



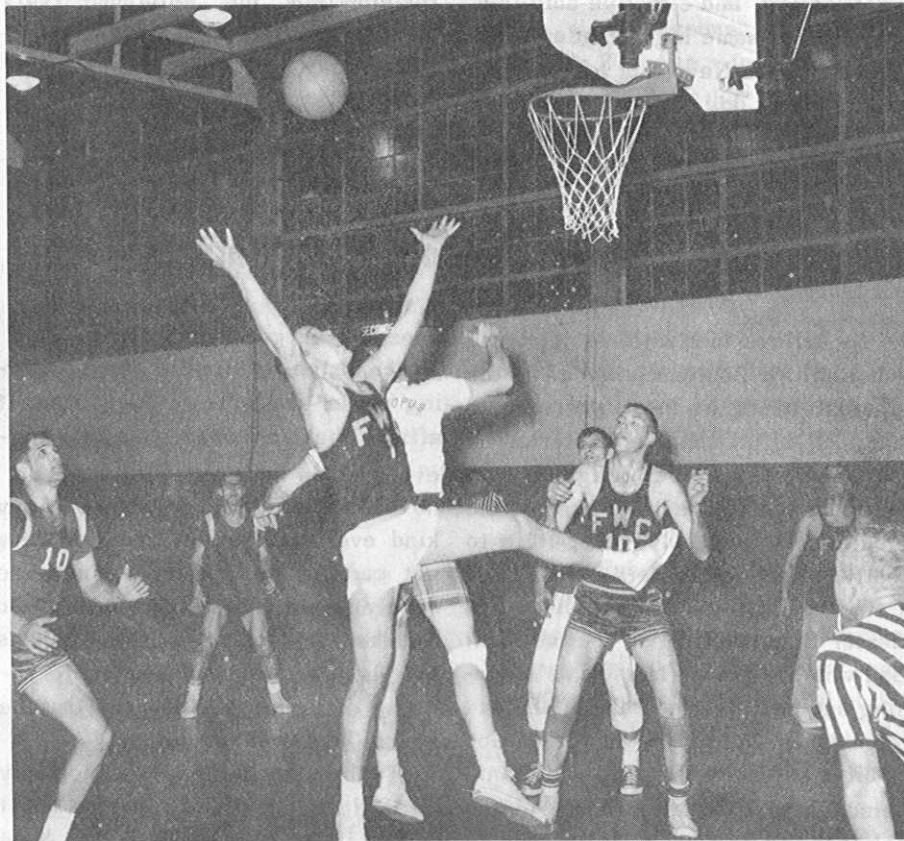
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Intramural Championship Goes To Canopus



Friday evening, 24 February 1967, saw the CANOPUS "Celtics" basketball team wind up a successful season with a come from behind victory over Fleet Weather Central by a score of 84-78, giving them the base intramural championship. The game itself was exciting throughout with Fleet Weather jumping off to a quick 12 point lead early in the first half, and threatening to blow the game wide open. Led by

Ritterbush, Clingseisen and Wissler, the Celtics cut the deficit to a mere 2 points by half-time. The second half was a different story entirely. Dave Lair scorched the nets for 3 quick buckets; Clingseisen, Gibbons, and Wissler started to find the range and Fleet Weather Central began to cool off. The Celtics grabbed the lead for good midway in the second half and

See "SPORTS" page 16

HASH MARK CLUB IS BACK

Some Navy men may get special privileges as the result of membership in the Gold Hash Mark Club.

The Club is composed of petty officers whose loyalty and good behavior qualifies them for gold hash marks. The privileges, if approved, may include special parking spaces, exemption from package inspection at naval base gates and other considerations.

The Gold Hash Mark Club was revived by Rear Admiral Walter V. Combs, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Three. Admiral Combs first began the club in 1959, when he was commanding officer of the cruiser USS Los Angeles. He felt the club was a rewarding prestige factor for his men.

The Admiral has ordered special wallet-sized membership cards for "about 700" men. The cards are bordered in gold and carry the holder's identification. The back of the card asks that all hands "extend all possible assistance, consideration and courtesies to this member who has clearly demonstrated his loyalty, devotion to duty, responsibility and personal integrity."

Membership in the Gold Hash Mark Club is restricted to those who have served in the Navy for at least 12 consecutive years.

Admiral Combs hopes his club eventually will become Navy wide and feels the privileges will become a real incentive for other enlisted men.

Gold Hash Marks are outlined in Chapter Six of the U. S. Navy Uniform Regulations Manual (Nav Pers 15665.)

COMMAND COLUMN



By Captain John D. Eaton

In the past several weeks I have been visiting various divisions at quarters to recognize those chief petty officers and first class petty officers who have received particularly outstanding performance evaluation reports. I have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to single out some of the top petty officers for special attention. Generally, they are the ones who, among the enlisted men of CANOPUS, hold the most responsible positions and have fulfilled their duties admirably. They are the leaders whose example junior enlisted men should try to follow.

In my judgment, there is none who has been selected for praise who has not deserved it. It must be recognized, however, that the chief and first class petty officers in CANOPUS are an unusual group. There are few who would not be among the outstanding petty officers of any ship in which they served. This has caused me some concern. Some whom I should have honored at quarters have been skipped. Generally, this has been because their performance evaluation reports have been turned in late. Either reports from an entire division or some of the reports of a division were overdue.

The senior petty officer who administers the divisions, the ships, and

other activities, who supervise the day-to-day work accomplished by CANOPUS-- and who do it well--deserve every word of praise they receive. Consequently, I am happy to have commended them publicly and to confirm in this column my appreciation for their outstanding performance. Most of those I have not yet recognized I will, sooner or later. Their contribution to the success of CANOPUS has not been overlooked or ignored.

I would like to assure each chief petty officer and each first class officer that I rely heavily on him to keep CANOPUS running and running right: a safe, smart, and effective ship that will set the same high standards for the rest of the Navy that her leading petty officers do.



Cross - currents

By Chaplain F. E. Whitaker

To believe in Easter is vital and important for Easter marks one of the greatest hours in the experience of man. All of us observe Easter as a day regardless of our religious convictions, but let us think now of the greater matter namely, what it is to really believe in Easter.

In the first place, to believe in Easter is to believe in a triumphant God who has proven himself as beginning and end, over and above all, and reigning and ruling the universe. God is alive and unconquerable and grants personal survival after death to the believer. To believe is to be able to walk through all circumstances in life with confidence that we are not alone and in this confidence we can live, work, and pursue life's highest values--truth, beauty, love, goodness, freedom and justice.

Secondly, to believe in Easter is to know spiritual power. The transformation of the sinner into being a child of God, the healing of body and soul, the rest and stability of assur-

Mystery Man



This month's mystery man is also residing in the wardroom---years after this picture was taken. Turn to page 14 to see what he looks like today.

ance in the goodness of life. This power of the resurrection is a renewing power available to every man. It affirms that no human situation, however bad, is hopeless. No alcoholic, no addict, no thief, no sinner of any kind ever goes so far that God does not care. No person ever sinks so deeply in sin and selfishness that God forsakes or forgets him. No child is ever born into such poverty, wickedness, or sinful environment that he cannot be saved and helped.

To believe in Easter is not only Good News about God but also about man. Life is eternal, death has been conquered, God is the living Lord of life. Old things are passed away, behold all things become new. Stop, think, reflect--do you just observe Easter or do you believe in Easter and the Living God. There is a difference and the difference is life itself. In your reevaluation why not begin by attending Worship Services and get involved in spiritual power that is available for dynamic living. See you in church.

CSS - 16 News

February only had 28 days again this year, but the Staff tried to put 31 days worth of activity in it.

A new arrival to the Staff was LT Porter Lewis, who will be working in the Weapons Department. His family arrived in Rota shortly after he did. Matter of fact they arrived so quickly that Mr. Lewis isn't quite sure how it took place. The miracles of BuPers are not to be questioned. A hearty Squadron Sixteen welcome to the Lewis family.

Another new arrival to the Staff was Chuck Edmunds and family. Mr. Edmunds is a Technical Representative for SAQAD and has relieved Bill Burns, who returned to the States. We were all sorry to see Bill leave as he was a favorite of all, but were also happy to see the Edmunds arrive, so the Hewitts made the arrival/departure a joyful occasion for everyone with a gala fiesta.

Commodore and Mrs. Barrett took time out from their busy schedule to go to Madrid for a long weekend. The

Commodore threw in a little pleasant business by making a speech to the Madrid Navy League. The event that brought on the greatest amount of excitement in the Staff was the arrival of a New Airplane for the Rota Flying Club. (We thought it was an ordinary roll of Reynolds Wrap). Why a Submarine Staff should get so excited over an airplane is unknown. Maybe CDR Maxwell, LCDR Burrows and LT Simpson are members of this fearless group of aviators? Could be!

The Eidsons and the Burrows went to Germany, LCDR Brink had a wetting down party that was great. We hope you make Admiral real soon Mr. Brink, what a party that would be!!

In the midst of all this going on Vice Admiral A. F. Schade, COMSUBLANT dropped in for a few days to look over the operations here in Rota. We all enjoyed the chance to meet him on our home grounds.

After reviewing the activities of the month, February just had to have thirty one days.



The HELMSMEN takes this opportunity to present the newest member of our beloved Staff. Won by Mrs. DeLorey, wife of GMT1 (SS) DeLorey at a recent ComSubRon 16 party, El Burro was immediately placed on Sub Pay while awaiting a billet assignment.

TEST YOURSELF By KID STORES

1. What is Batman?
 - a. Bumpkin
 - b. Jackal
 - c. Tail of a one eyed dog
 - d. All of the above
2. Who is Batman's assistant?
 - a. A bluejay
 - b. An albatross
 - c. A sparrow
 - d. A robin
3. When is Robin at his best?
 - a. Against the Joker
 - b. In the springtime
 - c. Against the Penguin
 - d. None of the above
4. Does Bass Killer picture himself a whale killer?

True----False
5. Ishmael is Bass Killer's real name.

True----False
6. Ishmael narrated the famous novel MOBY DICK.

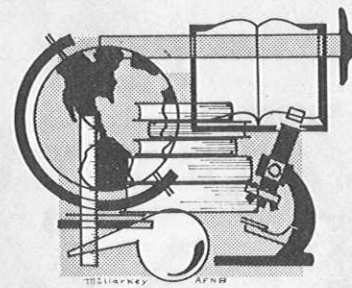
True----False
7. Capt. Ahabintyre was C.O. of the Pequod on which Ishmael was a meager deck hand.

True----False
8. Ergo Bass Killer isn't a bass killer nor a whale killer and possibly not even a fisherman, only a meager deck hand.

True----False

Answers: 1. D 2. D 3. B 4. True 5. True 6. True 7. True 8. True

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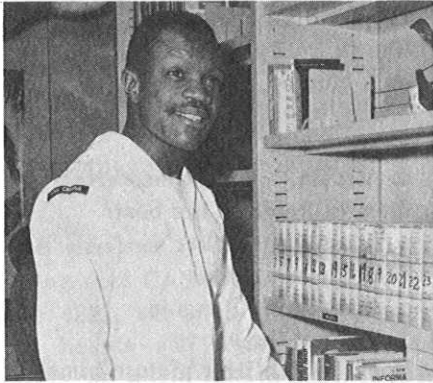
INCREASED EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

SEA BREEZE

The Roving Reporter

R-3 DIVISION NEWS

Question of the Month: What would you do if you were Chief of Naval Operations for a day?



SN CHARLES MURPHY

I would like to create a more respectable status for the enlisted man.



Donald R. SMITH wishes to send thanks to the men of the CANOPUS for their support on the 24th. of January for blood which was needed for the aid of his wife. Don now reports his wife is doing great.

R-3 ranks will be short two men in the next few months. David A. FRITZ FN has orders to attend ICA school on 22 February 1967 and Edward A. MARSHALL FN to EMA school in April 1967.

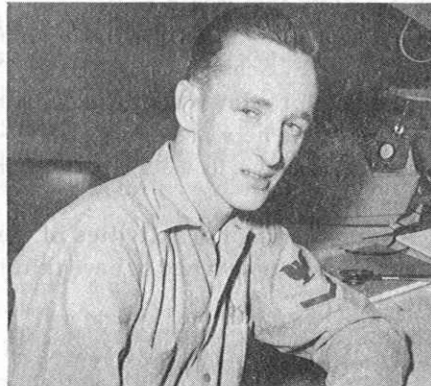
One of our confirmed bachelors, William Roger SYLAR ICC, fell down to being a brown bagger on the 28th. of January. The lucky woman, Joyce Hennesy SYLAR will be returning to Spain with Chief SYLAR.

Chief SYLAR's return will mean the no-talk routine for him from the single men.

R-3, RT and E Divisions recently have been playing musical men and shops. In the process R-3 came out ahead in the game, losing one man, McREYNOLDS EM1 to E Division, and gaining 3 men and a new shop. From RT came Leo HOFER STS1 and Herbert VIRES EM2 both members of our new shop, Sound Analysis. From E Division came William F. ASH EM2 to the Rubber and Plastic Shop. Welcome men - to a good division.

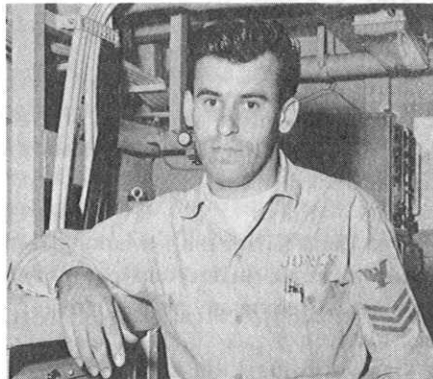
Sam the Sham (SAMPSON IC1) Coach and Captain of our basketball team says the CANOPUS has better administrators in the wardroom than on the basketball court. The wardroom provided our second win on 16 February 44 to 34. Our first win was on 13 February from the Deck Department 41 to 32. Coach Sham says his team will be on the court with the same drive in our future games.

Rumor has it that RC Division has the ability to defeat R-3 in a beer baseball game. With rumors persisting and the weather in our favor, warm and sunny, R-3 will except the challenge.



EN3 JIM McKEE

I would see that every man coming in the Navy would get the school desired upon request.



ET1 JAMES JONES

I would eliminate the eight year minimum to go up for Chief.



PN3 KEN HOLT

"I would eliminate the WAVES to open up more shore duty billets for eligible male personnel."



SN MICKEY GRINDSTAFF

Put waves on the ships.

SEA BREEZE

RT DIVISION NEWS

RT Division held a Division Party along with RS Division on the 11th. of February. The Gala Event was held at the Whispering Pines in the CB area. Everyone danced to the music of the Anchormen till the wee hours of the morning. Two door prizes were given away and the lucky winners were MR1 STONECIPHER and ST1 HOFER. It was undoubtedly one of the best division parties held. The people that organized everything did an outstanding job.

On the 28th. of January the former Cecilia MADDEN and IM1 Henry E. VELTE, were joined in Holy Matrimony at the Base Chapel. The bride was given away by Lt. L.A. LE BOEUF. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the El Vanguard EM Club. The bride and groom are spending their honeymoon touring around Europe. Upon their return they will set up housekeeping in Rota.

The Division lost two men this month. ST1 HOFER and EM2 VIRES were transferred to R-3 Division.

We would like to welcome four new men into the Division. They are ET1 BUCK, ET3 SCHLICH, ET3 MISCONIS, and ET3 DRIEFURST. They all reported to us from the Electronic Calibration School at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. They have all been assigned to the Fleet Electronic Calibration Laboratory. BUCK has found a house in Puerto and is waiting for his family to arrive.

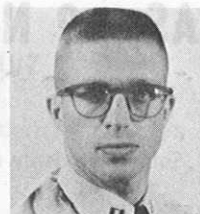
ET3 ALLEN has left for Univac Computer School in Norfolk, Virginia. Upon his return from school, ADP hopes that they will be able to keep their electronic wizzard running. I will have to say that it is a long time since we haven't gotten a runoff.

SF1 ABBOTT of the NDT Lab has returned from an Ultrasonics course at Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

From the Bat Cave



By "Bass Killer" Hern



Our hearts go out to the men of S-5 Division - How difficult it must be to live with the realization that no matter how hard you try, you'll still be just number two! The Sat-Pack dwellers of the Batcave are holding night classes for "Flach's Finks" in a rather vain, useless effort to groom them toward attaining status as "Division of the Month".

Already old hands at being celebrities, "Hern's Heroes" are trying their charitable best to aid the less fortunate in gaining some degree of social acceptability.

The classic film, "The Big Sleep", was recently filmed for a re-make in the Rota area. The movie is being produced by D. K. HOWE and directed by CECIL B. DE FLACH, with J. R. HART on the business end of the camera. This work of art features a star-studded cast, headed by "TAB" CARNICLE and "ROCK" FLYNT. The stars were chosen for their obvious talents in "METHOD" interpretation of the title roles.

OBITUARIES

LUTHER COGGINS. Infamous ne'er do well, degenerate sot, decadent libertine, and devoted LEECH to S-1 division - of an ingrown toenail while in the intensive care unit of Fernando's Flop-House in Rota. The deceased was clothed in Polaris Pajamas and placed in a 55 gallon, freon 11 drum for burial. The funeral was held at the Cuarto De Bano Funeral Home, and it was attended by a grieving crowd of three (LEE SK1, MOORE SK2, and McGRATH SK3).

KID STORES. Ludicrous hero-symbol of S-1 division, of a heart attack when confronted by the fearless fiends from the Batcave. Surviving the poor department: Storekeepers FRASARD, TURRENTINE, CALLOW and LAWRENCE. The musical portion of the funeral service was provided by the Canopus Boy's Choir (GELTCH, LANGENBURG, and DEESE), singing "Beyond the Sunset", and "Rock Around the Clock".

With the coming of March, one cannot help but remember Shakespeare's timeless work of art: "Julius Caesar". In the hope of reviving and kindling interest in Shakespeare's literary efforts, we will now attempt a contemporary interpretation of "Julius Caesar":

ACT I

SCENE I. ROME: A STREET

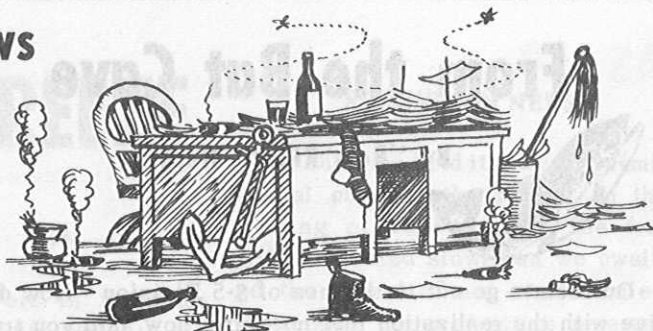
ENTER FLAVIUS, MARULLUS, AND CERTAIN COMMONERS

Flavius speaks: Hence! Home you idle creatures, get you home: Is this a holiday? What? Know you not? (THIS MEANS: "Look, you repair department slobs, the least you can do is get out of your racks at liberty call and go home to momma!")

Being mechanical, you ought not walk upon a labouring day without the sign of your profession? Speak, what trade art thou? (THIS MEANS: "Don't try to disguise yourself with SK rating badges when you sack-out in those fancy repair shops!")

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AS - 9 News

*From the desk of Captain Johnson*

Although the HELMSMAN has already printed the AS-9 story as told by her last skipper Rear Admiral E. L. SACKETT, we are going to run a condensed version by Captain W. C. JOHNSON, starting with this issue. With each story we are also going to print copies of Captain Johnson's "art". Any inaccuracies in either text or art should be credited, as Captain Johnson puts it, to the post prisoner-of-war development of a "rice brain".

Although the war clouds had been gathering for some time in the theater of operation of the Asiatic Fleet, everyone had been hoping, against hope, that the situation would simmer down. The CANOPUS had just left the Cavite yard after her overhaul and was in Manila Harbor in company with the OTUS and HOLLAND. The squadron commander called us all up to his cabin in the top of the "pagoda" and told us that we would, in all probability, be at war during the first week in December - and here it was the last week in November.

We moved to an anchorage off Canacao around the first of December and began to get all the inflammables off the ship. Paint, oils, wooden partitions (the ol' CANOPUS was full of these), and all other fire-food was placed on lighters and towed to Cavite. Despite the beautiful cool weather, everyone was on edge and sweated profusely. Reports kept coming in about sightings of Japanese naval units in the South China Sea - all moving southward and we all knew that someone was waving the fat over the fire. We were so keyed up that those of us who sat and played acey-deucey in the upper ward room didn't even notice the bohuca bugs, which normally resided in the furniture, as they bit us in our backsides and thighs.

I had moved up to one of the rooms in Kelley's Flats, which had been vacated by one of the staff members, who were all with the boats of the squadron by now, and was luxuriating in the lust coolness of that ratified atmosphere. My regularly assigned room was out board of the stack uptakes on the port side down below and between that heated bulkhead and the boats alongside us to port charging their batteries, it wasn't a salubrious place to spend a hot night in. So I had decamped to the heights (and they could be high in the old AS-9 - it was said of her that she was the only ship in the Navy that the center of gravity whistled for the metacenter as they passed each other). The night of December 7th I turned in and was awakened in the cold, grey dawn of the 8th by LCDR George KING, the Repair Officer, who was pulling the bedclothes off me and informing me in words that I could not fully comprehend at that juncture, "Gus, rise and shine, we are at war".

The 8th was like any other day in the Philippines, sunny, hot, and with a cooling, fresh breeze in the afternoon - it was difficult to believe that we were at war. We darkened ship that night and the next night we steamed around in Manila Bay as Nichols Field was destroyed. It was a spectacular sight. In the pre-dawn of the 10th we went alongside the north face of Pier One to form a part of the AA defense of Manila. This was somewhat amusing in view of our four 3" AA popguns and the six 50 mm in the new gun tubs on the hurricane deck.

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Campbell's Career Corner

BY SHI G. L. CAMPBELL

Along the same line as last month's article, let's see what else the Navy has to offer in the way of "EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES".

The Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) is no doubt one of the best programs the Navy has to offer. I can think of no big industry that will give you all the profits plus pay you a salary, just to work for them four years after they send you through college.

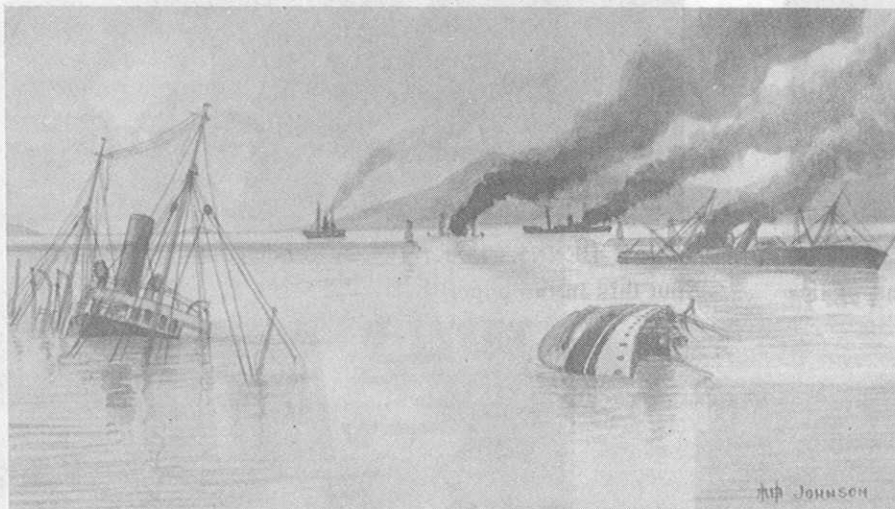
If you meet the following requirements why not look into the NESEP Program. You have nothing to lose and a lot to gain.

Citizenship---Must be a citizen of the United States. Status---Must be enlisted, on active duty, with one year completed in other than a school environment. Marital---May be married or single. Rating---Must be serving in pay grade E-4 or above as of 31 December of the year of application. Age---Must have reached his 21st but not 25th birthday by one July of the year selected. Waiver of maximum age may be granted by the Chief of Naval Personnel on the basis of one year for each year of college, provided the years were in an authorized NESEP curriculum. Prior---Must be a high school graduate or have completed three years of (Education) high school and possess a GED equivalent with a grade in the 75th percentile or above in each of the test areas. Basic Battery---Must have a combined GCT/ARI of 118-Waivers will not be considered. Physical---Must meet the physical standards of officer candidates. Disciplinary---Must have a clear record for the last two years preceding 1 July of the calendar year of application.

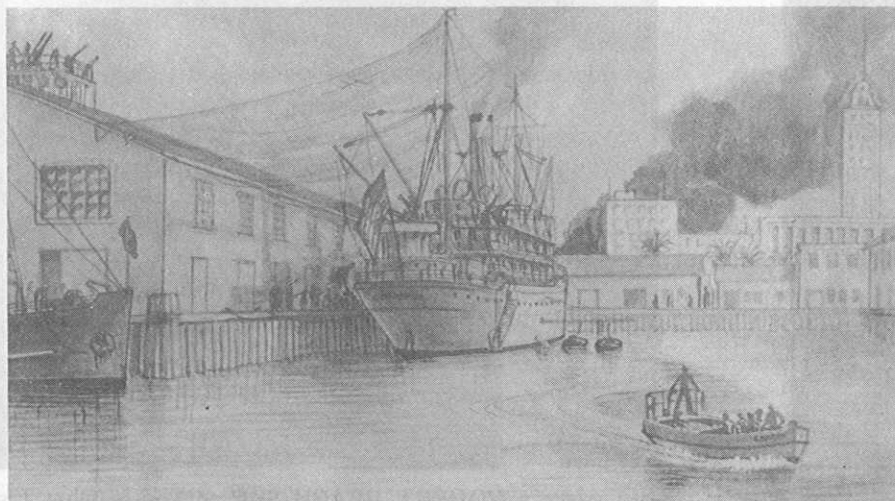
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Around 1000 we went to General Quarters - the Japs were on their way from Formosa and we were in the dark as to what their targets were. We weren't kept in the dark very long. I was in Cavite with the motor launches that were cleaning out the stores area for subspares in the end of Guadalupe Wharf and when the Japs laid their eggs on the Navy Yard things became quite hectic and very interesting. After the raid was over, the harbor was a hurrah's nest



of blazing merchantmen and we wondered how the "Old Lady Mamasan" had fared. She still was there when we returned and the next day she was moved to the south side of the pier. As can be seen from the print a platform was erected on the outer end of the transit shed roof and a few 50mm guns were mounted up there - a rather futile measure but it imparted a modicum of morale to those around the area. Another facet apparent in the print is the the camouflage attempted by rigging fish nets, which were obtained (impounded would be a better word) from some of the warehouses in the Port area and along the mouth of the Pasig River, from the mast heads over to the transit shed. Air observation of this effort was contained in the somewhat amusing report, "She looks just like a big, gray subtender with fishnets spread all over her."



FROM THE KHAKI LOCKER

Since the last edition of the HELMSMAN, the CPO Mess has acquired a new mess president, Chief WELLS, and a new secretary, Chief MICHAUD. They are both doing an outstanding job.

In the last edition of the ships paper, I promised the readers some of Chief CAMPBELL's favorite foods and they are a delight to behold!

The first one is called "sea drag soup", and the other, "jaw stew". Both of these need some explaining. Sea drag soup is best explained by saying, "the ocean bottom was scraped and the results, cooked and served". Very tasty, so I have heard. Jaw stew is not too much different from any other stew except in the quantity prepared.

Chief CAMPBELL only prepares enough for twenty percent of the mess, and believe me, this is the only way this stew can be a success. The chiefs who don't get any stew will "jaw" that they didn't get anything to eat, and those who do get some will complain that they didn't get enough and will "jaw" that they want some more. CAMPBELL's logic is poor, but the results are fantastic!

In the December issue of the HELMSMAN, I wrote truly of the subject of bats. While I failed to flush Mr. HERN into action, the article was not a failure, for I received plenty of comments from the CPO wives. The only thing I wrote was that "more old bats hang out at the CPO Club than anyplace in Rota". Since there are male and female bats I can't see why the girls got so angry.

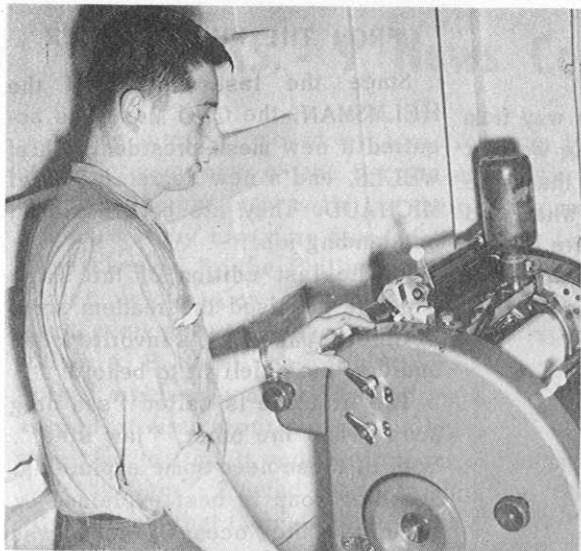
I think it is best that I refrain from writing any more on the subject of bats. Mr. HERN must really have something going for him. He writes about bats every month and everyone loves his article. I wrote only once on the subject and almost became the victim of a lynch mob.

The chiefs are scheduled for a

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Division of Adm



DON PINE SN This machine has a mind of it's own.



BURL BENNETT SK1 'You're not going to put this in the paper!'



CAMPBELL SH1 Read the sign, "An honored profession--NAVY."



LTJG CLAPPER Admin Ass't - checks the morning traffic.



PAUL BRYNE YN3 Today is my lucky day.



ROBERT BEACH SKC "That's what I said--2 dollars across the board on Native Dancer.

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SN RON HAMPTON - PN2 TOM COPES That doesn't look like my TCD.



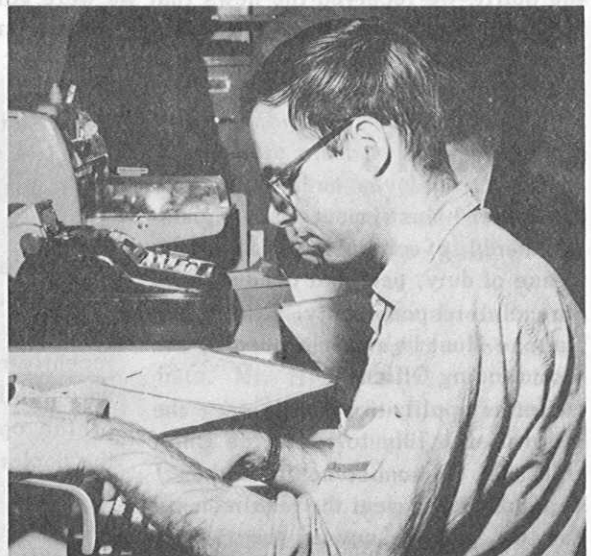
SN RICK MORSON - DAVE LAIR SN I wonder if



CARL CARTER YN2 I'm trying!



CHAPLAIN WHITAKER "There are many pitfalls in the New Morality lads!"



RICHARD CADORET PN3 Now, where's the A?

AS - 9 News Continued

In the interim I moved my operation over to the offices of the Bethel Steel Company over on the Escolta and began to write orders on everything and anything our crew could lay their hands on, including lighters and tugs. I think that my signature founded the basis for at least fifty percent of the items checked by the Philippine Claims Commission after the war. Admiral Morsell, who was on that August body, later said that Johnson signed about about every piece of paper available in the Island of Luzon. Chief Warrant Officer A. E. Salm, who was a tower of strength in the "cleaning of Manila", worked eighteen hours a day and spent the rest of it in the shelter. He was worried at first about the accounting involved in the tour de force, but we were told to "git it and worry about the damned bookkeeping later, if there was any later". I found out in my dealings with the Philippine Claims Commission after the war that there definitely was a "later".

The bow of the big diesel tug "Ranger" can be seen in the print of the Harbor area and pier, and she had been "borrowed" from the Luzon Stevedoring, Lighterage Company. Lieutenant MacDonald had been sent over from the "CANOPUS" to get her into somewhat of a readiness for war and we sent him about everything that he asked for including a gyro compass and wire coat hangers. She was invaluable in clearing the harbor of bombed and burning ships and later made herself useful around Bataan and Corregidor. We also impounded the Luzon Stevedoring's tug "Trabajador", which, I suppose, means "workman", and this proved to be an apt name for her. The "Ranger" was later the foundation of a wild rumor that burned its way through the forces on Bataan. Word was passed among the troops that the USS RANGER had arrived in Mariveles. They cheered and whooped it up, rejoicing in the fact that one of our aircraft carriers had gotten through from the Stateside. It was not the "Ranger" de facto, but the tug with a tow of barges!

The other print in this article shows how the harbor looked late on the afternoon of the 10th of December, 1941. Full of sunken and burning ships as it was, luckily few of them obstructed channels and fairways. In the distance can be seen the Bataan Peninsula and on the horizon, Corregidor.

As Christmas Eve approached and, I assure you, not many of us had the the spirit, we received the news that we were going to steam up to Mariveles and form part of the forces of the Navy Section Base. This was in consonance with General MacArthur's swing of the USAFFE into the Bataan area. More later.

Campbell's

Character---Must meet the highest standards of character, patriotism, sense of duty, personal conduct, and financial responsibility. Recommendation---Must be recommended by the Commanding Officer.

Letter applications will leave the ship after 1 July to reach the Chief of Naval Personnel no later than 1 October. If you meet the requirements for this program now is the time to start brushing up. The Career Counselor has a list of the subjects that

can be studied, so stop by and see him. It's a sure thing you have nothing to lose and a degree to gain.

KHAKI LOGKER

ball game on Friday, February 17th. and I'm sure sickbay will be flooded the following Monday. Chief BROOME recently reported to sickbay and had an operation. Considering the nature of the operation, I'm sure he gave the doctors a big tip. "Adios!"

FTBC TOM WATKINS

The future of an educated man is insured. Why not look into the educational opportunities open to you. See your Education officer.

R - 2 DIVISION

Congratulations are in order to the following personnel for their recent contributions to the Spanish and American population. MM2 and Mrs Esidero Garza on the birth of daughter Christina born 6 Feb. 1967.

OM2 and Mrs Herbert Gaudreau on the birth of their son Paul, born 9 Feb. 1967.

MR2 and Mrs Henry Czajkowski on the birth of their daughter Lucia, born 11 Feb. 1967.

Seems previous Holland sailors didn't have too much work or someone spiked the water. Too bad the timing didn't help on 1966 income tax deductions but better luck next time fellows. Get busy as it's still possible to have two extra exemptions for 1967.

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COMSUBRON 16

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NAVY QUIZ

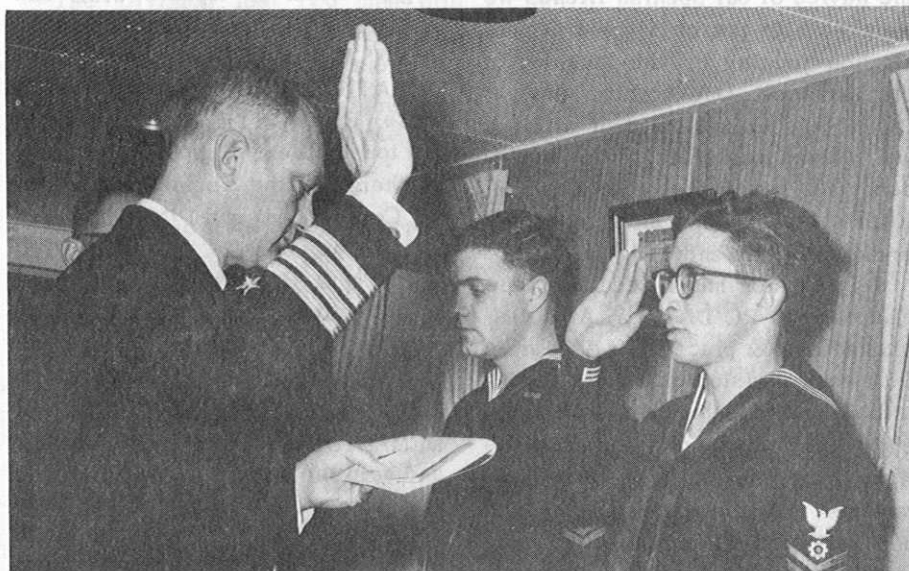
This month we feature the story of Joe B. GEAR, 1225 S. Milain, Amarillo, Texas.

1941 found Joe already with the Navy in the Phillipines aboard CANOPUS AS-9. Joe had developed a fine reputation as a boxer and held both the light-heavy and heavy weight intramural titles. Six months later as far as Amarillo was concerned, Joe had disappeared from the face of the earth. Only the Japanese knew whether he was alive or dead and they weren't saying anything. Joe had moved to Corregidor after CANOPUS was scuttled and was hit in the back by a phosphorus shell just before "The Rock" fell. He kept going as best he could until he finally was interned in a civilian hospital in Moji, Japan in November 1942. He was officially listed missing in action and presumed dead.

The next three years were miserable for GEAR--not solely because he was a prisoner and out of the fighting but because his wounds did not heal properly and treatment was far below American standards. Often he was completely invalidated due to partial paralysis. Damage to his eyes was intense also. For all practical purposes he was bedridden during his entire imprisonment.

The homefolks learned in mid-1944 that Joe was alive. At the war's end he was returned stateside where he was hospitalized for two years as a result of his wounds. He found a partner to share is life though and married Louise Cook, an Oklahoman graduate of the Northwest Texas Hospital School of Nursing. "I needed a nurse and she was a good one" says Joe today with a laugh.

Joe made the necessary mental adjustment and began learning the insurance business graduating from there to the real estate business. The Joe Gear Company now consists of the boss, three salesmen, property manager and a secretary. The HELMSMAN salutes you Joe and wishes you continued success.



FEBRUARY REENLISTMENTS

Taking the oath on 17 February is Engineman Second Class W. H. WHITCOMB Jr. and awaiting his turn is Machinist Mate First Class J. C. RADA-COY. Also reenlisting in February were Radioman First Class E. T. ECK and Engineman First Class B. P. BRECKENFELD on 3 February and Boatswain Mate Second Class M. C. VANDERSCHAAF on 24 February.

Why do aircraft carriers always have the island on the starboard side?

ANSWER:

There are three reasons, as follows:

1. Reciprocating engine aircraft tend to be forced to the left by torque when power is applied suddenly. Hence, in carrier wave-offs the aircraft would normally drift away from the island structure.

2. Nearly all airfields ashore have left-hand traffic patterns, and left-hand turns were the rule before carrier aviation became common.

3. Because the engine controls (throttle, propellor pitch, mixture control, etc.) in single-engine aircraft are on the left side of the cockpit and are operated with the left hand, it is easier for the pilot to make left-hand turns (leaning toward the engine controls), than to make right-hand turns (leaning away from the engine controls) with an arm stretched clear across the cockpit.

When ships are sunk, do they sink all the way to the bottom or do they at times remain suspended at some point below the surface of the water?

ANSWER:

In the case of wooden ships, the specific gravity of wood is usually less than that of the sea. A wooden log will float for a long time at or near the surface due to the air which the wood contains. As water displaces the air the wood will sink lower and lower and will eventually reach the bottom.

The speed at which a wooden or steel ship will sink is in direct proportion to the amount of air enclosed by the ship's structure. Ships with many water tight compartments tend to sink more slowly than craft which are not so minutely compartmented. Since the density of the water is constant (for all practical purposes water is incompressible), the ship will continue to sink until it reaches the bottom.

SEA BREEZE

Happenings From O/N Division

Congratulations are in store for Fred MARCH and wife who are the parents of a baby girl. Mellissa Jo was born February 2nd. and weighed eight pounds.

Congratulations of a different kind are in order for RM1 ECK who just re-enlisted for four years. I believe he is now qualified to be called "career designated".

And some more congrats go to JOHNSON, now RM2, who received his crow back after a long dry spell.

The division party which was held the 27th. of January, turned out to be a success. Music for listening and dancing was provided by the "ANCHORMEN". Seems O/N has some pretty wild dancers. How about that, JONES and WALLE?

Another high point of the evening was of course, the liquid refreshments. Pretty high for a few people. The party was attended by approximately eighty people. Special guests included Captain and Mrs. EATON.

A welcome to the Rota Naval Community goes out to LT. BORHO's brother, "Bert", who is visiting LT. BORHO and family for a spell.

It looked like CYN3 Joe CASEY was changing his rate when he was assigned vari-typing duties. He got out from under, however, with a set of orders to CINCLANTFLT.

O/N has had a couple of softball sessions. Despite sore muscles. Most are willing to keep up the practices---so other departments had better tread lightly.

RM1 FITZPATRICK wants to thank all hands of the division for the many visits paid to him while he was in the hospital. (This has been a paid political announcement.)

RM2 James L. MARTIN

RC DIVISION NEWS

RC Division held it's weekly semi-annual party at the F.R.A. on the evening of 11 February. The festivities started slowly as we awaited the arrival of our exalted ruler. Exercising the prerogative reserved for Division Officers and other heads of state, he was late.

Finally with the ringing of six bells and a hearty "COMANIMALANT arriving" LT "Wild Bill" MURRELL arrived. He was attended by his ex-Chief of Staff "Flamenco Gress", after suitable honors were rendered the party started in true zoo fashion.

The drinks flowed freely and after a warming up period "Flamenco" Gress treated us all to a performance of extreme non exisentialist Andalusian borracho flamenco dancing. This style of dancing is quite unique in that it requires that the participant spend quite a bit of time on the floor trying to rise again.

We were next treated to a demonstration on bullfighting. Utilizing the advice of our Spanish friends we were able to put on a good demonstration judging by the laughter of the audience. One problem though, CLEMENT ran out the door with six well placed banderillas in his shoulders and hasn't been seen since. After everybody had their usual two drinks the party ended.

R-1 Division has issued a unique challenge to RC Division. At a designated time & place, four gladiators from each division will meet across a table and shot for shot make a decision on which division has the right to be referred to as true "Borrachons". This event will be judged and seconded by an impartial team from both divisions. The entrants are as follows:

GLADIATORS: RC Division
LT MURRELL
JOYNER
BEAUCHAMP
SPENCER

SECONDS:

JUDGES:

R-1 Division
LT THOMPSON
HILTE
BETTS
KINSLEY
RUNYON
VAN GALEN
McCLUNG
BAER
RUNYON
VAN GALEN

JONES
NABORS

After the outcome of this contest the winning division will be open to a challenge from any other division for the "Borrachon" trophy.

In closing we wish to say "adios" to several members of our division who are being discharged, smooth sailing in that cutthroat civilian world to CLARK, BIGOS, MINNICK, RICH and WALDEN.

EN1(SS) J. BEAUCHAMP Jr.

"M" DIVISION NEWS

Our congratulations to Chief FREY on his new "E-8" star. A couple of new faces have appeared down in the Engine Room to replace WISE and PINKSTON. The newcomers are MM2 DEMASTUS and FN BELMONTE. DEMASTUS comes from Shop 38 while BELMONTE just completed his tour of Mess Duty. WISE is now in charge of the Engineering Berthing Compartment and PINKSTON has left for Shop 38.

The M & B Division's party held at the Hotel Playa De La Luz was classified as a success by everyone that attended. Our hearty thanks to Chief FREY, APONTE, WISE, and DEMASTUS for helping to arrange and hold the party.

If anyone notices a certain once overweight MMC, he will be Chief FREY. The "jefe" and MM1 SLANK went on a crash diet beginning the 2nd. of January until the 4th. of March. The one that loses the least weight has to buy the winner a case of beer. There goes the diet! Every-

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Bat Cave

ACT I, SCENE II

CAESAR: Who is it in the press that calls on me? I hear a tongue, shriller than all the music, cry "CAESAR"! Speak; Caesar is turn'd to hear. (This one is easy....it's merely the Executive Officer having one of his "Friendly Conversations" with the OOD concerning the word just passed over the 1MC.)

CASSIUS: He had a fever when he was in Spain, and the fit was on him, I did mark how he did shake....Ay, and that tongue of his....Alas, it cried "Give me some drink, TITINUS!" (This is a description of 1100 officers and men having just finished another happy-go-lucky workday aboard "DISNEYLAND A-FLOAT".)

CASCA: Ay, he spoke Greek. Nay, and I tell you that, I'll ne'er look you i' the face again; but those that understood him smiled at one another and shook their heads; but for mine own part, it was Greek to me. (CASCA has just listened to CDR. HIGGINS conducting officers call..POOR CASCA! !)

Before wrapping up this month's contribution, we would like to thank Miss Wanda Mae BARLOW for providing us with the background information that made it possible to complete J. EMORY FLYNT, JR's reenlistment arrangements. Miss Barlow has taken a 'Grave' outlook on all of Flynt's personal affairs.

That's it from the "CAVE" Goodnight Wanda Mae..Goodnight Mr. Wonderful!

Beware the Ides of March

(and all other ides: "The Ides of Texas are Upon You", "Don't Fire Until You See the Whites of Their Ides" ! !; "An Ide in the Hand is Worth Two in the Bush! !")

....AW HELL! I QUIT!

"BASS KILLER"

SEA BREEZE

one is betting on the Chief to win, but who knows.

The Engine Room "gang" is having some difficulty understanding our bosses, Mr. COOK, Chief FREY and SLANK. Lately they have been speaking with a heavy Spanish accent. They are taking the Spanish lessons very seriously. Buena suerte amigos!

The newly opened Shop 99 has been assigned to our division. MM1 APONTE is in charge. The shop has a variety of electric and pneumatic tools and other equipment for the use of the FBMs alongside.

"X" DIVISION NEWS

Wondered why the Personnel Office is SECURED so often? The Personnel Office is trying a new system consisting automating all the enlisted personnel service record information for ADP run-offs. If this system is successful it will mean less work for the Personnel Office and also help the Division Officers in maintaining records for their personnel, so please bear with us and note the times of routine business on the doors.

March finds "X" Division saying

a sad farewell to SN Dave JAYKUS. JAYKUS is bound for the United States and the USS HUNLEY (AS31). So long "Jake"; have a nice trip home and thanks for all the hours you have donated to CANOPUS.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to SN SUMMERS and his wife "Dixie" on the birth of their son, Richard SUMMERS. Master SUMMERS arrived at the Rota Naval Hospital on 9 February 1967.

PN3 Ken HOLT

DECK DEPARTMENT NEWS

Individual training and personal pride, along with a bit of perseverance, has yielded up the following advancements. Hats off to:

BLACKWELL, Howard A., BM3 DIXON, Danney K., GMG3 VAUGHN, Archie A., SN MORGAN, Michael L., SN RIETZ, Randy H., SN SANCHEZ, Roughe R., SN FIVES, Edward P., SN DENNIS, Michael F. and SN WALKER, Paul M.

Since the beginning of 1967, personnel listed below are among those that have stood up to be counted, in scholastic accomplishments, by completing the indicated courses:

SN PELOQUIN, R. A., Yeoman, Third and Second, SA CELLINI, E. A., FARRAR, A. R., SA HALL, B., SA MAGNO, M. J., SA MOYNIHAN, J. R., SA PHILLIPS, D. T. and ALBAT, F. G., Basic Military Requirements Seaman.

The Deck Department welcomes Seaman Apprentice Stanley E. DALE who came to us from the S-2.

The supervised and the supervisors alike heaved around in order to spit and polish CANOPUS for the COMSUBLANT visit and again, the Executive Officer gave the Deck Department a "Well Done". We Deck Hands thought she looked real pretty also. Would you believe that Naval Tradition was upheld one time, or at least it was rumored that the Supply Department provided an off duty Cook to shine the ship's bell.



Salty Sam Sez

Dear Salty Sam..

As members of the BATCAVE and having read CANOPUS INST. 5400.1, para 4222, sub para 2, which states that beards and mustaches may be grown, we would like to know if it is really possible to grow beards on the CANOPUS. If not, why hasn't this INST. been deleted?

Flynt and Carnicle
(BATCAVE)

Navy regulations prescribe paint, not hair for ships sides. The side cleaners are having enough problems as it is. If you have a formula that will grow hair on steel maybe some of us "skinheads" could use it. -- or did you mean for us to grow beards?

Dear Salty Sam,

Is it true what they are saying about S-5 Division? Do they really want to improve their position as second best? Are they still hurt and jealous for not being selected as Division of the Month?

"The Eagle"

A pox on thee! Just because you can now find cracker and cheese (also peanut butter) in Supply Admin spaces is no sign that they are copying success. We did have to promise them Division of the Month to get last months chits processed.

Dear Salty..

If, as they say, our "ADP brain" is so smart, why don't it make a rate?

YN3 Cooper

We submitted your question to the machine Cooper and had mucho trouble in deciphering the answer. It boiled down to the fact that ADP can statically prove that 95% of the people in CANOPUS are working for it now. -- therefore it has lost interest in further advancement.

SEA BREEZE

B DIVISION NEWS

Congratulations to BT2 Mrs. G.E. BROELAND on the recent arrival of their new dependent. Her name, Mellyssa Lee, born on the 1st of February at the Naval Station Hospital, Rota, Spain.

B Division wishes to express a farewell thanks to two of the divisional personnel. Albert SCHEURING and Richard FOLEY, both BT3, who have played a great part in making the fireroom what it is today. Both men will be discharged shortly and we, the men of B Division would like to say "Thanks" and "Good Luck" men.

The men of the ships laundry and B Division wish to thank COOPER for setting up the Chinese laundry--- it saves a lot of work. We expect the appliance dealer in Charleston is still laughing about selling that piece of junk.

RS DIVISION NEWS

RS Division gives a hearty welcome back to Mr. CLARK - RS Division Officer after a successful operation and speedy recovery. He is back on his feet again performing his daily tasks. We also would like to congratulate Mr. & Mrs. James A. MCKEE EN3 on their marriage January 18th.

The combined RS-RT Division party held at the Whispering Pines was enjoyed by all and was a tremendous success; thanks to the Anchomen Combo for their fine music and a great performance.

EN3 James MCKEE

A DIVISION

Many changes have taken place in A Division during the past few weeks. LT Karatkiewicz has left us as division officer to become Quality Control Officer. In his place we welcome LTJG Dukes who has come to us from R-2 Division. Mr. Dukes has taken over the division very affectively and we hope that he is very satisfied with his new job.

Another change has been made in the realm of the A Division Leading CPO's. When MMCS Holbrooks sewed on his stars, he replaced ENC Bricker as the leading enlisted "Jefe" in the division. Chief Bricker is sure relieved at being relieved.

The division has a new office. It is located on the main deck at frame 139, just forward of the paint locker. Right now we are in the process of installing insulation on the bulkheads and an air-condition unit.

Two A Division personnel have shipped over in recent weeks. They are EN1 B. P. Breckenfeld and EN2 W. H. Whitcomb, both of whom shipped for six years. Breckenfeld is now going into his 3rd enlistment, Whitcomb into his 2nd. Whitcomb is in receipt of orders to Airconditioning and refrigeration School for further transfer to the USS HUNLEY (AS-31).

Mystery Man



Lt. P. H. Rogers

SEA BREEZE

R-1 DIVISION NEWS HULL REPAIR REPORTS

There is much news to be gleaned this month about this division. First of all there has been a change in reporters.

SPM3 Higham has decided to resign this post and we appreciate his past reporting of Hull Repair News. LT. Thompson, Division Officer, (Tom Terrific) and division shop CPO's, (Knights of the Round Table) called a council meeting to discuss the appointment of a new reporter. After many hours of deliberation it was decided that it would have to go to that most capable, energetic, literary whiz and all around "good egg", "Slim" Dixon SFC, leader of the lagging shop.

So, from this edition forward this magnificent but humble reporter will bring you all of the news from Hull Repair without "fear or favor".

We all congratulate "Pancho" Garcia SFP3 for becoming the father of a baby boy born to his wife back in the States on the 25th of January (no cigar).

In sports we congratulate SFM3 Buckley who at the time of this report holds the high game of 263 with handicap in the ships bowling league. The division bowling team has emerged from last place and is moving on to even greater heights (we hope). There has been a challenge made to all shops to pit a team against the lag shop "all stars" basketball team. The challenge has been accepted by the Shipfitters Shop, the only shop thus far brave enough to accept. Be sure and look for the results of this game in the next edition. Me thinks that I can foretell the victor and the score--Lag Shop-117 Shipfitter Shop-2. The SF's get 2 points because I think they can make a couple of foul shots. If I weren't so humble I would tell you that little ole

me is a Lagging Shop All Star and will most likely out-play everyone on the court. I plan to score at least 80 points myself.

We of the Hull Repair Division have many fine outstanding men to crow about. In fact we are proud of the whole division, even Chief Femino who thinks that nobody loves him--when actually we all look up to him for he sets a fine shining example in the immaculate way he wears his uniform. He always looks so sharp and dapper--Yes, we are proud of the Golden "G".

You can keep your dull old Batman and Superman and even that redundant "Bat Cave" bit. We of Hull Repair have many Superman and Heroes of Justice. To name a few--We are proud of such heroes as the "Golden G", and his ward "Schroder", who is simply super. Also "Nifty" Nabors (the debating dynamo) and we most certainly must not fail to mention that heroes' hero "Tom Terrific" about whom you'll be hearing much more.

The next time you pass by the Shipfitter Shop please notice the sign on the office door, henceforth we desire to be called by that name and we are writing to BuPers to request pro-pay at the P-2 level to match the dignity and skills of our new rate--"Metalurgical Fabrication Technicians"

Also, we now refer to Pipe Shop personnel as "tubing technicians". Rumor has it that there has been an epidemic among the Qualified Silver Brazers called "T" itis. We think it was cleared up under the leadership of Doc Sullivan SFC.

We are now forming a softball team that will challenge any division. Also "Nifty" Nabors SFC at this time makes a challenge to anybody to a one hour debating contest about anything, anytime and anywhere. The one rule is that both parties are required to consume at least 12 beers before the start of debate. Any takers to go up against this 150 lb. romping, stomping, Dialogue Dynamo?

Now in closing let me strike a more

serious vein. It is this reporters opinion that this division is a great division on a great ship, and we are proud to be a part of it.



1. Which was the last horse to win racing's Triple Crown?
2. Playmakers are invaluable in professional basketball. Can you name the player who holds the National Basketball Association single season record for assists?
3. Ever since the illegal pitch called the "spit ball" was outlawed, there has been only one pitcher ever penalized for throwing it. Who was the pitcher?
4. When and where was the game of billiards introduced in the United States?

(Answers on page 16)



SWEET SUE—With spring officially here, lovely Sue Hamilton appears all ready to enjoy the warm sunshine, cool breezes and a refreshing dip in the pool.

In a salute to Red Cross month during March President Johnson said: "Today men and women of the Red Cross are serving with our men in Viet-Nam, in the jungles, in the hamlets, in the military hospitals and in recreation units behind the lines..." Support your Red Cross.



BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Fountainhead

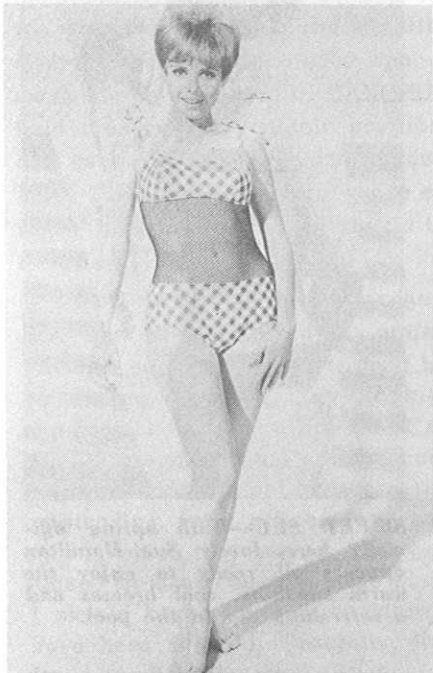
Ayn Rand

Individualism and self interest combine in this exciting dramatic novel to challenge human logic. The story is based on belief in selfishness and the provoking idea that man's ego is the fountainhead of human progress.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO FAIR PLAY

The paperback exchange is suffering due to the lack of fair play. We set up an EXCHANGE but have hardly any books left which can only mean that many of you are not being fair. How about it Sailors?

Shipmate of the Month



This month we feature Deborah Walley from American International. Her favorite people are men and her favorite men are sailors. We're putting a copy of this photo at each abandon ship station.

SPORTS

with about three minutes remaining in the game, had built up a comfortable 14 point bulge. Although the margin was cut to 8 points at the final buzzer there was no doubt about the outcome.

Despite their loss, credit is due a fine Fleet Weather team. It should be noted that this team had played three nights in succession before meeting the CANOPUS squad. Post game ceremonies saw Tim Wissler, Celtic center named the most valuable player of the league--congratulations Tim. Also deserving of praise are Clingseisen, Wilkins and Lair, whose steady performance and fine shooting contributed greatly to the successful season enjoyed by the team. Special praise does to coach Durfee whose leadership and

strategy in the tournament led to a championship and to LTJG Gibbons that "good little man" without whom he would had a much tougher struggle.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes was last won by Citation in 1948.
2. The player is Oscar Robertson of the Cincinnati Royals. He had 899 assists in the 1961-62 N.B.A. season.
3. Nelson Potter of the St. Louis Browns in 1944. He was accused of throwing the spitter against the New York Yankees and was suspended for 10 days.
4. Billiards were first played in the U.S. by Spanish settlers in St. Augustine, Florida in 1565.

SEA BREEZE

M DIVISION

After two months of strenuous dieting, one of our brave men has satisfied his wishes. Would you believe his total loss is a gain of three pounds! Some diet, eh?

Our colorful basketball squad has maintained a perfect average; two losses out of two games played. It seems like the practice is too much for the boys.

Thanks to our hard driving Chief FREY and his assistants, (Slank, Demastus and the whole Engine Room gang, we have brought up the vital Preventive Maintenance to date. Good work men! Let's keep it up!

At this point the M Division would like to bid farewell to ED BECKER MM3. He is one of our most experienced third class and we will surely miss him. Bon Voyage Buena Suerte!

A hearty welcome to BOB O'HAL-LORAN, MMFN, upon his return from Torrejon AFB. He spent a few days recuperating from the arduous tasks of the Engine Room. We are glad to

see you back RED. We can really use some good watch standers.

XD DIVISION

Congratulations are in order for the following XD men: "Andy" Anderson on his recent marriage while on state-side leave; Pat and Dick Rismiller who became proud parents on 7 January, Kristen Marie weighed in at 8 pounds 14 ounces; Butch Karlstad who was advanced to MA2 on 16 January.

Did you know? Choreographer for the "Guys and Dolls" stage show being presented by the Base Players is our own MA3 Jack Warren.

ADP NEWS

Welcome to Spain to Penny Mutnansky and Carol Bottoms. Carol arrived on 8 March, and Penny will arrive 16 March. The Mutnansky's and Bottoms' both will set up housekeeping in Rota.

Would you believe? If all the ADP printer paper used during the month of February was split into single sheets and laid end to end, it would cover a distance of 52.7 miles.