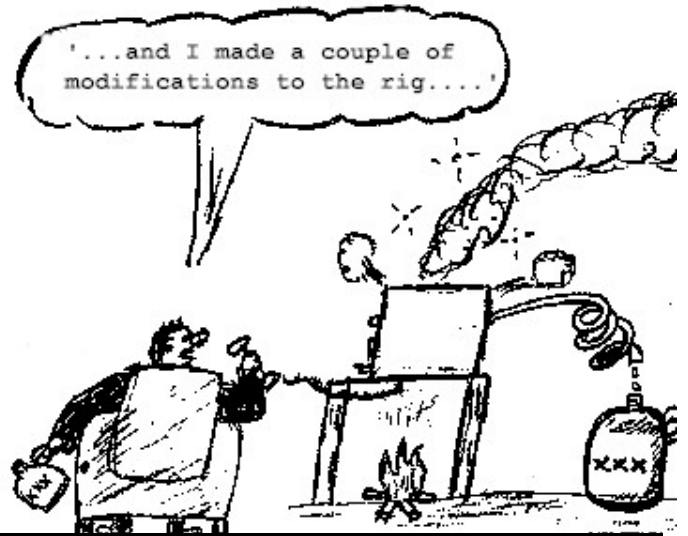


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RECOMMENDED READING:

Just printed and ready for distribution; OPNAV INSTRUCTION 2070.3A on Navy Military Affiliate Radio System. It's dated 12 June 1964, and contains plenty of good scoop on the MARS program. Get interested and read it.

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Also on distribution from CNO is a letter on Shipboard Amateur Radio Operations, and it contains a current listing of Navy authorized maritime mobiles. That's pretty handy to have around the shack, but even more interesting is the info in enclosure (1) thereto. For instance, an item we have been pushing for several months in ZB, Courtesy on the Air. This paragraph mentions in part, our public image created as a result of amateur radio operations. "In this regard, it is strongly suggested that the practice of requesting 'A clear channel for military phone patch' be discontinued. This phrase implies a military priority on the amateur bands which certainly is not the case."

Need we say, 'A word to the wise.....?'

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Ye Olde Editor just returned after an all-too-short leave to the Sunshine State of Florida. Really had a ball, and enjoyed meetings with some of the 20 meter gang down that way. Visited Phil, K4CRU and his better half Mildred in Hollywood. Phil is one of the hard-working mainstays of the Intercontinental Amateur Traffic Net on 14330 daily, and does an enormous job on handling traffic for the military personnel outside the CONOS. Listen for his big signal and say 'howdy'.

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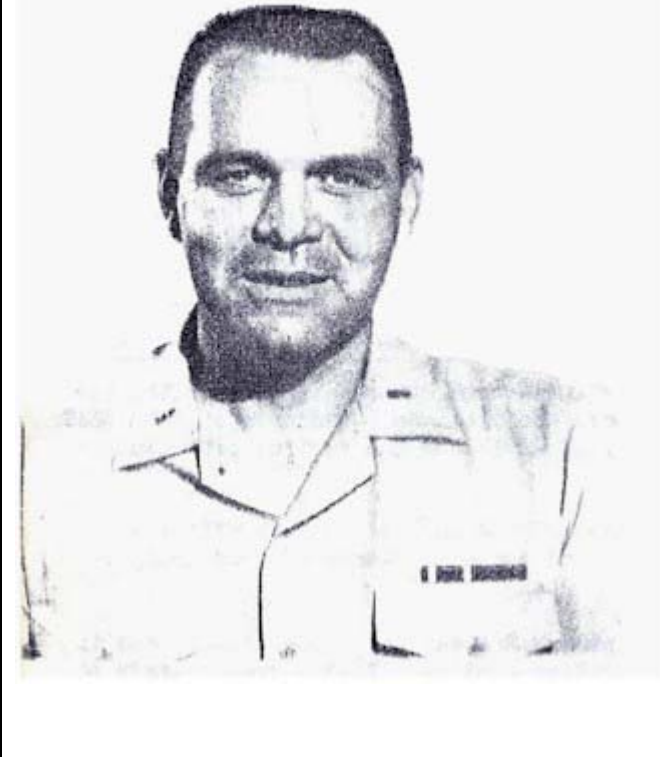
On the subject of Navy MARS again, surely you can find a way to come up with about an hour of your time one night a week to check in on the local Net. Give it a try and be in on the ground floor. This is building up to a tremendous program and we should all take advantage of it. Sure helps in increasing your proficiency, and that's why we're here. ain't it?

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Did I tell you about the gal out on Miami Beach that was trying o'fet her new 'topless' bathing suit?

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CWO A. J. (Gus) Ponstingel
WA4FCS



WHO'S WHO - With picture and all, our July 'personality' turns out to be Gus, WA4FCS. In response to our request for a little info for this month's ZERO BEAT, Gus came up with a brief outline of his life as an amateur radio op, among other things. And here 'tis, almost untouched by human hands, as submitted.

Became interested in the HAM business while at Camp Lejeune in 1960. Started with the J' Ville Civil Defense CW Classes. Received Novice ticket, January '62; and Conditional, January, '63.

Two rigs at the home QTH in Woodbridge, Virginia, are the Johnson Challenger and an Eldico TR1-TV, both on CW and AM.

Interested primarily in traffic work. Am past Manager of the Virginia Fone Net and still act as Net Control each Monday. Work many east coast traffic nets from home, and operate from W4NTR as time allows. Member of, and active in, Navy MARS as NORZT.

Instruct a CW Class at Fort Belvoir Amateur Radio Club, and assist in teaching theory for the same group.

Like to build and trouble-shoot circuits. , Not so good at it, but will keep trying Working only AM and CW at present, but am collecting parts for a 75 meter SSB exciter.

{Ed. note: Gus calls it Scientific Set-Back} Have a nice area to operate from the basement and expect the XYL to put my sack in the shack - Hi.

Thanks to the Gunner for the real FB write-up. Actually, he's a real whiz on this radio bit, and a genuine spark plug for the activities here at W4NTR. Oh, by the way, in his 'spare' time, he's also the Post Motor Transport Officer here at Henderson Hall.

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Would appreciate knowing whether or not we're sending sufficient copies of ZERO BEAT to those of you already on the mailing list. Should be getting one for the CO, Special Services Officer, and one for the station to use for a scratch pad.

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We may all make, our way into print real soon, now. Got the word that the tentative publication of our LEATHERNECK article is set for October issue. They have all pictures and info that was submitted recently, and SSgt Stibbens is working away. Incidentally, I understand he may visit KH6AJF around the 4th of August, and possibly KA5MC a little later on. Roll out the red carpet, gang.

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Received word from Dick, WA4MLV, that K4BUJ is temporarily QRT. Maybe that's why we don't copy them so good on 75. But we sure hope to have them back on the air real soon, cause we need the help from the big Cherry Point signal. Thanks for the word, Dick, and come on in and join the crowd.

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Want to save a few sheckles on a linear amplifier, Take a look at the new Heathkit SB-200 in the latest info bulletin from Benton Harbor. Appears to be just what the doctor ordered for us poor folks operating barefoot.

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TRAFFIC TOTALS - Still have not received June traffic totals from several stations, including the Okinawa group, so we'll have to include those among the late listings in the August issue. Would like to have all reports in, regardless of the amount of traffic handled, by the 10th of each month. We try (?) to have ZERO BEAT made up, run off, and in the mail by the 15th. Every QIC and Phone Patch handled counts, so send them along.

ADDITION (LATE)			
MAY			
<u>STATION</u>	<u>QTC</u>	<u>PP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
W6YDK	1957	50	2007
W6ZJB	<u>10</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>332</u>
Totals:	8006	3576	11582

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JUNE							
W6IAB	4116	867	4893	W4FCS	8	342	350
W6YDK	3543	0	3543	W4NTR	24	202	226
KH6AJF	766	242	1008	W6ZJB	6	144	150
W4LEV	230	325	555	K4MCL	<u>63</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>131</u>
W4PFC	436	80	516	Totals:	9192	2270	11462
<u>1964:</u>	<u>46795</u>	<u>12230</u>	<u>59025</u>				

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Real good traffic for the month of June, considering, too, that we have no listings from KR6-land. Keep punching, group, and we'll all get where we're going, er sumpin'.

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Promised the gentleman from LEATHERNECK that everyone was going to run out and buy the October issue, so don't let them down... Anyway, when the article appears, jot down any comments you may have and send them in to the LEATHERNECK office, pronto. Gotta show our appreciation.

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Pretty short on words this month, but hope to have some more genuine scoop on the Navy MARS program for next issue. Believe me, folks, we're working on it. If you are not already signed up with the MARS, might I suggest you seriously consider doing so in the very, very near future. It will benefit all concerned.

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Got a small, clear snapshot of yourself? Send it along with a few personal notes on yourself and we'll be most happy to use same for a future item in the WHO'S WHO.....

Keep your finals dry and we'll see you next month.

73

BOSO K4PIV
 GUS WA4FCS
 JIM K6KPI/WA4ROZ

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