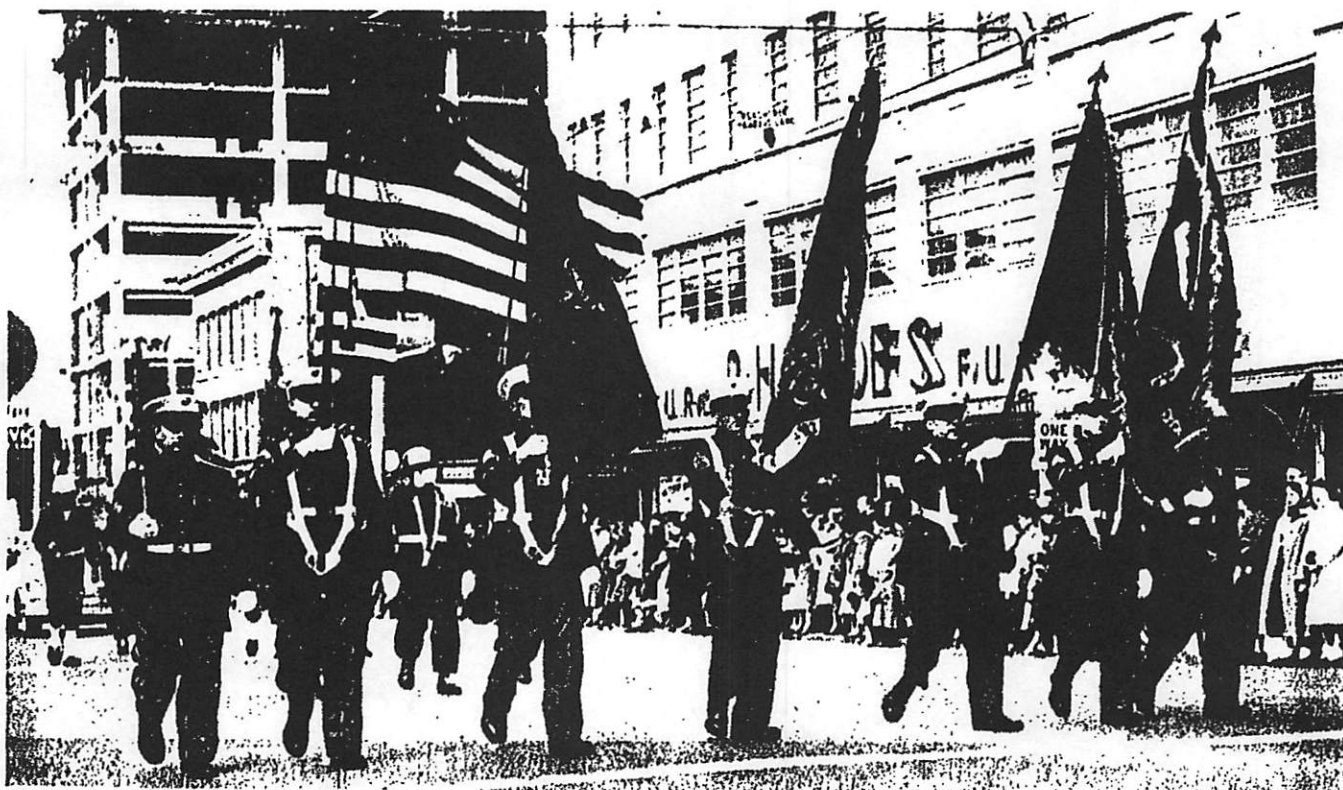


In Reserve



Edited by TSgt. Allen G. Mainard



Georgia Marine Reservists of the Sixth Marine Corps Reserve and Recruitment District marched

down Atlanta's famous Peachtree Street during the community's celebration of St. Patrick's Day

Photo by TSgt. R. F. Hallahan, Jr.

Never Ending

Because the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drive never ends in Cumberland, Md., both underprivileged children and unemployed workers are benefited.

At the Cumberland Toy Center—operated by the Associated Charities of Cumberland with assistance from the 6th Special Infantry Company, USMCR—volunteer and unemployed persons are continually engaged in the collection and repair of toys.

The workers receive groceries and surplus food for their labor. Many

have been rehabilitated and placed in new jobs as the result of skills learned at the center.

One, who showed ability in putting finishing touches on toys, is now employed by a large sign painting company. He had no previous painting experience before coming to the center.

Particularly happy with the situation is the director of the Associated Charities. Instead of asking for handouts, as once was the custom, she reports unemployed workers now want jobs at the toy center to earn their food.

TSgt. A. W. Weeks
5thMCRRD, Washington, D. C.

Duty Wives

Members of the 76th Special Infantry Company, Steubenville, Ohio, no longer leave their wives at home when they attend drill. The ladies, tired of being "Drill Night Widows," formed "The Marine Wives' Club," presided over by Mrs. Henry Finkowski. The club publishes a regular roster and the ladies with the "duty" are on hand with coffee and cakes after each drill session. In addition, the ladies have formed a Hospitality Committee which calls on the wives or parents of new members of the company to explain

Top Reserve Shooter

Technical Sergeant Robert B. Wagner, USMCR, winner of *Leatherneck's* Annual Rifle Competition in the Enlisted Organized Reserve, Division F, corrects New York City Mayor Robert F. Wagner's offhand position in picture at right. The mayor, on behalf of *Leatherneck* Magazine, presented his namesake, TSgt. Wagner, with the prizes which included a Winchester 30-06, M70 Rifle with carved sling, (held by Mayor Wagner) a telescopic sight, \$100.00, and a Gold Medal and Certificate.

As a member of the 4th Special Infantry Company, New York, N.Y., TSgt. Wagner posted a 246 over the "B" course to win "hands down" in his class. He was also 1954 and 1955 District and National Champion in the Marine Corps Reserve Gallery Matches.



Photo by SSgt. Woodrow W. Neel

Top Newspapers

The Marine Corps Reserve's best unit newspapers are the *South Florida Long Tom*, mimeograph publication of the 2nd 155-mm. Gun Battalion, Miami, and *The Powder Bag*, offset publication of the 4th 155-mm. Howitzer Battery, Raleigh, N.C.

The two southern publications were selected to receive the John Barberio Trophy, symbol of superiority in mimeograph publications, and the Solomon

I. Blechman Trophy, offset cup, by a panel of newsmen who are members of VTU (S) 5-1 (PI).

In the Barberio Trophy competition, the judges gave second place to *Fuze News*, 1st 155-mm. Gun Battalion, Denver, Colo., and third place to *Sound Off*, 40th Special Infantry Company, Lubbock, Texas.

Second place in the Blechman Trophy competition was awarded *The Maintainer*, 3rd Ordnance Field Maintenance Company, Lawrence, Mass., while third place was taken by *Your Dope Sheet*, 3rd Infantry Battalion, St. Louis, Mo.

Mimeograph publications singled out for honorable mention, in alphabetical order are:

The Alligator—1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Tampa, Fla.

The Beachhead—26th Special Infantry Company, Greensboro, N.C.

The Cargo Carrier—3rd Cargo Company, Charlotte, N.C.

The HamMar—71st Special Infantry Company, Hamilton, Ohio.

The Pass Word—54th Special Infantry Company, New Castle, N.H.

The Rocketeer—1st 4.5" Rocket Battalion, Dallas, Texas.

The Voucher—2nd Depot Supply Battalion, Philadelphia, Pa.

All those who received honorable mention in this year's competition and the three top winners will receive framed "Top Ten" certificates signed by Brigadier General Thomas G. Ennis, Director, Marine Corps Reserve, and Colonel Winslow H. Randolph, Jr., senior member of the board of judges.

In the offset competition, the judges awarded honorable mention to *The Bostonian*, 2nd Infantry Battalion, Bos-

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the importance of the Marine Corps Reserve from a family viewpoint.

At present the club numbers some 40 members—nearly half as many as the Reservists carried on the rolls of the company. Outside of their Reserve activities, they give parties for aged persons and underprivileged children. Funds are raised from bake sales and dances.

Mrs. Edgar F. Musgrove
Marine Wives' Club
Staubenville, Ohio



Photo by Mr. Donald P. Wojcik

The "Duty Wives" of the 76th Special Infantry Company, Staubenville, Ohio, serve refreshments to Marine Reservists after their meetings

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ton, Mass., and *Station Log*, 3rd Signal Company, Rochester, N.Y.

The *South Florida Long Tom* began publication in 1953 and since then it has always been listed in the "Top Ten" unit publications of the Marine Corps Reserve. The paper started out as a three-column, four-page publication with a circulation of 400 copies. In 1954, it was changed to a two-column paper and ran from eight to ten pages a month. As the battalion grew, so did the paper. Last year it reached a circulation of 725 copies.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank M. Thomas, who commands the Miami artillery battalion, comments, "The 'Long Tom' is a monthly publication whose editorial policy is to keep Marines of the battalion informed of events which directly concern them. Although there have been many changes in the staff, one policy has remained intact throughout the history of 'Long Tom.' That is, to keep it a unit newspaper with the majority of the paper devoted to material of local interest and printing only a minimum of news that the reader could obtain from other media."

The present editor of the publication is Lieutenant Marshall C. Chase. He is currently attending the Field Artillery Officers' Course at Fort Sill, Okla., and Sergeant Dorothy J. Gates has taken over the duties of editor. Copy is submitted by various members of the battalion, with no one designated as a staff writer. Staff Sergeant Donald H. Redit has charge of printing and Lieutenant Inger Rober is the official advisor.

The winning of the Barberio Trophy gave the 2nd 155-mm. Gun Battalion a grand slam in the national trophy competitions operated by the Marine Corps Reserve. The battalion had previ-

ously been announced as the winner of the annual attendance award and the Summer camp attendance award.

It was the second year in succession that *The Powder Bag*, under the editorship of Master Sergeant Andrew G. Scarborough, Jr., has been picked to receive the Solomon L. Blechman Trophy. Slightly more than two years old, *The Powder Bag* has dominated the field of Marine Corps Reserve offset publications since its first issue in early 1954. The publication also places heavy emphasis on local unit news and features quality photographs by Staff Sergeant Douglas Morgan.

Sergeants Scarborough and Morgan, both heavily committed in civilian occupations, manage to find time to compile, edit, develop and print the photos and material that go into the publication during the first two weeks of each month. The publication is in increasing demand in the Raleigh area. When it started, circulation was 40 copies. By the end of the first year of publication it stood at 150. *The Powder Bag* circulation now is 200 copies.

Editors and staff members of the second and third place winners in the trophy competition are:

The Maintainer (Offset)

Editor—Sgt. David A. Lyons

Advisory Officer—Capt. James B. Harris

Your Dope Sheet (Offset)

Editor—SSgt. William Piel

Assistant—Sgt. Elmer Dapron

Fuze News

Editor—MSgt. Burr W. Robbins

Sound Off

Editor—Sgt. Daniel E. Roark

Advisor—Major Marie A. Miles

The trophies which will be presented to the winning units are named in honor of Marine Corps combat correspondents killed in action during World War II.

MSgt. R. W. Tallent

Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association

The Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association will hold a military conference and annual convention in Washington, D. C., on May 25-26, 1956. The plans and programs of the Marine Corps, especially those relating to the Reserve program, will be the major topic.

A Sunset Parade and Memorial Service will be held at the Marine Corps War Memorial. There will also be a gathering in honor of the Commandant and Mrs. Pate.

More complete details may be obtained by writing:

Col. Arthur B. Hanson
Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association
729 - 15th Street N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Something New

Dedication of the 98th Special Infantry Company's new training center at Clarksburg, W. Va., was high-lighted by the promotion of Staff Sergeant Hershel W. Williams to warrant officer. Williams is West Virginia's only living Marine recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Colonel John R. Lanigan, 5th MCRRD Director, administered the oath before 3000 guests who attended the open house and ceremonies.

Williams, a member of the unit since its activation in 1954, knocked out seven pillboxes as a flamethrower operator on Iwo Jima. He will become the company's adjutant.

The "open house" gave Clarksburg residents an opportunity to see the new armory for the first time.

MSgt. J. J. Thompson, Jr.
5th MCRRD, Washington, D. C.

THE OLD RESERVE CORPS

General A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps, is calling upon former Marines "to wrest a beachhead from the forces of indifference" by volunteering for part-time training with the Marine Corps Reserve.

"The formation of the Organized Marine Corps Reserve marks another key installation in the defenses that the nation must erect to insure the peace won with the lives of our comrades in arms," General Vandegrift said.

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July, 1946

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"Men about to be honorably discharged (must) be impressed with the fact that while conditions

in civil life may at present appear excellent and alluring, such conditions may be only temporary, whereas the benefits accruing to men in the service are permanent...

"When men announce their decision to accept employment in civil life, they (must) be afforded full information regarding enrollment in the Marine Corps Reserve and endeavor be made to convince them that it is to their advantage to become members of the Reserve.

"Recruiting literature and circulars relating to enrollments in the Marine Corps Reserve (must) be furnished each man granted an extended furlough, or discharged, for distribution to friends and acquaintances in his home town."

Marine Corps Order, December, 1916