Gordon A. Tibbe – Post-Korean War Service Record and Memories (1954 - 1957)

Following are various documents, letters and photographs belonging to my father, Gordon A. Tibbe. This information is being posted to the family tree website so that it could be enjoyed and remembered by all members of the family.

From the dates on some of the pictures, I’ve compiled a timeline of where he was the best I could

Gordon Arnold Tibbe #1487502

June-July 1954 or later
Parris Island, South Carolina - First Recruit Battalion, Platoon 230, M.C.R.D.

September 1954 – March 1955 or later
Cherry Point, North Carolina - C Company, 8 Engineering Battalion FMF, 3D Marine Division FMF

February 1956
Camp Pendleton, California

July 1956
Camp Fuji, Japan

October 1956 – Jan 1957 or later
Camp McGill, Japan

March 1957
Aboard the USS General A.E. Anderson IAP 1111
(returning to U.S.?)
First Recruit Battalion, Platoon 230, M.C.R.D., Parris Island, S.C.
Gordon Tibbe is in the 4th row from the top, 5th from the right side. Picture taken July 6, 1954 (Gordon was 18 years old).
Gordon had only completed the 8th grade prior to going into the military. He acquired his G.E.D. while in the Marines, and received this Satisfactory report in March of 1955 while at Cherry Point, North Carolina.
Upper left – Me and one of the guys in the barrecks settling on a rack. Mine is the top one.
Upper right -- Me in front of barrecks Sep 14 1954 Cherry Point
Upper left – We were having a ball. I’m 2nd from left in bottom row.
Lower left – One of the boys filled 5 gal of red paint on himself the night we moved out in 22 minutes ready for combat. We never stopped for anything. He drove his truck just like he is.
Lower right – My buddy from N.C.
Upper left – The main office building and flag pole at Cherry Point.
Upper right – Cherry Point park.
Lower left – Our barracks. Now there are 97 of us sleeping in here all in one room. I sleep on the bottom floor.
Lower right – A row of barracks on the left and a row of barracks on the right. The Cherry Point P.X. in center.
Upper right – My truck on right. Generals inspection.
Lower left – my truck
Lower right – my truck with a load of dirt on it.
Lower left == My buddies truck. The tank in the background is ours.
Upper left – Camp Pendleton Calif. Feb 56, Loads of Love, Gordon
Upper center -- Calif. Feb. 56
Upper right – A view of the camp
Lower – Mt. in Calif. We climbed.
Upper right – Hollywood as if you couldn’t see for yourself
Upper left – This is an orange tree and I took it out of the car as we stopped for a red light
Lower right – A real Indian
Cold weather training
Upper left – Camp McGill Japan, Oct. 1956
Upper right – This was taken on the base. It is a Japanese garden. Nov. 56. That is the ocean behind me and Mt. Fuji in the background.
Bottom left – 25 July 56, South Camp Fuji Japan. I’m painting my truck. Love, Gordon
Bottom right – In front of the Hdg. building
Upper left – Drum and bugle team. I live by window with an X
Upper left – The kid
Lower left – In front of the company office
Upper left – Camp McGill Japan Jan “57”
Upper right – Jan 1957. Camp McGill Japan. Me and one of my buddies. Another one of my suits. This one is gray flannel.
Lower right – 2 of my buddies in the fuel dump
Upper left – me in town
Upper right – Mt. Fuji
Lower left – a road along the ocean
Lower right – a Japanese hotel
Upper left – a Japanese man selling clams along the ocean
Upper right – a girl in front of a store
Lower right – a hand made island used in the last war
Upper right – Camp McGill Japan Oct 1956
Lower left – the car he drives
Lower right – Camp McGill Japan Oct 1956
Upper left – Camp McGill Japan Oct 1956
Lower left – Some of the officers I drive for. Nov 1956 Camp McGill Japan (date Oct 19 1956 No. 3D-9099-1)
(date Oct 19 1956 No. 3D-9098-10/A-55-10)
Upper – Me and one of the officers I drive for
Lower right – 6 of these are Generals (date Oct 1 1956 No. 3D-9099-7)
(date Nov 16 1952 No. 9121/A72-2)
The news clipping from 1967 may have been someone that Dad knew from his earlier days in the military.
Ruler of the 180th Meridian

To All Ye Trusty Golden Dragons Wherever Ye May Be and to All Mermaids, Sea Serpents, Whales, Sharks, Dolphins, Eels, Skates, Suckers, Crabs, Lobsters and other living things of the sea: Greetings! Know Ye: That on this 13th day of March, 1957, in Latitude 10°, Longitude 180° 00' there appeared within the limits of Our Royal Domain the USN General A.E. Anderson (AP-111).

Be It Remembered that the said Vessel, Officers, Crew and Passengers have been inspected and passed on by ourselves and Our Royal Staff.

And Be It Known: By All Ye Members of the Armed Forces, Landlubbers, and Others Who May Be Honored By His Presence, That

Having Been Found Worthy to be numbered as one of our Trusty Golden Dragons—was duly initiated into the Mysteries of the Far East. Be It Further Understood: That by Virtue of the Power Vested in Us I Do Hereby Command All My Subjects to Show Due Honor and Respect to Him Whenever He May Enter Our Realm.

Disobey This Order Under Penalty of Our Royal Displeasure

Davey Jones
His Majesty's Scribe

Golden Dragon
Ruler of the 180th Meridian
By His Servant Commanding