



STAFF SGT. BRIGHT

1ST. LT. J. THOMPSON
PFC JEFFERSON

SGT. HUNT

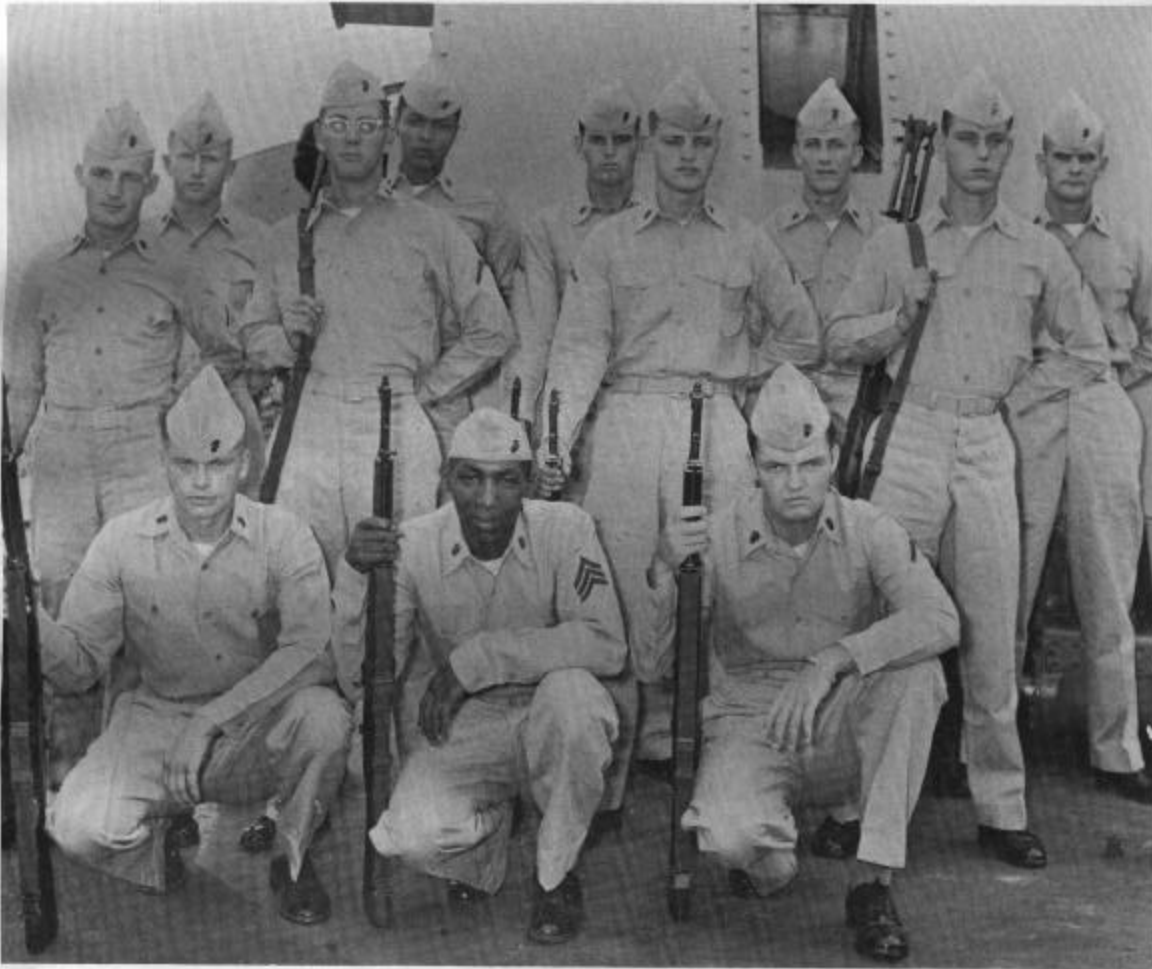
For more than a month during SOLANT AMITY, GEARING was host to a platoon of G Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines. This is a rifle platoon, capable of infantry warfare and trained for reconnaissance and combat patrols, guerrilla warfare, raids, infiltration of enemy lines, and attacks on fortified positions. The platoon is capable of neutralizing a tank with a 3.5 inch rocket launcher and rifle grenades, and various other installations with demolitions. They are also trained to make landings by rubber boat, helicopter, LCM, LCVP, or LVPT and to establish a beach-head once ashore.

The platoon is organized in three squads with three fireteams in each, plus a headquarters section consisting of the platoon commander, platoon sergeant, right guide, a runner, a driver, and two corporals. Its armament includes nine Browning Automatic Rifles; thirty-two M-1 rifles, and three .45 calibre pistols.

During their stay aboard the GEARING, the Marines had little opportunity to perform their

DETACHMENT

FIRST SQUAD



PFC. MCGIBBNEY PFC. BURKE PFC. SCHMIDT PFC. TEKLITS L/CPL. DERSHEM
L/CPL. SAPHERE PFC. PHILLIPS L/CPL. KALESNICK PFC. CURTIS
PVT. KOLLAI SGT. BRANCH PVT. SHEA



normal functions, but they did contribute a great deal to the life of the ship. The Marine Honor Guard was present for inspection during official calls by foreign dignitaries and in short order Marines were to be found standing watches with the Destroyermen in Radio Central, on the Signal Bridge, and at other points about the ship. In addition, individual Marines turned up continually at all watch stations simply to find out how things are done aboard a Destroyer. In return, they were glad to describe to the Navymen their on duties as members of a Marine Platoon.

At work or on liberty, aboard ship and ashore, these men proved to be congenial companions and good shipmates, and they will long be remembered as "The GEARING Marines."



SECOND SQUAD

PFC. CARTER	PFC. MCQUAID	L/CPL. HESTON	PVT. CRAWFORD	L/CPL. BERVADO
PFC. KILIELEWSKI	PFC. DAVIES	PFC. DRIGGINS	PVT. DALEY	
SGT. BAILEY	L/CPL. BRINLEE	L/CPL. PEYTON	L/CPL. MCCARTHY	





THIRD SQUAD

PFC. BUFFARDI	PFC. GUY	PFC. CORSON	PVT. SMITH
PFC. BITSOLI	PFC. FUSCO	PFC. LENONGELLI	PFC. HYNES
CPL. GRECO	L/CPL. FRENTZ	L/CPL. CRETORA	L/CPL. DEBONAVENTURA

