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**EARLY CHRISTMAS** — Although many may think that Christmas 1965 is almost 365 days away, Marines of Southern California are just catching up with 1964. MajGen. Frederick E. Leek, CG, 3dMAW, passes some of the belated presents to Cpl. R. C. Staring of MAMS-37 for delivery to the flooded areas of California. The late (or early) Christmas presents are part of 20,000 pounds air lifted by El Toro Marines this week. (Photo by Sgt. C. B. Simmons)

## 'Belated Santa Claus' Flights Flown by El Toro Transports

Four large transport aircraft from the 3d MAW departed here Tuesday to launch Operation "Belated Santa Claus" for children in flood-ravaged Humboldt County in northern California.

More than 20,000 pounds of toys and blankets were accumulated by Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve units throughout Southern California.

One aircraft from MAMS-37 departed here at 11 a.m. stopping at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif., for an additional thousand pounds of toys. Two other planes departed the Air Station at 1 p.m. with direct flight orders to Arcata, Calif. The fourth plane left Wednesday.

The entire tonnage was delivered to the senior Army commander in the Eureka area for immediate distribution to the children who lost their once-a-year vision of seeing Santa leave a Christmas tree full of toys and Christmas cheer.

The idea to launch Operation "Belated Santa Claus" came from Marines flying mercy flights in flood-stricken Humboldt County. More than 120 pilots and crew members from HMM-363 departed the Air Facility Dec. 24 to be transported to Eureka aboard the carrier

USS Bennington.

Twenty medium helicopters flew hundreds of mercy missions throughout the county hauling tons of food, medicine and clothing. They evacuated numerous men, women and children from flooded areas.

The men of HMM-363 were supported daily by flights from KC-130F Hercules aircraft from VMGR-352.

Marine officials reported that the toys would not take the place of an actual Christmas present, but would however, help comfort the children until the flood victim parents could dig their homes out from the ruins and again live in harmony and contentment in a secure home.

Arriving with the first flight of helicopters was Rear Admiral Robert A. MacPherson, Commander Antisubmarine Warfare Group-Five. He commanded military personnel operating in the area.

As Christmas day drew to a close, air operations for LtCol. Edward I. Lupton's "Christmas Angels" were beginning to be mapped out.

Pilots and aircrews were up and ready at dawn on Dec. 26. Operating from Murray Field, the 20 helicopters were pre-flighted and ready as the first rays of light broke through the rain-swept clouds.

As the first missions began



**FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES** — MSgt. R. R. Waite, HMM-363 Maintenance Chief and acting crew chief, assists the Del Norte Red Cross Field Director with the loading of food and medical supplies at the Del Norte County Airport. The airport serves as a landing point for supplies going into the woods and hills of the northern California flood area.

flowing in over a single telephone line, it became apparent that the numerous requests for helicopter missions could not be handled by the squadron's operations office, a small room in a lean-to hangar.

Helicopters landed at Murray Field with loads of flood victims. In some cases families totaled nine or more.

Pilots reported that charts and maps of the area were almost useless because the flood waters had changed the physical appearance of the ground. Civilian spotters volunteered for service with the helicopter pilots, who reported that they "knew every nook and cranny of the flooded country."

As operations continued, the high morale of the squadron was temporarily shattered by the news that a helicopter had crashed into the Eel River with only the pilot, Capt. Richard E. Gleason, of HMM-36 surviving. Following an extensive air and ground search, the official report was made that the co-pilot, 1stLt. William Arbogast, crew-chief, Cpl. Joseph Binkley, and two other persons were lost in the crash.

The first day's operations came to a close at dark. Weary crews again secured their aircraft for the night. For the next week the pilots and crews continued their flights, hauling tons of food, medicine, fuel, clothing and blankets. They also evacuated hundreds of persons and made numerous air reconnaissance flights that enabled disaster officials to determine the extent of damage.

Throughout the operations in the Eureka area of Humboldt County, the aircrews were supported by flights from El Toro to Arcata by VMGR-352. Local residents made thousands of

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**THANK YOU!** — Lt. David L. Rembold, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, (left) on behalf of Capt. Richard E. Gleason, presents a gift to Registered Nurses Mrs. Alice Heck, Mrs. Margaret Compton, and Mrs. Ruth Petersen, all of Redwood Memorial Hospital. "It's a small gift to say thanks for all their wonderful treatment," said Capt. Gleason, after his Marine Corps CH-34 Helicopter crashed, Dec. 26, leaving him the sole survivor of the five persons aboard.

(U. S. Army Photo)

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## Time Waits for No Man

In an average lifetime of 70 years we spend 24 years sleeping, 14 years working, eight years pursuing amusement and six years eating. In addition, five years are spent in transportation, four in conversation, and three each for education, reading, and miscellaneous pursuits.

As we face the new year, let us ask ourselves, "Am I satisfied that my life shall be merely average? How can I improve the above budget of time to make my life better than the average?"

For suggestions see the Education Officer at Bldg. 280; see all the listings under "Special Services" on page 10 of the base telephone directory; or see your Career Advisor, the Chaplain, or the Librarian. You may also get some excellent suggestions from your parents, your wife (or husband), or from the officers and NCOs you work for.

Teach us to number our days so that we may get a heart of wisdom.

G. P. KELLER  
Chaplain, MWSG-37

## SNCO Wives Set To Hold 'Coffee'

The El Toro SNCO Wives' Club will hold a coffee at 10 a.m. on Jan. 13 at the home of Mrs. Glenn Hurtle of 13901 1/2 Wake Ave., Wherry Housing.

Wives of SNCOs, active or retired, are invited to attend. For more information call Mrs. Hurtle at 544-5192.

## Career Observations

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of weekly information articles offered by your Marine Career Advisory officers and NCOs to further enhance the understanding and knowledge of a career with the United States Marine Corps.)

CAREER ADVISORY PROGRAM—Now that we have commenced the new year, it is a proper time to take inventory of the past year's accomplishments, failures, achievements and disappointments.

Certainly it is the time to evaluate our career, military or civilian, and determine where we are going.

Did you know that each El Toro unit has a trained counselor at your service? The Career Advisor's door is open to help you evaluate your present and future career. He will not make the decision for you, but will show you all sides of any career you may choose. He will help you prepare for your life's work. It's your career . . . .

## Lost May Be Found at PMO

If you've lost something, consider making a visit to the Provost Marshal's Office. The lost and found department there is overflowing with items of many descriptions.

Waiting to be claimed are several key rings with house, car, and other type keys (from two to 14 keys per ring). With them are key cases, children's purses, prescription eye glasses, various ID cards, and a DNE 26" Meccolto bicycle.

Also waiting for someone to claim are a warrant officer's military cover, a marriage service book belong to Frank A. Kueton III, a Woodrow Wilson High School ring with initials TCM, a William Tennen High School ring with initials JJN, and three pairs of sunglasses.

The above items may be claimed in bldg. No. 63.

## Vehicle License Tabs To Be Renewed on Station

The Provost Marshal's Office has announced that arrangements have been made with L. H. Barger, District Manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA), for on-station issuance of 1965 vehicle license tabs for California registered vehicles.

The issuance of license tabs will be made to anyone aboard the Station, rather than to just

Auto Club members. Tabs will be issued on renewal potentials only. No complicated renewals or transfers of licenses can be made.

Members of the Auto Club may pay by check. Cash payment will be required from all others.

License tab renewals will be made at the Station Theater from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. next Wednesday and Thursday. All who take advantage of this convenience are urged to enter the Theater through the Northeast exit doors.

To facilitate issuing as many 1965 tabs as possible during the limited time available, the following procedures must be adhered to:

Both sections of the renewal potential card must be submitted. Do not separate.

If a change of address is required, it must be noted on both sections of the potential by lining out the old address, printing the new address above, then punching out the hole at the upper left hand corner of the potential.

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All potentials must be signed on the reverse side prior to issuance of a tab.

Pickup trucks registered commercially will require the signature of the registered owner verifying that a smog control device has been installed. The only exceptions will be pickups prior to model year 1950 and pickups registered as pleasure-type vehicles.

A representative of the Automobile Club will be present to answer questions about transfers or other registration problems.

The 1965 California registration renewal period started Monday. It will end Feb. 4.

## Promotion Slated For 171 SNCO's During January

Headquarters Marine Corps has announced that 171 Marines already selected will be promoted among the SNCO ranks this month. Their date of rank will be Jan. 1.

The promotion break-down shows that one first sergeant will be promoted to sergeant major; cut-off precedence number is 14.

Promoted to master gunnery sergeant will be five master sergeants; cut-off precedence number is 51.

Eight gunnery sergeants will be promoted to first sergeant with cut-off precedence number 147, while 18 will be promoted to master sergeant with cut-off precedence number set at 530.

Fifty-six staff sergeants will move up to gunnery sergeant; cut-off precedence number is 637.

Hiked to staff sergeant will be 83 sergeants; cut-off precedence number is 1884.

## Investment Class To Start Tuesday

An investment class designed to instruct officers in security investment has been scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday. The course will be held in room 111 at the ATAU building.

Don G. McKinnon, representative of a local investment firm, will conduct the lectures which will be held for four consecutive Tuesdays.

In addition to securities investment the lectures will explain the different kinds of investments and how to use each one.

Any one interested in the course is urged to call ext. 462 at Station G-1 prior to Saturday.

## Receive Medals

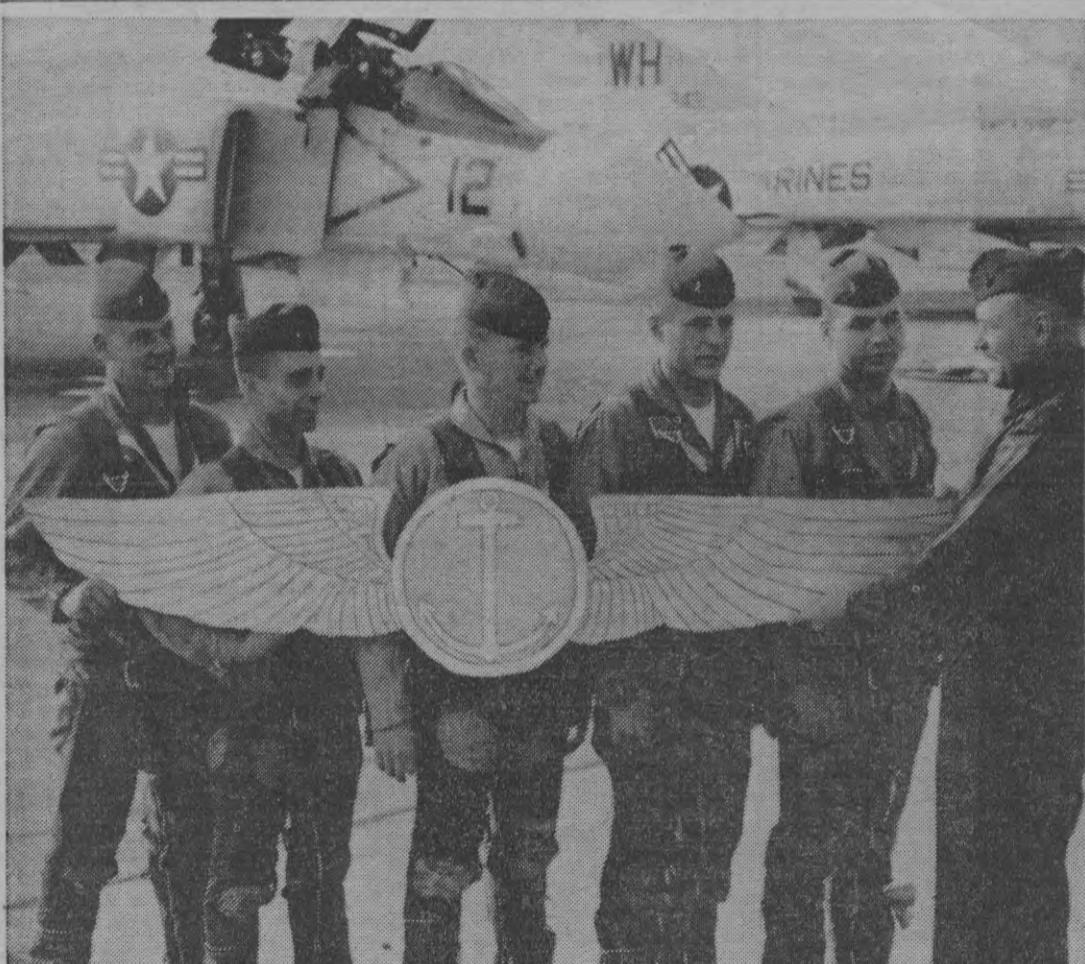
Three HMM-164 Marines received the equivalent of twelve Air Medals last week for their services with MAG-16 in Viet Nam during 1963.

The awards were presented at a squadron formation in the Air Facility's Hangar 1, by Lt. Col. H. J. Blaha, HMM-164 CO.

SSgt. Ronald F. Harmon received an Air Medal with four Gold Stars, Sgt. William W. Mague Jr. received the Air Medal and three Gold Stars and Sgt. Charles M. Norman received the Air Medal with two Gold Stars.

The Air Medals are officially awarded by the President of the United States and signed by the Secretary of the Navy.

The three NCOs are presently assigned to the HMM-164 Maintenance Department at MAG-36.



RECEIVE RIO WINGS—LtCol. M. S. Austin, VMFA-542 CO, pins Radar Intercept Officer Wings on (left to right) 1stLt. J. H. Bryan, WO J. S. Latham, WO A. R. Johnson, 1stLt. J. H. Becker, and 1stLt. D. F. Buffington. The RIO wings also qualify the officers as Naval Observers (Intercept).—Photo by Sgt. C. B. Simmons.

## Boyd VMGR-3's Marine of the Month

LCpl. Kenneth L. Boyd of the VMGR-352 Preventive Maintenance Documentation Team has been awarded the squadron Marine of the Month Award for the month of December.

In making the award, LtCol. O. V. Gallentine, VMGR-352 CO, cited Boyd's ability, professional attitude and devotion to duty.

Boyd's work with the Preventive Maintenance Documentation team greatly facilitated the introduction of a Maintenance Requirement Card System for the KC-130F aircraft.

In addition to the Marine of the Month certificate, Boyd received a ticket to the Rose Bowl Game.

# 'Chopper' Pilot Learns Meaning of 'Milk Run'

A Marine helicopter pilot from HMM-363 home-based at the MCAF has found that a "milk run" doesn't necessarily mean an easy flight.

1st Lt. Thomas P. Crana left with his squadron Christmas eve to aid flood victims in Humboldt County, Calif. While there he was involved in a variety of missions.

One was to carry 40 cases of milk to a small town on the Eel, upriver from Fortuna. He described his "milk run" as follows:

"The distance was not more than 10 miles in a straight line, but for the helicopter with fog and low clouds limiting visibility, it became 25 miles flying 200 feet above the winding river."

Poor visibility was not the only trouble on the mission.

"Towns that appear on the map are no longer there," Crana said. "Some foundations are visible, but one soon learned to expect to see the site of a former town after passing over a

huge pile of houses swept downstream and lodged in a river bend."

Volunteer civilian guides pointed out the final destination.

Once landed, the flood victims quickly assisted in unloading the aircraft. "On return trips," Crana said, "there are invariably women and children, often small babies, and sometimes pets to be carried to safety. The only way these people can be evacuated is by air."

"The actual scope of devastation is beyond words," Crana said. "It is hard to believe that a whole town can disappear unless one actually sees it happen."

Lt. Crana's only frustration came from not being able to make enough trips in the 10 or 11 hours of daylight.

"When the weather gets so bad air traffic is impossible, the slightest improvement starts furious activity among the Marine helicopter crews," Crana said. "I only wish I could do more."

## Special Delivery Answers New Year's Eve Wish

For Mrs. Ellen Lowry, a helicopter from HMM-363 furnished an answer to her New Year's wish as it delivered her home for the hour of seeing out the old and welcoming the new.

It wasn't the first time she had called upon the Marines for an assist though. They had only two days before airlifted her to a hospital in Eureka, Calif., for treatment of a kidney infection.

Mrs. Lowry was greeted by her six children and husband Carl as the UH-34D helicopter set her down almost on her door step at Klamath, Calif., a town almost completely destroyed by flood waters last week.

The trip, typical of the flights

Marine helicopter pilots from the MCAF were making in the flood-stricken area, was a question mark when Mrs. Lowry came to flight operations headquarters at Murray Field at 7:30 a.m. in the morning.

Skies were overcast and aircraft rotor blades ice-covered. An hour and 15 minutes later it began to snow, and Mrs. Lowry expressed anxiety about whether or not she would make it home for the holiday.

As skies cleared, the helicopter was airborne with Mrs. Lowry, a generator and a transformer. Less than an hour later Mrs. Lowry was home, and the Marine helicopter piloted by Capt. Ralph G. Combs was on the way back to Eureka and another mission.

**LOVING BONUS**—Three-year-old Holly Lowry plants an affectionate kiss on helicopter pilot Capt. Ralph G. Combs for "bringing mommy home." Mrs. Ellen Lowry of Orleans, Calif., (standing next to the captain) had been air-lifted by Marine helicopter to Eureka for medical treatment. The mother of six was greeted by her family following her return trip in a HMM-363 helicopter on New Year's Eve. The chopper set her down almost on the doorstep of her home.

## El Toro, Facility Marines' Flood Relief Work Praised

El Toro and Air Facility Marines were highly commended this week by top Navy and Marine Corps commanders for their flood relief efforts in northern California.

Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral David L. McDonald, in a message to participating units said, "The outstanding manner in which the USS Bennington and attached Marine and Navy

helicopter units responded to the distressed people of California has once again demonstrated to the world that our forces are ready, willing and capable of rendering aid and relief to people in distress.

"I wish to extend to you, the officers and crews of the assigned units, a 'well done' for the efforts expended in helping to make the Navy's role in the California flood disaster relief a success. It was heartwarming to note the many commendatory messages received by the Navy in relation to this operation."

General Wallace M. Greene, Commandant of the Marine Corps, in a dispatch to HMM-363 said, "Conditions resulting in the unforeseen separation of the men of HMM-363 from their families on the eve of Christmas 1964 is most regrettable. You may be assured that your efforts towards the alleviating of the suffering of thousands of less fortunate persons from the disaster of the current floods is recognized and appreciated."

"I extend my best wishes to you and your families and my gratitude for your efforts at this critical time."

Additional messages were sent to the operating units in the flood area from the CG, Sixth Army, and Commander, Western Sea Frontier. Commander, Anti-submarine Warfare Group-5, Rear Admiral R. A. McPherson, said, "The rescue mission you are performing in Humboldt County is one of the toughest ever assigned a squadron under peacetime conditions."

MajGen. Frederick E. Leek, CG, 3d MAW said, "The pride and sincere regards of the entire 3d MAW accompany you in the humanitarian task assigned. The true spirit of Christmas giving is exemplified by the forfeiture of your personal enjoyments for this holiday week."

end in order to assist in alleviating the immense human suffering being experienced by the victims in the flood disaster area.

"An extra measure of spiritual well being will be present in your delayed Christmas celebration and the deep gratitude of those assisted in the flood rescue operations will be your everlasting reward."

## Christmas Angels

(Continued from Page 1) sandwiches, and numerous gallons of coffee to help the helicopter crews who were flying in unbelievable weather to deliver aid and comfort.

HMM-363 returned home this week from the flood ravaged areas of Northern California after performing an impressive mission in almost unbelievable weather.

The squadron, commanded by LtCol. Edward L. Lupton, flew 335.8 flight hours, in 287 missions. These missions included 730 sorties, during which 680 persons were flown on medical and passenger flights.

Perhaps most impressive of the records racked up during their stay in the flood area was the 105,350 pounds of relief supplies delivered. These supplies ranged from medical to canned gas.

Operating with an average of 19 UH-34D helicopters, the ground crews maintained a 93 per cent aircraft availability.

## One for the Road

If an oncoming car fails to dim his lights in response to your signals, maintain your low beam. This, at least, permits the other driver to see. Blinding him with your own high beams will not help you.



**LITTLE BROTHERS MEET**—SSgt. J. Brown, Airframes NCOIC, VMA-223, assists a group of "little brothers" in and out of the cockpit of an A-4C Skyhawk during their visit here last week. MAG-15 Sargeant Major S. J. Petrowski coordinated the "Day at El Toro" with Mr. T. S. Cordill, area director of the Big Brothers of Orange County.

(Photo by Cpl. C. A. Murphy)



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# Story of Weitchpec, Typical of Flood Area

## Only Outside Contact By Marine Helicopter HMM-363 Provides Supplies, Hope

Since Christmas, Marine Corps helicopters from Santa Ana's HMM-363 have been the only personal link some victims of the Humboldt County flood in Northern California have had with the "outside world."

Flying whenever and wherever weather and light permitted, the pilots and crew members were nicknamed the "Christmas angels" by residents of the flood-stricken area.

The Marines took in food, medical supplies, fuel, mail and whatever else was needed. They brought out evacuees.

But most of all they provided hope.

Hope and the knowledge that if humanly possible, the helicopters would continue to come in until Humboldt County had enough materials to get its local situation "well in hand".

Typical of the communities isolated by the flood waters is the town of Weitchpec.

Located on the point where the Trinity River flows into the Klamath, the bridge and town is the central gathering place for residents of the surrounding lumbering country and vacationing fishermen during the summer months.

It consisted primarily of a few houses, a general store and gasoline station, and a Baptist church on the southern edge of the Weitchpec bridge. A Hoopa Indian village was along the banks of the Klamath on the northern side of the river.

Dec. 22-23, the rampaging Klamath swept the entire village — including 14 houses and trailers and another church downstream.

It left a plateau of silt and lumber, one roof top and cars buried to their back windows in the debris.

Since the flood two other cabins were reported to have caught fire—one was destroyed.

Miraculously no one was killed or seriously injured by the flood waters or in its aftermath. Several have been airlifted out for medical treatment by the Marine helicopters.

Most of the flood victims are now living with friends and relatives in the area. A few call the Baptist church home.

Many of the estimated 125 people in the area at the time the flood struck lived away from the river banks. These people, although not directly affected by the rising waters, now feel the floods consequence in limited supplies.

Since roads from the Weitchpec bridge lead no further than a few thousand yards in any direction before washouts are encountered, they must hike as far as 12 miles across the devastated terrain for food and kerosene at the general store, then backpack it to their cabins.

Last Sunday, loggers were attempting to push a four-wheel drive, single-lane road across the snow-covered mountains along an old logging trail to the larger town of Hoopa.

They had been working for four days, with bulldozers encountering from four to six feet of snow on the mountains.

Workers were confident they could reach the crest of the mountain sometime Monday and Hoopa the next day if no new snow fell and the weather and fuel held.

The hardy lumber country folk estimate it will take between two and six months before the area will return to what could be called "normal." Some don't predict



**LANDING STRIP** — HMM-363 helicopters bringing in supplies and food to Weitchpec land in the area where the Indian village once stood. The rampaging Klamath River swept 14 houses and trailers and a church from lower right downstream. Miraculously no one was killed or seriously injured.

recovery until next fall.

Most have lived a lifetime in unusual experiences since the river began to rise.

A mother of three was on her way to a second honeymoon in Arizona with her husband and youngest child when the flood began. They returned to their trailer halfway up the mountainside from the river.

The churning waters slid away the earth to within a yard of the trailer's hitching rack. Later, neighbors helped pull it away from the embankment to a safer spot several yards back.

It took five nights before she slept the night through in the trailer home without worrying about the remainder of the ground caving into the river.

Glenn Heavey, 53, retired Air Force sergeant, who lived at Gephhardt's Camp Park Bluff Creek (see story below), recalls seeing his 28 ft. trailer floating down the waterway with all his possessions. No one knows where it is now.

He remembers something bumping the trailer at 6:50 Monday evening, and looking out

and seeing the water rising. It came up 10 feet within 30 minutes, he said.

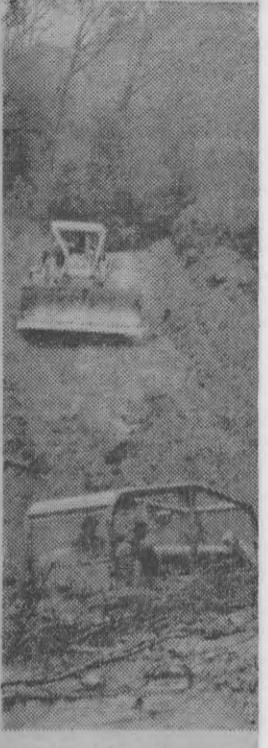
For Heavey, isolated even from the town of Weitchpec, there was no advance warning.

For Tom Tolson, 17, it was another matter.

The high school senior was in Eureka when the flood waters hit. He walked back to see what he could do to aid.

He made it in two days—the last 45 miles from Berry Summit in 16 hours after an overnight stay.

Along the way he had to walk



**ROAD WORK** — Builders' camps team up fill in road washouts hoped to cut a loggin



around washed out streams and floodways on logs throw raging water, and now Creek by a ca the bridge was dest rising river.

Bill Pearson, f three, who owns a store, said he had a high stock of g hand for this tim He really didn't kn But after the flo he extended credit needed food and g nearly a week bef

## Bluff Creek—Famed for Steelhead Fishing—

HMM-363 pilots looking for landmarks which appeared on maps soon learned that most simply weren't there.

One dramatic change came when Bluff Creek, famed steelhead fishing spot for Western anglers, piled the creek bed 20 ft. high with silt, boulders and lumber, then cut a swath through solid rock one-third the way north between Weitchpec and Orleans, to cascade 300 ft. into the Klamath River.

Before setting both wooden and steel bridges between the towns "high and dry," the creek leveled camp sites and cabins in the area.

The new waterfall is 80 miles northeast of Eureka.



**FISHERMAN'S PARADISE** — Last summer Bluff Creek was the western angler's favorite fishing spot for Steelhead. Vacationers stayed at cabins like the one at lower left or crossed the new steel bridge upper right to more likely fishing waters. The creek located about one-third the way from Weit-

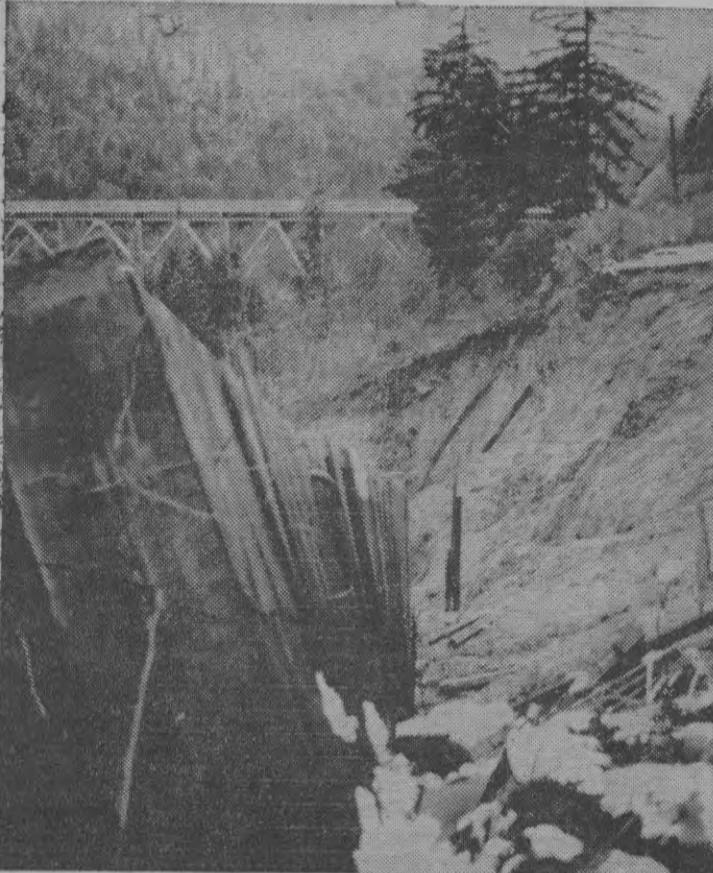
chpec to Orleans in Humboldt County, Calif., no longer winds its way to the Klamath River along this route. Instead it cascades from a 300-ft waterfall into the river nearly a mile further upstream.



**STEEL BRIDGE** — flood, one end leads to nowhere only a thin tr neath the spars of silt, boulders piles beneath (right). Most the area was stream before changed cours



Dozers from county road camp and loggers as residents of Weitchpec attempt to clear the log caused by the recent floods. Workers are working to clear the road to Hoopa last Tuesday.



**WEITCHPEC BRIDGE** — Part of a cabin (left foreground) lies tilted halfway down the hillside upstream from the Weitchpec Bridge. The television aerial (upper right) marks the spot where a trailer, moved to safety when the slides began, once stood.



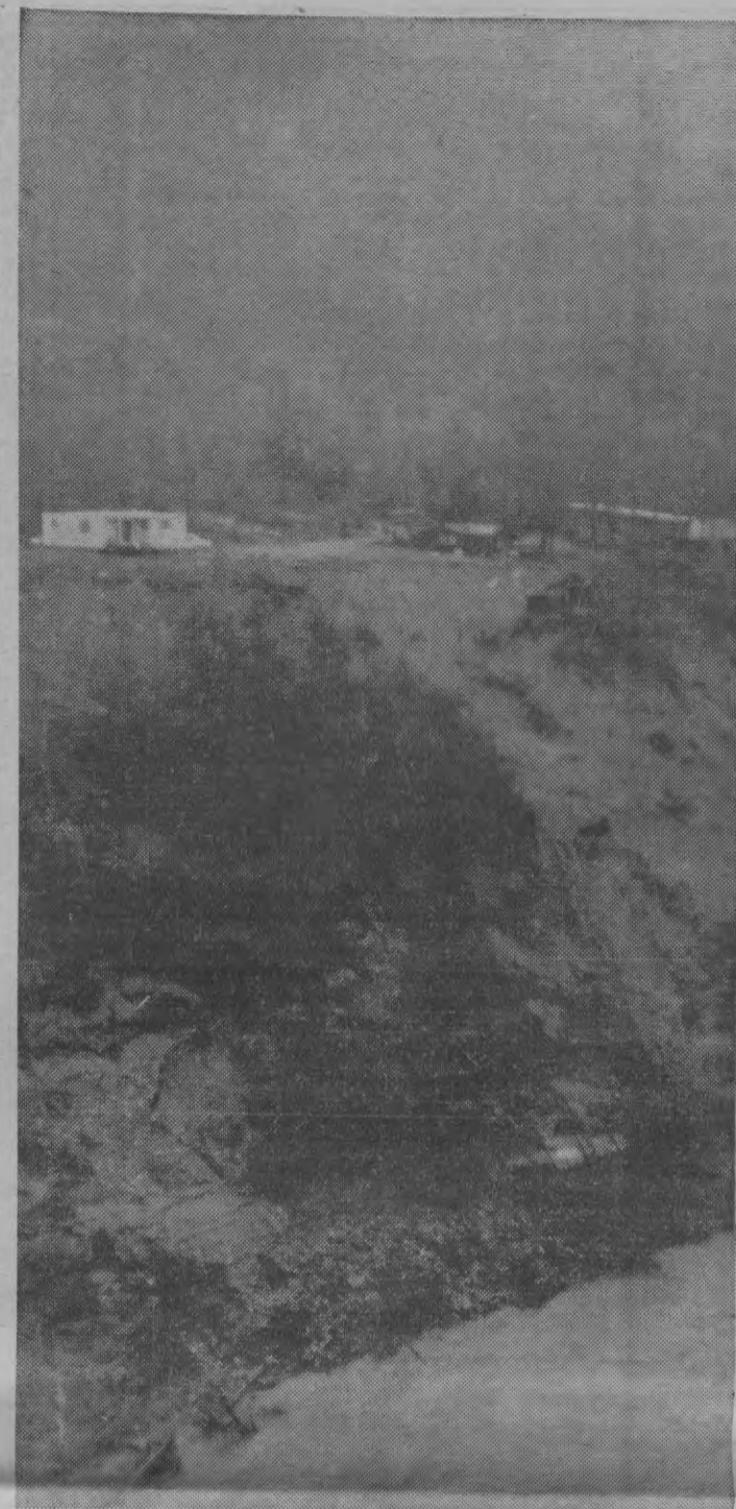
Story and Photos

by

GySgt. Dick Arnold



**SHOPPING TRIP** — Residents of the area (left) head for washed out roads for groceries at the general store located on the northern end of the Weitchpec Bridge. Many have to hike as far as 12 miles to the "community center" for food, supplies and medical attention, then backpack the gear to their cabins.



**RIVER LEVEL** — The Klamath River (lower right) down to almost normal level, rose to two-thirds of the way to the trailer during its raging course Dec. 22-23. The high level of the churning water caused land and roads to slide into the river bottom, and destroyed the Indian village one-half mile downstream.

roads, crossed washed water across the area. Residents of the area, who had been waiting for official authorization from Red Cross and Civil Defense officials to aid the flood victims.

Besides the Marine helicopters, Pearson's NorCal radio hookup in the general store was the only daily contact to Civil Defense officials in Eureka.

Propane needed to keep the equipment running was expected to run out Sunday afternoon. A new supply was standing by at Murray Field, operating base for HMM-363 outside Eureka, on a priority rating for airlift to the com-

munity as soon as the weather cleared.

Townsfolk gather in the store for talk of vacation, electric lights, gas for cooking stoves, and any news at all.

But conversation ends with the sound of a helicopter's whirling blades. All run outside and look skyward.

Through experience, most can immediately tell if the 'copter is coming in with a load of supplies or passing by bound for Orleans and the north.

When weather permitted the aircraft to fly, a corps-

man or doctor held daily sick call for the isolated community. The only hitch came when weather on the coast did not allow flying.

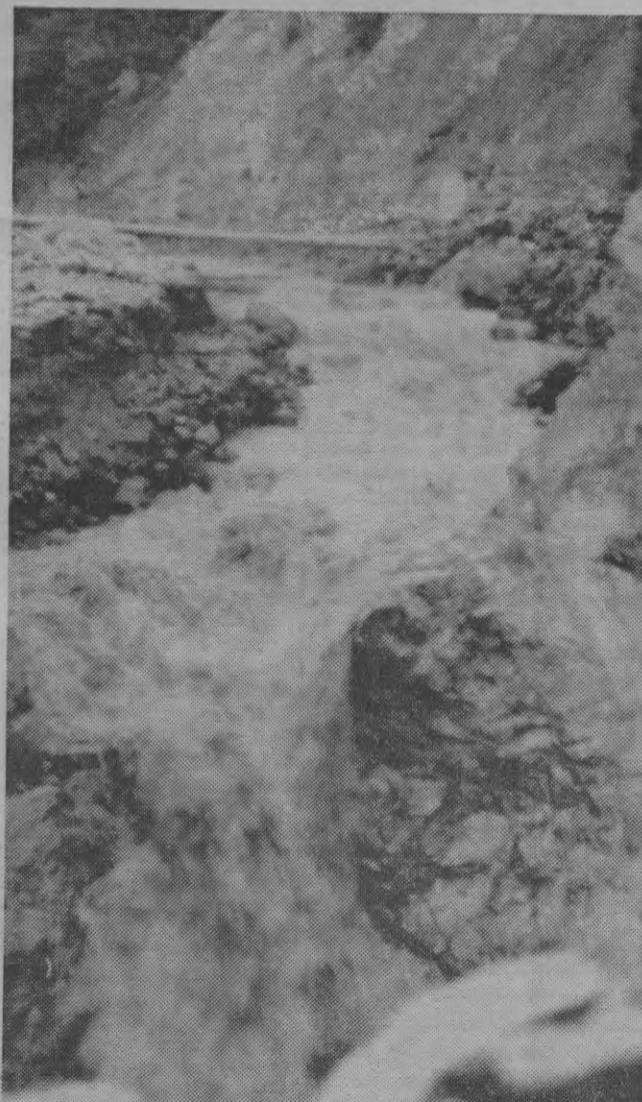
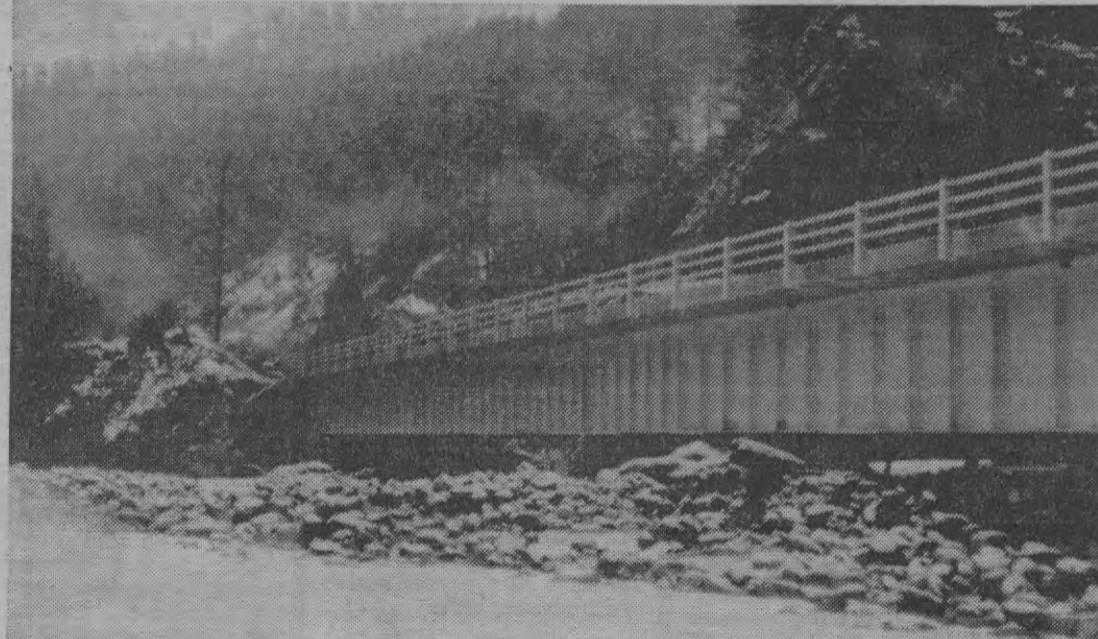
The sick had no contact with the store to know if the medical team was coming other than to walk in and see if they had arrived.

But complaints were few and far between, and then mostly as jokes to one another about fireplace suppers, and cold hands from washing on the old time scrubbing board.

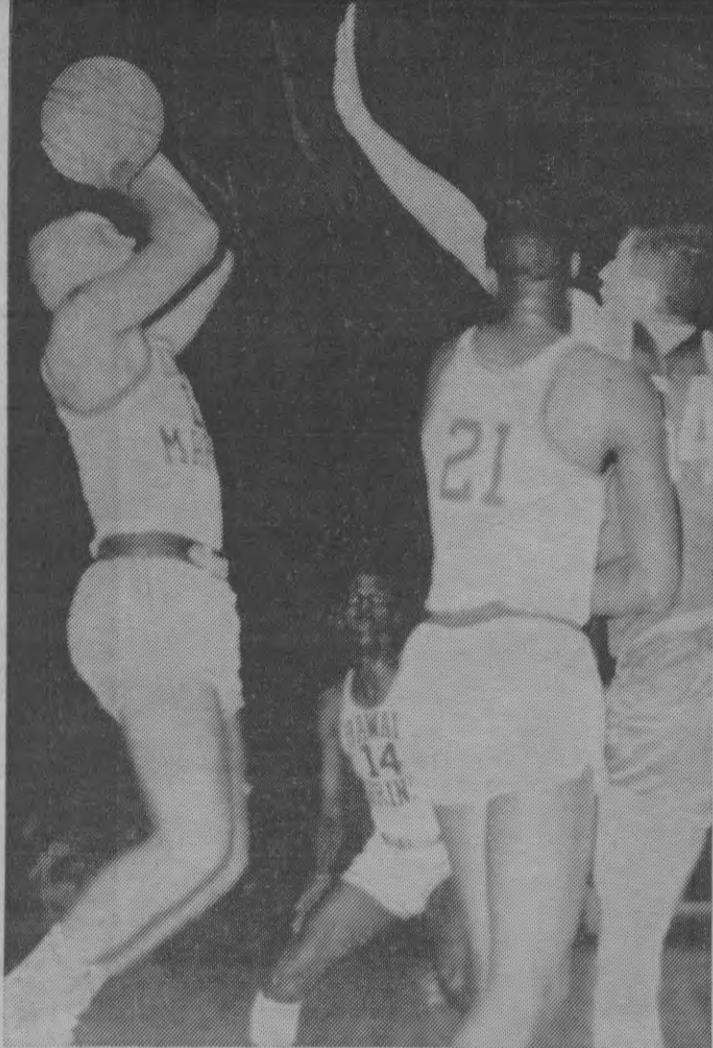
## Becomes 300-Foot Waterfall



Following the slide of the bridge (above) and the log that block the creek, the bridge has been taken down and the creek is flowing again.



**ONLY CROSSING** — The fallen log across the new Bluff Creek is the only crossing to Orleans from Weitchpec. The creek carved its way through solid rock to begin its 300-ft. cascade into the Klamath River (above).



**JUMP SHOT**—Hawaii Marine Bill Connelly sinks a field goal from 10 feet out during the closing minutes of the championship game of the first annual Rainbow Basketball Classic held at the Honolulu International Center. Trying to block the shot is Wisconsin's Tom Schoeneck (14) while Marine Jim King (21) gives Connolly protection. Also moving in on the play is Marine Chico Dennis (14 white) and Wisconsin's Mark Zubor (30). The Marines won the contest 69-62.—(Photo by Sgt. L. D. Choate)

## ANGLER'S ANGLES

By B. J. Gonzalez

El Toro's anglers dipped their hooks for the last time in 1964 and came up with a gigantic fish story.

They reported a catch of "about 80 cod, averaging five pounds each."

The month of January is going to be a busy one for the anglers; mark these dates on your calendar! The Orange County Chapter is having their annual banquet January 9 at the LTA Staff NCO Club. All El Toro members are invited.

### Kegler's Tourney Will Determine MCAF King Pins

A thirty-game bowling marathon, currently under way at the MCAF Bowling Alleys, will determine the twelve top bowlers at the Air Facility who will form the new MCAF Red and Gold Bowling Teams.

Any military member of any unit stationed at MCAF is eligible to compete in the marathon, provided he has a current or book average of 175 or higher.

Competitors may bowl at any time they choose, as many games at a time as they choose, the only stipulation being that they so advise the duty manager prior to bowling that they are bowling in the marathon.

All marathon bowling, which must total thirty games, must be completed prior to February 7, at which time the new teams will be announced.

Further information regarding the marathon may be obtained at the bowling desk in the MCAF Alleys, or by calling SSgt. J. A. Chaney, MCAF Bowling Alley Manager.

On January 10 the anglers will have a fish-off for the month, which will be a half-day affair. The boat will leave Davey's Locker at Newport Beach at 12 noon, so be there early!

Also on the 21st there will be a general meeting for all members at 8 p.m. at the LTA Staff NCO Club for the purpose of electing captains for the following teams: Fresh Water, Deep Sea and Surf. Cooperation of all members is required, so make an effort to be there.

The El Toro club will have their annual banquet at the LTA Staff NCO Club on January 16. This should be a gala affair, so make plans to come now. By the way, there will be door prizes for both banquets.

In the future if anyone has any news that would be of interest to the fisherman, please contact yours truly at 544-9326 or ext. 302.

At the present there are many memberships open to all persons of LTA and El Toro. For more information, call the president of the Anglers' Club, Capt. Swede Brynjulson, at 545-6537 or ext. 488. If he can not be reached contact the vice-president, MSgt. Lee Dodd at 544-0653 or ext. 539.

For all hands who are interested in "Rockcod" fishing, be sure to check with Special Services for the right equipment. For those who have their own, use 50 to 60 pound Dacron or Nylon line with one to four pound weights and a stout boat pole.

Station Special Services have tickets available for all military personnel and dependents that entitles them to a 50% discount on any boat out of Davey's Locker with the exception of Saturday.

# SPORTS

## Hawaii Marines Basketball Team Win First Annual Rainbow Classic

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, KANEOHE BAY, HAWAII — The Hawaii Marines Basketball Team won the 1st annual Rainbow Basketball Classic that ended Wednesday (Dec. 30) in the Honolulu International Center when they defeated the University of Wisconsin Badgers 69-62.

Prior to beating the 'Big 10' team, the Leathernecks had downed the Utah State Aggies 94-91 and the California State at Los Angeles Diablos 103-89.

Other teams that participated in the University of Hawaii's Rainbow Classic were the Arizona State Sun Devils, Boston College Eagles, Submarine Force, Pacific, Raiders and the University of Hawaii Rainbows.

The sharpshooting of Bill Connolly, Chico Dennis and Jim Mullen led the Marines to their 18th victory of the season against one defeat. Their only loss has been to the Sub-Pac Raiders. The Marines also have posted an upset 77-71 victory over the Nation's 4th ranked San Francisco Dons.

On opening night of the Classic the Marines were paired against the Utah State Aggies. The 'Necks won in a five-minute overtime period 94-91.

Bill Connolly's one-handed jump shot from 10 feet out tied the game 85-85 at the end of regulation play. The score was tied twice in the overtime session, 87-87 and 89-89 before two straight field goals by Clyde Stallsmith and Chico Dennis put the Marine ahead. The Marines then made it 94-89 when Connolly sank a free throw.

In the final seconds of the overtime Utah's Ken Hunsaker hit the bucket to make the final score 94-91 in favor of the Leathernecks.

Stallsmith led the Marines in scoring with 23 points, followed by Connolly with 21, Dennis had 19 and Jim Mullen sank 17.

Wayne Estes, Utah's All-American prospect, was the high scorer of the game with 42 points on 16 field goals and 10 free throws. LeRoy Walker added 12 and Myron Long hit 11.

In the second round of the tournament, the Marines faced California State at Los Angeles. The Leathernecks posted a 103-89 victory over the California eagles.

The game was a touch and go battle throughout the first half, with California State leading most of the way. The Marines forged in front for the first time, 18-17 with 12:14 remaining to play in the half.

The score was tied seven times and the lead changed hands five times before the Marines took a 47-42 halftime lead.

Early in the second half the Leathernecks pulled away on the red-hot shooting of Connolly, Mullen and Stallsmith. Connolly got 15 points in the second half while Mullen hit for 17 and Stallsmith sank 13.

The Marines hit 64 percent of the shots from the floor in the second half for an overall game total of 54 percent. They hit 35 of 40 attempts from the foul line.

High scorer for the Marines was Stallsmith with 24 tallies. Connolly hit for 21 while Mullen connected for 19 points.

The California eagles were led by Steve Merta with 23

points on 10 field goals and 3 free throws. He was followed by Clarence Wilson with 22 tallies.

In the Championship game Wisconsin jumped off to an early 14-point lead over the Leathernecks. The Badgers were

paced in the early minutes by Paul Morenz's 10-point production and the rebounding of Mark Zubor as they led 25-11 and 27-13.

But the Marines, behind the shooting of Dennis, Mullen and Connolly, battled back to cut the lead to 35-33 at half-time.

The score was knotted twice at the outset of the second half at 35-35 and 37-37. Connolly's field goal at the 18:14 mark put the Leathernecks in front to stay. The 'Necks enjoyed nine point leads four times at 47-38, 50-41, 65-56 and 67-58.

The shooting of Connolly and Mullen and a team effort on rebounding and defensive play paced the Marines to victory in the second half.

Connolly, who wound up with 22 points for the game, scored 14 of them in the second half. Mullen got 8 of his 19 tallies over the same span while Dennis hit for 14.

At the close of the championship game, Hawaiian sports writers named Marines Bill Connolly and Clyde Stallsmith to the tournament's All-Star team.

Wayne Estes, Utah State, the high scorer of the tournament with 122 points in three games, was also named to the team and selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Boston College's All-American candidate, John Austin, and Utah State's LeRoy Walker rounded out the All-Star squad.

## Seek Slow-Pitch Softball Players

A group of El Toro Marines who have formed a slow-pitch softball team are looking for other local servicemen interested in the sport who would like to form a league here.

Slow-pitch softball is played with a big ball (16 inches in circumference) and the pitcher must lob the ball toward the plate.

For additional information, call GySgt. Jackson at extension 1115.

## Cycle Club To Form

ATTENTION  
MOTORCYCLE  
OWNERS!!

Are you interested in driving your cycle aboard El Toro? Come to the basic training room at the ATAU building on Tuesday at 7 p.m. This meeting is to elect officers and approve the constitution of the new motorcycle owner's club.

MCAF Bowling Alley manager, SSgt. J. A. Chaney, has announced plans to instruct females in bowling techniques and the start of a women's women's league next month.

Each Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. qualified instructors will show the women bowlers the proper stance and delivery, how to shoot for spares and how to keep score, following which the women will bowl one or two games under the guidance of the instructor.

After four weeks of instruction a women's league will be formed, to bowl one day per week. Election of league officials will be held in that fourth week.

Any women interested in bowling instructions or in joining the league are urged to call Sgt. Chaney at MCAF Ext. 217.

## Basketball Standings

Basketball scores and individual scores were not available at press time, but next week's issue of the Flight Jacket will have a complete write-up on the cage action.

This second round of play will see all teams play seven games. Here's how the teams stand so far:

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
VMGR-352	7	0
H&MS-33	6	1
VMF-542	5	2
MABS-37	4	3
VMA-223	3	4
VMCJ-3	2	5
13th Dental	1	6
VMA-311	0	7

### PACIFIC LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
H&MS-15	7	0
VMT-2	5	2
MABS-33	5	2
Crash Crew	4	3
H&HS	2	5
MAMS-37	2	5
VMF-312	2	5
VMA-211	1	6

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
H&HS-3	7	0
H&HS-37	6	1
MASS-3	5	2
VMF-334	3	4
SMS	3	4
VMF-314	2	5
Paymasters	1	6
HdSq Air Pac	1	6



**REBOUND** — Lord (No. 8) H&MS-36 right guard, hauls down a rebound against HMM-361 in Monday's MCAF intramural basketball game. HMM-361 went on to record a 38 to 29 win over H&MS-36 to hand them their sixth straight loss.

(Photo by MCAF Photo Lab)

## World of Sports

### A Great Guy to Know

By Dave Burgin

PROBABLY the best thing that ever happened to Ernie Wheelwright in his football career is that he signed to play with the 1964 New York Giants, and got to know a quarterback named Yelverton Abraham Tittle.

What a way for a rookie fullback to begin a professional career! Instead of playing for a team picked to repeat as the National Football League's Eastern Division champion, he joins a team that wins two games and finishes last. Instead of catching passes and snatching hand-offs from the most celebrated quarterback in all of football, he spends much of his time wondering what happened to Tittle's golden touch.

As far as Wheelwright's career is concerned, the swan dives performed by the Giants and Tittle were blessings. Now he knows just how tough, how heartbreaking a job playing pro football can be.

He also got to see a brilliant 17-year football career, Tittle's, come to a sad but graceful close. Both these factors should make Wheelwright a better football player. Needless to say, Wheelwright's outlook at this point in his promising career would be different if he had played for a championship team guided by an even greater Y. A. Tittle.

Wheelwright and all other Giants, young and old, probably became better football players in the last game of the season. That was the day the NFL champion Cleveland Browns wrapped up the Eastern Division title and Tittle. But before the game the Giants were treated to a moment they won't soon forget, and a moment reminiscent of the days that Ruth and Gehrig were cheered for the last time in the same Yankee Stadium.

Tittle's name was announced and 60,000 fans instantly stood up and cheered. It was unexpected because pro football fans have a way of showing displeasure with a star gone sour.

Tittle was always special, and even more special this past year because he was getting knocked down at the tender age of 37 and not complaining. He also handled defeat and victory like a man. And he could take a razzing, too.

Tittle, of course, had a lot of face to wash. Giant fans loved to scream about his bald pate as much as they loved to sing his praises. "C'mon, Coily," the Brooklynites would scream, or, "Put yer hat on, Y.A. Your head's shining in my eyes."

Wheelwright, the rookie, saw all this, and it couldn't have been this rough when he was starring for Army teams (Wheelwright spent seven years in the Army) in Europe, or playing against some pretty rugged inter-service competition stateside. When and if the Giants win another championship, Wheelwright will know how to appreciate it.

## Sports Calendar

The Diving Bulls will hold a business meeting January 12 at the Station Pool starting at 7 p.m. This meeting is for the purpose of electing new officers and a board of governors.

All persons who have held club membership with the club in 1964 are urged to attend.

The Air Facility Physical Fitness Center is seeking a local amateur artist interested in painting a big wall mural on the front of the Fitness Center building.

Interested painters should call Cpl. J. D. Lemke, NCO in Charge of the center at extension 215.

## MACS-3 Heads Cage Standings

MCAF Intramural Basketball, curtailed by the holidays and unit deployments, got under way again Monday with MACS-3, H&HS and HMM-363 still in the undefeated class.

MACS-3 leads with a seven and zero record, followed by H&HS with five wins and '363 with three wins.

In Monday's action HMM-164 dumped HMM-462 by a 27 to 22 count, in something of a 'pitcher's duel' for modern basketball, while HMM-361 topped winless H&MS-36 by 38 to 29.

The next day '361 posted another win the easy way, via the forfeit route from HMM-462 and HMM-362 took a 46 to 42 cliff hanger from HMM-364 in one of the better games of the short season.

HMM-362 forward, Collins, was the big difference in the scoring, canning 20 points for the victors. He hit consistently from the sides on ten footers and even more consistently from outside, some 30 feet away, plus hauling down the lion's share of the rebounds.

Next Monday's game, pit-

ting unbeaten MACS-3 and H&HS, should be a thriller and might easily decide the league title. These two went down to the wire last year before MACS finally took the crown.

H&HS has the height and some fine shooters but lacks the depth of MACS-3 and tends to run aground against the full court press of the MACS-men.

### Standings

Unit	Won	Lost
MACS-3	7	0
H&HS, MCAF	5	0
HMM-363	3	0
HMM-364	5	3
HMM-361	5	3
HMM-362	2	2
HMM-164	5	6
HMM-462	2	4
MACS-4	1	9
H&MS-36	0	6
MABS-36	(Dropped)	

## Local Boxers Train For El Toro Team

By Pvt. Bob Nation

Good physical condition is an absolute must in the boxing circuit according to Bill Adler, heavyweight at MCAS, El Toro. Bill said he is the only pro boxer in the Corps. He has compiled an outstanding record of 19 victories in as many bouts.

Bill has been working on getting a boxing team started for interested Marines on base. There are now six men who meet every Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to learn the basic fundamentals. More men are need for the club and need not have any experience. Anyone interested in joining is urged to sign up at the base gym as soon as possible.

The team is now in its first phase of training which is almost entirely built around physical fitness. A typical training night will see a heavy workout in several different exercises. When these are completed the trainees are given a few point-



Barry Connolly



**SPARRING** — Barry Connolly (left) and Bill Adler, the "KO King," spar during one of the workout sessions that Bill instructs for the El Toro Boxing Team. They hold workouts every Wednesday and Friday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. Anyone interested, whether they have previous experience or not, is urged to come out. For further information call the Station Gym.



Bill Adler

## V-ball Team Tryouts Sat.

Marines who are interested in playing volleyball should attend the first El Toro volleyball team tryout Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Station Gym. Maj. R. Sutter will again coach this year's team.

Maj. Sutter's and his previous team's records speak for themselves. In 1963 they were the 11th Naval District champs, West Coast Area Marine champs, All-Marine champs, Interservice champs, and the top Marine Corps team.

Anyone with previous experience or not is urged to attend this important tryout.

# Movies

## EL TORO

## AIR FACILITY

Both El Toro and Air Facility movies start at 7 p.m. with one showing nightly. El Toro's Saturday matinee begins at 1 p.m. Admission to El Toro's showings is 10 cents. Admission to Air Facility's showings is 15 cents.

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY

#### MAN FROM GALVESTON

★ Jeff Hunter

★ Preston Foster

### SUNDAY & MONDAY

#### MURDER AHoy

★ Margaret Rutherford

★ Lionel Jefferies

### TUESDAY

#### THE CRAWLING HAND

★ Kent Taylor

★ Alan Hale

"REMAINING  
PROGRAMS  
NOT  
AVAILABLE  
AT PRESS  
TIME"

### FRIDAY

#### FLIPPER

★ Chuck Connors

### SATURDAY

#### THE BIRDS

★ Rod Taylor

### SUNDAY & MONDAY

#### MAN FROM GALVESTON

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## Marine Exchange Notes

A new Bread and Milk Store opens Friday at the MCAF. It is located just inside the gate at MCAF in Bldg. No. 5 (formerly the PMO office). It will handle dairy products, bakery goods, bacon, eggs, pre-packaged lunch meats, soups, coffee, sugar and condiments.

The items listed represent only emergency and convenience type items, which required special approval from the Secretary of the Navy.

The store will also carry tobacco, sundries and special needs for the mother and daughter. Cold beer and the most popular soft drinks will be on hand in six-packs. Only canned and throw-away bottle type beverages will be carried. No bottle returns will be accepted.

Basically, the store will carry the same Exchange type merchandise selection that is handled in the MAG-15 bread and milk store, including charcoal, car polish, and a limited selection of motor oil and automotive additives.

Sometime before next summer an ice vending machine will be installed. Adequate parking space is available for customers.

The new store will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends and holidays.

## NOTES ON EDUCATION

Registration for on-base Chapman College begins on Jan. 25 for the spring semester and will terminate Feb. 5, 1965. The semester runs from Feb. 1 to June 6. All 2 credit hour courses will be for 12 weeks. The Spring Schedule for on Station Chapman College is as follows:

### MONDAY

Chem 1	Chemistry (class)	5 hrs 7-10
Econ 1b	Basic Economics 2nd Semester	3 hrs 7-10
Eng 1b	English Composition	3 hrs 7-10
Span 1b	2nd Semester Spanish	4 hrs 6-10
Hist 2a	U.S. History & Government	3 hrs 7-10
Math 1a	Introduction to Mathematics	3 hrs 7-10
Phil 1	Philosophy Introduction	3 hrs 7-10
Pol Sci 1	Political Science Introduction	3 hrs 7-10
Psy 114	Social Psychology	3 hrs 7-10

### TUESDAY

Econ 121	Investments	2 hrs 7-10
Eng 104	Creative Writing	3 hrs 7-10
Hist 108	Europe Since 1871	3 hrs 7-10
Rel 1	Literature of Old Testament	3 hrs 7-10
Geog 1	Principles of Geography	3 hrs 7-10

### WEDNESDAY

Chem 1	Chemistry (laboratory)	5 hrs 7-10
Econ 15a	Business Law	2 hrs 7-10
Econ 125	Real Estate Principles	2 hrs 7-10
Hist 115b	History of U.S.	3 hrs 7-10
Pol Sci 120	International Relations	3 hrs 7-10
Psy 1a	General Psychology	3 hrs 7-10
Psy 115	Psychology of Personality	3 hrs 7-10

### THURSDAY

Econ 2a	Principles of Accounting	3 hrs 7-10
Econ 2b	Principles of Accounting	2 hrs 7-10
Ed 104	Psychological Foundations of Education	3 hrs 7-10
Ed 135c	Workshop in New Math	2 hrs 7-10
Eng 1a	English Composition	3 hrs 7-10
Eng 125b	Western World Literature	3 hrs 7-10
Jap 1a	Beginning Japanese	4 hrs 7-10
Fren 1b	2nd Semester French	4 hrs 6-10
Hist 119	Soviet Union	3 hrs 7-10
Math 5	Trigonometry	3 hrs 7-10
Speech 1	Introductory Speech	2 hrs 7-10
*Pol Sci 130	Public Administration	3 hrs 7-10

\*To be announced

Students who enroll in an above course are required to submit requests for tuition assistance in accordance with MCO P1560.16A prior to the commencement of the 3rd class meeting or tuition assistance will not be authorized. This procedure is also applicable to individuals attending colleges off base and desiring tuition assistance except that the request must be approved prior to registration or the first class meeting. Please contact the Education Center, ext. 1153 or 1162, for further information.

## Overseas Assignments Offer Many Benefits

One important but often overlooked benefit which service personnel have is the broad travel possibilities afforded by a tour of military duty.

Some servicemen regard overseas duty as a boring waste of time. They're the ones who sit in the barracks during off-duty hours, complaining because they have nothing to do and nowhere to go.

Others realize that being stationed in Europe, the Far East, Ireland, along the DEW Line, at the South Pole or anywhere overseas should be a challenging and rewarding experience.

They take the opportunity to see and do things that most people normally couldn't do in a lifetime; the opportunity to know and meet other people of the world, to learn about their country, customs and beliefs and in turn to tell about the United States and its people.

Even a serviceman who recalls his geography classes in school with a frown can become an adventurous sight-seer who takes every opportunity available to explore the many natural and cultural riches of the country where he is stationed.

True, some assignments may be in remote, out-of-the-way places where activities are limited. But still, there's always something better to do than complaining.

And the serviceman who doesn't get stationed overseas during his military career has an excellent opportunity to see different areas of his own country and learn much more from his personal contact than from a whole library of books.

Travel is an essential component of military life and the serviceman who makes the most of his travels and assignments, no matter where in the world they may take him, not only becomes a better serviceman but also becomes a better informed person. (AFPS)

### Mail The Flight Jacket Home

#### From:

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### AIR FACILITY

#### PROTESTANT

Sunday School—10:45 a.m.

Sunday Service—10:45 a.m.

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Masses:

Sunday—9:30 a.m.

Daily—11:40 a.m.

Confessions before all Masses.

Children through five years may be left at the Chapel Annex and Air Facility Nurseries while parents are at Services.

## This Week's Menu

### SHORT ORDER BREAKFAST AND BRUNCH

#### Regular Breakfast, Plus

Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays

Assorted Dry Cereal or Hot Cereal  
Assorted Fruit Juice/Fresh Fruit  
Chilled Fresh Milk  
Eggs to Order  
Creamed Beef (Ground)  
Hashed Brown or Shredded Potatoes  
Sausage, Bacon, Ham, Minute Steaks or Beef Hash (Combination of Two)  
Hot Cakes or French Toast  
Syrup  
Doughnuts, Coffee Cake, Cinnamon Rolls, or Breakfast Rolls  
Hot Toast/Butter/Jam  
Coffee/Hot Chocolate

#### FRIDAY DINNER

Stew  
Grilled Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers  
French Fried Potatoes  
Buttered Peas  
Simmered Cabbage  
Assorted Salads  
Devil's Food Cake  
SUPPER

Soup  
Baked Ham  
Sweet Potatoes  
Cream Style Corn  
Spiced Beets  
Peach Short Cake  
MONDAY DINNER

Soup  
Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches  
Chili Con Carne  
Steamed Rice  
Pineapple Upside-down Cake  
Oatmeal Cookies  
SUPPER

Soup  
Glazed Corn Beef  
Buttered Potatoes  
Mustard Sauce  
Buttered Broccoli  
Sliced Onions  
Chocolate Pudding

TUESDAY DINNER

Soup

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

Sandwich Bar

Creamed Potatoes

Potato Chips

Green Beans

Buttered Asparagus

Blueberry Pie

Orange Cake

SUPPER

Bar-B-Que

Potatoes

French Fried Cauliflower

Mixed Vegetables

Apple Brown Betty

Assorted Desserts

WEDNESDAY DINNER

Soup

Simmered Franks

Sandwich Bar

Buttered Noodles

Potato Chips

Corn

Brownies

Marble Cake

SUPPER

Yankee Pot Roast

Mashed Potatoes

Buttered Broccoli

Blackeyed Peas

Butterscotch Pudding

Assorted Desserts

THURSDAY DINNER

Soup

Simmered Franks

Sandwich Bar

F.F. Potatoes

Pinto Beans

Buttered Asparagus

Coconut Cream Pie

Brown Sugar Cake