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Presents Peace, Security

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Marks Twentieth Year

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization marked its twentieth year of existence April 4—dedicated to preserving peace and security in Europe, acting as a counterweight to Communist expansion and ensuring a balance of power throughout the world. Cabinet rank officials of NATO met in Washington, D.C. Apr. 10-16.

On April 4, 1949, 12 countries signed the North Atlantic Treaty at ceremonies in Washington, D.C. Since then three more have been added. The original participants were: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Ice-

land, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom, and the United States. In 1952, Greece and Turkey entered the Treaty, and the Federal Republic of Germany in 1955.

NATO is divided into three main sections in order to carry out its operations. These are the North Atlantic Council and its committees, the International Secretariat and the Military structure.

The highest authority of the Alliance is the North Atlantic Council, composed of repre-

sentatives of the 15 member countries, all equal in status. All decisions of this council are taken unanimously, during their regular meetings to decide on major issues.

The International Secretariat is headed by the Secretary General of NATO and is composed of an international staff drawn from all member countries. It acts as the administrative branch for the Council.

The primary aim of NATO's military organization is to deter any potential aggressor from launching an attack. It is composed of the military commit-

tee, the three major commands and a Regional Planning Group.

Through the North Atlantic Council the Allies are able to exchange information and present individual views over the entire range of matters of common interest. It enables each ally to formulate policy with close knowledge of all other 14 members' views and the overall objectives which NATO is seeking to attain.

On his recent trip to Europe, President Nixon told the Council in its Brussels headquarters, "One of the greatest values of

having an alliance is the chance it provides to share ideas—to broaden the horizons of our thinking—to multiply the resources of experience and perspective we can bring to our problems, not only in our own immediate areas but throughout the world.

"As NATO enters its third decade, I see for it an opportunity to be more than it ever has been before; a bulwark of peace, the architect of new means of partnership, and an invigorated forum for new ideas and new technologies to enrich the lives of our peoples."

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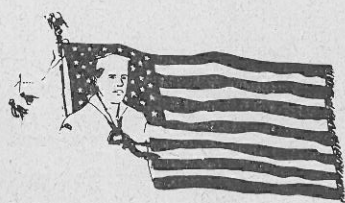
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Most Injuries In The Home

Although most accidental deaths occur on the highway, more people are injured accidentally in their homes than in any other place. In 1967, 4,300,000 persons suffered disabling injuries caused on the highways, according to the National Safety Council.



In Memory Of

Dwight D. Eisenhower

This month, we pay tribute as we mourn the passing of one of our Nation's great leaders, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. We are grateful for the privilege we have had in sharing in his life. He was a great man among men, who in his leadership carried the torch for freedom and democracy and was a beloved leader not only in our Nation but throughout the world. As President Nixon said, "Dwight D. Eisenhower is an American; he is the heart of America, and he has made us all proud to be Americans."

He dedicated his life to the service of his country. The American people, captured by his trust and faith, bestowed upon this former President and General, the ranking positions in military and civilian life. Dwight D. Eisenhower distinguished himself as the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe during World War II; as the President of Columbia University; and ultimately in serving as the 34th President of the United States. As a political servant, dedicated to serve the needs of his fellowman, Dwight D. Eisenhower possessed qualities of greatness that made him a highly admired and respected man.

Wherever this great leader exerted his influence, his strength of character was the most prominent quality of his greatness. Those who have been closest to him and have written of his devoted public service say that he was driven by compulsion to do right. He was a man of indomitable courage who sought and carried the highest moral standards in his living as an example to all around him. Inspired by a deeply religious training in his home, Dwight D. Eisenhower carried this conviction throughout his life. Especially as the President of the United States, he implored the help of Almighty God in a way that was his own, but yet obvious to the people of the Nation and the world. Unprecedented, he gave his own prayer before his inaugural address in 1952, at which time, he especially sought the help of God for himself and his associates. Although he was an active member of a denominational Church, he was not concerned about the ritual of religion, but more interested in employing religious faith in the practice of living.

It has been said that through his strength of character he displayed the dynamics of leadership in an uncanny ability to inspire people and bring out the best in them.

As we look at life of man; he was a man. Let us seek to emulate him in those sterling qualities that made him a devoted American. He loved his family, his friends, and his country. He believed strongly and lived his convictions concerning the wisdom, strength, and love of a personal God. Although he was a military leader, he was a great proponent of peace. May the testimony of the life of Dwight D. Eisenhower be an inspiration to each of us, under God, in our service to God and to our fellowman.

Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebreton



U.S. Wins Kiel Meet

One hundred and eighteen members of "Alpha" and "Delta" sections traveled to Kiel recently, to see the track and field meet held between the United States and German Olympic Teams.

The afternoon's program consisted mainly of ladies events. The German girls won the shot put, long jump, and high jump, with the Americans sweeping all running events.

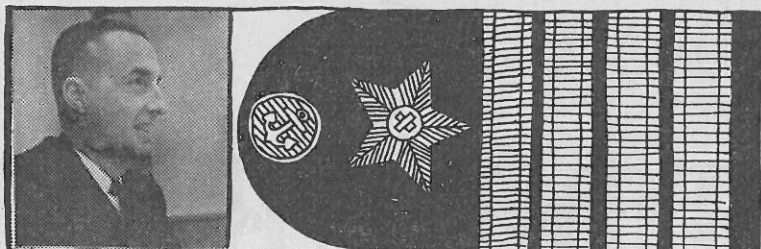
Evening competition opened with the traditional parade of athletes, followed by Men's Events. The U.S. Team completely dominated the show and won the meet: 118-89.

April Fools Personnel Chief

Personnel Chief George Malik recently broke into a cold sweat over the prospects of requesting his port call, taking his kids out of school packing out of his quarters, and undergoing survival training for Vietnam, with 20 days.

A dummy set of orders were typed for the chief, and given to him on April 1. It seems everyone was in on it except George himself. He rushed home to break the news to his wife, but after listening to his 45 minute tear-jerking story, his wife couldn't take it anymore and stated: "April Fools, honey."

Replied George, "I heard the fishing was great here in Bremerhaven, but I never thought 'I' would swallow the hook, line, and sinker."



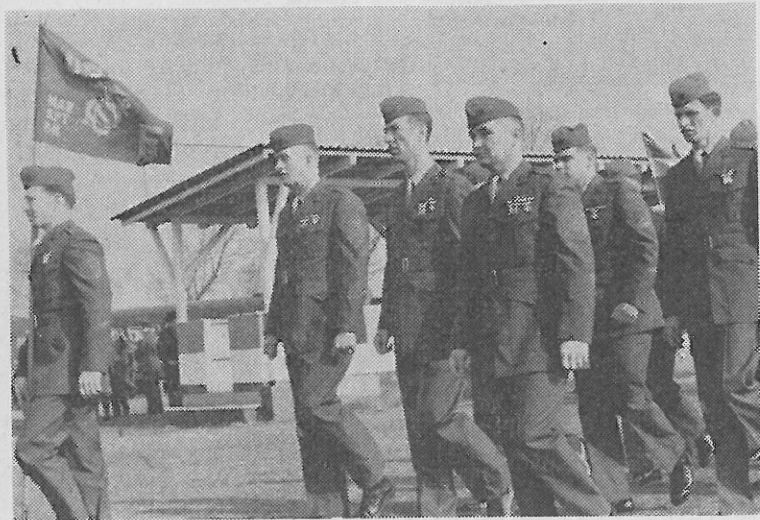
I read in a recent issue of the NAVCOMMSTA Philippines SENTINAL that they are having trouble getting men to participate in Special Services tours. Well, they're not alone — so are we! The recent trip to the German-American Olympic Track Meet in Kiel, described elsewhere in this issue, was a great success. Special Services is lining up a number of other tours, primarily on weekdays and intended to meet the needs of the watchstanders. The next trip planned is an interesting one to the Volkswagen factory at Wolfsburg, Germany, but far too few have signed up. So, sign up now AND LET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE KNOW WHAT TOURS OR ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUP TRANSPORTATION TO SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, ETC., YOU WOULD LIKE.

A number of projects are underway to improve the safety and habitability of the barracks. They include:

- Refinish all wooden decks. Work should begin in mid-May.
- Rehabilitate the heating systems, including providing new supply and return lines and new radiators as required. Work should begin this summer and be completed before the cold weather returns.
- Seal eaves to reduce drafts entering rooms. Should be accomplished mid to late summer.
- Replace all remaining old dormer windows on the third decks. In progress and should be completed in early April.
- Replace all wooden windows, second decks and below, with metal frame windows. Four barracks will be done each year, with building No. 9 included in the fiscal year 1970 program.
- Install window screens in head areas. Should be done in early May.
- Eleven washers and seven dryers were just purchased for the barracks. All should be installed by early April.
- Refrigerated scuttle butts will be installed on the third decks of the barracks in April or May.
- Shower rooms that were missed in recent painting will be painted, perhaps in May.
- Partitions will be installed in heads that don't currently have them in May.
- Fire doors are to be installed on the back stairwells in July.
- Locks have been received for each room and will be installed in June.

Although I have been rather specific as to the months in which each of these jobs will be done, with such a large work schedule, some changes can be expected.

More work on the barracks, in addition to that described above, is needed. Planning has been started with area Naval Facility Engineering Command representatives, and recently we have gone to the Army and set forth desired improvements, which include improvement of bath and toilet facilities, and requested their permission and assistance in undertaking this additional work. It is too early to have received definite plans in this regard; however, early, informal reaction has been promising.



TRIBUTE TO GENERAL EISENHOWER — Members of Company "F" pass in review after paying tribute to their late countryman, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

57th Year Of Girl Scouting

Bremerhaven Parent-Daughter Banquet

The Girl Scouts of Bremerhaven recently celebrated the 57th birthday of Girl Scouting with a Parent-Daughter Banquet. The festivity was held at the Army Officers' Club with approximately 275 people attending.

With seven girl scout troops in the Bremerhaven area, each had a display observing each day's theme during Girl Scout Week. The themes were Girl Scout Sunday, Homemaking, Citizenship, Health and Safety, International Friendship, the Arts, and Out Doors.

Special guest of the evening

was Mrs. Grettel Weltman, Field Adviser for this area. Mrs. Maroney (outgoing Neighborhood Chairman) was also honored for the splendid job she performed during her term. Mrs. Shiller took the reins as new Neighborhood Chairman.

Special highlight in the evening came when the Girl Scouts presented Mrs. Juanita Adams with a bottle of vitamin tablets for being the shortest Mother present, while a brick (to be placed on his head) was presented to the Tallest Father; CTC John Kromas of Second Division.

Sailor Of The Month



CT2 Terry O. Peterson

CT2 Terry Oliver Peterson of "A" Division has been selected "Sailor-Marine of the Month" for the month of April. In CT2 Peterson's letter of selection, Capt. Osmer stated in part:

"This award is in recognition of your superior professional motivation and extraordinary initiative. Your performance in the capacity as Records Yeoman and Off-duty Education Yeoman in the Educational Services Office has been consistently outstanding. Your mature outlook combined with efficiency and organizational ability has made you an invaluable asset to the Educational Services Office.

"During your 17 months on board, your attitude, appearance, and faultless military bearing have greatly impressed all associated with you. Particularly noteworthy was your excellent performance as Captain's Writer from July 68 to March 69. In this capacity, you displayed great enthusiasm, resourcefulness, and professionalism.

"I commend you for your excellent performance. I 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!"

Bremerhaven Toastmasters

Are you interested in increasing your self confidence through improvement of your public speaking abilities, and having fun while you do? The Bremerhaven Chapter of Toastmaster International is one of thousands of clubs throughout the U.S. and in many foreign countries, organized for this very purpose.

"The ability to speak well is to a man what cutting and polishing are to the rough diamond. The grinding does not add anything to the diamond. It merely reveals its wealth."

This analogy, by Orison S. Marden, sums up the over-all purpose of Toastmasters. By helping men to express themselves more effectively, Toastmasters helps them to live more effectively.

The Bremerhaven chapter of Toastmasters meets for dinner every other Wednesday evening in the Navy Officers Club. Prepared and impromptu speeches are made, followed by evaluations and discussions. If you are interested in visiting one of the meetings, contact Mr. Fuchs at the Army Education Center, or CT1 David Snell of Second Division. All men over 18 years of age are eligible to join.

Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

Out of the Seven Pillars that make up our civilization, there is one that stands out prominently. It is the strength, beauty and simplicity of home life. Whether we have been separated from our parental homes by months or years, the memory of those experiences will always linger and will even grow in their meaning and value.

We are all aware that it wasn't the house that made the home. It isn't because that house was located in the city or country. It is due to the experiences taking place in that home. The "star" of the family life is mother. Any asset which may be ours in life, we can attribute in great measure to the contribution of a devout mother.

In her nobility, mother never thinks of herself first. She sacrifices and suffers for her own because she loves. She has had more than her share of responsibility. She has relied heavily on her faith and trust in God for wisdom and courage to dissuade her own wrong and encourage them in the right.

There is many a man who lays his wreath of love on the shrine of his mother's memory because in time of weakness, stress, or anger, her words came as from God Himself to steady and direct.

Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 11. Don't forget to send her some token of your appreciation for her love. We are all indebted to our mothers for more than we will ever realize.

Somehow, the presence of mothers and fathers is taken for granted; they have always been with us and it seems that they always will. If you are fortunate to have your parents, write to them weekly. They will enjoy and they do deserve this simple recognition.



NOON CHOW AT TWO — Men of first division go through the new mess line opened at Building Two for day watches. Serving chow are CT3 John Lukeman and CTSN Mike Gallagher, both of "A" Division.



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For openers, let me elaborate on the case of the missing Personnel Office. It's not really missing. Just relocated. Consolidated (absorbed) into the lower Personnel Office in room 122. So—instead of two, we now have one Personnel Office.

And the Personnel Officer's office? Also moved. Room 126. The CMAA's office? Room 128. Confused?

Introducing PNSN John Berry, Personnel's new correspondence yeoman and a welcome addition from YN/PN (A) School, Bainbridge, Md. He will have a hand in the processing of letters of request to BUPERS concerning transfer, extension, etc. Please don't blame him if they come back disapproved, John just types them.

While we're on the subject of requests of this nature, I would like to remind you that "hand carried" request chits (after approval by the Department head) have less chance of getting lost, and they may just receive a little more expedient service. The reason—elimination of the "middlemen" ("Pigeonholers, Guard Mail messengers, routers, etc.), plus the fact that it allows for a little more personalized service from the Personnel Office.

A BABY CORK

The "little one" weighed in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce! That's little? PN1 "Corky" Elmore "Popped" his cork over this when his wife, Carol, gave birth to Gary Elmore on 2 March 1969.

Mrs. Ray Walrath and Mrs. Jim Hummer are next in line in the maternity department. I don't think they are anxious to set any weight records though.

Seems is if the Admin dependents list is growing by leaps and bounds; although Mrs. Hummer is in CONUS and Jim is soon slated for duty there.

Uniform of the day for St. Paddy's day—Dungarees and Green Tie. Everyone was out of uniform except "Boats" Walker.

The athletic prowess of the admin office staff continues to amaze me. One can play a complete round of golf without ever leaving his office; another became quite proficient at crutch hobbling after failing to negotiate a picket fence, and now they're trying to get "desk-top ping-pong" into Captain's Cup competition.

For fear of libel, I must add that most of this takes place only during non-working hours. (When they're not too busy exchanging sea stories.)

CT2 Jim Flanagan and CT2 "Pete" Peterson have exchanged billets. Jim to the Captain's Office and Pete to the Educational Services Office. The strain of which office became too much for whom? Pete not only changed billets, but also became a father on 9 March to Leah Kaye.

COLUMN SHIFT—VICE GRIPS

BM1 Ron Hogsed, of Special Services, asked JO2 Les Goldberg if he would please return the vice grips that the Journalist had borrowed a few weeks ago.

Les proceeded to explain that he had asked SN Pat King to repair his car and that Pat had used the tool as a column shift in his car when the original "accessory" broke off.

"That still doesn't answer my question," said Ron, by now becoming slightly irritated and anxious to know when he could have his vice grips back, "Where are they?"

"Inside the care in a parking lot in Bederkase," said Les. "I traded the car in to buy my new Karmann Ghia."

Smooth sailing to CT1 "Marty" Martin and family who will soon tearfully terminate their Bremerhaven tour.

Speaking of sailors—One of my daughters informs me that I am not a sailor anymore. I asked her, "Then, for goodness sake, what am I?"

"A Chief," she said.

That's absurd!



NAVY ENLISTED WIVES' CLUB — Captain James W. Osmer, Commanding Officer, lights the "candles of office" to incoming officers of the Navy Enlisted Wives' Club. They are (left to right) Mrs. Clyde Way, Mrs. Tommy Young, Mrs. Ronald Neuman, and Mrs. Gerald Rebeck.

Company "F" Round-up

By Sgt. D. J. Jaworski

Captain James L. Neyman, Company "F" Commanding Officer, recently returned from an instructors' course on German hunting laws held at the Armed Forces Recreation Center in Berchtesgaden. Captain Neyman is now one of two qualified American hunting instructors in Northern Germany. Master Gunnery Sergeant Charles Strehl holds the title as the only fishing instructor in this area.

Four men were promoted to the rank of Sergeant last month. They were David G. O'Brien, Michael D. Moore, George L. Steel, and John D. Divine. Paul G. Sanchez was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

2 Complete Courses

Congratulations to Corporal Frank J. Longano who recently completed a Marine Corps Institute Course on Individual Protective Measures and Sergeant Donald J. Jaworski who completed a course on the Functions of the Infantry Staff Noncommissioned Officer.

Company "F" had a total of two and a half additions last month. Two of these additions were Corporal Robert W. Steward, reporting from Company "K", Pensacola, and Lance Corporal Robert G. Cain reporting from Monterey. The half addition is the new born daughter of L.Cpl Cain. His wife gave birth while in the States. She and daughter will be joining "Daddy" as soon as they are able to travel.

Big Four Grapevine

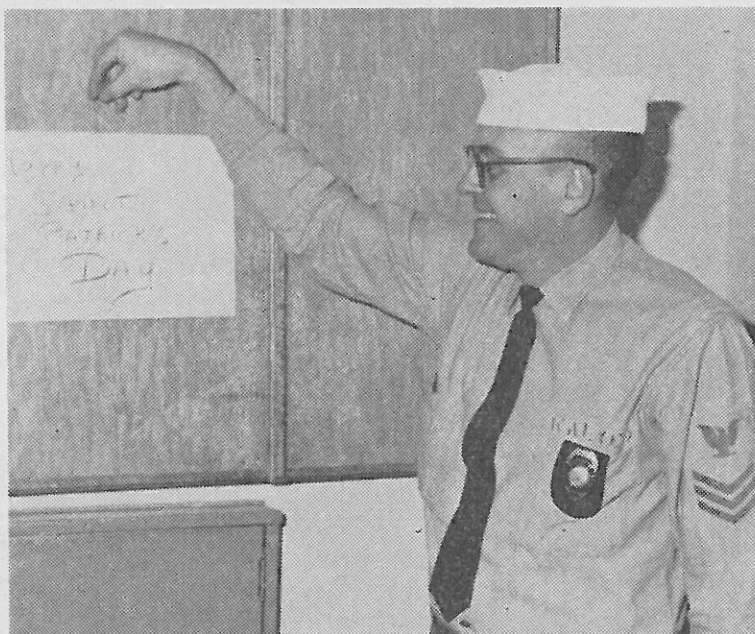
By Ron Johnston

March and April seem to be good months for getting out and seeing the countryside. CT2 Lee Hartley and family sailed across the channel for a visit with friends he met on the H.M.S. Fearless, during her visit to Bremerhaven last fall. I assume that Lee didn't form a habit for that British rum, as he returned to work on time.

Lt. Linn Shoup said something about not being able to fly kites in wet winds, so he and the wife left he kids with friends and headed south for Vienna. I don't know if they flew kites or not, but he reported that it certainly was beautiful this time of year.

CT1 Ronald Johnston (that's me) spent a long Easter weekend in Munich, visiting friends gained from a previous tour at this station.

I have been asked to clarify a point made in the last issue. Seems like I mentioned something about the lower half of Fourth Division. I didn't mean for it to sound like the lower half was retarded, but that the lower half is physically located on a different deck from the upper half. Thence the upper and lower halves of Fourth Division.



WE CAN'T PINCH HIM — Because of the "Luck of the Irish" no one put the "pinch" on BM1 Charlie L. Walker by putting him on report for his un-military but appropriate appearance.

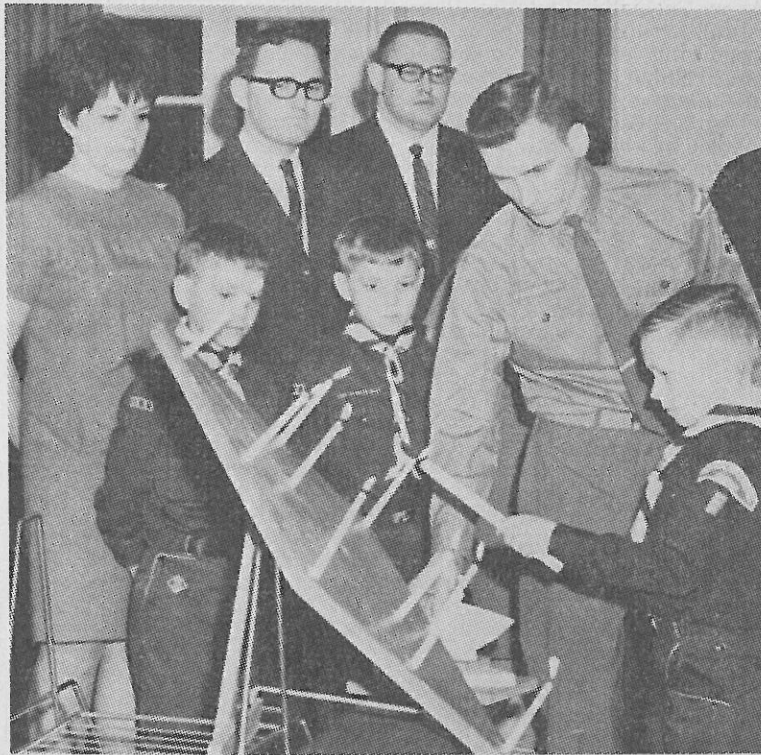
Bremerhaven Cub Scouts Hold Blue And Gold Banquet

Bremerhaven Cub Scout Pack 5, one of the largest in the Transatlantic Council, recently held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet at the North Sea Cafeteria. The Cub Scouts, led by Cubmaster EMC Ed Stuber of Public Works, and assisted by CTCs Chuck Bragg of First Division, earned the National Summertime Pack Award and had a record number of boys re-registering.

The opening ceremonies were conducted by the Webelos Den and the welcoming was given by Chief Stuber. Certificates of appreciation were presented by Mr. John Shannon, the Pack Committee Chairman. Mr. Shannon presented Captain J. W. Osmer with a certificate of appreciation for the wide support given to them from the U.S. Naval Security Group Ac-

tivity. Captain Osmer expressed his thanks and appreciation to all who have made this year's program such a success.

At the closing of the ceremonies, Chief Stuber was relieved as Cubmaster by CTC Glen Kreun of First Division. Chief Stuber was presented a plaque as a token of appreciation for his efforts.

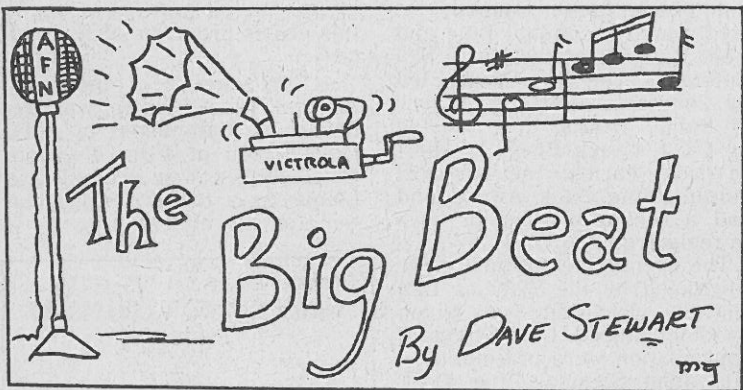


CUB SCOUT BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET — Cubmaster, CTC Ed Stuber of Public Works, presents "Wolf" awards to Cub Scouts (from left to right) Daniel and Donald Kreun and John Honey, while CTC and Mrs. Glen Kreun, and Sp5 Lawrence Lott look on.





BLONDE BEAUTY — April's beautiful calendar girl is Donna Reading. She portrays a tavern wench in American International's "The Conqueror Worm."



AFN Bremerhaven has recently instituted several program changes . . . The Morning Show is now handled by Army Specialist Joe Romeo and his "Fantastic Morning Machine." Army Specialist Phil Van Horn is still scratching his head and wondering why rock and roll music didn't emerge the victor in the survey recently conducted by this Station. My personal thanks to all the Navy personnel who got behind Country and Western Music and supported it all the way to the top. We're still piling through the tons of requests that we received. To give you an example of the over confidence displayed by Phil Van Horn, he already had a tape prepared by Army Specialist Jonathan Green of AFN Frankfurt and formerly of the State Sound Survey . . . The tape was constructed in a rather humorous manner and was centered around the knocking of C&W Music . . . In any event we socked it to 'em. One final interesting sidelight points out that the Editor of this newspaper, JO2 Les Goldberg, was caught signing a petition in fa-

vor of Country and Western Music and we note that Les is an accomplished drummer in a Rock and Roll band and hails from Brooklyn! AFN's program log recently pointed out that the San Francisco Worriers would face the Los Angeles Lakers, maybe there was some type of promotion in that statement. The Boner Award of 1968 goes to yours truly when after an Army reenlistment spot played late in December, this announcer stated "Be sure and see your Army career counselor today, "you'll find him "loaded" (instead of located in Building "2" in the staging area. Then there was the NCO that call up and jumped on SP5 Van Horn for closing the Commissary on Wednesday afternoon. A quick count of requests showed that more musical selection letters were received from Navy personnel than from any other service . . . On behalf of AFN Bremerhaven, I would like to extend my personal thanks for the fine support given to us by the members of NSGA.

Port City Happening

A Thurber Carnival

A revival of the 1960 Broadway hit "A Thurber Carnival" opens at the Port City Theater on April 26, 27, and 28. The two act comedy by James Thurber is a collection of his short subtle stories put into action on stage. The parts are tagged as first through fourth woman and first through fifth man. Directing the production is Miss Hazel Burnett, Field Entertainment Director for the Bremerhaven area, with Mrs. Melinda Boner (DAC) assisting. The cast will consist of Marine Sgt. James F. Stiles, IV, CT3

Mark Markell, CT3 William Castle, CTSN Jeff West, Mr. Dave Hubert (DAC), Miss Susan Steyh (DAC), Miss Olivia Mocker (DAC), Mrs. Bonnie Hubert (DEP), and Miss Robin Dearth (DEP). Lighting will be under the auspices of SP4 Kent Peverly. "A Thurber Carnival" originally ran on Broadway throughout 1960 and was directed by Berges Meridith, with music by Don Elliot. It is not the usual "Chuckle type" comedy, but a "deep belly type" that will have your sides splitting.

OPS Anonymous 5th Division Notes

By CT2 R. A. Forster
With a rumbling "ACE" from Operations Chief CTCM Lloyd K. Byrd and the cry of "We WILL provide support," from CTC Ron S. Sedlacek, the month of March was declared at an end by CTC Bernie Timm who is still snowed under by all those neat little OPS Reports that LCDR Hoover wants typed up immediately, if not sooner.
5th Division had a good month though. Mr. Thomasson, Asst. Operations Officer, re-wrote 206 reports and CT2 Dick "Leafy" Forster managed to lose his car out back of Building 11. Senior Third Class (are there any other pretenders to this rather dubious honor?) Gerald Bergin, who has just recovered from multiple lacerations with the Legal Officer, decided to try his hand at leave down south. Last report from the MPs at Frankfurt has it that the Kaiserstrasse is expected to recover within a couple weeks. Navy Bennies make their appearance here as Bergin was unanimously volunteered in absentia for the station Color Guard.

Fingers Frye
CT3 Al Frye, the A branch mainstay in our office, is well loved by those who frequent the Building 11 Movie Hall. "Fingers" Frye was recently inducted into the "Royal Order of the Golden Movie Reel" for his record of putting the last reel of the movie on first six times, using the wrong lens four times and allowing the reel to completely fall off the projector while the movie was in progress, twice. Frye's only comment at induction was, "Liberty is secured until morale improves."

While explaining to Division Officer, Lt George E. Suthowski, why he was 45 minutes late for work recently, CT2 Rog Stiles blurted out the excuse that he was fatigued from walking on his hands from the NCO Club to the barracks in the company of Gunner Vic Binford. Rog will have further opportunity to improve his manual dexterity as he navigates two typewriters instead of one in order to get all those reports out.
April promises to be just as fun filled. In the immortal words of CTC Ron F. Huebel, "IAW existing regulations, 'tchuse'."

CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS? — This picture was taken in 1943 in Haverhill, Mass., when our mystery guest was three years old. Last month's mystery guest is Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson.



It was cold outside, the thermometer read near freezing. I had been wandering about 2nd Division spaces looking for something to write about, a spread that might eventually make the big time, like Stars and Stripes, or even Overseas Weekly. The night was lingering on as I stopped by the OWO's office for a cup of joe. The telephone rang loudly; the OWO answered it. "Your kidding, go on, nobody would do that, who is this really?" I inquired as to what was going on. "I don't know," the OWO looked at me, "why don't you go over to the OOD's office, I think there might be a story for you there," he grinned.

Grabbing my green visor and tucking my Press card in the top pocket, I headed for the admin building, unsure what I'd find, but nonetheless tracking down a "good" story. As I ambled through the door I see an old familiar face, it's Pete Browning. "What's up, Pete?"

"Nothing, who asked you over here anyway?"

"Nobody in particular asked me over Pete, just heard there might be a story here."

"Hey Pete, it's me, your old bud, old Charlie Roach. What's up Pete, how come you holding your hand under the desk Pete, what's with you anyway?"

I'm really puzzled when the MAA "Leafy" Forster can't refrain any longer. "He's locked himself in the handcuffs," he nearly doubled up laughing. He then related the story to me as it happened.

Peter Browning had taken the

cuffs from the locker to look them over. Being a technician, he quipped to the MAA how easily it would be to slip out of handcuffs like these and why the Navy wasn't more careful when they required one to use these cuffs on a vicious criminal. Pete, then grinning, slipped the handcuffs on and snapped them shut. Twisting his arm about he decided maybe they were pretty secure after all so he'd just get the key and let himself out. The key, the darn key, where the heck is the key? Frantically he searched for the key as the perspiration rolled from his brow, no key, no key, oh boy, no darn key. Here he was, the direct representative of the command, the personification of the watch, the "really it" man of the night and he's locked up in a pair of handcuffs. After several frantic telephone calls to anyone who might hold the key to the cuffs, including the mess cooks, big "karate" Pete finally had to succumb to fate and call the M.P. desk sergeant. Soon, bolt cutters let big Pete out of his predicament.

"I could uh got out of 'em anytime I wanted to," said Pete as the bolt cutter snipped the last remaining metal which stood between Pete and freedom.

Sure you could Pete, you bet. And Pete, why don't you stick to the more complicated problems in the future, like holding coffee cups or bowling balls or just drum on the desk with your fingers, but kindly leave the cuffs alone, we're down to our last pair. Ain't technology grand?

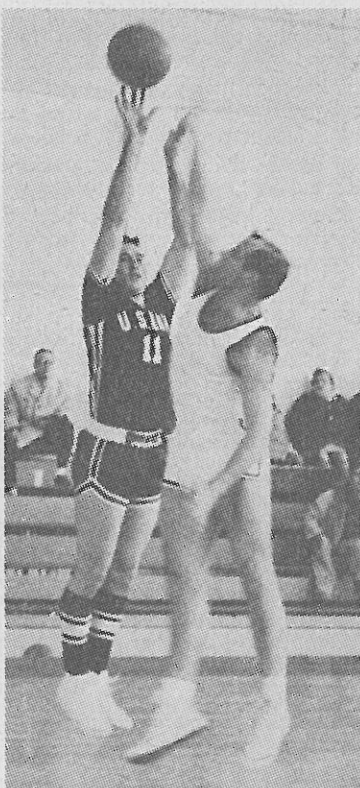
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It does pay to read Navy Times . . . At least that's what CT2 Denis J. DeSilvis discovered recently. Petty Officer DeSilvis, better known as "DJ", had been anxiously awaiting word on his application for the NESEP program when someone advised him to look in the latest issue of the paper for the published list of selectees. Upon scanning the list, DJ did indeed find his name among those listed, so now his anxiety is at an end. He still has several hurdles to pass before final selection, but with his past college experience (three years at Oregon State University) to aid him, we of "C" Division feel that he has nothing to fear.

DJ is no stranger to the lime-light, having been chosen Sailor of the Month here at NSGA Bremerhaven in October 1968. At that time he was known as CT3 DeSilvis, but since then he has sewn on his second-class crow. Thus far in his naval career he has shown himself to be "just a little better" in all that he has done and we feel certain that he will continue this standard as he works for that bit of gold braid.

The possibility of meeting "Mister DJ" sometime in the future should perhaps cause us to tread a little softer on him during his remaining days on



DIVINE SHOT—Sergeant John D. Divine of First Division, "sinks a two pointer" to help push our Navy Buccaneers to victory over the Bremerhaven Basketball Club, during recent German-American Competition.

station, but instead we will just wish him the best of luck in this and his future career in the U.S. Navy.