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## NSGA Welcomes New XO

NSGA Bremerhaven welcomed its new Executive Officer recently when Commander Thomas C. Bosworth, USN, relieved Commander Robert G. Keller on 14 January 1969.

Commander Bosworth reported from Washington, D.C., with his wife, Letarae, and their three sons, Timothy, Rodger, and Thomas.

A veteran of 14 years Naval service, Commander Bosworth is a graduate of Nebraska State Teachers College, where he majored in Education.

Commissioned an Ensign in 1954, at the Naval Reserve Training School, Newport, R.I., Commander Bos-

worth has since served in Morocco, Japan, Canada, and Washington, D.C.

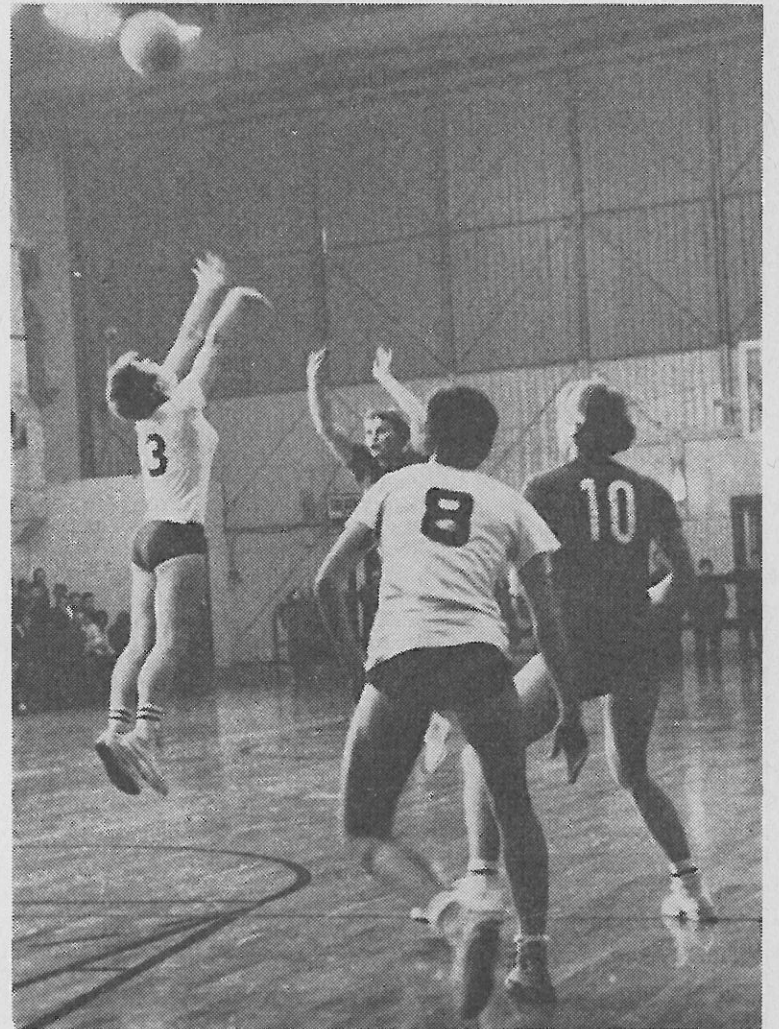
One unique tour of duty for our new Exec., was as a member of the Physical Evaluation Board in Washington, D.C., in 1961. In a letter of recognition for outstanding performance of duty with the Board, the Senior Member stated in part:

"He has been an important member of the Physical Evaluation Board and has shown a very high degree of cooperation. He has been very industrious in reading the rather difficult medical records and extracting important information. For a

man of his years, he has shown excellent insight and mature judgment."

His more recent tour of duty in Washington earned him recognition for his performance as Head, Operations Branch, Project Clarinet Bullseye Coordination Office, in which he "contributed significantly to the development of the project, with skillful, dynamic, and forceful guidance in achieving the scheduled completion date."

The "Bremerhaven Windjammer," on behalf of the officers and men of this Activity, extend a hearty "WELCOME ABOARD."



**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**—Holland's No. 13 (left) blocks Denmark's pass during "International Basketball Tournament" sponsored by USATCEUR. She was voted "Most Valuable Player" in the Women's Division.

## Troop Five 'Out In The Cold'

Twenty-four Boy Scouts from Bremerhaven's Troop Five recently completed a six-day camp-out which would have reminded many an old soldier of a mid-winter field problem. Packing food and other supplies, the boys settled down to the simple life at the Picnic Grounds, Staging Area, Bremerhaven.

The camp-out, planned entirely by the boys themselves, had three designed goals: (1) To provide a camp-out long enough for each boy to earn the long-term camping patch; (2) To earn the campers award for the troop by insuring that at least 50 per cent of the scouts had at least ten nights of camp-

ing for the year; and (3) to offer each boy the opportunity to complete requirements for advancement.

Very pleased with the camp-out's success were, TSGT Maroney, Scoutmaster; PH1 Williams, Assistant Scoutmaster; Mr. Keith Webster and SP4 Steve Jackson, camp-out advisors.

### Chaplain Visits Scouts

After holding services at the Staging Area Chapel and Speckenbuetel Chapel, Navy Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson visited the Boy Scouts and held open air Divine Worship Service. After Church Service, a Board of Review "in the field" was held for Wayne F. Williams, who

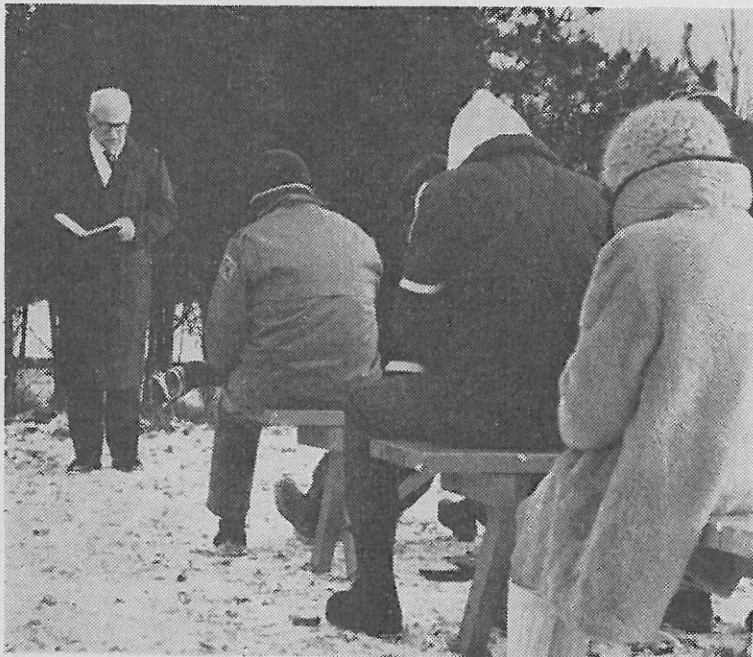
had completed his last requirements for Second Class. Wayne successfully passed the board and was immediately designated Second Class Scout. In addition, candidates Richard Delks, Michael Moratta, and Bobbie Clay were officially designated Tenderfoot Scouts.

PH1 Williams, who spent the entire six days with the boys, had this to say about the camp-out: "In spite of the cold weather, snow, wet firewood, and wet food, we all had a good time, and accomplished a lot."

### NOWC News

At the December business meeting, Mrs. Larry Schaffer was elected co-chairman of the NOWC; Mrs. Norman Laible, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Jake Sheerin, activities coordinator. An engraved silver bonbon dish was presented to Mrs. Richard Ott as retiring chairman. Two new members were welcomed: Mrs. S. J. Tassie and Mrs. J. M. Sherman. Bon voyage was wished to Mrs. Robert Keller, Mrs. Martin Gillan, and Mrs. Homer Watson. Following the business meeting Mrs. Michael Werner and Mrs. Richard Ott hosted a "Ladies" Happy Hour. A nutcracker and an incense burner were the door prizes, and were won by Mrs. William Thomasson and Mrs. Linn Shoup.

Mrs. James Osmer and Mrs. Ervin Ingebretson held a farewell coffee at Mrs. Osmer's home for Mrs. Robert Keller, on 27 December. She was presented with a crystal vase by the NSGA wives in appreciation for her services to the Wives Club.



**BOY SCOUTS RECEIVE DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE FIELD**—Navy Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson holds Church Services for "Troop Five Boy Scouts," and visiting families, during the Boy Scouts' six day camp-out at the Picnic Grounds, Staging Area.



**WORK OF ART** — Paige Young, who graces the center pages of November's Playboy, is "Miss Bremerhaven Windjammer" of the month.

### Firearm Mailing Ban

The Defense Department is still studying the possibility of lifting its ban on the mailing of firearms through military post offices.

Late last summer, the Defense Department told the services that their mail personnel could not accept firearms for delivery.

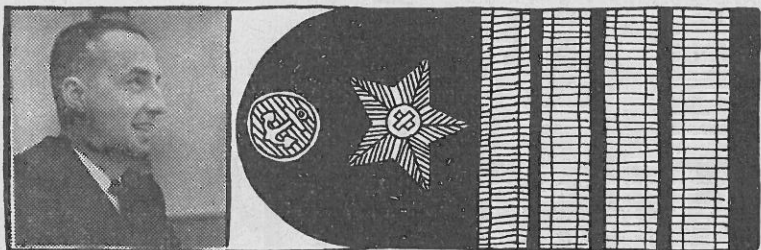
At that time the department launched a drive to halt the practice of military personnel sending weapons and other contraband home.

A Defense spokesman stated that military lawyers are studying the provisions of the Gun Control Act of 1968 so that any new stand on mailing practices will not conflict with the law.

### Dedication

This issue of the "Bremerhaven Windjammer" is dedicated to CT3 Frank Lynch, who was hospitalized last month from injuries received in a car accident. Frank is on his way back to the States, where he will receive further medical treatment. NSGA will miss this fine Sailor and good athlete.





Are you getting out and enjoying life in Bremerhaven? The most important part of that sentence is recognition that YOU have to actively seek out the enjoyable aspects of life here—they are not going to come to you!

Did you take in the "Fantasticks" at the Port Theater, the "King and I" at the Stadt Theater, or the "Ice Show" in Bremen?

What are your interests? Are you a member of the Rod and Gun Club, the Balsa Busters, the Amateur Radio Club, one of the Chapel organizations, or the Port Promenaders?

Will you ski at Garmisch or Berchtesgaden this winter, visit Holland at Tulip time, or take in the October Fest in Munich?

Would you like to sing under professional direction? (Then join the Chapel Choir.) Do you make good use of the Service Club, Hobby Shop, Education Center, and USAFI?

Are you engaged in that all time favorite of sailors—SPORTS? They are readily available with numerous bowling leagues, intramural and varsity sports, as well as extensive facilities for non-team pastimes (golf, handball, etc.). Did you know that Bremerhaven has an outdoor roller skating rink in Burger Park? (And boasts a world champion roller skater.)

If you are not participating in some command or community activity, you are missing something!

For you Navy Wives, how about the Navy Wives Club? It is one of the busiest, most selfless, and imaginative groups it has been my pleasure to see in action, but they need more members.

The degree of Navy and Marine participation in many of these activities is extremely heartening, but in many it is the same energetic people participating in a number of activities.

This column is directed to those who have yet to find their niche in community life. Perhaps you have interests that can not be satisfied by the clubs, sports leagues, or groups already in being. Perhaps you should suggest, or better yet, take the lead in starting a new group. Due to the efforts of Chief Petty Officer Sorensen and Petty Officer Sharp, the regulation prohibiting motorcycles has been canceled, and formation of a motorcycle club, with emphasis on competitive riding and safety, is under way. Lieutenant Shoup and Master Chief Petty Officer Byrd are working up a Navy Pistol Team. The sailors at Todendorf and our Company "F" Marines have both found shooting in competition with local teams, challenging, interesting, and enjoyable.

These facets of our community life need your participation; the more you partake of them, the more they will have to offer and add to your enjoyment. This is our community . . . we need to continue to infuse it with activity to make it grow, and in turn, support us.

## 'Household Effects Blues'

What would you do if you were suddenly divested of all your household necessities, such as pots and pans, dishes, can openers, blankets and sheets, bath towels, and had to live without them for a couple of weeks?

Throughout the military service, personnel arriving at new commands are posed with this question daily. It is commonly known as the "household effects blues."

A family reports to a new command and is informed that their effects have not arrived as scheduled. They turn to their sponsor for help, but the only thing he can do is provide a few cups and knives. Where does the family turn to now?

Thanks to the Bremerhaven Navy Hospitality Service, personnel arriving and departing this command can bid farewell to the "household effects blues."

"Our Navy Hospitality Service," said Mrs. John Devitt, hospitality volunteer, "is like a small warehouse of household necessities. We have everything from dishes and transformers, to clothes pins and play pens; everything the arriving or departing family might need during the absence of their basic effects. It's here for the asking, on a liberal 60 day free loan basis."

The hospitality headquarters is located in the keller of Building 11. It is staffed and operated by Navy wife volunteers: Mrs. Jack Haizlip, Mrs. Tommie Young, Mrs. Ronald Neuman, Mrs. Norman Laible, Mrs. John Devitt and Mrs. Jack O'Brien.

"Much of our equipment," said Mrs. Laible, "has been

purchased with Navy appropriated funds. The Air Force and Marine Corps have helped a great deal too, since our services are also extended to them."

"It's contributions which keep our service operating," added Mrs. Laible. "If little Joey outgrows his crib, don't throw it away. 'Help us to be hospitable.'"

## Company 'F' Wrap-up

By SGT. D. J. Jaworski

The year 1968 ended with a bang for Bremerhaven's Company "F" Marines. Promotions, German-American rifle shoots, and, of course, the Marine Corps Ball filled the Leathernecks' schedule.

The Marine Corps Ball, highlight of the year's social activity, was a red, white and blue success. The Burgermeister of Bremerhaven, guest speaker at the event, talked about the history of his city while smartly cadenced Marines in dress blues, provided an impressive background of Honor Escort, Color Guard, and Cake Escort. Traditionally, the oldest Marine present, MGYSGT Strehl, and the youngest Marine present, CPL Turnage, received the first pieces of cake along with the Burgermeister.

Following the cake cutting ceremony it was "chow down" for the Marines and their guests. Although most marines "chowed down," SSGT Edgette got "iced down" instead. In the words of the Burgermeister, "I've been booed at, and had eggs thrown at me, but this is the first time anyone passed

out listening to one of my speeches."

The festivities ended about four in the morning with breakfast being served to those who wished to eat.

Promotions went to deserving personnel of Company "F" late in the year. Lance Corporals Bice and Lande were promoted to Corporal while PFC English stepped up to a Lance Corporal's slot.

GYSGT Salmons recently reupped for three and when asked how long he'd been in, replied, "When I came in the Corps, Moby Dick was still a sardine." SSGT Brown reenlisted on Christmas Eve, collecting his bonus and a very merry Christmas at the same time.

Newly reported aboard are GYSGT Manning and SSGT Provencio, who joined the company from Vietnam. Heading in the opposite direction was "Gunner" Watson.

Helping to promote German-American relations, Company "F" personnel traveled to several German Kaserns to shoot with members of the German Bundeswehr for qualification.

## Sailor of The Month



DC1 Robert A. Witt

DC1 Robert A. Witt of Public Works Division has been selected "Sailor of the Month" for the month of January. In Witt's letter of selection, the Commanding Officer stated in part:

"This award is in recognition of your superior professional motivation and extraordinary initiative. You have continually demonstrated ability, resourcefulness, and dedication far beyond that normally expected of any individual. As "P" Division Training Petty Officer, you have organized a workable, flexible and informative training program, which has set an example for other divisions to follow. In the field of Real Property Maintenance, you have demonstrated an excellent capacity for performing liaison between the Public Works Department of this Activity and USATCEUR Post Engineers. In addition, you have proven yourself to be an experienced and proficient locksmith and a capable Area Fire Inspector.

"Especially commendable is your tireless effort in Community Relations. This includes coaching in AYA sports program, being an active member of the FRA, and a member of the Board of Governors of the NCO Club.

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

# Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

"What does it cost?" and "What is it worth?" Here are two questions very closely related. The latter is always the most important. Diamonds cost infinitely more than coal, but we could do without diamonds far better than without coal.

Price usually depends upon demand and can often be very erratic. Value, on the other hand, is based upon need and the capacity of the article in question to meet the need. For instance, the King who cried, "My Kingdom for a horse." He needed the horse so that he could save something more than his kingdom, and that something was himself. While price is incidental and often misleading, value is constant and real.

Think of this matter with reference to the Nation, the Church, or the Home. Where do we turn for the real values that are needed to sustain the deeply laid foundations required here? Where shall we turn for the inspiration of our ideals? Should we turn to the various forms of entertainment which function on price, not worth?

No—we must turn, for real value, to something better than this. Inspiration seldom comes out of amusement. While recreation, entertainment, and amusement within the limits of wholesomeness are not to be berated, any happiness which stems from this is shallow. David, in the First Psalm, indicates that the enduring quality of happiness is achieved through careful consideration and application of the Word of God. The Christian Gospel is the secret of life as it measures the true value of character and provides the inspiration for our ideals of Home, Church, and State. It is possible to live so that all of life is meaningful through the consciousness of God's presence with us.

The foundation is faith, wisdom, love, kindness—without these, living would degenerate into mere existence and we become more absorbed with the question, "How much is it?" than with "What is its real worth?"

## Rarie Waiters' Weary Rites

By Ron Hansson

A recently discovered tribe in the remote African jungles has caused a minor uproar among anthropologists of the civilized world. It seems this isolated tribe has progressed, without contact with the outside world, to a point socially, though not technologically, equal to the average Western culture.

Their society is based on a class system developed along capitalistic lines. Head-shrinkers, witch doctors, and professional story tellers rank in the top levels, while warriors, child educators, and other menials are in the lowest classes. All the tribesmen, however, have the same rights and privileges usually credited to the more complex democratic republics.

The tribe has one unusual characteristic different from the rest of the world. They have domesticated and trained a uniquely intelligent animal known as the "RARIE." These animals are used as restaurant waiters. As a matter of fact, an entire cultural system has been built around these RARIE waiters.

Though not "citizens" as far as rights and privileges are concerned, these animals are expected to earn enough money to pay for their "room and board," and live as any tribesman might. Since RARIES are not salaried, a complicated system of gratuities and ritual payment has evolved.

In order to provide a waiter with his proper gratuity, for instance, the customer, upon finishing his meal, must rise from his seat and bow. He must then leave the restaurant, jog around the block twice, walk all the way home, sprint back to the restaurant, bow once more, and leave the appropriate amount of currency.

This ritual is invariably observed, though it becomes, at times, laborious and time-consuming. As an indication of the number of years this ritual has been observed, a proverb has taken its place in the tribe's heritage: "It's a long way to tip a RARIE."



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**"THE KING AND I"**—Navy and Army dependents (right) from the Bremerhaven American Church Choir, perform with famous film star Ilse Werner (left) in the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I," at the Bremerhaven Stadttheater. Although most of the actors and singers are German, the American children singing such songs as "Wenn wir uns kennen" and "Irgwendo in der Ferne" with their slight English accent, add a unique effect to the German performance. The Navy and Army dependents are Paulette, Tony and Althea Williams, Peggy Hoffmann, Julie Ingebretson, Cynthia Keller, Danny and Donald Kroen, Deborah Lingway, LeAnn Webster and Nissa O'Brien.



"For one brief shining moment," said good King Arthur, "Don't let it be forgot that there was a place called Camelot!" And like the Arthurian city of the English King, Fourth Division had its brief shining moment on 24 December 1968. That was the day all available muscle in 4C Section moved everything from typewriters and erasers to file cabinets and desks into our new spacious offices. What a relief to be able to WALK into your office, instead of having to CLIMB.

CWO (W-2) Homer W. Watson and family have departed for "The Big PX across the pond." CTCS George E. Nash, an old timer in this division, will be pulling strings in "Gunner" Watson's place.

Following a month's leave in "The Land of Round Door Knobs," CTC Chuck Rauscher finally found his way back to sunny Bremerhaven.

GYSGT. Pete Manning looked like an average "G.I. Joe" when I met him at the Division's Christmas Party last month. Then I found out that he had just arrived with his wife Maria, and four daughters, for duty in Fourth Division. When asked what he thought about his future "Cohort in Arms," he just sighed a "Oh Boy, what can I say!" We aren't as bad as we look Pete, and welcome to the family.

Lt. and Mrs. James L. Small have proven again that 1+1=1! Congratulations on the new addition to your family.

Not to be left standing alone in the math world, CT2 Lee Hartley came up with a new formula, to the effect  $6 \times 304 \times 4 + 1824 = 9120$ . These figures are in the form of dollars, men, and in my book that's a whole bunch of lettuce. Smooth sailing for the next six years, Lee, and thanks for the hangover!

We have one new hardhatter this month, CT1 Thomas T. Rugarber started sporting his new Chief's hat on the 16th.



**ALL BUT THE KITCHEN SINK**—Navy hospitality volunteers (left to right) Mrs. John Devitt, Mrs. Norman Laible, and Mrs. Ronald Neuman, prepare a hospitality kit for an arriving family. The kits are lent to arriving and departing personnel during the absence of their household effects.

## Absurdities From Admin

By PNC George Malik

Hello there all you pencil pushers, typewriter tappers, decision makers, and everyone—whatever your particular specialty.

Guess we made it through another year. Will wonders ever cease?

Lets go back and take a look at the Admin Christmas Party on the 21st of December.

My Volkswagon, which had stalled earlier that day, and the icy road leading to the Marschenhoff Hotel (just before Wremen), couldn't stop me from attending the party. And when, for the second time, my car stalled just outside the hotel, it didn't dampen my spirit. Not me! I was going to enjoy myself, come "heck," high water, icy roads or a stalling car.

Discussing my problem with some of my Personnel Office crew, didn't give me much encouragement though. When I told them that my car may need a push to get it started, I heard CT2 Vogel yell, "Where's the nearest cliff?" He was just kidding—I think!

Some notable features of the party: Excellent chow—if you didn't get enough to eat it was your own fault; a swinging three piece German combo—with the antics of Klaus Veters, their leader; and a splendid oration and dancing exhibition by BM1 Walker. All this must have tired the Boatswain out, because he left pretty early.

### Christmas Gift

Chief Reinitz put the rest of us to shame when he presented a Christmas gift to his "staff." And heart-warming it was to see the glow of suppressed anxiety in Jack Lukeman's eyes as he opened that large box and extracted all that packing paper. I thought he never would get to the gift—A tiny three inch plastic "Travel Bag" (about the size of a small change purse). He was so appreciative that he didn't bother to look inside the purse (er—travel bag), which contained, as we later discovered, a very attractive picture (which I won't describe).

I'm wondering if Chief Davidson caught the culprit who snatched his "jug." I've got an idea who it was.

A couple of questions for Seaman Chuck Everett of the Admin Office. Who is "Westy"? How come you're striking for Seaman Apprentice?

### Broken Compass

When the party was over, some people couldn't decide which direction to go home. They sort of got turned around on the ice I suppose. What's your guess, Hummer?

You know, since the arrival of BMC Jesse Saur we have not one, but two "Chief Master at Arms" on board. That's double jeopardy!

PC1 Ken Matney (Santa's helper) and his elves have put in a lot of hours slinging mail for the "troops," wives, and kids of this Activity. He doesn't know how much Christmas mail was handled, but at this writing (after Christmas) there is still a lot of Christmas mail to sort. Believe we should give the mailmen a round of applause, although Matney says some help would do.

New Years Eve was the next bit on the agenda. Some of our people resolved not to do as much of what they were doing at the time they made the resolutions; and, later, they didn't remember what they had resolved in the first place. That's ABSURD!



### APOLLO EIGHT SUCCESS

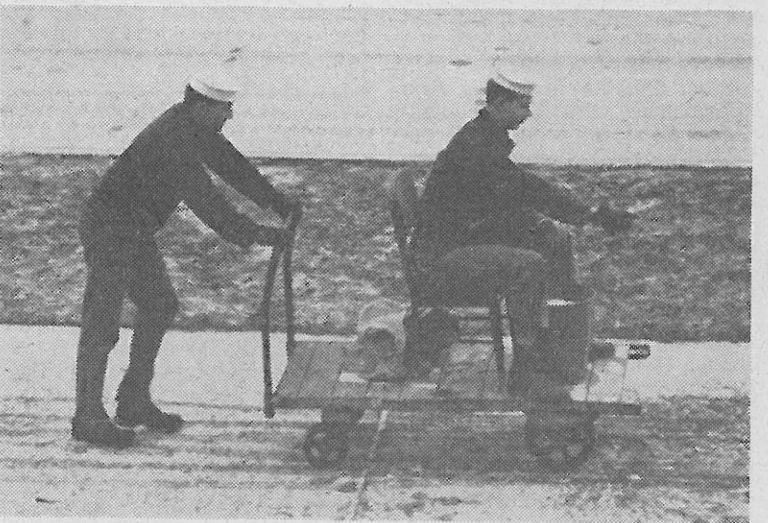
The APOLLO EIGHT space success in December caused quite a problem in the respect that at that time, the ABC NEWS DEPARTMENT reported to higher ups that the chances of the Astronauts success in returning to earth were between one and five or one and eight, depending upon the newsman you asked. WABC Program Director Rick Skalar had mapped out complete details in case the Astronauts did run into trouble. In a rotating rack in the studio, there were 50 prepared cartridges marked APOLLO QUIET and the DeeJays had instructions to go to this rack immediately in the event anything went wrong, jerking all commercials. Another set of 50 cartridges was marked APOLLO "T" for "transition" after the shock had worn off. APOLLO QUIET included such tunes as "WILLOW WEEP FOR ME" by CHAD AND JEREMY, plus tunes by MANTOVANI and FRANK CHACKSFIELD. APOLLO "T" featured tunes like "SEALED WITH A KISS" by THE HOLLRIDGE STRINGS, and SCARBOROUGH FAIR by SIMON AND GARFUNKEL.

### PERFORMERS GOING TO GERMANY

THE 5TH DIMENSIONS left early this month on a 30-day personal appearance concert-TV tour of Europe. GERMANY APPEARANCES include U.S. ARMY BASES IN FRANKFURT on the 16th and 17th; RECORD PROMOTION TOUR IN FRANKFURT on the 21st and BERLIN on the 22nd; and will be appearing on the SENTA BERGER TV SHOW in MUNICH on January 27th. . . . RAY CONNIF appears in the STADTHALLE in BREMEN on February 4th. . . . A tip of the Windjammer sail to SFC Gene Sandlin for arranging the appearance of LEON ASHLEY, Top Country Performer, at the NCO CLUB, BREMERHAVEN on March 15th. Normally, the appearance of such big stars as this involve a large sum of money and to this reporter's recollection, this is the first time the club has gone out on the limb to arrange for big name entertainment. AFN BREMERHAVEN will tape interviews with the artist and produce a Network "1605 TO NASHVILLE."

### AT AFN

Since the Windjammer's last issue, AFN Bremerhaven has added two new voices to its air staff: SFC BOB VAIL and SP5 JOE ROMEO. SFC Bob Vail assumed the duties as station manager and program director for the Bremerhaven Affiliate, relieving SFC CHET McNEESE who departed for Vietnam. SP5 Joe Romeo is the host of a new program called "ROLLING HOME" heard Monday through Friday at 1705 hours. AFN Bremerhaven has recently added many new programs to its log, most of which occurred during the Christmas Season and virtually went unnoticed. Four Evening time blocks were made available to the affiliate and immediately were filled. On Mondays at 2005 hours, an additional PLATTER PARTY may be heard. The show's format is geared for the young listening audience. On Tuesdays, SFC Bob Vail hosts a format of CLASSICAL MUSIC and LIGHT OPERETTA. On Wednesdays, "THE WORLD OF COUNTRY MUSIC" is hosted by yours truly at 2205 hours. "SWING STREET" is also one of our new shows produced by SFC Bob Vail . . . it's geared to bring back memories of the swing era.



**A LITTLE SPRITZ HERE AND A LITTLE SPRITZ THERE**—If you happen to glance out your office window during the next snow storm, and see CT2 Thomas Reed (left) and SN William Bilske (right) scurrying around on a sled, please do not run outside and ask if you can play too. It is not a sled, but a unique invention the Boats' Force built called "The NSGA Snow Mobile." When asked how it operates, SN Bilske replied, "You first fill a wastepaper basket with rock salt. Then place it and yourself on the snow mobile. You get someone to push ya, and while he pushes, you grab a hand full of salt and spritz it."





**HARDLY HERE** — While Bremerhaven shivers in its post-New Year, seaside chills, this Florida lass seems to have lost track of time. Perhaps the same will turn up here next summer.

## Salty Chief

By CTC J. D. O'Brien

On December 12, 1968, CTC Ray Hurlbut signed on the dotted line for the last time before retirement. This re-enlistment will be the culmination of a long and honorable career in the United States Navy.

Chief Hurlbut, presently supervisor of 1st Division's Alpha section, started his Naval career December 8, 1941. He was a civilian worker in a place called Pearl Harbor in 1941 and we all remember what took place December 7 of that year.

### Savo Island

When the smoke cleared Chief Hurlbut reported for his physical, signed the papers and became a member of the United States Navy. He reported for duty the day after Christmas and shortly thereafter went aboard the USS Savo Island, (CVE-78), where he spent most of the remaining years of World War II.

In 1945, he was aboard the USS O'Brien (DD-725), as a radioman when she was present at the first Atom Bomb test at Bikini Atoll.

### Security Group

Chief Hurlbut made his first appearance with the Security Group in 1950, when he converted from Radioman to Communications Technician and received orders to NAVSECSTA in Washington, D.C. He is presently residing in Bremerhaven with his wife Esther and daughter Linda. His eldest daughter Dye, was recently married to MM2 George Kloc who is assigned to USNAVSECGRUACT, Bremerhaven, Public Works Department.

The Hurlbuts will be leaving Bremerhaven for Pensacola, Florida in March of this year, where Chief Hurlbut will finish out his thirty years of service, as an instructor.



I thought it might be of interest to readers if I were to mention some of the items the men of 2nd Division asked Santa for. Donning my very best reporters green shade and grabbing a fresh note pad, I once again charged that clandestine and forbidding fence that surrounds Building 2. With my press card perched on the top of my hat, I pushed my way through the entrance.

Finding my way to the operations spaces I cornered this chap who was obviously the supervisor. It had to be the supervisor as he was the only one asleep. "Sir," I asked, "are you the supervisor?" He cocked his head and looked me square in the eye and replied, "Heck no, I'm the Admiral, the supervisor is on head cleanup . . . of course I'm the supervisor, I'm the only Chief Berg in the joint." How about that, a real chief berg! I've been reporting on Navy people for many years and have run across a lot of screwy rates but never a chief berg. Wonder if it's anything like a chief yeoman or chief communications tech, or something like that? Must be pretty hush-hush since I never recalled seeing the rate in All Hands. I told him I'd like to question some of the men and see what they wanted old Santa to bring them for Christmas. "You gotta be kidding," he said. "Nope" I replied, "That's my job." "Who is this Santa anyway? Must be another dayworker, honestly, if they get another dayworker up there I think I'll get sick. What is he this time, E-8 or E-9?"

I figured I'd better humor this super sleuth. I mean, after all, a chief berg, he might be connected with the Chief of Naval Personnel or something. "I think he's a Sergeant Major." "Oh gads, another jarhead, wouldn't you know it! Go ahead, ask them whatever you like," and he plopped his head back on the desk and once again dropped off to sleep.

The first man I talked with was a chap named Curtis. He told me all he wanted was a box of dayworkers. Now what kind of crazy thing is that to ask for? I've heard of chocolate covered cherries in the box, or pecan logs in a box, but never dayworkers. Call the fellows in white, we have one here men. The next chap interviewed was a Chuck Jones. He said he'd like to have a soul band. Says he's sick of hearing nothing but country and western music.

While making the rounds several others came in who were obviously not watch standers. One visitor was an older chap with a very receded hairline. His name was O. Canfield. He must have been out on-the-town before he arrived as he says he was just in to check the traffic. How about that, poor guy thought he was on Burgermeister Schmidt Strasse. Sorry pal, haven't seen so much as a motor scooter pass through these spaces all night, why don't you try the autobahn.

Last man I talked with was Charlie Brewer, he was one of the more aggressive lads who knew no boundaries. He wanted to pin old Santa down for a half interest in a local discotheque called Sleazy's.

I hope by the time we go to press these people got what they asked for.

One thing, next month I'd like to tell you about this Ops Chief who has this very special "Get out of it" list.



So long 1968! Many thanks for a very enjoyable and prosperous year. Many memorable events took place during the past year. It started with Berchtesgaden skiing trips taken by CT3 Bob Goshen and CT2 Jeff Byars. The injury free return was quoted as "skill" by Byars and a bit more modestly as "luck" by Goshen.

But all leaves were not so successful, last year, as in the case of CT3 Terry Mullin and CT3 Mike Mercier. Their country-to-country European tour came to an abrupt halt somewhere in southern Germany after realizing their VW bus couldn't climb the rugged German mountains. Cheer up fellas there's always 1969!

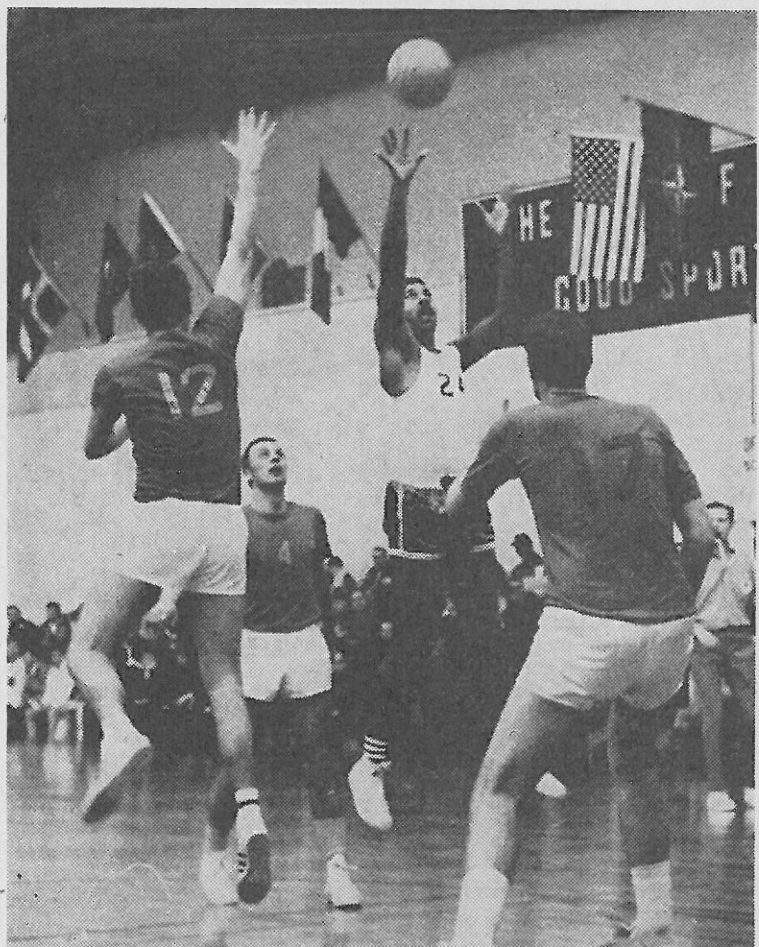
For CT1 Rod Hardesty and CT1 Bruce Bottomlee, it was the Netherlands for the Tulip Festival. Yes, in 1968, liberties and leaves were enjoyed by most everyone in Third Division. They ranged from a night at Sleazy's to several nights in

Switzerland, Italy, England and Spain. For an illustrious few, it was off to the land of the Stars and Stripes (not the paper). The land of the world's largest income per capita, free elections, astronauts, Greek millionaires, and Rose and Orange Bowl football games on New Years Day. The "Land of Opportunity": The United States of America.

### ATTENTION TO PORT

Late 1968 arrivals in Third Division were CT1 W. E. Stein, CTC H. E. Williams and CT2 R. F. Fritsch. WELCOME ABOARD!

In closing, 1968 was also the year for emphasis on morale improvement. The Navy dungaree uniform can now be worn in the PX and in the Radio City Snack Bar. The barracks have been renovated, there are 6 month waivers for promotion to E-5, special emphasis towards sports, and the newspaper you are presently reading. Welcome 1969!



**HIGH IN THE SKY**—Staff Sergeant James R. Barnes (No. 24) of Fourth Division, jumps high in the sky as he shoots against Holland in the recent "International Basketball Tournament" sponsored by USATCEUR.

## Mat-Men Madness

By The Kid

Here I am, with the first of a series of articles intended to chronicle the exploits of the Mat Force. I missed the first edition. Had to make sure that the editor of the "Windjammer" could get it off the ground and make it fly. And sure enough, we now have a flying Windjammer. Actually, I never made the deadline for the first edition. What's new for the kid!

What is the most postponed event at NSGA Bremerhaven? Would you believe the great sit-up contest between CTC Russ Beatty and CT1 Robert Cooper. Many moons ago, Chief Beatty challenged Cooper to a sit-up tourney. So both, who are far from being diminutive, went into intensive training . . . for about two days! A date and place were agreed upon for the event . . . but each time, one would come up with some odd-ball reason which postponed it. And we're still waiting for them to prove who has the strongest stomach . . . the Chief, Cooper, or "E" Division who must witness this multi-fold battle of the bulges.

Has anyone ever tried to make popcorn without the lid on the pan. If you haven't and are a bit leery about the possible results, check with CT1 Richard Horner. He's our expert on the subject since he inadvertently tried it one day. He claims to have forgotten to put the lid on. He's just now recovering from shell-shock.

Congratulations to CTC Chuck Rollins and CTC Dick White. They traded their "Dixie cups" for Chief hats this month. Not only that, but they also added a bit to their paunches. Of course, neither was tremendously slim and trim to begin with, but they still have a long way to go, before catching up with some of our other chiefs.

If you ever happen to walk by the Mat office, you'll probably notice the "E" Division cup. It's enshrined within a glass

## Welcome Home

Nicha Crosby, wife of CTC Rewalt Crosby, recently returned from the U.S. Army Hospital at Landstuhl, Germany after undergoing major back surgery. Although doing quite well, it is expected that Mrs. Crosby will be required to undergo a considerable period of convalescence.

The Crosbys will be returning to the United States in March of this year where Chief Crosby will complete 30 years of Naval service with a twilight cruise at Cheltenham, Maryland.



case, resting upon black silk, and bathed in the soft glow of a red light. It symbolizes the sporting rivalry between the lockerslammers and the brownbaggers. Once a quarter, the cup is challenged by those who seek to own it. So far, out of five challenges, the brown-baggers have lost it only once and that was in a tug-o-war. That's it from The Kid for this month.