

**Marine Corps Institute**  
SEMI-MONTHLY REPORT  
September 19, 1925

Total number individuals enrolled.....	7,853
Total number individuals enrolled since last report.....	295
Total number individuals disenrolled since last report.....	166
Number examination papers received during period.....	2,127
Number examination papers received during year.....	32,061
Total number graduates to date.....	2,392

This page is devoted to articles written for THE LEATHERNECK by prominent men

## Who Makes the Best Non-Com?

It has been my experience during thirty-four years in the Marine Corps that the best non-commissioned officers are usually those who have had ambition enough to improve their early education by a little time devoted to study. In past years these people dug what they could out of a grammar or an arithmetic with the help of a more enlightened companion to enable them to pass their promotion examinations. Often during the late war, when promotion was rapid, did a recruit fresh from an office or school on the outside help his drill instructor with decimals and fractions for his sergeant's or gunnery sergeant's examination.

The war with its great influx of educated men from civil life and the splendid opportunities for promotion brought home to many a man the value of an education. The Marine Corps Institute has provided the means. The old-timer who bemoaned his lack of education and the fact that he "didn't have much of a chance to go to school" is rapidly growing extinct. The Marine Corps Institute has provided him with the chance to go to school free of expense and without slighting his military duties. Sergeants who can't write their guard reports are a thing of the past. The old excuse of lack of opportunity is no longer valid.

Few men have military duties so exacting that they cannot devote at least a few minutes daily to a Marine Corps Institute Course. If you are already enrolled do not let up on your studies once you have started; if you have not yet enrolled talk it over with your school or company officer at the next opportunity. Increased knowledge will bring increased self-respect and earning power.

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### YOU ARE ENTITLED TO MORE THAN YOUR PAY

When you enlist you are entitled to a certain amount of pay. You understand that, and get your pay regularly. But you are entitled to something else in return for your services. This is a choice of subjects which you can study in order to improve yourself. Over 7,500 Marines realize this, and are taking advantage of it. All the rest are missing something they are entitled to. All you have to do is MAIL THIS SLIP.

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Washington, D. C.

I understand that I am entitled to a course in .....  
Please enroll me and send books to the address given below.

Rank and Name ..... Place .....

Organization .....

**Note: This service is free to Marines. If you are in doubt about anything ask your Company Commander, or your First Sergeant.**