'Miniwar' Laid to Marine Deserter

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Charles followed a dead man's trail young Marine — again listed as he admitted at his arraign-source in tails and in the florida Ever-has spent most of his time of glades last March 13. Monroe Canada until a bombing raid late in jails and jungle camps. County Sheriff Robert Brown

In the past five months, gle camp. Eugene Maximilien, Smith has been a deserter the Haitian consul general in garbed in flying suits gle training cemp and accused vade his country. of trying to invade his homeland, the Caribbean island nation of Haiti.

The Marine Corps say Smith ter four years in uniform -Camp Lejeune, N.C., while he Miami hospital. was under guard and wearing handcuffs.

Now he is in the Dade County Jail at Miami, charged with conspiracy to launch a military expedition against a friendly country, Haiti. Smith has been unable to raise \$50,000 bond. Even if he could, he faces a hold order on the desertion charge.

Invasion Planned

Smith and eight other men are charged with attempting to invade Haiti, the country where Smith was born 21 years ago. And Haiti has been connected with all of his recent brushes with the law.

The latest episode began when a carbine-carrying posse

The U.S. Government says he said the officers found 12 the Haitian capital, on June 4. has been trying to launch his own miniwar.

twice, charged with murder Miami, said the camouflage-strode from a bullet-riddled once, arrested in a secret jun- clad men were training to in- plane that landed at an Ameri-

A day before the raid, Florida Highway Patrol troopers plane was almost out of fuel. answering a telephoned report The 10 men were arrested and of a shooting 50 miles deep in nine, Smith among them, were still a private first class af the swampy wilds of the Everglades, stopped a car carrying man, William Dempsey, was has deserted three times. His Gerald D. Baker, a Haitian who held for Canadian authorities. most recent escape, the Mar- had been shot in the chest. He ines say, came last April at was dead on arrival at a

Deputies swarmed into the area. Smith and the 11 other 'er dumped six barrels of gamen surrendered without a soline with burning fuses on fight. The posse seized 16 pis- Port au Prince, Smith's home tols, 16 rifles and a collection town. Only one of the drums of knives.

Charge Dropped

A murder charge Was lodged against Smith and accessory complaints against the other men. But a correct Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier. cessory compliants against the Francois "rapa Doc Duvation" other men. But a coroner's jury empanelled in the Flor-ida Keye ruled Baker was killed "by a gunshot wound by

Monroe County Detective last a Sgt. A. C. Vidal testified at the land, hearing that Baker was shot The during a practice skirmish at the exile guerrilla training site. Vidal said shots were fired by men practicing as an attack force and men acting as an ambush squad.

tion in Key West. He traveled Lawrence J. Carlin, Howard through a series of brigs to K. Davis, Ralph G. Edens and Camp Lejeune where he had Edmund Kolby. Another man been missing since February. was released without charge, Smith arrived at the camp at one was charged but not in-5:40 p.m. last April 10. Less dicted and a third was turned than eight hours later he was over to Canadian authorities. gone again.

told the U.S. Central Intelli- previous conviction on charges gence Agency helped Smith of trying to invade Haiti. escape. The source said the Casey flashed a faint smile

was staged on Port au Prince,

Smith disappeared from public view until June 4 when he and nine other men -all

can missile tracking station on Grand Bahamas Island. The deported to Miami. The 10th

, The shot-up plane that landed in the Bahamas was similar to a four-engine Constellation that a few hours earexploded. The Haitian govern-ment said two adults and a 6month-old child were killed.

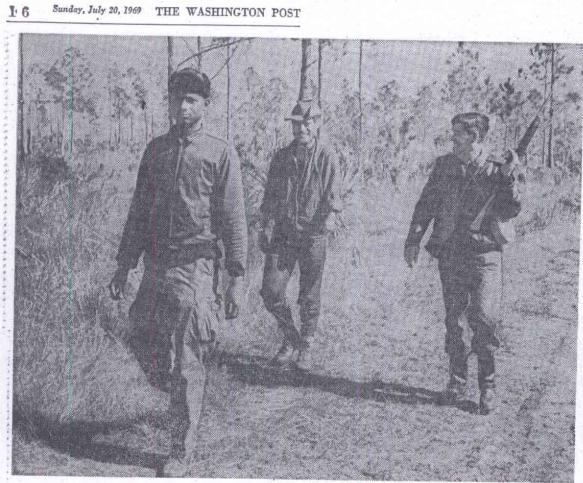
One of the barrels landed in a person or persons un-known." The charges against Smith and his companions South and the made its run on Port au Prince. Haitian officials also alleged the plane's last stop was South Caicos Is-

The source said the raids were only on a dry run to prove to unidentified financial backers "that it could be døne."

Federal grand jury in A After the murder charge and six others on conspiracy was dropped, Smith was charges July 9. The indict-handed over to the Marine Barracks at the naval air sta-Ieon, Martin F. X. Casey, Washington indicted Smith

A source close to the Hai-tian exile colony said he was were free on bonds to appeal a

rested in 1967 along with 71 other persons as a boatload of battleclad adventurers pre-pared to leave the Florida Keys for Haiti.



Marine deserter Charles Smith walks out of Everglades, followed by deputies who closed down a jungle camp

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where a man had been killed. Haitian consul in Miami charged the campers were training to invade Haiti.