

1stBn, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Korea 1952

(Photo's by Gerald F. Merna)



Jerry's "Gear Box"
TSgt Jerry Merna



MSgt Baker, 1stSgt C Co, 1stBn 5thMarines
on A Co 1stBn5thMar MLR Korea 1952



TSgt Jerry Merna



TSgt Jerry Merna, SSgt Bob Antonacci, Sgt Jim Merna-
All Alumni St. Agnes Convent, Sparkill, NY Korea '52



Sgt. Jim Merna



TSgt Jerry Merna & Sgt. Jim Merna, Korea, 1952



Artillery Fire: Seen From Kansas Line



TSgt Don Lupo, ATA



Army Engineer Command Post on our Reverse Slope





MSgt Shuda, S-2, 1st Bn, 5th Marines



Corpsman "Doc" Valentine
TSgt Jerry Merna



PFC Lou Italiano
and "Doc" Valentine



TSgt Jerry Merna feasting
on Ham & Beans C-Ration



TSgt Jerry Merna & PFC Crespo-Cruz en route to Seoul, Korea, 1952



Blown up building



TSgt Merna (center, top) w-Korean Service Corps workers



TSgt Jerry Merna, ATA Platoon
Weapons Co, 1stBn, 5th Marines, Korea, 1952



26th Replacement Draft 1st five days training after arrival



TSgt Merna on Emergency Evacuation Helicopter, 1952

Headquarters and Service Company
 1st. Battalion, 5th, Marines
 1st, Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force
 o/c FPO. San Francisco, California

1 Sept. 1952

PROVISIONAL PLATOON

Platoon Leader	2ndLt.	F. S. CANNON
Platoon Sergeant	TSgt.	G. F. MERRA
Platoon Runner	Pfc.	E. J. AUEL-DELAU JR.
Radioman	Cpl.	R. G. VER SLUIS
Corpsman	Hn.	T. E. MARTIN

1ST SQUAD

Sqdlr.	SSgt.	CRUMMIE, J.R.
FTL.	Cpl.	ZARTMAN, D.D.
BAR.	Pfc.	BEAN, T.L.
ASTBAR.	Pfc.	DOMICK, K.K.
	Pfc.	PATTERSON, P.A.
FTL.	Sgt.	DE FRANCESCO, A.N.
BAR.	Cpl.	DWYER, E.P.
ASTBAR.	Pfc.	TAYLOR, B. JR.
	Pfc.	CALISTO, J.F.
FTL.	Sgt.	KUNTZ, W.F. JR.
	Pfc.	CULVER, J.H.
	Cpl.	CIERO, D.
	Pfc.	MEIER, L.E.

3RD. SQUAD

Sqdlr.	SSGT.	HOBBS, H.
FTL.	Cpl.	MC KNIGHT, M.L.
BAR.	Pfc.	GREER, J.R.
ASTBAR.	Pfc.	LUCCA, J.J.
	Cpl.	HOPKINS, J.D.
FTL.	Sgt.	BELL, D.A.
BAR.	Cpl.	CLINGER, L.G.
ASTBAR.	Pfc.	LEFORD, E.
	Cpl.	OLSON, F.D.
FTL.	Sgt.	BIANCHI, R.I.
	Cpl.	HENRY, O.C.
	Pfc.	DIXON, A.J.
	Pfc.	JENKINS, H.L.

2ND. SQUAD

Sqdlr.	SSgt.	HONEL, J.L.
FTL.	Sgt.	JOHNSON, C.E.
BAR.	Cpl.	HAGER, J.D.
ASTBAR.	Pfc.	CRESPOCRUZ, A.
	Pfc.	HEPPNER, H.R.
FTL.	Sgt.	DUFFY, G.D.
BAR.	Cpl.	JORDAN, R.L.
ASTBAR.	Pfc.	COBBIN, R.L.
	Pfc.	FRESHNELL, R.V.
FTL.	Sgt.	GARDNER, J.D.
	Cpl.	JACKSON, R.B.
	Pfc.	MC COMAS, E.H.
	Pfc.	COLE, J.

4TH SQUAD

Sqdlr.	SSgt.	CHITTY, J.M.
FTL.	Cpl.	FRANDSEN, L.F.
BAR.	Cpl.	COTIC, M.S.
ASTBAR.	Cpl.	PALMERI, J.C.
	Pfc.	NEVILLE, W.T.
FTL.	Sgt.	VASSIL, G.T.
BAR.	Pfc.	TUMMERS, D.
ASTBAR.	Pfc.	JOHNSTON, A.K.
	Pfc.	BAGONE, M.C.
FTL.	Sgt.	DARR, R.S.
	Cpl.	MURAR, M.J.
	Cpl.	MUES, R.A.
	Pfc.	SNIDER, A.F.

R.F. YOUNG JR.
 COMPANY CONDR.

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PSEPT 1952: Provisional Platoon¹, H&S Co, 1st Bn, 5TH Marines, 1st Marine Division, Korea 2dLt. Frank Cannon
TSgt Jerry Merna



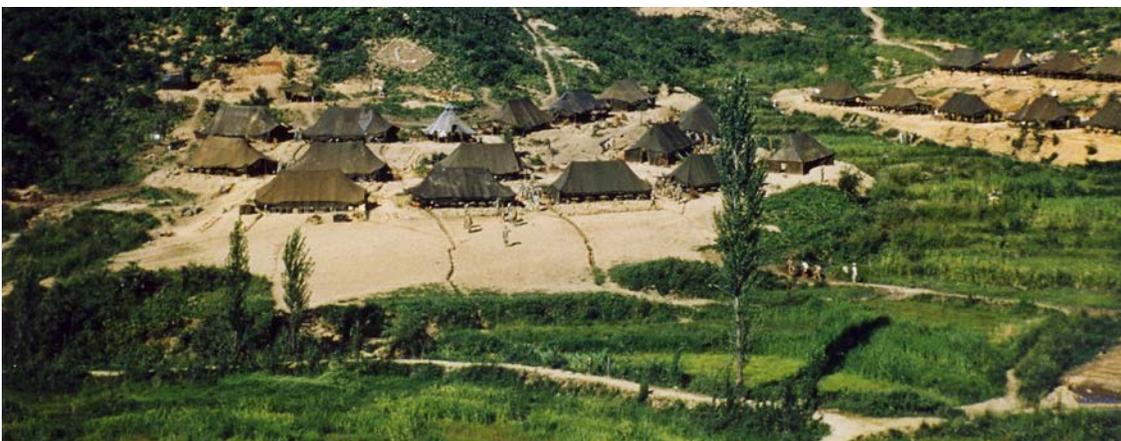
JULY 1952: Scottish Black Watch (UK) Leader and Unit entertaining 1stBn5th Marines-Chajipo, Korea



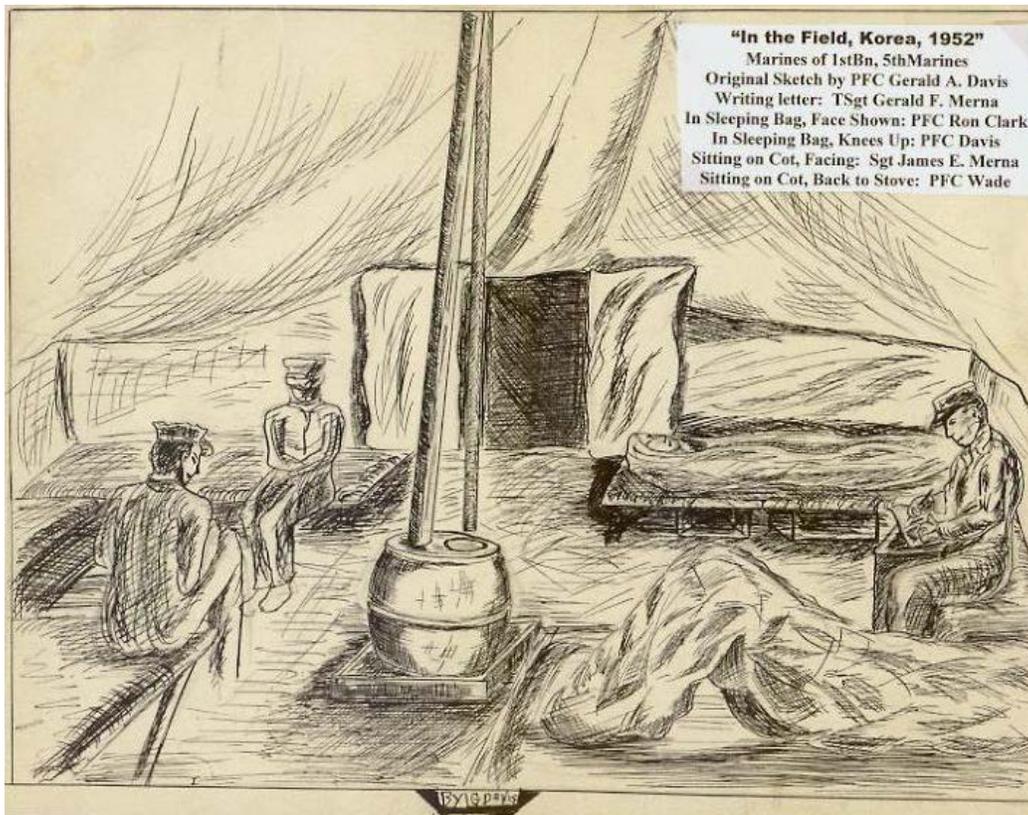
¹ The Provisional Platoon consisted of four squads (each squad having three fire teams led by a sergeant or staff sergeant) commanded by a Lieutenant and a Platoon Sergeant. These assignments are *in addition* to each Marines normal non-infantry duties for the purpose of fulfilling special requirements including augmenting or relieving infantry units otherwise not available to a Headquarters unit. Its members are responsible for command post security, patrolling the perimeter after dark, and other special requirements. It should be noted that whether a Marine has been schooled in supply, legal or administrative specialties, automotive or aviation mechanics or electronics, those specialties are secondary—they do them because the Corps also needs those skills. But every Marine prides themselves that they are *rifleman* first and foremost and a Marine first, last and always. No Marine boasts mastery of any technical skills; their pride is in their discipline, and marksmanship and infantry training, as well as their membership in a fraternity of courage and sacrifice. Like their fellow Marines in infantry billets, Marines with non-infantry military occupational specialties (MOS) have proved this adage many times over, earning awards from the Purple Heart Medal to the Medal of Honor. (Excerpted in part from “Esprit de Corps,” by GySgt Daniel E. Sims USMC Ret.) and “An Unabridged Unofficial Dictionary for Marines,” Compiled and Edited by Glenn B. Knight.



DEC 1952, KOREA: TSGT Merna and PFC Hernandez enroute to Seoul



AUGUST 1952: Command Post, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Korea

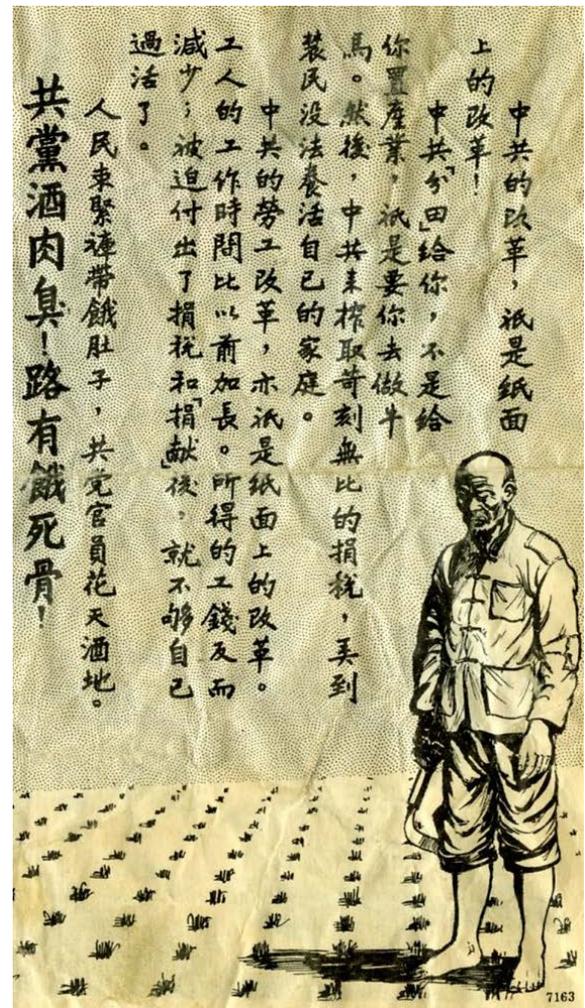


Sketch by fellow Marine PFC Gerald A. Davis



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