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CANOPUS ASSISTS IN RELIEF OF NEW ORLEANS DISASTER

During the recent restoration from New Orleans occurrence of hurricane "Betsy", members of the CANOPUS crew acted with instant response to their call of help.

The New Orleans relief fund drive, which was headed by R.I. Hunt, MRL, during the week of 13 September, had complete participation on the crew's part and collected a total of \$528 from the Pre-Com Detail.

Hunt centered the funds donated on the infants of the city which received the donated amount of money in baby food that was purchased from Jerry Lee's Grocery at dealer's cost.

The party, which consisted of H.A. Tucker, BMCS, R.I. Hunt, and J.A. Reichle, SK3, arrived in New Orleans about 1300, on the 18th, and as soon as it was learned what the cargo was, the food was unloaded, and reloaded onto other vehicles which speedily dispersed it to various small distribution centers about the city.

Additional food stuffs and clothing was contributed by the CANOPUS' crew and their neighbors, both here in Pascagoula, and in
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CANOPUS FIRST VOYAGE MEMORABLE EXPLOIT

Saturday, 18 September, shortly after noon, CANOPUS slowly slipped away from her berth and set to sea for the first time. After several minutes of tugging and nudging she was pointed right and was underway out into the Gulf of Mexico.

Canopus had 219 officers and men aboard as "observers." It was our first time to look at the ship de-veined of all those wires and tubes, that had made our previous "observations" exercises in ducking and dodging.

Although CANOPUS is no Greyhound, the polite word from Ingalls was, "Leave the driving to us."

As the yardbird mariners steered us down the channel we saw, off to port, a sizeable gathering of dependents watching and waving from the beach. Pascagoula soon disappeared, and the Navy crew,
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With this issue I would like to publicly thank Chaplain Grunder, and his assistant, Seaman Brewton for the superb job they have done in giving birth to the "Helmsman". Many departmental and divisional representatives have also contributed; their effort is deeply appreciated by all and indeed is required to create a successful publication, but it has been the Chaplain and his assistant who have set the tone, expended so much extra work and have generally provided the spark that has gotten our ship's newspaper off the ground in such fine fashion.

The ship's newspaper is not only interesting reading. It is an important part of any large command. One of my biggest challenges as your commanding officer will be insuring that we have the sort of communications up, down and sidewise that will assist us in developing into a close, tightly-knit organization. The ship's newspaper is an important tool in achieving this goal. Incidentally, to those of you who have dependents, please pass the "Helmsman" on to your family, so that we can achieve the widest possible dissemination of information to all concerned.

Along these lines, I plan to use this column to publish information of broad interest, particularly as to movements of CANOPUS and the reasons therefor. This information is generally classified but I have the authority to release a certain amount to aid you in the timely planning of personnel matters. In each case remember that the information is for your personal use. It is not for general discussion ashore nor for publication, particularly when visits or deployment to foreign ports which entail diplomatic clearance is involved. You should also realize that every schedule is subject to some change but I will do my best to keep you informed of the best information available.

In line with this policy here is the broad outline of out schedule at this time.

- 12 - 15 October--- CANOPUS preliminary Acceptance Trials (PAT) by Board of Inspection and Survey, headed by Rear-Admiral H.L. Reiter, U.S. Navy. (12th in port, 13th and 14th at sea, and 15th in port)
- 22 - October--- Depart Pascagoula
- 25 - October--- Arrive Charleston
- 4 - November-- Commission the USS CANOPUS (AS-34) as a ship of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, under the command of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (Admiral Thomas H. , U.S. Navy, CINCLANTFLT) reporting to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (Vice-Admiral V.J. , U.S. Navy)
- 5 - 12 (approx.) November -- Dry-dock Charleston naval Shipyard for contractual inspection of ship's bottom, and installation of trial standardization gear.
- 18- 21 November-- Dock trials and training drills alongside in Charleston.
- 22-24 - November-- At sea.
- 25 Nov.-- 6-January-- Fitting out and inspection period in Charleston.
- 7-Jan.--27Feb.--Shakedown cruise, Carribean area.
- 28-February-10- April---Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) at Charleston Naval Shipyard.
- 11-28---April---Final sea trials and Final Acceptance Trials (FAT) by Board of Inspection and Survey.
- May-June-- Inspection and load-out period at Charleston.
- July---Ready to upkeep Polaris submarines (SSBN).

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PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER

Some men are so bitter about the "bad luck" they had last week, or a year ago, that they are completely blind to today's opportunity. They consider themselves "born losers" and are easily persuaded that even God is against them. Strange...they never stop to question if, perhaps, they are "against" God.

If we are completely honest with ourselves, we would have to admit that we are not so much the victims of "bad luck" as of our own poor judgment. If we lose control of ourselves for any reason, drink, anger, or carelessness, we can't blame "bad luck" for the consequences that always follow. It's us, it's us, O Lord, who stand in the need of prayer.

Also, what seems to be "bad luck" often turns out, in the course of time, to be a blessing in disguise. Lincoln ran against Douglas for senator from Illinois and he was defeated. Was it bad luck? No, because while Douglas was working at being senator, Lincoln ran for the Presidency and won.

A fresh view of bad luck is suggested by this whimsical story of a minister who was being conducted on a tour of an asylum. On the first floor he observed a man rocking in a chair and moaning, "O Mary, why did you do it?" The superintendent explained, "This is a very sad case of a man jilted in love." Finally, on the top floor, they came to a padded cell in which a man was banging his head against the wall and screaming. Remarked the superintendent, "There is the man who married Mary."

Go to church Sunday.

---- by Chaplain B. G. Grunder

All-Jet Transports To RVN Due in Oct.

Washington (AFPS) — Use of C-141 Starlifter troop-cargo transportation on regular flights from the United States to the Republic of Viet-Nam is expected to begin in October, according to Military Air Transport Service officials.

The Air Force's new all-jet transport recently completed its first flight to RVN, landing at Tan Son Nhut Airfield, near Saigon. The mission originated at Travis AFB, Calif., and required refueling stops at Wake Island and Clark AB, Republic of the Philippines.

Carrying 50,000 pounds of cargo, the C-141 made the 7,500-mile trip in 18 hours and 15 minutes, nearly twice as fast as the turboprop C-130E Hercules and three times as fast as the propeller-driven C-124 Globemaster.

In another comparison, during the 1948 Berlin airlift, 142 C-54 Skymasters carried a daily average of 5,500 tons of supplies. Today, the same job could be done with only 18 Starlifters.

The C-141 can carry more than 70,000 pounds of cargo for over 4,000 miles, or 154 combat troops 6,000 miles non-stop.

The first C-141 Starlifter went into service with the Air Force in April, with 145 ordered to join the airlift force.

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Moss Point. The Salvation Army in New Orleans was the final notch in distributing the goods.

Hunt, recalling the grave situation that these people were and are still in, stated that, "Some of the babies hadn't had chow for 24 hours."

Chief Tucker added that, "Clothing was so scarce that most of the people only had what was on their backs, and too, others hadn't been fed in two days, still others since the storm."

Even though hardships are still widespread in that area, prospect profit makers are jacking prices and squeezing the people for what little money they do have.

However, the CANOPUS sailors were more than proud to contribute even a small amount of assistance to these needy and equally misfortunate people in the aftermath of disaster.

Thanks goes out to all those who contributed, and especially to those men like Reichle, who gave their time and assistance to this mission.

CANOPUS VOYAGE.....

slightly candblasted by loose dirt on the weatherdecks, turned from sightseeing to some serious observing.

First and most significantly observed was the heat in the fireroom. One engineer after another came topside with a soaked shirt. It was rumored that Slank had dissolved into a pool of butter, until he reappeared, intact, in the chow line.

The fireroom ventilation problem, a design flaw, was the subject of much high-level deliberation in the wardroom. Another focus of attention, somewhat less vital, was the card-playing finesse of Lt. Hern, and CWO Cavanaugh. For two nights they set up their own "Bridge watch" and destroyed all-challengers.

The trials were an education. In addition to organized tours, everyone took advantage of the time and opportunity for nosing about the ship and checking out unfamiliar spaces. Many played mountain goat in the weapons area, climbing down and up through the seemingly endless number of compartments.

Another top tourist attraction was the lead-lined, positive and negative-pressured wonderland of radiological control.

When not visiting other empires, CANOPUS observers were busy with their primary responsibility of learning about their own spaces. There was always something new to be discovered. One Storekeeper, for example, found a storeroom that was kept at exactly the recommended temperature for sleeping.

The trial trip was memorable in many respects. For LT. Clark, it was unique in that the ship did not sink. (LT. Clark had the misfortune, several years ago, to be aboard a hospital ship that sank during sea trials.) Also another unique highlight, perhaps in the history of the Navy, our Medical Department was headed by an Air Force officer, LT. Clayton.

Most memorable of all, though, for the chiefs and officers berthed up forward by the windlass room, was the 0500 anchor test on Monday. That will never be forgotten...or forgiven.

At about 1300, Monday the 20th, CANOPUS pulled back into the shipyard after 48 hours at sea. As soon as the brow was up, hundreds of happy sailors surged ashore, eager for a big night in the exotic liberty port of Pascagoula.

Service Safety Record Shows Improvement In First Half, 1965

Washington (AFPS) — The armed forces made marked safety improvements during the first six months of this year compared with the preceding six months, according to individual service statistics.

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

One of the nice things that CANOPUS crewmembers will remember about Pasca-goula is the hospitality demonstrated by Father Patrick Quinn, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish on Chico Road. When we had encountered difficulties in arranging for an athletic field for CANOPUS intermural teams, Fr. Quinn obligingly offered the field adjacent to Sacred Heart school. This field has been used repeatedly to decide our softball contests.

The good pastor may have second thoughts about his generosity when he overhears the decisions of "honest" umpires passionately disputed by unreasonable ballplayers. However, he may rest assured that we always settle our differences in the Christian manner, that is, with runs and not with riots.

By birth and by Irish hospitality, Fr. Quinn qualifies as a true son of "the ould sod." All hands of this command are sincerely appreciative.

The editor must cite with pride the \$528.00 donated to New Orleans hurricane relief by nucleus crewmembers. Kudos to R. I. Hunt, MRI and his "crew" of first-class petty officers who headed up the effort. "Attaboy" to all contributors. With the aid of Jerry Lee's Grocery, who provided the order at cost, 168½ cases of baby food was delivered to Salvation Army in New Orleans and, under their auspices, immediately distributed to an outlying area where the infants had had no food for 24 hours. It does feel better to give than to receive.

Happy New Year! Have we flipped our editorial wig? Not really. Sunset, Tuesday 28 September marked the conclusion of the Jewish New Year religious festival known as Rosh Hashanah. Jews now commence their 5,726th year.

A long history is to be admired, but, more than that, every Jew is a living example of a faith surviving all odds and all opposition. Founded upon the moral commandments of God, Judaism outlasts all the centuries of religious persecution from the pharaohs of Egypt to the Hitlers of modern history and lives to write the epitaphs on the tombs of its tormenters.

So volatile is the spirit of Judaism that, for the first time in human history, a nation that died has been reborn. The new Israel is a precocious, gutsy, expanding country that is a "promised land" to streams of refugees from the holocausts of history. Israel is approaching the 20th anniversary of its rebirth.

Nor should we forget that the whole world is indebted to Jews for the great men they have given to us; religious leaders, statesmen, scientists, educators, musicians, philanthropists, philosophers, the list is almost endless.

Yes! Happy New Year and many more!

Immobilized Squadron Has Static Purpose

NAS Oceana, Va. (AFPS)—This air station claims one of the most unusual squadrons in the Navy.

Called Immobilized Squadron One, the unit has, but does not fly, three jet aircraft including an F-8D Crusader and a F-4B Phantom, which form a static display on State Highway 615.

THE NICEST THINGS HAPPEN
TO PEOPLE ON HONDAS

One morning, recently, Salisbury, YN1, along with another Yeoman-type of the Balance crew came speeding up to quarters and took a big spill, which gave all the fellows a big laugh. This is one way of starting your shipmates' day off in good humor, but it's bad on the whites. These two Adminies weren't thinking too much of the Safe Driving lecture they had a few days before, quarters was more important. If it is all that important, why not take three minutes off of the sleep fellows? It's safer!!!!

MAKE IT A CHIEF YEOMAN

After a recent conversation with Bill Cox, YN1, of CINCLANTFLT Headquarters, who had just taken the chief yeoman's exam, he concluded the talk with "If any of your people run over anyone with their cars, have them make sure that the victim is a chief yeoman."

D. L. Ormsher, IC1, of R-3 Division, fractured his leg during the labor day week-end, after jumping over a mud puddle.

He is now in Ward A-2 at Keesler AFB, with his leg in traction and is expected to be there from six to eight weeks. Anyone visiting the base is asked to drop in and see him. Company is scarce.

Visiting hours are from 1000 to 2000.

A Weapons Department party was held on Friday the 24th of September at the Holiday Inn, here in Pascagoula. A good time was had by all...that can remember! The success of the party was due to the efforts of Chief Emmett, who arranged the complete party.

Operations and Navigations Department had a little get together at LTJG Borho's home after inspection last Friday. They played croquet and had a few steins of

RADAR VICTIMS SORROWFUL LOT TO BEHOLD

If anyone looked at the Balance crew in the past few weeks, they might have noticed several unhappy faces. These sorrowful individuals were victims of the electronic age, or more specifically, unmarked patrol cars using radar. It seems as though several states between Norfolk and Charleston, frown on vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit.

They spend thousands of dollars every year to erect signs simply stating the speed limit, and also to warn those who can read that the state uses unmarked cars and radar. Perhaps some of the fines collected help pay for these signs.

You have several alternatives to beat this problem: Observe the speed limit or carry plenty of cash. Driver's licenses are rather hard to replace, though once the state gets it.

If you drive/fly a VW like Lt (jg) Carrie or Spencer, HM1, you could hide under the axle of a truck. However, most of the time a policeman finds it hard to believe that a BUG will go that fast.

On 23 September, at Captain's Personnel Inspection, seven CANOPUS men were presented with letters of commendation forwarded by their previous commands.

Captain Barrett presented the letters to the following men: Robert L. Bell, YN1, whose wife, Hazel Jane resides in Brooklyn, New York; Thomas J. Recker RM1, of Operations, whose wife, Gloria Rose, resides in Mystic, Conn.; Ronald E. Sullivan, SF1, of Repair, whose wife Lorretta Hugo, resides at Colonial Manor in Pascagoula, Mississippi; Loren J. Rushton, RM2, of Operations; Robert W. Conn, CS3, of Supply, whose wife Eve Elaine, resides in Portsmouth, Virginia; Bobby J. Galloway, SFM3 of Repair; David L. Johnson, SKSN, of Supply.

draft beer. Proulx, QM2, proved pretty good at both games. Ops wants to install a suds machine like Mr. Borho's in the Aux. Radio shack.

*"I pledge a war
on waste . . .
And I ask
you to help me
to fight that war."*



Woods
AFPS

LBJ Calls for Support Of Combined Campaign

Washington (AFPS)—President Johnson has called for support of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), due to begin here this fall.

The CFC combines the United Givers Fund, National Health Agencies and International Service Agencies into a one-shot annual campaign.

In a White House memorandum, President Johnson said, "I am confident that Government personnel will welcome this opportunity to demonstrate once again their generosity and to demonstrate that in one combined campaign the basic needs of the separate agencies can be adequately fulfilled."

Last year's initial CFC was termed "very successful" by President Johnson, who said it raised more contributions than previous separate campaigns.

Army, Navy Aviators Top Control Problem

My Tho, RVN (AFPS)—An unofficial familiarization program between Navy pilots and Army Forward Area Control (FAC) pilots has developed here as the result of an invitation received by the chief pilot of the FAC.

Captain Harmon A. Dungan, chief FAC pilot at the 7th Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam headquarters was invited by Navy pilots to accompany them on a strike mission. Shortly after, Captain Dungan found himself being catapulted off the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany in a Navy A-3B jet.

In return, the captain invited the Naval aviators to go with his pilots on one of their strike control missions. His offer was accepted and from the back seats of Army O-1F observation aircraft, the Navy men watched FAC pilots direct Air Force and Navy fighters to enemy targets.

Captain Dungan said the visits served many beneficial purposes.

QM Museum has Rations Still Edible after 80 Years

Washington (AFPS)—The Quartermaster Museum at Ft. Lee, Va., houses food that is still edible after more than 80 years.

Among the rations are hardtack from the Civil War and tinned soup from the Adolphus W. Greely Greenland expedition of 1884. Officials say the foods are edible, even though they might not appeal to some people's taste.

Other aging foods, still edible, include a World War I emergency ration consisting of a bread and meat item, chocolate bars, salt and pepper.

War on Waste Can't Be Part-Time Effort

LAST October 31, President Johnson declared war—not war in the usual sense, with guns, tanks and missiles—but war against an enemy just as dangerous as any our country ever encountered. It was war against waste—waste in government spending.

Actually, the war began months earlier when the President assumed office, but the October date was the formal declaration, signaling the start of a systematic and long-range government-wide cost reduction program.

The President, in laying down the ground rules for his across-the-board cost-cutting program, cited the Defense Department's Cost Reduction Program as an excellent example of what can be done to trim government spending. He asked all government agencies to pattern their programs on that of the Defense Department.

As members of the Defense Establishment, we can be proud of the President's praise and we can be equally proud of the records piled up in the four years of the DOD program's existence.

Efforts to cut costs made by service men and women at all echelons have kept the DOD program consistently ahead of its goals—and have done so without damaging the strength of the nation's defenses.

In fact, President Johnson noted, our military strength has continued to mount. Without the record savings achieved by the Defense Department in the last four years, the President added, we would be ill-equipped to meet the situation we have encountered in Viet-Nam or the many other world-wide commitments we have in the cause of peace and freedom.

But, despite the President's praise and our excellent record, we can't afford to relax our efforts.

The President pointed out that controlling waste is like bailing out a boat—you've got to keep at it.

What are you doing to cut down expenses? Are you helping to "keep the boat dry?" (AFPS)

Corsair II Demonstration Set for Early October

Washington (AFPS)—The first flight demonstration of the Navy's A-7A Corsair II attack bomber is scheduled for early October.

The A-7A, a modified version of the F-8E Crusader, is slated to be introduced into carrier replacement air wings and training squadrons in December 1966.

To be used by the Navy and Marine Corps, the A-7A is expected to be operational in the fleet in April 1967.

RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES

Congratulations are in order for Shuey, R. E., SK2 who on the 16th day of August 1965, was advanced to SK1. Shuey has been working in the Supply Office in Building A-19 and has done a splendid job at keeping the needed supplies at hand for the Administrative Department and also your different divisions. We would like to wish Shuey the best of luck in the following years to come on-board the '34.

On the 6th day of August 1965, there was quite a surprise in store for Garnto, PN1 when he received a telegram stating that his beloved wife had a 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. bouncing boy. From the scuttle-butt going around, we understand that little Garnto is already to step in his father's shoes on the banging typewriter. Congratulations to you Garnto, and the best of luck to little Garnto and the wife.

KNOWS HIS PUMPS

D. R. Hurber, ENFN, of M division obviously knows his pumps after graduating recently from the P-250 Pump School with a perfect score of 4.0.

Hurber, who graduated on the 11 of August, was presented his certificate at quarters with a handclasp and a hearty "Well done" from Lt. F. H. Arms for this outstanding achievement.

Congratulations are in order for Frankie Bull, BM3, and Jerry Swoveland, MR1 on their recent shipping over for another six year hitch in our fine Navy.

The 16th was a busy day of the week for Rutter, he was advanced to Chief and also shipped over along with Bull BM3. Our congratulations to you, Chief on the fine decision made.

At Captain's personnel inspection on Friday, 24 September 1965, Berry, K. R., EN1, was rated "Outstanding." He is a member of Repair Department and

A noteworthy couple, Carter, BMSN, and Cigna, SA, recently completed a course in 16mm movie projection on operators status and also made good grades along with some ET's and FT's.

Lindauer, SN, third division, was commended by the Executive Officer of the USS ORION, AS-18, on his standing an outstanding watch while underway during his TAD there.

Kathleen E. Miller, wife of Robert C. Miller, FTM1, gave birth to a 6 lb. 9 oz. GIRL on the 21st of August 1965. LAURIE ANN MILLER was born at the General Hospital of Virginia, Beach, Virginia.

A 5 lb. 9 oz. GIRL, KATE MALENA, was born in Nashville, Tenn, to the wife of Robert M. Jackson, MTSN, who is also named Kate Malena, on the 25th of August 1965.

Congratulations to you, Alfred Roberts and to your wife on the latest addition of a son to your family.

C. H. Hayes, HMCA, of RC Division was recently informed by Capt. Barrett that he has been selected for promotion to the rank of Ensign, Medical Service Corps. Official orders on the date of promotion have not as of yet been received.

Congratulations are in order to Dr. Chap for being selected for promotion to Captain, Dental Corps, U. S. Navy. This is a good example of the modified seaman to admiral program.

Other Officers who have also been selected for advancement are LCDR John Wells, Jr. and LCDR Fox.

the husband of Carrie M. Berry, residing in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

(Ed. Note: This is the second of a series of five editions to print the story of the old CANOPUS. The CANOPUS story is written by her former captain, E. L. Sackett, U S N.)

CHAPTER III

It was hoped that Mariveles Bay, being close to the guns of Corregidor would be immune to air attacks, although some misgivings were felt on that score when we found a bombed and burning merchant ship in the harbor, and learned that his was the result of a light hearted Japanese Christmas Eve celebration. However, with high hopes, we moored the ship to the shoreline in a protected cove, and again spread out camouflage nets overhead. This time, the object was to make the ship look like part of the jungle foliage ashore, and we succeeded very well by using a mottled green paint, with plenty of tree branches tied to the masts and upper works. Unfortunately, a rock quarry nearby had made a white gash in the cliff, and from one direction, this made a background which it was impossible to match. We could only hope that Jap scouting planes would not happen to snap any candid camera shots from that particular direction.

Disillusionment in both these hopes was not slow in coming. On December 29th our daily visitors, evidently deciding that Manila had been adequately taken care of, turned their attention toward us. Squadron after squadron showed their contempt for the guns of Corregidor by blasting that island from end to end, and the last group of the day, as if by an afterthought, wheeled in from that fatally exposed direction and blanketed the CANOPUS with a perfectly placed pattern of bombs. Tied up as she was, and unable to dodge, it seemed a miracle that only one of the closely bunched rain of missiles actually struck the ship, but that one bomb nearly ended our career then and there. It exploded on top of the propeller shaft under the magazines, blowing them open, and starting fires which threatened to explode the ammunition.

Disaster and danger are the great touchstones which bring out the true quality in man, and those sailors never faltered. Hardly had the rain of rocks thrown from the craters in the nearby hillside subsided when fire fighting crews had jumped to their work. The Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander "Hap" Goodall, organized one party on deck, which attacked the blaze from above. They found smoke pouring from ammunition scuttles leading to the magazines below, and directed their hose streams down the hatches, unmindful of ominous detonations which told them the magazines might blow up at any moment. Gunner's Mate Budzaj even climbed down a smoke-filled ammunition trunk with a hose in an effort to get at the bottom of the flame. When the fire pumps failed for a few moments, bucket brigades carried on the battle.

In the meantime, below decks, Lieutenant Commander "Al" Hede had organized another fire party which tackled the problems by carrying their hoses through choking smoke in the compartments near the magazines, pulling wounded and dying men away from the blasted area where they had fallen. Most of the oxygen type breathing apparatus had been cut off by the explosion, but shipfitter donned the one remaining outfit, and carried the hose right down to the magazines, backed up by his shipmates working in relays, each of which stayed as long as men could stand the fumes.

Our fighting Chaplain McManus led a rescue group into the engine room, where fragments and escaping steam had caused the most casualties, administering last rites to dying men and helping to evacuate the injured to makeshift dressing stations.

The officers in charge of the engine room, Machinist Hutchinson and Electrician Hall, had both been badly wounded by the first blast, but the Chief Machinist Mate left in charge shut off the steam at the boilers until severed steam pipes could be isolated, thus saving more of his men from being scalded to death. He then

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helped the wounded to safety, and was later found wandering around dazed, having no recollection of what happened after the blast!

For hours the devoted crew fought before all the fires were finally out. When the magazines were inspected, several crushed and exploded powder charges were found, mute evidence showing how close to complete destruction the ship and all on board had been. Nothing less than a miracle could have prevented a general magazine explosion at the time the bomb set off those powder charges, but miracles do happen. The engine of destruction had carried its own anti-dote, and its fragments which severed pipes near the magazines had released floods of steam and water at the danger point, automatically keeping fire away from the rest of the powder. Our numbers weren't just quite up that day.

In months to follow, our crew could never quite believe, until the battered hull finally slipped to its last rest beneath the waves, that somehow the old girl would not manage to pull through, as she had that day, and take them all out to rejoin the Fleet. That same night, up went the "Business As Usual" sign and repair men went to work binding up the "Old Lady's" wounds, at the same time others were busy servicing submarines.

CHAPTER IV

The CANOPUS was seaworthy again in a few days, although much ammunition had been lost by flooding the magazines, and several store rooms were badly messed up by the explosion. This cloud, however, had a silver lining for our Supply Officer, Lieutenant "Gus" Johnson, who found his office wrecked and his accounts burned, giving him a heaven sent chance to put an end to all his laborious accounting system for the duration. From that time on, our supply system was beautifully simple. What we had, we could use without the usual red tape, and if something was lacking, nothing could be done about it except to improvise a substitute or do

without. There was nothing for the men to spend their money on, so there were no more paydays. Ice cream and canteen supplies were free as long as they lasted. All clothing became community property, to be doled out to whatever unfortunate should appear in the most nearly naked condition. This Utopian state inevitably welded us all into a great family working and fighting in a common cause, with only one aim - - - to do our damnest to lick the Japs.

Curiously enough, the boys who had been the worst trouble-makers in time of peace, became out most shining examples in wartime. Perhaps they had just too much restless energy for their own good when things were normal, but this same quality enabled them to perform prodigies when the chips were down.

Ordinary methods of discipline of course failed, since the men got no liberty or pay anyhow, and what would normally be extra duty was now only the usual stint for everyone. But punishments were fortunately unnecessary, as the spirit of the community would tolerate no shirkers, and the men themselves saw to it that no one was derelict in his duty.

When the last of the submarines, carrying the Commodore and his staff to a new southern base, had pulled out just before the New Year opened, we were left with something of the feeling of a mother when the last of her children has grown up and left the home fires, to battle the world alone. Nothing would seem more useless than a submarine tender with no submarines to look out for, but we were soon to find that there were orphans aplenty to be adopted. There were many small Navy ships which were also stranded by the tide of war ebbing south. These needed constant repairs as well as additional equipment for the task ahead of them. The word also got around to all Army and Air Force Units, of the well equipped shops which could and did accomplish miracles of improvisation, and these groups were not slow in making full use of all facilities. Again, the men of the CANOPUS could feel that they had a major share in

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the new mission...to hold Bataan.

Tojo's war birds, however, still wanted to have something to say as to whether the CANOPUS would stay in service. Our first bombing had made it apparent that the ship was not exactly a safe spot to while away the daylight hours, so the policy was adopted of scattering as many of the crew as possible ashore to sleep as best they could during the day, and return on board for work all night. Volunteers were called for to man the anti-aircraft guns during the danger period, with such response that practically no changes resulted in the regular gun crews. With the Gunnery Officer, Lieutenant "Red" Otter in control, these enthusiastic boys felt that they were the lucky ones --- there was always the chance some Jap plane might venture low enough to be knocked out of the sky, and such vengeance would be sweet enough to justify any risks.

Just a week after the first bombing, the Japs showed their annoyance at such temerity by sending another squadron of planes over the CANOPUS to try and settle the affair once and for all.

Again the closely bunched bomb pattern blanketed the ship, but again only one missile made a direct hit. This time it was a quick-acting smokestack, and literally sprayed the upper decks with small fragments. The gun crews, who had ducked behind their shields at the last instant before the bombs landed, had little protection from splinters coming down from above, and three-quarters of them were wounded -- fortunately with no fatalities. No serious fires were started, but the upper decks looked like a sieve a hundred of fragments had pierced the light plating:

The damage due to the one direct hit had been only superficial, but inspection below decks disclosed that several near misses had also taken their toll. Each side had been pierced a few feet above the water by forty or fifty fragments of bombs exploded by contact with the water alongside. Another bomb had exploded deeper in the water and dished in the hull two or three inches, cracking the plating and loosening rivets which were leaking steadily.

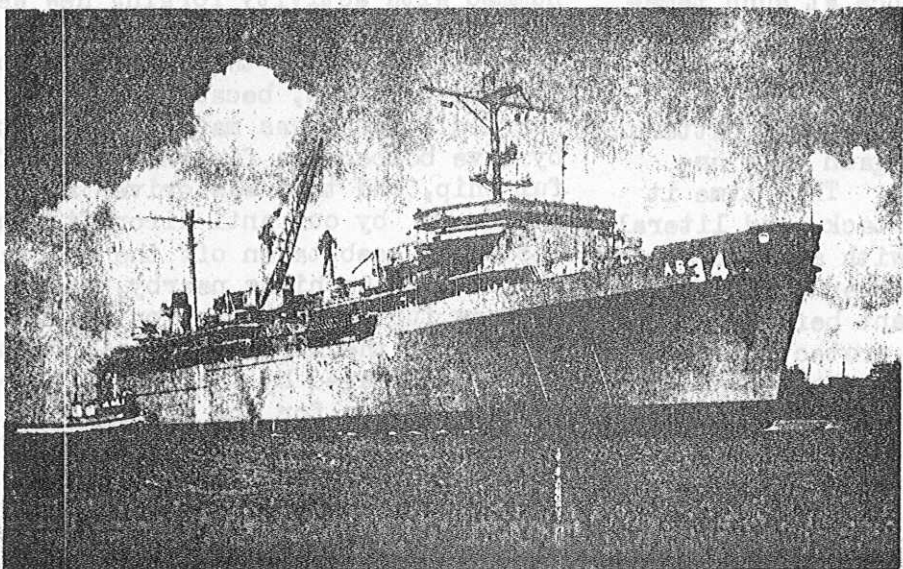
These were the wounds which had to be bound up to make the vessel again seaworthy, and the welders were soon on the job, plugging the openings.

The tough old girl was not ready for grave yet, but if she were to continue a career of usefulness, it seemed best to make the Japs think the last salvo of bombs had done the trick. It was useless to pretend any longer that we weren't there, but at least we could make them think that what was left was useless. The next morning, when "Photo Joe" in his scouting plane came over, his pictures showed what looked like an abandoned hulk, listed over on her side, with cargo booms askew and blackened areas around the bomb holes, from which wisps of smoke floated up for two or three days. What he did not know was that the smoke came from oily rags in strategically placed smudge pots, and that every night the "abandoned hulk" hummed with activity forging new weapons for the beleaguered forces of Bataan. Evidently the Japs were completely deceived, because only one half hearted attempt was made a week later by dive bombers to finish off the faithful ship, and that was driven away without damage by our anti-aircraft guns. These had been taken off the ship and mounted on the hills nearby, so as not to draw further retaliation to the vessel.

Two of the larger anti-aircraft guns had been damaged by the second bombing, and ammunition for the remainder was almost gone. This battery was therefore dismantled to provide similar parts for similar guns which a company of marines had mounted ashore at the head of Mariveles Bay, and which could be better protected.

(Ed. Note: In the next edition, the AS-9 men begin in the field along side their budding marines. The Nips referred to these troops as "a new type of Suicide Squad."

- 12 OCTOBER --- INSUV Trials to Commence
23 OCTOBER --- Depart Pascagoula
26 OCTOBER --- Arrive in Charleston
4 NOVEMBER - Commissioning of the Ship



SOON TO SERVE — CANOPUS (AS-34), Polaris submarine tender, is shown during builder's trials Sept. 18. The "mighty lady," to be commissioned by the U. S. Navy later this year in Charleston, S. C., will become a part of the nation's first line of defense as she will service Polaris and nuclear attack submarines on patrol. CANOPUS is the second sub tender constructed by Ingalls.

BRIDES

OF

CANOPUS

BARTMAN-CASART

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Bartman, 7725 S. 42nd, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sue Ann to Ronald Casart, DC2, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Casart of 7703 S. 41st Street also of Pascagoula.

Miss Bartman is a second-year student at St. Joseph's School of Nursing. Mr. Casart is stationed aboard the USS CANOPUS (AS-34), which is now in its pre-commissioning detail in Pascagoula.

The wedding date is set for October 2, 1965. Details of the ceremonies will be announced at a later date.



Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Broun of Escatawapa, Miss. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine, to Horace Rayford Royals, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rayford Royals, Sr., of Jasper, Fla. The couple will marry at 8 p. m. October 3 in the Central Church of Christ in Pascagoula with C. W. Shaffer, an elder in the church, officiating.

The bride-elect is a freshman at the University of Southern Mississippi where she is majoring in home

economics education. She was graduated from Moss Point High School.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Jasper High School and attended the University of Florida. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1961, served in Hawaii, Alaska and California and is now stationed in Pascagoula with the precommissioning detail of the USS Conopus, being built at Ingalls shipbuilding Corp.



WASHINGTON, D.C.....NAVNEWS.....

LOS ALAMITOS, CALIF.....NAVNEWS.....

Dr. Robert E. Switzer, director of the children's Hospital at the Menninger Foundation, in Topeka, Kansas, not only kicked the smoking habit himself but he is presently carrying on a national "Life Saving Award" program for those who do give up the smoking habit.

Since the birth of the Naval Reserve Captain's "Life Saving Award" program in the summer of 1964, over 800 certificates have been given to people who stopped smoking.

Among the notables who have received the award are President Lyndon B. Johnson, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Sens. Paul Douglas, Maurine Neubarger, actors Pat Boone, and Stephen Boyd, Comedian Dick Gregory, singers Brenda Lee and Bobby Vinton, sportsmen Bob Mathias, Arnold Palmer and Oscar Robertson.

According to Dr. Switzer, his certificates give people who stop smoking something to show for it. While a few have returned their awards saying they have started smoking again, more receivers have said that its possession had kept them from slipping back. The certificate is a visible sign of a victory that can be a tremendous struggle.

The important factor is for a person to be convinced he should stop, that the surgeon general's medical report means him, not just other people. A person has no trouble staying away from danger, once he accepts it as a danger.

He said, "If any bacterial disease were killing as many people as lung cancer, the medical profession would be doing things about it." In quoting Dr. Sam Zelman, chief of medicine at Topeka Veterans Hospital, he said, "Within my medical lifetime lung cancer has changed from a rare disease to the commonest in male cancer and if the present rate of increase continues, 40 percent of all deaths in the United States in 1984 will be due to lung

"Women may not be much," said Will Rogers, "but they're the best opposite sex we have."

Unfortunately men, they know it. Your jobs: make 'em feel special. All it takes is a bit of basic psychology, mixed with a little showmanship. Don't be afraid to borrow the tested techniques of experts, past and present.

Shower her with little attentions. Brush imaginary dust from her coat, hold hands under the table, touch your lips to the glass her lips have touched - and don't worry if the gesture seems old-hat or corny. These suggestions, for example, come from a 2,000 year-old book on "The Art of Love." They worked so well that the author, Ovid, had to write a sequel telling how to avoid entangling alliances.

Say the right thing. Telling a woman she's beautiful is not necessarily a sure-fire compliment, observed a man-about-town, the Earl of Chesterfield, over 200 years ago. He advised his son to praise only the average girl on her beauty, but compliment the very pretty for very homely woman on her intellect!

Understand her signals. Men realize that women have a language all their own, and the smart ones try to understand it. One key point to remember is that most women speak in superlatives: a hat is not just pretty or becoming, it's "gorgeous" or "darling". Beware, therefore, of faint praises: when she tells you your new tie is "very nice", don't wear it again with her. She hates it.

FUZZY CARTOON in this issue is the work of H.R. Royals, ETN2, although his future wife, Katherine Broun, gave him a hand with the art work.

cancer. Already more people are dying from lung cancer than in auto accidents."

BOWLING NEWS

In the final week of the CANOPUS INTRA-MURAL league we found White Hats #2 continue their winning ways by downing Supply 3 points to 1 and cinching the league championship. Members of this championship team are: Joe Williams, YN3, Larry Companion, YN3, Marland Johnston, PN3, Bill Fleming, MA3, Lindsay Amos, MA2, Walt Herrick, YN1 and J. E. Perkins, MM2. With a 3 point to 1 victory over OFF and CPO #1 (Torch) White Hats #1 won the leagues runner up position with Parks, ET1 leading his team with a 516 series. White Hats #3 started a little too late in the season to have winning ways but showed their competitive spirit by downing OFF. and CPO #2, 3 points to 1 with Jack Carr, SFM3 leading the charge with a 497 series.

In Roll-off play for the high individual game award we find that little ole spare maker LCDR Wells beating out LT Meisner by a 64 pin margin.

Final League Standings are as follows:

White Hat's #2 (Admines)	Won 38 points	Lost 22
White Hat's #1 (Ops)	Won 34 points	Lost 26
Off & CPO #1	Won 33 points	Lost 27
SUPPLY	Won 30 points	Lost 30
Off & CPO #2	Won 27 points	Lost 33
White Hat's #3	Won 18 points	Lost 42

In a presentation of awards for the league on the mess decks of APL 47 Captain Barrett presented the awards as follows:

ABC triplicate award for 3 games of 145 in a single series to BOOTS SK2.

HI-LOW trophy to BELL, ETCM for a spread of 134 pins between two games in a single series.

MOST IMPROVED BOWLER and ABC merit award to COONEY, ETCM for improving his average by 10 pins from the time he established his average.

HIGH GAME with handicap trophy to Lt G. Meisner with a score of 266.

HIGH SERIES with handicap trophy to AMOS, MA2 with a score of 643 who unfortunately was on TAD and was not present to accept his trophy.

HIGH GAME Trophy went to LCDR WELLS 231 won by virtue of roll-off (LT MEISNER also had a 231).

HIGH SERIES Trophy won by PARKS, ET1 who set a 592 in the second week of bowling which held up throughout the season.

HIGH AVERAGE Trophy was won by HERRICK, YN1 with a 167 average. How could he lose? He kept the books.

ABC Patch & Championship trophies with thanks to White Hat's No. 2, named above. Runner-up trophies with thanks from White Hat's No.2 went to White Hat's No.1 which consisted of bowlers, PARKS, SOUTHER, JONES, FRECHETTE, DAIGLE, NACE AND O. O. SAMPSON.

NEW LEAGUE

There is a new 8 team league now formed of Canopus crew who will only be able to bowl one complete round before leaving the Pascagoula area and in which competition has been keen in the first two weeks of bowling. We have new bowlers, new spirit, and new leaders both in officials and award winning bowlers. New Officials are Cooney, ETCM, President, Kemp, SKCS, Vice President, and Griffiee, SKC, Secretary-treasurer. League award leaders will be announced in the next issue of HELMSMAN.

CHALLENGE

Stevenson, YN2 and Hughes, EN2 give an open challenge for two man team match at Keesler AFB to be bowled with a compensating spot of pins for difference in averages. In their first match they bowed to Herrick and Companion but only by slim margins. Herrick warns any acceptors of the challenge that these two can be tough.

Walt Herrick YN1
Sports Editor

The Canopus crew is organizing a two-hand touch football team which will begin practice in the near future. The scuttle-butt is that they will have a stupendously strong team and will challenge, as usual, all comers. We can only wait and hope that the competition will be far better than that of the softball team (which also had the rumors) that was unjustly caught by the season's end and wound up with a final standing of 4 losses and no wins.

Along with the "standard" rumor, the Norfolk boys are going to need a little skill in the game to even hope to match the ability that the Pas. fellows have been displaying in the recent past, and if they are equal in this phase, it means tough competition for the first standing.

Canopus bowling league is nearing the three-quarter mark with all teams giving it the old college try to move the Steelers (R-2) from first place, but so far none have been very successful. The Steelers hold their placing with Wolf shooting a 200 game and a 534 series, supported by Muller's 196 and 518.

The Sundowners were holding the second position with the help of Lt. Suprenant's 205 game and 567 series, and his follow-up of 2 days later with a 223 and 650 to put him in the high average spot with a 183.

Lawhorn of the Untouchables put his team on the "touchable" list with a nice 237 game and a 536 series. It was rumored that he has been "sandbagging" his average.

Other outstanding highlights are: Johnson's 204 and a 519 series; Connors with a series of 543; Minnick's 535; McReynolds' 535, and Murphy's 529.

Nav-Ops department is really going all out on putting their big foot forward and boasting a 860 to 890 team upon arrival in Charleston. This apparently is an open challenge especially to the boys of the Nucleus crew. Sit tight boys, and wait for another one of those "tough-challenge" old English Scrolls.

The X Division Chargers are continuing their winning ways by jockeying their bats and gloves in victory, as well as their swabs and desks, by defeating Operations 12 to 7 with PEASLEE, RMC being the losing pitcher and JOHNSTON PN3 the winner. In the fourth meeting between the Supply Mets and the X Division Chargers, the Chargers broke a 5th inning deadlock of 9 to 9 and went on to win with a 8 run spree in the sixth and holding the Mets scoreless in the seventh for a 17 to 9 victory. SHAPACK was the losing pitcher and JOHNSTON the winning.

Bouncing back from defeat the Mets took on the Deck Department Boatswains to win by a landslide margin of 22 to 1. This one sided victory must have been a terrific boost to Supply's moral because the following day they had the nerve to challenge the Chargers once again, although they have only once overcome the pitching, batting and fielding of the Adminees efforts by a 1 run upset in the four times they have met one another.

DID YOU KNOW that the X Division Chargers have only been defeated once in seven starts. Engineering lost one of one game, Deck has lost two and won one, and OPs lost one of one game. Supply has won two of 7 starts. What happened to Weapons Repair and Repair department? We know these two departments must have at least 10 ball players within their ranks.

DID YOU KNOW that Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers set a new record of the most strikeouts in a major league season by surpassing Bob Fellers mark with a season total of 356. That SATCHEL Joe Paige of Kansas City A's is the oldest player ever to play in major league game, 60 years young.

Sixth Fleet Shooters Set Sights on British

Valletta, Malta (AFPS) — Marines and sailors from the U.S. Sixth Fleet will vie for a second straight win over British Mediterranean Station sharpshooters in the annual Cassady Cup Rifle and Pistol Matches to be held here Nov. 20.

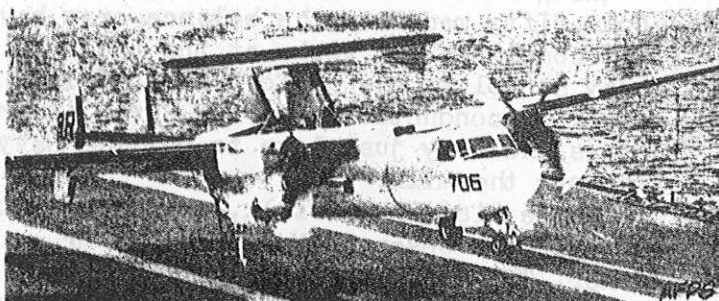
The crew has now passed the 15,000 man days mark in their training period, and the performance of the men seem to be still improving.

The Deck Department had 22 men attending a 3"/50 training course at Dam Neck, Virginia, during the week of 6 September. These men were handicapped by a four-day work week, and the fact that none of the non-rated men had ever served on a gun mount before. Several comments were received from officers, CPO's, and instructors about the outstanding performance of the men, both during the training periods and at other times on the base. These comments include their remarks about appearance and also their military bearing.

The Wives Club recently had a luncheon and the attendance was worked on by Chief and Mrs. Faust.

The Drill Team is shaping up not only in getting new and complete equipment, but in their military appearance. The group, which is composed of SN and FN volunteers and headed by an EM1, and SFM3 (Whose names are not known, regrettably, to the HELMSMAN) have been attending a two-week landing party school. Plans are that the weapons will be dressed up with enamel and chrome.

The Balance Crew seems to be having the same frets and questions as the Nucleus Crew does as to their arriving in Charleston: When do we get on with the job.



E-2A "HAWKEYE"

A comparatively new aircraft in the Navy's inventory is the Hawkeye. While radar-domed aircraft are not new in the Navy, this is the first carrier-based plane to use turbo-props and reversible pitch propellers. Among other Navy "firsts" the Hawkeye was the first aircraft to be launched from a carrier utilizing the newly developed "nose tow" system of catapult launch, and it is the first U.S. Navy carrier-based aircraft with a fully pressurized fuselage. The E-2A, carrying a crew of five, is designed to protect task forces from aerial attack by detecting and providing evaluation of the full nature of the attack in advance of the minimum lead time necessary to intercept high speed attacking aircraft.



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TALL TITLED BEAUTY — Mary Sedoski, 21, won the title of Miss Tall Beauty at Palisades Amusement Park, N.J. The 5 feet 11½-inch beauty is a student at Queens College, N.Y., and won her title over 75 other participants.



America's most powerful hydrogen-fueled space booster — the Saturn V Apollo moon rocket — went through a preliminary fire test for 6½ minutes at the static test laboratory in Santa Susana, Calif. This was the fourth and longest cluster engine firing to be conducted in what is termed the battleship test series. More than a million pounds of super-cold (cryogenic) propellant liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen were stored in the tanks for the full duration test. Hydrogen is a colorless, tasteless, odorless gas. It becomes liquid at a temperature of minus 423 degrees. As it offers a maximum amount of energy per pound, it is now possible to lift payloads that would require three or more stages with other fuels. The rocket is destined for the Apollo manned lunar missions, one of which is expected to take three American astronauts to the moon.

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CAREER PLOTTING SENSE

About the age of eight most fellows seem to stop and ponder what life has to offer. Some decide it would be nice to be Commodore, or president of the P. D. & Q. Railroad, or Mr. America. They then proceed to fulfill their dream.

Over the years you meet fellows who are within an ace of getting what they want, or maybe miles from it, like other Joes who seemed to wander about in a permanent fog. Let's take a look at one of the familiar types seen on just about every ship.

This is the guy that acts normally like an ostrich with his head in the sand, and in his saner moments resembles the flight jockey's Dilbert. He is known to some crews as Cousin Culbert.

Culbert's way of coping with unpleasant angles is to ignore them and hope they'll go away. He doesn't want facts to clutter up his thinking. The result: Culbert is forever finding himself out of step with things as they are.

Before Culbert came into the Navy he felt that life in his home-town held nothing for him. He went around singing the blues like a ten-piece band. But now to hear him tell it, life back home in West Overshoe is all candy and cake, and he can't wait to get out of the Navy.

Because he doesn't have any special skill and developed experience to offer an employer, after his discharge, Culbert has to join the feather merchants as a sand pounder in the local sand factory. Of course, one of his reasons for joining the Navy was to gain skill and experience, but he never got started. He never got the information that was passed out at quarters, nor even bothered to ask.

After a few months out of the Navy, our peabrain begins noticing things - - like the high cost of living and the lack of money. After he pays the rent, buys the food, patches up the glad rags, and and pays the gas, water, and telephone bills, he has LESS NET dough - - spending money, cash on hand, walking around money, hide out green, what ever you want to call it, than he had in the Navy.

He never even saw the bucks already lifted from his poke by social security, insurance, pension, bonds, annuity, state taxes and income tax.

So Culbert decides he wants back in the Navy again. He's already missed his first angle - - "REENLIST ON BOARD" - - signing up within 24 hours following discharge on board the activity from which discharged, thus losing time, money, and position.

He can still make out if he reenlists within 3 months, but Culbert doesn't think that fast. So here it is, 3 months and 2 days later, and who comes swaggering into the Recruiting Station but old friend Culbert.

But it's too late. He's lost TIME; over three months. He's lost money - - his reenlistment bonus. He's lost position - - he goes back in at a lower rate than the one he had when he was discharged.

However, this probably doesn't worry old Hotshot to much because at this point he is in a 180 degree course change and is now claiming that everything in the Navy is candy and cake. Culbert is wrong again.

Don't be another Culbert, see your Career Counselor and get the word on USAFI, TUITION AID PROGRAM, STAR, SCORE, NESEP and all the other programs that are put out for you to take advantage of. Don't be led astray by the "grass is greener" line, and remember, cows don't give milk, you've got to take it from them.

ROUGH LIFE IN THE BOONDOCKS.....

Ensigns Helm and Turner along with about fifty men from the balance crew have just completed two weeks at the Landing Party School in the Norfolk area. This school is conducted by Marine Corps instructors and they just love to put the Navy "through the mill."

While visiting Norfolk, a member of the nucleus crew observed Mr. Helm and Mr. Turner. They were shining their boots, scrubbing their packs and guard belts, and worrying whether they would pass inspection the following morning. After covering miles through the boondocks, their feet were covered with blisters and they were so tired they hardly move.

Mr. Helm thinks this training should exempt them from Navy physical qualifications for the next five years.

Camouflaged Aircraft To Reappear in AF

Washington (AFPS) — Camouflage painted aircraft of three major USAF commands are soon to reappear after an absence of almost 20 years.

Tactical fighter, reconnaissance and assault airlift planes of the Tactical Air Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and the Pacific Air Forces will wear a mottled design of tan, gray and green.

Camouflage painting was used extensively during World War II but was discontinued because it added as much as 600 pounds to a heavy bomber, cutting down performance. In recent years, development of lighter aircraft has again made camouflage practical.

Voice from Sky Brings Truth to RVN Natives

Hurlbut Field, Fla. (AFPS) — Psychological warfare has taken on a new dimension with addition of powerful airborne loudspeakers to the traditional pamphlet drops and other devices used in the past.

The new techniques have already been tested in the Republic of Viet-Nam and are being further tested and developed by pilots and crews of the Tactical Air Command's 1st Air Commando Wing here.

One of the problems of counter-insurgency operations throughout the world is the means of countering communist propaganda with truth, especially in remote rural areas where enemy guerrilla forces may be active. In Europe, the job is done effectively by such media as the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe. In Southeast Asia and other undeveloped areas, the situation is complicated by the fact that few of the country people own or have access to radios.

Pamphlets are effective in some areas, but their usefulness is limited by the high rate of illiteracy and the fact that, in enemy dominated areas, possession of the pamphlets may bring about physical violence. The voice from the sky method overcomes these difficulties.

A speaker system mounted in an aircraft, connected to a portable tape recorder or to microphones for live broadcasts, is clearly audible from altitudes as high as 5,000 feet. Messages can be pre-recorded by native speakers in the local dialect and broadcast from aircraft over remote villages.

U.S. Forces Face Another Foe in Jungles of Viet-Nam

Saigon, RVN (AFPS)—One of the natural dangers faced by men serving in the Republic of Viet-Nam is the poisonous snake.

Several kinds of poisonous snakes including, a member of the cobra family, are natural to the area.

One particular deadly type is the krait snake. A krait bite is fatal to man 99 percent of the time.

The krait is a nocturnal snake. It grows to lengths of four feet or more and frequents cultivated land and human habitations.

The krait is reportedly responsible for more deaths than any other snake in the RVN.

In one recent case at Tan Son Nhut Airfield a krait bit an Air Force sentry dog, "The Duchess," during a night patrol. With an injection of krait anti-toxin serum, the only known cure for the bite and a lot of spunk, The Duchess pulled through and is back on duty. If the snake had bitten her handler, Airman Second Class Clifford F. Davis, it probably would have been fatal.

The Viet Cong (VC), quick to take advantage of any possible weapon, have also been putting poisonous snakes to work.

The VC have been known to "plant" the often-deadly bamboo viper in hidden holes and tunnels to strike at troops conducting search-and-clear operations.

Viet Cong Escapee Honored in El Paso

El Paso, Tex. (AFPS)—A special forces soldier who recently escaped from the Viet Cong after 20 months of captivity, received a hero's welcome in his hometown here.

Master Sergeant Isaac Camacho, 28, USA, Special Forces, was captured by the Viet Cong when his camp was overrun in 1963. He was then on his second tour of duty in the Republic of Viet-Nam.

"Isaac Camacho Day" was proclaimed by the mayor of El Paso as part of the United Latin American Citizens two-day observance of the annual Fiesta of Flowers.

MSgt. Camacho was honored with a military parade and review at nearby Ft. Bliss where he received the Silver Star and Bronze Star Medals for valor and meritorious service in the RVN and was promoted to his present grade.

Upon return to El Paso, MSgt. Camacho asked for reassignment to the RVN, but has been ordered to report to the 10th Special Forces Group in Germany.



NEW VC WEAPON — Sergeant Cline James, Second Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division, holds a bamboo viper he found in an unoccupied Viet Cong spider hole. The VC put poisonous snakes in holes and tunnels to strike at Marines conducting search-and-clear operations.

Montagnards Amazed As 'Iceman Cometh'

Tan Son Nhut Airfield, RVN (AFPS) — An air drop of cold drinks to a Special Forces detachment in the isolated hill village of Dz Kak Sut turned into a moment of wonder and discovery for Montagnard tribesmen. The discovery was ice.

When a crew from the 310th Air Commando Squadron here learned that the Special Forces detachment at Dz Kak Sut had been without cold drinks for five months, they decided to do something about it. Five cases of cold drinks, thoughtfully packed in 240 pounds of ice, were air dropped to the detachment.

None of the primitive Montagnards had ever seen ice.

It was reported that the local chief stared in silent amazement as a small piece of the ice melted in his hands. He looked at it, sniffed at it and finally tasted it, before beaming his approval.

MAIL THE

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Navy Dental Teams Treat RVN Villagers On Weekend Jaunts

Saigon (AFPS)—U.S. Navy dentists and dental technicians stationed here are using their free time to provide treatment to thousands of Vietnamese villagers who would otherwise receive no dental care.

For the past year, teams from the U.S. Navy Headquarters Support Activity, have been pursuing a preventive dentistry and oral hygiene program on weekends in rice-paddy hamlets and agricultural villages. Often they work in, or pass through, areas infested with Viet Cong.

More than 2,000 Vietnamese in locations ranging from just off the Cambodian border to hamlets in the countryside outside the Saigon perimeter, have been treated by the Navy teams.

Their dental problems stem from inadequate diets, neglect, impure water and chewing of betel nut.

New Bills Would Impose Stiff Penalties for Threat Letters to Service Families

Washington (AFPS) — A bill calling for fines up to \$10,000 and 15 years imprisonment for anyone sending harassing or threatening communications to service members or their families has been introduced by Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn.

In most cases, the only remedy is extraction; the teeth being too decayed for treatment.

Captain Glenn D. Richardson, who began the program in mid-1964, and Dental Technician Third Class Thomas L. Brown, have received awards from the Vietnamese government for their services.

The bill, S. 2351, would amend Chapter 115, Title 18, U.S. Code, adding a section titled "Subversive communications to members of the Armed Forces or their families."

The bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sen. Dodd named recent incidents of such harassment and placed them on a par with treason. He said there is absolutely no doubt in his mind that the incidents are part of the communist conspiracy in this country. Their purpose, he said, is to undermine the morale of American forces in Viet-Nam.

The proposed legislation covers service members and their families during wartime or in military operations abroad, including the families of deceased service personnel.

Specifically, the bill guards against threatened physical harm or abuse because of military service rendered or to be rendered by service personnel.

Further support has come from Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher, D-N.J., who has introduced a bill in the House making it a federal crime to use any communication method to threaten or harass American servicemen or their families.

Rep. Gallagher drew attention to malicious and vulgar messages ridiculing a serviceman killed in the Republic of Viet-Nam, and fraudulent messages misinforming a serviceman's family that he had been killed.

The Congressman said he, too, believes that such ugly and heartless acts could be done only by a communist fifth column agent in this country.

1st Cavalry Div. Lands in RVN; Puts U.S. Total Over 125,000

Washington (AFPS)—United States troop strength in the Republic of Viet-Nam (RVN) will exceed 125,000 when the men of the 1st Cavalry (Airmobile) Division and supporting forces complete landings at Qui Nhon.

Department of Defense statistics as of Sept. 8, show 107,600 U.S. servicemen in the RVN.

The 16,000 combat troops of the 1st Cavalry Division and an additional 4,000 support personnel were expected to complete landings by Sept. 18.

The build-up of U.S. manpower in the RVN from 75,000 was announced by President Johnson July 28.

As of Sept. 2, DOD figures show Army, 48,200; Marine Corps, 33,900; Air Force, 12,650; Navy, 5,100; Coast Guard, 250; plus 7,500 additional personnel in the Republic.

An official said that the Airmobile Division will be based at An Khe, between Pleiku and Qui Nhon.

With its maneuverability, the Airmobile unit is within range of areas around Highway 19, a vital transportation link in the RVN.

The Airmobile Division has been called by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, "An entire-

ly new approach to the conduct of the land battle."

Commanded by Major General Howard Kinnard, the division uses more than 400 helicopters to deliver men and weapons.

Navy to Reactivate 39 Mothballed Vessels

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy has announced the reactivation of 23 ships and 16 landing craft to meet increased requirements resulting from operations in Southeast Asia.

Included among the mothballed Navy and National Defense Reserve Fleet are the fleet oiler Tappahannock and attack cargo ships Virgo and Chara.

In addition to the three major ships, 17 tank landing ships, 16 utility landing craft and three gasoline tankers are scheduled for return to active service with the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

When Pedro Menendez de Aviles founded four centuries ago, Sept. 8, 1565, what is now the oldest city in the continental United States, St. Augustine, the Spanish had been in Florida off and on for 50 years. Books had been published already about adventures there of Ponce de Leon, Panfilo de Narvaez, Cabeza de Vaca and Juan Ortiz.

Business Law Courses Available from USAFI

Madison, Wis. (AFPS) — Two revised college level courses in business law are now available through the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI).

The courses are: Business Law I (C-533) and Business Law II (C-534).



WORLDWIDE ENTERTAINMENT — Rita Paul, popular European songstress, is interviewed by Sergeant First Class Paul Van Dyke, chief announcer at the American Forces Network (AFN), Stuttgart, Germany. Miss Paul is making a special guest appearance for the AFN radio show "Weekend World."

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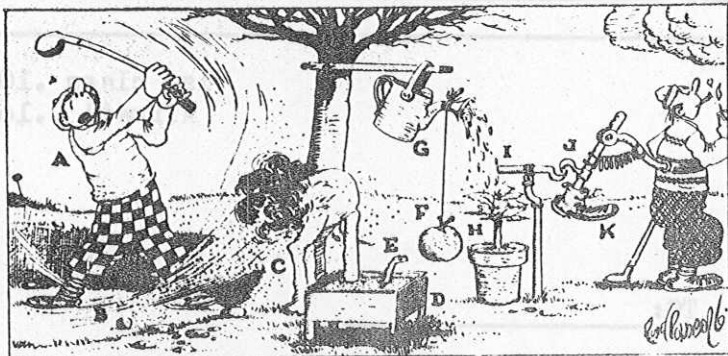
BY CLARK KINNAIRD

The former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and new Ambassador to the United Nations, Arthur J. Goldberg, was not the first man to impress the name Goldberg upon the public at large. A generation earlier, Reuben Lucius Goldberg, one of the most original creators of a popular art in which the United States leads the world, had made "Goldbergian" a synonym of significance in the science of mechanics.

R. L. "Rube" Goldberg, a graduate in engineering of the University of California, found working on blueprints less self-satisfying than drawing imaginative cartoons. In 1905 he was a regular contributor to the San Francisco Chronicle. The era of gadgetry was emerging, and Goldberg was its ready satirist with an engineering-trained mind and pen pointing up absurdities in man's subservience to machinery.

Europeans were among the first to recognize the American's unique genius, collect his works, and imitate them. One of the most praised Charles Chaplin pictures, *Modern Times*, was inspired by Goldbergian concepts.

The Goldbergian gift for witty imagery also found expression in other series: *Boob McNutt*; *Mike & Ike*, *They Look Alike*; and *Foolish Questions*. Retired now as an active cartoonist, he is devoting himself to sculpture.



Goldberg invention "to prevent golf opponent from cheating when you're not looking:" He (a) swings club, and (b) missing ball, stirs up bunker. Ostrich (c) mistakes upheaval for sand-storm and buries head in box (d), frightening worm (e), which crawls out and enters apple (f). Added weight in apple makes water can (g) tilt and spray plant (h), making it grow fast and push paddle (i). Paddle rises and releases hook (j), allowing spring to fly back and cause shoe (k) to kick you sharply and indicate your opponent has taken a stroke. [Courtesy R. L. Goldberg]

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Color, Confusion Not On Ft. Hood Roster

Ft. Hood, Tex. (AFPS)—Keeping up with the Joneses is no problem for the Smiths in the 2nd Armored Division here. The Smiths outnumber their rivals 117 to 48.

The "name game" around the division sometimes gets colorful. There are 73 Browns, 24 Whites, 15 Greens, 14 Grays, eight Blacks and two Blues.

Just to add to the confusion there are two privates and a specialist 4 named Major and a Sergeant named Sargent.

To solve the water problem in this sometimes arid country, the Division has 18 Brooks and three Rivers. Keeping up with chow are two Kitchens, 16 Bakers and 15 Cooks.

Review of WW II Seen In New DOD Movie

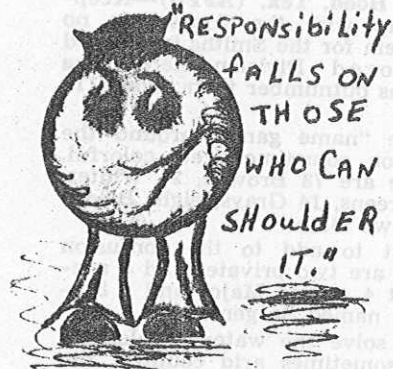
Washington (AFPS) — A new training film, "World War II, 20 Years Later" (AFMF-648) has been released by the Directorate for Armed Forces Information and Education, DOD.

The 20 minute film shows the war as an epic struggle. It presents the events and situations which led up to the war and ends with the V-days which brought it to a close, two decades ago this year.



SWEATER GIRL—What better way to start off National Sweater Week than to show one gracing a form as lovely as that of Jeanne Duquaine? Miss Duquaine is a law student who models in her spare time.

FUZZY SEZ:



(AFPS Weekly Feature)

1. What major league baseball player received 33 intentional walks during the 1957 season?
2. During the 1964 season how many day and night games did the New York Mets lose?
3. What National League team lost a triple-header to the Pittsburgh Pirates Sept. 1, 1890?
4. More than 10 percent of all 300-yard passing performances per game in the history of the National Football League belongs to whom?
5. What team won the 1965 Little League World Series?

ANSWERS

1. The 33 intentional passes were given to Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox that year. It is a major league record.
2. The "Amazing" Mets lost 56 day games and 53 night games in 1964.
3. The Brooklyn Dodgers.
4. Quarterback Johnny Unitas of the Baltimore Colts.
5. The team from Windsor Lock, Conn., won the LL Series with a 3-1 victory over Stony Creek, Ontario, Canada's team, at Williamsport, Pa.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Spread for drying
4. Equals
9. Pale
12. Exist
13. Malicious burning
14. Time gone by
15. Mends
17. Ardent
19. Lubricates
20. Courageous person
21. Encircles
23. Father and mother
26. Repetition
27. Tropical fruit (pl.)
28. What? (slang)
29. Possessive pronoun
30. Journeys forth
31. Nahoor sheep
32. Parent (colloq.)
33. Tilts up
34. Cease
35. Landed property (pl.)
37. Breathe loudly in sleep
38. Strikes
39. Heavenly body
40. Part of play
42. Leaking through
45. Possesses
46. Tally
48. Period of time
49. Female sheep
50. Hauled
51. Weaken

5. Is mistaken
6. Worm
7. Artificial language
8. Scoffed
9. Vehicle
10. Mature
11. Conjunction
16. Military assistant
18. War god
20. Detests
21. Dirt
22. Specks
23. Separates
24. Singing voice
25. Form
27. Europeans
30. Most obese
31. Tales
35. Son of Adam
34. Break suddenly
36. The ones here

37. Spirited horse

39. Withered

40. Pronoun

41. Cry of crow

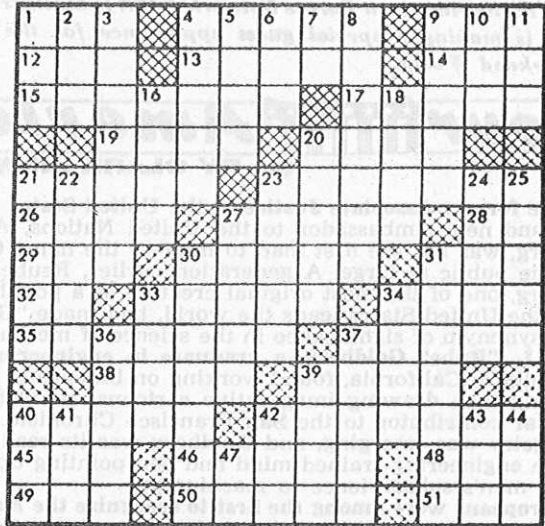
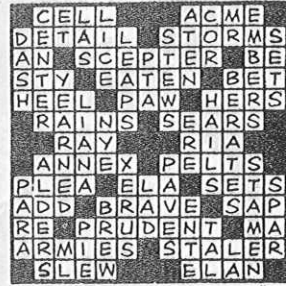
42. Seed

43. New Deal

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