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And we're "back at the mill to give the BEAT another go. Hoping that we'll be of some assistance to you in your operations, both as individual station and stations operated under the auspices of Special Services. First, a word of apology for leaving everything high and dry without advance notice. You may recall that BOSO took a little vacation in the Caribbean area in July, 1963. Upon returning; a new assignment was waiting, so ZERO BEAT had to go out of business for a while. Now, we hope to come-back stronger than ever and see if we can't stir a little life up on the airwaves. Many thanks for your response in the past, and keep nudging us in the future.

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One of the items mentioned in our recent letter of inquiry was an operator 'index'. We're reproducing a sample information card for you here, and we would appreciate receiving similar cards from any and all Marines who now possess Amateur Radio Licenses, regardless of class.

BOSO Kinsman G. 1stSgt	567405/9999
H&SCo, HqBn, HQMC, Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va	
H&SCo First Sergeant	LTD 27Jan62
K4PYV Cond 25Feb65	MARS NOSZS
Operates:	
W4NTR - NOASM	

and additional information may be added later as required. Simple?

A few scattered traffic reports have arrived, so things aren't as dead as they appeared.

STATION	QTC	PP	TOTAL	STATION	QTC	PP	TOTAL
JANUARY				MARCH			
W6IAB	6269	499	6768	W6IAB	8232	725	8957
KH6AJF	786	98	884	KH6AJF	723	291	1014
W6FCS	3	365	368	W4PFC	347	3	350
K6MCA	154	0	154	W4NTR	211	28	239
K4MCL	45	5	50	K4MCL	26	11	37
Totals:	7257	967	8224	Totals:	9539	1058	10597

FEBRUARY	1964:	21754	2793	24547
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W6IAB	4184	384	4568
KH6AJF	746	161	907
W6FCS	2	214	216
K4MCL	26	9	35
Totals:	4958	768	5726

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W4BHU - Bill, WA4MUR, now located at MCAS, Beaufort, tells us BHU is about to move into a new location on the Base. Bill is currently keeping skeds with Gus, WA4FCS operating from 4NTR

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W6YDK - Rich, WA6DZM and NCOinC at 6YDK has promised some pics of the new station now located in Building #340 at MCRD, San Diego. They're active on SSB and AM Nets, plus 6 and 2 meters, with Collins equipment

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Speaking of pictures of stations we think we may have a LEATHERNECK article in the mill, and have been requested to obtain as many good pictures as possible of all stations. Like with ops at work, rig layouts, etc. Be sure to include a credit line for the photographer so proper credit may be listed. A writer and photographer have already visited 4NTR. Send all pics and identifying info to ZERO BEAT.

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4NTR - We're installing Message Deposit Boxes in the local Marine Corps Exchange. A box, plus a supply of blank message forms with instructions for their use, is offered as a convenience to local personnel to send a QTC without having to visit the station. Might be a useful idea for some of your stations. Good for business and all that, ya know.

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Another hint that may be of value: Standard arrival texts, similar to those used at 6YDK, to be sent by personnel newly arrived on station. Helps with the home ties, public relations, etc.. We're very anxious to get this system in operation at MCRD, Parris Island, too. Making these services available to newly arrived Recruits would make for a lot of happy parents when they receive word of their son's safe arrival. Much faster than to 'write at the first opportunity'. Again, it's good public relations.

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OPERATING TIPS

In this space, we intend to begin an article, possibly with a 'guest' writer each month. If you've got an idea or suggestion concerning our on-the-air manners, activities, equipment modifications, or just plain gum-beating, send it along to ZERO BEAT for inclusion in a future edition.

EXAMPLE?

W4NTR - FCC Regulations require complete identification of stations involved whenever contacts are initially made and completed, plus each ten minutes if the contact is lengthy. So; make a complete identification, and do it correctly. "KH6BGS, this is W4NTR". Brevity is nice, but don't get in such a hurry that the result comes out as, "BGS, 4NTR". Just ain't legal. Ref: FCC Rules and Regulations, Part 12, Seco 12.82.

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So we're back in business. Depending of course, on how well ZERO BEAT is received, we'll stay with it. Just trying to help, and as previously mentioned, to 'add a little class to the jernt'. Hope we can be of service, even with the necessary limitations, to all concerned with the Amateur Radio Service within the Marine Corps.

Good Luck and 73

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