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BASE ORDER 1610.8H

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DESERTERS

Ref: (a) MCO P5800.16A

1. Situation. To publish amplifying instructions regarding the administrative procedures of deserters within the greater Camp Lejeune area per the reference.

2. Cancellation. BO 1610.8G.

3. Mission

a. Per Table 5-1 of the reference, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune (MCB, Camp Lejeune) has been designated as a returning destination command for Marines absent for more than 180 days provided they were not pending administrative or disciplinary action from the command from which they absented themselves according to paragraph 5009.3c of the reference.

b. Summary of Revision. This Order has been completely revised and should be reviewed in its entirety.

4. Execution. When a Marine returns from desertion administrative processing will be affected as follows:

a. During normal working hours. Deserters absent from Headquarters and Support Battalion, (HqSptBn) MCB, Camp Lejeune or from Base tenant commands; School of Infantry - East, Weapons Training Battalion and the Reserve Support Unit/Mobilization Support Battalion for more than 180 days delivered under guard, during normal working hours will be delivered to the Commanding Officer, HqSptBn, MCB, Camp Lejeune. If the deserter was pending administrative or disciplinary action they will be returned to the parent command.

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b. After normal working hours. Deserters absent from HqSptBn or tenant commands listed above for more than 180 days delivered under guard after normal working hours will be directed to the HqSptBn, Officer of the Day (OOD), for billeting and or further disposition. If the deserter was pending administrative or disciplinary action they will be returned to the parent command.

c. Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) directed assignments. HQMC directed assignments of deserters who have been absent more than 180 days and delivered under guard who are absent from any organization not aboard MCB, Camp Lejeune will be delivered to the Commanding Officer, HqSptBn during working hours. After normal working hours, they will be delivered to the HqSptBn OOD. If the individual's parent organization was not aboard MCB, Camp Lejeune, the HqSptBn Commanding Officer, Executive Officer or Adjutant will decide whether confinement is appropriate by determining if reasonable grounds exist to believe that the individual has committed an offense; that the individual will engage in serious criminal misconduct; or that the individual is an escape risk.

d. Absent Less than 180 days. During normal working hours the deserter will be instructed to report or be escorted to their parent organization. If the deserter is a member of another tenant command aboard MCB, Camp Lejeune and has been absent less than 180 days, the Provost Marshal (PMO) will notify the Command Duty Officer (CDO) or OOD of the individual's parent organization and make arrangements for transportation to the parent unit after working hours.

e. Reservists. Reservists who are absent from their command for more than 31 days are considered deserters and the above instructions are applicable in determining which unit they should be assigned.

## 5. Administration and Logistics

a. Procedures for the confinement of female detainees and prisoners are contained in Table 5-1 of the reference.

b. If a unit receives copies of a deserter's stragglers orders, original copy of DD Form 616 or DD Form 139 direct from a command to which the deserter surrendered to or was apprehended by, ensure forms are delivered to the gaining command.

c. If a Navy deserter surrenders or is delivered under guard, notify the security division at the Naval Hospital at 450-4652/4653 so that they may take the deserter into custody.

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d. Organizational Commanders will be guided by the reference in accordance with Table 5-1.

6. Command and Signal

- a. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.
- b. Command. This Order is applicable to MCB, Camp Lejeune.

  
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