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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the following report is submitted:

PART I: Organizational Data

1. Captain E. H. LONEY, Officer in Charge, SOCC, 1-31 July 1966
 Warrant Officer R. LIPPE, Assistant Officer in Charge, SOCC, 1-31 July 1966
2. The SIOP Operations Control Center (SOCC) is directly responsible to the Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-13 (Rein)/Task Group 79.3.
3. Average monthly strength during period: Two (2) officers and three (3) enlisted.

PART II: Narrative Summary

1. MAWTUPAC Detachment reported aboard 23 July 1966. Refresher training was conducted for twelve (12) delivery pilots and three (3) officers and eleven (11) men for loading teams during the period.
2. One (1) pilot from VMJ-1 was refreshed on PostRecPac missions.

PART III: Significant Events

1. Brigadier General M. P. RYAN, USMC, was briefed 9 July 1966 on recent changes incorporated with SIOP-4.
2. SOCC continued an extensive training and updating program on all documents pertaining to the SIOP.

PART IV: Supporting Documents

1. None.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY-TIO

PERIOD FROM 1 JULY 1966 TO 30 JULY 1966

1. ROSTER.

1stLt W. L. CRAVEN remains as MAG-13 (Rein) TIO.

2. NARRATIVE.

MAG-13 (Rein) TIO continued administrative supervision of informational services activity in MAG-13 (Rein).

3. LOCAL NEWS RELEASES.

Enclosure (1) local news release concerning MAG-13 (Rein) for this month.


W. L. CRAVEN
1stLt USMC

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ABOVE LEFT: The American instructors (in uniform: escort Sgt. Dunn) and students who met them at Takahama pier walk up the ramp toward Takahama's train station. ABOVE RIGHT: Jan Craven fields a question during one of her class periods. LEFT: Pat Ahlstrom gets that far away look in her eyes as she bites into her meal. RIGHT: 1stLt. Jack Jones does a war dance as part of an entertainment night skit. BELOW LEFT: Students and instructors relax on a raft near the diving board at Nagahama beach. BELOW RIGHT: Students roll out streamers to say a lingering sayonara as the ferryboat pulls out of Takahama on its way back to Iwakuni.





STUDENTS & TEACHERS MILLING AROUND OZU TRAIN STATION

The fish, rice, futons and trout in the handbag were worth it.

Ehime's Seminar

(See Covers)

Two sharp whistle blasts shrilled out and were swallowed up by the night air as the ferryboat cut back its motors and coasted alongside Iwakuni's Shin Minato pier. Inside the boat a group of Americans, tired and some looking a bit thinner than the week before, began to stir about getting their luggage together. It was about 9:30 pm Saturday night when they stepped weary footed back on Iwakuni soil again. "It's good to be back" yawned one of the Americans, "but I'd go again if I had the chance." Said another: "I'm beat, but it was worth it."

Country-Boy Variety. They had just returned from Shikoku Island where they had been guest teachers-for-a-week at Ehime University's English Speaking Society's summer English seminar. The ESS of Ehime U., located in Matsuyama City, twice annually holds the seminars, in March and July, and each time makes an official request to the air station for 10 to 15 servicemen and dependents to be their guests for the week. This time 15 Americans (the largest group yet to attend one of the seminars) answered the request. They were: Capt. Wayne W. Frazier, 1stLt. Glenn Takabayashi, A.L. Griggs (who had to return early because of pressing business), Jack Jones, 1stLt and Mrs. W.L. Craven, 2dLt. Robert L. Fain, GySgt. Harland P. Moulton, Sgt. Harry L. Moore, Cpl. Frank T. Plumberg, LCpl. Leonard F. Dixon, SN Robert F. Robinson, dependents Patricia Ahlstrom, Sharon Gibson and Faye Childress.

The large, varied group was ideal for the Ehime students. Their reason for inviting the servicemen and dependents is to hear English spoken

as a native tongue, to brush up their pronunciation and intonation and pick up a few English idioms, since they seldom get an opportunity to see or speak with Americans. There are no U.S. bases on Shikoku, and the area is outside of the normal liberty boundary. At their latest seminar, July 18-23, however, they not only got to hear Americans speak English, but had an excellent opportunity to listen to English as spoken by males and females, Easterners and Westerners, Northerners and Southerners—plus, of course, that Midwestern country-boy variety.

Bouquets for the Ladies. The Americans began their sojourn to Shikoku on Saturday morning, July 16. After around 3½ hrs. of island dodging through the Inland Sea on a ferryboat, they arrived at Shikoku's Takahama pier just before noon. There the volunteer instructors and Sgt. Paul F. Dunn, who has made the trip frequently to Shikoku to work with the students (see Torii Teller, June 27) and had volunteered to guide the group as far as Matsuyama, were met by several of the ESS members and 12 exchange high school students from the U.S. and their chaperones who, on a 2 mo. visit to Japan, are currently living individually with Japanese families in Matsuyama. At the pier the students presented the four air station dependents with bouquets.

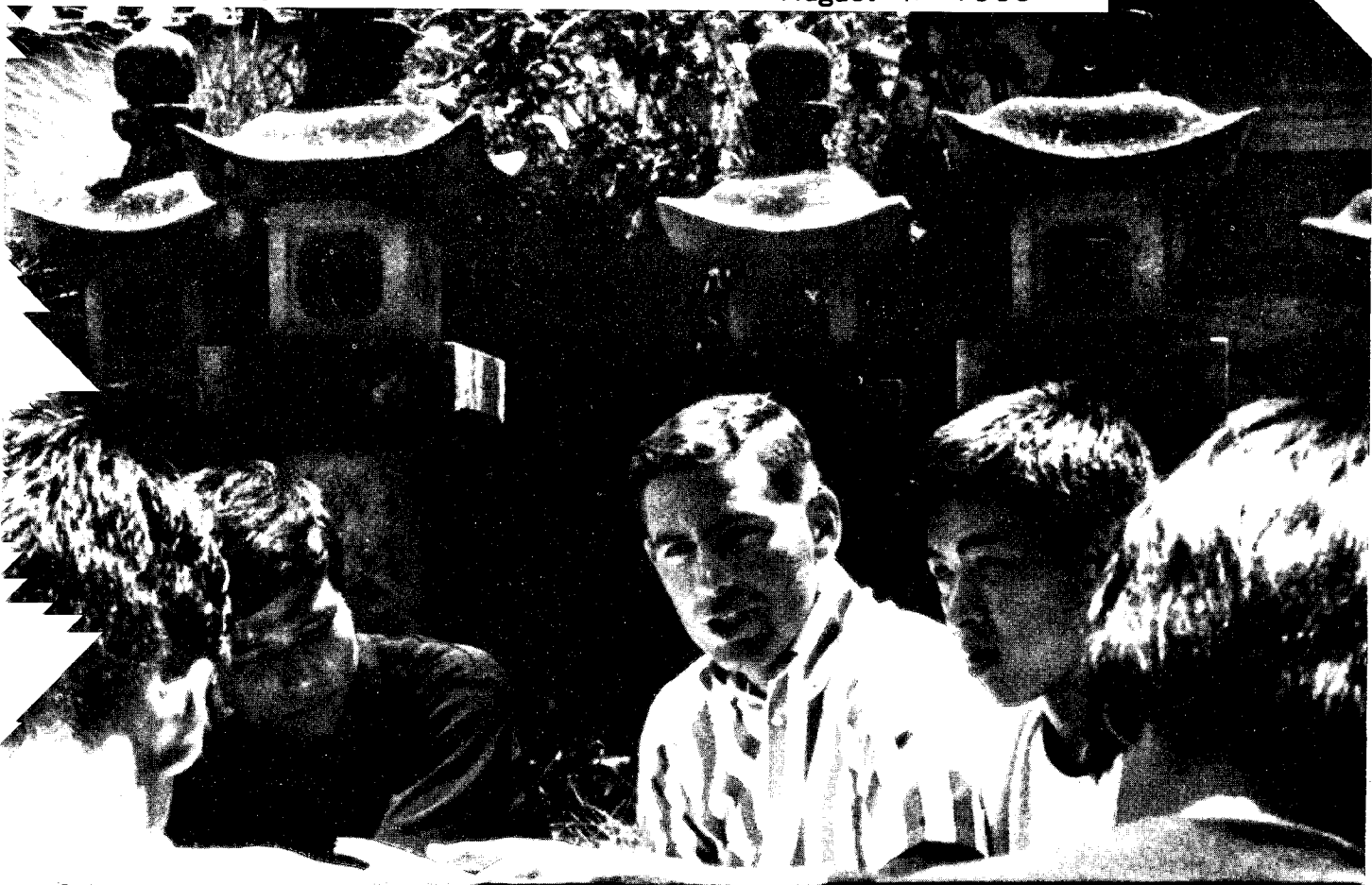
From the pier the Americans took a 20 min. tram car ride to Matsuyama, where they checked into a Japanese-style inn, and spent the rest of the afternoon and the following day sight-seeing. On Monday afternoon they were on another train, heading for the historic Ryogozan Temple located in the small town of Ozu. At Ozu the teachers were officially welcomed by ESS vice-president

Ed Kikuchi, then showed the temple where for the next five days they would be eating (mostly rice and fish), sleeping (on futons) and teaching (English).

Between classes, which were rotated among the Americans each period, the students had scheduled several special events and outings to keep the interest flowing. First was a speech contest for freshmen and sophomores on the seminar's second day. After finalists were selected from each class (there were about six to a class) by the instructors, 13 students gave orations before the American judges Tuesday night. The winner was presented a trophy by the ESS and a Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, autographed by station commander Col. William M. Lundin, by Capt. Frazier, whom the students had selected as head judge.

Good Shot. The following day was all play. On Wednesday morning the students and teachers piled on a train and rode to Nagahama, about an hour away on the northern coast of Shikoku, where they spent the afternoon swimming in the Inland Sea (the waters around Shikoku are considered safe for swimming; see page 8) At Nagahama they also toured the 300-yr.-old Juiryōji Temple and marveled at a 900-yr.-old hand-carved, gold-plated wooden statue of Buddha, which in 1909 was designated a national treasure by the Japanese government. Back at Ozu that evening, they all walked over to a nearby river, climbed into small boats from which they watched cormorant fishermen work their fish-catching birds. The students told their teachers that if everyone would clap their hands and yell the fishermen would throw part of his catch into their boats. One fisherman was a pretty good shot: he threw one of the little mountain trout right into Sharon Gibson's open purse. After the fishing the students built a bonfire on the riverbank, sang folk songs in English and got the Americans involved in such party classics as the split-the-watermelon game.

On Thursday the classes were paired off and the teachers asked to judge debates. One subject: Who is the more intelligent; boys or girls? The boy who had to argue for the women's side did a very creditable job, sympathized one of the instructors. Friday night the students gave skits at an entertainment session Saturday was spent traveling, first back to Matsuyama, then to the pier, where the students rolled out streamers as the ferryboat ground off into the distance toward Iwakuni.



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Sports**A Bad Start**

Their goal is the ComNavForJapan championship that will be played for on NAS Atsugi's diamonds Aug 16-20. But getting ready for the battle royal can be a bit embarrassing, as the station's all-star softball team found out last week.

After rain had washed out most of the intra-squad scrimmage sessions scheduled earlier, the all-stars tackled VP-1 in a double header last Tuesday to begin a series of practice games against station teams that had played during the regular season.

It was a bad start. The season's second-place VP-1 scored three runs early on sloppy all-star fielding, then held their opponents scoreless until two men were out in the seventh inning, when the lone all-star run crossed the plate. The all-stars managed to even their record in a second game under the lights when a bases-loaded triple broke open a 2-2 tie and gave the station team an eventual 6-2 victory.

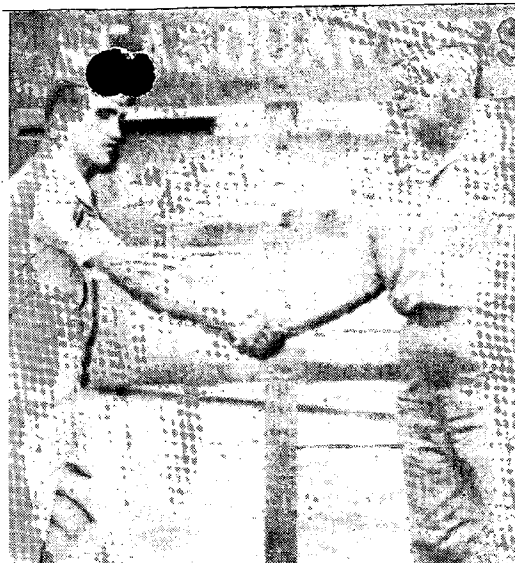
Wednesday evening in another double header, this time against H&MS-13, the all-stars eked out 4-3 and 9-7 wins to up their record to three wins and one loss. But in a single game Thursday afternoon, VP-1, which left this weekend for the States and a tournament of its own, punched another hole in that all-star pride by out-scoring the station team 9-6.

The all-stars will continue with practice games throughout this week, then will face their first pre-Atsugi test of ability next Sunday afternoon at 2 pm on Field 2 when they play a top Japanese team from Hiroshima.

Joe the Champ

Golf is basically a game for individuals, and that's just how Joe Herndon prefers it. In the station intramural tournament last month, Herndon shot both low gross and low net scores but ended up on a second place team. Then came the ComNavForJapan All-Navy Tournament July 11-15 at Atsugi where it was every man for himself.

Consequently, when the dust and the divots had settled at tourney's end, there stood jolly Joe, this time an undisputed champion. Herndon shot a 310 total for the event, one stroke better than Atsugi's Bob Blount and two strokes better than Iwakuni's next best golfer, Jack Allen. Further back, in seventh with a 319 total, was MCAS' Barney Heidt, while the fourth member of the local contingent, George Brown, finished eleventh with a 331 score.

**BEAUDOIN & NEMESIS**

Enough to make a man's medals melt.

Low, the In-Lawly Eye

Is the Marine Corps now working in cahoots with those infamous in-laws that traditionally shadow the footsteps of every married man? Unfortunately for its he-man-building image, evidence indicates that the once bachelor-orientated Corps may have fallen into just such a state. Take, for instance, the case of Cpl. Edmond R. Beaudoin.

Beaudoin, who joined the Marines to serve his country and see the world in 1961, got bitten by the marriage bug in early 1964 while serving with the Base Material Bn. at MCB Camp Lejeune, N. C. He proposed and pretty June McLucas accepted.

Then, this Spring, those see-the-world orders arrived and Beaudoin left wife and home to cross the Pacific and come to Japan. But he hadn't been at Iwakuni a day before he again felt that in-lawly eye focused upon him. It was enough to make a man's medals melt, for the corporal's nuptial conscience is not the lightly-feared mother-by-marriage of comic strip fame—no, far worse than that, this Marine's nemesis is the male type who coincidentally is a steely-eyed, gravelly-souled, leathery-necked first sergeant.

And sure enough it was he, 1st Sgt. Henry L. McLucas, whose orders had been changed from duty in Vietnam to a tour at Iwakuni. He had been assigned to MABS-13. So where did son-in-law Beaudoin go? Why, to MABS-13, of course, where he is now supply chief in the materiel section.

Anyway, that's the evidence. McLucas claims it is all a coincidence. As for Beaudoin—well, he's not in a position to be voicing an opinion on anything right now.

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Sports**The Champion**

For a while it looked like the whole league was going to end up in first place in the race for the 1966 intramural softball championship. No less than seven teams had a chance to at least tie for the title. Only late-starting H&HS (2-4), hapless VP-2 (0-6) and Hospital (0-6), which was forfeiting its remaining games, were out of the running. Out in front was MAMS-17 with a 6-2 record and one game left to go. Next best was Supply, which had a 5-2 mark and two games remaining. NAMD had already finished with a 6-3 total, while VMA-224, VP-1, H&MS-13 and H&HS-17 all had only three losses with varying games left to play.

Trimmed Pack. That's the way the standings stood when the umpires called "play ball" a week ago last Thursday. At evening's end, though, the confusion was worse. Supply slipped by VP-2 to up its record to 6-2 while VP-1 took a forfeit from Hospital and climbed to a 5-3 mark. Then, in a game under the lights, H&MS-13 blew away MAMS-17's title dreams by beating the air maintenance team in a 14-9 scoring marathon. Now, Supply was out in front with a six-team pack panting on its heels a half game back.

The pack trimmed down to four teams Friday night, however, as H&HS drubbed H&HS-17, 11-5, and H&MS-13 clipped '224's wings, 7-5. Both losers now had four losses and were out of the race. VP-2 also got its first victory, a forfeiture from Hospital.

Resurgent VP-1, which had lost its first three games before getting a win, closed out its season with a 6-3 record when action resumed Monday evening by trouncing H&HS-17, 5-2, while the other come-back team of the year, H&HS, which had lost four straight before getting a starting pitcher and a victory, evened its record at 4-4 by slamming out a 6-2 win over VP-2.

All Over? H&HS finished its year at 5-4 Tuesday evening by getting a

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	%	GB
* Supply	7	2	.777	-
MAMS-17	6	3	.666	1
NAMD	6	3	.666	1
H&MS-13	6	3	.666	1
VP-1	6	3	.666	1
H&HS	5	4	.555	2
VMA-224	5	4	.555	2
H&HS-17	3	6	.333	4
VP-2	1	8	.111	6
Hospital	0	9	.000	7

* League champion

forfeit from Hospital, but all the attention was centered on field four where in the last game of the regular season Supply was fighting for an uncontended championship against H&HS-17. What the fans saw was a see-saw battle decided by errors. Supply scored first, racking up three runs by taking advantage of H&HS-17 miscues. Then Supply fell apart and H&HS-17 scored three runs, then scored another to go ahead four to three. But Supply wasn't yet through—or, rather, H&HS-17 wasn't finished throwing away the softball and the game. The final score: Supply 7, H&HS-17 4.

Supply was the 1966 intramural softball champion and the season was over.

Or was it? Not quite. MAMS-17, NAMD, H&MS-13 and VP-1 were still all tied for second place with 6-3 records. So, out on the diamonds again went the foursome to fight it out for second, third, fourth and fifth places. In the first round Wednesday evening, H&MS-13 came from behind in the last inning to score five runs and beat NAMD, 9-5, while VP-1 slaughtered faltering MAMS-17, 6-0.