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## Spaden Shoot-Out

# Invitational Shooting Match

Twenty personnel, including eleven Company "F" Marines, from NAVSECGRUACT, Bremerhaven participated in an Invitational Rifle and Machine Gun Match on Saturday, 12 April 1969. The match was sponsored by the Commander of the local German Military Reserve units and was held at the very well equipped Spaden Firing Range. All costs were paid by the German host, including excellent food and refreshment.

In addition to furthering relationships between American Servicemen and German Nationals of this area, the match provided participants an opportunity to qualify for the German marksmanship cord with a Bronze, Silver, or Gold medal. First-time participants attempted to qualify for the Bronze medal tried for the Silver, and those who held the Silver medal tried for the Gold.

Weapons used in the match were the German MG-42 machine gun and G-3 rifle, both of which use 7.62 millimeter ammunition. The machine gun range was 25 meters and participants were required to qualify with two different machine guns on two different target arrangements. Sixteen rounds of

belted ammunition were provided each participant for each of the two-target machine gun combinations. One target was of the boxed head-shoulder silhouette type and the other a head-shoulder silhouette on landscape. Rifle qualification had to be completed on ranges of 100, 200, and 250 meters. Six rounds of ammunition were provided for each range, and a head-shoulder silhouette or landscape target was used. Three silhouette hits were required at each range distance to qualify for the Bronze medal, four hits were required for Silver, and five hits for Gold. The prone firing position was used for all shots.

Due to bad weather, it was necessary to terminate the qualifications after the 200 meter rifle fire. All participants previously had the opportunity to qualify on the machine gun. Since qualification in all events is necessary to receive the various medals, no medals were presented. However, completion of qualification is planned for 29 May and medals will be presented at that time.

Navy personnel who participated in the match, all of whom were attempting to qualify for the Bronze medal, were LCDR

Crane, LT Kephart, CTCM Byrd, CT1 Stein, CT2 Stiles, CT2 Quigley, CT2 Smith, CT2 Schindler, and CT3 Dirtley. LCDR Crane, CTCM Byrd, CT2 Hartley, and CT2 Schindler qualified for the Bronze medal in all events through the 200 meter rifle fire. Although he is not presently eligible for the Silver medal, CTCM Byrd shot well enough to qualify for it had he previously qualified for the Bronze.

Marine personnel who participated in the match and the medals they were in competition for were: 1st Lt Nason (Silver), MSgt Egan (Silver), GySgt Manning (Bronze), GySgt Ellis (Bronze), SSgt Edgette (Silver), Sgt Haddock (Silver), Sgt Charbial (Silver), Sgt Lipe (Silver), Sgt Jaworski (Gold), Cpl Bice (Bronze), and LCpl Fritz (Bronze). First Lieutenant Nason was the only one to qualify in all events through the 200 meter rifle range.

The German hosts provided an extremely good lunch during the match. After the competition, liquid refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

## CT2 DeSilvis NESEP Bound

CT2 Denis J. DeSilvis, of "C" Division, departed this month on his way to a career as a Commissioned Officer. His voyage first began last September when he applied for the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program. NESEP is a highly competitive program that leads to appointment as an Unrestricted Line Officer.

CT2 DeSilvis took the NES-EP test in November and received official confirmation of provisional selection in March. He soon received orders for ten weeks temporary duty at the Naval Academy Preparatory School, Bainbridge. After prep school, he will become an official NESEP candidate and make his college choice.

"I am extremely interested in Oceanography," said DeSilvis, "and would like to attend the University of Washington where the Navy is doing much research in this field."

While going to college, all tuition and books will be paid for by the Navy. Additionally, DeSilvis will draw full pay and allowances, including BAQ and BAS.

Previously, DeSilvis was in the NROTC Program at Oregon State University, where he developed a keen interest in becoming a Naval Officer. Prior to reporting to NSGA he attended Class "A" School at Pensacola, graduating second in his class.



**STRAIGHT SHOOTER**—LCDR Hugh R. Crane, Assistant Operations Officer, receives a few pointers from a German host at the Spaden Invitational Shooting Match. (Official Army photo)

## Navy Relief Cares

Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families share a common experience and are bound by ties of service, common interest, and association. Normally, they are self-reliant, self-supporting, and capable of handling their own affairs. But, due to the conditions of service life, they are more subject to mischance and misfortune than their civilian contemporaries. Abnormal circumstances created by enforced separation, new environment, and sudden illness can assume greater proportions when separated from family and friends. Recognizing the necessity for help with these problems, members of the Naval Service have created and supported their own organization dedicated to assisting other members when they find themselves in real difficulty.

This is the Navy Relief So-

ciety. Every member of the Navy and Marine Corps (married or unmarried) is eligible to receive aid through the Navy's organization for relief of the distressed.

Financial aid and service aid are the two kinds of assistance offered by the Navy's Relief Society. Much of the work done by the Society is concerned with the issuance of financial help. When dire emergencies arise which prevent a serviceman from providing basic maintenance needs, emergency travel or other emergency financial needs, the Society is prepared to render assistance.

The annual call for contributions will be conducted from May 4 to June 6, which is during the commemoration of the World War II battles, Coral Sea and Midway.



**WILL IT REALLY FLY?**—At the recent Grand Opening of the Bremerhaven Balsa Busters Club, President CT1 Rod Hardesty explains some of the principles of flying to Captain and Mrs. Osmer.

## NATO Communications Competition

Four men represented U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven last month at the North Atlantic Navy Communication Area preliminary trials for the NATO Naval Communications Competition. The trials were held at Londonderry, Ireland and included competition in four skill areas: Flashing Light, CW Transmission, CW Reception, and Teletype Transmission. NSGA was represented in Flashing Light by Cpl B. E. Callahan, CW Reception by Sgt D. G. O'Brien and Cpl R. L. Moore, and Tele-

type Transmission by CT3 R. L. Brandyberry.

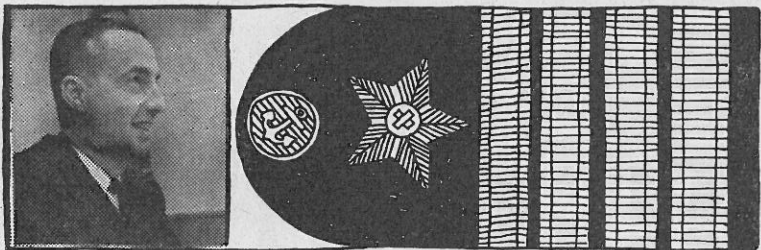
Sgt O'Brien placed first in CW Reception with a final mark of 34 w.p.m., and CT3 Brandyberry placed second in Teletype Transmission.

Rota, Spain was the next stop for Sgt O'Brien where he finished second against participants from the NAVEUR and LANTFLT areas. The competition determined the United States representatives for the final NATO competition which will be held in Amsterdam from 19 to 23 May.



**SPRING STYLES FOR WOMEN?**—NSGA Officers' Wives played their April Fools Day joke on the ladies of the Bremerhaven Armed Forces Wives Club by hosting a secret Spring fashion show titled "Vaguely Vogue." Modeling the outrageous fashions (left to right) are: Mrs. J. E. Carroll, Mrs. J. L. Neyman, Mrs. V. J. Nelson, Mrs. M. C. Werner, Mrs. G. E. Suthowski, Mrs. N. W. Laible, Mrs. J. J. Ceo, Mrs. J. Sheerin, Mrs. G. Nason, Mrs. W. C. Westcoat, and Mrs. L. C. Schaffer (not shown is Mrs. T. R. Roers). Mrs. Ervin D. Ingebretson authored the script and decorations were by Mrs. James W. Osmer, Jr. Musical accompaniment was by Vernon Smith. (Official U.S. Army photo)





Ideas mean Money for the Navy and You. New ideas are always needed to bring procedures up to date, to match a changing environment, to take advantage of advances in technology. The application of new ideas can save Navy funds and, through the Navy Incentive Awards Program, earn the suggestor dollars.

The Navy Incentive Awards Program is set forth in SECNAV-INST 1650.24, while local implementing instructions are contained in NSGA Gremerhaven Instruction 1650.1.

The procedures are simple. All you need to do is to come up with an idea that is above normal job expectancy, write it down on NAVEXOS form 1245/8 (available in your division office), and turn it in to your division officer.

Suggestions can be both tangible (value measured and expressed in terms of dollars) and intangible (value not reducible to a specific dollar value, such as suggestions relating to operating procedures, safety, welfare, and morale).

Your suggestions will then be evaluated by this command and higher commands for the savings or value of the improvement to be achieved and the scope of its applicability throughout the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies.

As an example, an idea that is applicable only to this Activity, and which would save this command \$600 during the first full year that the contribution is in operation, would earn the suggestor \$30.

However, bigger ideas will produce larger awards. The top award I can approve is \$500. COMNAVSECGRU can approve up to \$1,500, and the Secretary of Defense can approve the top award—\$25,000.

Before coming to NSGA Bremerhaven, I served as a member of COMNAVSECGRU's Evaluation Board, and we awarded on a monthly basis considerable sums of money to personnel serving at Naval Security Group activities throughout the world. Awards went to Enginemen, Storekeepers, and other general service ratings as well as to CT's.

Since I have been here, I have presented only one award—for \$64,000 to CT1 Dressen, for a suggestion made at NAVCOMMSTA San Diego; while total cash awards paid by the Navy in 1968 were \$93,360. Currently two suggestions, one from Chief Rollins and one from Petty Officer Campbell, are under review by our Suggestion Board, while one other recommendation, submitted by LT Kephart, will soon undergo evaluation at a number of field activities. But this is not nearly enough, so let's put our minds and the Suggestion Board to work and earn some extra cash while improving the Navy's efficiency.



**THE FIRST DAY** — "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man" . . . Thomas Jefferson. It was a belief in these principles which earned the serviceman a day of his own. Above is a reproduction of the painting that was used on the official Department of Defense poster for the first Armed Forces Day, May 19, 1951.

## Navy Officers' Wives Club

Mrs. R. E. Millikan was welcomed aboard at the April meeting of the Navy Officers' Wives Club and Mrs. T. J. Ballowe, a guest from Todendorf, was introduced. During the meeting, the membership voted to contribute \$100 to the Bremerhaven PTA Scholarship Fund.

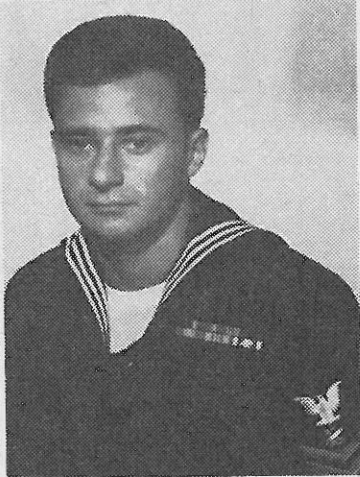
April hostesses were Mrs. Robert V. Kephart and Mrs. Hugh R. Crane. One of the

door prizes, an umbrella for the April showers, was won by Mrs. Richard D. Ott.

Elections for NOWC officers for the next six months will be held at the May meeting. Permission of the nominee must be obtained before she is nominated.

The ladies from NSGA are in charge of the Thrift Shop for the month of May.

## Sailor of The Month



**JO2 LES GOLDBERG**

JO2 Les Goldberg of "A" Division has been selected "Sailor-Marine of the Month" for the month of May. In JO2 Goldberg's letter of selection, Capt. Osmer stated in part:

"This award is in recognition of your superior professional ability, motivation, and extraordinary initiative. As Petty Officer-in-Charge of the Public Affairs Office and editor of the station newspaper, you have demonstrated an exceptional degree of professionalism. Prior to your arrival at this Activity, the Public Affairs program had been sketchy and inadequate due to the lack of available personnel with the proper training. Almost single-handedly you organized and carried out a comprehensive and effective program.

"As American Forces Network (AFN) Navy representative, you have demonstrated a working knowledge of radio as a form of mass communication. Whether writing scripts, spot announcements, or local news, you have kept the men informed of happenings of this command.

"Your previous superior performance in the Navy is well documented by the awards you hold. Particularly noteworthy is your receipt of the Navy Achievement Medal for meritorious achievement while serving as Leading Petty Officer of 'Mobile Amphibious News Team' . . . during combat operations against the enemy in Vietnam.

"In your contacts with fellow servicemen and civilians, you always present the appearance of an outstanding sailor with initiative, a sincere desire to excel, and pride in both your uniform and the Naval Service. Your military appearance and bearing are always in the highest traditions of the Navy.

"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!"

## Grand Prix Calendar

**June 1**  
FIA Constructors Championship, Nuerburggring, Germany

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Formula 2 — Non-Championship, Limbourg Grand Prix, Zolder, Belgium

**June 14**  
FIA constructors Championship, Le Mans 24 Hour Race, France

**June 15**  
Formula 2 — Non-Championship Rhine Cup, Hockenheim, Germany

**June 22**  
Formula 1—Dutch Grand Prix, Zandvoort, Holland

# Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

There are times when the outsider can see us more perceptively than we can see ourselves. De Tocqueville, a Frenchman, wrote more penetratingly about us than some of our home-grown critics.

Among the things that impressed the Frenchman about the early history of our country was the basic religious feeling of its founders. It was not the formalized Sunday creed but a seven-day-week way of life. It was the deep rooted conviction that God had put His blessing on us from the very start and would continue to do so if we recognized His way of right believing and doing.

Indeed our very patriotism, not yet a tattered word, had a religious fervor. Old Glory was not just another flag but a symbol of sweat, tears, and blood. There was recognition that the legendary heroes of the Revolution were prophets of their faith. Those who toiled long to hammer out the Constitution had walked with God and the product of their labor was not superficially connected but deeply rooted in their religious faith.

The flame of patriotism continues to burn because men are willing not only to live but also to die for causes which are cherished by free men everywhere. The noble heritage of personal values have been preserved by the dedication of men and women to the ideals of home and family life.

Yet, lethargy takes its toll. Patriotism has lost much of its enthusiastic appeal. Ideals of moral and spiritual conviction tested over generations have suddenly been debunked.

On this coming Memorial Day, as we remember the heroic dead, let us be fully aware of the torch that has been passed to us. We have received from their noble efforts and it is our responsibility to put flesh, mind, and spirit into these ideals.



**PROJECT HEARTLINE**—YNC Albert Lingway buys a sack of dirt for his window box from Project Heartline Volunteer, Seaman Richard G. Robinson. The Volunteers sold dirt to raise money to entertain local German Orphans.



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## Navymen On Wheels

# All Out German Cycle Rally

Frank Sharp suddenly awoke out of his daze to find his motorcycle overturned on his leg. An unforeseen 90 degree left turn, while going 60 miles per hour, sent him sliding for his life into a ditch. As his vision began to settle, he could see CTC Richard Sorensen approaching the very same corner, slowing down to render assistance. Over the roar of Sorensen's 441cc engine, Frank screamed, "My leg is broken, keep on going!"

For CTC Richard Sorensen of Third Division, CTC Jack (Mac) McCutcheon of Second Division, and CT2 Frank Sharp of Third Division, it would definitely be a long day. They are believed to be the first U.S. Navymen representing a German motorcycle club in an all-

out German rally known as a "Gelaende."

"A. Gelaende," said CTC Richard Sorensen, "is an endurance race over terrain that is impassable by anything except four-wheel-drive-vehicles, jeeps and tanks."

The bikes started at one minute intervals in the town of Hunengraber, but this did not constitute the beginning of the race. The starting line was 7 miles away, where they would have 47 minutes to complete the first half-lap to the control station.

Tension began to mount as the starting time grew near. Frank Sharp would leave the starting line at 8:08, Dick Sorensen at 8:19, and Mac McCutcheon at 8:29.

Noise swept the field as the early morning crowd became uneasy. Frank was in the "box" with a countdown of 15 seconds... 10 seconds... 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2... ONE and the flag drops. He takes the engine past compression stroke, hauls off and kicks the big Beezer. She starts on the first kick... can't hear anything but noise... Frank is throwing gravel at everyone... hits second gear and she fishtails into a beautiful take-off.

At 8:19, the countdown went for Dick Sorensen. His bike did not start on the first kick, but came to life with a screaming roar on the second.

"At my first encounter of switching from dirt to pavement," said Dick Sorensen, "I down-shifted to enable me to slide around it. After I finished telling myself how easy it was, and hoping that the whole race would go this well, I spotted Frank in the ditch up ahead. 'Oh my God!' I thought, and

immediately geared-down... then suddenly I heard him holler, 'It's broken, keep going.'"

After completing one lap, Sorensen was five minutes early and ready for a pit stop. He filled his tank, oiled his chain, got a drink of water, and let his wife Betty wipe the mud out of his eyes.

"My interpreter, Klaus Lange of the Bremerhaven Police Department, kept yelling, 'More power, Dick,'" exclaimed Sorensen, "but those past mud holes treated me bad and I was beginning to get tired. During the third lap, I didn't really care if I made any speed, but every once in awhile, someone would holler at me, then I would 'gun' it again. I don't remember much about the fourth lap, but I do recall hearing another Beezer coming up behind me. I turned to see, and it was Mac. He passed me at top speed and within a few minutes; I completely lost sight of him. A couple of minutes later, I spotted Mac up ahead and I was catching up to him. I couldn't figure out what was wrong. He looked like he was holding his side, but actually I found him eating a sandwich."

After seven hours of arduous rallying, and with eight motorcycles originally starting in the 350cc and-over-class, only three finished. A German on a 360cc Husqvarna placed first, with Mac McCutcheon taking second, and Dick Sorensen sewing up third.

At the hospital, Frank's injury was diagnosed as a fractured kneecap, but that didn't stop Frank from smiling. "It was a great day," said Frank, "even though I spent most of it as a spectator."



**FIRST BIG CLIMB**—CTC Jack (Mac) McCutcheon of Second Division, displays skill and endurance during a recent German motorcycle rally held near Hunengraber.

## The Big Beat

First off let me say that it's nice to be back with the Bremerhaven community after a rather extended vacation. . . . Since our last get together in the Windjammer. . . . The AFN staff has picked up a new voice and lost an old one. . . . Army Specialist Four Mark Beardslee arrived in Bremerhaven this past month to assume the duties formerly performed by Army Specialist Five Phil Van Horn who is presently mike side at AFN Nuernberg. . . . This announcer's former destination.

AFN's Sergeant Major Clarke toured our studios recently and conducted an AFN Radio Survey in the Bremerhaven area which has turned out to be a very successful venture. . . . Survey will show AFN programmers what the majority of listeners would prefer.

Letter of the week to AFN was received by this D.J. a few days ago. . . . German requester after listing songs he'd like to hear on local program "P.S.d" his letter with "Thank you for your time my friend, you've been most kind!"

AFN Yearbooks are on hand at this station. . . . The Yearbook outlines the history of AFN since its inception in 1943. . . . They are free and can be obtained by dropping a line to. . . . AFN Yearbook, AFN Bremerhaven, APO U.S. Forces 09069.

## Third Division Notes

By W. G. Castle

The word from 3rd Division is that if you didn't get a chance to visit Holland for the tulip festival, you really missed something. About seven men from 3rd Division made the trip through the Navy Special Services tours. From what I've heard from CT2 Ed Lambert and CT3 Terry Mullin, the canals, the streets, the weather, and the tulips were beautiful.

Spring also brought a few new "birds" to 3rd Division. Nine men were rated as a result of the February exam. Congratulations to spring birds CT1 A. W. Bellanger, CT2 P. D. Hauptly, CT2 S. W. Kozlovski, CT2 E. J. Babin, CT2 R. D. Kunz, CT2 R. L. Maslen, CT2 T. H. Trudeau, and CT2 N. V. Guestchow, who will sew his crow on in September. A special congratulations to our Division Chief, CTCM E. P. (Pete) Dorn. I think he's still floating on cloud "Nine."

Three new additions to our family now roam the Division. CT1 E. W. Forrest arrived from the fleet, CT2 J. W. Turner, from school at Ft. Devens, and CT2 K. R. McColly arrived from NCS, Norfolk. McColly has the distinction of being the Division's only

"A" Brancher. Maybe he can straighten out all the paper work.

We are losing a few men too. The Division may never be the same without CT2 E. P. LaRoche, CT2 R. W. Schieck, and CT3 Dave Plasterer.

CT3 R. J. Vansickle, 3rd Division's official painter has probably caused many people to look twice at him around Building Two. Disguised in white coveralls, Vansickle has misled people to believe he is either a German painter, or else the station's only Rear Admiral. If you've looked closely at Vansickle's coveralls, he has two neatly drawn stars on each shoulder. Asked if he was going to pursue a painting career, Vansickle replied, "No, uh, not really. But I may decide to be an Admiral."



Perhaps I should start this column by introducing myself. Most people call me a "HAM." Some say I'm slightly eccentric and others question the way I spend money. To many, I am the one who is causing the interference to their radios, television, and stereo. I guess I am all of these things, but it's a cheap price to pay for the privilege of engaging in the most fascinating and rewarding hobby of them all — "Amateur Radio."

Amateur Radio is many things to many people. To the mid-western farmer, it is a means of passing time during cold winter months. For the housewife, it offers much more excitement than a plain coffee break before starting the noon meal. For the technician, this hobby provides a great outlet in electronics design and tinkering.

Amateurs interested in public service may engage in traffic handling and civil defense communications. Missionaries often employ Amateur Radio as their only communication with the outside world. For competitive minded people, there is the worldwide "DX" contest.

The next "North Sea Amateur Radio Club" meeting is May 21, at 7 p.m. You can also contact your local Amateur Radio operator. He is the one with the headphone marks around his ears at the beginning of the watch!

Next month we will take a close look at the activities of the "North Sea Amateur Radio Club" and its members (a bunch of HAMS).

GIVE TO

**AMERICAN OVERSEAS CAMPAIGN**



**WHERE THE ACTION IS**—Summer baseball action began last month with the young and the old taking to the field to get AYA Little League Baseball off to a roaring start.

## COMM-ents By D.J.

Anyone for handball? Or how about paddleball? COMM's self-proclaimed champion of the walled court games, Chief Ed Vita, is willing to take on all comers. Of course he's at a slight disadvantage at this particular time. Seems in order to keep in shape, Ed runs down steps two at a time. For anyone else, this would be quite a feat, but for Speedy Vita, nothing out of the ordinary. However, while on a TAD trip to Frankfurt, being in outstanding physical shape, Speedy went a little too fast and took some of the steps two-and-a-half at a time. After the Army medics picked up the loose parts and put him back together, Speedy is now burning up the court with crutches. When asked if this hinders his game, he replied, "Well, I have to give my opponents some kind of handicap."

Looking around COMM I

noticed a few new crows flying around, CT3 Ralph Lamm and CT2 Dale Bennett. Congratulations, but what happened to all the cigars?

The population explosion has added two femmes and a boy to the following: Susan to the Quent Kerr's, Chris to the Dwayne Aldrich household, and Daniel Joseph to the Greg Diamond's. It was the first for all three families and strange mutterings from the respective fathers foretold well in advance the due date of each bundle. Still, a two-to-one ratio is better than what's usually found around here.

Another upper echelon black-billed, white crested Beckhawk took off via Hamburg. Chief Sam Crocoll pulled a CAT "Z" heading for D.C. and word is that he managed to stay in action up to and including the time the flight left.



## Viewtiful



**LAKE VIEW** — Your view of this calm and beautiful lake is obscured by an even more beautiful view in the form of lovely Miss Willi Koopman as she appears in Universal Pictures' "Don't Just Stand There."



It must be that time of year again because I'm sure it's Spring fever, could be chicken pox, but I doubt it. I had all kinds of plans for this edition, however, I thought it just might be fun to "roach" about and see what's new around the division.

Creeping down the watch floor I run into this dude in Alpha section that has this great head of red hair. He has as his "handle" Sampson, how that name applies I'm not sure but he has the Bremerhaven girls in a spin. I knew him at Adak and he had the native girls there spinning also. In Japan he was known as (censored) and if my facts are correct his departure from that island was part of the new conditions for the Japanese-American Self-Defense Treaty. With "Sam" gone they can now concentrate on defending their country without concentrating on the defense of the island's female population.

I ran into a chap who'd put Ernest Hemingway's "Old Man of the Sea" to shame. Chief Oscar Canfield wanted to go to the States for duty but the Navy decided the best place for him might be the Philippines. He has a love for beluts, fried dog, and San Miguel refreshments.

I went down to the La Gondola with "Rosie" Grosenbach this week and had my first crack at dining on snails. How did they taste? Excuse me . . . chew, chew, ugh. Not bad . . . chew, try them yourself.

### The Richest Man

Since Chief Veal left there has been some disagreement over who is the richest in 2nd Division. A lot of people would put their money on Bob Marrion, some even on Les Hittner (never seen him spend a dime but he's a real cum-shaw artist) but me, I'd put my money on Darrel Dudney. There's not many of us who could take a trip to East Africa and still come back with money in our pocket. I can't even make a trip to East Bremerhaven and come back with money in my pocket.

Bravo section wanted to send in Chief Martin's picture for the "guess who" but the only one Mrs. Martin could find was 3-year-old Rusty with a Hav-a-Tampa cigar fixed between his teeth. Couldn't you go back to the day he was born Audry, the cigarello wouldn't show up so predominately.

In a race between Jim Crosslin's "Cougar," Mac McCutcheon's Mercedes, and Joe Jones' VW bus, the winner was Cpy J. Schmidt, Second MP Company, Bremerhaven. He probably also thought you guys wrote that little set of initials on the big rock in front of the dump.

## Mat-Men Madness

### By The Kidd

Bowling was the order of the day for awhile as the four sections and dayworkers battle for the "E" Division Cup. Delta Section, although doubtful to win, did manage to capture the cup. The Dayworkers, now known as "Staff", were a close runner-up.

While talking about bowling, Chief Kerr received the unfortunate distinction, along with Chief Beatty, of being on the last place team on their Thursday Night Winter League.

Welcome aboard to CTCS E. T. Heather. He's here to replace Chief Wisdom who will retire shortly. Chief Heather comes to us from Guam. He seems to be a die-hard optimist for he says that Guam is not a bad place to be from.

At 9:28 p.m., April 20, Scott Edward Campbell weighed anchor. A 7 lb. 10 oz. version of the boy class, he came equipped with a fine set of fog horns. Congratulations to Alex and Cherryl.

What does "E" Division have that no other division has? We have a prospective boot chief. Charles Parker Montgomery Schiller (his name reads like a law firm) dons the hard hat on September 16. In the meantime, he's hoping that he gets transferred out or another prospective chief gets transferred in. It sure could get lonely on initiation day.

The "A" Branch union did it again. Our office mainstay CT2 Max Fisher managed to get orders to Washington, D.C., for his last tour. It was exactly what he wanted. Somebody goofed and read the dream sheets.



**CLOSE CALL**—Pfc. Sam Hampton is one happy Marine as he checks an enemy .50 caliber round protruding from his helmet. Hampton was flying as an aerial gunner with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161 near the DMZ when he got his 'calling card.'

## Company 'F' Wrap-up

### By Cpl D. W. Aldrich

Company "F" Commanding Officer James L. Neyman made a major change last month. He traded in his big silver bars for small gold oak leaves. Good things come in small packages, don't they Major?

Maurice "Moe" Marcotte also received a welcome promotion. He is now a Corporal and will have no trouble spending the extra cash as he got married while on leave in CON-US. Our best wishes to Cpl Marcotte and his new bride.

Sergeant "Mitch" Moore, Sergeant Dave O'Brien, and Corporal Brian Callahan cashed in on the TAD funds and flew to Londonderry, Ireland for the NATO contests. Sgt O'Brien placed first in Ireland and went on to Rota, Spain to finish second.

In Captain's Cup Bowling, Company "F" won two out of three games in the play off series to sweep first place. The winning team consisted of GySgt James Gooder, GySgt Jack Mercado, GySgt Ernie Brown, GySgt Norb Szombathelyi, Sgt Don Jaworski, Sgt Frank Kermes, Cpl John Bulter, and Cpl Brian Callahan.

Major Diffen, Commanding Officer of the Marine Support Battalion, Pensacola, visited Company "F" last month to discuss possible changes in the training programs at Naval Communications Training Center.

Welcome aboard to Lance Corporal James Fitzl, who recently joined us from Company "K", Pensacola. His wife will be joining him in the near future.

Corporal Mike Straw returned from a month's TAD at Parris Island to find his long awaited orders for Vietnam. The COMM Center can no longer count on Cpl Straw to run things the "Mike" way.



Time for some Absurdities from Admin's favorite April's fool.

The Personnel Officer and Chief Master at Arms have played the game of "musical offices" again. The Personnel Officer is in room 117 and the CMAA is in room 126.

Master Chief Ball, NSGA's Personnel Officer, is expecting a big move in August to the "Head Shed." His reaction was, "Sending me back to D.C. area is like throwing a Burr Rabbit into a briar patch."

While we're on the subject of rabbits — the Easter Bunny award of the year goes to PN2 Chuck Weaver, who reported a board with his family on Easter Sunday. He's a pretty good egg. Chuck is the personnel man who will be working up reenlistment, extension, or separation papers for you.

PN1 Ray Walrath and wife, Sue, are the proud parents of Gregory (last reported to be 8 pounds, 6 ounces and gaining).

To paraphrase the "Take Tea and See" commercials, "10C has Three," Sailors of the Month (SOM) that is. SOM's for March, April, and May were CT1 Hansson, CT2 Peterson, and JO2 Goldberg, respectively.

Thought I'd check with the Chaplain's office for some news, but didn't get much further than the religious cartoon board,

just inside the office door (Say —That's quite an inspiring bulletin board, Chaplain!). I asked the Chaplain's Yeoman, CT2 Dan Banks, if he (personally) had done anything (printable) this month, besides cutting out cartoons for the bulletin board. He shook his head no. But then I asked the Chaplain (who happened to be back from one of his numerous TAD trips) if he knew of any (printable) news. He said, "Yes! My yeoman washed my windows while I was TAD. I know they've been washed because he left one dirty so that I could tell the difference."

Sorry about that tooth, Goldberg! JO2 Goldberg was recently seen using a rubber glove filled with ice to soothe his throbbing tooth.

CT2 John Lukeman, CT2 Ken Tavares, and SK1 Sam Houston have about 14 clocks in their rooms. Guess they're shooting for the title of "Best Dressed Room" or something like that.

The other day I was discussing the prospects of my eventual retirement, as most career men do (sooner or later), and it was mentioned that my oldest daughter would be in the 16 to 18 year age group and not too far from high school graduation, and maybe even college. Her comment, "Gee!, then I'll be a YOUTH!"

**That's Absurd!**

## Education Corner

### By Ron Hansson

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