

the WALKER REPORT

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USNS GENERAL NELSON M. WALKER

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THE SINCLAIR COMMANDS ARMY TROOPS

USNS WALKER HEADS FOR VIETNAM

HEAVILY trained US Army troops sailed aboard the USNS Walker Tuesday, 10 Oct 1967, for combat duty in Vietnam, comprising perhaps the most unique array of infantry and aviation units ever to deploy overseas.

Heavily laden with men and equipment, the trans-Pacific transport departed Oakland, Calif at 1800 hours, steaming westward for Vietnam.

BULLETIN

SAIGON (UPI) Air Force officials reported a U.S. military transport plane crashed into a mountainside in South Vietnam killing all 23 Americans aboard. A U.S. jet was shot down over North Vietnam by a mig jet. U.S. generals said they have shifted seven thousand U.S. soldiers into South Vietnam northern provinces.

SAIGON (UPI) Military headquarters warned U.S. servicemen to stay away from areas where anti-government demonstrations may take place. Buddhist leader Thich Tri Quang ended his 13-day protest against the government.

Senior commander for the combat-slated voyage is LTC Christopher B. Sinclair, commanding officer, 3d Sqdn, 17th Air Cavalry, formerly from Hampton, Va. A 22-year

career veteran, he has recently returned from a 10-day liaison trip to Vietnam, III Corps Zone. The Walker Report will publish description of all units aboard.

U.S. BANS RACE FOR SPACE

WASHINGTON (UPI) The United States and 12 other nations Tuesday signed the treaty banning nuclear weapons or military bias in outer space. President Johnson called the treaty a hopeful sign that a world of hate need not be the condition of mankind. The president also renewed a U.S. offer to Mos-

cow for joint space exploration. Soviet and British ambassadors joined Johnson in expressing hope that the treaty would help to solve problems on earth.

SENATOR GRIPES

WASHINGTON (UPI) Senator Ernest Hollings said the U.S. has missed its chance to win the Vietnam war before the 1968 elections because of President Johnson's policy of gradual military escalation and political compromise.

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WATCH FOR
SAFETY SAM
—DAILY—
THE OFFICIAL VOICE OF
SAFETY ABOARD THE
USNS WALKER

POSITION REPORT

VOYAGE NO: 6A DATE: 11 Oct 67 Z.D. +7GMT TIME 1200
LATITUDE: 36° 19' N LONGITUDE: 128° 42' W COURSE: 250° TOTAL DIST: 306 NM
DISTANCE: 306 NM TIME: 161. or 6 min. AVERAGE SPEED: 19.00 KTS
TOTAL TIME: 0 Days 16 hours 6 minutes DISTANCE TO GO: 5,518 NM
REMARKS: RETARD CLOCKS ONE HOUR BEFORE DEB CHECK!!

W E L C O M E

The Officers and crew, both military and civilian, of the USNS GENERAL NELSON M. WALKER (TAR-125) wish you a safe and happy voyage.

We will do our best to make it go well. However, we cannot watch each and every one of you every minute of every day to prevent accidents and unsafe practices that are potential accidents. Your cooperation is requested to insure that the rules and regulations are observed.

There are approximately 233 civilian marine officers and crewmen who work under the Master, Captain H. C. Petrosky, to operate the ship. They are divided into the Deck, Engineering, and Stewards Departments.

The Military Department, under my command, is comprised of three line officers, two medical officers and one chaplain with 16 enlisted men. There are seven hospital corpsmen, one Boatswain's Mate, one personnel man, one Yeoman, four ship's Servicemen, one electrician, and one fireman. As Commanding Officer, Military Department, I am the Administrative Commander of all military passengers of all services who are aboard.

All of us are concerned with the safe transportation of our passengers to our destinations. We request your assistance by obeying all rules and regulations, no matter how arbitrary they may seem. You may be assured that there are good reasons and years of experience behind each of them.

F. O. GOODWIN
LCDR, USN
Commanding

Life aboard ship is of necessity governed by some restrictions that you may be accustomed to ashore, but we ask that you bear in mind these regulations are in effect for the safety and welfare of all aboard.

While the WALKER, as you have already learned, is not a luxury liner, she is a typical troop transport, but we can never-the-less, with your cooperation and goodwill, look forward to a successful and pleasant voyage.

THE SHIP'S MASTER
J. C. PETROSKY
CPT, USNR

I take this opportunity to welcome you aboard the USNS NELSON M. WALKER on our first full day at sea

The success and enjoyment of this voyage will depend largely upon us, the military troop passengers. The ship must of necessity run on a very tight schedule, thus we must depend on everyone to perform his assigned duties promptly and efficiently. Otherwise, the complete passenger compliment may suffer.

A voyage staff of commanding officers has been appointed to coordinate and solve problem areas that may develop during this trip overseas. In general, it is their mission to make your trip more enjoyable and worthwhile. With your cooperation and assistance, this journey can be a smooth one.

I know that if you give your best during the training, work and play, this voyage will be shorter and more beneficial for you. Remember, this is our opportunity to show the Navy how we operate "Above the Best."

CHRISTOPHER B. SINCLAIR
LTC, USN
SERVIC UNIT COMMANDER

THE HISTORY OF THE WALKER

The General Nelson M. Walker (TAP-125) built under a Maritime Administration contract, was launched 26 November 1944 at the Bethlehem-Alameda Shipyard in Alameda, California. She was originally a Navy transport commissioned 24 April 1945 as USS Admiral H. T. Mayo. Then later redesignated the USAT General Nelson M. Walker.

Brigadier General Nelson Macy Walker began his career in 1917 at the Officer's Training Camp at Plattsberg, N. Y. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Reserve during World War I, he served in through the ranks to that of Assistant Division Commander of the 8th Infantry Division during World War II. Brigadier General Walker made her first base of operation Seattle, and by the first half of 1948 she had completed 15 voyages between Pacific coast ports and Hawaii, the Philippines, and Marianas, Japan and Korea.

Her voyages entered a triangular pattern: San Francisco-Yokohama-Okinawa and U. S. west coast.

In 1959 she began to serve Okinawa exclusively and was affectionately called the "Okinawa Express." She had completed 27 voyages for the Army Transport Service by 1 March 1950 when she was re-acquired by the Navy's Military Sea Transportation Service and operated as the USNA General Nelson Walker (TAP-125)

At first she remained on the Okinawa run, but at the outbreak of the Korean War she was pressed into the service carrying troops to the Far East. Ports of Japan and Korea became the focal points of her itinerary. Okinawa only appeared now and then on her schedule.

Following her run to San Francisco on completion of her 18th voyage, 11 Dec 1951 she departed for Seattle to enter the shipyard for conversion to an "Amsterville-Trooper."

On one voyage in mid 1952, as the Walker neared San Francisco (after having debarked troops in Yokohama) she received orders that she would deploy around the world for transport of United Nations troops to and from Korea.

On 5 Sep 1952, her world deployment was terminated. She had called at 15 different ports, steamed 34,575 miles and transported 17,907 troops without mishap.

The Walker resumed her trans-Pacific run to Japan and Korea. In 1953 she made eight round-trips and had the distinction of bringing the American prisoners of war home.

In August 1965, the USNS General Nelson Walker (TAP-125) was taken out of the Maritime Reserve Fleet Service and reactivated by the Military Sea Transportation Service to be placed in active service about mid autumn 1965....

STATISTICS

USNS GENERAL NELSON M. WALKER

LENGTH (OVERALL).....608' 11"	CREW...233 Civil services
BEAM.....75' 6"	mariners 18 officers
DEPTH.....43' 6"	PASSENGERS..426 Cabin spaces
SPEED.....19 knots	3810 Troop spaces

SPORTS



HOYER
by
GOSZ



WAVES

BOSOX BOMB CARDS

TOMORROW GIBSON VS LONBORG IN FINAL GAME OF SERIES!!

The Boston Red Sox, with the "Green Monster" and the hometown fans rooting for them, returned to Boston today for the sixth game of the World Series, trailing the Cards 3 games to 2. Boston finally got some of their power unleashed as the SOX hammered 4 home runs and went on to win by an 8 to 4 count.

Boston scored first when Rico Petrocelli blasted starting pitcher Dick Hughes' slider over the left field screen. The Cards came right back with two runs to go ahead in the third inning as Javier doubled and Brock singled him home. Brock then stole second and scored as Flood singled to left.

The Red Sox went out in order in the third, Carl Yastrzemski lined a Hughes pitch over the left center screen for a home run to open their fourth and to tie the score. After two outs, Reggie Smith lined a homer down the right field line. Manager Schoendienst was reluctant to pull Hughes since he was scheduled to bat first in the fourth inning. He took a chance and left Hughes in, and it backfired as Rico Petrocelli hit another home run. Even though the temperature at game time was just 62°, the Red Sox bats were red hot as Hughes set a series record by allowing three home runs in one inning. He left the game in disgust.

The Cards bounced back with two runs in the seventh to tie it 4-4 as pinch hitter Tolson drew a walk and the flashy Lou Brock blasted a John Wyatt pitch into the right center field stands.

But that was all the Cards scoring as the Sox came up in their half of the seventh, sending 10 men to bat-6 getting hits. Dalton Jones, a pinch hitter, singled to right and Joe Foy followed with a double. Brock tried to make a spectacular catch but the ball slipped through to the wall before Brock could catch up with it. Brock threw to the plate and Foy took third as Jones scored the go-ahead run. Brock drew an error as his throw landed up the third base line. Mike Andrews singled home Foy and Yastrzemski added his third hit with a single to right allowing Andrews to take third. Jerry Adair hit a long sacrifice fly to make it 7-4. Scott and Smith followed with singles as Ies crossed the plate for the fourth run of the inning. Elston Howard finally grounded out to end the inning.

Gary Doll held the Cards in the 8th and 9th innings. John Wyatt received credit for the win and Lmabe, the fourth of eight St Louis pitchers, got hung with the loss as he gave up the go-ahead runs in the seventh. The eight pitchers used by the Cards tied a series record for the most hurlers used in one game.

Tomorrow the two ace righthanders of both teams, Jim Lonborg and Bob Gibson will face each other in the match all have been waiting for. Gibson will have an edge since he will have had three days rest. Lonborg, on the other hand, pitched Monday and will be working with just two days of rest. Both teams have gone through 162 games prior to the series and now it breaks down to just one game-the seventh and final game of the Series. It should be a good one. Boston has been behind throughout this Series. Maybe it's their turn to come out on top. I'm sticking with my original pick-BOSIAN!! In tomorrow's paper see the exciting results.

CARDS (4)

	AB	R	H
Brock	LF— 5	2	2
Flood	CF— 5	0	1
Maris	RF— 4	0	2
Cepeda	LB— 5	0	1
McCarver	C— 3	0	0
Shannon	3B— 4	0	1
Javier	2B— 4	1	1
Maxvill	SS— 3	0	0
Hughes	P— 1	0	0
Willis	P— 0	0	0
Specio (A)	— 1	0	0
Bliles	P— 0	0	0
Tolan (B)	— 0	1	0
Lamabe	P— 0	0	0
Horrner	P— 0	0	0
Jester	P— 0	0	0
Washburn	P— 0	0	0
Rickets (C)	— 1	0	0
Woodshick	P— 0	0	0
TOTAL	36	4	8

RED SOX (8)

	AB	R	H
Foy	3B— 4	1	1
Andrews	2B— 5	1	2
Yastrzemski	LF— 4	2	3
Harrelson	RF— 3	0	0
Tartabul	RF— 0	0	0
Adair (D)	— 0	0	0
Thomas	RF— 0	0	0
Scott	LB— 4	0	1
Smith	CF— 4	1	2
Petrocelli	SS— 3	2	2
Howard	C— 4	0	0
Waslewski	P— 1	0	0
Wyatt	P— 0	0	0
Jones (E)	— 1	1	1
Bell	P— 1	0	0
TOTAL	34	8	12

- (A) Grounded out for Willis in 5th
- (B) Walked for Bliles in 7th
- (C) Flied out for Washburn in 8th
- (D) Hit Sac. fly for tartabul in 7th
- (E) Singled for Wyatt in 7th

Winning Pitcher: Wyatt; Loser: Lamabe
 E- Petrocelli, Brock D.F. NONE
 2B-Shannon, Javier, Foy.
 LOB- Sox-7 Cards-8
 HR Sox, Petrocelli (2), Yastrzemski,
 Smith, Cards- Brock
 Time 2:48
 Attendance 35,795

St Louis (N)	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
Boston (A)	0	1	0	3	0	0	4	0	X	8

Story and Statistics compiled by Tony Hoyer

YOUR DAILY SPORTS QUIZ

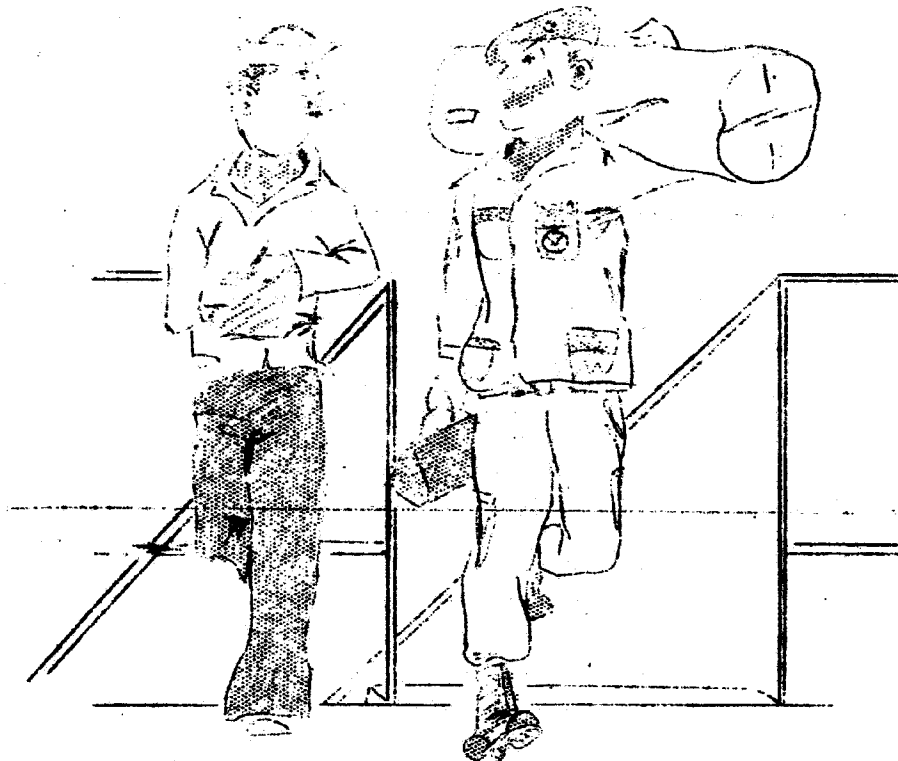
by John Gosz

Here are a few questions to test your sports knowledge. Answers appear opposite.

1. The number of teams in the National Hockey League have doubled since last season. Can you name all 12 teams?
2. What sport is comonly called the "Sports of Kings"?
3. What is the smallest city sporting a team in the NFL?
4. What record did Boston pitcher Jim Lomborg set in the current World Series?
5. What is the name of the NFL great, who holds the distinction of being the only person ever to play in a Rose Bowl game and play with the New York Yankees in the same year?

SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Detroit Redwings, Chicago Black Hawks, New York Rangers, Boston Bruins Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Maple Leafs St. Louis Blues, Minnesota North Stars, Pittsburgh Penguins, Philadelphia Flyers California Seals, and the Los Angeles Kings.
2. Horseracing
3. Green Bay (Packers)
4. He allowed the least number of hits (4) in 2 complete games.
5. George Halas, Chicago Bear owner-coach, in 1919, played with the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in the Rose Bowl game and also played 12 games with the New York Yankees that same year.



HI YA LOVER!

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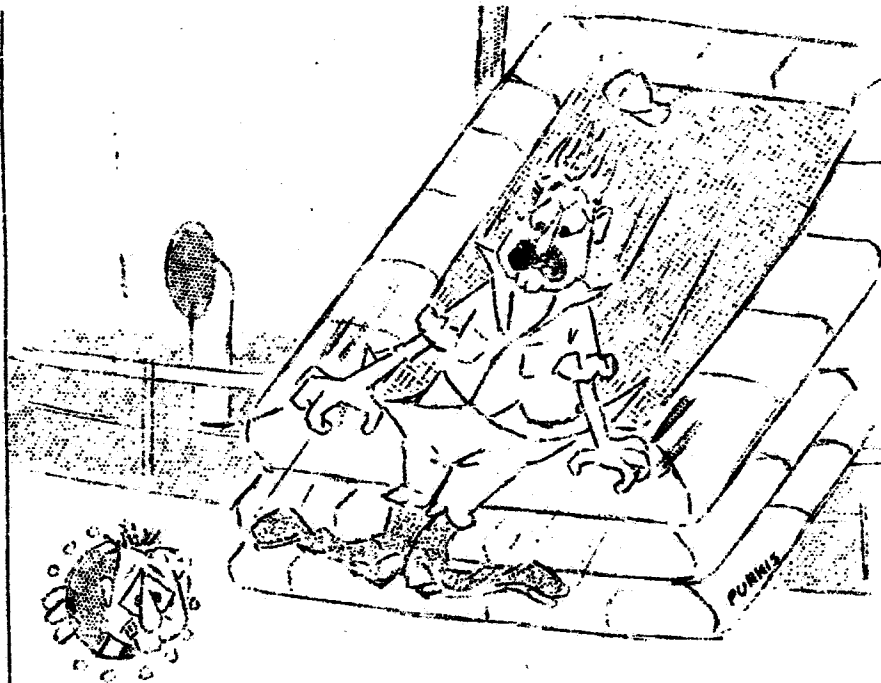
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1-Yurkisy standard
 - 3-River island
 - 8-Bridge term
 - 12-Chris fruit
 - 13-Also
 - 14-Way
 - 15-Disciplined
 - 17-Pieces of ginnerware
 - 19-Kind of fabric
 - 20-Regions
 - 21-Cultured men (abbr.)
 - 23-Hackers
 - 24-Cupk...
 - 26-Ogra
 - 28-Small child
 - 31-Pale netice
 - 32-Negative
 - 33-A state (abbr.)
 - 34-Chart
 - 36-Reputa
 - 38-Hurried
 - 39-Leave out
 - 41-Go at an easy pace
 - 43-Pits
 - 45-Title of respect (pl.)
 - 46-Omits from pronunciation
 - 50-Decipher
 - 51-Inserts
 - 52-Garden tool
 - 54-Silkworm
 - 55-Performs
 - 56-Before
 - 57-Rodents
- DOWN**
- 2-Dwell
 - 3-Come into view
 - 4-Join
 - 5-Devoiced
 - 6-Magien torid by Zeus
 - 7-Uppermost part
 - 8-Extra
 - 9-Newest
 - 10-Appellation of Athens
 - 11-Army meal
 - 16-Despatch
 - 18-Reclined
 - 22-Doctrine
 - 23-Hospitality
 - 24-Obtract
 - 25-Gel's name
 - 27-Cleaning device
 - 28-Anglo-Camp money
 - 30-Metal
 - 33-Protective organization
 - 36-Accend
 - 37-Njve yam.c
 - 38-Windrowe
 - 40-Ancient Persians
 - 42-Kind of race horse
 - 43-Relaxed
 - 44-Mixture
 - 46-Precede for print
 - 47-Oceans
 - 49-Pronoun
 - 50-River in Wales
 - 53-Conjunction

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SAFETY SAM SAYS,

"Do not tamper with lifeboats or life rafts. Stay out of them at all times!" This is official and pertains to all military troops.

EMERGENCY DRILLS:

For your safety, the Coast Guard requires that emergency drills be conducted within 24 hours after getting underway and weekly thereafter. The only drills that passengers personally and actively participate in are "FIRE" and "ABANDON SHIP" drills. All others are for the Ship's Crew only. All drills will be announced over the public address system five to ten minutes before they are actually held.

VALUABLES:

Money, negotiable bonds, and checks should be deposited with the Purser at Purser's Square. This way "YOU MAY BE SURE, if it's deposited." Also it is recommended that articles of value be turned in to the Commander, MILDEPT or one of the MILDEPT officers for safe keeping.

MAIL:

All letters mailed aboard ship must bear sufficient US postage stamps and a return address other than the ship. All mail leaving the ship on Okinawa must have postage.

Mail for military passengers which will be posted through an AFO in Vietnam may have the word "FREE" in the place of the stamp. Mail bearing the word "FREE" in lieu of postage will be mailed only in Vietnam.

PACKAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR MAILING ABOARD SHIP!!

Letters may be dropped in the mail box at Purser's Square

LOST AND FOUND:

All lost and found items should be turned in or claimed at the Troop Office. The WALKER REPORT will publish Lost and Found notices periodically.

TROOPS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE PILLOWS OR BLANKETS FROM COMPARTMENTS AT

ANY TIME!!

We welcome you to all the activities of our religious program aboard the WALKER! The Following is a schedule of week-day devotions which will be conducted Monday through Saturday in the large recreation hall at the bottom of ladderwell #7.

Protestant Devotions—0830
Catholic Devotions—0915
Others as announced

Lay-leaders will be conducting the Jewish and Catholic services and the ship's chaplain will conduct Protestant services.

The Chaplain's Office is located on the second deck between stairwell #7 and the Troop Office. Please let the Chaplain know of any special needs or suggestions you may have .

Chaplain Charles Van Frank
Ship's chaplain

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TODAY'S OUTSIDE MOVIE SCHEDULE

Wednesday 11 October 1967
Mildert—"Spy in your Eye"
Cabin Class—"Paradise Hawaiian Style"
Ships Officers—"Maya"
Ships crew—"Secret Agent S.p.r Dragon"
Troops—"Trodon"
1st Showing At Sundown
2d Showing 15 minutes after first.

SHIP EXCHANGE HOURS OF OPERATION

(Mon.-Fri.)

0900-0930-----Ship's Officers Only
0930-1030-----Transient Officers Only
1030-1100-----Troops Only
1300-1600-----Troops Only

MON. WED. FRI. 1730-1830 UNLICENSED CREW MEMBERS
SAT.&SUN. 1300-1600 TROOPS ONLY

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WEDNESDAY CHOW HOURS

Cabin Class in the Main Solon
7-7:30 11-11:30 4-4:430
7:45-8:15 11:45-12:15 4:45-5:15
Cabin Class in the Crew Mess
08:45-09:15 12:45-13:15 14:45-18:15
09:30-10:00 13:30-14:00 18:30-19:00
Order of Eating for EM.

FWD MESS	AFT MESS
2-2 First Today	2-5 Always First
2-3 First Tomorrow	2-6 Second Today
3-2	2-7 Second Tomorrow
3-3	2-8
4-2	3-7
4-3	4-5
4-4	4-6
	4-7
	4-8

Compartment Schedule Rotates Each Day

SHIP'S MASTER	CAPT J. C. PETROSKY
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TROOP CDR	LTC SINCLAIR
TROOP XO	MAJ HIXTON
ADJUTANT	MAJ SHIEDER
TROOP MARSHAL	MAJ CARLSON
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INFO OFFICER	CPT BOND
SSO	MAJ SMITH, S. L.
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ASST MESS OFF	CPT RUDER
ASST MESS OFF	CPT HATCH
ASST MESS OFF	CPT HOLCOMB
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OFFICER OF THE DAY (OOD) ROSTER

The following OOD personnel have been appointed by the Senior Unit Commander (SUC) for the assigned dates. The watch is a 24-hour watch.

OCT	OFFICER	UNIT
11	MAJ COMINGS	243d
12	MAJ EVANS	3/17th
13	MAJ FOLTA	195th
14	MAJ GREEN	235th
15	MAJ HEFFORD	7/17th
16	MAJ HIMES	243d
17	MAJ INGLET	7/17th
18	MAJ KNICKLEN	243d
19	MAJ OGLESBY	3/17th
20	MAJ ROBERTS	235th
21	MAJ SHEHORN	3/17th
22	MAJ SLUSHER	3/17th
23	MAJ THOMAS	192d