

McKeon Awaits Final Death March Verdict

FARRIS ISLAND, S.C. (AP)—Sgt. Matthew G. McKeon settled down Sunday on the tedious mental treadmill of a man who waits—and waits for the worst while hoping for the best.

It may be months before he learns whether reviewing authorities will uphold Saturday's court-martial sentence for the April 3 death march into Ribbon Creek that cost the lives of six members of Marine Corps Platoon 71. McKeon, a tall, 31-year-old career Marine, was sentenced to a hard conduct discharge, nine months in prison, and reduction in grade to private.

"I sure don't want a BCD," McKeon repeated over and over as he sat in the living room of his tiny, off-base home in nearby Port Royal.

He was convicted Friday night of drinking in duty and negligent homicide. He could have gotten three years and a dishonorable discharge, but neither he nor defense Atty. Emilie Zola Berman expected as severe a sentence as he received.

Training Center
On this 5,000-acre Marine training center, McKeon's conviction and sentence still was a burning point of controversy. Many of McKeon's non-commissioned officer comrades bitterly resented it.

The little white base schoolhouse which was converted into a courtroom was being reconvered to its original status. Gone were the telephones and direct phone lines of the newspapers. Gone also the microphones of radio and the lights for television cameras.

The most controversial court-martial in 100 years of Marine Corps history was at an end. McKeon settled down to a routine.

After mass, the Roman Catholic combat veteran scheduled a day with his family—subject to sudden interruptions. His wife, Betty, 28, expected their third child at any time.

Two Other Children
The McKeons have two other children, Becky, 5, and John, 1. Actually, McKeon's life will not be too different than it has been since the tragedy of Ribbon Creek.

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NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, desires it necessary and expedient and hereby declares its purpose and intention to improve MARGARET STREET from the east line of 21st Avenue to the west line of 22nd Avenue, in the City of Salem, Oregon, by bringing said portion of said street to the established grade, providing drainage, constructing concrete curbs and paving said portion of said street with a 2 1/2 inch asphaltic concrete pavement 24 feet wide, at the expense of the abutting and adjacent property owners, which expense will be assumed by the City of Salem, all in accordance with the plans and specifications thereto which were adopted by the Common Council July 23, 1956, which are now on file in the office of the city engineer.

Owners of property liable for the cost of making such improvement may file a remonstrance against the same with the city recorder at any time within ten days after the final publication of this notice.

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