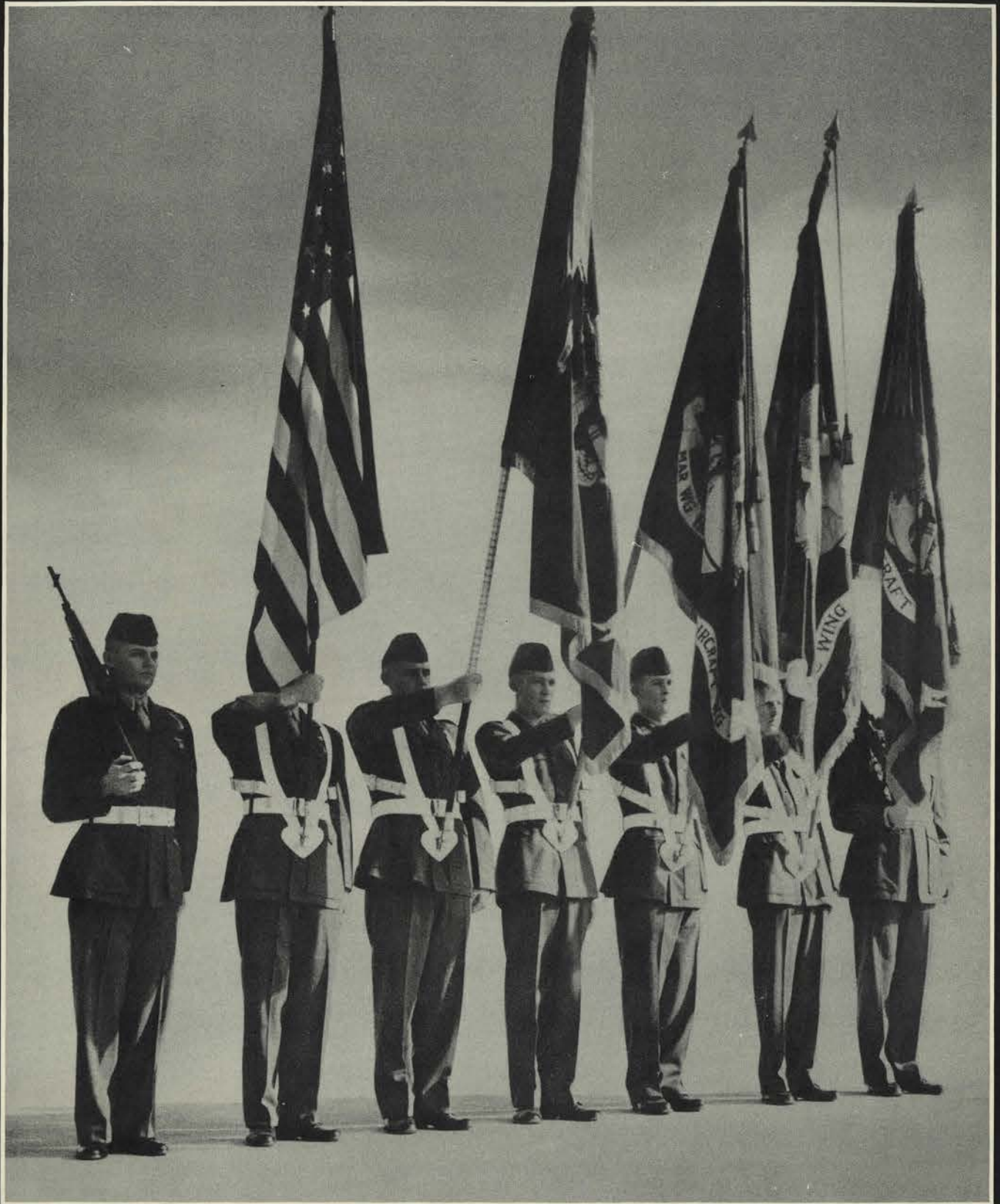


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Marine Corps Birthday



JAPANESE CHILDREN PRESENT GIFT TO STATION MARINES

Col. Hudgins and Capt. Gratto accept doll

were Col. J. C. Richardson, Deputy Commander of the Station, and Capt. J. M. Gratto, 1st MAW ISO.

Mrs. Hisako Yonezawae, secretary of the Children's Section of the Hiroshima prefecture, and Miss Chizuko Yoshimura, a nurse at the Wakakusa-en Protection Facility, escorted the two children on their visit here.

After receiving his gift, Col. Hudgins treated his visitors to cake and ice cream at the officers' club.

Gen. Bowman Receives Gifts

Two representatives of the city of Shimonoseki presented mementoes of the October 26 Shimonoseki Festival to Brig. Gen. George S. Bowman, Jr., Assistant Wing Commander, on November 2. The presentations were made in appreciation for the concert and parade music provided by the 1st MAW Band during the festival. Gen.



GEN. BOWMAN RECEIVES GIFTS OF APPRECIATION

Shimonoseki representatives offer thanks

his duties as first sergeant for the past seven months. He departed November 7 for Cherry Point, N. C., for duty with the 2nd MAW.

MARINE CORPS

More SNCO Promotions

Almost 200 Marines will move off promotion waiting lists during November and sew on stripes for which they were chosen in past months.

Promoted to staff sergeant were 111 E-5s who have been on waiting lists, with Sgt. Omer J. Cote, number 1808 on the selection list, as the junior man promoted.

Junior man promoted to gunnery sergeant is SSgt. Henry F. Killingsworth, selected 981st by the E-7 board. Altogether, 20 new gunnery sergeants are being promoted this month.

A total of 50 men will move up to E-8 ranks, with GySgts. John W. Thompson and James P. O'Connor being the junior men promoted to first sergeant and master sergeant, respectively. They were numbers 160 and 149 on their respective selection lists.

Six new E-9s will be made. Junior sergeant major selectee advancing is 1st Sgt. Joseph M. Bock, number 35 on that selection list. Junior man advancing to master gunnery sergeant will be MSgt. Wilfred P. Zeimet. (Navy Times)

Lt. Gen. Roberts Retires

Lt. Gen. Carson A. Roberts, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, on November 7 announced his plans for retirement from the Marine Corps, effective March 1, 1964.

Maj. Gen. Victor H. Krulak, recently nominated by the president for promotion to lieutenant general, is scheduled to succeed Gen. Roberts as CG, FMFPac.

Gen. Roberts, who has commanded FMFPac since July 1, 1962, stated he asked the Secretary of the Navy to honor his request for retirement in order to attend to personal affairs.

Upon retirement he will have served more than 34 years as a Marine; nine as a general officer.

ANGLICO Makes Night Jump

Seventy Marines of the 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, based at Camp H. M. Smith, participated in the company's first night parachute jump on November 6. Along with the 1st ANGLICO jumpers, ten other Marine and Army officers also took part in the night jump.

According to the 43-year-old commanding officer of ANGLICO, Lt. Col. R. L. Valente, who also made the jump, night parachuting is more dangerous than daylight chuting, but easier.

Generals Are Promoted

Maj. Gens. Leonard F. Chapman and Victor H. Krulak have been nominated by the President for promotion to lieutenant general. Gen. Chapman will become Chief of Staff, Headquarters Marine Corps, on January 1, replacing Lt. Gen. Wallace M. Greene, Jr., who becomes Commandant of the Marine Corps on that date.

Gen. Krulak, now Special Assistant for Counterinsurgency and Special Activities on the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will replace Lt. Gen. Carson A. Roberts, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, who plans to retire early in 1964.

Gen. Chapman, now Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Headquarters Marine Corps, was born on November 3, 1913, at Key West, Florida, and graduated from the University of Florida in 1935. He entered the Marine Corps



VICTOR H. KRULAK

Nominated for lieutenant general as a second lieutenant in July of that year.

Gen. Krulak, a 1934 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, assumed his current duties in February 1962.

Replacements for Gen. Chapman and Gen. Krulak have not been named.

New Reserve Program

The Marine Corps has broadened its augmentation program for young Reserve officers.

Under a "change of emphasis", more appointments will be offered in the second year of service, a Marine personnel spokesman said. Openings used to "peak" in an officer's fifth year, but the Commandant felt some outstanding people were being lost under this policy.

Some had to be passed over in their bids for a regular commission early in their service because of a quota

assigned to each year group. "And they just said, 'The heck with it, if you don't want me, I don't want you,'" an expert said recently.

So now no quota will be clamped on the second-year men. Headquarters will see how many applications come in before the annual augmentation board meets. And then the various formulas aimed at providing the right number of officers will be applied.

"But," he added, "even this number given to the board can be enlarged if the President finds more are deserving of Regular commissions. He merely has to ask the Commandant to raise the limit and in most cases it will be done."

Opportunities for augmentation will continue to be open for year groups in their third, fourth and fifth years and even beyond in some cases, the official said.

A year group is composed of all officers appointed as second lieutenants during the time between two Naval Academy class graduations. For instance, Year Group 1959 includes all with dates of rank of June 5, 1958—the day after the Academy's 1958 class graduated—through June 3, 1959—the day the Class of 1959 graduated.

Reservists are added to the year groups through augmentation to keep it at the right level to maintain Corps strength while assuring smooth promotion. The Corps has an authorized officer strength ceiling of 10,500.

Last year the opportunity to augment was offered to year groups past their fifth year of service for the first time, the spokesman went on. Though not many spots are open to "older" groups, the policy was continued this year and probably will in the future, he indicated.

These changes have come about because requirements are different now than five years ago. The "hump" held back Reserve officers, the spokesman said, and a sizable number of temporary officers, who have been phased out, were in the Corps then.

"Now our problem is to convince these people the Marine Corps is going to do what it says it will for them. They remember things as they were in the past, but circumstances have changed and so have our requirement for Reserve officers.

"Reserve officers are the only place we can get numbers to fill our ranks and we are anxious to get them," he said.

Marine Corps Order 1040.5C of October 10 refers to the "new deal" for Reservists. And another instruction due soon will set up eligibility requirements for applicants to the 1964 board, the spokesman said. (Navy Times)

Ship Is Named For Marine

The escort ship Garcia (DE-1040) was launched at the Bethlehem Steel Company, San Francisco, on October 31, 1963.

The Garcia is named in honor of PFC Fernando Luis Garcia, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for sacrificing himself to save the life of another Marine during action in Korea on September 5, 1952. Garcia was the first native of Puerto Rico to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Mrs. Daisy Garcia de Alvarez, sister of Garcia, sponsored the ship.

Principal speaker at the launching ceremony was Maj. Gen. S. S. Wade, Commanding General, MCRD, San Diego, California.

The Garcia will have integral bow-mounted long range sonar, variable depth sonar and will carry the drone antisubmarine helicopter (DASH), as well as an antisubmarine rocket launcher (ASROC) and antisubmarine torpedo launchers. She will have a single five-inch 54 caliber mount for limited self-defense. The Garcia is 414 feet, six inches long; has a beam of 44 feet, one inch and displaces 3403 tons.

Marine Airlift Ends

A two-week hurricane relief assistance operation in Haiti has been completed by units of the 2nd MAW based at Cherry Point and New River, N. C.

Marine aid was requested by U. S. relief agencies after hurricane Flora devastated areas of southwest Haiti on October 10, leaving many villages inaccessible, except by air, and many people in need of food, clothing and medical supplies.

In the relief operation, VMGR-252, from Cherry Point, made 13 flights from East Coast air bases to Haiti, delivering more than 150,000 pounds of relief and medical supplies to Bowen Air Field at Port Au Prince.

On October 20, HMM-162, operating from the USS Thetis Bay, began airlifting relief supplies and evacuating sick and injured Haitians in dawn-to-dusk operations.

During the two week operation, Navy and Marine Corps helicopters airlifted 488,500 pounds of food, clothing and medical supplies.

Over 700 serious medical cases were handled by helicopter, and 713 medical, religious and other assistance workers were flown inland to help the villagers.

The last relief aircraft to land at Bowen Air Field on October 25, was a VMGR-252 Hercules KC-130F transport, loaded with 17,000 pounds of garden seed from the Red Cross at Willow Grove, Pa. The seed is being distributed to Haitian farmers in the disaster areas.

Iwakuni Celebrates The 188th Birthday Of The Corps



OLDEST AND YOUNGEST MARINES

First Marine Aircraft Wing men marked the 188th Marine Corps anniversary in traditional fashion on Saturday, November 9.

Highlight of the day, in which all could share, was the morning ceremonial parade and cake-cutting ceremony, which took place on the MAG-12 flight line.

A holiday air prevailed in the stands as friend joshed friend, and guests exchanged small-talk with servicemen stationed at MCAS Iwakuni. Kidding came to a halt, however, when the staff secretary read the paragraph from the Marine Corps Manual in which Gen. John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, established this military reflection of Marines upon their history and heritage.

This was followed by readings of other congratulatory messages, headed by that of Gen. David M. Shoup, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Wing Commander, Maj. Gen. Frank C. Tharin, in adding his remarks, charged the Marines with a simple keynote: "Let us face the future guided by our heritage." Then, in deference to the Japanese guests, he delivered his message in Japanese.

For reactions to the parade, after the last salute was given, an "Old Corps" master sergeant remarked, "It's



TRADITIONALLY DRESSED VISITORS



OFFICERS! CENTER, MARCH!



GUESTS AT THE PARADE



TROOPS PASS IN REVIEW



TRADITIONAL CAKE IS BROUGHT FORWARD



PREPARATION IS MADE BEFORE THE BALL



YOUNGSTERS WATCH PARADE



FIRST SLICE OF CAKE IS SERVED

a real good parade," before the notes of the Marine Corps Hymn were struck. A first sergeant said proudly, "Everything went off without a hitch, and the troops looked good too!"

At the conclusion of the Commanding General's address, the oldest and youngest Marines with the Wing received slices of the traditional birthday cake. Receiving the honors this year were 1stSgt. James E. Bobbitt, 57, MABS-12 Sergeant Major, and 17-year old PFC Lee L. Padilla of H&HS-17.

In the evening, at 6 o'clock, the three social events began. Officers attending the formal Mess Night observance started the celebration with refreshments. They were seated at 7 pm and the cake-cutting ceremony took place at 8:30.

The Birthday Ball for staff NCOs also commenced at 6 pm in the Station gymnasium. The Enlisted Men's Ball was held in Hangar 494.

The cake-cutting ceremonial team appeared at the enlisted celebration at 8:30 pm. It was at the SNCO affair a half-hour later.

During the staff NCO ceremonies, Gen. Tharin stated, "This Wing is probably the best organization in the Marine Corps ... more ready, more willing and more able to do their best."



GEN. BOWMAN CUTS CAKE AT O CLUB



1ST MAW BAND PROVIDED MUSIC



CAKE-CUTTING TEAM MAKES ENTRANCE



GYSGT. SWAIN SHOWS ICE CARVING



SNCO CAKE-CUTTING CEREMONY