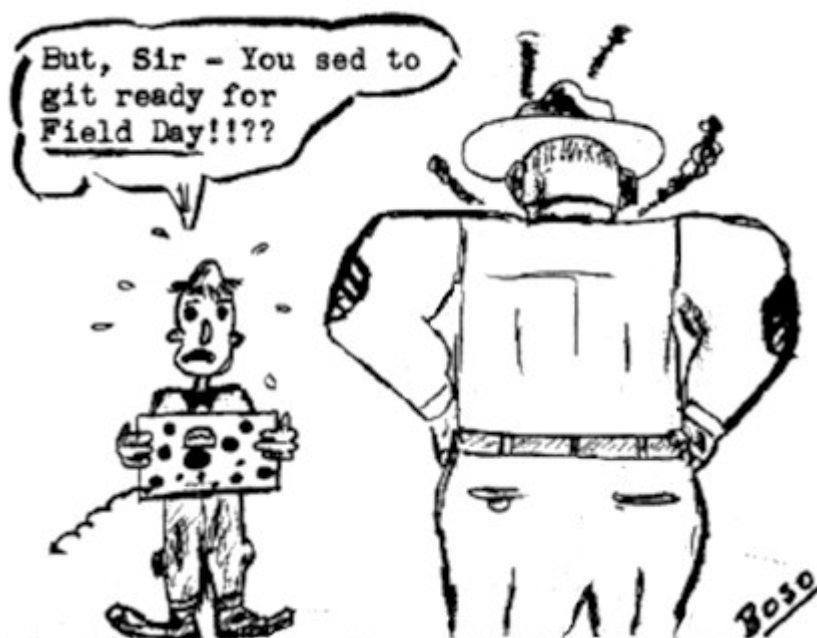


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LEATHERNECK – Just received word that our Amateur write-up for the LEATHERNECK Magazine is definitely scheduled to be printed in the October, 1964 issue. So everyone run quick and get in line for your copy. Better still, subscribe and get 12 issues. (No, I'm not on their payroll, just think it's a good Marine Magazine.)

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We have a few DD Form 630 on hand for those who desire to apply for Navy MARS membership. Requires submission in triplicate. And don't forget, **MEMBERSHIP IN MORE THAN ONE SERVICE MARS PROGRAM IS PROHIBITED.**

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We probably sound like we are really on the 'soap-box' for this Navy MARS business. But we really believe in the program, and would like to see all our MC recreation type stations become members. This can be the best thing that's come along since salt and pepper, and the organization and facilities can be used to a very good advantage by all stations now established and those to come in the future. It's a wise man, indeed, that joins now and participates to the fullest extent.

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We here at W4NTR/N0ASM, are working at the whys and wherefores involved in helping our many stations in any way possible. We need the assistance and backing of all licensed Amateurs in the Corps in order to accomplish anything. Would appreciate your help when we send out requests for information concerning your stations. Response has been fair, so far, but more is needed. Particularly, the Operator Index cards requested in the April, 1964, issue. If yours is not in the file, take a minute to fill one out and ship it along to W4NTR.

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W6ZJB – Ed, K3DRQ, made a suggestion for an item in ZB. A cartoon of sorts, depicting humorous happenings in the life of a HAM. Been working on this very thing already, Ed, but I can't even draw a straight line so don't know how it will turn out. Oh, well, send in your items or ideas and we'll try anything once – or twice. EDNA?

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SPARKY GAP



"This kit's a cinch..."



"Now fer the smoke test!"



".....sure did....."

TRAFFIC: Fourteen stations reporting for the month of July, resulting in a pretty good traffic count. A couple of stations, conspicuous by their absence; KP4AZJ, KG4AM, W6FCS, K6MCA and KH6BGS. Anyway, would appreciate hearing from them, so we can add them to the month's totals. Listings arriving after we "go to press" (yuk) will be carried next month.

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Late Report: June

STATION	QTC	PP	TOTAL
KP4AZJ	24	202	226
Totals:	9216	2472	11688

JULY			
W6IAB	4608	805	5413
W6YDK	4902	60	4962
KR6GF	1485	338	1823
KH6AJF	717	311	1028
W4LEV	307	651	958
KR6MD	643	206	849
W4PFC	577	49	626
KR6MB	58	337	395
KR6MH	113	204	317
KR6CP	63	124	187
W4NTR	117	57	174
KR6DI	4	134	138
K4MCL	120	0	120
W6ZJB	0	93	93
Totals:	13714	3369	17083
1964	60533	15801	76334

All this traffic handled, even with the usual break-downs and other minor items. Like f'r instance, KR6DI lost his tower and beam to some high winds late in July. W6ZJB and his Collins power supply went their separate ways, and again W4NTR is deep within the 'innards' of the KWS-1.

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Should be hearing from W4BHU a little more frequently from here on. They're stirring up some activity in that neighborhood. We'll really be rolling if we can get 'em in with us, along with W4HBC and K4BUJ.

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W4NTR has on order, one SB-200 linear from the heath folks. Hope to have it aboard by mid-September. We'll give you a run-down on the assembly and test results as soon as it's available.

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Sparky Gap???? Oh, come now.....New subject... Has everyone seen W6YDK's 'special' QSL card? It's a real dandy. Color Guard, in Blues, with a San Diego archway as a background. Full color, natcherly, and really stands out. Anyone else using this idea?

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Already receiving questionnaires in the return mail. Appreciate your help. This one sheet will cover a multitude of information that we are trying to acquire. If you didn't receive one for your MARS/Military Recreational Station, let us know. Busy, busy, busy..

1stSgt K. G. Boso
K4PYV



WHO'S WHO - Here's a pic that will probably wind up on the Post Office wall. But, stand easy, there's only a \$1.98 reward. This here is ye olde editor for ZERO BEAT. The picture was available, and the story isn't much, but here tis.

First got the bug for the HAM business down at Parris Island's W4HBC in 1959. Somehow, I stumbled through the Novice test for the call, KN4PYV, and in February, 1960, made all the right mistakes and wound up with the 'N' missing. So I graduated into the AM field and operated with a variety of gear, mostly Heathkits. Moved to Cherry Point in mid-1960, and was active with the local station's Hurricane Net, with K4BUJ as control. Most of the Net operation was covered with a bit of a mobile mounted in a TR-3 sports car. Managed to get my feet wet a couple of times. In January, 1962, took over as CHOP of W4NTR, got a taste of side-band, and have been with it ever since. A couple of months at NTR proved that a newsletter might be helpful for the USMC amateurs, so ZERO BEAT came to life in May, 1962. My primary concern in amateur radio now, is to assist in any

way possible, the USMC-type amateurs, and the various military recreation stations that have been, and will be established. Particularly along the line of Navy MARS association. Although I left W4NTR in August, 1963, I still try to keep my hand in with ZERO BEAT, and whatever operating time will allow. Home station is located in Fairfax, Virginia, and consists of very little. Globe Chief and HQ-100A for CW, and a Heath HW-32 for 20 meter sideband. Presently assigned as a Company First Sergeant at Headquarters Battalion, Henderson Hall.

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Guess we had better give credit where credit is due. The 'new look' for ZB, which means the pictures appearing in these last three issues, was brought about by John Molnar. John is a civilian civil service type now working for HQMC, and photography is but one of his many talents. He can do about anything with a piece of film, but he also dabbles in TV repairs, etc. Really believe John can take apart a TV set and put it back together blindfolded. Although he hasn't said it, we think he is just as interested in our amateur activities as any of us. He's been a lot of help to us here at W4NTR, and we do appreciate it, John. Many thanks.

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Another reminder about the operator index file here. Still need info cards from quite a few of our USMC amateurs. Many of you submitted cards a couple of years ago, but they were all pretty well outdated, so a new file was started. If your name is not in the box, give us a hand and send it in. The more the merrier. This, to my knowledge, is the only record anywhere, of who does and does not have an amateur ticket. And it could prove invaluable at times.

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That's about the size of it from here. Hope our ramblings are proving to be beneficial to someone out there. If we do something right here along the line, that's what we're here for.

73 from BOSO, GUS, and JIM

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