

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between

U. S. FOREST SERVICE
and

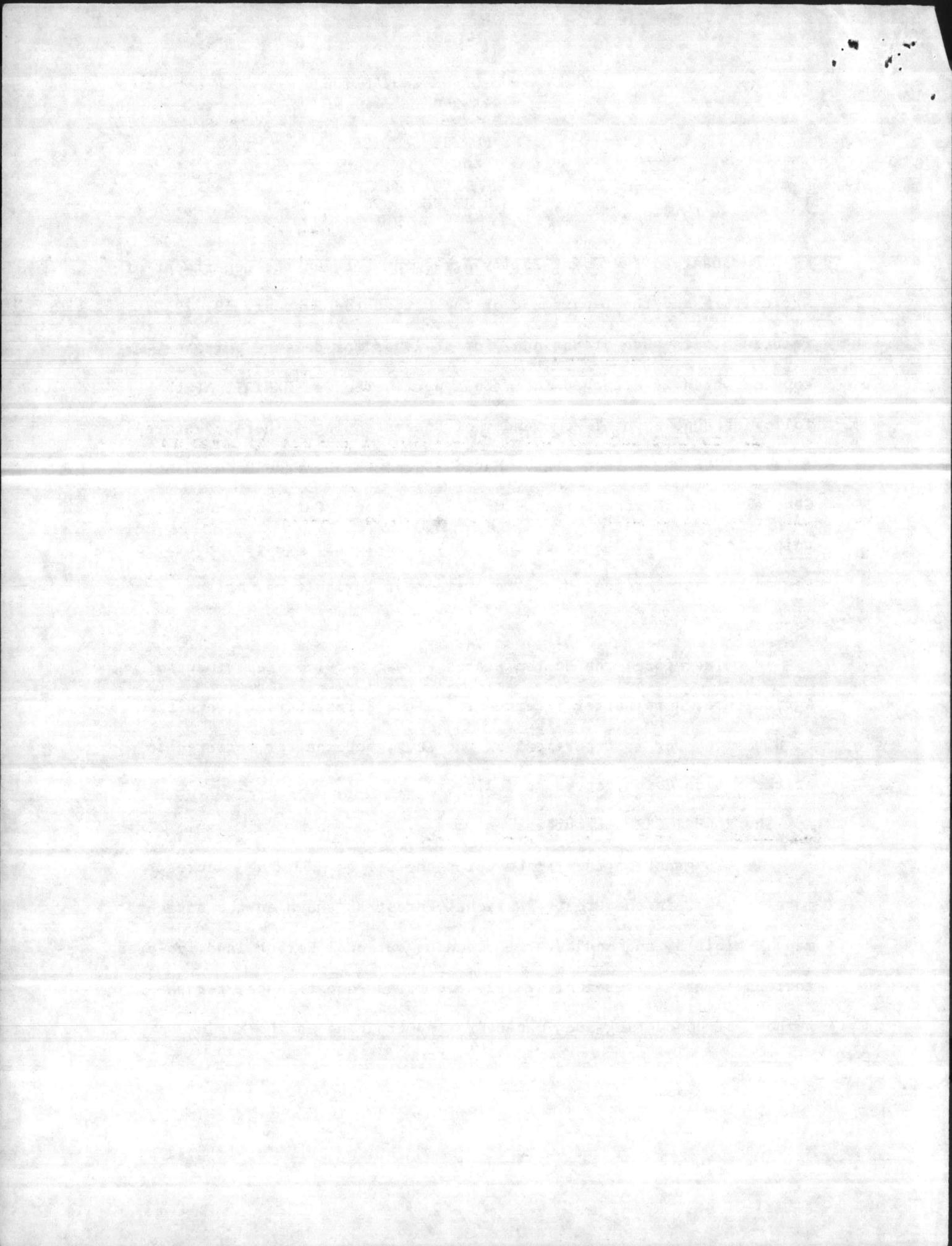
U. S. MARINE CORPS

Pursuant to the Joint Policy Agreement between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Navy dated February 19, 1952, relating to the use of National Forest lands for defense purposes, a copy of which is attached and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT A, the following supplemental Memorandum of Understanding is hereby entered into between the United States Marine Corps through the Commanding General, U. S. Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and the United States Forest Service through the Regional Forester, Southern Region, Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Atlanta, Georgia.

Now Therefore, the United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as the Forest Service, and the U. S. Marine Corps, Department of the Navy, hereinafter referred to as the Marine Corps, agree as follows:

A. The FOREST SERVICE agrees:

1. To grant to the Marine Corps the use of 151,808 acres, more or less, in the Croatan National Forest as shown on the attached map, Exhibit B, and indicated thereon as National Forest land, colored thereon in green, hereinafter referred to as Forest lands, for the purpose of conducting such maneuvers and training as the Marine Corps



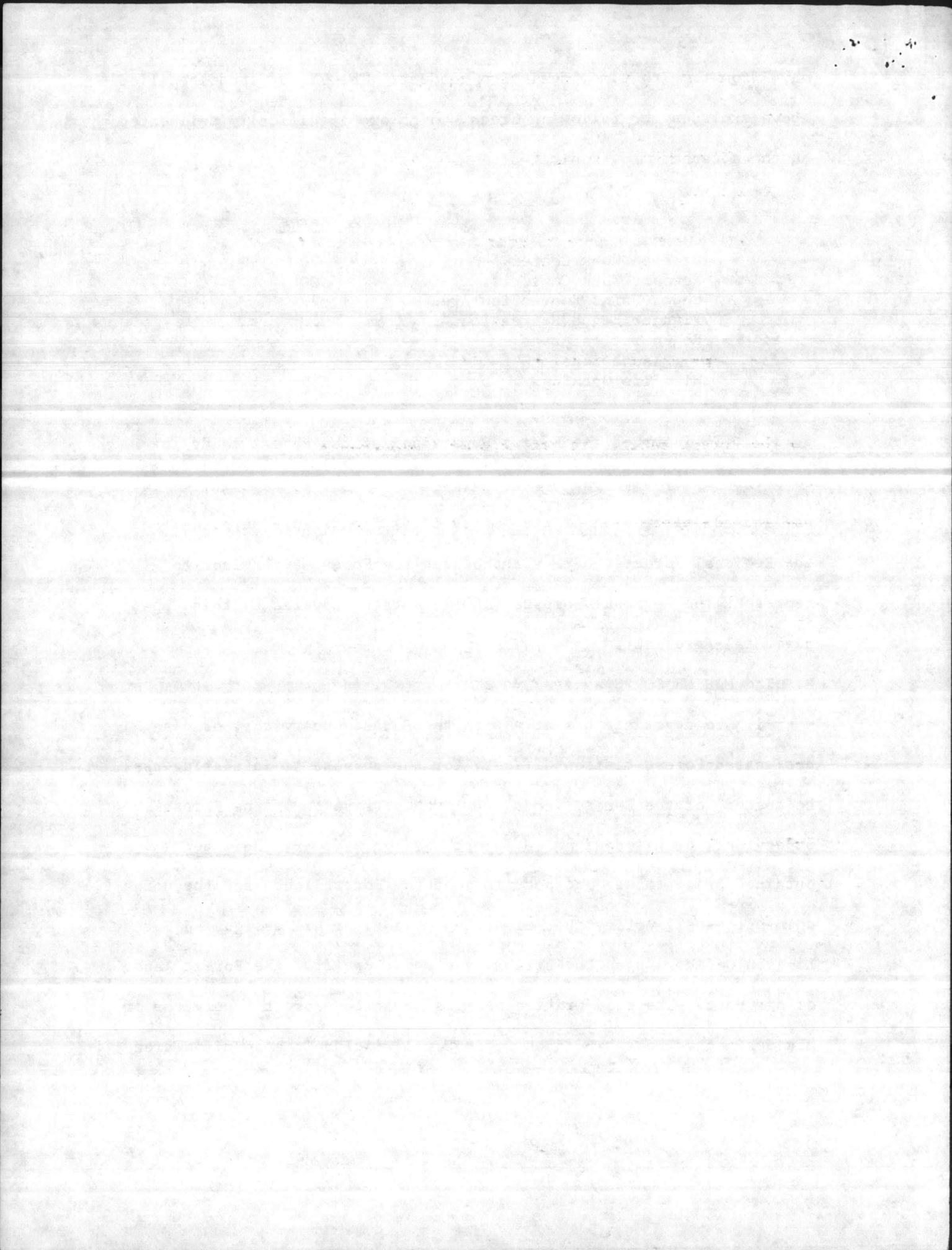
may, from time to time, desire to conduct. The Forest land specified above excludes the following areas, which are specifically delineated on the attached map, Exhibit B:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Croatan Work Center	20
Newport Work Center	20
Cedar Point Recreation Area	30
Flanner Beach Recreation Area	50
Regeneration Areas (Plantations)	300
Wildlife Openings	150

2. To instruct the Forest Supervisor of the Forest lands to cooperate fully with the Marine Corps in all matters relating to the use and administration of the Forest lands for defense purposes; and the Regional Forester hereby authorizes the Forest Supervisor to represent the Regional Forester in all matters covered by this Supplemental Agreement.

B. The MARINE CORPS agrees:

1. To negotiate directly with the Forest Supervisor, or his designated Forest Liaison Officer, for the purpose of initiating use, as needed, of the Forest lands. Written permission of the Forest Supervisor, or his designated Forest Liaison Officer, shall be obtained prior to use and occupancy of the Forest lands and the using commander shall notify the Forest Supervisor, or his designated Forest Liaison Officer, upon the arrival and departure from the Forest lands of his unit. The said written permission of the Forest Supervisor or his designated Forest Liaison Officer will include the specific area



of Forest lands which may be utilized by the using unit. The using unit commander will post such areas as may be designated by the Forest Supervisor, or his designated Forest Liaison Officer, as "Off Limits" to Marine Corps personnel.

2. To use the Forest lands for the purpose of conducting maneuvers and training in accordance with the policies set forth in EXHIBIT A and the conditions included herein.

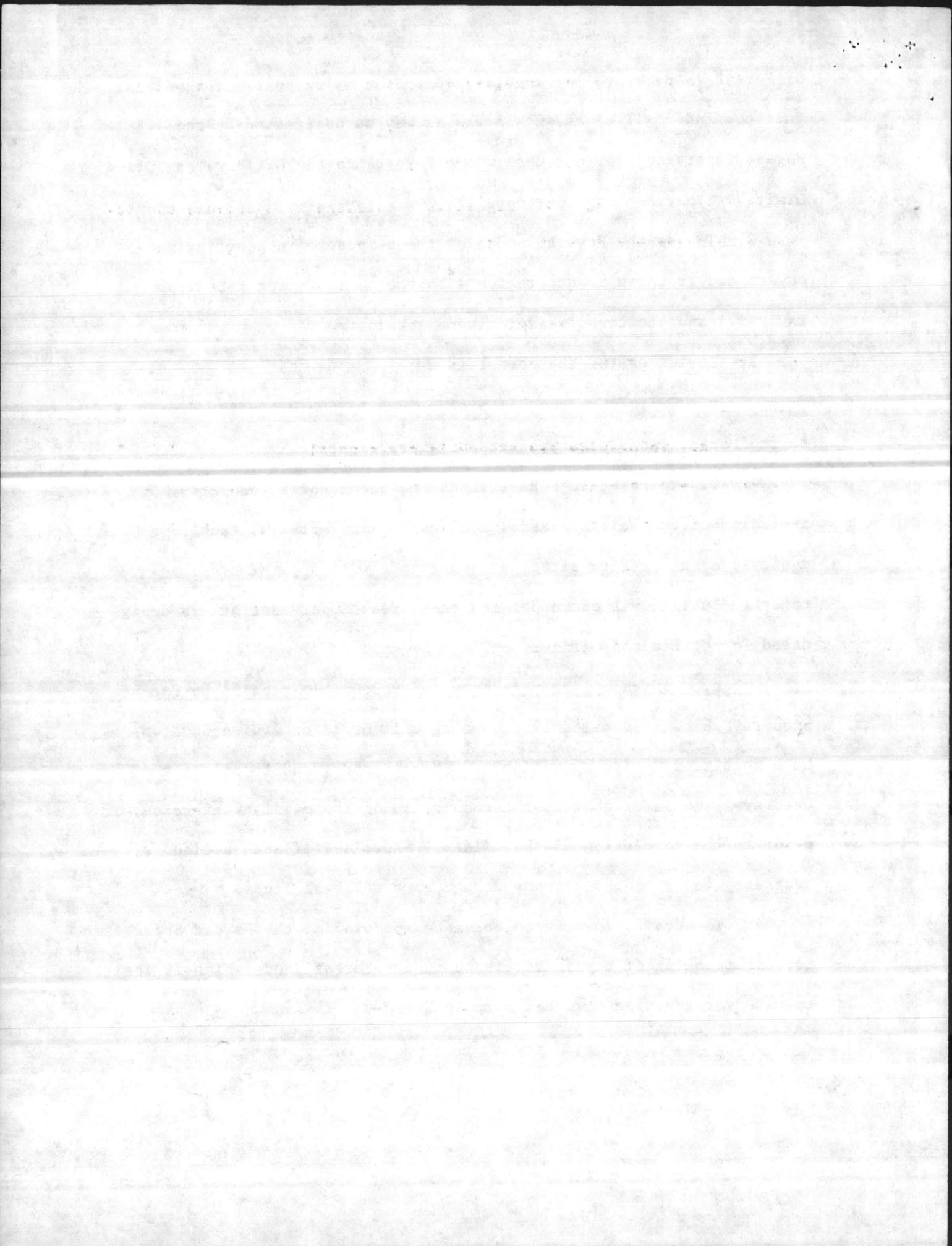
3. During use of the Forest lands:

a. To take reasonable precautions to avoid causing damage to the Forest lands, its products or improvements.

b. To maintain Forest lands and other Forest property, including bivouac sites, roads, road banks, tank trails, tank maneuver areas or fire sites, in accordance with a plan mutually agreed to by the using unit commander and the Forest Supervisor or his designated Forest Liaison Officer.

c. To accomplish necessary and reasonable repairs to Forest property which is damaged by the using unit or is otherwise damaged as a result of Marine operations on Forest lands, and to police the used areas no later than at the conclusion of the military exercise, or prior to the conclusion of the military exercise, if such action is necessary to prevent permanent damage to the Forest lands.

4. To obtain, in writing, advance approval of the Forest Supervisor for construction of any improvements to the Forest lands which it desires to make for training or other purposes.



5. To take all reasonable precautions to prevent forest fires.

a. To take immediate and independent action to control and suppress forest fires occurring from Marine Corps use of Forest lands and to the extent that such action is consistent with defense commitments, as determined by the using unit commander, to continue such action until such fires are controlled and suppressed.

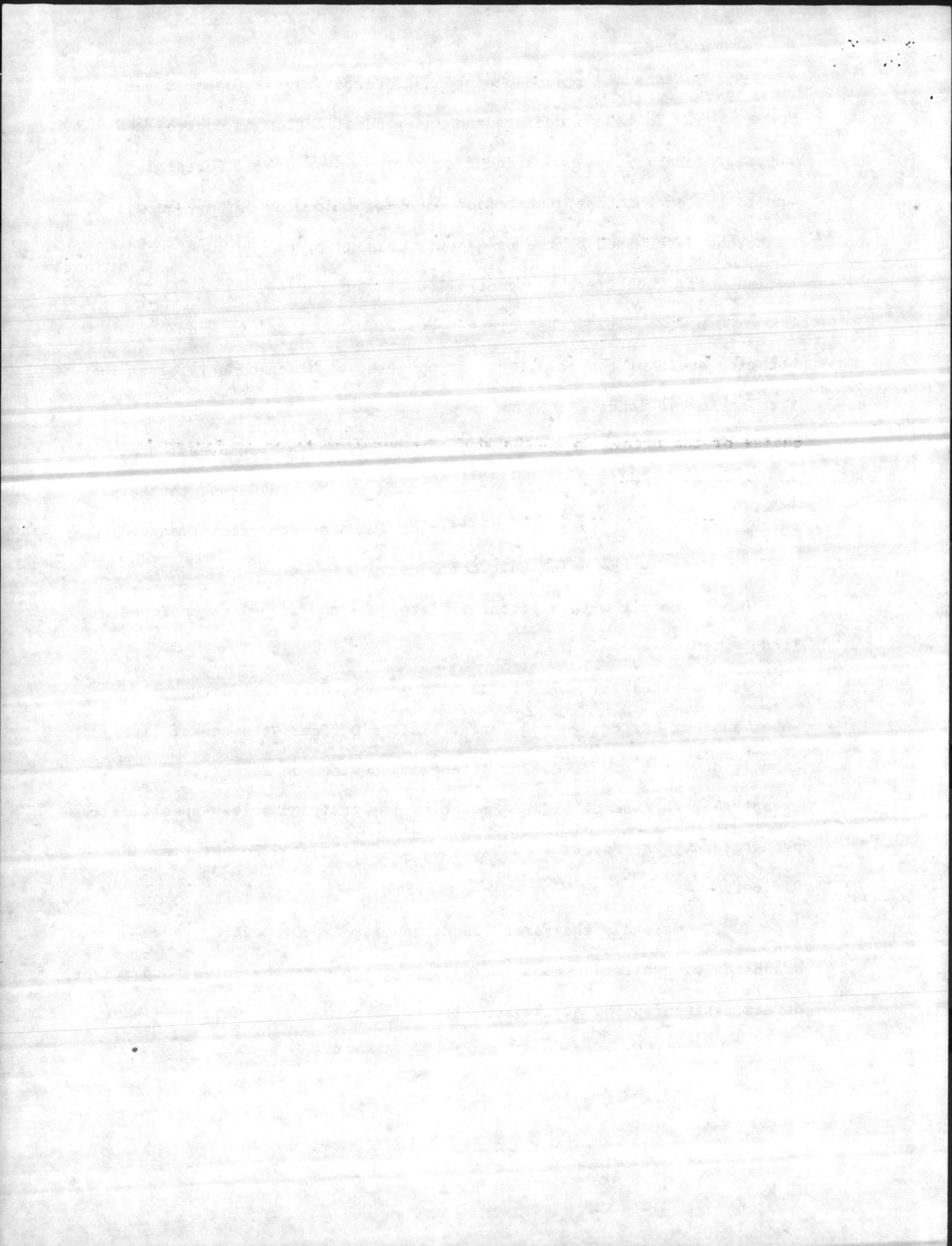
b. To notify the Forest Service, without delay, upon becoming aware of the occurrence or upon the sighting of any forest fire on Forest lands.

c. To provide assistance in the control and suppression of forest fires on Forest lands not caused by the Marine Corps, to the extent that such assistance is consistent with defense commitments, as determined by the using unit commander.

6. To comply with applicable State game and fish laws on Forest lands.

7. To prohibit, unless otherwise permitted by the Forest Supervisor or his designated Forest Liaison Officer, the use of live ammunition, explosives, and/or incendiary devices on Forest lands; except that the use of blank ammunition is permitted unless specifically prohibited by the Forest Supervisor or his designated Forest Liaison Officer.

8. To maintain the Forest lands and its improvements to such standards of sanitation as is mutually agreeable to the Forest Supervisor, or his designated Forest Liaison Officer, and the using unit commander.

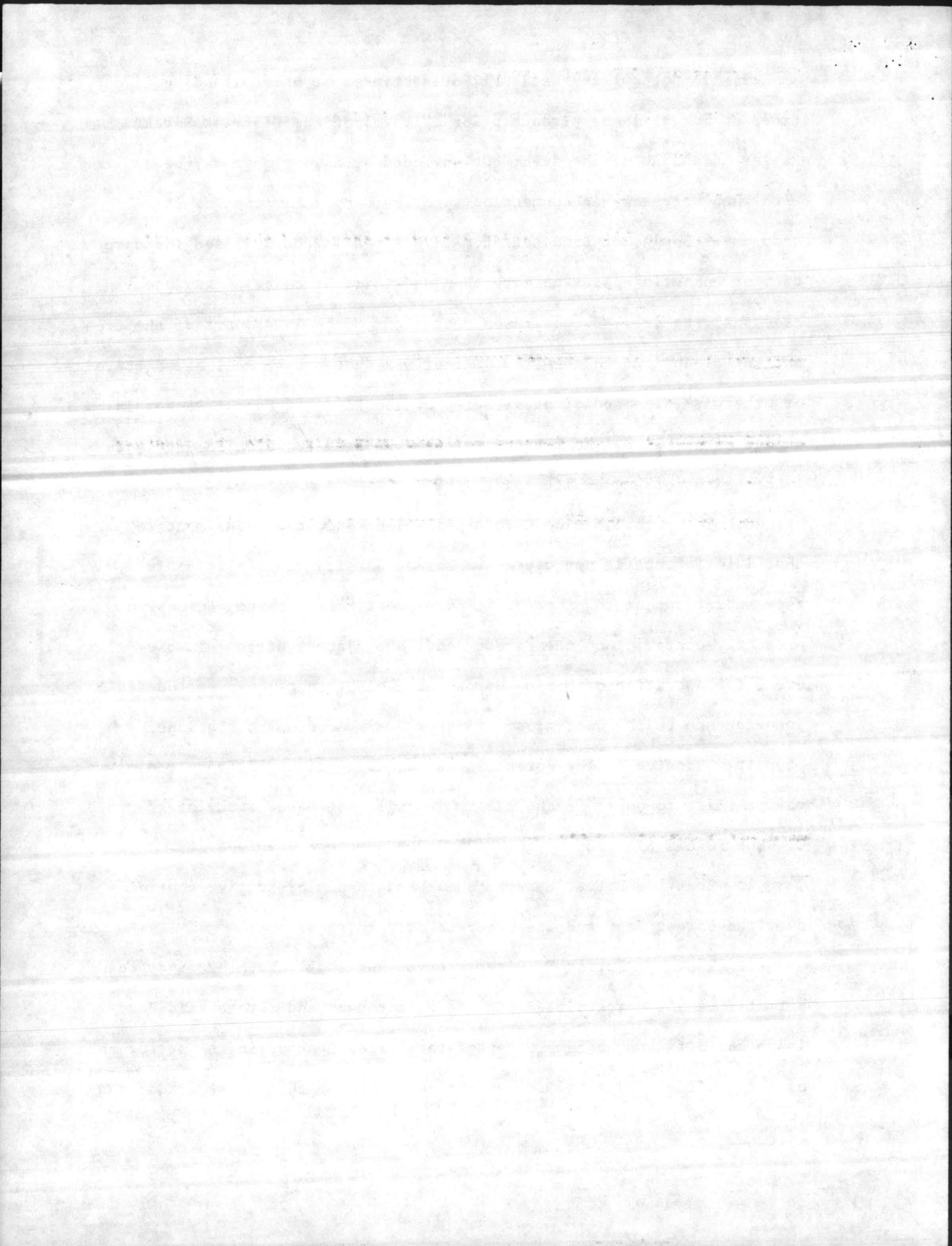


9. To not cut any National Forest timber or other standing live trees on Forest lands without prior approval of the District Forest Ranger in charge of the area; but any dead or down timber may be used when necessary in connection with training activities or for camp use. Boughs or branches from live trees may be utilized for camp use, or camouflage, but no more than one-third of those on any one tree shall be cut. Boughs taken must be from the lower part of the tree and cut clean next to the stem. After use, the brush shall be scattered or otherwise disposed of as directed by the District Forest Ranger in charge of the area. No boughs shall be cut from trees on Forest lands within sight of any public road.

10. To operate Marine Corps radio-electronic type equipment so that interference is not caused to Forest Service radio-electronic type operations or to other U. S. Government radio-communications presently operating on the Forest lands or adjacent areas. In the event the operation of Marine Corps radio-electronic equipment causes interference to the operations of other U. S. Government stations presently located on the Forest lands, to discontinue military radio use or shift to other frequencies which will not cause such interference.

C. The FOREST SERVICE and the MARINE CORPS mutually agree:

1. That the Forest Service shall retain administrative control over the Forest land and its products or resources.
2. That the Forest Service reserves and shall have the right to permit free and unrestricted access in, through, and across said Forest lands for officers and employees of the United States, in the performance of their official duties; for authorized users of the Forest lands; and



for purchasers of Forest land products, when such access is not inconsistent with the enjoyment of any privileges granted to the Marine Corps elsewhere in this document or by any other means, for the utilization of Forest lands.

a. The District Forest Ranger in charge of the area will, whenever feasible, notify the using unit commander of the anticipated presence of any above described persons in the maneuver or training area being used by the Marine Corps.

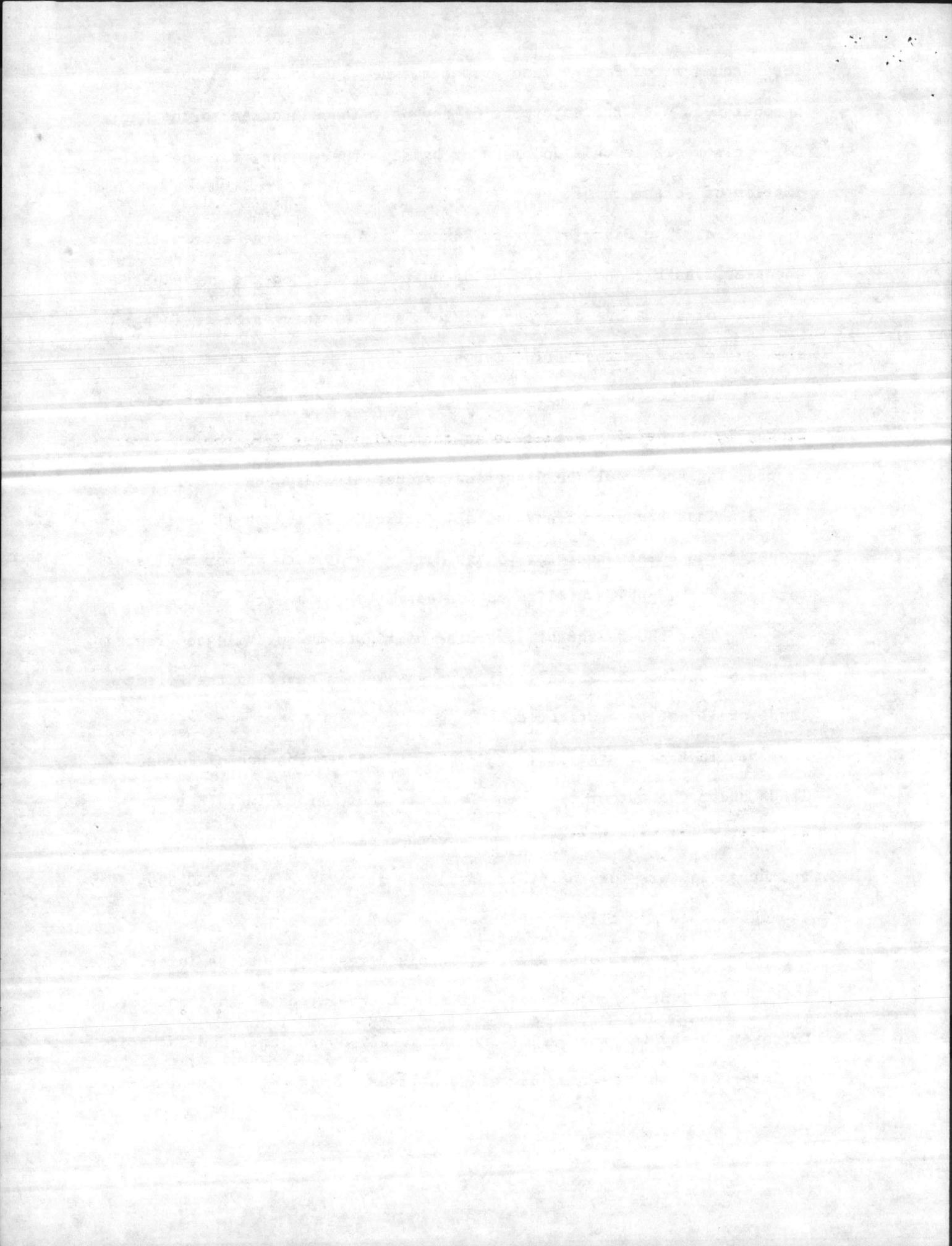
b. The using unit commander will advise the District Forest Ranger in charge of the area at any time when entry into the maneuver or training area would be dangerous for non-military personnel.

3. That the use of any and all public utilities shall be through proper arrangements therefor by the Marine Corps with proper representatives of the public utility companies.

4. That the reasonable exercise of rights and privileges granted to third parties in mineral, oil, and gas leases covering the Forest lands shall not be obstructed.

5. That no charge will be made for Marine Corps use of Forest lands under the authority of the Department of Agriculture (Forest Service) Regulation U-11A; however, either party may perform reimbursable work for the other party, as authorized by 31 USC 686a and 686b, when mutually agreed upon.

6. The general area covered by this agreement contains intermingled tracts of privately owned land. It is not the intent of this agreement to cover in any way the use of such privately owned lands nor to modify or interfere with the free use of such lands.



7. That Marine Corps personnel must be immediately available for Fleet Marine Force commitments and therefore cannot be unconditionally assigned to the Forest Service for repairs to or maintenance of Forest lands, for fire fighting on Forest lands or for any other projects.

8. That all repairs to, police of, and maintenance of Forest lands and other Forest property which are necessary or reasonable as a result of Marine Corps operations, and all such action to accomplish the foregoing by the Marine Corps, will be undertaken as expeditiously as possible, but within the limits of funds or resources that are now or may become legally available to the Marine Corps for such purposes.

9. That all questions concerning the provisions of this Supplemental Agreement or the use of Forest lands covered herein which cannot be resolved between the using unit commander and the District Forest Ranger in charge of the area will be referred for resolution to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and the Forest Supervisor, National Forests in North Carolina, Asheville, North Carolina.

10. To facilitate coordination by designation of liaison officers to be responsible for maintaining continuity in carrying out the provisions of this agreement, as follows:

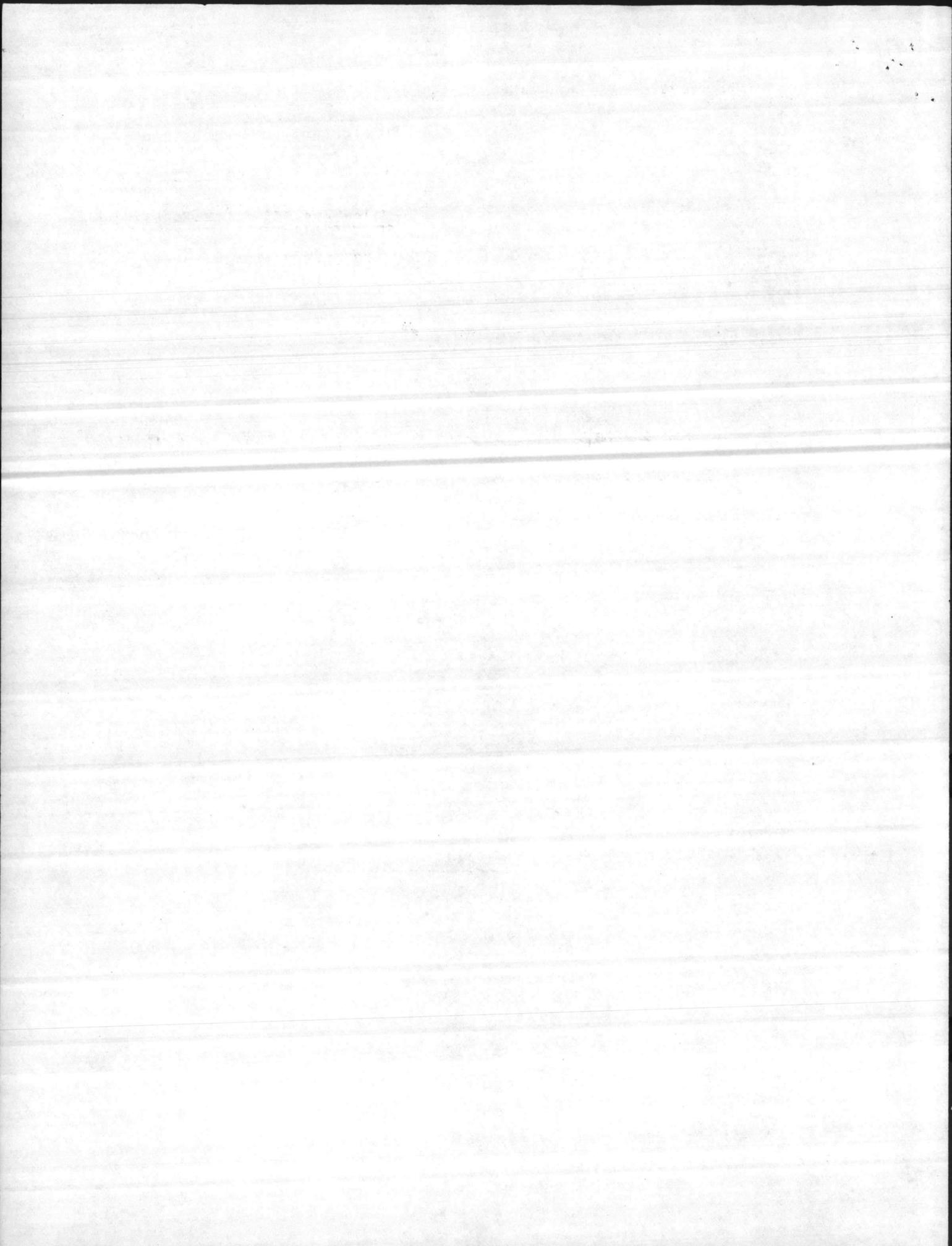
a. Primary liaison officers:

(1) For the Marine Corps: ASST. CHIEF OF STAFF, TRAINING

MARINE CORPS BASE

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. 28542

TELEPHONE C1C-346-2111 EXT. 5573



(2) For the Forest Service: R. C. Moore, Lands Staff Officer
U. S. Forest Service, Box 2750
Asheville, North Carolina
Telephone 254-0961 Ext. 603

b. The following is designated by the Forest Supervisor as his Forest Liaison Officer:

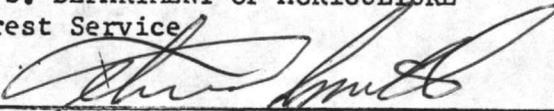
<u>Forest</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Ranger</u>
Croatan	Croatan	E. T. Grushinski New Bern, N. C.

c. For the Marine Corps, each using unit commander is designated as a secondary liaison officer.

11. This Supplemental Agreement shall become effective upon its execution and shall continue in force and effect until receipt of written notice from the Marine Corps that the Forest lands are no longer needed for the intended purposes. This Supplemental Agreement may also be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein, at the discretion of the Regional Forester or the Forest Supervisor.

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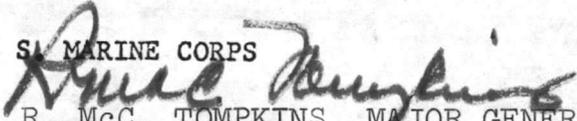
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

By 

Title Deputy Forest Supervisor

Date 27 April 1970

U. S. MARINE CORPS

By 
R. McC. TOMPKINS, MAJOR GENERAL, USMC
COMMANDING GENERAL, MARINE CORPS BASE
Title CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

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EXHIBIT A

JOINT POLICY BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RELATING TO
THE USE OF NATIONAL-FOREST LANDS
FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES

A. The Department of Agriculture recognizes:

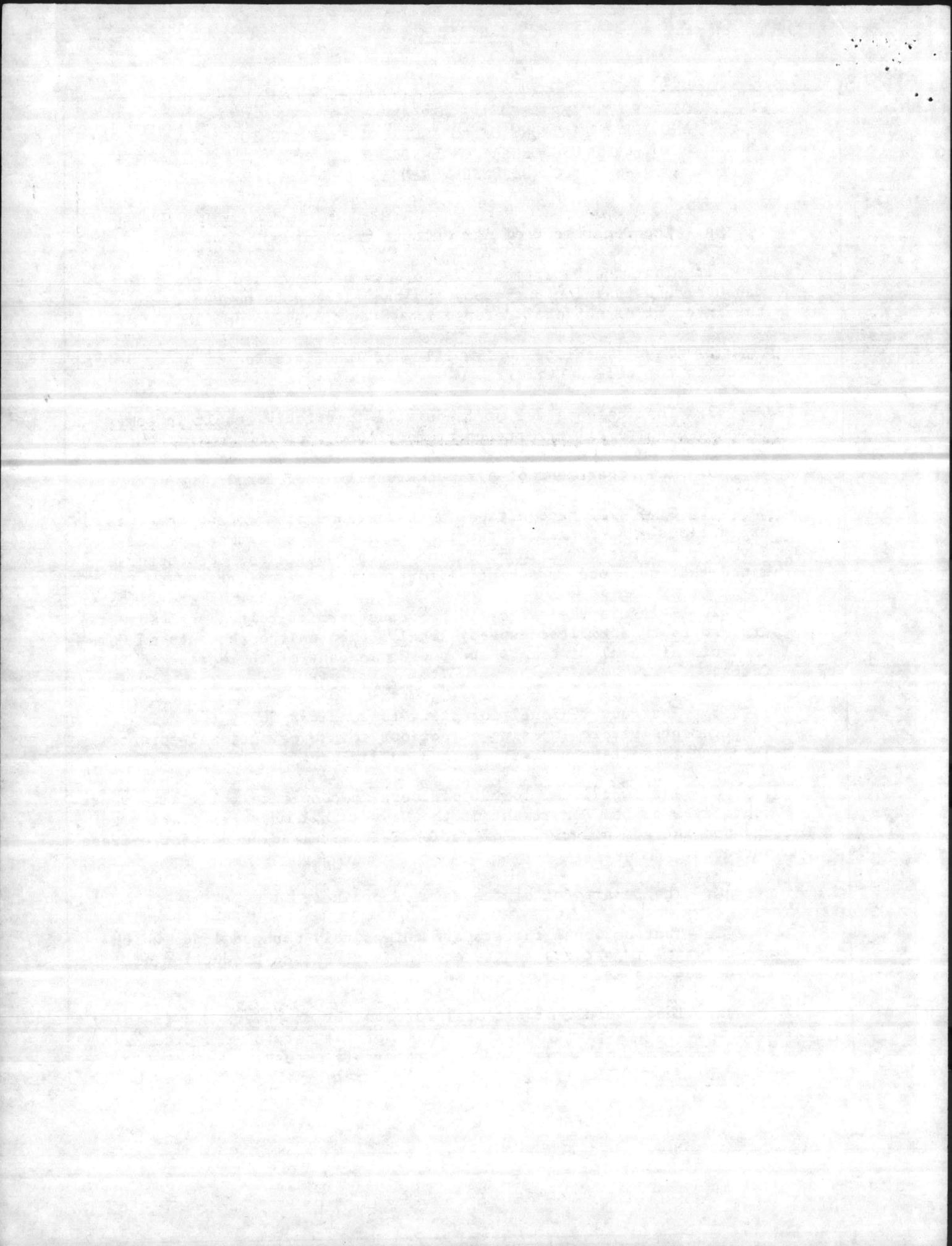
1. That the Department of the Navy needs varied terrain for maneuver and training purposes, and that it may be necessary in the interest of national defense to use national-forest land.
2. That immediate availability of land is often of prime importance to the defense effort.
3. That defense use of lands will inevitably result in some damage, despite all efforts to protect the land.

B. The Department of Agriculture will therefore:

1. Give full recognition to the defense program and meet, as expeditiously as possible, the requests of the Department of the Navy for the use of national-forest lands when it has been determined that such use is essential for the defense effort.
2. Delegate the authority to issue permits to regional foresters, so as to facilitate speedy local action on the requests of Commandants of Naval Districts and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.
3. Instruct regional foresters to consider fully the defense requirements before imposing objections to use of national-forest land and in setting up restrictions on its use.
4. Instruct local forest officers to cooperate fully with representatives of the Department of the Navy in all matters relating to the use and administration of national-forest land needed for defense purposes.

C. The Department of the Navy recognizes:

1. That national forests are intensively managed lands which are of vital importance to the economy and defense production of the United States.
2. That the use of national forests for maneuvers and training will inevitably result in damage to important natural resources and frequently inflict damages of an irreparable nature.



3. That it may often be in the public interest and consistent with the national defense to select other lands for maneuvers and training.

D. The Department of the Navy will therefore:

1. Request the use of national-forest lands for maneuver and training purposes only when it has been determined that the lands are essential for the defense effort.

2. Make every effort, consistent with defense requirements, to obtain the use of other lands which are less intensively managed, less susceptible to damage, and are less valuable to the national economy.

3. Instruct Naval shore establishment and Marine Corps commands to take all reasonable precautions to protect national-forest lands from damage. Repair damages done to the extent permissible from annual maintenance appropriations of the Navy and Marine Corps, taking into consideration improvements made within the area that would have normally been made by the Forest Service. Also, to cooperate with local forest officers on problems of fire protection, erosion control, and other land-management functions, and to provide such services, direct or through reimbursement of personnel, as the defense use may necessitate.

4. Authorize Naval shore establishment and Marine Corps commands to negotiate with local forest officers for the use of national-forest lands.

5. Budget for restoration moneys, to the extent mutually agreed upon between the Departments of Agriculture and Navy.

6. Return national forest areas to the administration of the Forest Service as soon as practicable after the need for them has ceased.

Approved February 4, 1952

Approved February 19, 1952

/s/ Dan A. Kimball
Secretary of the Navy

/s/ Charles F. Brannan
Secretary of Agriculture

