaves. When envy, bitterness, and jealousy sour their joys, or when ignorance blinds them - they are slaves to themselves and shackled by the chains of their own going.

Men can be enslaved by poverty and inequality. When the fear of need drives them to dishonesty and violence, to defending the guilty and accusing the innocent - they are slaves. When the work men do enriches others but leaves them in want - they are slaves.

Men can be enslaved by intolerance. When they are forced to abandon their sacred traditions, when they must live in constant fear of unwarranted hate and prejudice - they are slaves.

The celebration of Passover is an expression of man's dream of being free from these enslavements which have so cruelly torn our world. Passover calls for an end to all slavery. Passover cries out in the name of God, "Let my people go." Passover summons us to freedom.

## Local Response To Retardation

Did you know that - There are over 3,000 mentally retarded children and adults in Onslow County?

There are 10 schools in Onslow County with special education programs. There are 13 educable classes at these 10 schools and one trainable class at Clyde Erwin School. This one trainable class is for children ages 6 through 17. At present,

there are 14 children in the trainable class and 7 who are on a waiting list. There are 2 educable classes at Camp Lejeune, one at Tarawa Terrace for children ages 6 to 10 and one class at Brewster for children 11 years and older.

There are approximately 900 retarded school age children in Onslow County and over 380 retarded children who are preschool age.

There is one kindergarten program in the County for trainable-educable children ages 3 to 6. There are over 200 children utilizing these facilities in Onslow County.

The local unit (Onslow County-Camp Lejeune) of the Association for Retarded Children is presently the sole supporter of the one kindergarten in the County, they also aid the 1 trainable class at Clyde Erwin.



VICE ADMIRAL William R. Smedburg III, USN (Ret), president of the Navy Relief Society, and Miss Virginia Franks, executive secretary of the Camp Lejeune chapter, discuss seminar plans during the recent Eastern Area Executive Secretaries Seminar held here.

## Methods Of Reporting Fire

Below are four procedures for phoning a fire department from the various family housing areas:

1. Dial 21 plus 3333.
2. Dial 346-2111 and request the base operator to connect you to the main fire house Pull Box.
3. Know the location of the nearest fire house Pull Box.
4. Dial "O" for the Jacksonville operator and request connections with the base operator. The base operator will in turn connect your call to the fire house.

## U.S.N.H. Births

3-14-68  
HARRY RAUL to CPL and MRS. Raul Armando ACEVEDO, USMC

KIMBERLY MICHELLE to SGT and MRS. Johnnie Anderson CRAWFORD, USMC

LORENCIA PALMIRA to SGT and MRS. Carol Joseph ROBI-CHAUX, USMC

JOHN ROBERT to SSGT and MRS. James Curtis SAYERS, USMC

LATANYA ANTARA to PFC and MRS. William Jack WRIGHT, USMC

3-15-68  
JOHN MICHAEL to SGT and MRS. Joseph Michael GASPER, USMC

STACY MARIE to SGT and MRS. William Rogers SOMERS, USMC

PAULA PATRICE to CAPT and MRS. Richard Thomas TANNER, USMC

3-16-68  
TRINATY LYNN to CPL and MRS. Allan Ray BOYKIN, USMC  
KELLY ANNE to SGT and MRS. Curtis Lyle BUSBY, USMC  
TONYA MARIE to SGT and

MRS. Freddy Morgan GHOST-LAW, USMC

3-17-68  
MARY ELIZABETH to CAPT and MRS. George William MIMS, USMC

BERTEL EDWARD, JR. to SGT and MRS. Bertel Edward SERFEJ, SR., USMC

PATRICK BLAKE to 1LT and MRS. Robert Garland WALKER, USMC

3-18-68  
BILLY JOE to SSGT and MRS. Billy Janson HOSKINS, USMC  
ROY CHARLES, JR. to SSGT and MRS. Roy Charles LAIRD, SR., USMC

TODD STEPHEN to PFC and MRS. Ronald Vincent KLEOTZER, USMC

3-19-68  
NINETTE RENI to CPL and MRS. James Lawrence BURKS, USMC

MICHELLE ANN to CPL and MRS. Willie Lee Warren DAVID, USMC

JENNIFER LOUISE to LT and MRS. David Charles HADDEN, USMC



"THE SHARON SMALL SINGERS" help to bring a touch of Spring to the patients of Camp Lejeune's Naval Hospital. The vocal group, made up of members of the Officers' Wives Club, have entertained at the hospital before, and have also appeared at the USO in Jacksonville.

## Activities Calendar

### Decor

Mrs. R. T. Raylor, Jr. and the Ladies of 8th Engineer Bn. invite you to attend the April 4 luncheon of OWC Group VIII. Experts Jack and Rebekah Thomas, A.I.D., will present the program on "Your Decorating Personality."

The luncheon will be held in the Dining Room of the Officers' Club with the Social Hour beginning at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon for \$1.75. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. E. J. McBride, 353-5230.

### Mystery Luncheon

The Camp Lejeune Staff NCO Wives' Club will hold a mystery luncheon, the menu and destination of which are secret, on April 4.

All SNCO Wives' interested in attending may make reservations by calling M. Anderson at 353-4569. Those who plan to attend will meet at the following places at 10:30 a.m. to form car pools: Tarawa Terrace, Community Center at Berkeley Manor, Marston Pavilion, Knox Community Center.

Those who are late in arriving at the car pool centers can call 347-5158 for directions to the luncheon site.

### Dance Session

The last eight-week session in Hawaiian-Tahitian-Samoan dancing will begin April 6, at the Marston Pavilion. At present, two classes have been planned, one for beginners and one for those who have just completed the beginner's course this month and the present intermediate class. Parents interested in enrolling their children in any of these classes are asked to call Mrs. Hayes at 353-5564.

### Coffee Hour

The Ex-Foreign Service Girls will hold a coffee hour at 10 a.m. on April 3 at 5350 Connecticut Street, Berkeley Manor. For further information contact Mrs. Ronald Hansen at 353-3684.

### Tarawa Terrace PTA

The Parent-Teachers Association of Tarawa Terrace will feature a spaghetti dinner prior to its regular meeting April 16, from 5 until 7 p.m.

Donations for the dinner will be \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children. Donations will be for the school Glee Club that present a Spring Festival during the meeting.

### Summer Program

The Air Facility Special Services will, this summer, sponsor a youth program for grade high school dependents of active and retired military personnel.

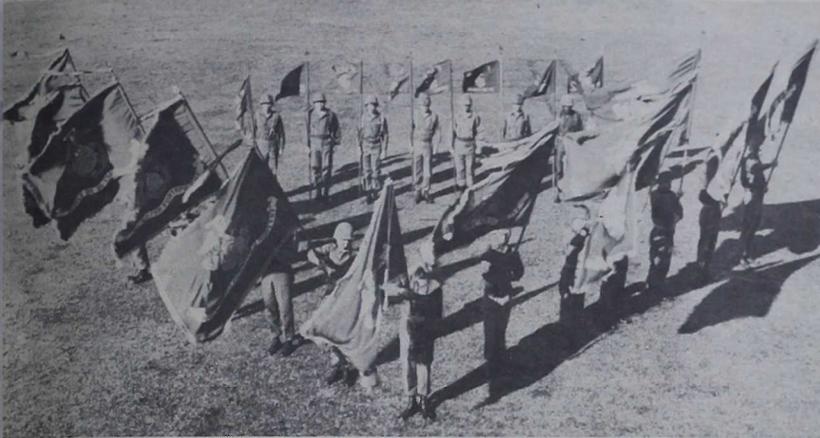
The program will consist of four week sessions; The first session will run from June 22 to July 5, the second from July 12 to Aug. 16.

### Get Acquainted Coffee

Wives whose husbands are employed with BLT 2/2 are invited to gossip and compare woe with attending a "Get acquainted coffee" at 10 a.m. in the Mid Park Community Center on April 5.

The Coffee, which will cost \$1.25, will feature home made coffee of the Mediterranean country. Interested wives are asked to call Mrs. Pierson at 353-2000.

# Force Troops Marks 17th Year As Vital FMFLant Power Punch!



**MASSED FORCE TROOPS COLORS** — Force Troops commands mass colors for the 17th Anniversary at Molly Pitcher Field. Represented are: Force Troops Headquarters; 2d Force Service Regiment and its three battalions, Headquarters and Service, Supply, and Maintenance; 2d Tank, 2d Field Artillery Group, 2d Radio, 2d Amphibian Tractor, 8th Communication, 8th Engineer and 8th Motor Transport Battalions. In the rear row are guidon's from eight separate companies of Force Troops. They are: Headquarters, 2d Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison, 2d Bridge, 2d Force Reconnaissance, 2d Hospital, 2d Separate Surgical, 2d Topographic and 4th Dental Companies.

Born during the bleak period of the Korean Conflict, Force Troops, a powerful arm of Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic will mark its 17th Anniversary Monday, April 1 with brief ceremonies.

Throughout the past year Force Troops units have met the call for specialized support ranging from air-delivery of trucks, to repairing items so small that they are worked on under magnifying scopes.

Commanded by Brigadier General John E. Williams, Force Troops units have served from the tropics of the Caribbean to the rivers and delta country of South Vietnam.

The largest single command of its type in the Marine Corps, Force Troops maintains deployed elements with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, with the ready force in the Caribbean, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and in the last year has conducted live firing exercises on Vieques Island in the Caribbean and at Camp Pickett, Va.

Survey teams from 2d Topographic Company spend several months of the year operating in the Republic of South Vietnam in support of the MACV and III MAF. The teams serve as artillery and riverine surveyors and in their special capacity as map-makers. They have also contributed to the Revolutionary Development Program of that country by conducting mapping surveys of waterways suitable for navigation.

Other unique combat support is provided by the 2d Force Reconnaissance Company which serves as the eyes and ears to provide intelligence support for amphibious operations of the Atlantic Fleet Marine Force.

The big guns of Force Troops are the self-propelled 8-inch howitzers and 155mm guns of 2d Field Artillery Group. They have journeyed twice in the past year to Vieques, Puerto Rico, for firing exercises.

The 2d Tank Battalion, with its 90 and 120mm gun tanks, trained at Vieques and Camp Pickett, Va., to flex their treads on varied terrain.

The communications and heavy support missions of the 8th Communications Battalion and 8th Engineer Battalion have provided a steady source of support in operations with units of the 2d Wing and Division on every deployment.

The engineer Marines have added a people-to-people project to their schedule by assisting in the construction of road-way and drainage for a new village built at Esperanza, on Vieques Island.

Marines of the 8th Motor Transport Battalion have driven thousands of miles in meeting their mission of heavy lift vehicle support to the units of FMFLant.

Capping off the unusual capabilities of Force Troops units is the 2d Bridge Company. They have spanned rivers and streams from Vieques to Camp Lejeune.

Contained within the composite Marine organization of Force Troops are three Navy units that are as well primed to provide support to combat units as are their Marine counterparts. These three units, the 2d Separate Surgical Company, 4th Dental Company and 2d Hospital Company are ready to mount out along with the other Force Troops commands and can provide specialized field medical support to any combat unit. They are also prepared to meet any natural

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## Historical Wrap-Up

This has been another eventful year in which the Marines and Navy men of Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, can take great pride — a year in which the professional teamwork and dedication required by our vital mission have been fully demonstrated. Force Troops has continued to prove itself in providing responsive and effective support for the Marine air-ground team of FMFLant.

On April 1, 1951 Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic was activated with Brigadier General Gregon A. Williams as the first commanding general.

Of the 15 initial units only 5 are still in operation under their original titles. These include 8th Motor Transport Battalion, 8th Engineer Battalion, 2d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Headquarters Company and the 2d Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company.

In concert with units of the 2d Marine Division and the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, we have accomplished every task assigned, and thus have contributed substantially to the mission of FMFLant, and to the cause of peace with freedom.

During the past 17 years the other 10 units have either been disbanded or changed their names and duties. Among the more colorful were the 2d AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2d 90mm AAA Gun Battalion and 2d 4.5 Rocket Company.

By your continuous efforts and your spirited devotion to duty, Force Troops has maintained itself as an essential element of our nation's Force in Readiness.

I am confident that you will meet the challenges of the future with the same loyalty and determination that have characterized your actions in the past.

In that spirit, and with great pride in each of you, I extend my warmest good wishes for continued success in the coming year. Happy Birthday!

BrigGen. John E. Williams  
Commanding General Force Troops

## Chaplain's Message *'By The Hand Of God'*



Anniversaries can be very happy occasions. When we celebrate the birthday of the organization to which we belong, we can reflect in the glow of the achievements and the accomplishments of our organization. There is such a thing as justifiable pride in what has been done through the years, although this pride should never prevent us from attaining greater deeds in the future.

Anniversaries, however, are not just times to recount the glories of the past. They can be a moment of inventory, a time for self-examination of our goals as well as achievement. There is a philosophy of life which says "might makes right." While this is a very practical principle, the highest good for all is achieved when we seek "to use our might right," "Power for Peace" is still the noblest stance for military strength.

To achieve this higher end, as individuals and as a nation should be the desire of each of us. It can not be done by human wisdom alone, but can only be done as we permit ourselves to be directed by a higher wisdom, to be led "by the hand of God." This can only be realized by nations when it is first done by individuals within the nation.

Are you concerned with this responsibility?

To replace these, 11 other units have been initiated or converted from original units to make up the present Force Troops command. One of these included the since deactivated 2d Provisional Marine Aggressor Company. This does not include 2d Force Service Regiment which was placed under the command of Force Troops in July 1965. The Regiment, previously under the command of Marine Corps Base, consists of a Supply Battalion, Maintenance Battalion and Headquarters and Service Battalion.

Force Troops moved into their first home at Camp Geiger, known formerly as "Tent City" and existing Quonset huts were repaired and the construction of 90 cement barracks began in May 1951.

Training for the units, some newly activated, began in earnest and in the ensuing years Force Troops elements participated in every fleet-wide amphibious landing conducted by the

## Force Troops Commanding General A Man Of Varied Backgrounds

Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, Force Troops, Atlantic since February 1967, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps upon his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in December 1941.



BGen. Williams

During WWII he served with the 8th Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force in the Gilbert Islands. As commanding officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS CALIFORNIA he saw duty on Okinawa and in the China Sea.

Following his sea duty tour, General Williams served as Commanding Officer, 4th Battalion, 8th Marines, 2d Marine Division and later as the Secretary to the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Prior to his present assignment General Williams was Sec-

retary of the General Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Marine Corps. In that capacity he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal.



**2D TOPOGRAPHIC COMPANY** — Commanded by Major O.G. Candler Jr., the 2d Topo Company has the mission of supplementing normal mapping sources, correcting existing maps, and conducting coastal surveys. The Company deploys a detachment of officers and men who serve in the delta region of the Republic of Vietnam as riverine survey teams.

# A Pictorial Look



**2D HOSPITAL COMPANY** — The 2d Hospital Company, under the command of Lieutenant W.D. Shepard, (MC) USN, has continued to provide Force Troops with medical support for the last year. The company provides Force Troops with resuscitation and primary definitive surgical facilities. It is capable of maintaining a 100-bed field hospital unit.



**2D FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP** — Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel L.R. Dorsa, the 2d FAG provides the extra punch for today's modern Marine Corps with its 8-inch howitzers and 155mm guns. The Group's two batteries polished their skills with two deployments to Camp Garcia on Vieques Island in the Caribbean this past year. Both heavy artillery weapons of the Group are self-propelled and furnish long range fire support for the 2d Marine Division.



**2D RADIO BATTALION** — The 2d Radio Battalion, under the command of Major D. J. Hatch, is another of the unique battalions within the Force Troops structure. Located at Camp Geiger the battalion, dealing mainly in specialized communications, has some of the most modern and up-to-date equipment in the Marine Corps communications field.

**8th COMMUNICATIONS BATTALION** — The 8th Communications Battalion provides telephone communication for Marine Force elements. The facilities facilitate communications between command, subordinate special teams. Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel [Name], elements of the battalion are deployed to Camp Garcia, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico early in the month-long training cycle with the 10th Marine Division and the 2d Field Artillery Group, Force Troops.



**2D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION** — Under the command of Lieutenant Colonel D.G. Mehargue, the "Amtrac" Battalion provides amphibian tractors to land an assault force, transport troops to inland objectives, and provide logistical support during landing operations. The battalion also maintains amphibian tractor recovery vehicles at Cape Kennedy for all manned space flights. During the past year the "Amtracers" tested the capabilities of the LVTE-1, mine clearing tractor, in a series of live fire exercises on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. Elements of the unit are also continuously deployed with the Caribbean and Mediterranean ready forces.



**4TH DENTAL COMPANY** — With the mission of combating dental disease, the 4th Dental Company, under Captain T.R. Hunley, (DC) USN, provides preventive dentistry treatment, including oral surgery and orthodontics for 2d Marine Division and Force Troops personnel. The company has conducted several field maneuvers in the past year setting up dental field units.

# Force Troops



**1 ENGINEER BATTALION** — The 8th Engineer Battalion, providing general engineer support, is one of the heaviest committed units in Force Troops. Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel R.T. Taylor, the battalion frequently performs engineer missions in many parts of the United States and Caribbean area. During the past year the battalion deployed elements to Lakehurst, N.J., to install a Short Airfield Tactical Support (SATS) and a reinforced company is continuously stationed on a rotating basis at Camp Garcia, Puerto Rico, providing maintenance and construction capabilities for the Caribbean island training site.



**2D BRIDGE COMPANY** — With the mission of maintaining and having readily available, fixed panel and floating bridge equipment necessary to support the heaviest loads of the Fleet Marine Force, the 2d Bridge Company under the command of Captain M.G. Lilley conducted a heavy training schedule during the past year.



**2D FORCE SERVICE REGIMENT** — Providing Division, Force Troops, and Wing units with "beans, bandages, and bullets" is the mission of Force Troops largest organization, the 2d Force Service Regiment. The regiment, under the command of Colonel Harold Wallace, provides supply, maintenance, and service support to deployed units of a Marine Division, Force Troops or Wing. The regiment is organized into three battalions, each with a specific task in supporting the combat Marine.



## Force Troops Mission

As part of the ready forces of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Force Troops units constitute the major source of heavy combat support and specialized technical support not organic to the 2d Marine Division or the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, but essential to these commands in sustaining combat operations.

Force Troops is a pool of specialized units with diversified roles of varying magnitudes and capabilities, administratively operating under a single command while awaiting the call to provide its support to the Fleet Marine Force.



**2D FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY** — This intelligence collection unit under the command of Captain J.J. Clancy III is composed of multi-skilled Reconnaissance Marines trained in parachute and submarine operations. As the "eyes and ears" of the landing force, Force Recon Marines can parachute behind, or swim in to infiltrate enemy lines to gather intelligence information necessary for the fulfillment of a combat operation.



**8TH MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION** — The mission of transporting and supplying elements of the amphibious assault team is handled by the 8th Motor Transport Battalion. The battalion, under the command of Major W.W. Damewood, provides mobile transportation for personnel and the heavy equipment of the 2d Marine Division and Force Troops. Throughout the past year the battalion has conducted various training exercises in jungle warfare and counter-guerrilla tactics.



**2D TANK BATTALION** — The 2d Tank Battalion contains the heavy armor support for the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic. Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel R.B. March, the tankers are equipped with medium 90mm guns and heavy 120mm gun tanks and a platoon of flame throwing tanks.

# MCES Students Vital To Corps



**PRECARIOUS CLIMB** — Two engineer school instructors demonstrate the procedure for rescuing a man who has been injured while working on a power-line pole. (Official US MC photo by Cpl. R.R. Morris)

Story By

Cpl. Bob Morris

Unlike the average college campus, the "campus" of the Marine Corps Engineer School is laced with mock mine fields, barbed wire barricades and a Viet Cong trail fraught with treacherous booby traps, man traps and home made mines.

This is actually but one segment of the school, which is in reality divided into four major fields of engineering.

Conducting numerous classes each day the school teaches combat engineering, heavy equipment, utilities and special subjects.

The combat engineers face the massive task of aiding infantry units by neutralizing any obstacles in their way. Students in this field are taught to locate enemy mines and disarm them.

United States policy on demolitions and its techniques, as well as field construction, such as bunkers, trenches and defensive perimeters is also taught.

Next to the combat engineers is the equipment operations area, where a complex of winding dirt courses and dirt-pits, dotted with huge mounds of soil, comprise its segment of the campus.

This area bears the weight of massive wheels and steel tracks as trainees learn the operations of engineer equipment ranging from the rough-terrain forklift to the massive Bay City Crane.

Spending many hours behind the controls of these giant machines, learning the basics to later build roads, airfields and more, the students graduate as trained heavy equipment operators.

For every piece of machinery in use, mechanical problems arise, and this is where the equipment maintenance unit takes over.

Introducing the trainees to the mechanical aspect of heavy equipment used by the engineers, modern training aids such as diesel engine cut aways show the engine parts at work, giving the student a sound knowledge of the engine he will be repairing.



**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** — Learning to be an equipment operator, an engineer student handles his rough-terrain forklift with care as he hauls a heavy load over the rough-terrain training range.

In other classes, students learn the functions and repair of the transmissions, suspensions, brakes and other parts of the bulldozers, cranes, road-graders and additional machines they are taught to work with.

Diversifying even further in the school's range of instruction is the utilities instructional unit, where students are trained in either plumbing, refrigeration or electrical engineering.

Electrical wiring in buildings, field installations and power line construction make up most of the electrician's training. Practical application with erection of poles and climbing them to mount elements for stringing power lines insures a well trained electrician.

The school also conducts an advanced electricians class that is instructed partially by two civilian field representatives from the Bendix Field Engineering Corporation.

Instruction for trainees in the plumbing and water supply section of the utilities school consists of practical application with a well digging machine and obtaining water from a pond, then purification and distillation of it, as well as classroom instruction.

Other trainees in utilities are introduced to field refrigeration facilities and taught how to install and repair them.

Completing the school's academic departments is the special subjects instructional unit, which teaches a variety of subjects such as bridging, rigging, mathematics and soil analysis.

The graduates of all the school's instructional units are trained to support infantry units in many situations, whether it be clearing mined roads, building roads, supplying pure water, keeping their food cold and fresh or many other necessary tasks.

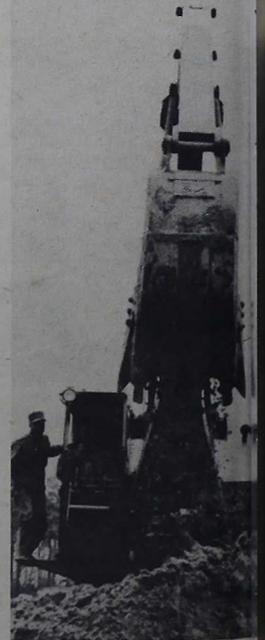
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**PUNJI STAKES** — Looking down into a pit of sharpened bamboo stakes, two combat engineer students receive a lecture on the workings of the simulated Viet Cong man trap.



**DIRTY WORK** — A student of the engineer school's equipment section operates the Koering 2N crane under the direction of the instructor at his side.

# Library Notes

**THE FRONTIER OF CHINA**  
by Francis Watson  
Here is a survey of the history of China's border problems with each of her neighbors since the Chinese People's Republic gained power in 1949.

novels of recent years, written by lawyer-turned novelist William Pearson, the author of the memorable best-seller **A FEVER IN THE BLOOD**.

**WESTERN EUROPE: A HANDBOOK**  
by John Calmann

This reference work examines the entire range of political, economic, cultural, and social facts, patterns, and concerns of the region which today stretches from Iceland to Turkey.

**BEFORE THE COLORS FADE**  
by Fred Ayer, Jr.  
Here is an intimate portrait by one who observed his uncle, George S. Patton, critically as well as with affection for over twenty years.

**THE SOVIET MILITARY AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY**  
by Roman Kolkowicz

**THE BRIGADE** by Hanoeh Barton. This is the powerful story of a brigade of Jews serving under the British in Italy at the end of World War II who have not seen the enemy or fired a simple shot throughout the war.

Focusing his analysis mainly on the period since Stalin's death, the author has tried to define the areas where the interests of the Party and military coincide and those where they conflict.

**THE ESPIONAGE ESTABLISHMENT** by David Wise and Thomas B. Ross. This book describes in unprecedented detail - most of it secret until now - the espionage operations and organizations of the major world powers.

**INSURGENT ERA** by Richard H. Sanger. This detailed examination of the post-war international scene is an exciting story, and one which helps us see more clearly what is happening in so many areas of a troubled world.

**TRIAL OF HONOR**  
by William Pearson  
Here is one of the most gripping, brilliantly wrought trial

## USO Notes

Movies are shown at the USO ON Fridays continuously from 6:30 p.m., on Saturdays from 1 p.m. and on Sunday from noon, March 29-30-31  
Proud Rebel  
One of Our Spies is Missing To Hell and Back  
The D.I.  
Live bands perform Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

**THE WAR-PEACE ESTABLISHMENT**  
by Arthur Herzog  
This well-known journalist conducts the reader on a unique, freethinking reconnaissance, investigating the men responsible for, as well as those opposed to, our nation's policies on thermonuclear war.

**CENTRAL LIBRARY HOURS**  
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# MOVIE MEMO

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Island of the Doomed	●●	90														29 30 31 1 2
Chubasco		105														29 30 31 1 2 3
The Wrong Box		113														29 30 31 1 * 3 4
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House of 1,000 Dolls	●	94														29 30 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 Rating Time (RT) ● No Movie "Game Night" \*\* One Show Only 7:00 p.m.

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 CGI Camp Geiger 7 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun., matinee 2 p.m. Sun. & holidays.  
 IA Industrial Area (outdoor) 7 p.m. daily.  
 CT Camp Theater 6 & 8:30 p.m. daily; matinee 2 p.m. Sat. Sun. & holidays.  
 500 500 Area 7 p.m. daily  
 GO Camp Geiger (outdoor) p.m. daily.  
 AF Air Facility 6 & 8:15 daily, matinee 2 p.m. Sat. Sun. & holidays.  
 TP Geiger Trailer Park, 7 p.m. daily.  
 DI Drive In 7 p.m. daily.  
 OB Onslow Beach 7 p.m. daily.

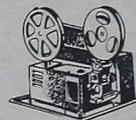
## Movie Matinees

**DWYER PARK**  
 Sat at 2:00 p.m. "Fantastic Voyage" RT-105  
 Sun at 2:00 p.m. "Marshall's Lets Go" RT-105  
**INDOOR**  
 Sat at 2:00 p.m. "Ball of a Gunfighter" RT-90  
 Sun at 2:00 p.m. "Fantastic Voyage"  
**COURTHOUSE BAY**  
 Sat at 2:00 p.m. "Samson and the Slave Queen" RT-86  
 Sun at 2:00 p.m. "Battle at Bloody Beach" RT-85  
**CAMP THEATER**  
 Sat at 2:00 p.m. "Battle at Bloody Beach"  
 Sun at 2:00 p.m. "Samson and the Slave Queen"  
**NAVAL HOSPITAL**  
 Sat at 2:00 p.m. "Fort Courageous" RT-72  
**AIR FACILITY**  
 Sat at 2:00 p.m. "Marines Let's Go"  
 Sun at 2:00 p.m. "Fort Courageous"



**COURT ENTERTAINER** - Kendall Standish, a vibrant vocalist currently touring the night club circuit extends an enticing invitation to all Lejeune Marines to attend the festivities on Monday thru Wednesday. Comedial Ron Sterling and the Frank Sorrel Trio join Miss Standish in providing an evening of special entertainment on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Central Area Recreation Center, at 9 a.m. in the Area 1 Recreation Center; on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Montford Point Recreation Center, at 9 p.m. in the Area 2 Recreation Center; on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Bay Recreation Center, at 9 p.m. in the Area 2 Recreation Center.

# MOVIE REVIEWS



**WILL PENNY**  
 Charlton Heston stars in this color drama.

**NAVAJO JOE**  
 The sole survivor of a ruthlessly destroyed Indian village tracks the outlaw band that committed the atrocity. Drama starring...

**DRUMS OF TABU**  
 A jilted island dweller who turned to whiskey to escape his bitter memories is rescued from the clutches of despair after he befriends a helpless native girl. Color drama starring James Philbrook and Seyna Sein.

**GYPSY GIRL**  
 After spending years as an outcast in her village, a mentally retarded girl blamed for a murder finds happiness with a young gypsy boy. Light drama starring Hayley Mills and Ian McShane.

**ISLAND OF DOOMED**  
 An unsuspecting group of tourists stumble upon a nightmarish horror while visiting a desolate island. Only two escape the brutal terror that lurks unseen in the island's jungle. Drama starring Cameron Mitchell and Kay Fischer.

**CHUBASCO**  
 Color drama starring Christopher Jones and Ann Southern.

**THE WRONG BOX**  
 The villainous nephews of a dying millionaire battle their avaricious uncle for the right of an immense inheritance in this color drama starring John Mills and Michael Caine.

**DR. YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING**  
 Color comedy starring Sandra Dee and George Hamilton.

**GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD**  
 Color Biblical drama starring Charlton Heston and Dorothy McGuire.

**HOUSE OF 1000 DOLLS**  
 Color drama starring Vincent Price, Martha Hyer and George Nader.

**ROAD TO FORT ALAMO**  
 A small band of soldiers withstand the onslaught of a pillaging Sioux army and successfully defend the wagon train bound for Fort Alamo in this color drama starring Ken Clark and Michael Lemoine.

**SEA PIRATE**  
 Color drama starring Gerard Barry.

**THE POWER**  
 A scientific suspense drama dealing with the ultimate evolution of the mind featuring George Hamilton, Suzanne Pleshette and Yvonne DeCarlo. In color.

**LAST CHALLENGE**  
 Two restrictive consequences underscore the plot of this Western drama in which a sheriff of a small border town faces the menacing gun of a punk killer. The sheriff must kill the gun-fighter but, in the process the last thread of his integrity will be destroyed. The color production stars Glenn Ford, Angie Dickinson and Chad Everett.

**LAST OF THE SECRET AGENTS**  
 Two bumbling agents corral a band of art thieves in this color comedy starring Marty Allen, Steve Rossi and Nancy Sinatra.

**MARY JANE**  
 The tragic consequences of Marijuana addiction are explored in this penetrating commentary on a segment of today's youth. Color drama featuring Fabian, Diane McBain, Patty McCormack and Steve Cory.

**THE AMBUSHERS**  
 Matt Helm is called in by his former chief to track down and recover a hi-jacked new American outer-space craft in this color comedy starring Dean Martin, Santa Berger, and Janice Rule.

# Vietnam Story: Marines at War

Stories and Photos from III Marine Amphibious Force



MARINES IN A HURRY AT DMZ ROCKET ATTACK

## VC Exchange Three For Two

HUE, Vietnam — "Multiplication was definitely the name of the game," commented PFC Rosendo Castro, as he recalled a rather harrowing incident that occurred during an assault on the heavily-fortified wall surrounding the "Citadel" in the Vietnamese Imperial city of Hue.

During the final phases of the action, Castro and Marines of "D" Co., 1st Bn., Fifth Marine Regiment were assaulting the wall when they were pinned down by an extremely heavy volume of North Vietnamese Army (NVA) automatic weapons fire.

"I was up front and very close to the wall when the NVA opened up," Castro recalled, "so I was actually safe, since the enemy fire was being directed at the Marines to my rear."

"I decided that the best way to silence the enemy gunner was with grenades, and that's when I

learned the numbers game hard way."

Castro pulled the pins on M-26 grenades and stepped away from the wall to throw them. He lobbed them over the wall in the direction of the NVA position and then stood by to serve the results of his tactic.

Instead of the expected explosions, however, Castro threw two fragmentation grenades which landed back — plus three com concussion grenades.

"My math came back to in a hurry," he grinned, "and I decided that in this case I for two was a very poor deal."

Castro ran to a position behind an out-cropping of rock and watched the five grenades explode harmlessly.

"After that experience," said, "I'm very careful when I stand after I've thrown a grenade."

## Patrol Guides Artillery

DA NANG, Vietnam — The Viet Cong were only yards from the Marine reconnaissance team. But the "green phantoms" — their faces smeared with black and green camouflage paint — were invisible. They were frozen, hardly breathing, blending perfectly into the background of green jungle.

The Marines spotted a total of 810 enemy soldiers while on a recent mission in Mortar Valley near Da Nang.

"After we were heli-lifted into the area," explained Sgt. Michael L. Keddy, 23, a team leader with "D" Co., 1st Reconnaissance Bn., "we heard enemy soldiers talking."

Keddy led his team off the main trail, and established an OP (observation post) on a hill overlooking two large trails.

Concealed by the thick foliage, Keddy and his recon Marines remained for three days, observ-

ing enemy troop movements.

"Sometimes they were as close as 10 meters," he added.

The enemy soldiers were in groups of about 200 each and were equipped with packs, flak jackets, .50 cal. machine guns, mortars and automatic weapons. They were carrying bundles of supplies and ammunition.

"We called artillery in on the columns," Keddy said, "An AO (Aerial Observer) assisted us and

observed the results of the fire. After artillery had worked an area over we called in fixed wing air strikes."

Due to the thick brush it was impossible to make an accurate appraisal of damage done by the supporting arms.

"The enemy soldiers never knew we were in the area," Keddy concluded, "and that's the way it's supposed to be."

## Close Call For Marine Comes Unexpectedly

DANANG, Vietnam -- Lance Cpl. Edward E. Miller, 19 (Henryetta, Okla.), of "B" Co., 1st Bn., Seventh Marine Regiment, had his closest call recently after seven months of combat.

Seventy-five meters past a

booby trap he had discovered, Miller drew fire from Viet Cong with automatic weapons, 25 meters to his front.

"I hit the deck fast and started returning fire on the bunkers they were hidden in," Miller recalled. Miller's squad leader, Sgt. Gary S. Andrews, 21, was right behind him when the guerrillas struck. "The only thing that I was worried about was deploying the rest of my men and gaining fire superiority," he said.

"The machine gunner and grenadier moved into position real fast and began shooting at the VC positions," he continued.

The enemy then quickly broke contact with the Marines and fled into the jungle.

"I think the reason they didn't hit us was because they were shooting their rifles with their heads down," said Miller. "We were only 25 meters away when they opened up and I don't know how else they could have missed."



SPOTTER PLANE SWOOPS LOW IN SEARCH

## 'Maggie's Drawers' Wave A N. Vietnamese Mortarmen

KHE SANH, Vietnam -- Leathernecks defending Hill 881 South, a vital Marine strongpoint north of the Khe Sanh combat base, have found a way to rub salt in the wounds of the NVA.

Since Jan. 21, when the NVA mortar, rocket and artillery barrage began, the Marines have contrived a way to taunt the enemy. When he misses with a round they wave a huge "Maggie's Drawers" (red flag).

"Maggie's Drawers," in Marine rifle range lingo, is a term

for a miss on target and is signified by waving a red flag across the bull's eye.

"It may be kind of silly," said med up one young Marine, "but it does a lot for our morale and know it makes the NVA mad."

"In fact they probably get mad they see... red."

"To make matters worse the NVA," reported the Marine "when they overshoot the line their rounds fall into a valley on other NVA positions."

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