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## Chief Mann Departs SecGru

Chief Boatswain's Mate Billy Mann and wife Joan left for the U.S. this week after an eventful three year tour in Bremerhaven. As Chief Master-at-Arms, BMC Mann was well-known to NSGA personnel.

Serving under three Commanding Officers since his arrival in January 1966, Chief Mann can recall when Public Works and Supply were relocated from building 11 to building 2, when the Air Force occupied bar-

racks 8 and 9 and the Army had all of barracks 10, and the implementation of the Post Office Box system in the Mail Room.

In his capacity as Chief Master-at-Arms, Chief Mann personally welcomed aboard all new arrivals. Giving special attention to young men serving their first overseas tour, he talked personally with each one, urging them to take advantage of the travel and educational opportunities available to them. Not one to ignore his own advice, Chief Mann has traveled throughout Europe with his wife. Avid campers, they have pitched their tent in Germany, France, Spain, and Norway.

Chief Mann's transfer to Mobile Construction Battalion One, at Davisville, R.I. may well be his last inasmuch as he is now awaiting BUPERS approval of his request for transfer to the Fleet Reserve in January 1970. His change from duty at NSGA Bremerhaven to duty with the Seabees typifies the variety of assignments that have made up Chief Mann's career.

Taking his first Oath of Allegiance in March 1948 for an initial three year tour, Chief Mann took recruit training at Great Lakes, then headed for his first sea duty aboard the USS BAUER (DM-26). Following his seafaring initiation, he spent alternate tours ashore and afloat with duty at the Naval Barracks, Washington, D.C.; the USS COLUMBUS (CA-74); the U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay; the USS IOWA (BB-61); the U.S. Naval Communications Station, Morocco; and a tour at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Although born and raised in Newport, N.C., Chief Mann owns a home in Munice, Ind. where he met his wife, the former Joan Hulse.

If his request for transfer to the Fleet Reserve is approved, he plans to retire to Munice with a grand total of 22 years active Naval Service.

and will run through February 19.

Included in the cast are Marine Sgt. James F. Stiles portraying Mike Tallman; CT3 James Kraus as Sgt. Carolino; Don Williams (CIV) as Harry Roat Jr.; Olivia Mocker (DAC) as Susy Hendrix; SP4 Donald Aiello as Sam Hendrix; Sonia Tsekas (DEP) and Michelle Morris (DEP) alternating as Gloria; CT1 Ron Johnston and CT3 Mark Markell as the two policemen.

All performances are free



**EARLY PROMOTIONS CAUSE COMMOTIONS** — CT2 Jim Flanagan, Advancements Yeoman (center), sits in a sea of service records after receiving word from U.S. Naval Examination Center authorizing early advancement of 102 NSGA sailors. As CT1 Ron Hansson (left) presents Jim with additional service records needing advancement entries, CT3 Ken Travares (right) sympathizes by offering a cup of coffee.

## A Hunter's Hunter

To both German and American hunters in the Bremerhaven area, the name Jim Payton is well known. With almost two full tours of Bremerhaven duty to call on, Jim is considered one of the best and most experienced hunters in the area. Whether acting as guide to duck hunters, or stalking the various kinds of European deer in the Hartz Mountains, CT1 Jim Payton of Fourth Division, is a respected and well-liked sportsman.

When he first reported to Bremerhaven in 1962, Jim looked eagerly forward to hunting in the European area. He was momentarily disillusioned by the strict German laws and customs on wild-life preservation, but after going through the game school required for a German Hunting License, he found these laws to be quite sensible.

"The idea is to hunt only the undesirable and unnecessary large game," says Jim, "and to preserve the best breeding stock to provide good hunting in the future. Even after a hunter gets his license, he must be accompanied by a Government Game-Keeper until he can select the proper game for himself. It's tough at first, but you learn."

Jim was soon "bagging" fine Stags, Roe Deer, Fallow Deer, European Wild Boar, and Chamois or Mountain Goat. He learned that although there is no limitation on game, large or small, in Germany, the "selective hunting system" provides its own limitations. Nevertheless, he was able to "bag" quite a number of the various types of game.

After a short interruption, caused by his transfer to the Defense Language Institute at Monterey for eight months of instruction, he returned to Germany and more hunting.

During the long, small-game seasons, Jim can be seen following his Labrador Retriever,



CT1 Jim Payton

"Mike," around the area he has rented near Sandstedt on the Weser. This area is well known to the local hunters as one of the finest duck-hunting spots in Northern Germany.

"This season we've bagged over 650 duck in that area," said Jim.

"For the avid hunter," says Jim, "Bremerhaven duty can be a veritable paradise. The long seasons, unlimited bags and abundance of game make the European area one of the best in the world. Although the German laws and customs, are quite different from Stateside, they are fair and logical. Anyone interested in getting a Germany hunting license should contact Herr Giese at Military 7184. He's the hunting and fishing coordinator for the Bremerhaven area and will be glad to help in any way possible."



**CHANGING OF THE GUARD** — Chief Boatswain's Mate Billy Mann (left) welcomes aboard his relief, Chief Boatswain's Mate Jess Saur. As Chief Master-at-Arms, Chief Mann was personally responsible for the well-being of NSGA enlisted personnel. Chief Mann's transfer to Mobile Construction Battalion One, Davisville, R.I. culminates 12 years faithful service with U.S. Naval Security Group.

## Curtains Up At Radio City

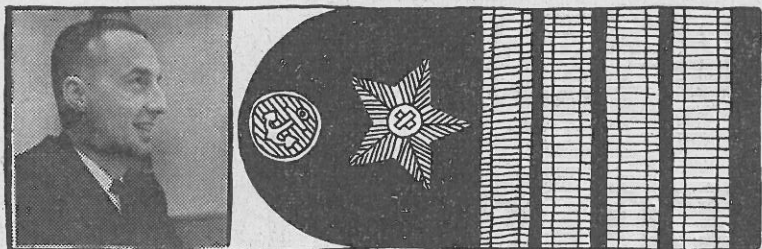
It was opening night at the Port City Theatre, Bremerhaven. The big gold curtain was drawn tight, not allowing the waiting audience an early glimpse of Fredrick Knott's suspense drama "Wait Until Dark." The Actors and Actresses scurried about making last minute changes. For CT1 Ron Johnston, CT3 James Kraus, CT3 Mark Markell, and Marine Sgt. James Stiles, it has definitely been a long day. Each had worked all day at their Navy-Marine jobs and now would devote time to their hobby . . . Acting.

Suddenly Mrs. David S. Hubert, Play Director, announces "curtains up . . . hit the lights . . . it's show

time."

Once again, Port City Theatre under the direction of Entertainment Director Miss Hazel Burnett is presenting another splendid play. This month's masterfully constructed thriller focuses on an attempt by a trio of underworld figures to recover a heroin-filled doll which has been innocently brought across the Canadian border by a young commercial photographer. The pawn in the game is the photographer's blind wife who, alone in their Greenwich Village apartment, falls prey to the criminals diabolic and ruthless determination to regain their sinister prize intact.





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The Congressional staffs report a rather remarkable increase in Congressional mail from those in the service, most of which contains very minor complaints which should be handled at the lower level. The fact that service people feel it necessary to exercise their right to communicate with their Congressmen on minor matters indicates a lack of communication between commanding officers, officers, senior petty officers and all hands in their commands. Congressional staffs may understandably express the question of why the simplest matter — such as the times for sick call — cannot be handled satisfactorily at a lower level.

/s/ C. K. DUNCAN, VICE ADMIRAL  
CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

The “generation gap,” city riots, and the problems of our nation’s schools are frequently attributed to the inability of portions of society to communicate. In our society and in the services, feelings are unintentionally hurt, a n i m o s i t y is aroused, worthwhile improvements are not made, recognition earned or rights due are not received, orders given are not carried out as intended, and battles are lost because of the inability to communicate.

It is not easy to convey a thought accurately, completely, and with the intended feeling. Often, the speaker thinks he knows what he has said; however, the listener interprets that which he has heard entirely different. Worse yet are those situations where no effort is made to communicate, the kind of situation that prompted the item in The Naval Personnel Newsletter.

There is a line of communication, the Chain of Command, that ties this command together. For the watch stander it runs by way of his watch supervisor, division chief, division officer, department head, and the Executive officer to me. It serves matters both great and small, up and down, and should be capable of handling 95 per cent of our communication needs. For that other 5 per cent we have specialized channels such as: the Welfare and Recreation Committee, with representatives from each division, for welfare and recreation matters; the Division Career Counselors and the Command Career Counselor for matters concerning the development of your Naval career; the plan of the day, AFN, and this newspaper to broadcast matters of general interest; and Special Request Chits providing for those requests up the chain of command that need to be placed in writing. (But it should not be necessary to put the majority of these requests in writing).

Further, specialized sources of assistance exist to help you. The Educational Service Officer, the Personnel Officer, and the Disbursing Officer can provide assistance in matters affecting your education, service, and pay. Other problems may be handled directly with the Chaplain or the Legal Officer. The Chaplain can provide needed religious, character guidance, or family relations advice; while the Legal Officer, a fully qualified lawyer, can provide assistance regarding wills, loans, insurance, contracts, and a myriad of other legal matters.

The doors of the command’s senior Chief Petty Officer and the Executive Officer are always open if you feel that they can best serve you. And, finally, Captain’s Request Mast and the right to communicate with Congress, both guaranteed by Navy Regulations, are always available.

These and other lines of communication exist. But they must be exercised, by senior and subordinate alike, in order that they will not atrophy, but rather will serve you and the command.



By Sandy Sanderson

Hello Windjammers! The New Year started Third Division off with nine promotions. Congratulations to CT1 Zatterberg, CT1 Fathke, CT1 Smallwood, CT2 Peterson, CT2 Pokrzywa, CT2 Lambert, CT2 Mower, CT2 Schindler and CT2 Heibert.

An eventful year is in the making for another member of Third Division, CT2 D. D. Thee. Although 1968 ended with a bang (through the windshield of a VW “bug”) for CT2 Thee, he wasn’t going to let his bandaged face, the seven stitches in his nose or the five stitches in the back of his head interfere with his planned trip to the States. No sir! Once he got on the plane bound for New York, at Hamburg, he would forget about his misfortune.

“Why feel bad about it?” After all, it could’ve happened to anyone . . . Right!

And it came to pass when it was time to land at Kennedy International. The only thing that prevented the landing was a blizzard that rendered only one open runway. And of course, there was the usual one hour and forty-five minute circling above the airport before being diverted to Philadelphia where the plane narrowly missed a successful landing in the Delaware Bay.

Safely on the ground at the terminal in Philadelphia, the battered Thee was approached by an old lady who was eyeing his wounds. “V. C.,” she asked. “NO,” replied Thee, “V.W.”

At this point, the determined Thee, told himself that every-

## Sailor/Marine Of The Month



SSGT James R. Barnes

SSGT James R. Barnes of Fourth Division has been selected “Sailor-Marine of the Month” for the month of February. In SSGT Barnes’ letter of selection, Capt. Osmer stated in part:

“This award is in recognition of your superior professional achievement and extraordinary initiative. Your daily performance of duty exemplifies a depth of knowledge and the keen understanding necessary for outstanding achievement. You have demonstrated the highly specialized technical ability required to complete all facets of the operations conducted under your supervision.

“As watch section supervisor, you have been highly effective in directing and controlling the activities of your watch section, always assuring high quality results. You have displayed an ability to solve operational problems with quick, accurate judgement and have gained the loyalty and respect of all associated with you.

“Your immaculate appearance and military behavior have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service. Your participation in off duty activities is also noteworthy. You are presently a member of the Child Care Council and the NSGA Athletic Council. You have participated in all NSGA sports as a member of Company “F” and have been a valuable asset to the command’s varsity basketball team. Active in enhancing German-American relations, you have participated in Deutscher Sportbund (German Sports Program) and Schutzen Fest (shooting competition).

“I commend you for your outstanding performance and I am pleased to present you with a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque commemorating your selection as ‘Sailor-Marine of the Month.’ Well done!”

one is entitled to a little bad luck. Unfortunately this was just before he was informed of the two hour lay over. And then there was the trip back to “Kennedy” where the airline had to circle for another forty-five minutes before making an emergency landing because of fuel shortage.

Apparently assuming that his troubles were over once he reached home, especially with a cute little registered nurse to heal his wounds, the biggest tragedy confronted Thee when she announced: “Will you marry me?” The date is set for July.

# Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

What is the moral authority in our world? Is it God . . . or is it each man for himself? Who determines what is right and what is wrong? If it is God, then there will be fixed standards which a person can recognize and by which a course through life can be charted. On the other hand, if each man creates his own moral standards, then there is utter chaos.

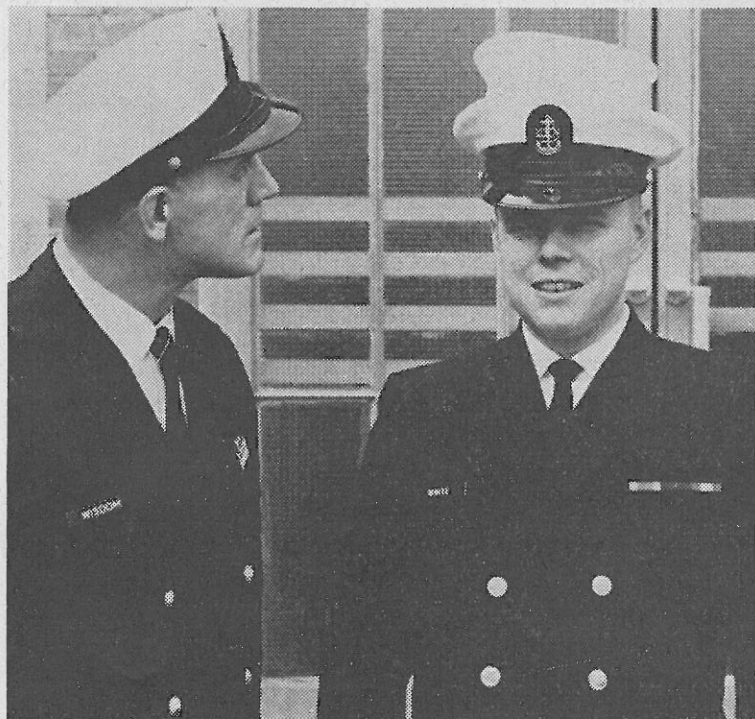
“Situation Ethics” makes each person the judge between right and wrong and the arbiter of his own conduct. He is subject to his desires and emotions at the moment the decision must be made. It is also true that his actions under a given set of circumstances will be unpredictable, leaving those who observe without a proper course of action.

Suppose that every automobile driver would determine for himself the rate of his speed, whether or not he would observe signs, whether he would drive to the right or the left, whether he would yield to approaching traffic at an intersection, and whether or not he would observe the stop and go signals. This would be “Situation Ethics” in driving, and it would be wholly intolerable.

In our everyday living, we assume that standards of proper versus improper conduct are maintained; that the respect for the individual and his property will be acknowledged. These standards are not determined by “Situation Ethics” but by absolutes. If each person were to be his own moral authority, there would be no way to safeguard the moral principles.

We will start with the Bible as the basis for moral law if each person interprets to suit his own convenience, there will be no consensus as to right or wrong. If we are to build or retain any moral or spiritual capital which will serve to guide ours and succeeding generations, we must acknowledge and practice the fixed standards authored by God.

“Situation Ethics” is the final step on the road to no ethics.



IF BOTH COVERS FALL OFF, WHICH ONE WILL YOU GRAB FIRST? Chief James Wisdom (left) of “E” Division, gives Chief Richard White some last minute ribbing after White’s “Chief” initiation last month. White was one of three NSGA men who made “Chief” in January.



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### HERE AND THERE

ELVIS PRESLEY and a contingent of RCA Recording Technicians quietly slipped in at American Record Studios, Memphis, Tenn., and recorded a 16 tune session. In the only recording studio interview granted by Presley since he joined RCA, he stated: "This is where it all started for me. It feels good to be back in Memphis, recording."

American, headed by Chips Moman, is regarded as one of the hottest studios today and responsible for such recent hits as "HOOKED ON A FEELING" by B. J. THOMAS and "SON OF A PREACHER MAN" by DUSTY SPRINGFIELD.

The BEATLES are in line for royalties totaling \$2.5 MILLION from Capitol Records for the final quarter of 1968. The amount according to Ron Kass, International Director of Apple Corp's Music Activities, is based on sales of the Group's new two-record set and their "HEY JUDE" single.

### TOP HITS

The top selling Jazz LP right now is "FOOL ON THE HILL" by SERGIO MENDEZ and his BRAZIL 66. This is followed on the charts by the late WES MONTGOMERY'S recording of "ROAD SONG" and BUDDY RICH'S "MERCY MERCY."

SAMMY DAVIS JR.'s recording of "I'VE GOT TO BE ME" sits on top of the "Easy Listening Charts," followed by LO MUCHO QUE TE QUIERO by RENE AND RENE, and FRANK SINATRA's "RAIN IN MY HEART."

The number one song in the country field "DADDY SANG BASS" by JOHNNY CASH could be his biggest hit yet.

### AT AFN

SSGT. KEITH HARDY stationed with AFN BREMERHAVEN for three years departed last month for assignment in Fort Carson, Colo. SSgt. Hardy was Chief Engineer of AFN Bremerhaven Affiliate.

The American Forces Network Europe began a new program format at 2105 hours and has had successful response. The program is produced in Frankfurt by SP5 JOHNATHON GREEN and SGT. BOB MOKE of WEEKEND WORLD. The program is a network participation show in which each affiliate station submits the most requested record in their broadcasting area. AFN BREMERHAVEN submits its requests on Tuesday for airplay that evening.

## NOWC News

Mrs. Thomas C. Bosworth and Mrs. C. W. Smith were welcomed aboard at the January meeting of the Navy Officers' Wives Club. During the meeting, \$25.00 was voted to Hospitality Service Chairman, Mrs. Jack Haizlip, for the purchase of two crib mattresses. Mrs. Linn T. Shoup submitted a report on the 1968 Bazaar, and a decision was made to hold another Bazaar this year. Mrs. George E. Suthowski brought to the Club's attention that the Library budget has been cut and badly needed records cannot be purchased. Donations of money or records would be most appreciated.

January hostesses were Mrs. Jake Sheerin and Mrs. James Ennes. Mrs. Gene E. Cirak was the lucky winner of our monthly door prize which was a pair of crystal candle holders.

Baby Showers were held this month for Mrs. Richard D. Ott by Mrs. Frank P. Jordon and for Mrs. James E. Carroll by Mrs. Michael C. Werner and Mrs. Jay H. Wilkinson.

On February 14, Mrs. Vernon J. Nelson and Mrs. Gene E. Cirak sponsored game night at the Navy Club. It is gratifying to note the number of Army people who are seeking solace with the Navy.

Navy Wives' Bridge will be held at the home of Mrs. Jay H. Wilkinson on February 19.



**TRYING THE NAVY ON FOR SIZE**—Stephen B. Chandler (left), son of Army CWO4 and Mrs. James V. Wiggins of Landstuhl, couldn't wait to try on a white hat after being sworn into the Navy by Lt. L. C. Painter, Recruiting Officer. The white hat was compliments of CT1 Pete LaFleur, NSGA's Recruiting P.O.



Was hoping that PN1 Elmore's wife would make some news for me by having that baby, but he/she(?) hasn't arrived yet, and "Corky" Elmore, the prospective proud father, is anxiously waiting. A chit for leave has been submitted, and I wouldn't be surprised to see a "baby pool" going around, with a bonus for the man who draws George Washington's birthday.

CT1 Ron Hanson's wife did come through on the 16th of January with a 5 pound 3 ounce girl. A conversation overheard between Ron and Lieutenant Painter, Educational Services Officer, went like this: Hanson—"By the way, Mr. Painter, my wife is having labor pains every 5 minutes." Mr. Painter—"My goodness! Why don't you go home then?" Hanson—"Don't worry, I told her that if she needs any help, she can call me."

And while we're in the reproduction department, I would like to give recognition to CT2 John Fuller, for the excellent job he's doing in the Reproduction Room over in Building 2. (Somehow, that doesn't sound just right.) John has become quite an expert in the art of reproducing forms, no matter how large or small the job. Say John, do I need a chit for a \$20.00 bill?

### Back's Striker

CTSN Charles G. Howard is a new addition to the Personnel Office and he's quite a "cut-up". Since arriving at this Activity, he's been busy trimming the edges of ID cards and pictures for all our newly advanced personnel. "We really break them in right," says CT3 Bach, his immediate, immediate supervisor.

PN3 Gary Kloubec, our TAD order writing expert, has been plagued by that age old affliction known as TB (tailbone-itis). Was over to see him at the hospital and he's coming along fine.

Hope for a speedy recovery is extended to CT2 Don McKean from Special Services and "Robbie" Robinson of the Post Office, who were also admitted to the hospital for other reasons.

YN2 Joe Moyer has received orders to Vietnam and will depart in March. There will be a brief stop-over for leave in Pennsylvania and another stop at the Survival School.

One objective of survival school is to teach jungle warriors to find their own food. It has been said that if you "survive" survival training, you will have lost considerable weight in the process, and therefore, will not become food for jungle tigers who also have to find their own food.

That's absurd!

## '102' Happy New Crows

Santa Claus works 365 days a year and he is all Navy. At least that is how 102 of our sailors felt last month after receiving word that their ad-

vancements were pushed up to January 16. Originally, they were slated for advancement to E-4, E-5, E-6 or E-7 on February 16 or March 16. These early promotions are the results of the Navy's need for more trained petty officers.

"This accelerated advancement of our Naval personnel," said Captain J. W. Osmer, Commanding Officer, "has definitely been a pleasant surprise. I am extremely proud of our men. Their sound judgement and fine leadership ability have made this Activity among the finest in the Navy."

The old Navy tradition of passing out cigars after being advanced created quite a "smokey" problem in the Bremerhaven area. AFN Bremerhaven caught "smoke" of this and dedicated the song "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" to all its listening audience.



## Education Corner

By Ron Hansson

Term III courses at the University of Maryland are now in progress, and as with previous terms, a large number of NSGA personnel are participating. Many other men are not taking courses simply because they can't afford the tuition and are not aware of the programs available to them to help pay costs.

Briefly, there are three major programs of educational assistance currently available: USAFI, Tuition Aid, and In-service G. I. Bill benefits.

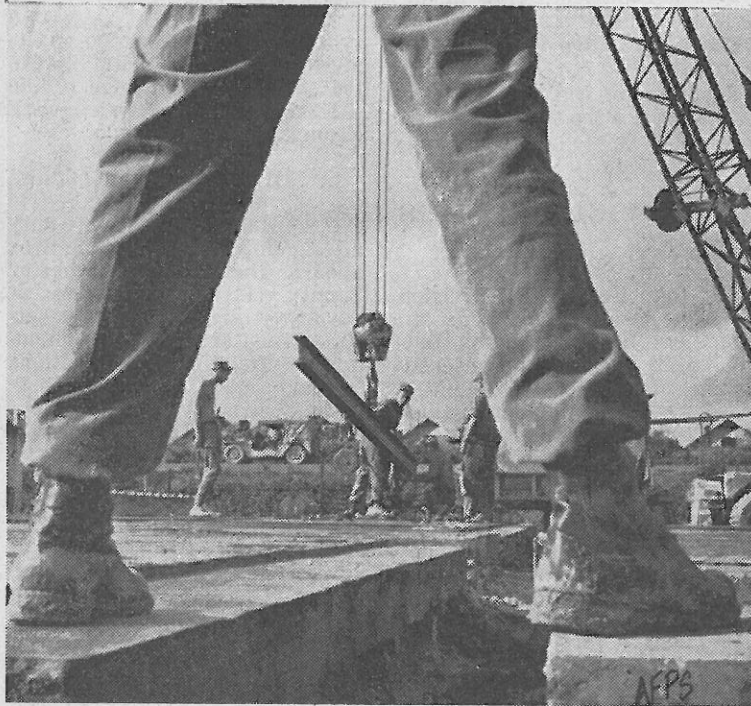
For Non-USAFI, classroom-instructed college courses such as the University of Maryland courses offered locally, the student has a choice of two programs depending upon his eligibility.

The Tuition Aid Program normally pays 75 per cent of tuition costs for University of Maryland and similar courses if the applicant's request is approved. Approval is based on a priority system so that a maximum number of students will receive aid.

Applicants who are not eligible for G. I. Bill benefits (men with less than two years of ACTIVE duty) receive first priority, career designated applicants who ARE eligible for G. I. Bill benefits get second priority, while G. I. Bill eligible candidates who are not career designated fall into the lowest priority.

Students who are eligible may apply for G. I. Bill educational assistance from the Veterans Administration. The VA pays full tuition costs for classroom courses taken inservice, as well as for certain voca-

## Sailors Around The World



**COLOSSUS OF RHODES**—Stance of determination depicts mammoth job being accomplished in South Vietnam by U.S. Navy Seabees. Scene is at Camp Rhodes at Quang Tri.

tional and technical correspondence courses from accredited institutions.

One of the main reasons men who are eligible for G. I. Bill benefits don't apply, is a mistaken idea of how much of their educational assistance entitlement is used up when they take one of these courses. As most men know, they receive one month's entitlement for each month of active duty up to a maximum of 36 months. They are usually aware that they use up one month of en-

titlement for each month of full time schooling they receive as a veteran. What they are not aware of is that they DO NOT use up one full month for each month of attendance at a course at the University of Maryland. Each course completed at the U of M European Division, and paid for by the VA, subtracts only ONE QUARTER OF ONE MONTH'S ENTITLEMENT.

Your Educational Services Office has details on all Educational Assistance Programs.



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CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS? — The picture was taken in 1923 when our mystery guest was just a tot. Last month's mystery guest is Lt. W. C. Westcoat, Administrative Officer.

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## FRA Ledger

By CTC B. D. Timm

From the monthly publication "The Word" published by the National Executive Secretary of the Fleet Reserve Association, the following items of interest are quoted:

"Of the replies I have received on the Hubbell Proposals, one point disturbs me greatly: and that is the average active-duty member is looking at the proposals with channel-vision. He is only looking ahead to 1 July 1969 and comparing the Hubbell pay-proposals against the pending 12.6 per cent pay raise for active-duty personnel. The point to keep in mind in considering the Hubbell Package is that it comprises a personnel management tool for the future use of the Department of Defense. At our recent convention RADM Hubbell compared studying his proposals to eating an elephant one bite at a time. His proposals for active-duty pay as contained in Volume I comprise the first bite. The proposals for retired pay are bite number two. The proposals for survivors pay are the third bite. How many bites are there in an elephant? What will comprise the remaining bites? These are vital questions and we must consider their possible answers before developing a position, pro or con, on the Hubbell Study.

"We are hopeful that we have the proposals on retirement within another few days. These, too, will be published in "Naval Affairs" for the edifications of all hands. One important point we have learned to our disappointment: the proposals on Survivors Benefits for Retirees and Active Duty Personnel will not go to the 91st Congress along with the proposals on active duty pay and retired pay. Therefore, we must proceed with all haste as we had planned with our Widow's Equity program."

The publications "The Word" and "Naval Affairs" are publications distributed to members of the Fleet Reserve Association.

Eligibility for membership in the Fleet Reserve Association is restricted to men of the enlisted ratings or ranks of the United States Navy or Marine Corps, including the active reserve components thereof, with four or more years of active reserve federal service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and remaining obligated service, which, when combined shall exceed six years of active duty.



### THE LEGEND OF BIG AL

I was creeping through 2nd Division spaces last week when I runs across this strange, green enclosure. Now strange, green enclosures have a l w a y s fascinated me, so I pokes my head through the doorway to see whats there. A young chap crouched behind a desk stares at me with a startled look. "Who are you?", he says in a choking voice. "Charlie Roach," I replies, "and you?" "CT3 Greenwald."

"You in charge here?" I asks, slipping my notebook out of my jacket. "Nope, this is Big Al's domain," he said hesitantly. "Well, who's Big Al?" I asked questioningly. "He's the real power behind 2nd Division," came a sharp answer. "Oh, who said that?" I replied. Without flinching, he replied, "Big Al did. See, here's a memo he puts out to all new men, says right here in the first paragraph: 'I, Big Al, am the power behind this division jump, listen, talk and operate, the only thing I don't decide is head calls and coffee breaks, but I'm working on that.'"

"Where is this Big Al?" I asked. "I'd like to meet him." "Can't," Greenwald snapped back. "Today's CO's inspection." "Is that where he's at?" I continued. "Aw naw, he never makes those things, says he don't have time, lets see he's using number 432 today." He pointed to a large board behind an empty desk which was divided into blocks 1 through 500. "What the heck is that?" I asked. "That's Big Al's 'Get out of Captains Inspection Board'," he answered. I was amazed, the numbers stared at me and I scanned them rapidly. "What's number 432?" He checked his record book, "that's, can't make inspection today because my left big toe has a hang nail and can't get my shoe on." "And number 1, whats that?" He again looked at his book, "That's the one where his dog has a bad case of dysentery and he has to take him to the Vet, at 1330." I jotted notes rapidly. "How about 361?" He grinned, "that's Yom Kippur". "Oh, Big Al's Jewish then?" "Nope" he replied, "he just believes in celebrating all the High Holidays, says it's good for his troops morale." Do they a l w a y s accept his excuses?" I asked. "Not always, he had to drop number 47. That was the one where he had to take his Minx to the Army Hospital Frankfurt." "Why did he drop it?" Greenwald thought a minute, "They found out the Minx was his car." "I don't understand," I looked puzzled, "Well," he replied, "Al told them his Minx was sick and he fooled everyone until Chief Rustic Martin happened to see his car at the CPO Club."

I was afraid to ask any more numbers. "I guess Big Al's quite a man, huh?" "Yep," he replied, "Guess so." "When can I see him?" I asked. "Well, his hours are 0930-1030 and 1415-1500, two days a week . . . you might try then. I choked, "How in the world does he maintain those hours?" Greenwald closed his book, "I don't know, Al says he knows they're too long, but his job just requires him to come in now and then."

One of these days maybe we'll get a view of Big Al, I'm sure the Skipper would like to see him, if just in a p h o t o g r a p h or does that cover a number?

## Miss Windjammer 'P' Division Notes

By Jim Pederson

Lt. John Ervin, "P" Division Officer, has announced his engagement to Miss Angela Delith. Miss Delith is presently secretary to USATCEUR Staff Judge Advocate. Congratulations are extended to both Lt. Ervin and his bride-to-be.

EN1 G. L. Sheets will be completing his tour in Bremerhaven this month. The only information we have on his departure is that he will be going to the West Coast for some well deserved leave. EN1 Sheets has been a very valuable asset to the Public Works Department and it will be very hard to fill his shoes.

"P" Division received two new arrivals last month. They would have checked in, but their parents wouldn't let them; Congratulations to SFC and Mrs. T. A. Washington on the birth of their son, Thomas Jr.; and to EN2 and Mrs. J. H. Vallance on the birth of their daughter, Angela Renee.

LOVELY — Corinna Tsopei is living proof that it pays to develop talent — as well as beauty. Corinna was easily spotted by talent scouts and signed to 20th Century-Fox's New Talent School.



## Mat-Men Madness

By The Kid

Thank heaven for little girls, but we also need some little boys. Since the first of the year, 13 girls were born at the 2nd Field Hospital . . . but no little boys. This could have ended the "battle of the sexes" so a mat-man was called in to remedy the situation. Congratulations to CT2 Victor J. Devoe and his wife Kathy on the birth of Ronny Joe, their first son and 2nd Field Hospital's first boy of the New Year. Weighing in at 6 lbs., 3 oz., he proceeded to out scream all the other babies in the nursery. It seems he inherited his Dad's lungs.

What does \$8,757.00 look like in one big hunk. Check that with CT2 Thomas T. Tipton who recently reenlisted for six. Not only that, but he also received notification that next year a classroom seat will be reserved for him at Electronic Technician "B" School. That's

one year of good solid education, the kind that's hard to beat. Tipton just signed his name on the dotted line. How's that for madness!

When it came to rating time last month, "E" Division sure had a large bunch of guys sewing their crowns on, 15 to be exact. Our various shops had near-zero visibility due to the profuse cigar smoke. These 15 new Petty Officers, bless their gracious hearts, took their pay raise and decided to give the division a big blow out . . . free food and booze at the Chief's Club. The place was packed and everyone had a ball.

CTCS James Wisdom wants to inform the world that he has 160 days left. What he really wants to say is that he's getting short. He will retire on a million years or so, he says. The way he talks these days, he sounds like the "Ancient Mariner."

## First Division Spotlight

By CTC J. D. O'Brien

First Division's spotlight this month is focused on Lt. James Ennes who recently accepted the reins of 1st Division from LCDR Jack Haizlip.

LT Ennes started his Naval career in January 1951, when he entered the service as a white hat. From 1951 thru 1954, he saw duty at Yokosuka, Japan and aboard the USS General G. M. Randall (TAP-115). Upon completion of this enlistment, LT Ennes, by this time a first class Teleman, was separated from the Navy and subsequently discharged. During the interval from 1954 to 1961, he took advantage of the G.I. Bill and attended San Francisco State College.

O.C.S.

In 1961, LT Ennes re-entered the service, this time going to O.C.S. His first tour of duty after completion of O.C.S. was aboard the USS Westchester County (LST-1167), where at various times he served as First Lieutenant, Communications Officer, and Operations Officer.

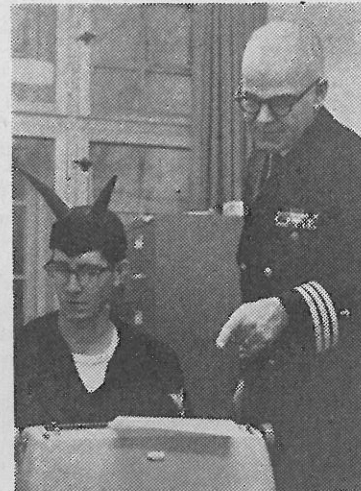
### Security Group

In November 1963, in answer to a request to serve with the Security Group, LT Ennes received orders to NAVSECSTA in Washington, D.C., where he remained for two and a half years. In April, 1966, he received orders to the Flag Ship USS Newport News (CA-148), to serve with Staff, commander U.S. Second Fleet.

### USS Liberty

After serving one year aboard the Newport News, he was transferred to the USS Liberty (AGTR-5) and was aboard during the attack of June 8, 1967. LT Ennes received multiple shrapnel wounds, which resulted in nine months hospitalization at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Upon release from the hospital, there followed six months of limited duty, which included temporary duty at Norfolk and a school at Pensacola.

In August 1968, he was released to full duty and received orders to this command. LT Ennes is accompanied by his wife Terry and their three children, Mark, Julie, and Carolyn.



WHO'S IN COMMAND HERE?—When Chaplain Ervin Ingebretsen noticed CT2 Dan Banks, Chaplain's Writer, in a devilish mood, he decided to instruct him on the various ways to put more "soul" into his work. It seems Dan really took the movie "Rosemary's Baby" to heart.

## COMM-ents

By D. J.

A power shift recently occurred when LCDR Jack Haizlip relieved LT. Michael Werner as COMM Department Head. The transition went smoothly although the strain must have been too much for the dayworkers, since most of them ended up on quarters after the shift. The dayworkers say it was the flu, but the watchstanders know better.

Many recent additions, all Seamen save one, have bolstered morale of the division's third class, for now the "Thirds" no longer have to make with the swab. Of course the Seamen have their say, but what "Third" wants to drag bags on the mid, especially when Seamen are so readily available?

January 16th was Happy Advancement Day for John Reed and Bob Hesser (CT1); Adrian Wondergem and Dennis Silvis (CT2); and Jim Kraus (CT3). Congratulations are extended.

"Big John" Reed and "Sparky" Kerr are undergoing intensive training for the top spots in Alfa section, and when the smoke and heat clear, it may be that Alfa will have a new show going for them. Of course "Sparky" doesn't have the rapidity of speech of his counterpart, but the resemblance thereafter is much the same.