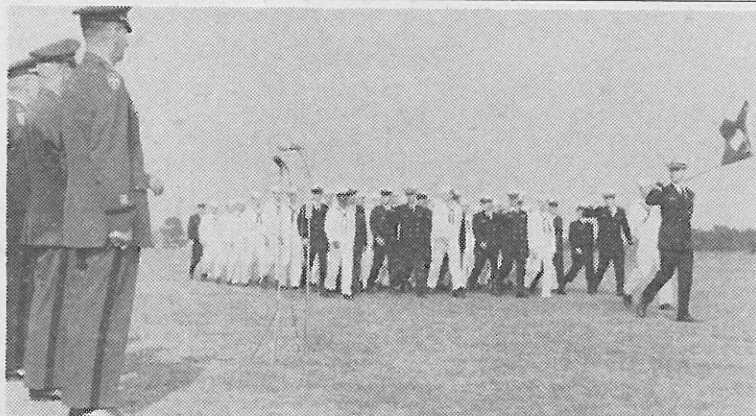


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EYES RIGHT — Members of U.S. Naval Security Group Activity Bremerhaven, under the direction of LT Linn Shoup, pass in review during recent USATCEUR Change of Command Ceremony.

Command Changes

Rahill Succeeds Bryce; Huff Relieves Anderson

Captain Gerald W. Rahill, USN, relieved Captain David G. Bryce, USN, as Commanding Officer, Military Sea Transportation Service, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, during a recent Change of Command ceremony held on June 13.

Captain Bryce has served as Commander of the European and Mediterranean Area Command since October 1966. Prior to this, he was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations in COMSTS headquarters for about one and a half years. His termination of duty as COMSTSELM culminates not only 30 years of active Naval service, but nearly four years with MSTs. During the Change of Command ceremony, Captain Rahill presented the Legion of Merit to Captain Bryce. The citation accompanying the award reads as follows:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from October 1966 to June 1969 while serving as Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean. Exercising exceptional knowledge of maritime matters, professional competence, and initiative in military sea transportation management, Captain Bryce markedly improved the operational readiness of the Military Sea Transportation Service, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, and enhanced the prestige and objectives of the Military Sea Transportation Service and the United States Navy. By his outstanding leadership, judgement, and inspiring devotion to duty, Captain Bryce upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Captain Rahill comes to his new assignment from Commander Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet where he served as Chief of Staff and Aide. He is married to the former Mar-

jorie Roughton of New York and they have five sons. Mrs. Rahill and their two youngest sons, Peter, 16, and Roger, 12, accompanied the Captain to Bremerhaven.

USATCEUR

Three days after the MSTs Change of Command, Colonel Charles L. Anderson turned over the leading position of the U. S. Army Terminal Command, Europe (USATCEUR), to Colonel Hotenel J. Huff.

Colonel Huff assumed his new position as top man of USATCEUR's port operations after having served as its deputy commanding officer for the past three years.

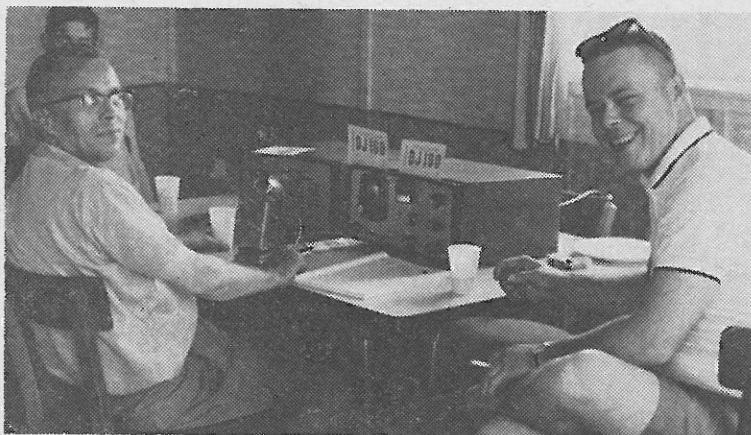
Colonel Anderson, who held the position of Port Commander since July 1967, praised both the officers and enlisted men of USATCEUR for their exceptional service to him and also lauded the men for "... facing many problems and shouldering many responsibilities normally assigned to persons far more senior than yourselves. In each case you have met the challenge and have done it in a tremendous fashion."

The departing officer heralded his successor as a man of great integrity and having a thorough understanding of the problems awaiting him in his new position.

Colonel Anderson's assignment to Bremerhaven on July 18, 1967 was to become, in his words, "... the most rewarding, challenging and enjoyable" of his military career. After expressing his gratitude to the civilian employees of the command for their assistance and most loyal service, the Colonel said, "The American military community (here) is one which is known throughout Europe and the world as having perhaps the finest community relations with their German man neighbors."

Hot and Code Flashes

Deutscher Amateur Radio Club 'Hams It Up' At Garlstedt Picnic



"CQ" or "R U KIDDING"—When the "QRM" and the "QSB" forced members of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club to strain their aural capacity beyond endurance during their recent Annual Picnic and Field Day in Garlstedt, many of the members got mad. But of course there was that select few smart amateur radio enthusiasts who shrugged it off with a smile and a good Deutsches beer . . . like Herr Addie Eilers, DJ1GO (left), and CTC Dick White, D14RW (right).

\$500.00 Check

Bene \$ugg\$ Pay\$ Off

Thomas Edison is quoted as saying: "There's a way to do it better — find it."

That was what he said for posterity. He probably also said something like, "—sometimes these screwy ideas pay off." Well for CT2 Alexander Campbell of 50 Department, his ideas are paying off—and big.

On April 8, 1968 he submitted a beneficial suggestion concerning the replacement of brake sets on the RD-289/GSQ-76 Magnetic Tape Transport. He recommended a method of machining worn brakes locally when they developed ridges and grooves and irregular wear after a period of usage. The past procedure was to replace these brakes at a cost of \$320.00 per recorder.

His suggestion was implemented at this Activity in December 1968 and since that time has been completely effective. In view of the merit and savings involved, \$17,280.00 for the first full year of implementation, the Beneficial Suggestions Board recommended a significant initial cash award.

At the Cash Award presentation, Captain Osmer stated in part:

"Based on the cash awards criteria and delegation of authority to approve payments contained in SECNAVINST 1650.24A, you are awarded the amount of \$500.00. In addition to presenting you with a check for \$400.00 (20 per cent deducted for income tax), I would like

to add my personal congratulations and commend you for the imagination and conscientiousness that resulted in this suggestion, and I encourage you to continue to be alert for further ways to increase efficiency and improve the economy of this command. Your suggestion is being forwarded to higher echelons for further evaluation and additional payment."



BENEFICIAL SUGGESTION AWARD—CT2 Alexander Campbell of "50" Department, smiles heartily as he reads his Cash Award Presentation Letter after being awarded \$500.00 for his beneficial suggestion.

On the 15th of June, the quiet community of Garlstedt was the scene of some rather curious activity. Members of the Deutsches Amateur Radio Club (DARC) of Bremerhaven ventured to Garlstedt for their annual picnic and field day (not to be confused with clean-up). U. S. Navy and Marine members were CWO John Moeller (DL4HY), CTC Terry Bachmann (DL5BA), CTC Dick White (DL4RW), and Sgt David O'Brien (DL5DO). It was a beautiful day for the festivities and the enthusiasm of the participants was quite evident.

Early arrivals, with their XYL's and Harmonics, busied themselves with the usual picnic paraphernalia (icing the soft drinks, tapping the beer keg, starting the charcoal, etc), while others were seen climbing chimneys and drapping antennas for the transceivers used by club members throughout the day to talk with other members of the amateur radio society, all over the world. As others arrived, it was noticed that many of their automobiles sprouted weird aluminum tubing configurations which could have been interpreted as pop art. If you were not familiar with the antics of the group, even the language would have sounded foreign. Some of the conversation overhead included statements like:

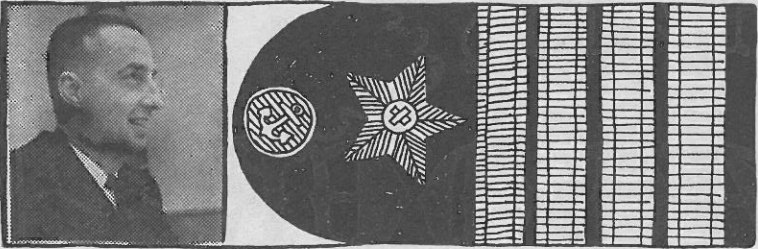
"The vee que nine on fifteen was five and nine before that I on QRM'd the freg with a plus twenty carrier."

"I applied for the DXCC yesterday, now if I can get the WAZ, WPX, AND WAS, I'll shoot for the CHC."

"I have a badly matched pair of six jay bee sixes and they won't neutralize."

"I cut it for the middle of twenty and the SWR is one point one to one."

"The Deutschers Amateur Radio Club," said amateur radio enthusiast, CWO John Moeller of First Division, "is the radio society of the Federal Republic of Germany and functions much the same as the American Radio Relay League. The membership in Bremerhaven consists primarily of the local German amateurs but is open to Americans or anyone with a valid German operating license. In addition to the annual picnic, membership in the DARC entitles the individual to a subscription to the German amateur radio magazine "DL" (written in German), insurance on personal radio equipment, and QSL card mailing privileges. The DARC has their regular monthly meeting on the second Friday of each month at a local Bremerhaven Gasthaus."



In the April issue of the Windjammer I enumerated BEQ projects that were to be accomplished this summer. I was pessimistic about the schedule presented, but not pessimistic enough as it turns out.

Work has been completed on the following jobs: replacement of third deck dormer windows, installation of screens on head windows, installation of new clothes washers and dryers, installation of scuttlebutts on third decks, and the re-painting of certain shower rooms. Work has started on the following jobs: refinishing of wooden decks, installing partitions in heads, installing fire doors on back stairwells, and installing locks for all rooms. The big disappointment is the lack of work to improve the heating of the barracks. We may still get the eaves sealed before this winter, but there is little hope that the heating system will be worked on other than the repair of some condensate lines.

One new project is being started in our Public Works shop on an experimental basis. That is the construction of built-in furniture for rooms occupied by senior petty officers. Desk, locker, wardrobe, lighting, and miscellaneous storage are incorporated in a single unit which should improve appearance, save space, and provide more storage.

The Navy has many programs for its personnel, but often they seem vague or unattainable since they haven't produced results at your station. But we have, in the past few months, gotten some very tangible results. In May, Petty Officer De Silvis of "C" Division left for NESEP prep school; in June Petty Officer Owens, formerly of "C" Division, was selected for ADCOP and Chief Beatty chosen as alternate in the same program; and in June, Petty Officer Campbell of "E" Division was awarded \$500 locally for a Beneficial Suggestion and his suggestion has been forwarded for further evaluation and possible additional award.

Special Services also received something unexpected in the June mail — a bonus check for \$1,107 from TASCUM. TASCUM distributes the EES profits and must have had a sizeable sum left over after making the normal allocations. Now we need some good ideas on how to spend it — see your division's Special Services Committee representative.

BY SEA AND BY LAND—New USATCEUR Commander, Colonel Hotenel J. Huff, presents the U.S. Army Terminal Command Europe, "Marching Plaque" to Captain J. W. Osmer, LT Linn Shoup, and CTCM Duane Baumert for the Navy's outstanding marching during recent USATCEUR Change of Command.

Seaman Jenson 'Cited' For Vietnam Action

When Seaman Leroy Jenson of "A" Division was called into the Captain's office right after the last personnel inspection, it was not because he flunked inspection. He was called in to be decorated.

While serving as a River Patrol Boat crewman in the River Patrol Force, in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from March 1968 to March 1969, Jenson participated in 260 combat patrols on the island waterways of I Corps. He boarded and searched numerous sampans and junks, enforced curfew, and assisted Popular Force outposts under attack. He also conducted extensive psychological warfare operations which were instrumental in strengthening the confidence of the Vietnamese populace in the government of the Republic of Vietnam. On March 27th and 28th, 1968, he participated in an operation which annihilated, in two days, a North Vietnamese company in Toan Tuan Hoa Village which was trying to interdict the flow of supply

craft to Hue. In August 1968, Jenson showed exemplary combat aggressiveness when his patrol entered the previously un navigated shallows of Dan Sam to seek out armed Viet Cong purportedly secreted beneath the surface of the water. In the ensuing sally, Jenson participated in the killing of eight Viet Cong and the capture of four others. During this action Jenson strove to engage the enemy even though their discernment was possible only after closing them to extremely close and dangerous range. Seaman Jenson's devotion to duty, courage under fire, and exemplary professionalism significantly contributed to the United States' efforts in the Republic of Vietnam and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

And it was for this reason that Captain Osmer stated: "On behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, I am happy to present you with the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat 'V'. We are most proud of you."



CT2 JAMES A. FLANAGAN

Sailor of The Month

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

"You have been selected as the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven, "Sailor/ Marine of the Month" for July 1969.

"Since your arrival at this command in November 1967, you have displayed superior professional ability, motivation, and extraordinary initiative. Your past performance as Advancements Yeoman in the Educational Services Office has brought great credit upon yourself and this command. Your attention to detail, well-organized work habits, awareness of priorities, and stringent standards of quality have made you an outstanding Petty Officer.

"As Captain's writer, your well-developed sense of tact coupled with an infectious sense of humor have enabled you to deal very effectively with personnel of this activity. Your military appearance and bearing have always been in keeping with the highest standards of the Naval Service. Using your spare time to great advantage, you have taken every available opportunity to travel extensively, learning of the cultural and social aspects of European life.

"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!"



YOU HAVE TO HAND IT TO HIM — Not only for recently becoming "CWO-2" Ronald Richter, but also because it looks like his wife has three hands. Actually, the other hand belongs to Captain J. W. Osmer who was doing the pinning on the left side.



Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

In one of G. K. Chesterton's books, he wittily remarks "Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid."

An "open mind" usually means that one will examine the facts and look for the truth, before having a conviction on important matters. Many people, especially young adults, are urged to have an "open mind," and by definition used, foresake old convictions before finding new ones. But, an ever-open mind like an ever-open drain can become the receptacle of much rubbish.

If any real progress is to be made in life, there must be some clear measure of value; some definite body of belief; some fixed standard of behavior.

Navigating a course across the ocean depends upon the existence of fixed points. Similarly, you and I are on a voyage across the ocean of life, and we must have fixed points from which to take a bearing. Without these guides, we shall only drift aimlessly. On some things we cannot afford to have an open mind. We cannot doubt the chart, the compass, or the stars. Fixed points are not there for our taste and approval, but for our guidance and respect.

Hold on to the moorings taught by your family and your church until you have enough experience to find something better. When you have an "open mind," be sure it shuts on something worthwhile.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. (I Thess. 5:21).

Congressman Pettis Asks For Our Help

A 16-year-old Highland, California boy — paralyzed for life as a result of a broken neck — needs some help from military units and veterans organizations.

The boy is Steve Bailey, and he has developed a cheerful, positive attitude toward life that is an inspiration to those around him. As a matter of fact, he has been elected Senior Class President.

Steve has undertaken a hobby to occupy his time when he isn't reading, studying or watching television — he collects military insignias of all kinds.

Steve is putting together a collection of division patches, regimental crests, MOS job patches, rank insignia, cap pins, "anything that is pinned or sewed on a military uniform," according to his friend, Alfred F. Adams.

Adams asked Steve's Congressman, Jerry L. Pettis of San Bernardino, Calif., for help in gathering up as many patches, insignias, etc., as possible. Pettis was able to obtain a few from a manufacturer in New Jersey, but the list is far from complete, so he decided to appeal directly to military personnel through this, and other military newspapers, like it.

Anyone who would like to contribute such items may send them to Steve, in care of Congressman Jerry L. Pettis, 427 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Americans Vie With Germans In Pistol Match

The NAVSECGRUACT Bremerhaven Pistol Team, shooters from CO "F," and the 59th MP Company competed in a friendship pistol match at Bremen on Sunday, June 29. Host for the event was the pistol club of the Bremen Schützengilde, who entered three four-man teams to match the U.S. service shooters.

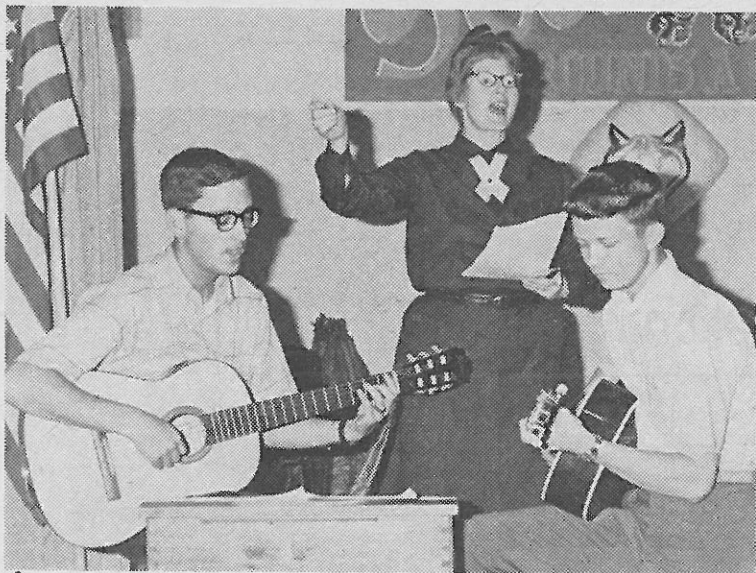
The U.S. shooters were all firing the "International center" fire pistol course for the first time. This consists of 30 shot "precision shooting" at ten meters, similar to the U.S. slow fire stage, and 20 shot rapid fire in five-shot strings. The rapid fire course, also at ten meters, uses silhouette targets which are turned toward the shooter for three seconds, then away for seven seconds between shots for the five shot string.

The Navy pistol team consisted of LT L. T. Shoup, CTCM L. K. Byrd, CT2 J. A. Bertolini, and CT2 G. B. Quigley. Representing CO "F" were MAJ J. L. Neyman, MSGT C. G. Egan, SSGT D. J. Jaworski, and SGT J. P. Lipe. The Navy team placed second with a score of 2053 x 2400, only five points behind the first-place German team.

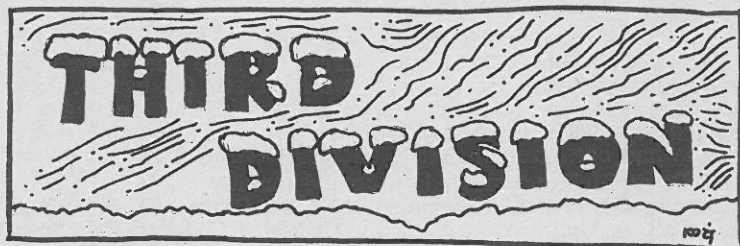


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SING ALONG WITH DEN MOTHER—Den Mother Mrs. J. Z. Connel leads the bandwagon while CTSN Robert Thomas of First Division (left), and CT3 Randy Ludington of Second Division (right), provide musical accompaniment during recent Bremerhaven Cub Scout-Boy Scout "Sing Along" held at the Staging Area.



By W. G. Castle

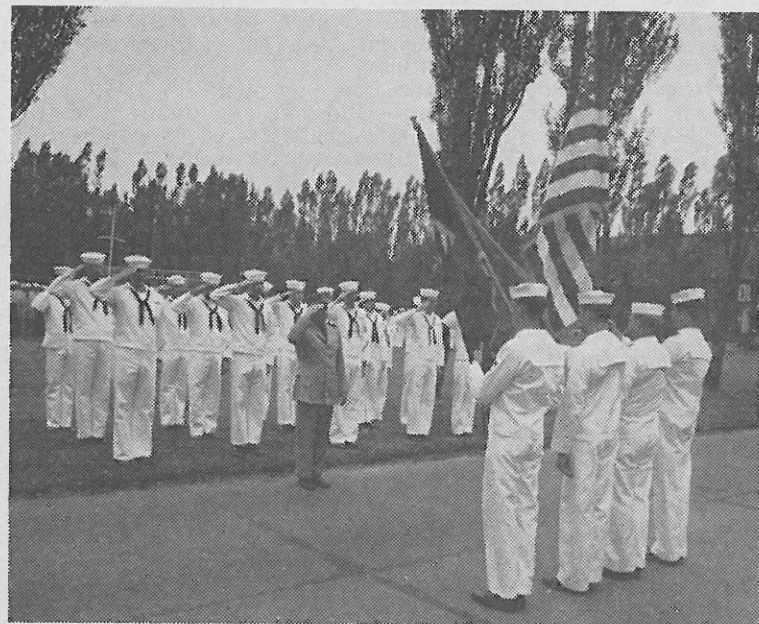
After completing a thirty day jaunt around Europe which I like to refer to as "The Fantastic Voyage," yours truly is back in action in the Division. No sooner had I started back to work when I became pressed for time to get this article in for publication and also confronted with Delta Sections' field problem. Nobody should be so lucky to get snowed with all this just after returning from leave. I survived the trip around Europe and this article, but the field problem claimed me as an early casualty.

Of course all sections this year will participate in the field problems but a few people in our Division managed to miss them. CT1 Wally Stein took leave during his field problem to travel around Scandinavia with his Swedish born wife. CT2 John Turner, not in the least bit accident prone, somehow "fell" down some

stairs injuring his ankle just enough to miss the journey to the field. It's really a shame they missed all the fun, but then there's next year, fellas.

CT1 Greg Welch has claimed his VW as a casualty in the race to stay alive while driving around Bremerhaven. It seems that someone smashed into his car as it was parked outside his house and also wiped out part of his landlord's flowers and shrubbery. The car and the flowers were totaled and our condolences go to Greg and his landlord.

One of our men will be lost as a casualty in the race to stay alive in the bachelorhood business. CT2 Doug Thee will be going home to get married this month. Our best wishes go to him and his new bride-to-be. Doug has been doing his best to shape up as a husband and we wish him continued success.



COLOR COMPANY . . . HAND SALUTE — "A" Division, under the direction of LT Lloyd Painter, accepts "colors" during last month's Personnel Inspection held on the Quadrangle.

Shooting Match At Garlstedt Is Bang-Up Success

CDR Bosworth, LCDR Crane, CTCM Byrd, CT2 Forster, and CT2 Quigley were U.S. Navy representatives to the recent Garlstedt Invitational Shooting Match sponsored by the German Military Reserve. The match provided an opportunity to complete qualifications for the German Bronze Shooting Medal and Braid. In addition to ammunition and weapons for the qualification trails, machine pistols, automatic pistols, and bazookas (with tanks as targets) were made available to those who wanted to fire them.

As usual, the Germans were excellent hosts and made a concentrated effort to ensure all participants were well cared for. An excellent lunch was provided, and after the match OBERSTLEUTENANT Herman Gucksch, the senior German Officer, made Bronze Medal presentations to LCDR Crane, CTCM Byrd, CT2 Quigley, and some Army personnel. After the presentations, all participants enjoyed a few drinks in the dining area.

The invitational matches sponsored by our German hosts provide an excellent opportunity for all hands to get to know our German allies. You don't have to be a good shot or, for that matter, have any weapons experience. For a day of good fun, attend the next match. Announcements of the matches are made in the Plan of the Day and free transportation is provided.

Public Works Fix-Its

By EN2 Jim Pederson

Auf wiedersehen to EN1 L. W. Vermillion and family. They leave Bremerhaven in July and are heading stateside for some well earned R&R. After which time the Breadwinner of the family leaves again for a tour of fun and games aboard the LST 980 in and around Guam.

We know he won't be lonely though because around the end of this year he'll have company in the form of SFC Thomas A. Washington who will also arrive in that tropical resort to take his berth aboard LST 1026. Somebody said that the ships were probably going to be tied up on the same pier. Can't you just hear them now as they discuss their good fortune in being "where it's at."

This month "P" Division unanimously casts its vote for the "Loser of the Month" to EN2 John Vallance. Some of you may have heard of John's good fortune last month. Well actually it started last year when John placed his foot under a lawn mower and sliced his toe. This year John really out did himself and put his hand under the lawn mower and sliced his finger in two different places. While in the hospital soaking his finger, the doctor looked at his nose and said come back next week and we will re-break it and fit it so you can breath out of your right nostril. Right now poor John is out of the hospital but at the time this was written the poor boy was lying in bed with a broken finger and a broken nose. Congratulations for being selected "Loser of the Month" for July 1969.



While history records the Army and Marines being our Nation's "Ground Pounders," five members of Delta Section decided to let everyone know that in addition to sailing the seven seas, sailors are just as agile on the ground. What better place to prove this than the popular Zeven Marches. This event is a yearly function which tests an individual's ability to go beyond the usual limits of endurance. The Marchers must master the varying degrees of German terrain from Autobahn to cow patch trails. The lads were good enough to ask "Old Charlie Roach" to join them, but my daily treks between the Army Mess Hall and the barracks are quite sufficient.

Second Division representatives from Delta Section were CT1 "Odie" Edwards, CT2 D. L. Shaffer, CT2 R. M. Pitts, CT3 B. E. Langford, and CTSN B. A. Martin.

While not wishing to check the endurance of my legs, which I might add is quite limited, I did get out and watch "Our Boys" from my car. There they were, five white hats sticking out in a sea of green. By golly, it was a breath taking sight, like watching the Battleship New Jersey in a sea of sam-pans. Proud, fellers, powerfully

proud of you!

Have you guys noticed the number of helicopter birds that hang around Building Two. What's a helicopter bird? That's those black and white jobbers which wait until you're out of your car, take your coat off and then they drop it on you, all over you . . . and you call them every unthinkable name under the sun. Does it bother them? Not at all. They just sight a new target, hover over the target until the coat or hat is off and then splat, down it comes. Onions to all helicopter birds.

Off to England, Chaps, so until next time, cheers.



WHERE'S CHARLIE ROACH? During recent Zeven Marches, five sailors from Second Division decided to let everyone know that in addition to sailing the seven seas, sailors are just as agile on the ground. If you're looking for Charlie Roach, he's riding in his car.



LOCAL NATIONAL RETIRES — During a recent retirement ceremony held at the Navy Officers' Club for NSGA's favorite carpenter Herr Joseph Koehler (right), fellow carpenter Herr Hans Vienholz presents him with a woodworking plane as a token of admiration. Along with this, he was presented with a plaque from Captain Osmer, various Certificates of Appreciation from Public Works Officer, LT Charles O'Neill, and a wood saw from BUC Gerald Landcastle. Herr Koehler was a familiar scene around NSGA, and evidence of his work can be seen throughout the command. He retired after 22 years of service with U.S. Forces and the German government.

General Serviceman Becomes CT

Seaman Karsten Anderson of the "Boat's Force," departed the Security Group this month after throwing in the "towel" for a set of orders to CTR "A" School in Pensacola.

For Anderson, it all started last November when he went to see the career counselor. He had three years of previous service as a Supply Sergeant in the Army, and was somewhat dismayed by the fact that he now finds himself on the bottom of the ladder. The career counselor explained that he would have to study hard but could advance rapidly if he was

willing to work for it. He also recommended that Anderson apply for a Class "A" School.

Liking the Security Group, and after much consultation with the Educational Services Office, Anderson put in a special request chit for CT School. Anderson's "frown" quickly turned to a "smile" after receiving notification of acceptance to CTR school.

"As an undesignated Seaman," said Anderson, "I felt like a stray cat . . . not knowing which way to turn. Now I'm on my way to a chosen profession. I feel great."



MISS JULY WINDJAMMER — If you forget what day it is, don't expect to find out by looking at this calendar, you'll probably never get past looking at beautiful Elke Sommer, co-star of Irving Allen's "Wrecking Crew," a Columbia Pictures' film.

Fifth Division Happenings

By Rodger Stiles

Here are a few of the latest "haps" in Fifth Division:

The month started off pretty slow with no news to report.

The middle of the month brought out the sun and also the marchers. The Fifth had 5 out of 8 enlisted personnel and 1 officer volunteer for the US-ATCEUR Change of Command. I understand that the Navy won a plaque for the best marchers. It will look very good in our office???

In the same week came the War Games, and Alfa Section had some pretty rough characters? One such man was Fifth Division's own famous jungle fighter, CTC W. M. (Wild Bill) Donner. Wild Bill led a squad of 6 hard, ruthless, combat trained, fearless, hand picked men, known by the Aggressor Force as the DIRTY HALF DOZEN.

I hear tell that the hard leader of this fearless group single handedly shot the General (1st Lt) of the Aggressor Force

not with a bullet, I repeat not with a bullet, but with a, and I quote, "bang"!?! (O\$&- those reject weapons!!!). Now you must remember that this is all hearsay.

I also heard that another member of Fifth Division volunteered for this fearless, ruthless group of flesh eaters, but Wild Bill was afraid the reflection from a certain part of his body would give away their position. (His initials are Al Frye.

Some people go all out with these War Games. Wild Bill had ashes all over his body, and his own children didn't recognize him when he returned home.

I just heard over the grapevine that one of our boys from Fifth is in the hospital. Seems like he fell off a curb (a curb?) and almost broke his leg. What happened Leafy??

For the finale of this column, the Fifth Division would like to welcome aboard CT2 Ed Terry. Ed came to us from First Division. WELCOME, ED. . .

The AFN 'Big Beat'

By Dave Stewart

A long search throughout the community finally produced a replacement for Carla Cotter on WHAT'S NEW AND TEMPO . . . New Voice belongs to that of Mrs. Craig Fisher . . . Mrs. Fisher is also Vice President of the Bremerhaven Enlisted Wives' Club.

Station technicians have developed a robot capable of playing spot announcements 24 hours a day, seven days a week . . . Robot nicknamed "Schultz" is now working bankers hours but will soon go on a full time basis . . . Joe Romeo has begun counting his days, Joe (the morning voice) is due to retire from active duty in October after three years of service . . . the "Don't tell the Army where to go" spots that Joe plays on his show didn't work for him . . . still lots of year books available, stop by and pick one

up, take a tour while you're here.

As the only Army correspondent on the Windjammer staff, congratulations to NSGA in winning the marching award during the recent Army Change of Command Ceremony . . . After a month of tests conducted at AFN Europe Headquarters by officials from the Department of Defense and major radio and television networks, the automation equipment rotated back to the States. Months of planning and study are now underway in the States to test the feasibility of the automated radio system.

AFN Bremerhaven, celebrates its 24th anniversary on July 28 . . . Station was originally located in Bremen, but moved to Bremerhaven on August 25th 1949.

COMM-ents

By Pappy

Well it's one down and one to go. Charlie and Delta sections had their annual "C" Division picnic. Alfa and Bravo are still looking forward to their little get together. Apparently all those who attended the first picnic had a real enjoyable afternoon. There were several sporting activities indulged in during the day. Charlie section and Day Workers defeated Delta in a Softball game. The winning pitcher was Chief Vita. Chief Vita was also a member of the winning horseshoe team along with CT1 Bob Hesser. The two strong arms were undefeated. The food was enjoyed by all as Chief Spyker did an excellent job as duty cook. The surprising thing is that all who attended made it back by the following morning.

"C" Division has made a switch in rooms in Barracks Nine. The "O" branchers now occupy the first deck. All the rooms have newly varnished floors and are real comfortable. Most of the guys made the move rather quickly except for CT2 Carl Prettyman, who seemed content on spending the whole day lugging his gear down the stairs.

Delta Section has a new CWO. He is SSGT Minter. Delta seems quite happy with their new CWO. Bravo also has a new man. He is CTSN R. A. Geringer. A hearty welcome is extended to both of these new men.

It seems we have several men getting "short" in COMM. CT3 Bill Dipple and CT2 Mike Hasenstab spend most of their time telling everyone how short they really are. Chief Gates, CT2 Carl Prettyman, CT2 Steve Land, CT3 Bill Lathim, and CT2 T. Kari are also getting near the end of their tours in Bremerhaven. As the old saying goes, these men will be hard to replace.

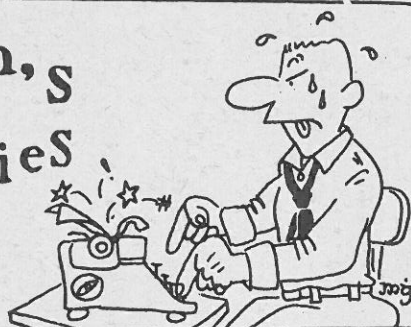
CT1 John Reed and CTSN Alan Miller both have returned from a short visit to CONUS. They both seem to have settled back nicely into their respective jobs. It is good to have them back.



CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS? — This picture was taken in 1941 while our mystery guest was stationed in Norfolk, Va. Last month's mystery guest was Chief Robert King of Admin.

Admin's aBsurdities

By PNC George Malik



Because I've been on leave (or out to lunch) during the majority of this month, I wasn't too sure that I'd be able to build enough Absurdities to go to press with. But Absurdities have a way of uncovering themselves.

Heard about a softball catcher from the command who recently took a very long time out for himself. During a game he laid down his glove and walked off the field and didn't come back. Name and team withheld, of course. Nobody seems to know why. Whether he suddenly got "tired or fired" is a mystery to everybody. You don't suppose that he, too, owns a nightclub, do you?

CT1 Craig Fisher is coaching the Mets (Senior Division Little League). He say that it's not at all true that his team is similar to the New York Mets, because "At least the New York Mets win a game sometimes."

Hansson-Hansson, Where Are You

I stopped in the Educational Services Office the other day, looking for CT1 Ron Hansson. He wasn't there (as usual). They didn't know where he was but someone said that he had just stepped out of the office. I later found out, from another source, that he had been transferred to another Division some time ago.

LT David McMunn arrived on June 4 for duty as Deputy Plans Officer in U.S. Naval Coordinator (Plans) Office. LT McMunn's last duty assignment was with COMMISEASTFORCE Staff. Admin wishes you a hearty welcome aboard.

WANTED — PERSONNEL OFFICER. Situation available in August. Must be E-8 or above. Important that applicant be strong willed, even tempered, can read, write his name, and can count to ten. CTCM BALL, the Personnel Officer, is available for transfer in August, and he needs a replacement. "Preferably by 1 August!" says Master Chief Ball. Anyone interested? He's getting anxious.

Sailor of the Month 'Tacks'

SK1 Butch Traplay made a telephone call to the German ship builders in Hamburg which make our Sailor/Marine of the Month and First Term Reenlistment plaques. Not being too proficient at Sprechen Deutsch, and the lady at the other end of the line not too proficient at Verstehen English, plus the fact the connection was bad, posed somewhat of a situation. At one time, Traplay asked for the Kaufhaus, which is German for sales department, and the operator put him through to the coffee house. After being cut off numerous times, he asked assistance from JO2 Les Goldberg from the Public Affairs Office, who claims to know some German words. But alas, he was not so successful either. Les suggested that they wait about five minutes and then try again. As the plot thickens, we find Traplay receiving a phone cal . . .

Voice: "Dies ist Herr Geiss here."

Traplay: (with a sigh of relief) "Good! I've been trying to call you. I want to know when we will get those plaques we ordered."

Voice: "Was ist das? I can't hear you. You say you want tacks?"

Traplay: (Speaking much louder) "NO! I said I would like to know when we can have the PLAQUES we ordered."

Voice: "Was ist about tacks? We don't have tacks here."

Traplay: (Voice BOOMING) "NO!, NO!, NO! PLAQUES!, PLAQUES!"

Voice: "Oh, ya-ya."

Traplay: (Voice BOOMING — WINDOWS RATTLING) " I want to order some gold ones in addition to the silver ones I have ordered."

Voice: "Ya. We have plaques, but no OLD ones. Only new ones."

Traplay: "No . . . Gold ones, not old ones."

Voice: "Oh gold ones, Ya, Ya."

Traplay: (mumbling something about #\$\$%&*) "Good, real fine. Oh, by the way, when will I receive these plaques?"

Voice: (with no German accent) "Any time. Just come next door to the Public Affairs Office."

It was JO2 Goldberg all the time.

Speaking of German voices — Did you ever notice that even though you may use German made batteries in a portable radio it still comes out in English if you're tuned to AFN?

That's Absurd!!!

Company 'F' Round-up

By D. W. Aldrich

On June 7, 1969, Company "F" hosted the first annual USATCEUR shoot at Spaden. On hand were more than 200 German Bundeswehr, Reserves and representatives from the German Polizei. The competition involved both the firing of the M14 and the .45 caliber pistol. Prizes were awarded for individual high shooters and the high team of the day. There were also individual awards for the firing of the rifle and pistol. The shoot began at 7 a.m. and lasted until 6 p.m. It was a

long, but enjoyable day for all.

Promotions have been steadily forthcoming in the past few months and last month was no exception. James E. Barr received a promotion to Corporal, and Thomas L. Arstingstall, John H. Buller Jr., Brian E. Callahan, Frank J. Longano, Jr., George C. Munroe, and Mark L. Wolods were promoted to Sergeant.

Sergeant Dale W. Piirainen and wife, Loraine, joined us this month from Monterey.