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PEOPLE



SECOND LT. DAVID S. THOMEN, A RADAR SURVEILLANCE OFFICER WITH VMCI-1, EXPLAINS A PORTION OF THE FRONT INSTRUMENT PANEL OF AN F-4B PHANTOM TO A GROUP OF JASDF CADETS DURING THEIR VISIT.

JASDF Cadets Visit

Ninety Japanese Air Self Defense Force cadets from the aviation training command at Hofu, Japan, visited the Station June 21 for a first-hand look at an American air base.

Highlight of the visit was a static display of the various types of aircraft employed by the 1st MAW, followed by a briefing by BrigGen. Manning T. Jannell, assistant wing commander.

One of the main attractions of the aircraft display was the open cockpit of an F-4B Phantom. Each of the cadets had the opportunity to climb into the pilot's seat and get the feel of the supersonic jet.

Other aircraft on display were the A-4E Skyhawk, the A-6A Intruder and the CH-46D Sea Knight twin-rotor helicopter. Also exhibited were various items of survival equipment.

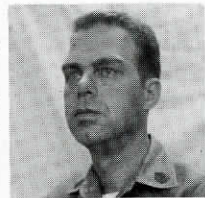
During the early part of the tour, the cadets were shown the various functions of the airfield operations department. Here they saw the many phases of flight support necessary to conduct flight operations. This was followed by a visit to the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force facility here, and a chance to watch the PS-1 seaplane in action.

Rounding off their day of activities was a film of the AV-8A Harrier, a vertical take-off and landing aircraft, scheduled for deployment to Iwakuni later this summer.

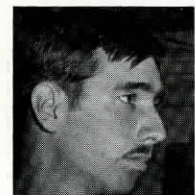
Each year, a group of cadets from the air training command is invited to tour the base.

Out From The Crowd

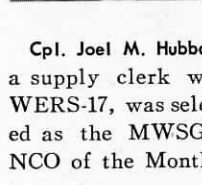
GySgt. Richard J. Yeitz, NCOIC of the VMA-211 Maintenance Shop, was promoted to his present rank.



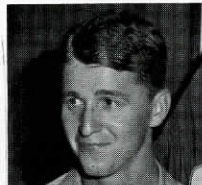
SSgt. Chester S. Collins, an ejection seat mechanic with H&MS-12, was promoted to his present rank.



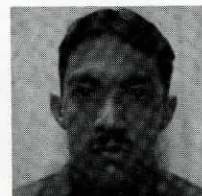
Cpl. Charles E. Duquette, an aviation supply man with VMA-311, was awarded a meritorious mast.



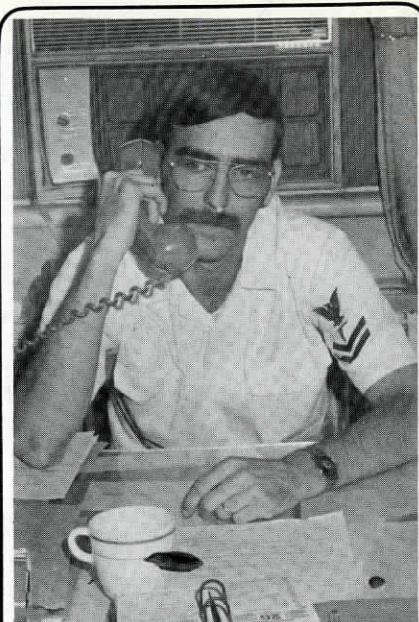
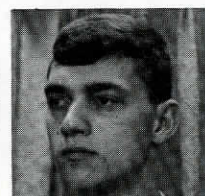
Cpl. Joel M. Hubbard, a supply clerk with WERS-17, was selected as the MWSG-17 NCO of the Month.



LCpl. Raymundo Quiñonez Jr., an electrical equipment repairman with WERS-17, received a meritorious mast.



LCpl. Steven M. Wagner, an MP with H&HS, received a meritorious mast.



Meet A Sailor

HM2 John L. Ley is in the business of saving lives. He handles the medevacs at the branch dispensary here, averaging more than 100 each month. Many of the evacuations are of an emergency nature, requiring Ley to arrange for quick transportation to the necessary medical facility.

His attention to duty and professional attitude paid off recently when he was selected as the Corpsman of the Quarter for the Medical Department.

During the past two years here, HM2 Ley has completed five college level courses with the University of Maryland, and is presently enrolled in a sixth.



MAJGEN. HERMAN POGGEMEYER, COMMANDING GENERAL, III MAF, CHATS WITH MGYSGT. ANTHONY J. DI GIOVANNI, LEADER OF THE 1ST MAW BAND, DURING A VISIT TO IWAKUNI JUNE 25-26

SGLI Increased

Because of a new bill signed into law, Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage has increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for active duty and active reserve service members.

Under the law, service members, including those previously electing to be covered for a lesser amount than the old \$15,000 maximum or no coverage at all, became automatically covered for \$20,000 as of May 24, 1974.

Persons who feel they do not need or want the maximum coverage may choose to be covered for an amount of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, or no coverage.

Effective June 1, servicemen will be charged \$3.40 per month for the new coverage, regardless of their previous SGLI.

The amounts of coverage and the respective monthly premiums are as follows: \$5,000, \$0.85; \$10,000, \$1.70; \$15,000, \$2.55; and \$20,000, \$3.40.

Beneficiary designations and settlement option elections made prior to May 24 will remain in effect.

New Sec. Of The Navy

The Honorable J. William Middendorf II was sworn in as the Secretary of the Navy on June 20. In a communication to the Navy and the Marine Corps, he said:

"Today I have assumed office as Secretary of the Navy. Although today our nation is at peace, it must concern itself with serious challenges both on the high seas and at home. The Soviet Fleet has expanded dramatically during the past decade. In our own country, rising costs and fiscal constraints hamper our ability to build urgently needed weapons systems and to maintain and operate those we already have. These developments come as America is increasingly dependent on sea-borne international trade, a reality that has become clear to all in recent months.

"In the face of these challenges, I am heartened by my observation and belief that today's all-volunteer Navy-Marine Corps team is equal to any in our history. You are truly America's first line of defense. Your

strength, mobility, and readiness are the best insurance the United States could have that the freedom of the seas and vital U.S. interests abroad will be protected against any potential adversary.

"I count it a great honor to work with you whose performance has consistently earned the respect and support of our citizens.

"I pledge to you my total attention to the task at hand. Your continued dedication to your country will be my greatest asset in the performance of that task."

Rover Beware

Owning a pet can be a beautiful experience. However, if you live off base and don't comply with the Yamaguchi Prefectural ordinance for control of pets, you could be in for a headache.

This ordinance provides that pets be registered at the Iwakuni City Hall annually and be vaccinated for rabies twice yearly.

Those who are prone to let their pets run free should take note of the fact that according to this law, pets are to be on a leash at all times, whether on or off the owner's property.

Dogs which tend to be a bit unsociable must be muzzled at all times. In the event that your dog should bite someone, the incident should be reported to the Iwakuni City Hall or Public Health Center.

The ordinance also provides that owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets on streets, parks, or other public places.

Any violation of this ordinance could result in a fine up to and including ¥30,000 (more than \$100).

Congratulations

The 1st MAW will celebrate its 33rd anniversary on July 7.

In a message sent to MajGen. Victor A. Armstrong, CG, 1st MAW, LtGen. Louis H. Wilson, CG, FMFPac, said, "Since its inception on the eve of World War II, dedication, valor and professionalism have been the hallmarks of the 1st MAW. ...All in FMFPac join me in hearty congratulations and best wishes for continued success."

NEWS

BRIEFS

MUC AWARDED TO 3RD MAB.

Headquarters has announced an addition to the list of supporting units for the Meritorious Unit Commendation awarded to the 3rd Marine Amphibious Brigade. Marines assigned to Battery C, 1st Bn., 11th Marine Regiment during the period April 14 to May 13, 1971 are now eligible for the award.

PHOTO REMINDER.

Sergeants and above being considered for promotion in the near future are reminded that they must submit photographs to Headquarters at least three weeks before a board meets. A board is scheduled to meet on July 23 to select new SgtMajs., MGySgts., 1st Sgts., and MSgts. The date for the Gunnery Sergeant board is October 16, with the Staff Sergeant's board meeting on January 14, 1975. A new set of photos is required every 12 months.

SAKURA RAISES PRICES.

The Sakura theater raised the price of admission to fifty cents per person as a result of a recent change in regulations requiring all activities under the U.S. Navy Entertainment Motion Picture Service to raise their admission fees.

DI REUNION AT FRA.

There will be a reunion of former drill instructors and series commanders at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, at the FRA. Persons interested may contact SSgt. Fred Navarre during working hours at extension 3850 or 3688 after hours.

FLYING CLUB PICNIC TO BE HELD.

The Iwakuni Flying Club is having a picnic Saturday, July 13, at the Slipway. The festivities will begin at noon and end at approximately 6 p.m. Members, their guests, and anyone interested in joining the club are invited to come. Call Sgt. Dennis Morgan at extension 4220 during working hours for further information.



HOUSEHOLD GOODS SECTION INTERVIEWERS SCREEN APPLICANTS PRIOR TO THEIR SHIPMENT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS. THE INTERVIEWERS FIND OUT WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL IS GOING, HOW MUCH HE HAS, AND HOW SOON IT WILL BE NEEDED AT ITS DESTINATION. FROM ALL THIS INFORMATION, IT IS DETERMINED HOW THE SHIPMENT WILL BE FORWARDED.

whatever) into the building where it is emptied onto a sorting table and thoroughly checked by a military Customs Inspector.

With this completed, a packer will make an inventory list, which, if correct, will be signed by the owner. From here, the individual can sit back and relax. Everything else will be done for him.

The next important step is to report to the household goods section at the next duty station as soon after arrival as possible and let them know you're aboard. "Otherwise, the people in the receiving section there may have to look for weeks before your name appears on some sort of roster in order for them to contact you," said SSgt. Brewel Hudson, receiving NCO here. "Chances are, if a man shipped his gear in plenty



SGT. STEVEN D. MITCHELL (LEFT), A MILITARY CUSTOMS INSPECTOR, GOES THROUGH A MARINE'S CLOTHING PRIOR TO ITS BEING SENT BACK TO THE STATES. ONCE THE INSPECTION IS MADE, AN INVENTORY IS TAKEN AND THE SHIPMENT SEALED.

Regardless Of Who You Are, Or What Your Rank... You Rate

Story and photos by: GySgt. Bill Graham

Nearly everyone has his own short timer's check-off list or calendar. Chances are, if you talk with the guy who got here the first of the week, he can already tell you how many days he has left on his tour.

There's nothing wrong with knowing, or keeping track of time, but what happens when that time is up? What do you do when it comes time to send your sea bag home, or pack up your household or personal effects?

Surprisingly, many people, even those who've "been there," don't know the proper procedure for shipping their gear back to the States.

According to GySgt. Stephen A. Miotke at the Household Goods section here, "If everyone would just remember one thing, our telephone number, 3172, they'd have no problems getting their gear shipped. All we have to know is when and where an individual wants to go, and we'll start him on the right track. The trouble is," he added, "there's always a sea lawyer around who knows all the right answers, and gets people off on the wrong track."

The procedure is fairly simple once the initial phone call is made. An

interviewer will begin a case file on you, and from this point on, all of your shipping records will be kept together.

"Remember," said Miotke, "regardless of who you are, or what your rank, you rate some type of personal effects shipment."

Persons in pay grade E-1 through E-4 with under two years of service rate shipping 225 pounds gross weight (this includes any packing weight) in addition to carry baggage. All others on unaccompanied Wing tours rate shipping 250 pounds (net weight).

Weight allowance for those on accompanied tours varies according to rank.

An apparently little known fact is that persons in grade E-4 and above with more than two years service, having more than 150 pounds to ship, may have the gear inspected, packed and picked up at the barracks or BOQ.

Anyone with less than the 150 pounds minimum for this type pick-up is required to bring the gear to Bldg. 1251. There are racks just outside the building for staging. Once screened by an interviewer, the individual brings his seabag (or

of time and took a month of leave, his gear may just be sitting in the warehouse when he arrives."

Large shipments, such as a shipment of over 150 pounds to be picked up at the barracks or quarters of an individual here on accompanied orders, are examined at the location



MGYSGT. AND MRS. WILLIM A. MARSH TALK WITH MM-2 JOSE IGNACIO, QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR WITH THE HOUSEHOLD GOODS SECTION. IGNACIO MONITORS THE PACKING AND CRATING OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS SHIPMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE MOVING COMPANY PACKS THEM PROPERLY. THE MARSH'S LEFT FOR THE STATES TODAY.

by customs officials. At the same time, a man from the Quality Control section is poking around to make sure the packer is doing his job.

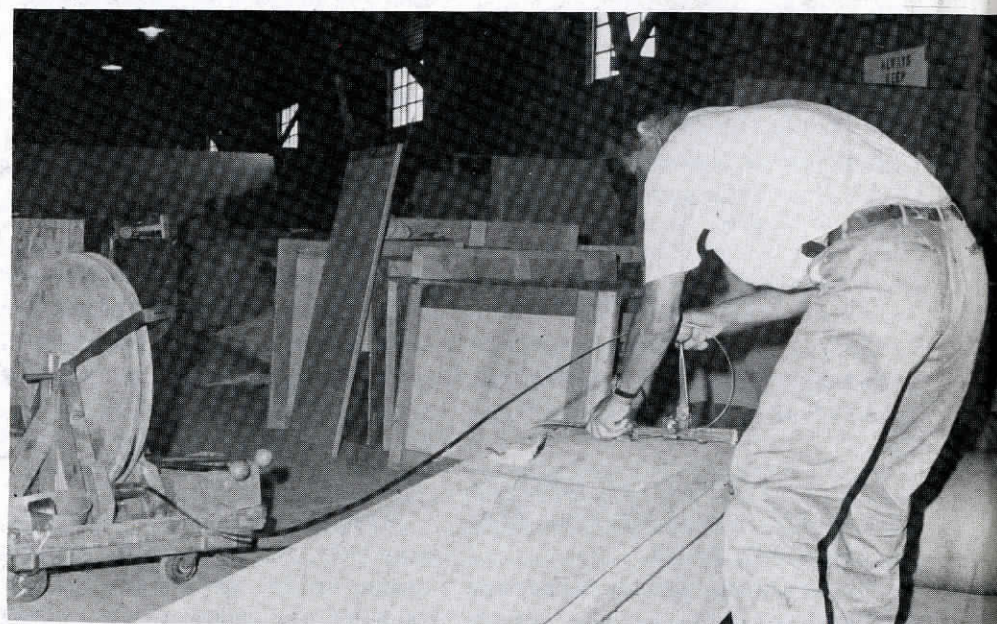
"We don't have any problem with packers or carriers at this end of the move," says MM2 Jose Ignacio, the quality control inspector. "There are only two companies here, and we keep a close watch on them. Also, everyone lives close enough that we can be at most any location within a few minutes."

He continued, "In the States, some carriers are unfamiliar with military moving regulations. In other cases, people live so far away from a base, an inspector can only be there for a few minutes. These are just a couple of reasons why, when we receive a shipment from the States, we check it over pretty close for damage." Even though nothing is damaged, Ignacio files a report on any improperly packed goods.

Depending on the size and weight of a shipment, it could leave or arrive at Iwakuni one of three ways. Some is carried to and from Yokosuka by motor freight, some goes parcel post, and some leaves on MAC airlift flights.

"Time required for a shipment to reach its destination is often the determining factor on how it will travel," said Gunney Miotke. "That's why it's so important for people to contact us as early as possible to set up a move after receiving orders, or upon arrival here. If people would talk with us rather than the guy in the next bunk or the guy across the street, potential problems of a move could be eliminated."

He summed things up, saying, "If you've got a toothache, go to the dentist. If you've got orders, come to household goods, and leave the worry to us."



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