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MAG-12 Hornets swarm to be first on Tinian

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TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — The first F/A-18D Hornets from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron

121, Marine Aircraft Group 12, landed on the island of Tinian's West Field May 23 during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.

The F/A-18Ds were the first to have ever landed on the island of Tinian.

Since the M-31 Arresting gear setup was

the first to have ever been assembled on coral terrain, there was some speculation toward its effectiveness.

“All of our Marines came out and brought

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MAG-12, MWSS-171 Sendoff

LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Expeditionary air field technicians with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, send off a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 F/A-18 after making 12 successful arrestments May 23 during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.

Water Dogs on Tinian purify Pacific

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TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Water purification technicians with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, provide what could be considered the most critical resource to any exercise, operation and survival.

Without purified water, any mission is at risk. Marines suffering from dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke or water contamination may not be able to perform the tasks they deployed to do.

The water purification technicians have set up shop on Chulu Beach on the island of Tinian in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the same beach Marines used to conduct a tactical

maneuver recorded in history as “the perfect amphibious landing” during World War II.

“We are providing water for this entire exercise,” said Lance Cpl. Fabian A. Gomezortiz, a water purification technician with MWSS-171, MAG-12. “The fresh water supply on the island is very limited. In order for the Marines here to be able to operate and not affect the supply of water the islanders need, it is crucial that we do our jobs as efficiently as possible.”

The ‘water dogs’ take salt water from the Pacific Ocean and circulate it through their light-weight purification system.

“This system basically does reverse osmosis,” said Cpl. Adam Santana Jr., a water purification technician with

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Turn your tassel, toss your cap

LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Matthew C. Perry High School students graduated from the station school during a ceremony held inside the station chapel here June 8.

Twenty-three Samurai students took to the stage to receive their graduation diplomas.

“I would like to thank the staff of M.C. Perry High and the entire community for helping to prepare

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'God has a plan for our lives' deeply for clarity and wisdom, as well as direction. Of course all of these thoughts are a natural part of who we are as people. We want the best for our lives as well as those we are responsible for.

LT. J.G. TAKANA L. SKELTON
H&HS STATION CHAPLAIN

The scripture in Jeremiah 29:11 NIV: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

For many, the summer season is usually a time of transitioning. Whether people are executing permanent change of station here to Iwakuni or some other destination, graduating from high school or college and getting married or breaking up, this can be a time of turmoil and uncertainty. We can begin to question our purpose and plan for our lives. We can begin searching

for clarity and wisdom, as well as direction. Of course all of these thoughts are a natural part of who we are as people. We want the best for our lives as well as those we are responsible for.

As I reflect on the scripture text in Jeremiah, it reminds me that no matter how uncertain I am about my future, God does have a plan for me. The love he has for me is so infinite and deep, he desires only the best for me as well as for all humankind. Even in our broken relationships, when we feel as if we have failed in some way, I see this as God closing a door that maybe wasn't best for us and opening another door that will be the perfect plan for our lives (a plan of hope, purpose and fulfillment).

We can only see what is right in

front of us, but God sees what is coming up ahead. Yes, this seems like a cliché but nevertheless it is true. Finding the silver lining among the clouds or looking for the yellow brick road among the corn field in our lives can be overwhelming.

However, in the midst of it all, we can embrace this scripture and realize there is a higher power who is concerned about us. God cares about every detail of our lives. If we understand that even the things beyond our control serve a purpose and will ultimately work toward the perfect plan, I believe we all could be at ease or at least rest a little better at night.

I encourage everyone who reads this article, know there is a purpose and plan for your life and it is one of hope, purpose, fulfillment and contentment.

SUMMER SAFETY: Driving in Japan

In Japan, cars are driven on the left side of the road and have the driver's seat and steering wheel on their right side. The legal minimum age for driving is 18 years old.

Road signs and rules follow international standards, and most signs on major roads are in Japanese and English.

Drinking and driving is strictly prohibited.

The typical speed limits are 80

to 100 km/h on expressways, 40 km/h in urban areas, 30 km/h in side streets and 50 to 60 km/h elsewhere.

Most roads in Japan are toll free with the exception of expressways and some scenic driving routes. Road conditions tend to be good, although side streets in the cities can be rather narrow.

Traffic congestion is a frequent problem in and

around urban centers.

Drivers generally tend to be well mannered and considerate. Some dangers on Japanese roads include drivers speeding over intersections despite the traffic light turning red, people stopping their vehicles at the edge of the street in a way in which they block traffic, and cyclists driving on the wrong side of the road.



TIPS FOR DRIVING IN JAPAN

- When children raise their hands on the side of the road, it is a sign that they are going to cross.
- Scooters use the shoulder of the road. Be aware that a scooter may be right next to you when making a left turn.
- No turns are permitted on red lights unless a green arrow light is illuminated in the direction you are turning.

REPORT ALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS TO PMO ON OR OFF BASE

Point of contact for an emergency:
DSN: 253-3303
Commercial/cell phone: 0827793303
(Put these numbers in your phone/wallet)

- Be aware that bicycles may show up anywhere when you are driving.
- Drive slowly when driving on narrow roads, especially when there are many side streets connected. Pedestrians and bicycles may suddenly appear from a side street.
- Expect heavy traffic during rush hours and when it is raining.

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all the graduating students with the knowledge and experience to achieve their goals in life," said Netra Harwell, M. C. Perry Elementary School educational technologist and mother of Rebekah Harwell, M.C. Perry High School graduate.

After the presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, Alex Barker, high school honors graduate, presented the salutatorian address to all those attending. Barker talked of the events of the past year, the hopes and aspirations he has for himself and all the other graduating students. He gave inspirational words on hopes for a successful future, all the while maintaining a humorous, yet accomplished tone.

High school graduate and

honors graduate Patricia Mojica gave the valedictorian address.

Once the graduation ceremony finished, and the former students turned their tassels and tossed their caps, family and friends rushed to congratulate the graduates.

"I feel relieved and I'm ready for something more," said Rebekah Harwell. "Now that I've graduated, I can start the next chapter in my life."

From parents to current high school students, graduates could be seen posing for photos and some tearing up in apparent delight for the step in life just taken.

"I'm filled with the joy of the expectancy of what is to come," said Netra Harwell. "I'm just as excited for Rebekah. The education she has gotten from M.C. Perry High has prepared her to be a successful and productive member of society."

Matthew C. Perry High School Graduates

HONOR GRADUATES

Alex C. Barker	Jessa L. Guingab *	
Tyelor D. Apple	Joel A. Forwalder	Alicia Y. Saiki
Brian J. Barentine	Rebekah S. Harwell	Krystal M. Salinas
Cameron J. Cole	Samantha B. Inzunza	Patrishia M. G. Santos *
Bryan M. Cutshall	Katelyn E. Luke	Jennifer R. Shibazaki
Ikuko A. Dearinge	Patricia L. Mojica *	Matthew G. Smith
Kaylee C. Deshazer	David U. Pilliz	Richard S. Snyder
Yuta S. Fleming	Samantha A. Roderick	Ronald A. Taylor, Jr.

* Denotes a National Honor Society Graduate



TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — On May 23 Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 F/A-18 Hornets are the first jets to land on Tinian during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012. The arresting gear installation was set in coral terrain and the pilots of VMFA (AW) were the first to have ever made a coral arrestment.

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 first on Tinian

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their 'A'-game and nothing less," said Staff Sgt. Travis W. Goodwin, an expeditionary airfield technician runway supervisor with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, MAG-12. "I was a little worried since this arrestment has never been done before, but I have absolute faith in my Marines and after the first jet landed, we all knew the mission was a success."

The training occurred in order to establish the effectiveness of the coral setup of the arresting gear. Four Hornets took three arrestments each in less than one hour and 15 minutes. "Our goal was 10 arrestments in under an hour," said Goodwin. "We were able to do 12 in less than an hour. I don't believe that has ever been done

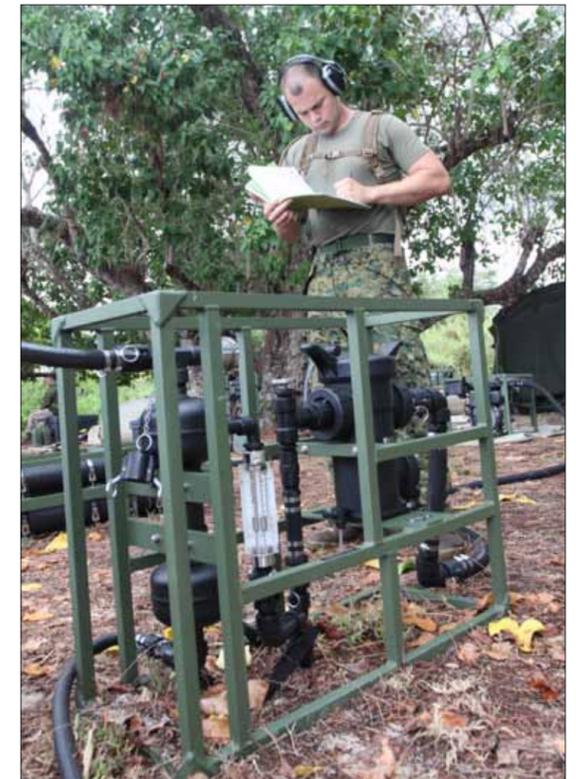
before. It was an amazing feat and the Marines out here pulled it off."

Given that an arrestment on coral terrain had never been attempted before, safety was the main concern throughout the training.

"Myself and a lot of the other Marines were really nervous," said Lance Cpl. Eric J. LaVigne, an expeditionary airfield technician crewman with MWSS-171, MAG-12. "When it all went right, we stopped holding our breath."

The training continues on Tinian for Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.

The MAG-12 and MWSS-171 Marines are pushing through daily training evolutions in order to better themselves and to accomplish any mission when called to respond to future real-world contingencies.



TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Lance Cpl. Fabian A. Gomezortiz, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, water purification technician, records the activities of the light-weight purification system May 21 during exercise Geiger Fury 2012.

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MWSS-171, MAG-12. "It cleans the water by circulating it through several filters and high pressure pumps removing all harmful sediments and bacteria."

Clean water can be a valuable morale booster as well. "With this water, the Marines will be able to take a clean shower," said Santana. "A nice shower after working all day in this heat can really change someone's mood drastically from feeling bad to feeling great."

The ability to provide troops with clean potable water has been a key figure in military expeditions throughout history.

The 'Water Dogs' on Tinian will provide their fellow Marines with clean water throughout the entirety of Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.

Egress Machine helps ready Marines for combat

CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER, JR.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

A new tool on station to help prepare servicemembers for combat zones is the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Egress Trainer.

The MET is one of two machines here which simulate military vehicles rolling over, possibly in combat situations. The other is the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer, that simulates the rolling over motion of a Humvee.

In a hostile environment, most would expect fatalities to come from enemies using improvised explosive devices or other weapons, not from the simple overturning of a vehicle. Unfortunately, this has sometimes been the case.

Bill Steeves, MET Instructor/Operator/Maintainer said some deaths over the years were as a result of the top heaviness of MRAPs.

The inherent top heaviness of the MRAP was not a primary consideration when the vehicles were initially brought into production to protect servicemembers from roadside explosions. It wasn't until the number of the servicemembers seriously injured or killed rose that a need for training on how to react so such instances became apparent.

"We didn't know they were prone to rollover," said Steeves.

The MET is a massive construct which rotates on its axis to allow a complete 360 degree rotation.

Servicemembers must protect themselves from loose gear during a rollover and then quickly and safely exit the machine through the rear, side, or top gunner's hatch.

The operator of the trainer watches over the servicemembers from a console with a

live-video feed. Servicemembers are required to strap in before operation of the machine, as in any vehicle. A person who isn't secured can become a living projectile bombarding others inside. Servicemembers are graded on how quickly they determine which hatch is not secured and how quickly they can egress from the simulator. Steeves believes that because of the simulator's abilities, servicemembers chances of survival from a rollover have increased dramatically.

"Rollover deaths have decreased steadily since they brought (the simulator) on stations," said Steeves.

Though the simulator provides a realistic interpretation of a rollover, there are still other variables which can still make a rollover particularly dangerous.

"Eventually, we're going to get a combat lifesaving dummy to simulate an injured Marine," said Steeves. "Someone's going to be injured. What we try to convey to them is the situation in the trainer is a lot more controlled. This is to get them to think on their feet and have situational awareness."

Though the simulator is designed to cover most situations when it concerns a rollover, there are certain aspects of MRAPs which vary from model to model.

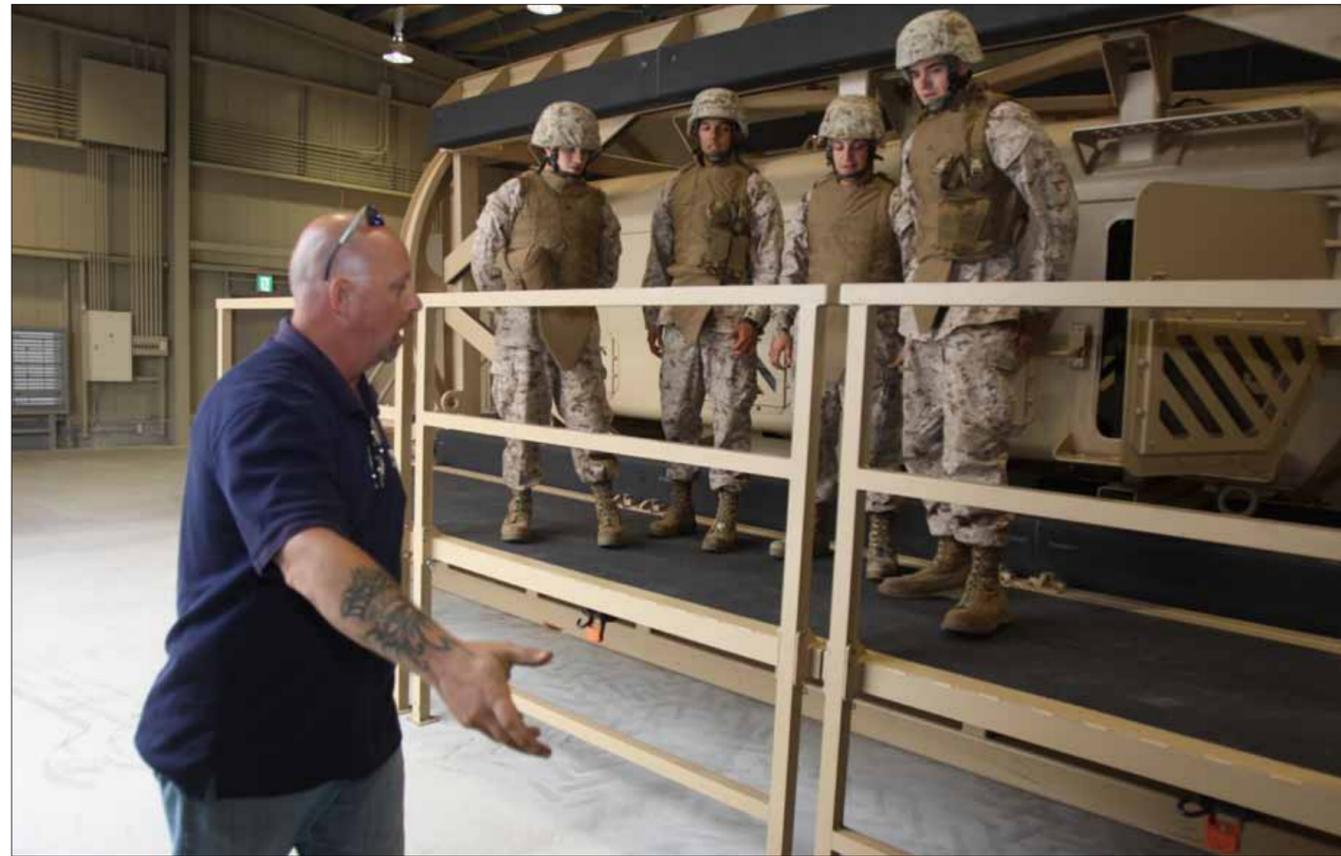
"There are different types of MRAP made by different types of manufacturers," said Steeves.

Marines must be able to get to a combat zone and fight. They cannot do that if a rollover occurs and causes them to affect mission success. If they do find themselves in such a situation, they must be able to have the knowhow to quickly and efficiently recover, help their fellow Marines and press forward. The MET offers them the opportunity to be able to do that and develop situational awareness in case that should ever happen.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER, JR.

Bill Steeves, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Egress Trainer Instructor/Operator/Maintainer, speaks to Combat Logistics Company 36 Marines before they begin the rollover and egress simulation at the MET building here May 23, 2012. The MET is one of two machines on base that train servicemembers to escape in the event of a vehicle rollover. The other is the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer. The MET allows for 360 degree rotation to simulate the rollover of an MRAP.



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The great American pastime takes road trip to Iwakuni

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS
RHOADES
IWAKUNI APPROACH
STAFF

Baseball teams and families met at IronWorks Gym here to enjoy one last celebration and the closing ceremony of the successful youth baseball season here June 10, 2012.

The 5 to 6-year-old Marlins were one of the many Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni youth baseball teams.

The 5-6 age group played tee-ball, where strikes didn't count but there were still outs and all the bases to run.

The kids practiced and played against each other during the past four months.

Lance Cpl. Jean R. Lavaud said that during work he is an Individual Material Readiness List (IMRS) Asset Manager with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, but after work he loved spending his time as a coach for the Marlins.

"I had a great time teaching these kids and I am looking forward to trying to coach next season," said Lavaud.

All of the coaches volunteered their time for the kids and their love of the great American pastime.

"We might not have been the number one team, but it's about bonding with the kids and letting them have fun, run around and play a great sport," said Lavaud.

Although the Marlins didn't win their series, they still managed to have a great time, learn a lot, and stay in shape.

"With the kids being so enthusiastic about playing baseball, it made the job a little bit stressful at times. But it really helped because all the kids were so excited to learn and run the bases," said Lavaud.

During the beginning of summer, children spent time playing baseball with their peers.

At times, the Marlins were able to let the kids run around to help them train and burn off a little energy, which all parents loved, said Lavaud.

Throughout the season, the Marlins played many games with their competition but always seemed to enjoy the game no matter what happened on the scoreboard.

"My favorite part was running around the bases but I really liked being in outfield too," said Bailey Powell, a 5-year-old baseball star with the Marlins.

Along with the benefits of physical activity, baseball games gave kids a chance to create long lasting friendships.

"I learned a lot and had tons of fun playing with friends," said Powell.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

All the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni youth baseball teams and their coaches sit patiently awaiting the start of the ceremony representing the end of the youth baseball season here June 9, 2012, at the IronWorks Gym sports courts. Teams lined up to receive their certificates for all their hard work and dedication to their teams and the league throughout this baseball season.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Sailors march out with Colors before the National Anthem at the closing ceremony of the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni youth baseball season at the IronWorks sports courts here June 9, 2012. The National Anthem and color guard's performance kicked off the ceremony and led into Sodexo Inc. presenting \$66,000 to Marine Corps Community Services.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Joseph S. Majka Jr. (right), director of business development with Sodexo Inc., presents \$66,000 to Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni Director John E. Iwaniec during the youth sports baseball closing ceremony, which took place inside the IronWorks Gym here June 9, 2012.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Special guests sit in the front row seats to watch the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni youth baseball teams receive their certificates for all their hard work and dedication to their teams and the league during the ceremony representing the end of the youth baseball season at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here June 9, 2012. Teams were called up one by one to receive their certificates, while each team had their own special way of celebrating their work.

NAVAL DENTISTS ASSESS, ASSIST TINIAN'S DENTAL NEEDS

Dental donation is island sensation

LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Navy dentist and corpsmen from 11th Dental Company, Third Dental Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, provided the people of Tinian with free dental care as part of the dental training evolution during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012, May 15, 2012.

Dentists received a donation consisting of dental supplies desperately needed for the people of Tinian from Ordot Dental Clinic on the island of Guam May 18.

“Donated to us were tooth brushes, floss, micro-brushes, lidocaine, isocaine and several other much-needed materials,” said Seaman Cody M. Fink, a dental technician with 3rd MLG, 3rd Dental Bn., 11th Dental Company.

Before supplies arrived, Naval dentists were able to perform simple checkups and cleanings.

“With these supplies, we can do great things for the people of Tinian,” said Lt. Cmdr. Jose A. Suris, a dentist with 11th Dental Company, 3rd Dental Bn., 3rd MLG. “Now we can perform minor removals, minor fillings and even treat minor dental infections.”

The dentists have provided dental care for the people of Tinian free of charge.

“Helping these people gives us a rewarding feeling,” said Seaman Felipe Bowen, a surgical technician with 11th Dental Company, 3rd Dental Bn., 3rd MLG. “We get to provide a service to these people they have not received in a long time. They thank us constantly and even bring us fresh mangos and other fruits, but just seeing them smile is rewarding enough for us.”

With no other dentist on Tinian, the naval dentists have their hands full seeing many patients each day.

“It doesn't matter to us if we have to stay late,” said Fink. “These people have come here for our help. We have come here to help them. We will do our best to ensure we help as many people as possible before our time here is up.”

The people of Tinian are very thankful for the services the naval dentists have provided them.

“It has been maybe two years since I was last able to see a dentist,” said Alvin B. Ogo, patient. “I am so happy they came and helped us out. They have been very kind and I hope one day they will come back to us.”

The dentists are continuing to provide their services for the people of Tinian throughout the duration of Exercise Geiger Fury 2012 at the Tinian Health Clinic.



CPL CHARLIE CLARK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marines unload dental supplies from a C-130 on West Field runway May 19, 2012. The supplies are for the United States Navy dentists on island to use during free check ups with the Tinian people.



CPL CHARLIE CLARK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Navy Lt. Travis E. Coffey, Marine Aircraft Group 12 chaplain, looks through donated supplies in the dental facility May 19, 2012. The supplies are for the United States Navy dentists on island to use during free check ups with the Tinian people.



CPL CHARLIE CLARK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Navy Lt. Travis E. Coffey, Marine Aircraft Group 12 chaplain, stacks donated supplies in the dental facility May 19, 2012.



CPL CHARLIE CLARK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marines unload dental supplies from a C-130 on West Field runway, Tinian Island May 19, 2012. The people of Tinian are very thankful for the services the naval dentists have provided them.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

CLB-5 supports retrograde operations at multiple forward operating bases

SGT. MICHELE WATSON
1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Marines with 1st Platoon, Alpha Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward) continued their daily resupply efforts in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, May 25.

Prior to leaving their lot at Camp Dwyer, the Marines thoroughly checked their tactical vehicles to help ensure a breakdown-free trip.

"The biggest obstacle we face on these convoys is the possibility of trucks going down, but we always find a way to make it work," said Cpl. Kyle Cordin, manifest noncommissioned officer, 1st Plt., Alpha Co.

The trucks go through continuous preventive maintenance and inspections to ensure they are prepared for each combat logistics patrol.

"The vehicle checks are the most effective method of ensuring a smooth combat logistics patrol," said Cpl. Salvador Delatorre, line NCO, 1st Plt., Alpha Co. "We always check [the suspension] before we start prepping for the convoy. We also check the electrical systems and the door locks as a main focus."

As the sun began to rise, 1st Plt.

set out for Forward Operating Bases Marjah, Hanson and El Paso to drop off containers of requested gear and retrieve items from bases as part of the retrograde effort in Regional Command (Southwest).

As 2nd Bn., 9th Marines wraps up their deployment, the infantry battalion is closing bases and retrograding gear and equipment.

In accordance with the Commandant of the Marine Corps' guidance, everything must be accounted for responsibly.

"Because of the demilitarization, there are deadlines we have to meet as some patrol bases are being shut down," said Staff Sgt. Nicole Green, motor transport chief, Alpha Co., CLB-5. With Marines from 3rd Bn., 8th Marine Regiment preparing to take over in the area of operations, CLB-5 is helping to ensure the incoming Marines are set-up for success.

"These combat logistics patrols are helping us shrink the footprint for [3rd Bn., 8th Marines]," said Staff Sgt. Zachary Johnson, logistics chief, Headquarters and Support Co., 2nd Bn., 9th Marines. Although Alpha Co. focuses on general support to RCT-5, they have provided direct support to 2nd Bn., 9th Marines since the beginning of May when the unit began preparing to redeploy.

"[Alpha Company] helps greatly due to the downsizing of our

positions, and they help with our redeployment and getting gear out of here," said Johnson.

The small unit leadership of the platoon plays a significant role in the success of CLB-5.

"Teamwork, in all aspects, is an understatement," said Green. "Our NCOs think ahead with minimal supervision. Corporals are running the show, and while they are planning out the roads for the next mission, it allows the sergeants to look forward and

logistically plan the days ahead." "They need water, food, ammunition and vehicle replacement parts," said Cordin, 29, a Dallas native. "If they don't have all the essentials, they can't complete their mission. We help keep them in the fight."

Although retrograde actions are being conducted, the main focal point of the combat logistics patrols remains providing sustenance to units throughout the area of operations.



SGT. MICHELE WATSON
Lance Cpl. Othello Taylor, heavy equipment operator, Alpha Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), moves a refrigeration unit using a Tractor, Rubber Tired, Articulated Steering, Multi-purpose vehicle at Forward Operating Base Hanson, May 25. As part of the retrograde efforts, CLB-5 removed a 20-foot refrigeration unit and replaced it with a smaller one.



SGT. MICHELE WATSON
Cpl. Salvador Delatorre, line noncommissioned officer, 1st Platoon, Alpha Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), chains down a refrigeration unit at Forward Operating Base Hanson, May 25.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Friendship Day program and coin sets

Marine Corps Community Services is selling the remaining 500 "2012 Friendship Day program and coin sets" at the cash cage at the Marine Corps Exchange. The set costs \$20. For more information, call Sean McHenry at 253-6373.

Return Shopping Carts

Patrons must return shopping carts to the commissary instead of leaving them outside the barracks and housing.

Active-Reserve Career Information

Marines seeking information about transitioning to the Reserve component should contact Gunnery Sgt. Robert Noyes, Okinawa Active-Reserve Career Planner, at (315) 622-6004, or send him an e-mail at robert.noyes@usmc.mil.

Single Marine Program Birthday Bash

The SMP is scheduled to host the SMP Birthday Bash at the Hornet's Nest from 4 - 8 p.m. June 22, 2012. This year another event has been added. Each unit is allowed to enter three barbecue recipes, with each team having no more than three team members. Recipes will be re-created at the event by a team member. Recipes must be entered no later than June 22, 2012. For more information, call the SMP at 253-3585.

Golf In Iwakuni

Golf in Iwakuni has survived. The Iwakuni Golf Pro Shop sells vouchers and transportation to the Iwakuni Country Club, a golf course in town. It takes only a few minutes to get to the country club by bus and the entire trip will cost approximately \$35. For more information, call the Golf Pro Shop at 253-3402.

2012 Summer Reading Program

MCAS Iwakuni Library would like to announce registration begins this month for a shared summer reading program open to all military families. This year's theme is "Reading Is So Delicious." For more information on the program, call the station library at 253-3078 or send an e-mail to OMBIWALIBRARY@usmc-mccs.org.

Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder

Put these numbers in your wallet and phone:
• Anti-terrorism force protection hotline: 253-ATFP (2837).
• Life limb or loss-of-vision threatening emergencies while on the air station: 119 or 911. From a cell phone or for bilingual capability: 082-721-7700.

• For security issues, contact the Provost Marshal's Office: 253-3303. To report without talking to a person, Crime Stoppers: 253-3333.

• Sexual Assault: To make a confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, contact the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 253-6556 or 080-5865-3566.

SOFA Drivers Classes

Looking to get a SOFA license? SOFA classes are held every Friday from 8:30 - 11:40 a.m. at Building 411. The SOFA class is available to dependents and all military members. The class has no sign up roster but is on a first-come, first-served basis. Come a little early. For more information, call station safety at 253-6330.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like to be published. You may submit your brief or advertisement in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. Please ensure you provide all requested information to simplify the request process. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday.

ACTIVITIES FUN
Family Time

July 4th

ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY.

On Base Specials

Strike Zone
Free Bowling all day with cosmic bowling finishing up the evening. There will be entertainment outside for the kids, weather permitting, from 11 AM - 4 PM.

Food Court
Celebrate our nation's freedom with free deliveries all day. Any guest check ending with "76" gets a free scoop of ice cream from Baskin Robbins.

Club Iwakuni
In celebrating our 236th birthday, all deserts are \$2.36 at JD's Grille. Free Mongolian BBQ for those guests with a meal prices within .25¢ of \$17.76.

Sakura Theater
Free Movies showings at 1, 4 and 7 PM and a free corn dog for each guest. For movie listings, keep up to date at www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura.

Upcoming Fireworks Festivals

Events may be cancelled due to weather, contact Information and Referral for time, location and additional festivals at 253-4197. Public transportation is recommended, parking will be limited. Plan on arriving early for a good viewing area.

Shin-Minato Firework Festival
July 21, 8-9 PM
Watch the fireworks from Iwakuni port area. There will be food vendors and other entertainment available.

Hiroshima Port
July 28, 8-9 PM
A very popular display of about 10,000 fireworks at Hiroshima Port. Fireworks display will start at 8 PM.

Kintai Fireworks Festival
August 4, 8 AM - 9:30 PM
Kintai Bridge area, Iwakuni
6,000 fireworks will be set off over Kintai Bridge. There is plenty of other entertainment throughout the day including food vendors, Taiko drum, brass band and more.

Miyajima Fireworks Festival
Aug 11, 7:50-8:50 PM
Around 5,300 fireworks are launched from boats just off the north shore of Miyajima Island. The fireworks are best viewed from around Itsukushima Shrine.

MCAS MARINE CORPS

KUNI TOONS: BARRACKS POLICY

BEFORE YOU MOVE INTO YOUR ROOM, THERE ARE SOME RULES

- NO CLUTTER
- NO LOUD MUSIC
- NO SMOKING
- NO COOKING
- NO YELLOW CAKE
- NO LOUD BREATHING
- NO POSTERS
- NO PURPLE SOCKS
- NO ANGRY BIRDS
- NO ZOMBIES
- NO HAPPINESS

SGT, ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE US HATE LIFE?

DEPENDS. IS IT WORKING?

SUBMITTED BY PATRICK ROY

INFOTAINMENT

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic	
Saturday	4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession 5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass 9:45 a.m. Religious Education
Mon. – Thurs.	11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
Protestant	
Sunday	10:30 a.m. Protestant Service 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Church of Christ Meeting 1 p.m. Contemporary 4:30 p.m. Lutheran Service 5:30 p.m. FLOW (Youth Group)
Monday	7 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	9 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study 5 p.m. Working Women Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Ladies' Tea 5:45 p.m. AWANA (Bldg. 1104)
2nd and 4th Saturday	10:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Meeting
2nd Saturday	7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship
Bahai	
Sunday	11 a.m. Bahai Meeting

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS

刺青 – Kanji for Tattoo, read "irezumi" meaning "permanent mark by insertion of ink under the skin."
タトゥー – Katakana for Tattoo, adopted by Japanese as a foreign word.

In last week's Kanji Adventure, we discussed the stigma many Japanese hold toward tattoos. But they are an accepted part of American culture and many servicemembers will get them to show they are proud of the culture and artistic designs here. Some common Japanese style tattoos include koi fish, dragons or kanji. But most Americans cannot read in Japanese, so a strong trust must exist between artist and customer.

A few of the most common kanji terms are based around human characteristics or Japanese art. Some basic kanji words are: 勇氣 (Yuuki) courage, 友情 (Yuujuu) friendship, 名誉 (Meiyo) honor, 希望 (Kibou) hope, 愛 (Ai) love, 平和 (Heiwa) peace, 誇り (Hokori) pride, 尊敬 (Sonkei) respect, or 知恵 (Chie) wisdom.

Some of the ageless words, based around Japanese art and old myths, are: 武士道 (Bushidou) The Code of the Samurai, 龍 or 竜 (Ryuu) dragon, 悟り (Satori) enlightenment, 神 (Kami) god, 伝説 (Densetsu) legend, 月 (Tsuki) moon, 自然 (Shizen) nature, 海 (Umi) ocean, 空 (Sora) sky, 星 (Hoshi) star, 魂 (Tamashii) soul, 精神 (Seishin) spirit, 太陽 (Taiyou) sun, and also 宇宙 (Uchuu) the universe.

When receiving a tattoo, it is important to understand the deeper meaning behind what is written. Be sure your tattoo makes sense and is respectful and true to the culture of Japan.

Kanji Adventures



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, June 15, 2012 7 p.m. Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) 10 p.m. Cabin in the Woods (R)	Monday, June 18, 2012 1 p.m. The Three Stooges (PG) 7 p.m. The Cabin in the Woods
Saturday, June 16, 2012 4 p.m. The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) 7 p.m. The Avengers (PG-13)	Tuesday, June 19, 2012 1 p.m. The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG)
Sunday, June 17, 2012 4 p.m. The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) 7 p.m. Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13)	Wednesday, June 20, 2012 1 p.m. The Three Stooges (PG)
	Thursday, June 21, 2012 1 p.m. The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) 7 p.m. The Avengers (PG-13)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura often for updates, or call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for the latest schedule.

General Admission: Ages 12+ are \$3/ Ages 6-11 are \$1.50/ Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday: Cream of broccoli soup, chicken vega, Cajun baked fish, steamed rice, mashed sweet potatoes, cauliflower combo, greens, vegetable gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, bear claws, quick apple coffee cake, apple crunch, marble cake, chocolate frosting, macadamia cookies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.	Tuesday: Mexican onion corn soup, barbecue pork ribs, sweet and sour chicken, peas with onions, wax beans, steamed rice, oven browned potatoes, mushroom gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, banana nut muffin, quick apple coffee cake, blueberry pie, devil's food cake, chocolate frosting, peanut butter cookies, coconut cream pudding, Jell-O parfait.	Wednesday: Tomato soup, lasagna, roast pork, fried breaded shrimp, grilled cheese, au gratin potatoes, steamed rice, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, garlic bread, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, snails, pecan rolls, cherry crunch, banana cake, chocolate frosting, sugar cookies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.	Thursday: Minestrone soup, barbecued ribs, yakiniku, steamed rice, pork fried rice, vegetable stir fry cabbage, peas and carrots, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, kolaches, blueberry muffins, apple pie, spice cake, buttercream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.	Friday: Cream of mushroom soup, salisbury steak, fried catfish, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, brussel sprouts, corn cream style, brown gravy, corn muffins, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, kolaches, quick French coffee cake, Boston cream pie, carrot cake, lemon butter, oatmeal raisin cookies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.
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CPL. KENNETH K. TORITTER, JR.

(Left) Sierra Apple, a Matthew C. Perry High School Lady Samurai soccer player fights with an Osan American High School Lady cougar player for control of the ball during the 2012 Division II Far East Soccer Tournament at Penny Lake field here May 25, 2012. The tournament started May 21. The Lady Samurais won the championship 5-2. The Lady Samurais were able to pull away with a series of late scores. This was the Lady Samurai's first championship and the first time both the girls' and boys' soccer teams have won championships simultaneously, with the Samurais beating the Yongsan International School of Seoul Guardians at Osan 4-2.

M.C. Perry Win Double championships in 2012 Far East Tournament

The Matthew C. Perry High School boys and girls Samurai soccer teams both suited up and walked away with the 2012 Division II Far East Championship Soccer Tournament wins May 25, 2012 in Osan, Korea and Penny Lake Field.

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SAMURAI — The Samurai set their eyes on the prize, a possible second Far East Championship title. The boys endured a tough week in Osan, Korea. The Samurai played through round-robin tournament, winning every game they played. This would be the second championship for the Samurai, who battled against the Yongsan International School of Seoul Guardians. Both teams focused on victory at the start of the tournament. The Samurai were quite familiar with the Guardians, as the two teams have played for the championship three years in a row, with the Samurai winning their first year.

Coach Mark Lange gathered his team in a huddle before the game and embraced them on the Osan American High School field. Sweat dripped from their foreheads. Coach Lange looked them in the eyes, "Many minds, one heart." The weather was seemingly perfect and within the first half, a goal was made. The Yongsan International School of Seoul Guardians scored the first goal within minutes, causing the Samurai to focus on the game. The Samurai quickly got revenge, responding with a by sophomore Gaku Lange.

During the second half, neither team

scored, leaving both YISS and Perry in a dead tie.

The game moved on to penalty kicks. Players who represented Perry for penalty kicks were Lange, junior Yasuki Milsop, senior Yuta Fleming and senior Tyelor Apple. The game's outcome would depend on Apple's penalty kick. Yet, the record breaking scorer of the Pacific would not disappoint, bringing in a final goal which would bring them victory.

Apple, who was named to the Far East Pacific All Tournament team for Japan, also scored a total of 64 goals for the 2011-2012 soccer season.

"Coach Lange is probably one of the best coaches in (Department of Defense Dependents Schools), not only in soccer but tennis as well," said Apple. "In the last three years he's coached both teams to multiple championships. The way he brings the team together through his fatherly figure is something that I'll miss as I move onto college."

The final game ended with a score of 4-2. Alex Barker, M.C. Perry senior and Samurai player, spoke about what the championship game meant to him.

"Winning the championship game was like the cherry on top for my senior year," said Barker. "Watching the team grow was a profound experience and I wish them the best of luck in being the future Samurai soccer team."

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LADY SAMURAI — The girls began with round robin, playing multiple games throughout the week. The Lady Samurai never lost a game in Round Robin, tying only with Robert D. Edgren High School Lady Eagles. Anticipation grew as Perry inched closer to the championship.

Friday, May 25, the Samurai girls' soccer team suited up and walked onto the muddy field. It was the championship game and the Lady Samurai prepared to battle for the title for the second year in a row. Veterans from the previous year would remember the heartache they endured in the 2011 loss to Osan.

The Samurai took the win with a final score of 5-2. Junior Samantha Herritt scored a total of four goals, including a penalty kick.

Freshman Sierra Apple assisted three of those goals, a remarkable accomplishment for a freshman on the varsity team. Junior Anne Naseer also made a goal, helping the Lady Samurai win the game.

The girls ran off the field with tears running down their faces. This would be the first time the Lady Samurai won a championship in M.C. Perry history.

"All the girls realized that all our hard work during the season has paid off. We knew that we left it all on the field" says Herritt.

"All of us trusted each other and did not give up, Naseer, MVP of the tournament, agreeably stated. "Being the champion with this year's team made history for M.C. Perry. I would like to thank the team for allowing me to be their captain for this memorable moment."

Sophomore Lexie Krenek, Herritt, and Naseer were named to the Far East Pacific All Tournament team, receiving a banner in the high school gym. The victory caused much excitement, and there is one thing for certain, the girls can't wait until next year.

The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the June 18, 1962, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported Col. Martin E. W. Oelrich relieved Col. J. H. McGlothlin, Jr., fireworks could result in fines, passport requests sent through administration, promotions slated for more than 1,600 Marine Corps officers, wing band presented concert for military and guests and the Yankees and Giants clash in Little League competition.

Udorn CP Is A Tent City In Big Way

MEU, Udorn, Thailand - The "tent city" of the Udorn, Thailand Marine Corps Command Post area is rapidly shaping up to be a real city.

Hustle, bustle and Marine know-how has turned a clearing near Udorn Airfield in Northern Thailand into a well-organized command area.

However, all the activity is not confined to the Command Post of the Brigade Commander, BGen. Ormand R. Simpson. Just a few hundred yards down the road, Marine personnel of the Provisional Marine Aircraft Group of the Brigade are engaged in keeping Skyhawk fighter planes and helicopters in the air.

Further down the road, troops of the 3rd Bn., 9th Marines are also keeping busy. The troops, landed in Thailand at that government's invitation, are now enjoying hot meals and movies.

Supporting 3/9 are the following 3rd Marine Division units:

"F" Battery, 2/12; 3rd Platoon, "C" Company, AT Bn.; "B" Company, 3rd Plt., "C" Company, 3rd Pioneer Bn.; and detachments from HqBn., 3rd FSR., and the 3rd Med. Bn.

The latest supporting unit to join was a detachment of the Mobile Construction Battalion-10.



SOUTHERN VISIT -- MajGen. John P. Condon, before relinquishing command of the 1stMAW, visited the Marine Helicopter Base in Vietnam. He is greeted here by LtCol. Archie Clapp, CO, HMM-362, (Archies Angels) upon his arrival at Soc Trang. At right is Col. J.F. Carey, CO, Marine Expeditionary Unit 79.3.5.

Fourth Of July Celebration Is Being Planned By Facility

A good old traditional American Fourth of July celebration is in the planning stages for MCAF's observance of Independence Day this year.

The activities committee for the celebration, under the direction of LtCol. J. E. Hughes, has released a tentative schedule which lists everything from band concerts to beauty contests.

Wing Staff Club Phone Listed Wrong In Book

The number listed for the Wing-side Staff NCO Club in the recent MCAF telephone directory is incorrect. Personnel placing calls to the club are requested to dial the club lounge, ext. 3629, instead of the listed ext. 2818.

Although all events are still in the planning stages, the lineup includes athletic events, a barbecue, equipment and aircraft displays, a beauty parade, a carnival, band concerts and a giant fireworks display.

As in past years, the Japanese public will be invited to attend the festivities which will begin at approximately 10 a.m. on the fourth. In the event of inclement weather, July 7 has been set as the alternate date for the holiday observance.

The TORII will publish a complete schedule of events when plans for the holiday celebration are complete.

New Raincoats Available For Local Marines

Marines who failed to receive the new nylon, rubber-coated raincoat as an issue of uniform, and who entered the Corps between July 1, 1958 and June 30, 1961, rate a gratuitous issue of the garment.

Personnel who are eligible for the issue of this raincoat should submit their names and sizes to their squadron office, via department heads, if appropriate.

Americans In Vietnam Are For Support

Small groups of U. S. troops in Thailand, including Marines, are being brought into South Vietnam to "observe" operations against the communist Viet Cong guerillas here.

The number of Thailand-based troops who have crossed the border has not been disclosed, but they have been going into the country since early last month.

The training involves joining Vietnamese units opposing the communists in the jungles and marshes of Vietnam.

There are some 6,500 U. S. troops in Vietnam in addition to the 5,000 man force being built up in Thailand. The forces in Vietnam are primarily Army with Marine Corps helicopter units supporting them. These forces serve only in advisory and support roles to Vietnam's forces, but they are armed and accompany the Vietnamese on operations.

In addition, a Navy Seabee detachment has been flown from Okinawa to Thailand to support the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade there. The detachment consists of two officers and 69 men of MCB-10.

Invasion Is Old Story To Laos And Its People

Somewhat larger than the state of Idaho, Laos presently represents the chief trouble spot of southeast Asia

Trouble, however, isn't anything new to the Laotians. Laos has been invaded by practically everyone including Tibetans, Mongols, Javanese, Annamites, Indians, Chinese, French, Khemers and now Communists. The Laotians have in time always gotten rid of their invaders.

The country's 89,000 square miles are inhabited by 2 million people, predominantly of the Buddhist religion.

The principal race is the Thai. The main crop is rice. Before Communist trouble began, life in Laos was slow and sleepy. The working day was short and the siesta was long.

Laos in ancient time was called Lang Xang, "land of a million elephants." Now it may be more aptly called "land of a million Communists."



SHOOT TO KILT - Two members of the Lorne Scots Regiment, Canadian Army, Sgt. Charles Stamp, 2nd from left, and Lt. John Chappelle, get the feel of the M-14 during a visit to Cherry Point. The two Canadians dropped in for a visit with GySgt. Domenic J. Dalorzo, left, of VMR-353, whom they met in Florida. The two visitors were the center of attraction during a two-day visit to the Point.