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U. S. NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE TRAINING CENTER,  
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24 September, 1948.

MEMORANDUM TO: All Hands.

Subject: Acceptance of Reserves for twenty-one months Active Duty.

1. The following letter from the Commandant of the Marine Corps is quoted for the information of all hands:

"AP-1349-bjs "HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON

30 August, 1948.

"From: Commandant of the Marine Corps.

"To: All Commanding Officers.

Subject: Acceptance of Reserves for Twenty-One Months Active Duty.

Reference: (a) Public Law 759 (Selective Service Act of 1948).

Enclosures: (A) Addition to Reserve Enlistment Contract.  
(B) Sample order for transfer of reservist from his home to a recruiting station.  
(C) Sample order for transfer of a rejected reservist from a recruiting station to his home.  
(D) Sample order, ordering a reservist to twenty-one months continuous active duty and transferring him to his first active duty station.  
(E) Sample request for active duty.

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), the Marine Corps will, effective 1 September 1948, accept members of the Marine Corps Reserve (Classes II(b), III(b), and III(c)) for twenty-one (21) months active duty.

2. The following procedure is prescribed for implementation of this program:

(a) Members of the Marine Corps Reserve desiring to be ordered to twenty-one (21) months active duty under this program will submit requests in writing to the director of the reserve district (or commanding officer of the organized reserve unit) to which they are assigned.

(b) The director of the cognizant reserve district (or commanding officer of the cognizant organized reserve unit) will forward the man's request to the district headquarters recruiting station located nearest the man's place of residence, stating in his endorsement thereon the date on which the man's current enlistment in the Marine Corps Reserve will expire.

(c) Upon receipt of the man's application for active duty, with endorsement thereon by the director of the cognizant reserve district (or commanding officer of the cognizant organized reserve unit), the



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recruiting station will order the man to active duty without pay and issue him transportation from his home to the recruiting station (see Enclosure (B)).

(d) Upon his arrival at the recruiting station, the man will be processed in the same manner as an applicant for regular enlistment. If he is found not qualified for active duty, he will be ordered back to inactive status and provided transportation to his home (see Enclosure (C)).

(e) If he is found fully qualified for active duty in accordance with the physical and mental standards prescribed for applicants for regular enlistment, the following procedure will be followed:

(1) If he has twenty-one (21) months or more to serve on his current enlistment he will be transferred to Class III(e), Marine Corps Reserve, ordered to active duty for a period of twenty-one (21) months, and transferred to his first duty station. (See Enclosure (D)).

(2) If he has less than twenty-one (21) months to serve on his current enlistment, he will be required to execute an agreement to extend his enlistment (Form NMC 321a-PD) for one (1) or two (2) years as may be necessary to give him at least twenty-one (21) months to serve on his current enlistment. The letters USMCR III(e) will be typed in the upper right corner of the agreement to extend enlistment. After execution of this agreement, the procedure outlined in subparagraph one (1) above will be followed.

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(3) Those men who enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve after 24 June, 1948, will be required to sign in duplicate a statement of the obligation incurred through being accepted for twenty-one (21) months active duty (Enclosure (A)). One (1) signed copy of this statement will be mailed to the man's first duty station for attachment to the copy of his enlistment contract in his service record book; the other signed copy will be forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(4) Those men who were enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on or before 24 June 1948, will be informed that after completion of twenty-one (21) months active duty they will have no further obligation under reference (a) except the completion, in an inactive status, of their current enlistment contract.

(f) Men of the Fifth or higher pay grades, and men of the Sixth and Seventh pay grades who have previously completed recruit training, who are accepted for active duty under this program will be transferred to the Twenty-Second Marines, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia, or to the First Marine Division, Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Oceanside, California, in the same manner as is now prescribed for regular enlistments. Men of the Sixth and Seventh pay grades who are accepted for active duty under this program, and who have not previously completed recruit training, will be transferred to the appropriate recruit depot in the same manner as now prescribed for regular recruit enlistments.



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3. Acceptances for active duty under this program will be made only at recruiting stations and will be subject to the following monthly quotas, which are maximums and will not be exceeded:

Northeastern Recruiting Division	215
Southeastern Recruiting Division	85
Central Recruiting Division	145
Midwestern Recruiting Division	85
Southern Recruiting Division	85
Western Recruiting Division	<u>85</u>
	700

4. Officers in charge of recruiting stations are authorized to establish and maintain waiting lists for purposes of this program. In maintaining waiting lists and in selecting applicants to be ordered to active duty, preference will be given to those men who were members of the Marine Corps Reserve prior to 24 June 1948.

5. Officers in charge of recruiting stations will report the number of reservists ordered to active duty under this program to their daily report of enlistment (Form NAVMC 5023a PB) by inserting the letters "USMCR (III(e))" in column one (1), line six (6), and filling in the number of acceptances in columns eight (8), nine (9), and ten (10) of line six (6).

OLIVER P. SMITH  
Acting.  
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2. The Enclosures referred to in the above letter are omitted herefrom, as they do not serve the purpose of this memorandum.

3. Personnel desiring to take advantage of the opportunity offered above may do so by contacting the Inspector-Instructor, 12th Signal Company or one of his representatives.

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Major, USMCR(O),  
Commanding.  
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