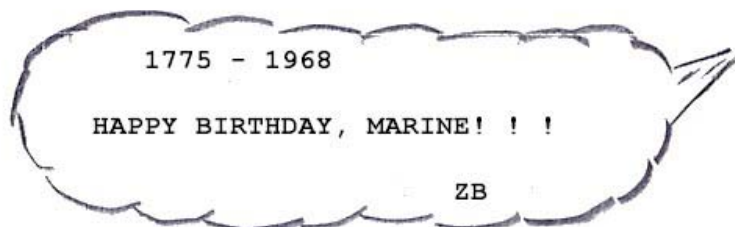


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NAVY MARS - - IF YOU HAVE DECIDED THAT THE BEST THING YOU COULD DO TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR STATION WOULD BE TO JOIN NAVY MARS; FINE... BUT, IF YOU CANNOT REQUEST MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE YOU LACK THE NECESSARY APPLICATION FORMS, YOU ARE INDEED IN LUCK... WE JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE A GOODLY SUPPLY OF DD FORM 630 ON HAND AND WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO SUPPLY WHATEVER NUMBER YOU NEED TO JOIN THE CROWD... LET US KNOW HOW MANY ARE REQUIRED AND THEY WILL BE FORTHCOMING BY RETURN MAIL... YOU CALL , WE HAUL, ETC...

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW????

HAD A NOTE FROM JOE. WA4UPG. SEZ HE' IS NOW AT NAS, MEMPHIS, WITH MARTD. ALSO AT THE SAME LOCATION ARE, BILL, K4ZBG; AND BOB, WA6OUU. WONDER IF ANY OF THEM EVER GET ON THE AIR NICE HEARING FROM YOU, JOE, NOW GET THE OTHER TWO TO DROP A LINE...

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LETTERS - - LET US KNOW OF ANY LETTERS OF APPRECIATION. NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE WRITE-UPS, ETC., INVOLVING YOUR STATION OPERATIONS. WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT SAME HERE IN ZB.

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W4NTR HAS RECEIVED, RECENTLY, LETTERS FROM: (1) OKLAHOMA STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DIVISION (2) ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR (3) ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL. PAN AMERICAN UNION (4) U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY BROADCASTING SERVICE (5) U. S. AMBASSADOR, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THESE LETTERS PERTAINED PRIMARILY TO THE STATION ACTIVITIES DURING THE DIFFICULTIES IN SANTO DOMINGO. THE SEPTEMBER QST MADE BRIEF MENTION OF THESE OPERATIONS.

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MISSING STATIONS

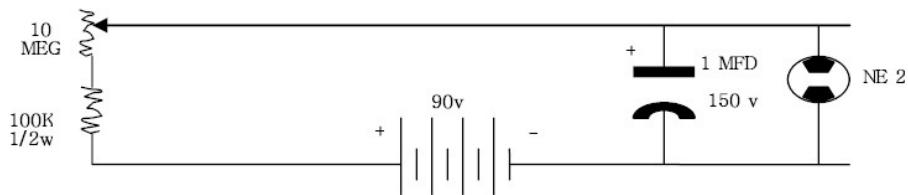
WE'VE BEEN MAKING NOISES IN THE PAST CONCERNING USMC STATIONS THAT DO NOT SEEM TO BE ACTIVE EITHER IN MARS OR AMATEUR RADIO. IN MOST CASES, WE'RE FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THESE STATIONS ARE STILL LICENSED AND EQUIPPED, BUT USUALLY ARE OFF THE AIR DUE TO THE LACK OF AVAILABLE OPERATORS. WE ARE ALL HOPING THAT MAYBE SOMEONE LOCATED NEAR THE ABSENT STATIONS WILL MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO GET THEM ON THE AIR, WE HAVE A DEFINITE NEED FOR AS MANY ACTIVE STATIONS AS WE CAN GET. FURTHER, VALUABLE EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT BE LEFT IDLE TO DETERIORATE WHEN IT COULD BE DOING THE BASE A LOT OF GOOD TOWARD FURTHERING THE WELFARE AND MORALE OF THE TROOPS AND PROVIDING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EXCELLENT PUBLIC RELATIONS.

FOR EXAMPLE... W6YDK, SAN DIEGO, HAS A CONTINUING PROGRAM OF PROVIDING NEWLY JOINED RECRUITS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY OF NOTIFYING THEIR PARENTS OF THEIR SAFE ARRIVAL AT BOOT CAMP. THEY USE A STANDARD TEXT. WHICH SIMPLIFIES THE PROPER HANDLING OF SEVERAL THOUSAND MESSAGES PER MONTH. THIS SERVICE MAKES THE MCRD STATION EXTREMELY VALUABLE, BOTH TO TROOP MORALE. AND TO THE PARENTS WHOSE SON IS AWAY FROM HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME.

PARRIS ISLAND IS EQUIPPED WITH THE FACILITIES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A SERVICE IDENTICAL TO SAN DIEGO. LICENSED AS W4HBC, IT IS LOCATED AT THE OLD DEPOT DOCKS. IT CAN PUT OUT A TREMENDOUS SIGNAL WITH A KWS-1 AND A FIVE ELEMENT BEAM UP SEVENTY FEET. HOWEVER, OUR PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE "NO OPERATOR"..... THE ONLY SOLUTION WE HAVE, AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE. IS TO LOCATE A MARINE AT THE ISLAND WHO IS LICENSED AND IS WILLING TO PUT THE STATION ON THE AIR ON HIS OWN TIME. ANYONE WITH ANY INFORMATION ON HOW TO PROVIDE SUCH AN OPERATOR PLEASE LET US KNOW.

GADGET DEPARTMENT - - COURTESY OF GUS, WA4FCS - -

IF YOU'RE ONE OF THEM WHAT LIKES TO ADD MYSTERIOUS LITTLE DO-DADS TO YOUR SHACK TO CONFUSE AND/OR IMPRESS THE VISITORS. TRY THE FOLLOWING ITEM FOR A REAL WING-DINGER. GUARANTEED TO PROVIDE A FRANTICALLY FLASHING LIGHT OF A THOUSAND USES.



R/C CIRCUIT

ADJUST THE POT UNTIL DESIRED FLASHING TAKES PLACE; 3 TO 6 PER SECOND. NICE CIRCUIT FOR INDICATOR LIGHTS. . . . - -

O. K. , GUS, BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE.

HEY OUT THERE... IF YOU'VE GOT SOME GIMMICKS IN MIND THAT MIGHT BE OF SOME INTEREST TO THE GROUP, SEND THEM IN AND WE'LL RUN THEM IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF ZERO BEAT. MATTER OF FACT, ANYTHING WE CAN USE TO FILL THE BLANK SPACES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. . . .

WE'RE ALWAYS GLAD TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS ON ZB; GOOD, BAD, OR OTHERWISE. WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE READERS.

TRAFFIC - TRAFFIC...Below are the listings of total traffic for 1965, through the month of OCTOBER, For the uninitiated, QTC indicates written messages; PP is for phone patches,, spell that correctly --UNINITIATED !!

STATION	LOCATION	QTC	PP	TOTAL	
W6IAB	Camp Pendleton, Calif.	35969	6285	42254	
W6YDK	Sam Di ego, Calif	30113	1689	31802	
W4LEV	Camp Lejeune, N. C	21634	5567	27201	
KH6BGS	Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.	11067	7667	19274	
K6MCA	29 Palms, Calif...	9724	1181	10905	
W6ZJB	Barstow, Calif....	5868	1657	7525	
KR6GF	Suki ran, Oki....	4473	2977	7540	
KR6DI	McTureous, Oki....	2963	3606	6569	
KR6MD	Hauge, Oki.....	2690	2608	5298	
KR6MH	Hansen, Oki.....	1660	2863	4523	
KH6AJF	Camp Smith, Hawaii.	2646	1617	4263	
KR6MB	Schwab, Oki.....	1065	3104	4169	
W4NTR	Arlington, Va....	3320	828	4148	
KG4AM	Guantanamo Bay...	663	3252	3915	
KP4AZJ	Vieques, P. R....	2299	1567	3866	
W4PFC	Quantico, Va....	3547	224	3771	
KR6FQ	Futenma, Oki....	1105	1489	2594	
K4MCL	Albany, Ga.....	1302	35	1337	
W4BHU	Beaufort, S. C...	123	48	171	
WA7AAJ	Yuma, AZ	0	0	0	
K4BUJ	Cherry Point, N. C.	0	0	0	
KR6CP	Courtney, Oki. . . .	0	0	0	
W6FCS	El Toro, Calif....	0	0	0	
W4HBC	Parri s Island, S. C..	0	0	0	
		1965	142771	48264	191035

Tremendous traffic count for the year, and we still have two months and a couple of holidays to go.....

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Oki phone patches included 117 completed for Marine patients at Kue Army Hospital. I'm sure they were greatly appreciated by all concerned. Keep it up, group.

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CONGRATS are in order for W6ZJB.... Received a Letter of Appreciation from a Patterson, New Jersey, newspaper; The CALL: for handling traffic from personnel in the Far East to their families in northern Jersey. Ten families in all.....

Also an ARRL Public Service Award for their assistance during and after the Seattle earth-quake difficulties.....Real worth-while operations, John. Go, go, go....

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USMC stations please NOTE: W4NTR, and any others interested, will monitor and/or operate daily on 21430kc commencing at 1730Z. Come on in and join the crowd.

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Pass the word to the troops concerning the availability of FREE QTC service for the holiday season. Stress the use of standard texts for brevity and speed. Make the offer, then follow through.

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Need equipment? Make a point of checking the HQMC Newsletter Excess Listings each month. Maybe someone, somewhere, has an item that you can use to improve the facilities of your station. Of course, it's for MC stations only. If it's your house you want to furnish, I'm afraid that comes out of your pocket.....

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ROSES - ROSES - ROSES ! ! !

KR6MH - BEN SENDS THE FOLLOWING FINE BIT OF INFORMATION FOR ZB.
ARRIVED A BIT LATE FOR THE FRONT PAGE, BUT HOWSOMEEVER, HERE TIS.

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A BIG VOTE OF THANKS GOES TO MARGARET (?) WB6MMN , OF CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA.
HER PHONE PATCH FACILITIES HAVE PROVED TO BE A BIG MORALE BOOSTER FOR THE
KR6 TROOPS. SHE RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ONE OF THE MARINE
COMMANDERS FOR HER PART IN PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS TO THE STATES; AND
SPECIFICALLY FOR HER ASSISTANCE TO A STAFF SERGEANT WHO HAD SUFFERED THE
LOSS OF HIS DAUGHTER

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WE HAVE REFERRED TO WB6MMN AS MARGARET, NOT KNOWING THE HANDLE SHE USES ON
THE AIR, BUT REGARDLESS OF WHAT SHE CALLS HERSELF, HER EFFORTS ARE VERY
MUCH APPRECIATED BY MARINES EVERYWHERE. A VERY SPECIAL BOUQUET TO YOU,
MARGARET AND THE BEST OF GOOD WISHES IN YOUR FUTURE OPERATIONS IN THE
PUBLIC SERVICE!

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OF COURSE, WB6MMN IS NOW ON THE MAILING LIST FOR ZERO BEAT, SUCH AS IT IS.
AND IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE ELSE WHO SHOULD ALSO BE ON THE LIST, SEND ALONG
THE NAME, CALL, AND ADDRESS. MAYBE SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, IS INTERESTED IN
WHAT WE'RE DOING. - . . . -

BUD, KA5MC. HE'S REALLY TRYING TO STIR THINGS UP OVER THERE. SEEMS THAT THE
OTHER MARS OUTFITS COULDN'T CARE LESS. HERE'S HOPING SOMETHING POPS SOON
WITH THE NAVY PROGRAM. BUD WILL BE A REAL ASSET TO ALL. STAY WITH IT BUD.

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OPERATOR FILE CARDS ARE COMING IN, BUT MIGHTY SLOW. IF YOURS HAS NOT BEEN
FORWARDED YET, PLEASE DO SO. WE HERE AT ZERO BEAT SEEM TO BE THE ONLY
SOURCE OF INFO ON WHO IS AND WHO AIN'T LICENSED AND OPERATING. YOUR PROMPT
COOPERATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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STILL LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR FUTURE EDITIONS OF ZERO BEAT.
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING OF INTEREST TO ALL, PASS IT ALONG AND WE'LL SEE TO IT
THAT THE WORDS ARE ALL SPELLED CORRECTLY. . . WE'LL TRY ANYTHING: NEWS NOTES,
SCHEDULES, EDITORIALS, CARTOONS, ETC. .

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THAT DO IT FOR ANOTHER MONTH,, SHOULD SEE YOU AGAIN, SAME TIME NEXT

MONTH. BEST OF BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL, AND ENJOY THAT THANKSGIVING

TURKEY. . . .