

Alleged Brutalities At Marine Corps Base Under Investigation

Parris Island, S.C.—(U.P.)—The Marine Corps today began a pre-trial investigation of reported brutality of drill instructors toward "several" recruits at this big training center.

Cap. James Mahoney, public information officer, said the "boots" do not claim they were struck by a "steel bar" as a father who touched off the investigation charged in a letter to Marine officials.

Nelson R. Porter of Hartford, Vt., who said his 18-year-old son wrote of being struck with the bar, left for Parris Island late Wednesday, saying his son pleaded in a letter for him to come "as soon as possible."

Porter said Maj. Gen. H. L.

Litzenburg, commanding officer of the recruit center, admitted in a letter that the son, Pvt. David Lee Porter, had undergone brutal treatment.

No Pipe Used

Mahoney said that some six weeks of checking thus far revealed there had been other cases, but said the recruits "do not allege they were struck by a steel pipe—we have not found out just how they were struck."

Porter quoted one letter from his son dated Dec. 9 which stated:

"I walked into the drill instructor's office yesterday with my hat on. I got hit over the head twice with a steel bar. I would have got hit a third time, but there was already too much blood."

Porter said his son begged him not to try to intervene, saying "they will only make it rougher on me," but he nevertheless wrote to Litzenburg.

Mahoney said there was some delay in tracing the letter so the Marine Corps could reply, because it was unsigned. Porter explained later that he mailed an unsigned copy by mistake.

Recalls McKeon Trial

Mahoney said Lt. Col. Oscar F. Keatross, commanding officer of the First Recruit Training Battalion which included young Porter's platoon late Wednesday ordered an inquiry which will determine whether to call for court martial trials.

The investigation was the second to be conducted at this Marine recruit training center, one of the nation's largest, since a publicized recruit "death march" of less than a year ago.

An investigation of a series of similar incidents late last summer and last fall resulted in disciplining of a number of drill instructors.

The trial of former S/Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon of Worcester, Mass., in connection with the "death march" became the forum of a nationwide controversy over recruit training methods.

Greyhound Drivers Receive Awards at Dinner Meeting

Clifford M. Aldrich received a 16-year safe driving award, and Virgil L. Moon received an eight-year award Tuesday evening at the regular quarterly Pacific Greyhound safety meeting for drivers of the Medford area.

A total of 31 drivers and supervisory personnel attended the meeting, which was held in the Regue room of the Medford hotel.

Driver Virgil L. Moon, member of the safety committee, was in charge of the meeting. He distributed cards to drivers who participated in a safety test at Camp White about two weeks ago.

Accident-Free Miles

It was announced that drivers of division 7 operated 841,000 accident-free miles during the month of November. The average for the year 1956 was 179,000 accident-free miles. Established rate for Pacific Greyhound Lines is 93,644 miles.

Division 7 won the Pacific Greyhound President's trophy for the last quarter of 1956. D. E. Tuckley made sound motion pictures of the awards presentations.

Short talks were given during the meeting by Howard C. Beeler, Medford area superintendent; S. D. Koehler, past regional manager of division 7, who is now retired; J. A. Tomjack, Medford depot agent, and Al Demmel, safety supervisor for division 7.

After the meeting Demmel showed a sound motion picture of U.S. submarine service after Pearl Harbor.

Members of the safety committee elected at the last meeting to serve for 1957 were L. P. Bell, V. L. Moon and L. F. Linton.

Portland Figures Released on Bail

Portland — (U.P.) — James B. Elkins, Portland nightlife figure, and Raymond F. Clark, his employee, posted bail on a federal grand jury indictment and also testified before the Multnomah county grand jury yesterday.

Elkins was freed on \$5,000 bond and Clark on \$3,000 bond in connection with a federal grand jury indictment accusing them of violating the wire tapping law.

The misdemeanor violation carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a \$10,000 fine upon conviction. The indictment contained nine counts.

Elkins and Clark also appeared as witnesses before the county grand jury which is rehearing a case involving District Attorney William Langley and two Seattle men, Thomas E. Maloney and Joseph P. McLaughlin.

The trio was indicted last summer for conspiracy to permit gambling but the indictment recently was thrown out because it did not contain names of all the witnesses. The case was ordered resubmitted to the February grand jury.

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Idaho Residents Flee Snow Slide Threats

Kellogg, Ida.—(U.P.)—About 100 residents of nearby Wardner have left their homes because of the threat of snow slides, law enforcement officers said today.

They took shelter here after two slides thundered into Wardner yesterday and killed Clarence Weaver, 56, critically injured his wife and two others, and demolished or damaged at least six homes.

There also were two slides west of Wallace which cut Highway 10 for a short time, two in Burke canyon north of Wallace, and another on the Montana side of Lookout pass.

Japanese Fishermen Get Unexpected Free Ride

Tokyo.—(U.P.)—About 200 amateur fishermen got an unexpected free ride Wednesday.

The ice on which they were fishing broke loose from shore and carried them into the middle of fog-obscured Hachirogata Lagoon. Police rescued them in boats.

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