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Navy Takes Army TASCOTM Tourney

Once again the Navy in Northern Germany makes its presence known by not only winning the Army Port City title and the regional TASCOTM Tournament, but also by presenting a big threat in the Army dominated USAREUR softball championship tournament.

CT2 Jeff Bohlmann's ground ball to the unaware HQ and HQ Co., Army Security Agency shortstop, allowed CT3 Wayne Johnson of NSGA Bremerhaven to score the winning run that clinched the TASCOTM title for USNSGA Todendorf, brought the title to the Port City, and sent the team to Darmstadt on the 13th to face Co. B, 547th Engineering Battalion. A win at Darmstadt brings the team back to Bremerhaven on the 15th to host the 24th Infantry Division in the second round of the USAREUR Championship Tourney.

LUCKY ELEVEN

Eleven seems to be the magic number for pitcher Jeff Bohlmann. It represents the eleven batters that Bohlmann struck out in each of four out of five games the Navy played in the TASCOTM tourney.

First game of the series pitted Todendorf against the Seventh Army Training Command from Hohenfels in an easy romp that saw both Bohlmann and TSGT Teter of Bremerhav-

en's Det. 329, USAF, sharing the hurling honors. Todendorf shook the ATC 14-2, on 12 hits and 6 errors.

The second game found Todendorf facing the 1141st Air Force Detachment from Stuttgart in a squeaker which Todendorf took 1-0. Bohlmann was the winning pitcher allowing only one hit. Earl Ingram was the losing pitcher giving up one-run on two-hits.

"Bo", as he is affectionately known to the fans, came back the next day to pitch a big "no-hitter" against Co. A, USASA from Bad Aibling. The Navy team held a field day on Company A, digging out 6-runs on 8-hits and 1-error. CWO-3 Stroffer was the losing pitcher. Bohlmann struck out eleven batters, once again.

CTC Joe Ringo, Todendorf's manager-coach, gave his team a well deserved rest on Saturday in preparation for the supposed final game of the series on Sunday. However, Sunday brought initial disaster to the Navy team in the form of defeat at the hands of the HQ and HQ Co. USASAFS from Rothwesten. Pitcher Charles Baker led HQ Co. to a 1-0 win over Todendorf. Bohlmann fanned eleven at the plate but gave up one-run with the team making three-errors. The loss early Sunday afternoon meant

playing that "if" game later in the day.

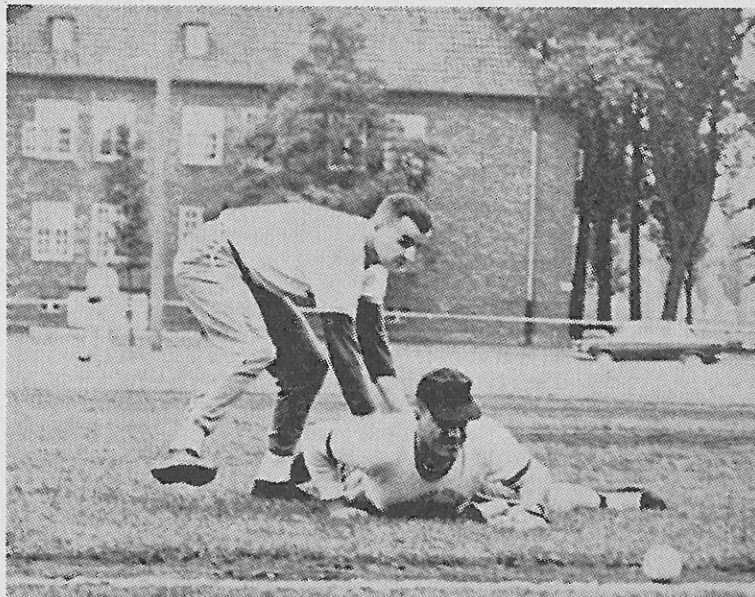
The late afternoon game was a pitcher's duel with Bohlmann, once again, striking out 11. HQ's Hollon walked in the second inning and Smith's double was good for the RBI. The fourth inning brought further gloom to the 800 Port City fans out to see the game in the form of Medlin's base hit and Brester's triple which brought in the second HQ run.

Navy, however, came right back with "Bo" getting a hot double and coming home on an overthrow. SSGT Bob Ford of Bremerhaven's 1945 II COMMDET, grabbed second run honors by knocking one over the tape for a home run. The game stayed tied-up into the bottom of the eighth inning when NSGA's Wayne Johnson rapped a ground rule double into the street behind the ball park. Bruce Brown's slow dribbler down the first base line let Johnson move to third as Brown was tagged out on the base path. Jeff Bohlmann's grounder to short set up Johnson's dramatic slide to home to grab the title.

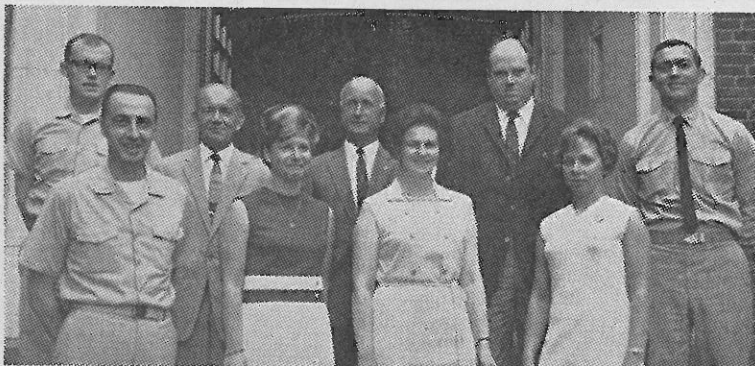
At the award presentation directly after the game, Colonel Joseph Hughes, Commanding Officer USATCEUR, told coach CTC Joe Ringo: "Thanks for bringing it to Bremerhaven."



YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME — CT3 Wayne Johnson of First Division stares in amazement at a wild pitch thrown by the 7th Army Training Command's pitcher. Johnson, along with TSGT John Teter and SSGT Robert Ford, was picked up to play with the Todendorf team during the recent TASCOTM tournament.



AUSTRALIAN CRAWL — During recent TASCOTM Tournament, these two members of the Seventh Army Training Command team seem to be playing "football" as the Todendorf "softball" rolls by.



SKILL, DEDICATION, AND PERFORMANCE — Each year, this Activity presents the "Sustained Superior Award" to those NSGA employed Foreign Nationals who have shown exceptional skill, dedication, and performance for the entire fiscal year. Among this year's recipients, pictured with Captain J. W. Osmer, LT John Ervin, and LT Jerome Ceo, are: (top row, L to R) Herr Helmut Steiger, Herr Waldemar Breitschuh, and Herr Bernd Ebeling. . . (bottom row, L to R) Fraeulein Silke Heismann, Frau Irmtraude Bartels, and Frau Marianne Fuellmich. (Not shown, but also receiving the award are: Herr Dietrich Warnke, Herr Erich Schich, Herr Hans Wienholz, Frau Marianne Stengel, Herr Klaus Mauritius, Frau Marga Hinrichs, and Frau Elisabeth Millhone.)

Freedoms Contest

WASHINGTON (NAVNEWS) . . . There's a thousand-dollar top-prize for this year's Freedoms Foundation Letter Contest on the subject: "My Hopes for America's Future."

There will also be 100 other money awards for active duty personnel. Reservists have a chance at an identical number of awards.

Rules are simple.

- Letters must not exceed 500 words.
- Print or type your full name, rank, service number, full military address, service or reserve component, and full home address.
- Entries should be addressed to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Penn., 19481.
- They must be postmarked by Nov. 1, 1969.

Notification of winners will be made in Feb. 1970.

NSGA's Personnel Officer Departs

CTCM Elton V. Ball, NSGA's Personnel Officer, recently left the command for duty at NAVSECSTA, Washington, D.C.

Chief Ball had the distinction of being the activity's senior enlisted man in addition to his duties as the Administrative Officer's principal assistant for personnel matters. Supervising service record entries, issuing ration cards and ID's, and providing support in personnel matters to other Naval activities in Germany were all part of Chief Ball's assignment. The smooth running of personnel office functions, in part accomplished through Chief Ball's authority to sign routine correspondence and documents "by direction of the Commanding Officer," served to assist the Administrative Officer in many routine matters.

Integral to Chief Ball's assignment was the coordination of command wide matters on the Chief Petty Officer level.

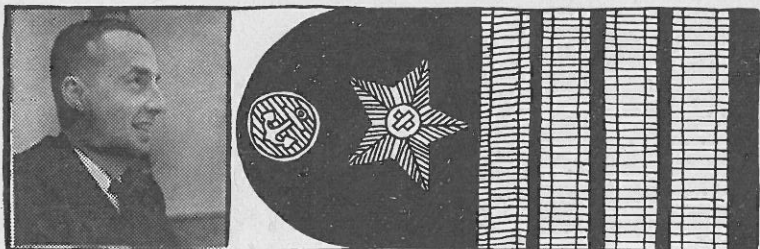
Instrumental in the founding of the present CPO club, Chief Ball was a group leader in the CPO Association. Parallel

with this, Chief Ball acted as functional coordinator with the German Chiefs Association in arranging the many and varied German-American CPO activities.

Relieving Chief Ball in the Personnel Officer slot will be CTCM Charles E. Koenig who will be arriving later this month from Kamiseya. Upon leaving the command, Captain Osmer presented Chief Ball with a letter of appreciation for his many accomplishments while at NSGA.

Chief Ball and his wife will reside in the Washington, D.C. area while the Chief serves out his twilight tour, culminating a full 26 years in the U.S. Navy.





Low reenlistment rate thrives on lack of active interest, lack of team spirit, and general negligence. Find a ship or station where everyone is sincerely interested and truly concerned about career motivation, and you will have found a ship or station where reenlistment rates will be higher and where those personnel who have decided for or against a Navy career have done so on an intelligent basis.

A number of steps have been taken during the past year in an effort to boost the reenlistment rate. The career counseling program has been decentralized to obtain greater division officer and senior petty officer participation; career counselor training has been given; and considerable attention has been given to station conditions that bear on career motivation. And this effort has produced results. The first reenlistment rate for the past fiscal year was 50 per cent higher than for the previous year. But it is still too low and I am sure that the Navy, the Naval Security Group, and Bremerhaven have more than enough to offer to bring the rate up higher. Another 50 per cent increase this year and the rate would be up where it belongs, and that is the goal for fiscal year 1970.

REENLISTMENT EFFORT

Eight men have entered their second enlistments during the first two months of this fiscal year. Reenlistment payments of \$64,843 (or about \$8,105 per man) were collected and these men also took advantage of such incentives as choice of next duty station or advanced training. However, the key to further improvement in the reenlistment rate is not in the reenlistment incentives offered nor in the Command Career Counseling program, but rather it lies in the whole-hearted participation by every officer and career petty officer in the reenlistment effort. We must be concerned, as the Navy is our career and the future quality of the Navy will be determined by the number of capable men who decide to make the Navy a career. We are in the best position to convince our good men that the Navy is the place for them.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

By the time a first-term man is interviewed by his Career Counselor, which is about six months prior to the expiration of his enlistment, his mind is usually made up—he has decided to reenlist, or is convinced the Navy is not the career he wishes to pursue. This decision is largely cultivated by the leadership of his seniors. The Career Counselor's role then can only be an informative one—to ensure that he has correct and complete information, that he is aware of the incentives offered, etc. The Career Counselor can only prevent the "lack of decision" discharges. Effective leadership and genuine concern for subordinates by each officer and career petty officer are the most effective tools in the reenlistment program.

Does this mean that each should "bone up" on STAR, SCORE, ADCOP, and VRB facts? Yes, but it also means far more than that. By performance; by consideration for the individual; by acts, deeds, and orders we must make the Navy, as represented by NAVSECGRUACT Bremerhaven, an organization that the first cruise sailor wants to belong to. This requires action in areas too numerous to list here, but action which can be boiled down to two words—effective leadership. If each career man is everything that "leader" or "petty officer" stands for, then an improved reenlistment rate will follow.

THE LEADER "CAN DO"

Among the reasons recently given by 67 men for not reenlisting, or who are undecided about reenlisting, the following predominated: too little self-expression, low pay, lack of recognition, lack of home life, poor use of skills and abilities, and lack of opportunity to contribute something significant. In each of these areas, the leader can do something: Too Little Self-expression—listen to what the man has to say, if it is a good idea, do something about it, if he is wrong, show him where; Low Pay—pay has gone up and is probably going up more, has he considered the imputed value of his retirement, value of medical and dental care, commissaries, PX's, etc.? Lack of Recognition—ensure you do give him recognition for his performance, recognize that he is an individual with a life to live and ambitions as well as problems that are very real to him; Lack of Home Life—an advantage of the service is the opportunity to travel, see many foreign countries, or serve in different parts of the U.S.A., these advantages must be weighed against time away from home; Poor Use Of Skills and Abilities—put him in the job he is most suited for, challenge him to use his skills and abilities to the best in his present job and to strive for billets of greater breadth or diversity; Lack of Opportunity To Contribute something of Significance—one of the attractions of the Naval Security Group is the continuing significance and importance of our mission, show him how his job fits into the whole picture and the importance of his function, plus the opportunities for greater contributions as he develops his skills and assumes more difficult tasks.

There is the challenge. Meeting it is imperative to the Navy's future. Let's go!

FREEDOM ISN'T CHEAP

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it — Thomas Paine.

Sailor of The Month



CT2 DALE A. BENNETT

CT2 Dale A. Bennett of "C" Division has been selected "Sailor-Marine of the Month" for the month of September. In CT2 Bennett's letter of selection, Captain Osmer stated in part:

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

Superior Ability

"This award is in recognition of your superior professional ability, motivation, and initiative. Your attitude, appearance, and faultless military bearing have greatly impressed all associated with you since your arrival at this command in October 1968. You have applied your technical ability to the fullest, not only in communication center operations, but also for instruction and information purposes.

Met Responsibilities

"Your unceasing efforts to improve your professional knowledge are well documented by your advancement from Seaman to Petty Officer Second Class in a very short period of time. You have met the responsibilities of your new rate to build the morale of your watch section.

"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!"

5th's Amendments

By CT2 Tom Oles

The hard working Fifth Division Men are going to suffer a loss early next month. He is the leader of the "A" Branchers in building 2. Yes, none other than Chief "Bernie" Timm.

After a 3 year tour in sunny Bremerhaven, Chief Timm will be resting in drab, smoggy California. He will be taking care of your friends and mine, the Reserves. Where would we be without the Reserves? (Probably resting at home!)

Going to D.C.

Another loss and probably the greatest is LCDR C.L. Hoover. The leader of the pack is going to D.C.!

Are there any reserves there, Mr. Hoover?

30 Department will never be the same without you.

Four members of "The High Five Staff" sold what seemed like a billion (?) pints of EIS (ice cream). Did anyone best that: Chief Rienitz! ! ! ! !

The members would like to wish a hearty welcome to CDR Garner who will be the new Operations Officer shortly. WELCOME CDR.

Focus on Faith

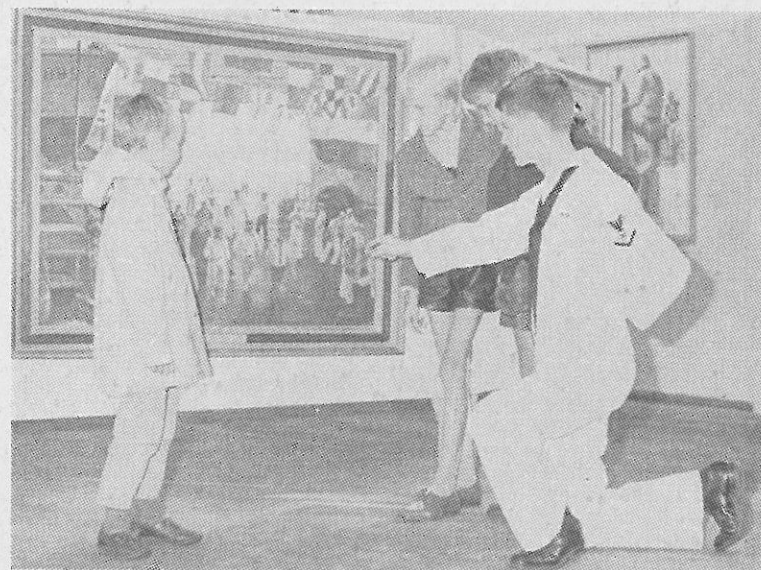
By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

"I did not realize that a Religious Retreat in Berchtesgaden could be such an important event to me," said one of our NSGA personnel after returning from five days at the Retreat Center. In his mind, he had weighed the value of a few days at Berchtesgaden against a trip to one of many other scenic spots. His enthusiastic response was that the time could not have been more profitably spent.

Of course, he was awed by the natural beauty of Berchtesgaden, nestled against the Bavarian Alps. From out of the windows of the Assembly room in the General Walker Hotel, one can look either down into the grassy-sloped hills and the quaint town or up to the jagged snow capped peaks. "What a place for inspiration!", he said. In addition, Salzburg, Konigsee, or the Eagle's Nest (Hitler's Hideaway) are four specials from the Retreat Center.

But why do thousands of people utilize the Retreat Center each year? This attests to the fact that a person needs to 'come apart' from the constant humdrum activity and receive new inspiration. It affords us the opportunity, under ideal conditions, for God to freshen and revitalize his principles to us. We need the time to re-group our thinking, and to renew our faith in order to peak our living from day to day.

Under capable leadership, each Retreat provides the needful stimulation. One may choose from specific denominational Retreats or general Religious Retreats. Your Chaplain's Office will provide you with information and procedures. Why not combine a Religious Retreat and the opportunity to sightsee one of the most picturesque parts of the world in one trip?



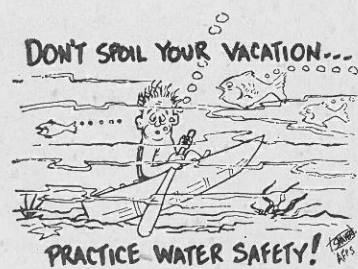
DIES SIND DIE ASTRONAUTEN—Operation Palette Guard, CT3 Ronald Roshak of "E" Division, explains one of the forty Navy Department paintings on display at the Annual German-American Volksfest, to local German children.

Third Division Goes Volksfest

CT1 Wally Stein and the Third Division gang received the division "E Pluribus Drinkum" Division Officer's plaque for dedication above and beyond the call of duty at the Bremerhaven AYA German-American Folkfest.

Wally and the boys, under the supervision of CWO-2 John Moeller, managed to hawk some 5,000 pints of that fabulous ice cream. The smooth - talking salesmen

came off duty at 2300 with tired tonsils and rapidly developing hangovers.



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NSGA Motorcycle Club Takes Top Honors

On August 23, CTC Jack (Mac) McCutcheon, CT1 Bob Juliana, and CT1 George (Boats) Greenawalt of Second Division, checked out the U.S. Navy two-ton Stake Truck to use it for something quite unique . . . to haul motorcycles to Hildesheim, Germany (just south of Hanover) so that they might represent the NSGA Bremerhaven Motorcycle Club at the ADAC North German Championship Gelände Race.

"A Gelände Race," said Chief McCutcheon, "is an endurance race over approximately 220 kilometers of muddy roads, slick wooden fire trails, and rough terrain which ordinarily would be impassable by anything except four wheel drive vehicles, jeeps and tanks."

With Chief McCutcheon and CT1 Juliana on bikes and CT1 Greenawalt as pitman, the NSGA Team competed with other teams for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals.

With 60 riders in competition, Chief McCutcheon was among

the top honored by qualifying for the Gold Medal. CT1 Juliana experienced bike trouble in the third lap and consequently had to quit the race. "I have to hand it to ol' Bob," said Chief McCutcheon, "he was the only guy in the race who got 'unseated' six times in the first lap, and five times in the second."

International Gelände Race
The following week, Chief McCutcheon and CT1 Greenawalt packed McCutcheon's 125cc Maico and some camping gear in the back of the Public Works Pick-up Truck and set out on another journey . . . this one taking them to the International Two-Day Gelände Race at Karlshafen, Germany. Included in the competition were teams from Czechoslovakia, Holland, Sweden and West Germany.

"We felt a little funny as we drove through the entrance of the International Inspection Compound," said CT1 Greenawalt. "Everyone stopped what they were doing and looked up at us. They couldn't believe a U.S. Navy truck was pulling in with a motorcycle in the back."

At the compound, the machines had to go through a rigid inspection. Each part was stamped so that no portion of the motorcycle could be changed before and during the race. If any part of the bike was replaced during the two-day competition, the rider was immediately disqualified.

"It was a true test of 'Man and Machine,'" said Chief McCutcheon. "Both had to operate faultlessly to be eligible for the medals. It became a demanding job for all concerned especially the Pitman. Poor 'Boats' Greenawalt had to grease the chain, make sandwiches, have water ready when I pulled in, wipe the mud out of my eyes, gas the bike, and most important, provide me with accurate times for the controller check points."

It started to rain by mid-morning of the first day of the race. This, mixed with the muddy, rock-filled terrain,

caused many of the riders to bail out . . . but not Chief McCutcheon. He rode the 200 kilometers in a perfect 6½ hours without losing any points.

"On the second day," said Chief McCutcheon, "because it didn't rain, the officials sped the time up. I then had to ask myself if I was still happy that it didn't rain."

At the end of the race, all the riders met at the Karlshafen Court House for the Official Presentation. The NSGA Bremerhaven Motorcycle Team was among the top competitors winning the Gold Medal.

"It was all worth it," said Chief McCutcheon, "when it came to presentation time. When they announced that we were Americans from Bremerhaven, and that we won the Gold Medal, the applause became so loud that it almost ripped off the overhead. It was just completely unbelievable."



HI-YO SILVER — CTC Jack (Mac) McCutcheon, of Second Division, representing the NSGA Bremerhaven Motorcycle Club, displays skill and endurance at the International Two-day Gelände Race at Karlshafen, Germany. Chief McCutchen was among the few riders taking the "Gold" Medal.

Company 'F' Round-up

By CPL D. W. Aldrich

Two men joined the ranks of Company "F" this month. They are Lance Corporal Glenn E. Van Zyl who joined us from Company "K" and Corporal William H. Timberlake, Jr. who joined us from First Radio Battalion. We lost one man this month . . . Sergeant Mark Hernandez is returning to CONUS for release from active duty.

Jack O. Mercado was promoted to Master Sergeant this month after sweating out many Navy Times. Private Charles P. Mercado reported aboard and the word has it that the Top's been calling the Dallas Cowboys to make arrangements for their future quarterback. This was the Top's first boy after two girls.

Gunnery Sergeant Peter Manning also had a recent addition to the family. His wife gave birth to a baby girl which brings the "manning" level up to five . . . all girls.

Two of our younger marines were joined this month by their wives. Kristine Cain joined her husband, Lance Corporal Robert G. Cain, and Nancy Fitzl joined her husband Lance Corporal James A. Fitzl. Company "F" welcomes you to the family.



KING FOR A DAY — During opening ceremony of the Annual German-American Volkfest, SSgt Arthur Edgette of Company "F", receives the "King of the American Shooters" medal from USATCEUR CO, Col. Joseph Hughes, for competition held last year.



I still don't know how I let them talk me into going on one of those "field problems," but nonetheless I was there, field pack and all, even brought a handy-dandy flashlight in case I needed to make a quick exit. After it was all over they asked for a critique and below is the report which I respectfully submitted, but which, just as respectfully, was returned to me. It went,

You have graciously requested my thoughts concerning your field problem. Whether you asked me because I was just an outsider, or possibly you heard I was an expert in gorilla warfare, I'm neither, however, since you requested my views, here they are.

First, I don't know who decided on holding these problems at Garlstadt, but let me congratulate him, for he selected the one spot in Germany which every creeping, crawling, flying, biting, chewing, gnawing, stinging, smelling, insect known to man and nature, calls home.

Secondly, your demonstration and exhibition of mob control was outstanding . . . except, I found myself rooting for the mob; strange how we look for an underdog. I thought the special "out-door" rations were extremely tasty; I couldn't think of a more delightful meal than cold ham and eggs, sponge cake (which I still manage to shower with each Saturday) and "mothers" chocolate drink, you know the one you make with that powder from the ration and water from the water buffalo you towed in.

I was able to accept all this knowing soon, very soon, the gorillas would be coming in! At precisely 1500 local time Marine officials commenced the war games, by 1505 I had a 23 foot foxhole dug and surrounded by concertina wire. I was further fortified by a healthy ration of fireworks, including rockets. As daylight hours dragged by the Marines appeared to be the only aggressor as they went about tossing mortars; first time I'd ever seen mortars tossed, but that's what they claimed to be doing. Scouts were sent out to recon

the gorillas, but unfortunately were all killed by local forces as they returned. Seems like the password was shouted so loud that local farmers were heard days calling their pigs by the same secret password, soo-eee. The return password was oink-oink.

By 0200 the next morning everyone in camp was so tired of "killing" their own scouts, the aggressors could have come in on horseback without being challenged. Finally, after one short, sustained attack, it was all over. We all conceded everyone shot everyone else therefore they called it a draw.

Then comes the beauty of all the effort. The Marines, coming out to Garlstadt thinking at least some blood would be spilled, were all ticked off cause they didn't see none, so's they said we'll fix those "squids". And they did; they rigged up a tear gas tent, filled it with "I don't know what" kind of gas, gave the troops bum gas masks and drove them in. I was one of the first to make the charge and one breath told me, Charlie, get the heck out of here. I did, I heard someone calling me back, but I quickly responded by giving him the CT salute and kept on running.

In conclusion, next time there are war games, Captain, please let the Army do the fighting and the Navy look after the ship."



WHAT A GAS — "I figured that since this was the last field problem this year, I, . . . Charlie Roach, better man my combat boots and cover it. Everything was fine until they made us go through that gas chamber with "I don't know what" kind of gas, and "It don't fit" gas masks.



What's Available?

By CTC John Devitt

How about USAFI? Did you know that more than 300,000 in the military took correspondence courses through the U.S. Armed Forces Institute last year. As Dr. W. L. Brothers, USAFI deputy director for education has reported: "Today's American serviceman is far and away the best educated fighting man the world has ever seen."

An initial \$5.00 enrollment fee provides an unlimited number of courses as long as they are successfully completed. As Dr. Brothers points out, high school dropouts thus can resume studies and qualify for a diploma; high school graduates can take college level courses toward a baccalaureate degree and college graduates can work toward advanced degrees.

In the USAFI catalogue are 16 pre-high school courses, 50 high school subjects, 75 college courses, 52 spoken language courses, and 23 technical courses.

USAFI also features a participating college and university program offering some 6,000 courses through 46 schools.

USAFI credit is recognized by universities throughout the country — from the 12 hours accepted by the University of Maryland in certain subjects



QUARTERS OF THE MONTH AWARD — On behalf of the residents of 11 Kleiner Blink, Chief Commissaryman Clifford Stafford (Senior Occupant) receives the "Quarters of the Month" award from USATCEUR Commanding Officer, COL Joseph Hughes.

to the 60 allowed by the University of Omaha.

USAFI also offers GED tests which compare the educational level of an adult with someone who gained his education formally at school.

How about USAFI? Contact your Educational Services Office, Building 11 Room 227, for additional information.

Supply Department Hot Line

By SK3 Richard Wilson

Greetings from Supply. Starting this month, the job of reporter from Supply has shifted from SK1 Carl Allen to yours truly. I asked Carl how he felt about being an "old has been" and he replied, "Old reporters never die, they just go to that 'big press room' in the sky." Oh, well . . .

DOWNTOWN JOHNSON

Speaking of new jobs, that illustrious "downtowner," SKSN Robert Johnson, temporarily switched for a week from his usual job as stock record card operator to that of a guard. Bob was part of "Operation Palette" at this year's German-American Volksfest. It was his job as a guard to see that none of the Navy Department's art paintings which we had on display were tampered with. I asked Bob how he felt about it and he told me, "There were a lot of 'bennies'." For one thing, the scenery was groovy.

I'm not sure whether he was talking about the art forms he was guarding or the other kind of "art forms" that came to the Navy exhibit.

SUPPLY HOUSING

Supply bachelors have completed their move from Building 11 to the second deck of Building 10. We were all temporarily in one room, but have now moved to our permanent and spacious new rooms. The new decks are somethin' else! They really look great. We'll all have to work at seeing that they stay that way.

Effective 1 September, SK1 Carl Allen and SK1 "Duke" Riley will switch jobs. Carl will relieve Duke as stock control supervisor, and Duke will take over financial inventory control. We hope that both Carl and Duke will enjoy their new duties.

LTJG Vlasblom seems to be enjoying his job as coach for the Dayworkers football team. He's currently involved in getting the team shaped up and ready for a great season. He's doing a fine job, and we know he'll be an excellent coach.

SPECIAL SERVICES TOUR

All of us supply types who went on the Special Services tour of the Rhine River Valley had a wonderful time. It was a great experience and a whole lot of fun.

Well, that about wraps it up. We hope that all your traffic lights stay green and all your skies stay blue . . . see ya next month.

Big Four Grapevine

By E. J. Orton

The 4th Division think tank, (or as I heard someone recently call it, the wind tunnel) has been working on three special projects lately. The first is a money making project, the second has to do with problems of the "Court" and the third deals with the coffee mess.

THE MONEY MAKER

The money making project has demanded quite a bit of thought and creativity from the think tankers, but it has finally been determined that 4th Division in the very near future will be the hosts of a regal banquet. Much research has gone into the menu in order to find something representative and proper for such a momentous occasion. The proceeds from the banquet will be used to purchase a Porsche engine for Lee Hartley's Volkswagen bus. For some reason the factory messed up and put in just a regular old engine. Since Hartley is leaving this month and will not have a chance to correct the mistake, we thought we would help him out.

The menu decided upon for the banquet will include, along with many other appetizing delicacies, the following: S h o u p

soup, Small string beans, Nash jelly, Mercado roast pork and poi, Wajahn mashed potatoes, Brown gravy, Cunningham turkey, Sink stuffing, Gooder eel, Szombathelyi goulash; Mattingly asparagus, Higgins stewed prunes, McQuade jelly rolls, Edgette bamboo shoots, Ellis turtle meat and Badenhop jumping beans. Sounds pretty good, doesn't it? So, save your money and watch for further announcements. I'm sure the food will be piping hot as soon as the 4th Division finishes reading this.

COURT PROBLEMS

The second project deals with problems of the Court. They were recently solved when the brain trust decided to put Machiavelli's philosophy to the test and relegated the think tank's future top E.M., Chief Cunningham to the lower realms of the kingdom in order to ossify the tottering Georgian dynasty. Cunningham will replace CTC Grabowski as Admin Chief for 4th Division and Grabowski will move to the upper kingdom to be with the other lower ranking chiefs.

COFFEE MESS

Finally for the last project, a way has been found to solve the coffee mess. 4th Division has issued a caution to all people walking underneath the tank's windows.

"Be it known to all who proceed beneath 4th Division windows, you are doing so at your own risk while subjecting yourself to a liberal dousing of cold black coffee."

There is really not as much danger involved as it would seem because the window screens catch most of the moisture and only a fine mist filters to the ground. The watchstanders who clean up on their "Eves" have reported that the screens, for some inexplicable reason, always seem to be sticky and dirty. I wonder why? Anyone got any ideas . . . the think tank just ran out.



Sorry I didn't make it to press last month. I'm sure my fans were weeping. Right, Mom?

CT2 Bob "Bubba" Mock and "Pete" Peterson of the Educational Services Office are "batching it." Their wives are visiting the United States. Mock said that's all the news he had for me, except that the radio in his office doesn't work and he sure misses it. I asked him what he thought was wrong with the radio, and he said, "I don't know, but it hasn't worked since they sanded the office floors a couple weeks ago!"

Congratulations are in order for YN2 Joe Moyer, and his wife, Ingrid. The baby came a little earlier than expected, but it was a welcomed 5 pound 4 ounce boy.

'Baby Crow'

While we are congratulating people, congratulations are also in order for PN3 John Berry, who had a baby "Crow." He is our only advancement this month (Our only PN3 at this command); but we are looking forward to better percentages next month.

We had another departure from this Department — CT3 Ralph Haskew. Mr. Westcoat has started to pull out a few more hairs. Seems as if we never will get this Department up to snuff, does it Sir? CT2 Jim Flanagan has received his orders to Washington, D.C. Our friendly Captain's Writer will be leaving in November. (Crystal ball on my desk, Crystal ball, who's going next?)

We are also looking forward to receiving our new Personnel Officer, CTCM Koeing who will be CTCM Ball's relief. As you probably know, Chief Ball is now in D.C.

'Ship-Over' King

And "where has the Admin Chief gone?" people are asking. For those of you who haven't heard, YNC King is now our new Command Career Counselor (since Chief "Wally" Moon's departure). Ship 'em over Chief! By the way, I walked into Chief King's office the other day and he was busy (reading the newspaper). When I gave him a good natured rib about his idleness, he promptly informed me that he was reading an article about "Contributory Retirement" and said that it was only part of his job as Career Counselor. I didn't ask him whose retirement he had in mind.

I understand that Mr. Westcoat and CT2 Doug Katzenbarger are thinking about setting up a golf shop during lunch hour in the Admin Office. Seems as if "golf" is all they talk about. I've noticed cobwebs starting to form on Mr. W.C.'s "Inspection" sword that he keeps in his office, but I haven't seen anything like that on his golf club.

Lieutenant Palette Painter

"Let's see . . . now what was it . . . Lieutenant Palette Painter, or was it Lieutenant Painter's Operation Palette?" Well, anyway — you really dressed the Bremerhaven German-American Volksfest with those murals from Naples. The display deserves a Well Done. Mr. Painter says, "Now that they're here, the big problem is getting them back safely!"

Ever heard of a person chipping a knuckle bone while doing deep knee bends. It's possible. Just ask SK1 Duane Karpenske of the Dayworkers Flag Football Team. The sad part of it is that "Ski" works in the Special Services Office where a lot of protective equipment is at his disposal. Ski says "Yeah, but Wilson doesn't manufacture knuckle protectors!"

That's absurd!



DAS SCHMECKT GUT! — During a recent Special Services trip down the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, (L to R) PN3 and Mrs. John Berry, CT2 Ken Borngesser, SK3 Steve Padgett and CT2 Ken Tavares stop at local Wine Keller to sample some of Germany's oldest wines.



MISS WINDJAMMER — It's not hard to see why Miss Christina Ferrare was selected Miss September Windjammer. How would you like to spend two years sea duty with her as the Skipper?

Sports Corner

By BM1 Ron Hogsed

Sports fans in the Port City saw the fast-pitch play-off at Chapel Field last month. Participating in the tournament were teams representing NSGA Todendorf, the 59th Military Police Company, the 11th Army Postal Unit, and Alfa section from NSGA Bremerhave. The best two out of three tournament was to decide the Port representative to the TASCOM fast-pitch tournament being held in Bremerhaven.

The first game of the series found Todendorf taking an easy win over the 59th MP "Ticket Writers" in a five inning quickie with a score of 15 to 0. Todendorf's Jeff Bohlmann struck out 11 straight. The "Ticket Writers" pitching staff never did find the inner limits of the strike zone.

The second game of the afternoon was a fitful starter due to the intermittent rain. The 11th Army Postal Unit "Mail Pushers", starring pitcher SSGT Teter, USAF took a hard fought win over the Alfa "Annihilators" with a 4 to 2 score. CT3 Wayne Johnson was the losing pitcher.

Elimination of the Alfa "Annihilators" and the MP "Ticket Writers" due to first game losses resulted in a pitching duel between Todendorf's Bohlmann and the "Mail Pushers" Teter. The game went into extra innings as both pitchers fanned batters at the plate. Bohlmann's hit to deep left brought in the winning run in a 1-0 squeaker.

Todendorf, taking the series, became the Port City's representative in the TASCOM tournament held September 3 through 7 and a likely contender for top honors in the US-AREUR softball championship tourney.

