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TRAFFIC TOTALS for the month of December, all of 1962 and the January report, are being listed in this issue, and since they will cover so much space, we'll have to run them on page two and three.

The little cartoon in the heading is, of course a bit exaggerated but it may help explain so much inactivity during January on the part of W4NTR.

As a matter of general information, we again submit the following reminder to all USMC Amateur Radio Stations.

When operating on the Amateur Radio frequencies we must be extremely careful In accepting traffic for transmission to any point. Strict compliance with both FCC and military regulations must be maintained. This precludes origination of any traffic, QTC or phone patch, that so much as 'resembles' Official Business or any connection with a commercial type enterprise. At one time or another, we have all been involved in something of the sort, even though at the time the traffic appeared to be completely harmless. Some items in the above category would be the purchase or sale of radio equipments and notification of forthcoming transfer orders or housing requests. These are examples, but play it by ear. Many messages are sort of 'borderline - but play it safe; when in doubt - QTA.

ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE, TRAFFIC for December and for the year really look good. Congratulations are in order for all stations and operators. Bear in mind that totals have only been recorded at 4NTR since May, and in many cases, reports were not submitted by some stations. But, the figures we have are an indication that someone has sure been on the job. Good luck in 1963.

STATI ON	DEC QTC	62 QTC	DEC PP	62 PP	DEC TOTAL	62 TOTALS
W6I AB	7405	32184	466	5624	7871	37808
KH6GF	2365	14549	432	5226	2797	19775
W6YDK	2439	14458	690	1427	3129	15885
W4PFC	4312	10755	14	180	4326	10935
KH6BGS	845	4754	522	4180	1367	8914
KR6MD	438	3898	346	4513	784	8411
KH6AJF		6803		327		7130
KR6MH	211	3133	161	2772	372	5905
KR6MB	779	2013	491	3724	1270	5737
W4LEV	190	3976	77	989	267	4965
KR6DI	160	1625	265	3272	425	4897
W4NTR	772	3655	44	398	816	4053
K6MCA	505	3003	32	533	537	3536
K4MCL	828	3065	3	239	831	3304
WA4FHK/KP4	82	730	120	2570	202	3300
KR6MA		993		1137		2130
K4BUJ	322	1074	88	519	410	1593
W5FCS		124		486		610
KG4AM		23		420		443
KR6CP		401				401
W4PKS		<u>109</u>		<u>27</u>		<u>136</u>
	21653	111325	3751	38543	24632	149868

So, there you are. With reports from 21 of 29 stations, the eight months of 1962 that were recorded gives you a pretty dog-gone busy year. Thanks to the efforts of all concerned. Keep your reports coming in during '63, and we'll try to keep up-to-date on the traffic situation so there will be a more complete tab at the end of the year. Would appreciate receiving your traffic totals prior to the 10th of the month following the reported month.

4PFC is now without the 'guiding hand' of Joe. He's attending school over in San Diego. Good luck, Joe. Hope to have you back soon.

 $6I\,AB$ reminds us that Bob, WA4HKO, ex-op at KH6AJF is now punching the knobs and dials with the gang at Pendleton. Welcome aboard again, Bob.

TRAFFIC REPORTS for the month of January 1963. Still need some more totals from several stations to fill in the blanks, but if you didn't make it into this issue, your listing will walk into next month.

STATI ON	QTC	PP	TOTAL	STATI ON	QTC	PP	TOTAL
W6I AB	3433	485	3918	KG4AM	7	24	31
W4PFC	2273	25	2298	W4LEV			
W4YDK	2214	0	2214	WA4FHK/KP4			
KR6GF	868	425	1293	W6FCS			
KG6AJF	1009	58	1067	KR6CP			
KR6MB	402	457	859	W6ZJB			
KR6MD	409	370	779	W4PKS			
K4BUJ	307	280	587	W4BHU			
K4MCL	522	3	525	W4HBC			
KH6BGS	206	264	470	K4MC			
KR6DI	108	279	387	W4PKL			
K6MCA	227	53	280	W4PKP			
W4NTR	244	4	248	W4PKW			
KR6MH	58	135	203	W4TGW			
			JAN	UARY TOTALS	12297	2862	15159

Bob. 6IAB reports that station is going VHF in March. Wonder if they have that Collins 62S-1? Anyhoo, April will see a new forty meter beam going up for 'local work. Who's rich uncle died. Bob?

Peeps from 6YDK, with Ralph at the mill. Now have Ralph, K4WKJ and Dick, WA6DZM harassing the D104. And it seems they are another to be moving to new quarters. Just so it isn't in the San Diego Bay... Keep us posted Ralph.

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DON'T FORGET to route a copy of ZERO BEAT to your unit Special Services Officer. Just in case you're not already reporting your station activities monthly, this will help.

Word received from Norfolk is that apparently K4MC has been disbanded, de-activated, etc. Seems to be the case also with W4HBC at Parris Island No indication of what happened to the equipment.

Again a reminder. Need material to fill in the gaps in ZERO BEAT. Would appreciate receiving anything of interest on activities, equipment changed recently, etc., and further info on NAVY MARS calls assigned, plus any MARS activities.

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