

Muster Rolls of USMC Sea Detachment Assigned to U.S.S. ERIE

A United States Marine Corps Sea Detachment served aboard or was assigned to the ERIE from June 1936 (a month before she was placed in commission) until December 1942 (when the reduced detachment assigned to participate in salvaging efforts at Willemstad, Curacao was shipped back to the U.S. for reassignment, after salvaging efforts failed).

At the end of each month, the Commanding Officer of the detachment prepared and submitted a Muster Roll containing a list of all officers and enlisted men, by rank, who had served aboard the ERIE during that month (or a part of it). In the "REMARKS" section, the following would be noted:

- Special duties assigned, e.g., OIC Small Arms training (Officer in Charge, Small Arms Training), CO MarDet (Commanding Officer, Marine Detachment), Ship's Cook, PILD (Platoon Leader), etc.
- Date(s) of the month when a detachment member reported aboard or was transferred from the ship, was sick, on leave, AWOL, promoted, demoted, had special duty, was subjected to court martial, etc.

As of December 2014, the webmaster of the USS ERIE website has been able to secure copies of all USMC Muster Rolls submitted from June 1936 through December 1940, but only copies of Muster Rolls covering four months (January, April, July and October) in 1941 and 1942. Unfortunately, some scans of these records are not very sharp; at least one (that for April 1942) was of such poor quality that the webmaster had to reconstruct that Muster Roll (by comparing entries found in the April 1942 Muster Roll with those found in the preceding and following months). The October 1942 Muster Roll posted on this web site was also partially re-constructed.

In viewing any Muster Roll, it will be immediately evident that many words and terms are abbreviated. To facilitate the reader's understanding of entries in the "REMARKS" sections, the following glossary is provided.

AACA	Awaiting Action of Convening Authority
AAHA	Awaiting Action of Higher Authority
abs	absent/absence
acc	accept(ed)
acq	acquittal, acquitted
act	acting
amtg	amounting (to)
AOH	awaiting office hours
AOL	absent/absence over leave
appd	approved
appt	appoint(ed), appointment
arr	arrive(d), arrival
art	article
ARTI	awaiting results of trial
ARTISCM	awaiting results of trial, Summary Court Martial
ATI	awaiting trial
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att	attach(ed)
auth	authority, authorize(d)

awd	award(ed)
AWOL	absent/absence without leave
awtg	awaiting
BCD	Bad Conduct Discharge
Bty (Btry)	Battery
CA	Convening Authority
Capt's Ord	Captain's Orderly
char	character
CO	Commanding Officer
comm	commission(ed)
conf	confine(d), confinement
conv	convict(ed), conviction
CPO	Chief Petty Officer
d	duty
das	days
DC	Detachment Commander
DC	Deck Court
det	detach(ed), detachment
Det clk	Detachment Clerk
Det PropSgt	Detachment Property Sergeant
detd	detached (sometimes abbreviated "d")
Detd	detached duty (sometimes "Det d")
dis	discharge(d)
disemb	disembark(ed)
dur	during
eff	effect(ed), effective
emb	embark(ed)
enl	enlist(ed), enlistment
exp enl	expiration of enlistment
ext enl	extended enlistment, extension of enlistment
FldCk	Field Cook
flt	flight
fr	from
fur	furlough
GC	Gun Captain (special rating assigned by ship's CO)
GO	General Order
GP	Gun Pointer (special rating assigned by ship's CO)
GySgt	Gunnery Sergeant
hosp	hospital
in conn	in connection
inc	include, including, inclusive
ISinC	Immediate Superior-in-Command
jdenl	joined by enlistment
Jdfr (jdfr)	joined from
jdreenl	joined by reenlistment
LP	lose pay, loss of pay
ltr	letter
lv	leave
MB	Marine Barracks
MBNAD	Marine Barracks, Naval Ammunition Depot
MBNNY	Marine Barracks, Norfolk Navy Yard

MBNOB	Marine Barracks, Naval Operating Base
MBNYd	Marine Barracks, Navy Yard (also "MBNY")
MBSB	Marine Barracks, Submarine Base
MD	Marine Detachment
mit	mitigate(d)
mo(s)	month(s)
msm	messman, messmen
NAD	Naval Ammunition Depot
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
NNYd	Norfolk Navy Yard
NOB	Naval Operating Base
NS	Naval Station
NYd	Navy Yard
PAL	prisoner-at-large
perf	performed
PFC (SA)	Private First Class, Ship's Appointment
prd	period
prev	previous
pro	promote(d), promotion
qrts	quarters
qual	qualify, qualified, qualification
R&PT	Rifle and Pistol Team
recd	received
recom	recommend(ed), recommendation
red	reduce(d)
rel	relieve(d)
rem	remit(ted)
ret	retain(ed)
SA	Ship's Appointment (letters bracketed following rank)
SB	Submarine Base
SCM	Summary Court Martial
SD	special duty
sent	sentence(d)
sent as mit	sentence(d) as mitigated
sent conf	sentence to be confined
sent LP	sentenced to lose pay
ser	serve, service, serving
Sgt (SW)	Sergeant, Ship's Warrant
Sk	sick (often used with "in Sk Qtrs" = in Sick Quarters)
Spl 5cl	Specialist 5 th Class
SS Det	Selectee Detachment
SW	Special Warrant (letters bracketed following rank)
temp	temporary, temporarily
temp att	temporarily attached
temp detd	temporary detached duty (sometimes "temp det d")
tl	trial
TLP	total loss in pay
tr	transfer(red)
trav	travel
USMCR (V)	Volunteer Marine Corps Reserve
USNH	US Navy Hospital