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24 September 1987

Dear Ed:

Since you are the archivist of " dead ends " I thought that I would submit this " possible " to you. As you read through it, it is pretty much self explanatory.

Several months ago I was going through my files and pulled out this one on Oswald at Keesler and decided to open it up again with the idea of doing an article on it in the Third Decade. After denying that Oswald had been " attached " to the USMC Reserve unit listed on the Air Force form, I sent a follow up letter but this time with a copy of the form attached which had not gone out with the previous inquiry. As of this date, I have not had any reply (such things are not surprising to us, right?).

The TTAF Form 20 is suppose to be Oswald's official student record at Keesler. Note that it list his last organization (Marine Air Detachment, Naval Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Florida) from which he reported when going to Keesler. However, instead of listing the 4th Replacement Battalion, MCAS El Toro which was his next " official " assignment (Service records as published in the WC exhibits), it indicates (to me atleast) that after Keesler he was assigned to this Marine Reserve unit in Gulfport, Mississippi. This never before published document does not have him going to California where we are told the real Oswald was sent. What are your thoughts?

I trust that you enjoyed summer school in your new position as Cheif Honcho. And if you will, tell your two lovely ladies that I said hello.

By the way, I bought a copy of Ted Gandolfo's " book " COVERUP. What a drag! He cites on the cover that the book contains his recently aquired evidence and proof of direct C.I.A. involvement but I was unable to find it. Jerry didn't seem to hold Ted in too great esteem either. If you have not allready spent the money, save it for something else.

Have you anything on the Albert Schweitzer College? I wrote to the address in CE 236 but never got an answer. Perhaps in your educational capacity you could obtain a response and perhaps some literature. What do you think?

Sincerely,



August 27, 1987

Emory L. Brown, Jr.
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Howell, New Jersey 07731

Dear Emory:

Thanks for the subscription renewal and the piece on possible Oswald cryptography. My records show you paid up through September of next year, but I followed my bird-in-the-hand procedure of taking your check to extend your subscription for three more years (through 9/92). Let me know if that is not all right with you. Much beyond that I probably won't take subscriptions as I'm planning to burn a THIRD DECADE (or something) on the grassy knoll on November 22, 1993.

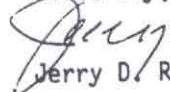
I'll probably go with the cryptography article for the September issue; it certainly is a matter worth raising in this forum, relating as it does to so much of the other "spy" indications from Oswald's effects. Of course I wonder, though, if some of this stuff wasn't planted precisely to give investigators the impression that LHO was a KGB agent. Since I'm so late on the July issue (in which your "weight of evidence" piece will appear), I think I'll assemble the September issue as well during the next week and mail the two issues together.

On the Keesler business, I want to hold off on publication until we can get some kind of explanation of that "attached to" notation on the training record. You mentioned in your last letter that Keesler denied that Oswald had been there. Isn't that different information than what we had before? It's one thing to deny that you've kept a record and another to deny that a person was ever there whom service records (maybe phony ones) show was there (including the "non-existent" one that you teased out of them). Please keep me informed on this.

You asked about Gandolfo's claim to "proof" of a CIA conspiracy. If you've had any personal dealings with TG, you'll know how everything is the latest and last word bombshell, as long as he or Garrison says it is. I made a disclaimer in THE THIRD DECADE about not vouching for the contents of any advertised materials, and I certainly don't want to vouch for anything claimed by Crazy Ted.

It's good to be communicating with you again.

Sincerely,


Jerry D. Rose

August 12, 1987

Emory L. Brown, Jr.
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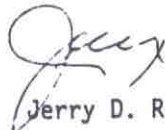
Dear Emory,

I received your Keesler AFB piece today, and was just in the process of getting to you the "weight of evidence" article as I've slightly re-written it. Please note, on the latter, that about all I've done is eliminate the personal questions to me from your letter; and also to put the references in the footnote format that I usually use. If you find any errors or problems with it, please let me know right away, as I'm going to put the July issue to bed (finally!) early next week.

On the Keesler thing, it's certainly revealing that the military could find a "non-existent" document because of your persistence; and maybe it's worth publication on that point alone. On the substance of what the record reveals: Oswald's "attachment" to a Gulfport unit of the USMCR, I have a little problem interpreting that as a post-Keesler assignment. Isn't it just as or more likely that, for some reason, Oswald and other trainees were "attached" to that unit for the duration of their schooling at Keesler? I mean, maybe the school itself was only a "faculty" responsible for technical schooling while someone else had to be responsible for the students' shoes being shined and the other "vital" things in a military existence; and maybe the reserve unit in Gulfport was simply the nearest Marine outfit that could serve that function. It is strange, on that interpretation, that Oswald's records don't show him transferred from Jax to that Marine unit rather than, as it shows, a transfer to the student training group (on one service record; the one you sent me shows him transferred to Marine HQ in Washington, the same outfit that gave him his orders to El Toro). There is no doubt in my mind that Oswald's service records have been seriously tampered with, if indeed phases of or his whole USMC career may have been paper-fabricated. Accordingly, it's worth pursuing the "non-existent" document as a slip-up in revealing an "unofficial" aspect of Oswald's Marine career. I don't want to go to print with it, though, until the "innocent" interpretation that I have suggested can be checked out. Any thoughts?

Thanks very much for remembering THE THIRD DECADE as you reflect over your completed and continuing assassination research.

Sincerely,



Jerry D. Rose

OSWALD AT KEESLER; A Non-existent Document Surfaces
by
Emory Brown

Following his separation from the 3386 Student Squadron at Keesler AFB in June 1957, Oswald took fifteen days leave before reporting to his next assignment which was the 4th Replacement Battalion, MCAS El Toro, California. That at least is the official story as revealed in his service records contained in the exhibits of the Warren Commission Report(1). What is not published as a part of those exhibits and was officially non-existent until I obtained it, is a document which indicates that Oswald may have been assigned elsewhere.

Initially, Keesler Technical Training Center had taken the position that they had no records for an individual named Lee Harvey Oswald and furthermore, had there been any such records, they would have been routinely destroyed ten years after the student had graduated from a given course(2). Such action was in keeping with Air Force regulations. Needless to say, I found it hard to believe that such records would have been " routinely " destroyed and also that the name Oswald didn't seem to ring any bells with anyone.

I took the liberty of sending a letter in which I explained who Mr. Oswald was and suggested that they dig a little deeper. That letter must have contained the right stuff for several weeks later an envelope arrived in which I found a one page copy of a formerly non-existent document and a very brief note saying that the enclosed was what I had requested. The document is an Air Force TTA Form 20, which I was told was a copy of Oswald's train-

ing record. It is published here for the first time.

What is of particular interest about the document is the information contained in block 5 where it is stated that Oswald was attached to I&I 1st ArmAmphCo. USMCR, Broad Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi! Why I wondered, would Oswald who had signed up for three years of active duty, have been assigned to a Marine reserve outfit after tech school? And, if the real Oswald was stationed in Mississippi, who was it that went to California to play the role of the misfit leftist?

A former marine at work told me that I&I ment Inspector and Instructor and that such a unit was responsible for providing additional training to new incoming personnel which were assigned to a military organization. However he said, he couldn't see a PFC as being an instructor since they almost always are NCOs or above in rank. His only explanation was that Oswald was a "gofer", a sort of errand boy but considering the training which Oswald had just received, I considered such duty unlikely. So, what is the answer?

Futher inquiries of the Commandant of the Marine Corps who had custody of Oswalds records according to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, brought no reply. Could it be that someone inadvertently let this formerly non-existent document slip through a crack in the floor (shades of Fawn and Olie)? One can only wonder how much they have knowingly destroyed or "revised" or are holding back.

Footnotes

1. Donabedian Ex. 1 (19E581-617), Folsom Ex. 1 (19E656-768)
and Commission Exhibit 3099 (26E709-726).
2. Ltr dtd 25 Jul 77 from Keesler TTC(ATC) to author.

R.D. 3 Box 618
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21 August 1987

REF: 1070
MMRB-12
13 Aug 1987

D. Stevenson
Head, Unit #12
Records Service Section
Department of the Navy
Headquarters United States Marine Corps
Washington, D. C. 20380-0001

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

Reference is made to your letter dated 13 August 1987 in which you stated that the service record of Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald failed to show that he was ever a member of the First Armor Amphibian Company, USMCR, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Attached hereto is a copy of a document of U. S. Air Force origin which is a TTAF Form 20 training record for the above named subject while he was a student at Keesler Air Force Base.

Your attention is invited to Block 5, Remarks in which it is stated " Attached to: I&I 1st ArmAmphCo USMCR Broad Avenue, Gulfport, Miss. ". Since you have stated that the subject was never of this organization, I would be very much interested in an explanation of this record entry. Perhaps if such information is not in his official service record, it might be found in the unofficial, unsanitized record.

Sincerely,

Emory L Brown, Jr.

Attachment: TTAF Form 20



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20380-0001

IN REPLY REFER TO

1070
MMRB-12
13 Aug 1987

Mr. Emory L. Brown, Jr.
R.D. 3, Box 618
Howell, New Jersey 07731

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is in reply to your letter of July 24, 1987 regarding the late Mr. Lee Harvey OSWALD, 165 32 30, former member of the Marine Corps.

A review of Mr. Oswald's service record has been made and fails to show that he was ever a member of the First Armor Amphibian Company, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Stevenson".

D. STEVENSON
Head, Unit #12
Records Service Section
By direction of the
Commandant of the Marine Corps

R.D. 3 Box 518
Howell, New Jersey 07731
24 July 1987

Commandant of the Marine Corps
Headquarters, United States Marine Corps
Washington, D. C. 20380

Dear Sir:

Subject: Oswald, Lee Harvey 1653230
a former Marine (deceased)

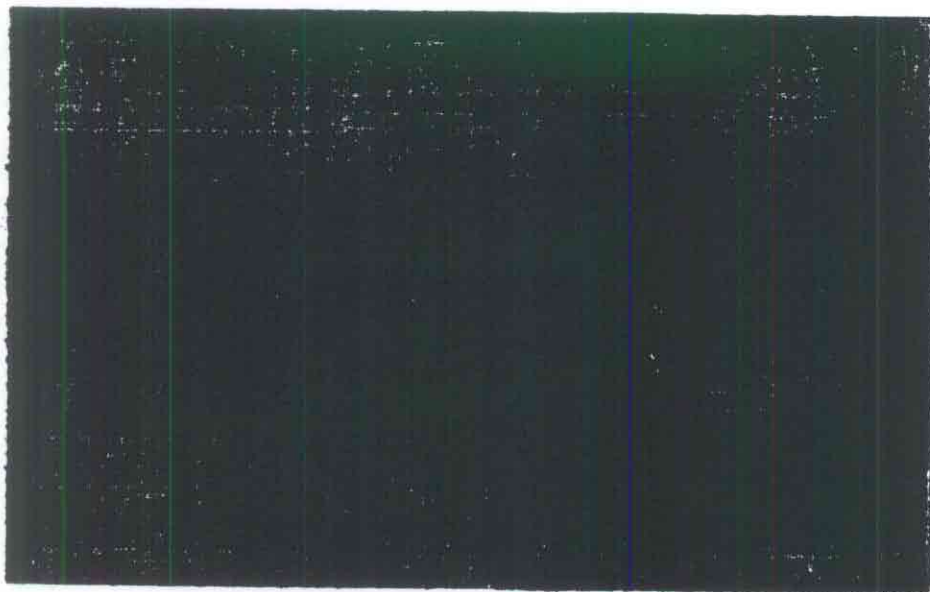
The Navy Reference Branch of the National Personnel Records
Center has advised me that your office has custody of the
Military Service Records of the above named Marine.

I have received information to the effect that Mr. Oswald was
attached to 1st ArmAmphCo, USMCR, Gulfport, Mississippi.
However, reference to that organization are not a part of his
records as published in the Report of the Warren Commission.
I wish to purchase copies of any documents which contain
information about Mr. Oswald's period of duty with that
particular organization. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Emory L Brown, Jr.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS KEESLER TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI 39334



REPLY
ATTN OF:

3380 ABG/DAD

29 Dec 1977

SUBJECT:

Request for Information

TO:

Mr. Emory L. Brown, Jr.

We do not have records containing information requested in your letter dated 9 Dec 1977. Recommend you contact U. S. Naval Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Kenneth C. Collins
KENNETH C. COLLINS
Chief, Documentation Branch

82 Squankum Road
Howell, New Jersey 07731
9 December 1977

By Certified Mail No. 905283

Mr. Kenneth C. Collins
Chief, Documentation Branch
Headquarters Heesler Technical Training Center
Heesler Air Force Base, Mississippi 39554

Attention: 5380 ADG/DAG

Dear Mr. Collins:

Reference is made to your letter dated 13 October 1977 and to the enclosed copy of DDAT Form 20, a document concerning Oswald, Lee R. SN: 1653250 USMC.

There are two points I would like to have cleared up concerning this document:

1. Under "Remarks", it states that the student was attached to 1st Arm Amph Co USMC, Broad Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, apparently as of 2 May 1957. I would like to be advised as to the organizational function of that particular unit.
2. Under "Transferred to:", the address is given as Co, Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington 25, D.C. Were all students involved in the same type of training given Mr. Oswald (at least Marines) transferred to that address or is that simply where certain of his school records were sent?

Your answers to the above or referral to someone who can provide me with such information will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Emory L. Brown, Jr.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS KEESLER TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI 39534



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 3380 ABG/DAD

13 Oct 1977

SUBJECT: Request for Training Record

TO: Emory L. Brown, Jr.
82 Spuankum Road
Howell, New Jersey 07731

Training Record pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald is forwarded
in compliance with your letter dated 27 September 1977.

Kenneth C. Collins
KENNETH C. COLLINS
Chief, Documentation Branch

82 Squankum Road
Howell, New Jersey 07731
27 September 1977

CMSgt. James A. Wall, USAF
Acting Chief, Central Base Administration
Headquarters Keesler Technical Training Center
Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi 39534

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated 25 July 1977 concerning the records of Lee Harvey Oswald, a former Marine Serial Number 1653230 and graduate of Course ABR 27330.

In your letter you stated that policy required that the records of ABR 27330 students be destroyed within ten years from the date of graduation. I assume that you are aware of the fact that Mr. Oswald is the individual who was accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. Since the Assassination took place before the end of the ten year period and since executive order required the preservation of all evidence, it is rather difficult for me to believe that the Air Force ~~want~~ ahead and destroyed the records which I am requesting.

Since your letter does not state that anyone attempted to locate these records, but only set forth the rules and regulations for the routine destruction of said records, I think that they may well be on file at present. I still wish to receive a copy of them and would appreciate you having them located. I will of course be glad to pay a fee for such services as allowed for under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,

Emory L. Brown, Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS KEESLER TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI 39534



25 Jul 1977

Emory L. Brown, Jr
82 Squankum Road
Howell, NJ 07731

Dear Mr. Brown

This is in reply to your further letter dated 18 Jul 77 concerning one Lee Harvey Oswald. As previously stated in our letter dated 13 Jul 77, any official records associated with your request have already been destroyed. Title 44, U.S.C. 3101-3107 and 3301-3314, as implemented in U. S. Air Force by AFM 12-50, Disposition of AF Documentation, Table 50-R, Rule 3, requires that records maintained on training of individuals in Course ABR 27330 be destroyed after 10 years from graduation date. Official Training Records generated during the era indicated in your letter would have been destroyed and no record copies are available.

Sincerely,

James A. Wall
JAMES A. WALL, CMSgt, USAF
Acting Chief, Central Base Administration

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82 Squankum Road
Howell, New Jersey 07731
July 18, 1977

Mr. Kenneth C. Collins, GS-8
Chief, Documentation Branch (3380ABG/DAD)
Headquarters Keesler Technical Training Center (ATC)
Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi 39534

Dear Mr. Collins:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 13, 1977.

Mr. Oswald attended Aircraft Control and Warning Operators
Course AB 27330 this base, 24 April 1957 through 18 June 1957.

I have reason to believe that in this particular case, the
records were not or at least should have not been destroyed.
According to Executive Order, all evidence in the case which
would include Mr. Oswalds military service records, should
have been preserved.

Accordingly, I would ask that you look futher into the matter
and your earliest possible reply would certainly be most
appreciated.

Sincerely,

Emory L Brown, Jr.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS KEESSLER TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI 39534



13 July 1977

Emory L. Brown, Jr
82 Spuankum Road
Howell, NJ 07731

Dear Mr Brown

Reference to your letter dated 5 Jul 77, in which you requested records pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald. In order to locate Training Records we must know the year training was completed. However, if Mr Oswald completed training prior to 1967 his record has been destroyed as retention period for training records is ten years.

Sincerely

Kenneth C. Collins
KENNETH C. COLLINS, GS-8
Chief, Documentation Branch



82 Squankum Road
Howell, New Jersey 07731
July 5, 1977

By Certified Mail No. 909133

Commanding Officer
Naval Technical Training Center
United States Naval Air Station
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

Subject: Lee Harvey Oswald SN: 1653230 a former Marine and
student of Aviation Fundamentals School, Class P
1957

I am requesting a copy of Mr. Oswalds records which may be
under your jurisdiction and pertain to his period of train-
ing this base. This request is being made pursuant to the
provisions of Title 5 United States Code 552, Freedom of
Information Act.

I understand that certain reproduction fees may be charged
for copying said documents and I shall be willing to pay a
reasonable fee for such service. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Emory L Brown, Jr.

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