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Our eyes struggled against an unseen weight. They opened, blurred, unfocused, to accept the target's image, small and faint.

Our feet pushed against an endless road. They ran and walked, fatigued, blistered, only to find more macadam, a heavier load.

Our muscles strained over an unyielding obstacle. They pushed and pulled against a scrutinous clock, only to find another to surmount.

Our ears tiredly accepted a distant voice. They turned to receive the words, experienced, tested, which must be remembered, very important.

But, now, it's all for keeps, the prep fires have ceased, and the challenge awaits to the South and East.

2/Lt. James B. Thompson USMCR 9 Sept. 1968

MESS NIGHT

october 15, 1968

GUEST OF HONOR



Major General George S. Bowman, Jr. USMC

MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE S. BOWMAN, JR. USMC

Major General George Shepard Bowman, Jr., a Naval aviator, was born December 24, 1911, in Hammond, Louisiana, and completed high school there. In 1931, he entered Louisiana State University, at Baton Rouge and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering upon graduation in 1936. Active in sports during his school years, he was a five-letter man at the university, participating in football and track. He was a member of the ROTC Unit at the university, and resigned his Army Reserve commission to accept appointment as a Marine second lieutenant, July 10, 1936.

After completing Basic School at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, Lieutenant Bowman was stationed at the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, from May 1937 to July 1938, then served with the Sixth Marines in San Diego. In February 1939, he was assigned to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, was promoted to first lieutenant in July 1939, and designated a Naval aviator that December. He reported to Quantico, Virginia, in February 1940, and was later assigned to Marine Fighter Squadron III, Marine Aircraft Group II, (MAG-II). He was promoted to captain in October 1941.

When the United States entered World War II, Captain Bowman was ordered with that squadron to San Diego. In March 1942, he was named Commanding Officer of Service Squadron 13, MAG-13, and embarked with the Group for American Samoa. He was promoted to major in August 1942.

Major Bowman served as Operations Officer of MAG-13, from January 1943 to September 1943, when he returned to the United States. He was assigned to the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Barbara, California, in November 1943, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel the following month.

In December 1943, he became Operations Officer, G-3, MAG-42, Marine Fleet Air, West Coast, serving in this capacity until September 1944 and as Group Executive Officer until December. In January 1945, he arrived at Ewa, Oahu, Hawaii, as Assistant G-3, Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. That June he was assigned as Operations Officer on the Staff of Commander Naval Air Base, Okinawa, administering shore controlled air-sea rescue facilities. For meritorious service in this capacity and as temporary Air Base Commander, Awase, Okinawa, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V".

Following this assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Bowman rejoined Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, in November 1945, serving as a squadron commander with MAG-15 until February 1946. In March 1946, he reported to Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, where he completed Command and Staff Course, and then served as an instructor in the Aviation Section through May 1949. He began a three-year tour of duty at HQMC in June 1949, serving as Assistant Head and, later, Head Personnel Branch, Division of Aviation. He was promoted to colonel in February 1951. Ordered to Korea in July 1952, he served briefly as Commanding Officer of MAG-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, prior to assuming his regular duties as Group Executive Officer. From January to April 1953, he again served as the group's commander. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from August 1952 to April 1953, he was awarded the Legion of Merit with Combat "V". The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded him for heroism while flying an attack bomber in a massed aerial assault on enemy supply installations in the vicinity of Chinnampo, March 26, 1953.

On his return to Washington, D.C., in May 1953, Colonel Bowman was a member of a board studying the Marine Aviation-Ground Officer Program and, in August 1953, entered the National War College as a student. He completed the course the following summer, and was transferred to Cherry Point, North Carolina. He served there as Chief of Staff, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, until January 1956.

Colonel Bowman was assigned to Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, in February 1956, as Director of the Junior School through June 1958. The following month, he returned to HQMC where he served as Deputy Assistant Director of the Division of Aviation until March 1960. In April 1960, he was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff, J-3, Staff of the Commander in Chief, Pacific, Hawaii, and was promoted to brigadier general in July 1960.

Following his service in Hawaii, General Bowman departed for the Far East and assumed duty as Assistant Wing Commander, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, in February 1963. He was transferred to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing in April 1964, and served as Assistant Wing Commander until June 1964, when he became Commanding General. He was promoted to his present rank of major general, April 1, 1965. He assumed his current assignment in June 1966.

General Bowman and his wife, the former Velma Roth, have three children: a daughter, Mrs. Diane Cunningham, and two sons, George S. III and Denham W. The general's parents are deceased.

MESS NIGHT TRADITIONS

Formal dinners in wardrooms afloat and messes are among the finest traditions of military institutions. The history of the Navy and Marine Corps are replete with examples of such occasions, undoubtedly a carryover from the British practice of formal gatherings of men in an atmosphere of dignity which they felt contributed to the unity and esprit of an organization. Similarly, this reasoning gave impetus to many such occasions beginning in the highly patriotic era of the early 1800's.

In 1816, a dinner was given in honor of Commodore Stephen Decatur and Captain Charles Stewart as reported by the *National Intelligence*, in these words: "The company sat down to dinner at five o'clock and spent the evening with the purest harmony and good humor. After the cloth was removed, many toasts were drunk, accompanied with highly patriotic songs and music by the Marine Band."

The same newspaper reported a dinner on July 4, 1816, as "a large party of gentlemen assembled to celebrate the glorious festival of the anniversary of American Independence ... Accompanied with songs and music from the Marine Band, and announced by repeated discharges of artillery, many toasts were drunk". Some have suggested that this is the origin of "having a shot".

Similar affairs were noted for many years thereafter, always with Marine Officers, Marine Artillery, and the Marine Band in attendance. However, these dinners were not traditional Marine Corps Mess Nights as we know them today, although they contributed much of the fostering influence.

The only significant mess nights during the 19th Century which were sponsored by the Corps for her officers were at the Old Center House, Marine Barracks, Washington, which must have seen some gay evenings in the old days. *The Evening Star* of Washington, D.C. on February 16, 1908, printed a large photograph of the old Center House (then torn down) with the following caption; "Tales are told of nights of revelry, when the wine flowed and souls of great men, freed from the cares of state, allowed their wit and spirit to soar unhampered while gracing the Officer's Mess beneath the beams of the old house. The rafters which once rang with the laughter of Presidents now lie in grim disorder."

Fortunately, the tradition is carried on and each summer or early fall, Marine Barracks, Washington, Center House Mess is honored by the presence of the Commandant at a Mess Night. The general routine which is a good guide line for mess nights, subject to modification as required, is outlined below. The dress is Mess dress, blues, whites; or black tie for civilian guests. The affair is always stag. At 1930, the officers assemble in the anteroom for cocktails and to meet the Commandant and guests. At 2000 a drummer and a fifer, smartly turned out in Blues, sound The Roast Beef of Old England announcing dinner. All proceed to their places in the dining room, remain standing behind their chairs until a short Grace is pronounced, after which all are seated and the first course is served. Officers are seated according to rank; the Commanding Officer or another who is designated to act as President of the Mess is at the head of the table, the junior lieutenant at the other end. The ranking guest is served first, the serving then continues counter-clockwise, not according to rank. Simultaneously the other side of the table is served, beginning with the officer seated to the right of the junior lieutenant.

The long table is not covered with a cloth. Instead, narrow runners are placed along both sides of it to lay the table service. This permits the soft glow of the candlelight and the silver candelabra to be reflected on the polished mahogany as well as facilitating the complete removal of all the table service, including the runners themselves,

before the port is passed. Two or three table wines may accompany the meal, depending on the number of courses. The dinner ends with a savory, rather than a sweet dessert, since the latter spoils the taste of port.

The table is then cleared. Smoking ceases until after the formal toasts. Many messes do not smoke at any time during the dinner, so as not to acquire an insensitive taste for the excellent food. A wine glass is placed before each officer. The port is passed, each officer pouring from the decanter and passing it to the left until all the glasses are charged. More than one decanter may be passed simultaneously starting at various points at a large dinner, in order to shorten this interval and obviate the necessity of refilling them.

The Commanding Officer or President of the Mess then rises to propose the first toast. "Mr. Vice, the President". The junior lieutenant then rises, glass in hand, waits until all have risen, and gives the toast. "Gentlemen, the President of the United States". All repeat, "The President", drink, and again seat themselves. After a pause of two or three minutes a second toast may be drunk. If a foreign officer is present, the second toast is always to the sovereign or president of his country. Lacking such a guest the second toast is usually to the United States Marine Corps. More toasts may be drunk; for instance, it is necessary to do so should foreign officers of more than one country be present, but it is well to limit them as far as possible. If the guest of honor is a general officer of the Marine Corps, and it has been arranged for him to speak, it is appropriate for him to respond to the toast of the Corps. Non-drinkers turn over wine glasses during dinner and toast with an empty glass.

With the formal toasts over, ash trays reappear on the table. Coffee is served. Also cigars and cigarettes. The port is passed again. Conversation becomes general and the atmosphere becomes informal. All remain at the table until the senior officers and guests arise.

The remainder of the evering may be spent more or less as impulse and ingenuity suggest. Singing is always in order, and by this time many officers are often pleasantly surprised to discover how really well they can produce harmony. There are also any number of parlor games and feats of strength, some of which are of such a nature that the temporary removal of dress coats and even shoes may be advisable.

Anyone should feel free to leave at any time after a decent interval. If the usual custom is observed, that no one is at liberty to leave prior to the departure of the Senior Officer, it will place the latter in an awkward position. He will feel he m st leave early, even though his inclination is to stay on, in order 1 at to inconvenience those who may have important duties the following day and wish to leave at an early hour.



Circumstances will frequently not permit a mess night with all formalities as to uniform, catering or table service as outlined here. This should not deter an organization, however, and adaptations should be made to meet the "situation and terrain". Do not, in particular, let yourself become stupified by the apparent formality of mess nights; the object is the pleasure and camaraderie of all hands.

So, as the Revolutionary War recruiting poster of the Continental Marines stated, (the latter portion of which is often used as the final "bottoms-up" toast of the evening to the Corps)... "Take courage then, seize the fortune that awaits you, repair to the Marine Rendezvous where, in a flowing bowl of punch, and three times three, you shall drink, "Long Live the United States, and success to the Marines".

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1830 MESS PRESIDENT AND ESCORTS ARRIVE IN HAWKINS ROOM.

1845 REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY ARRIVES.

COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE BASIC SCHOOL ARRIVES. Colonel Haffey is met at his car by the Mess President. Upon his signal the bar opens.

1900 GUEST OF HONOR ARRIVES. He is met by Colonel Haffey and the Vice President, who escort him into the entrance to meet Major Champlin and the Mess President.

1920 CHIMES SOUNDED

1930 CALL TO DINNER. The Drum and Bugle Corps plays Officers' Call, followed by drum rolls. When the Call to dinner is sounded, the company and guests move to the Hanson Room immediately. Officers to be seated at the head table wait in the Hawkins Lounge until the signal is given that everyone is in position, at which time they will move into the Hanson Room. All remain standing until grace is said.

DINNER IS SERVED.

AFTER-DINNER CIGARS AND PORT ARE SERVED.

TOAST. The Mess President stands, raps for silence and proposes a toast. Everyone stands and the designated toast is made. A toast is made to the United States Services represented.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.

- TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT. The Mess President proposes a toast "to the President of the United States of America."
- REMARKS BY THE GUEST OF HONOR. All stand and applaud when the Guest of Honor is introduced, and again at the conclusion of his remarks.
- TOASTS. The Company Commander and Vice President render toasts.
- THE BASIC SCHOOL MILITARY CHORUS SINGS. The last selection is the Marine's Hymn. The Company is invited to sing the last stanza.
- TOAST TO THE MARINE CORPS. Immediately following the Marines' Hymn, the Mess President proposes a toast "to the United States Marine Corps." All glasses are drained with this toast.



Duty, Honor, Country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you want to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur 12 May 1962



Colonel E. H. Haffey

Commanding Officer

Commissioned in the United States Marine Corps in December, 1942, Colonel Haffey had previously attended George Washington University. He saw action in the Atlantic and Pacific Naval Campaigns during World War II. He also served in Korea in 1951 and Vietnam in 1966.

THE BASIC SCHOOL

Colonel B. F. Meyers

Executive Officer

Colonel Meyers was commissioned in August, 1944 through the PLC Program. He has seen action in Korea and Vietnam. His current assignment began in August of 1968.



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Major Jimmy C. Champlin

Commanding Officer

A graduate of the University of Arkansas, Major Champlin received his commission in 1957. His career has included duties as a G.C.A. Officer, Rifle Company Commander and Executive Officer of Service Battalion, M.C.B. Quantico. In Vietnam he served with the 2nd Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. Since joining the T.B.S. staff in August, 1967, Major Champlin has been the commander of 3 student companies.



Captain Phillip N. Hendrix Executive Officer

Captain Hendrix attended Auburn University and the University of Florida. He has served as a Rifle Platoon and Company Commander, and as 1st Marines Liaison Officer to CG Ground Forces Headquarters, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the Cuban crisis. He has also seen duty at Marine Barracks, 8th and I and as Security Officer, Fort Meade, Md. During his tour in Vietnam, he served as a company commander and as B. L.T. Logistics Officer, 1st Bn., 3rd. Marines.



Captain Eugene I. Nervo 1st Platoon Commander

Captain Nervo graduated from the University of Georgia and received his commission in 1963. He has served as Motor Transport Officer, 2nd Recon Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, as an instructor at the Motor Transport School, Camp Pendleton, as a Truck Company Commanding Officer and Assistant Division Motor Transport Officer, 1st Marine Division. He has also served as Commanding Officer, Motor Transport Company, T.B.S.

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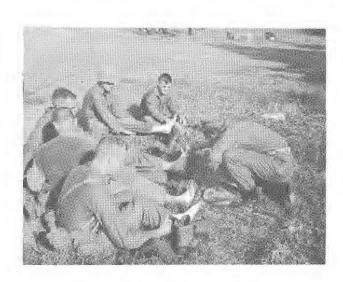
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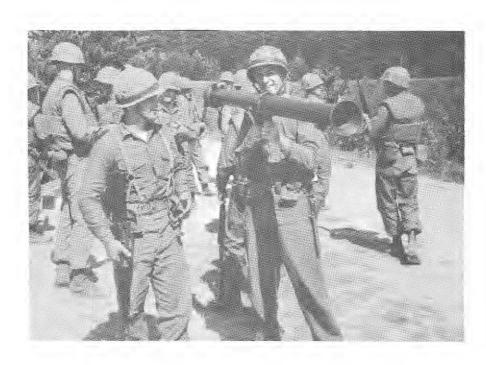
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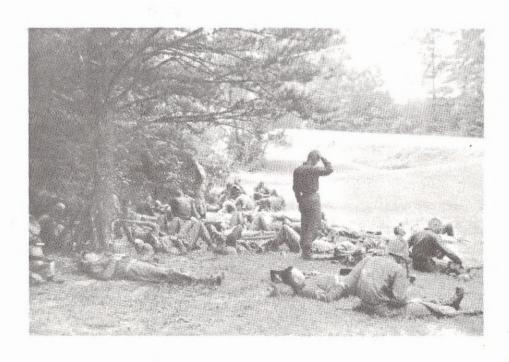
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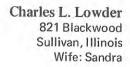
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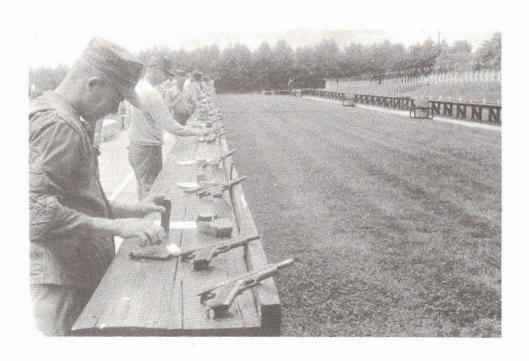
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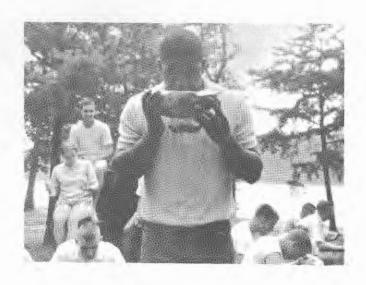
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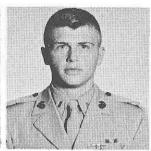




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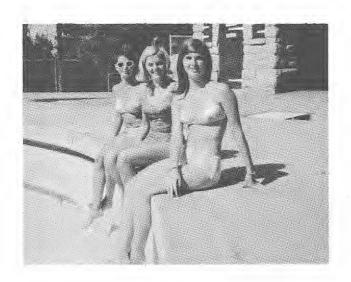


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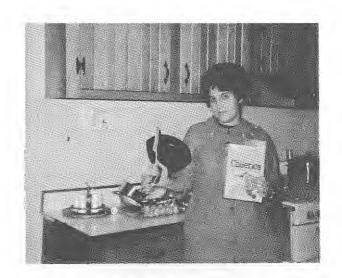


LEARNING HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE



ENJOYING THE SUN AT THE OFFICERS CLUB POOL





MAKING 4:30 A.M. BREAKFASTS

AND-

3:00 A.M. SNACKS

