

Second WNC Platoon Now Planned

ASHEVILLE—The Marines are again offering men of Western North Carolina the opportunity to serve with their friends. The Recruiting service announced today that the Second Mountaineer Platoon is being formed.

This platoon like the first mountaineers of last July, will be made up of men from Western North Carolina, and will be scheduled to leave Asheville on the Jan. 19, 1954.

Men can sign up now, go down and be examined and sworn in, and then return home to leave in January.

The first Mountaineers proved to be the best platoon that has graduated at Paris Island for sev-

BRYSON AT BENNING

Marvin G. Bryson, private first class, a student in an eight weeks course in tactics and techniques of small infantry units, is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

He has been in the service for eight months.

Pfc. Bryson is the son of Mrs. Pauline Bryson of Unaka.

eral years.

It is anticipated that the second mountaineer platoon will even better the record set by the first and prove even further that men serve better and with more pride and spirit when they are given the opportunity to serve with their friends from home.

Young men who are interested in serving with their friends in this platoon leaving Jan. 19, are asked to contact their local Marine Recruiter at the Post Office in Asheville, or Call Asheville 33768.



CPL. BUTLER

Cpl. Gordon Lee Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Butler of Andrews, is serving with the U. S. Army Military Police stationed in Berlin, Germany.

Butler graduated from Andrews High School in 1949 and was elected by students and faculty as the "outstanding senior." He played both basketball and football in high school.

Cpl. Butler attended Mars Hill College and N. C. State College, and enlisted in the Army in Oct., 1951.

He took basic training at Fort

Local Chapter Gets \$2,000 From Fund

A March of Dimes check for \$2000 has been received by the Cherokee County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to help provide care for polio patients here, it was announced today by H. L. McKeever, chapter chairman.

Knox, Ky., and sailed for Europe in March, 1952. Butler finished MP school and non-commissioned officers school with high honors and attended the Military Police Desk Sgt.'s School.

Practically all of his service has been as a military policeman in Berlin. He reported that his work is interesting, and although police work is continuous with the men working in shifts, he still finds time to attend church almost every Sunday.

Cpl. Butler's term of enlistment will be finished in October, 1954.

"This financial help comes as part of a general National Foundation arrangement to provide needy chapters with immediate emergency aid," Mr. McKeever said.

Mr. McKeever explained that March of Dimes funds raised each January are shared with national headquarters. The chapter spends its portion for patient care and national headquarters finances research, epidemic services, professional education and emergency aid to chapters.

"We have in Cherokee County," he said, "a good example of how the local chapter and national headquarters work together to fight infantile paralysis. The money we send to national Foundation will pull us out even if it means advancing us more money than we are able to raise in the

March of Dimes.

Mr. McKeever said the local chapter will require even further aid from national headquarters.

"The polio rate has declined from last year's peak, but it still is riding a six-year crest," he said. "Gamma globulin has proved to be an effective weapon in fighting polio, but the supply is limited, and no vaccine has yet been perfected for general use although great progress is being made towards that goal.

"Therefore, we must not fall down in our efforts to help pay for direct medical care for polio sufferers."

The chapter at present is providing funds, in whole or in part, for the care of 15 patients stricken this year, in addition to four who contracted polio in previous years.

Prices of hogs in North Carolina are declining seasonally but will probably remain higher than last fall.

TWO INDUCTED

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