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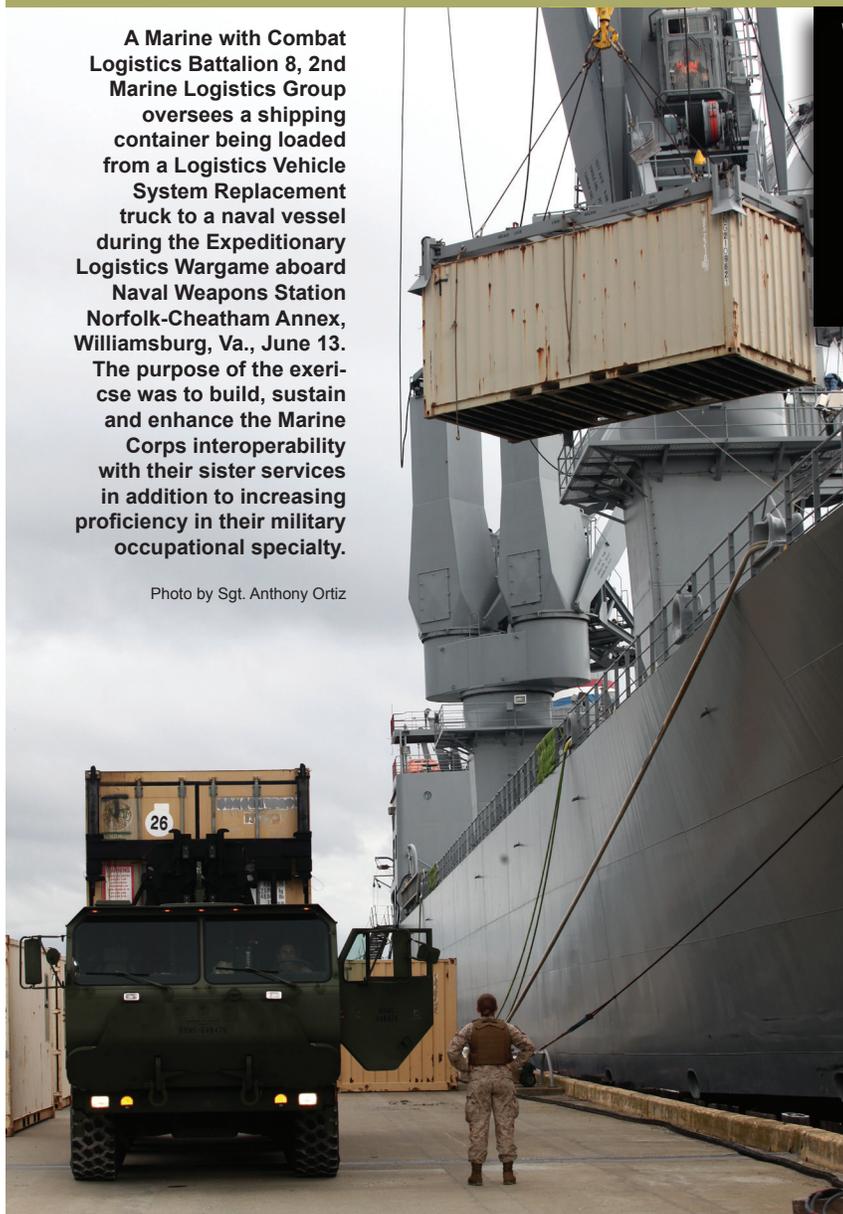
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A Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group oversees a shipping container being loaded from a Logistics Vehicle System Replacement truck to a naval vessel during the Expeditionary Logistics Wargame aboard Naval Weapons Station Norfolk-Cheatham Annex, Williamsburg, Va., June 13. The purpose of the exercise was to build, sustain and enhance the Marine Corps interoperability with their sister services in addition to increasing proficiency in their military occupational specialty.

Photo by Sgt. Anthony Ortiz



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EXPEDITIONARY LOGISTICS WARGAME 

Wargame brings Marines, Navy together for amphibious logistics operations

1st Lt. James F. Stenger
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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - Marines and Sailors of 2nd Marine Logistics Group participated in a large-scale training operation designed to prepare the nation's amphibious - logistics warfighters for an actual humanitarian aid and disaster relief operation, spanning the East Coast from here to Norfolk, Va., June 11-16.

Elements of the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group based at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown - Cheatham Annex, Williamsburg, Va., teamed with 2nd MLG's Combat Logistics Regiment 27, Combat Logistics Battalion 8, and CLB-6 to provide support for the Expeditionary Logistics Wargame.

This training exercise was the sixth installment

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Uchechukwu C. Okoli (center), a hospital corpsman with Charlie Surgical Company, 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, shows how to properly check a simulated casualty for secondary wounds during a field training exercise aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 7.

Deployment Prep

Medical Bn. Corpsmen, Marines engage in week-long field operation

Cpl. Bruno J. Bego
2nd MLG Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – More than 200 Marines and Sailors attached to Charlie Surgical Company, 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group worked together during a week-long training exercise here, June 3 – 8.

The medical unit used various locations throughout Camp Lejeune to establish forward operating bases in order to replicate a battle space, which mimicked

the exact way the unit functions during combat operations.

“As medical personnel working with Marines the importance of going to the field is the integration aspect of it,” explained Lt. Cmdr. Kevin L. Starkey, the operations officer for 2nd Med. Bn. “Marines rely on us for medical care and we rely on them for transportation and security, so this is a good way to prepare for future deployments.”

The exercise involved 85 different scenarios where the troops had the opportunity



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to practice patient managing, movement and handling.

“We come out to the field at least twice a year, so we can keep a high level of readiness,” Starkey explained. “We worked on familiarizing ourselves with our deployment capabilities.”

Throughout each evolution, the troops practiced mission essential tasks such as health maintenance, casualty treatment, temporary casualty holding, casualty evacuation, mass casualty operations and medical regulating services.

According to Petty Officer 2nd Class Nicholas J. Buchli, the patient evacuation tracking chief with 2nd Med. Bn., this exercise was more realistic than other exercises done before by the unit.

“In the past we didn’t really have any patient tracking or patient evacuation and everything was handled with regular radio communication,” he said.

Buchli explained, in this field operation and for the first time on a training exercise, they used the RF-6705 Tactical Chat IP software to track every simulated casualty, which is a simulator for the internet relay chat currently used in Afghanistan to track real casualties.

“We used this instant messaging system to replicate a real life [combat operations center],” Buchli explained. “This way we can identify all casualties, medical evacuations and reports in a battle space.

“I think this is critical for our readiness and our confidence as a battalion,” Buchli concluded. “Coming out here was a great way to see where we stand, what we can do better and what we need to work on in future training in order to effectively accomplish our mission in a combat zone.”

Fair Winds and Following Seas to

Master Sgt. John B. McMichael (Retired!)

'Well-rounded'

N.Y. Marine uses Corps to build character, confidence, career

Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

2nd MLG Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Many Marines enlist directly after high school for a variety of reasons. Financial needs, a family tradition or a patriotic passion may drive them to join the country's most elite fighting force.

There are a small number, however, that choose to attend college first, and then for one reason or another, enlist before they finish their degree.

Lance Cpl. Mike C. Scuderi, a motor transport operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, doesn't fit into either of these categories. Scuderi didn't get one associate degree, he got two; only then would he enlist.

He began talking to recruiters during his last year of attending Briarcliff College in

N.Y. The cost of tuition had begun to overwhelm him, and working a full-time job for the state still wasn't covering all of his living expenses on top of his school costs.

He has a small military presence in his family, mostly in the Army, but didn't necessarily want to follow in his relative soldiers' footsteps.

"The Marines always look more professional," Scuderi said as he explained why he joined the Marine Corps. "You can recognize a Marine anywhere and I wanted that for myself."

Shortly after achieving his criminal justice degree, following one in civil engineering, Scuderi headed to recruit training at the age of 21.

After his initial training and his military occupation specialty training in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Scuderi arrived at Camp Lejeune to report in to Transportation Support Company, CLB-8.

Scuderi says he has already learned more than he imagined he could in just a few short months.

"My favorite part of my job is working with all the other Marines," the native of Mass-

apequa Park, N.Y., began. "Right now we have a small battalion, so everything I do is close to all the noncommissioned officers, so I'm learning a lot more and a lot quicker than I think I would if it were a bigger battalion."

With an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in early 2013, Scuderi and his fellow operators are focused on learning and training for missions in a combat zone. However, the opportunity to grow as a person and a leader for the long-run are not lost on him, either.

"It's all about being well-rounded," Scuderi explained. "You have to know your job, you have to know how to be a civilian, but also how to be a Marine [all the time]. [To

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- Lance Cpl. Mike C. Scuderi

learn] how to lead a group, how to take orders and how to take responsibility when you or someone messes up, it's all important."

When talking about the upcoming deployment, the excitement is evident in Scuderi's voice. He views it as a chance to grow as a person, as a tactical driver and especially as a Marine and a leader.

"I hope to gain a lot of experience from the deployment coming up," he said. "I want to learn those leadership traits under pressure, learn about my gear and my fellow Marines, and absorb all the knowledge I can."

Following the deployment, Scuderi wants to marry his long-time girlfriend, Alyssa, and pursue his dreams of becoming a Marine Corps officer. Whether he makes a career out of the Corps or gets out after four years, he is humbled by the opportunity to learn and gain confidence, knowledge and discipline in everything he does.

"Leading other Marines will help me potentially be a better boss one day," he concluded. "The discipline will help me get any task done. Everything in the Marine Corps has to be done with speed and intensity, so the faster I finish my work, the easier my life will be. The Marine Corps, in all aspects, will help me."

WARRIOR of the WEEK



**LANCE CORPORAL
MIKE C. SCUDERI**

OCCUPATION:
Motor Transportation

HOMETOWN:
Massapequa Park, N.Y.

I JOINED BECAUSE:
"I eventually want to be an officer."

MY HERO:
"It would have to be Chuck Norris."

MY FAVORITE MRE IS:
"Beef Ravioli."

**FAVORITE HOCKEY
TEAM:**
"New York Rangers."



(Above) Petty Officer 1st Class Phil Stogan, an aviation technician with Navy Cargo Handling Battalion, teaches Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group how to secure the corners of a shipping container aboard Naval Weapons Station Norfolk-Cheatham Annex, Williamsburg, Va., June 13. (Top) A Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle belonging to Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group is driven off a Landing Craft Utility during a training operation in Norfolk, Va., June 15, 2012.

Photos by Sgt. Anthony Ortiz

WLOG

EXPEDITIONARY LOGISTICS WARGAME

Navy, Marine Corps join forces during massive joint exercise

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in as many years directed by the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, with this being just one of the times 2nd MLG has taken the lead in logistical support. The 2nd MLG welcomed the opportunity to reinvigorate its amphibious roots.

“Most of our landing support operations in [Operation Enduring Freedom] and [Operation Iraqi Freedom] have focused on helicopter support teams and air delivery operations. As an expeditionary force in readiness, we also need

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to be trained and capable to execute our amphibious responsibilities to enable the [Marine Air-Ground Task Force] to embark and debark from naval vessels and sustain the fight, as well as conduct expeditionary operations far inland,” explained Col. Mark Hollahan, commanding officer of CLR-27.

These expeditionary operations inland could take the form of a humanitarian relief mission, such as recent American efforts to aid Haiti in 2010 after a magnitude 7.0 earthquake left roughly 230 thousand people dead and 1.3 million homeless.

Maj. Gen. Michael G. Dana, commanding general of 2nd Marine Logistics Group,

participated in the Haitian relief effort and knows the importance of Navy and Marine Corps amphibious operations.

“Amphibious exercises like this are critically important as they help instill an expeditionary mindset in our Marines, while at the same time prepare them for the next crisis that may arise in the future. The work our Marines and Sailors did in preparation for and execution of the ExLog Wargame was outstanding, and the experience invaluable,” noted Dana.

According to Hollahan, the Marines of 2nd MLG worked with their Navy Ex-

peditionary Logistics Support Group equivalents extensively to perfect convoy operations, shipboard cargo loading and offloading procedures, and beach operations with a beachmaster and various landing craft in the combined Navy and Marine Corps equipment set.

This extensive amphibious training is what sets the Department of the Navy apart from any other naval force in the world.

“No other governmental force has the organic command and control, and capability, to employ resources to mitigate effects of such an incident,” Hollahan concluded.



Photo Illustration by Sgt. Anthony Ortiz

(Above) Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group work together with Navy personnel from Beach Master Unit Two off-loading shipping containers from a Landing Craft Utility during the Expeditionary Logistics Wargame at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Va., June 15. The purpose of the mission is to build, sustain and enhance the Marine Corps interoperability with their sister services. (Left) Pfc. Michael Testa, a Marine with CLB-8, 2nd MLG, teaches his peers about a Logistics Vehicle System Replacement truck aboard Naval Weapons Station Norfolk-Cheatham Annex, Va., during the Expeditionary Logistics WarGame, June 12, 2012.





Photo courtesy of 1st Lt. Sarah Simmler

1st Lt. Sarah Simmler, the commander of 2nd Air Delivery Platoon, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, participates in the White Lake Triathlon in White Lake, N.C., May 8, 2011. The Mullica Hill, N.J., native will be participating in the upcoming Armed Forces Triathlon at Point Mugu, Calif., June 23.



2nd MLG Marine eyes victory at Armed Forces Triathlon competition

Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado
2nd MLG Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Every year the Marine Corps hand picks select individuals to compete in the Armed Forces Triathlon competition, only choosing the most physically fit the Corps has to offer.

The 2nd Marine Logistics Group's own 1st Lt. Sarah Simmler, the commander of Air Delivery Platoon, 2nd MLG, is one of 16 Marines selected to participate in this event at Point Mugu, Calif., June 23.

Simmler has been an athlete for the majority of her life. She was a standout in softball, cross country and basketball, which she was recruited to

play by the United States Naval Academy.

Simmler's selection has come well earned. As a junior at the academy she joined the triathlon team and won NCAA Division I Collegiate Nationals, and was named captain her second year on the team.

As soon as Simmler left the academy, her superiors began recruiting her to participate in the triathlon.

"[Lt. Col. Gregory Price] started contacting me after I arrived here [in 2011] to participate in the triathlon,

but I was unable to," Simmler said. "This year [Capt. Justine Whipple] got a hold of me and I told her I was interested."

From there the selection process began. Due to the size of the Marine Corps, it is much

harder to try out for a team, so when the Marine Admin-

istrative Message was released soliciting applicants, Simmler submitted her application with her prior races and times.

Simmler noted that all races included in an application are up to the participant to enter on their own behalf. The

most recent times are used to determine a Marine's potential level of competitiveness at the triathlon.

Her training is up to par with the best in the Corps, though she admits she has worked at the gym a little more than usual to get ready for a different contest.

"I've been training for a physique competition, so I've been lifting a lot more," she explained. "I try my best to mix in things to stay in shape. At the academy we would train for three hours doing track workouts, swimming, biking, sprints or long runs, but that type of workout isn't feasible right now."

Feasible or not, Simmler has maintained her fitness and continues to push herself for the upcoming triathlon, which the Air Force has won the past two years.

"Any opportunity I get to represent the Marine Corps I want to do, because it's motivating to compete against the other services," she said.

Simmler also expressed the importance for women to try new things and go against the grain to try something like a triathlon.

"Don't set limits for yourself before you even try them," she said. "As a female, don't be afraid to try pull-ups, it's a great exercise and it will give you the confidence to propel you to try other things. The triathlon is a prime example of that. People say they could never do it; well I don't know how many people I've told to give it a try and they find out how much they love it."

"The second that you show yourself that you're capable of something you didn't think you were, you unlock the door and the possibilities are endless."

SPORTS

River Crossing



Photo by Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division ride aboard a raft belonging to 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group to drop them off across the New River at their live-fire training range, June 8.

Bridge Company supports the infantrymen, saves Marine Corps money

Cpl. Katherine M. Solano
2nd MLG Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. –Bridge Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group has the ability to save units money and valuable time during any training operation taking place across the New River here.

Infantrymen assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment conducting live-fire training were able to experience the unique

capabilities of Bridge Co. first hand June 8.

“Today we crossed approximately 15 vehicles for 2/2, along with about 50 personnel ... so they can do some training over the weekend,” said Staff Sgt. Philip Thornton, the maintenance chief for Bridge Co. He noted the use of rafts - comprised of Ribbon Bridge components and MK III Bridge Erection Boats - allows them to take more personnel while using fewer transport vehicles. Overall movement to and from the training grounds and fuel consumption

is also significantly less.

Over the course of 2/2’s training evolution, 8th ESB transported more than 500 Marines and nearly 60 vehicles were ferried back and forth across an approximate 2.4-mile expanse from Engineer Point to Rhodes Point – an auxiliary training ground adjacent to Camp Lejeune.

By ground convoy, the same training area lays 35-miles south of Mainside Camp Lejeune and may take multiple hours to reach and thousands of dollars of fuel and contracting vehicles.

It takes less than an hour to travel the two miles by water when 15-25 engineers come together to transport the personnel, supplies and vehicles, and is essentially free for the unit.

“Any unit that wants to save time, fuel and personnel should contact us,” said Thornton.

The maneuver operations are also important to the engineers themselves. While the bulk of 8th ESB is currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of International Security Assistance Force operations, the exercise provided remain behind assets with valuable training of their own.

“Having the knowledge of what the raft is going to do, how to turn it and how currents will affect it can only be gained by actually conducting the maneuvers,” explained Lance Cpl. Erikon Rosamond, the raft commander for the recent operation.

Rosamond pointed out the obvious benefits of such a partnership: the infantrymen get to their training faster, cheaper and easier, while the engineers get to practice their trade.

“You always need transportation no matter where you are,” Rosamond continued. “It is important to have the maneuverability.

“We just go out there and get it done,” he concluded.

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