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Company 'F' Wins Medal

Evening Marches Through Zeven

Evenings are beautiful in the picturesque town of Zeven, Germany; and what better way is there to see a picturesque town than by setting out "on foot." At least that is how 23 Marines from Company "F", five NSGA Sailors, and a troop of Webelos Cub Scouts led by Marine SSgt. Hugh S. McGillivray felt last month when they set out on the recently acclaimed "Zeven Marches."

"The concept of these Marches," said Company

"F" Commanding Officer, Major James L. Neyman, "originated a year ago to further International Physical Fitness. It consists of four consecutive evening hikes in May, around Zeven and its surrounding towns, by participants from the United States, Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, and Canada. Children under the age of 13, both individually and in groups, walk 10 kilometers, while all other participants walk 15 kilometers, each evening. The distance

must be spanned within three and a half hours."

As they boarded their buses for Zeven, it looked like once again the Marine Corps was going into battle. Each Marine carried field marching pack, helmet, and cartridge belt.

As an official ending to the "Four Evening Marches 1969," an International party known as a "Tattoo" was held and was followed by a "Blisterball," presenting music by the Jonny Kroger Dance Band.

Besides each man receiving an individual participation medal, Company "F" was presented a Bronze Group Medal for outstanding team cooperation.



MARCHING THROUGH ZEVEN — Clad in marching packs, helmets, and cartridge belts, Marines of Company "F" hike through the town of Zeven during the finale of the famed "Four Evening Marches." (Official U.S. Army Photo)



NAVY WIVES' CLUB — "Getting to Know You" was the theme of the recent Navy Wives' Club "Welcome Aboard Tea" held in the home of Club Sponsor, Mrs. James Osmer. On hand to greet the new guests were (Top row, L to R) Mrs. Edmund Jones, Mrs. Raymond Winson, Mrs. Warren Questo, Mrs. Clyde Way, Mrs. James Osmer, Mrs. Tommie Young, Mrs. Albert Lingway, (Bottom row, L to R) Mrs. Michael Purtymun, Mrs. John Patterson, Mrs. Roger Swain, Mrs. Richard Zablocki, Mrs. Ronald Neuman, and Mrs. Ernest Babin.

NOWC News

At the May luncheon, of the Navy Officer's Wives Club, Mrs. Lawrence Schaffer was elected chairman; Mrs. James Carroll, co-chairman; Mrs. Norman Lable, secretary-treasurer. The new chairman then made the following appointments: Mrs. Jerry Ceo, activities chairman; Mrs. Jack Haizlip and Mrs. Fred Wooley, layette co-chairman; and Mrs. Thomas Bosworth, chairman Bazaar Funds Disbursing Committee. A hearty welcome aboard was extended to Mrs. John Ervin, Mrs. Marlin Heath, and Mrs. Ronald Richter who attended their first Navy Wives' function. Hostesses at the luncheon were Mrs. Thomas Bosworth and Mrs. Vernon Nelson.

On June 10, Mrs. Jerry Ceo, Mrs. Patrick O'Neill, and Mrs. Robert Vlasblom held a kitchen shower for Mrs. John Ervin.

A farewell tea in honor of Mrs. David Bryce was held at the Navy "O" Club on June 12. She was presented with a gift by the NOWC in appreciation of her efforts on behalf of the Club.

Thanks are extended to Mrs. Michael Werner for organizing the Thrift Shop efforts for May and to all those women who helped.

Freedoms Foundation Letter Contest

WASHINGTON (NAVNEWS) A letter of 500 words or less could win you \$1,000.

That's the top prize in the annual Freedoms Foundation Letter Contest which this year is on the subject: "My Hopes for America's Future."

There will also be 100 other

money awards for active duty personnel. Reservists have a chance at an identical number of awards.

Last year over 1,200 active duty Sea Service personnel entered the contest with 23 taking cash honors. Another 80 won George Washington honor medals or honor certificates.

Rules are simple:

1. Letters must not exceed 500 words.
2. Print or type your full name, rank, service number, full military address, service or reserve component, and full home address.
3. Entries should be addressed to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Penn., 19481.
4. They must be postmarked by November 1, 1969. Notification of winners will be made in February 1970.



Don't Leave Children Alone

With Spring "bustin' out all over," everybody wants to "bust out," too.

Unhappily, this is the time when parents, in the urge to get out, too often make the fatal error of leaving small children alone in the house.

That quick shopping errand or brief cup of coffee with the neighbor next door is all the time needed for fire to do its deadly work. Sometimes the children start the fires by playing with matches or stoves.

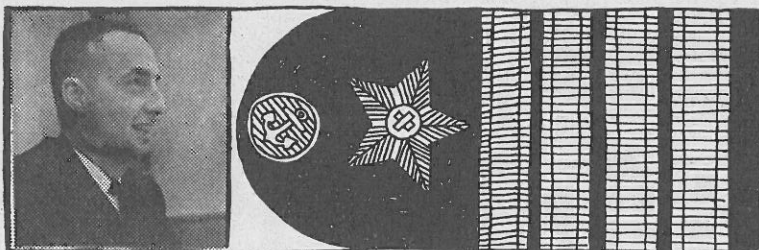
Sometimes fire seems to choose its own moment to strike.

The shocking fact, established by National Fire Protection Association studies, is that one child out of every three who died in fires was alone and helpless when the fire struck.

Tempted to run out for "just a few minutes"? Take the children with you, or leave them home with a competent family member or babysitter. **DON'T LEAVE CHILDREN ALONE!**



QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS — Bremerhaven Service Club representatives matched wits against the McNair Service Club during the recent "Tournament of Knowledge" held at Frankfurt. "Tournament of Knowledge" is based on the famed television program "College Bowl." After a full day's competition the Bremerhaven team finished second. Port City representatives were (Left to Right) Sp4 Henry J. Jordan of Second Field Hospital, CTSN John Berry of "A" Division, CT2 Robert F. Fritsch of Third Division, and PFC Ronald A. Simkins of the 59th M.P. Company.



Commanding Officers shall organize and conduct a GMT and informational program. In conducting this program it must be emphasized that the division officer is in charge of his personnel and is responsible for their training. It is appropriate under certain circumstances to have guest lectures, presentations, and discussion leaders but the division officer is host. It is desired to preserve the integrity of the division and responsibility of the division officer for his personnel. (Excerpt from OPNAVINST 1500.22)

Training is necessary for many reasons: advancement in rate, preparation for new job assignments, readiness of the Ground Defense Force, implementation of Emergency bills, better understanding of a variety of subjects of importance — safe driving, security, world affairs, etc. Training is usually considered in two parts, professional and military, with professional training covering the functions of the rating (EM, SK, CT) and military training including leadership, infantry, and other subjects applicable to all ratings.

For some it is easy to see the need for professional training but not for military training. We are comfortably going about our routine work in peaceful northern Germany; there is no war here, hasn't been an emergency for years; the personal problems of indebtedness, security, divorce, drunkenness, or drug use are someone else's problems. But Vietnam could be your next duty station; the forces of the Warsaw Pact are only a few minutes away; there hadn't been a fire in Kami Seya in years, and then there were three major fires in five months with the loss of 12 lives and several hundred thousand dollars in property loss; and the Legal Officer, Chaplain, Division Officers, and others deal every day with men who have encountered a problem of living beyond their ability to manage. To view the necessity for training only in the context of what you are doing today avoids the lessons of yesterday and the probabilities of tomorrow.

For the past few years this Activity's military training program has been run on a centralized basis. A common program for all hands was drawn up by the training board and an instructor assigned to each subject. This program had the advantages of: efficiency, use of instructors most familiar with the subject matter, and simple documentation. However, it was lacking in flexibility, difficult to adapt to the special problems of a small group, and took military training out of the hands of the Division Officer.

We are now changing to a decentralized program with each Division Officer, under the supervision of the Department Head, developing and conducting the military, as well as the professional, training program for his division. This does not downgrade the military training program; but rather returns it to the basic unit of the command — the division — where it is believed that a more flexible program can be developed and the necessary motivation supplied.

The decentralized program will receive command direction, since the need for training in specific command-wide problem areas will be recognized and directed. Also, some military training can be conducted effectively only at the command level. One such area is infantry training. Skill in the use of small arms is an inherent requirement of all military personnel, and the maintenance of a trained ground defense force is a requirement for all overseas activities.

This year's military training will be different, however, from past years. Rather than schedule a number of separate infantry training drills over a period of several months, infantry training shall be given in two intensive periods: one rifle and pistol familiarization and firing period of two days and one field problem of two days duration during which a variety of required infantry subjects will be covered.



HELPING AN OLD LADY ACROSS THE AUTOBAHN? Because of engine trouble while returning from the recent Annual District Camporee in Gelnhausen, Bremerhaven Boy Scouts of Troop 5 almost became the first Boy Scouts to "pitch camp" on the Autobahn. Eight hours later, and much to their dismay, they were in another bus returning to the Staging Area.

Sailor of The Month



CT1 JAMES F. KRUEGER

CT1 James F. Krueger of First Division has been selected "Sailor-Marine of the Month" for the month of June. In CT1 Krueger's letter of selection, Capt. Osmer stated in part:

"You have been selected as the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven, "Sailor of the Month" for June 1969. Since your arrival at this command in August 1968, you have maintained an outstanding level of professional performance. You have been diligent, energetic, and persistent in your efforts to improve your technical knowledge. Assigned tasks are accomplished with enthusiasm and you have been unfailing in willingness to accept responsibility.

"As a supervisor you have effectively directed the efforts of subordinates. Through dependable leadership, self application, industrious personal example, and by never leaving a question unanswered you have gained the loyalty and respect of your subordinates as well as instilling a high degree of morale.

"You have contributed significantly to the Bremerhaven community. You are serving as a committeeman in the Cub Scouting program where you have been commended for your unselfish donation of time and talent.

"I commend you for your excellent performance and am pleased to present you with a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque commemorating your selection as 'Sailor of the Month.' Well done!"

Health Insurance Upon Separation

WASHINGTON (NAVNEWS) The Secretary of Defense has established a special short term health insurance program, effective Sept. 1, for men being separated from active duty.

The new program also will cover dependents.

Many men face a problem of health coverage from the time they are released to the time their new civilian coverage begins. Under present regulations, health care benefits end the day of release. Policies under the new program will be effective for 90 days following release.

Two plans will be offered, one from Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and the other by Mutual of Omaha. The serviceman will pay total costs which will vary according to coverage wanted.

For further information consult DOD Dir. No. 6000.3 dated 1 May 1969.

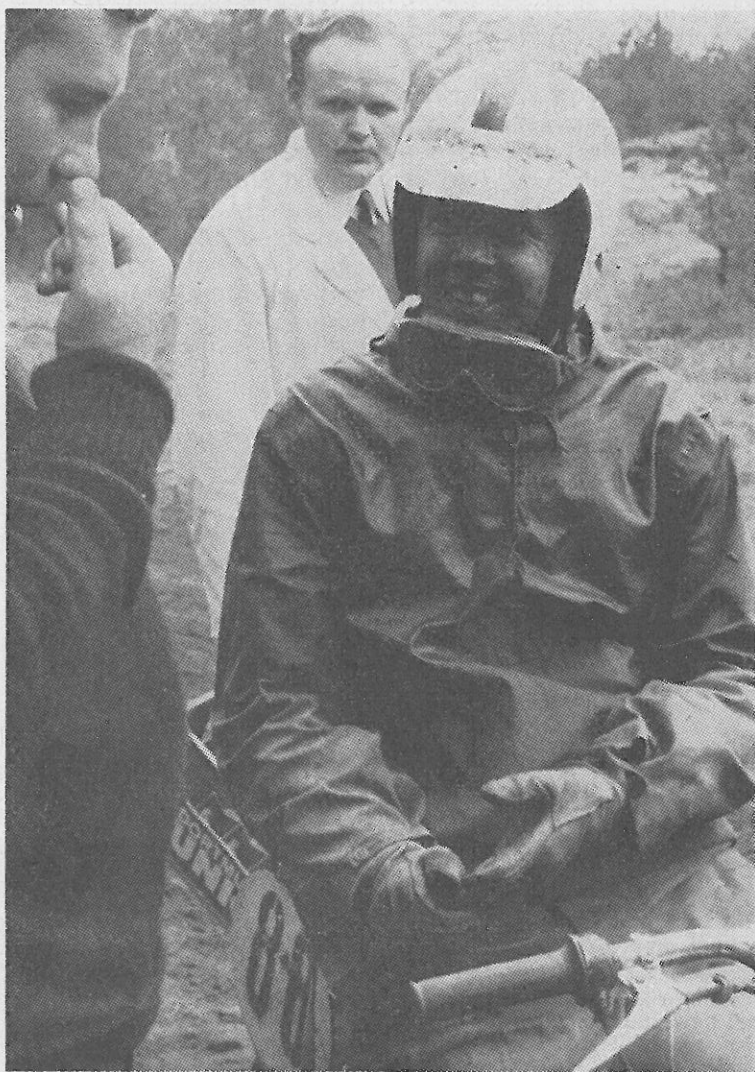
Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

Frequently, people will say, "I have my own religion." We do pray alone, but we also pray and worship in community. Neither one can be neglected. If a man does not desire to worship with others, it is likely that he does not worship privately. There is evidence of a steady increase in the number of worshippers in our chapel services. Why not join us. There is no limit to what God can do when he is given his rightful place.

What does freedom mean to you? Freedom is a priceless possession sought after by all people and is an "end" product. It is not a cause; it is the effect of men seeking to obtain equal opportunities for all people. Freedom is wrought out of toil, sweat, and sacrifice. It is action, concern, and involvement. It is prayer, faith, and dedication. Freedom, to be known in its fullest sense, must be coupled with individual responsibility.

Life is more meaningful when we can do a good deed for our fellow man, especially for the underprivileged. "HEARTLINE" is our opportunity to have contact with the children of the "Stork's Nest" in the Port City area. Throughout the summer we will be hosting these children at ball games, picnics, and other recreational events. For each event, sponsors will be requested. You will probably find a deep personal satisfaction in providing some new experiences in life for these children.



WINS HIS SECOND BRONZE PLAQUE — Face deep in mud, CTC Dick Sorenson gives a weary smile to his pitman, Klaus Lange of the Bremerhaven Police Department, after completing the recently held German Motorcycle Endurance Race at Rotenburg, Germany. CTC Sorenson of Third Division, along with CTC Jack McCutchen of Second Division, and CT2 Frank Sharp of Third Division, are presently organizing an NSGA Bremerhaven, Motorcycle Club.



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Didn't intentionally omit YN1 M. J. Saylor from my last column. I would like for everyone to meet our new legal yeoman (on an unofficial basis), however; so—I am pleased to introduce YN1 Saylor. YN1 Saylor—meet the crew of NSGA, Bremerhaven.

Speaking of columns—that's who YN1 Saylor is relieving—YN1 Jim Collum, who will be leaving the Navy to take up Law practice. Of course, he's got to go to Law School first. They don't admit "Sea Lawyers" to the Bar. A least not to the kind of Bar that Jim is seeking admission to.

CT1 Craig Fisher is somewhat an expert on the subject of "Flower Power." He and his wife, Veda, recently returned from the Special Services Amsterdam trip, where they went "Tip-toeing Through the Tulips."

LT Painter, Educational Services Officer, recently accepted an invitation from his assistant, CTC John Devitt, to observe Boss' Night at the Chiefs' Club. (John made sure that his wife understood that Boss' Night refers to the boss you have at the office). Later that evening, John took Mr. Painter home and graciously offered to stop-by and give Mr. Painter a ride to work the next morning. About 0800, the next morning, Mr. Painter called the office to ask if anyone had seen Chief Devitt. "Speaking," said the voice at the other end. "That's OK," said Mr. Painter. "It was the thought that counted."

Christmas Mail?

I went down to the keller of Bldg. 11 to check my mail and the mail room looked as busy as it did Christmas time. There, helping sort was LT. Westcoat, the Admin Officer, and Chief "Wally" Moon, the Command Career Counsellor. (My guess is that they were either trying to intercept a blast from the Bureau or looking for a new set of golf clubs.) PC1 Ken Matney (like nearly everybody) sometimes complains that he needs more help. I'll say this; when he gets help, it's the high priced kind.

Personnel's PNSN John Berry is looking forward to a trip to CONUS in June where he will be fitted with a tailor made "ball and chain." John will then bring his heart's desire to Bremerhaven after tying the knot. Don't take me wrong, John; and don't let anyone talk you out of it (as if they ever could). We all wish you the best of LUCK!

Good Fortune "Ford"

Congratulations to CTC Bob and Marie (Fortune) Ford, who recently became united in wedlock. (Or was it hammer-lock-Bob?) This writer was a privileged guest at their beautiful wedding ceremony and reception at the CPO Club. Bob nervously and haphazardly stacked all the opened gifts on a table, and Master Chief Ball re-stacked them so they wouldn't fall on the deck. For some strange reason, Marie couldn't find the clothes she had brought along when she was ready to change from her wedding dress. Bob had car trouble that day; and when he was ready to leave with his bride, he couldn't find her. Somebody had run off with her (against her will, no doubt).

I remember that I was nervous, but not as shakey as my best man, who had to sit down halfway through my wedding ceremony.

One morning, recently, I sluggishly arose from a hard night's sleep and labored myself to the breakfast table. There I was greeted with some commotion. My wife, Sandy, mumbling to herself, was hastily clearing the table and sweeping under and around it. "What's the problem?" I mumbled back to her. "Nothing much!" she said. "Susan just insisted that, now, since she is six years old, she is perfectly capable of pouring her own milk and her own cereal!"

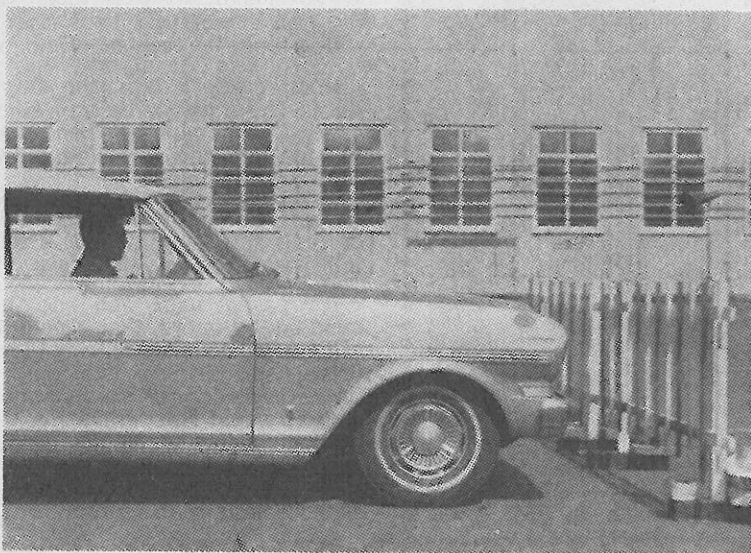
It was Saturday, and being afraid that I too might miss the cereal bowl, I turned around and labored myself back to bed. That's absurd!

Company 'F' Round-up

By CPL D. W. Aldrich

In one of my past articles I mentioned that five of our Sergeants were waiting to pick up Staff Sergeant. Well, they all have now joined the ranks of Staff NCOs. They are Donald J. Jaworski, John Berdeaux, Gerald L. Haddock, Robert C. Rollins and Anthony J. Sanchez.

We had two recent arrivals and one departure. Staff Sergeant Richard L. Kilbiloski left for WestPac and Staff Sergeant James L. Minter joined us from Monterey, Calif. The other recent arrival is a new Marine Private, Corey L. Nason, born 1 May 1969, to first lieutenant and Mrs. Gilbert L. Nason. Both mother and son are doing fine.



A LITTLE BIT CLOSER — With accuracy and speed being the game, CT2 Jim Flanagan, of "A" Division, tries his driving skill during the recent "Car Rodeo" sponsored by the 59th M.P. Company.

C.Q.

By CTC Terry Bachmann

As you recall from our last article, this month we will discuss the North Sea Amateur Radio Club and its activities.

The Amateur Radio Club is Navy sponsored with funds and equipment provided from Special Services and Command welfare funds. A Club station, DL4UU, is set up in the club room, Building 11, Room K5C. Membership is open to all personnel, whether licensed or not, who are interested in amateur radio. For those with a valid FCC license, the Club's equipment is available for their use. Non-licensed members can get information and help in obtaining their license so that they, too, may join in on the fun of amateur radio.

Shortly after our last article, a new Tri-band beam was obtained for the Club. The installation was completed by the Club members and the new beam is operating very well.

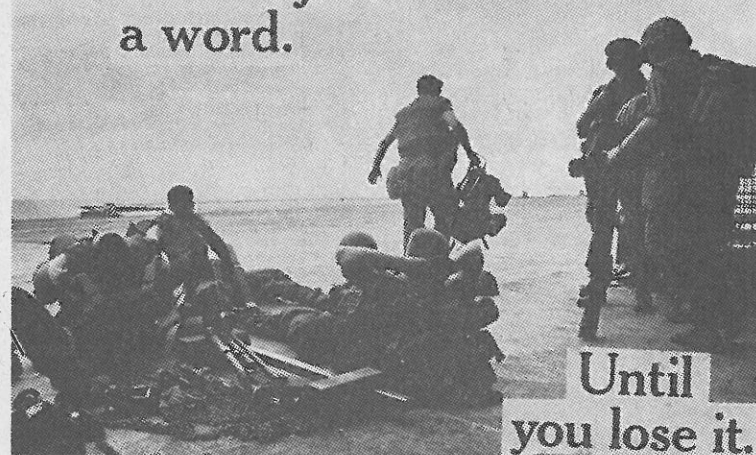
Currently, we are holding classes in amateur radio theory. These classes, which are scheduled so all watch sections may attend, are designed to help the participants get their FCC Conditional Class license. The classes are nearing completion and we hope to have a lot more activity from the Bremerhaven area.

Another very important club project now under way is the interference committee. This committee investigates complaints of RF interference which are said to be caused by the Club Station and assists in their solution. Anyone experiencing interference who has not already done so should contact ENS. Morgan or WO Moeller.

The Club is still in the growing stage and needs your support and active participation. Many activities are planned, such as the installation of RTTY equipment, field-day and DX contest operations, and antenna parties. Another event coming up on June 15 at Garlstadt is a Hamfest with the local German Amateurs.

Whatever your particular interest in the fascinating hobby of amateur radio may be, the North Sea Amateur Radio Club welcomes you to come out and share it with your fellow "HAMS". The next meeting will be held on June 18 at 1900, in the Club room. 73s and CUL.

Freedom is just
a word.



Travel Tips

The City of Copenhagen

By CTSN Roy Noorda

Duty in Bremerhaven offers unparalleled opportunity for travel, especially during "breaks." The proximity of Copenhagen, Denmark makes it a prime target for a weekend jaunt, either by taking advantage of the Special Services trip June 19-22, or on a private holiday by car or rail.

Copenhagen offers the grandeur of past centuries in the castles of Fredericksborg and Kronborg (Hamlet's castle), while testifying to twentieth century life with modern commercial facilities and a rock-oriented night life.

But the old world wins out in what is perhaps the most picturesque of Scandinavian capitals. The spectacular aura of Tivoli Park in the city's center sets the tone for a tourist's weekend. Taunting concessionaires, the peculiar restaurants capable of accommodating 9,000 patrons at a time, and the immaculate display of flowers, lights, and fireworks make Tivoli an international pleasure landmark.

Yet Tivoli is but one facet of Copenhagen's appeal. One dollar reserves space on the canal tour through the city waterways and briefly into the harbor, offering first hand experience of such attractions as the old Danish Stock Exchange, the Royal Yacht, the Cathedral of our Lady and the renowned statue of the Little Mermaid. Many other equally impressive tours are also available at prices which are more than reasonable.

The true beauty of the city becomes apparent only at night. After dusk the spectral panorama infuses life into the many nightspots. Pulsating Disco's such as "The Circle Club" offer the best in rock, blues and pure folk music presented London-style by imported DJ's. For live music, the "Club-six" is typical of a more sophisticated rock-blues cuisine, also with the peculiarly English flavor. In either case, young Copenhagen may be experienced by letting your hair down.

Perhaps the most enjoyable part of any trip to Copenhagen consists of the hours spent idling through the side streets, visiting the various curio shops, dining at any of the fine restaurants or just standing at the center of the town square observing the product of fifteen centuries of flux, transition and adaptation. Copenhagen is peculiarly part of a by-gone world. In spite of its fair-haired, mini-skirted beauties, regardless of its burgeoning commercial enterprise, the city has a different significance for each visitor — a new experience and a new satisfaction.

I Remember Bremerhaven

By CTGM Ernest Dorn

Since this is my second tour here in good 'ole Beehaven, maybe a few reminders are in order. In 1954-56 I worked in the same spaces as those now assigned 3rd Division. Used to sit right by the second window on the left, matter of fact. The Operations Officer had his offices up on the mezzanine and, from there, could view the entire spectrum of hard working peons below. This was considerable incentive to stay awake on those hot, lazy Bremerhaven summer days.

We lived at the German Marine Schule, along with some Army troops and the German Labor Service Force who manned the minesweepers. I remember, vividly, a day when the fire bell rang. We all charged out to the grinder thinking "another %!& fire drill". No such thing!! Before our eyes, the fire department rushed in and, while we watched, one end of the barracks was completely gutted. No one was injured however. Prove something about fire drills??

In the fall of '54 a storm at sea caused the tides to flood over the dike and into the downtown area. The Captain (who's name I don't recall) took a working party down to help shore-up the dike and, much hard work later by all concerned, the dike was sand-bagged and the situation saved. The CO "SET 'EM UP" for the well deserving crew at the club afterwards.

This really was a "staging area" in those days, and everyday we saw thousands of soldiers right off the transports and onto the trains south. It's quite different these days. Almost provincial even. ENJOY IT!!



TRIPLE BILLING — Miss Edy Williams gets triple billing as "Miss Fourth of July Windjammer." She is currently starring in 20th Century Fox's "Secret Life of an American Wife."

COMM-ents By Pappy

It has been a busy month in COMM. CTSN Arnold "Lank" Hancock was married on the 20th. We hear his last bachelor party was quite a blast. CTSN Alan "Fieldday" Miller has departed for CONUS to get married. It appears to be contagious. We congratulate both on their marriages.

CT2 Jack Brown is still running around trying to find out all the details about his automobile accident. It seems he still hears occasionally that he was at fault. Here's hoping all turns out well. CT2 T. P. "Down-the-Road" Kari just returned from leave in the U.K. We haven't heard all the details from him yet. We sure hope London is still intact.

Alfa section has a new man. CT3 Wall just arrived from SECSTA in D.C. We take time now to welcome him to the team. CT2 Jerry Regan has changed sections; he's now in Alfa. Good Luck ALFA!!

Seaman Martin appears to be making quite a name for himself on Delta's softball team. It seems he finally stopped his first grounder. Keep up the good work. SGT George Steele has just returned from leave and hasn't said much about it. Apparently it was near a beach or tropical area, because his tan was definitely impressive.

Chiefs Vita and Spyker have issued an all out challenge in fustball doubles. Rumor has it that this formidable team will meet defeat. This information comes from CT2 Dale Bennett and CT3 Jim McDonald. If this team doesn't make good their boast, CT3 Bill Lathim and CT3 Ralph Lamm will try to stop the chiefs.

There has been a nasty rumor around COMM about scoop watches. We sure hope Chief Vita is just joking. If scoops are forthcoming please make ours chocolate.

The Big Beat

By Dave Stewart

Much controversy over the AFN Automation Tests developed during May both pro and con . . . The "Monster" as it's called by AFNer's is quite a machine and could be the beginning of a new era in commercial radio . . . This columnist wishes to apologize to all the NSGA personnel who, during our line loss, had the misfortune of listening to a serialized edition of Johnny Dollar which we started and could not find the ending to. In an attempt to bring radio listeners something different for a change this announcer failed to listen to the entire program at first before airing it . . . Once again apologies.

Without naming names it's rather humorous to point out the story of our AFN announcer who on his first live program, forgot his rank and then his name . . . AFN good guy awards have to go out to the personnel of NSGA who helped make Project Heartline such a success . . . Speaking of heartline . . . It's interesting to point out that the editor of this newspaper was gifted with a New York accent . . . such as "pawk the caw in the pawking lot sawgeant"!!! Well it's easy to see how the AFN spot on project Heartline became "Project Hotline" after the requesting telephone call.

The Fifth Dimension hit "Aquarius-Let the Sunshine In" could get nomination for Top Hit of 69 . . . Plenty of AFN Year Books are still on hand

Supply Hot Line

By C. W. Allen

The law of "Supply and Demand" was especially applicable to the Supply Department last month. We received two new arrivals and are losing two old timers. SK2 J. T. Murray arrived from Edzell and SN D. M. Hayes reported aboard from "C" School in Charleston. Leaving Bremerhaven to spend some time at sea are DKC G. L. Smith and SK2 M. C. Houston.

SK1 Mock, as the result of his recent deer hunting expedition in Kassel, now holds the NSGA title "Little Hunter of the Year." Lets face it, shooting a 32 pound deer can't be called anything but a "little hunting." But 'ole Mock was courageous; he made his kill with the first shot from approximately 175 yards away. Nice shooting . . . Mock!

Talking about shooting, during the last couple of months "rate" was the target of many of the men in Supply. Congratulations to our new Third Classes: SK3 D. J. Jorgenson, SK3 S. J. Hahn, SK3 S. R. Padgett, and DK3 R. D. James. SK2 M. C. Houston will sew on his first class chevron in September and R. C. Johnson made Seaman off the May examination. How's that for advancements?

at this Station, they're free, just drop by the Station and pick one up . . .

Education Briefs

By Ron Hansson

The step from enlisted to officer level is one of the proudest traditions in the Navy. It is still possible to take the long road from Seaman Recruit to Admiral.

Surprisingly, there are quite a few different ways available to the sailor who is willing to work a little toward the goal of officer's gold. NESEP, WO-LDO, AOC, NAOC, OCS, INTEGRATION, and NAVCAD are all programs designed to produce officers from among the ranks of Navy enlisteds as well as from civilian sources.

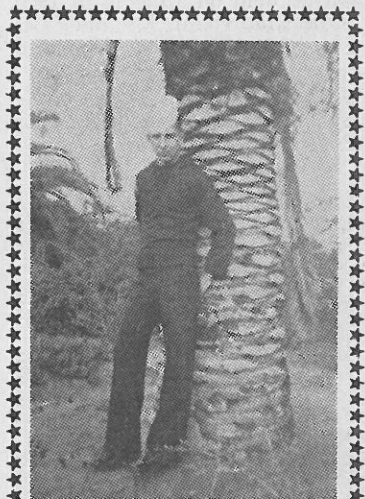
Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) offers a fully subsidized four year college education leading to a commission for qualified candidates. Briefly, an applicant for NESEP must be a petty officer between the ages of 21 and 24, have a high school education (or GED equivalent), have a combined GCT-ARI of at least 115, be physically and mentally qualified, have a clear disciplinary record and the recommendation of his Commanding Officer.

Warrant Officer-Limited Duty Officer program provides an opportunity for qualified E-6 and above to gain warrant officer and, ultimately, commissioned officer status. Senior petty officers between the ages of 23 and 31 with a high school education, physical and character qualifications, and the recommendation of their Commanding Officer are eligible to apply.

Aviation Officer Candidate and Naval Aviation Officer Candidate programs are designed to produce qualified officers for Naval Aviation. College graduates who meet qualifications will be sent to flight training and commissioned as Naval Aviators.

OCS and INTEGRATION are similar programs which can lead to a commission for the college graduate now serving as an enlisted man. Qualified personnel are interviewed and, if selected, sent to Officer Candidate School.

Many of these programs are open for applications all year around. Currently, applications are being taken for the WO-LDO and NESEP programs. If you have an interest in becoming an officer, check with your career counselor or the Educational Services Officer for detailed information.



CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS? — This picture was taken in 1948 while our mystery guest was stationed in San Diego. Last month's mystery guest is CTC John Devitt of Educational Services.



A lot of readers have asked me questions about the CT's whom I have been assigned to glorify. Being a general service man myself, I hesitate to jot down what I really know. I thought it might be interesting if I related one of my first observations concerning a group of CT's.

To fully appreciate this, let me build the picture in it's proper prospective. Feature this now, we're on a Navy ship, I have 14 young CT's in the room. Their eyes have this funny red glow like they've been cooped up in the dark too long, and the sunlight which is beaming in the window is a truly new phenomenon to them. BUPERS has assigned these young men to the Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven. DisUnited Press tasked me to go along. To insure the young CT's are adequately looked after, the Navy has been thoughtful enough to assign a Boatswain's Mate First to accompany the sailors. Here's how it went, CT to BM1.

CT: Sir, how big is this boat?

BM: It's not a boat, it's a ship and plenty darn long.

CT: Sir, can you tell me where the toilet is?

BM: It's a head.

CT: Ahead of what, Sir.

BM: No, no, it's not a toilet, it's a head, a head and it's aft by the ladder.

CT: (Back after 5 minutes) Sir, I couldn't find any ladder, I looked all along the walls and didn't see one.

BM: You looked on the bulkhead.

CT: I didn't either, I looked on the walls and I didn't see any ladder.

BM: Do you really have to go that bad?

CT: I don't guess so, anyway if you can tell me where the dining room is, I'll eat first then find the toilet later.

BM: It's a mess, a mess.

CT: Well don't holler at me; It's not my fault; I didn't mess it up.

BM: Just turn right by the scuttlebutt and you can't miss it.

CT: Just turn right by who's what? You're pulling my leg, aren't you, sir, I mean, you're joshing me, huh?

BM: Yeh, I'm just . . . never mind. Why don't you just eat at the Gee-dunk?

CT: Huh???

BM: Gee-Dunk. You know what a Gee-dunk is? Aw never mind, I should know better than ask.

CT: Sir!

BM: Yea?

CT: Would you tell me a bedtime story tonight, my mommy used to. It's hard to get to sleep without one, you know.

BM: *%#—% 23 years in this Navy and I get a bunch of "!!&*&# to wet nurse and wipe their %!&*&#. Of all the *%()—% things I've done, catching a boat with CT's takes the cake.

Don't Shoot the Umpire

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"Please Do Not Shoot the Umpire; He is Doing The Best He Can." This was an appeal found on the outfield fence in Kansas City during the 1886 National League season. Over the years, this emotion has changed but little. People still dislike umpires, which is even evident in NSGA Bremerhaven "Captain's Cup" competition. But with all this hate and discontent, umpires have survived baseball's roughest and rowdiest eras. The fans, the press, the players, the owners were always right; he was always wrong. He was blind, lame, crooked, incompetent, and much worse. It is interesting to note, that in all the years since baseball began, only one League umpire was ever expelled because of dishonesty. That was Richard Higham, in 1882, and his crime was that he had the temerity to give his views on which team he thought would win, prior to his umpiring them.

In its earliest days, the umpire presented a dignified appearance. He wore a Prince Albert coat, a silk top hat, and a cane. There was only one umpire and he positioned himself just outside the foul line between home plate and first base.

The first set of Pro rules, 1871, stated that there could be no appeal from a decision involving an umpire's judgement (fair or foul, safe or out, etc.) Protests could only be based on the interpretations of the rules. And it has remained thus.

It was not until well into the 20th Century that games were handled by more than one umpire. Many times the harassed official would run halfway down the base line to judge a line drive near the foul line, only to miss the baserunner who cut inside second base on his way to third. And then very possibly a fight would start when the third baseman would hook the belt of the runner, while the umpire was busy watching the relay from the outfield. In 1910, the rules first spoke of a Plate Umpire and a Field Umpire. By 1940, a third umpire was used. Now we have up to six for a World Series game.

The basic role of the umpire has changed little since the inception of baseball. He is the final arbiter on the field. And his decision will most likely stand against all opposition.

So next time you're called out at second base, be a sport . . . sportsmanship is in the rules of every game.