



## Operation Speakout

# I Am An American And Proud Of It

(Editor's Note: Personnel Chief George Malik was recently selected as the winner of the Operation Speakout essay contest, "I Am An American And Proud Of It." The contest, sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 149, offered a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond to the American in Bremerhaven who submitted the best essay on Red, White and Blue Americanism. The entries were not judged on grammar and spelling but on originality, content, and enthusiasm.)

I'm an American, and proud of it and I'll place nothing else above it — but for God whose grace and nod blessed our quest for freedom and peace.

I'm an American, and proud of it. All Americans should love it — America — where opportunities never cease.

My Nationality is unique. I'm part of that mankind that came to seek freedom, and end its strife, and started a better life. From the Mayflowers of this world, that's how my nation grew. From

many races, creeds, and religions, with many similar decisions — came many to escape the bonds of tyranny they knew.

And, my legacy is grand for Democracy was handed from some millions of Patrick Henry's through the years. Their courage paid the price. Their blood and lives they sacrificed, to secure this precious liberty that I now hold so dear.

Yes, I'm an American, and proud of it, and of "Old Glory" unfurled above it — America — and the prestige that she gives to me. Yes, I'm so proud of what I am. I'm a nephew of Uncle Sam! I'm Freedom's child! I'm the son of Mother Liberty!

I'm proud of her Constitution, the Founding Fathers' remarkable solution, that still lives as supreme law of this land! For, it is rigid — yet it's flexible. It is virtually unchangeable, and can adapt as changing times demand.

And, I'm proud of its first amendment — the Bill of Rights appendent. Ten basic Rights that grew to be four-

teen. Proud because my Government, in the past as in the present, upholds these rights and acknowledges them for what they really mean.

They mean that I've a choice. That I can vote, that I've a voice, and can express opinions as to what this country needs. Or, I can write my own impressions to the Press, and cite transgressions, and the prospects that they'll be printed are very good indeed.

They mean that the Law protects me, and even if the Law suspects me — I am innocent until they prove my guilt. It's my Right to be represented so that my Rights won't be circumvented. It's another principle upon which this country's built.

I'm free to travel almost anywhere. There are no barbed wires to hold me in. There are no explosive mines planted here and there, and there are no machine-gun bullets to pierce my skin.

My children aren't taught to be "Comrade Spies." And, I'm never harassed by the "Secret Police." And, I don't have to swallow a pack of lies that the "Party" is foremost and my freedom is least.

I'm an American so I won't back off from my duty. Although many "Americans" blow their stacks off with outrageous cries that we should all be home! If we're going to protect our freedom, we've got to get out there and meet them — or the next land we defend may be our own!

So let's be Americans, and let's be proud! Let's Pledge Allegiance loud — with sincerity in each breath we expend! Let's let the traitor and the foe take heed. Yes, let them know that we're loyal to this county we defend.



**PROUD AMERICAN** — Personnel Chief George Malik smiles with pride after receiving notification that he won the FRA "Operation Speakout" essay contest.

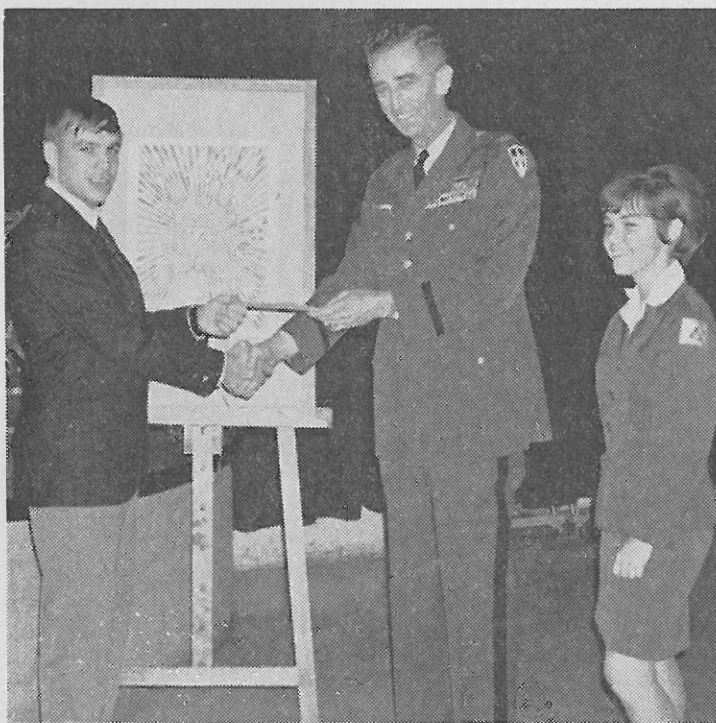
## All-Girl USO Show Slated For Port City

Sara Winter's "Arizona Jamboree," consisting of five pretty, talented young ladies, will present the new sounds in Western, folk, and pop music to servicemen in the Western Mediterranean and Europe. This versatile all-girl show departed the States on November 7, 1969 for an 8-week tour, and will be in the Bremerhaven area to perform at the Second Field Hospital on December 31, 1969, and at the Radio City Service Club on January 7, 1970. With music, dancing, songs, and comedy, "Arizona Jamboree," sponsored by the USO and the Department of Defense, has the winning combination that

will leave you singing the praises of the West — its music and its beautiful girls.

Sara Winter, from Scottsdale, Arizona, the star of the show, is playing a return engagement to the Mediterranean. The other pretty girls in the show are: Susie Pratt, trumpeter; Meryl Mills, guitarist and bassist; Sandy Vaughn, pianist; and Stelle Speros, vocalist and drummer; all from Phoenix, Arizona.

This show is just one of the many being sent our way by the USO to entertain the American military. The shows are made possible by contributions to the USO.

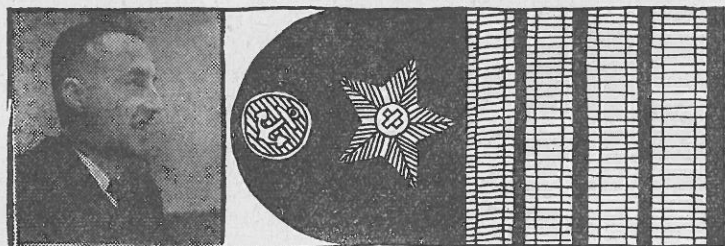


**ANNIVERSARY AWARDS CEREMONY** — During the recent Fiftieth Anniversary of U.S. Army Service Clubs throughout the world, Radio City Service Club celebrated the day by honoring the many volunteers who contributed greatly to the Port City club's success. CT2 Joel Sheltrown (above) was among many Army, Navy, and Marine Corps personnel receiving a Letter of Appreciation from Colonel James Castrale, Commanding Officer, U.S. Forces Support District, Bremerhaven and Miss Carol Tanner — Radio City Program Director. (Navy and Marine Corps personnel not pictured but receiving awards were: CT2 Bob Fritch, CT1 Dave Olsen, CT2 Kenneth Ludington, CT2 Will Eignus, CPL Maurice Marcotte, SGT Mitchell Moore, PN3 John Berry, CT1 Ronald Hansson, and SGT James Stiles.



**ARIZONA JAMBOREE** — These five talented and pretty ladies will present the new sounds in western, folk and pop music to servicemen and their families in the Port City on December 31, 1969 and January 7, 1970.





### SKI HEIL

The onset of winter doesn't bring an end to enjoyable sight-seeing and travel in Europe, though it certainly affects the traveller's interests.

Need some gaiety on a cold winter's night — then the Special Services trip to Paris for New Year's may be just the ticket. Or should the long winter be too cold and damp, then the proposed Special Services trip to Majorca in March may be what you need.

But what could be more appropriate in wintertime in Europe than a ski trip! Three hours away are the Harz Mountains with skiing (Special Services ski weekend planned for February), and more significantly, the Alps with a wide variety of skiing are less than day away. Those of us on the ancient side of the generation gap have learned too often that people are inclined to let many "golden opportunities" go by. And for the young in body or heart, I can't think of a greater experience than taking up Alpine skiing in the Alps.

The Armed Forces Recreation Center offers learn-to-ski weeks at both Berchtesgaden and Garmisch. For about \$50.00, AFRC provides lodging, instruction, slope fees, equipment, clothing, and meals. The details, especially as to meals, vary — so read the fine print. (I believe you get all meals at Berchtesgaden, but only breakfast at Garmisch.) Everyone that I have spoken to has enjoyed the AFRC ski weeks. They are particularly suited to the neophyte skier since AFRC furnishes ski jacket and pants along with skis, boots, and poles in their package. When I was in Garmisch last year, they did recommend that you bring your own gloves, sweater, and long-johns. (These are available from a variety of stores, including AFRC ski shops, in Garmisch and Berchtesgaden.) For the experienced skier AFRC has a good selection of quality ski equipment and apparel for sale in their shops as well as good skiing. If you want to be adventurous, inexpensive skiing is also available outside of the AFRC. Special Services received a brochure from an area near Kitzbühl, Austria that offers a 7 day ski vacation, all meals, in rooms with private bath, for \$48.00 per person, taxes included. 24 hours of lessons cost an additional \$10.80, week's lift ticket \$10.00, and equipment rental \$9.00.

To help compute the total cost of a ski trip, the second class round trip train fare, Bremerhaven to Garmisch, is \$31.50. (Money could be saved here by using the duty train to Frankfurt.)

Zermatt, St. Moritz, St. Johann in Tyrol, Bad Gastein, and all the other great ski resorts of Europe are waiting — an opportunity unavailable to CONUS-dwelling civilians. The opportunity is yours, take it!

### BEQ LIVING

The Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Bremerhaven are a far cry from those at the last two field stations I served at — Guam and Kami Seya. Gone are the small cubicles made of flimsy partitions with extremely limited storage space. Here, most men are berthed in one or two man rooms in a solidly constructed building. These BEQ's do require some improvements beyond the abilities of the occupants to make. However, weekly inspections convince me that some big improvements are within the capabilities of the occupants to make. These are cleanliness, decoration, and consideration. Too many rooms have dirty decks, littered lockers, piled up trash, and clothing stewn about. BEQ residents have a free hand in decorating their rooms. A few have done an outstanding job, most have done little to care for or improve their surroundings. Finally, consideration — consideration for the others who live with you. Hi-fi sets turned up to outlandish volume, noise in the corridors, and other poor manners make life in the BEQ's less pleasant. Because of watch standing routine, there are people sleeping at all hours in the BEQ's. Others would like to study, write letters, or read in peace. Consideration from their fellow men would be a great help.

## Dayworkers Extend Streak

Another of the mighty challengers has fallen by the way-side. Delta section was soundly whipped in a bowling match by the still undefeated dayworkers. Led by Chief Joel Johnson's 216 game, the dayworkers built up an insurmountable lead and never relinquished it. It appears the dayworkers will finish the year undefeated, marking their second successive year as such.

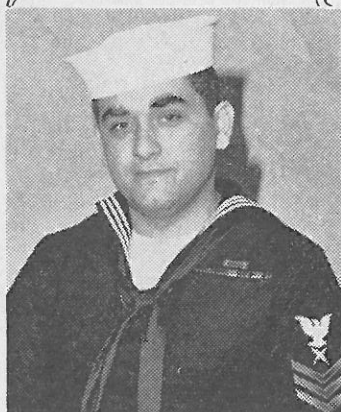
Welcome aboard to Chief G. W. Screws who reported in from P.I. Chief Screws has been with us for several weeks and seems to be enjoying his new job. His only problem seems to be learning his way around town. We have been expecting him to call and ask on how to get to work.

CT2 Dale Bennett and CT3 James Kraus recently departed for new duty assignments. CT2 Bennett is looking forward to doing some fishing and skin diving on the tropical paradise island of Guam. CT3 Kraus is looking forward to getting a suntan on the little base called Gitmo.

### "HOOVER BLUE"

The COMM Center is presently being painted. The new colors are white and "Hoover" blue. The latter color got its name from a LCDR formerly stationed in Bremerhaven. The new colors brighten the spaces considerably and should make working conditions much better.

## Sailor of The Month



CT1 KENNETH W. SEPEDA

CT1 Kenneth W. Sepeda of 1st Division has been selected "Sailor-Marine of the Month" for the month of December. In CT1 Sepeda's letter of selection, Captain Osmer stated in part:

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

"Since your arrival at this command in April 1967, you have become well versed in all aspects of your assigned tasks. You willingly accept responsibility, and your technical know-how combined with your enthusiastic manner have made you a definite asset to this Activity.

"Your unceasing efforts to improve your professional knowledge are well documented by the many correspondence courses which you have completed. Also noteworthy are the study guides you have prepared for the lower rated men preparing for advancement. Your skill, knowledge, and initiative are a continuing inspiration to all at this command.

"In addition to your professional accomplishments, you have been an enthusiastic supporter of the station athletic program. This along with your cheerful personality and air of good humor are positive factors in the high degree of morale enjoyed by all personnel in your 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!"

## Watch Your Step

WASHINGTON (Family Editor) . . . Do you know that many Americans die each day from accidental falls? They fall from roofs, from step ladders, from trees and in hundreds of other ways.

Most of these people are over 65; and most of the accidents occur in their own homes. Service families frequently have older visitors or even an elderly parent living with them. Protect their health by preventing accidents.

Clear sidewalks, steps and porches of snow as soon as possible. Put salt, sand or ashes on icy spots.

Anchor throw rugs, wipe up wet spots immediately. Pick up loose objects, repair worn carpeting. Safety is no accident.

# Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

One of the greatest emotions that belongs to us is wonder. What has been your response as you looked into the vast heavens on a clear night, appalled at the myriad stars. Such a view can only bring responses of awe and amazement.

Wonder is the feeling of surprise and awe which is aroused by something incredible. God's creation is filled with a multitude of wonders, many of which brush our lives each day, and yet go unnoticed. Life for those who cannot pause to wonder is bland and unexciting.

Christmas is the celebration of the most wonderful event in the world—that God was in Christ offering himself to the world. Christ is God uttered in terms of personality such as we can comprehend. With him came the light that no darkness can ever put out. What God did that night in Bethlehem brings joy to us despite our sadness, hope where despair keeps watch and courage for fears ever present. The wonder of it all is that God did something incredible.

The twentieth century imposes the danger of losing the God-given sense of wonder. Too often only those things which can be detected by our fine senses are significant.

Christmas is the time to celebrate the wonder and awe of its true meaning. Let us not suppress it with a cold, calculating logic which leaves no room for the element of surprise. When the sense of wonder and awe through the Christmas message comes into our lives, it brings a deeper sense of humility and reverence for life.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

My wish for you this season is that your joy will abound in the wonder of Christmas and the blessedness of God's peace remain with you throughout the coming year.



PERSONNEL INSPECTION — During his recent visit to Bremerhaven, Captain Nelson W. Craw, Director, U.S. Naval Security Group Europe, inspects members of the Activity.



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## Admin's aBsurDities

By  
PNC George Malik



Some skeptics will look at me in disbelief when I tell them my wife becomes stricken with the flu after I have been inoculated against the virus. I believe this to be true. However, if I am mistaken there must be a series of coincidences involved.

The last time I received the flu shot she became extremely ill. We underwent what seemed to be a "touch and go" situation for a few hours. I would touch her head (the best way to test for a fever as told to me by some old wife), panic, and go call the hospital. The duty corpsman, in his endeavor to calm me down, would politely tell me that there was no reason for alarm; and if I would take two aspirin and go directly to bed, my wife would be much better in the morning.

### Psychological Affliction

Others have tactfully informed me that her affliction may be purely psychological. "If she doesn't know that you have had the flusht..." They tell me. However, how can I conceal those tell-tale bloodstains on my white shirt or keep my composure when she (inadvertently) gives my arm a solid rap with her dainty little fist?

I understand that Seaman George Wilks and Seaman Wayne Kelsey, from the Personnel Office, ran all the way back to Building 11 after having received their flu shots. The story is that the Corpsman had told them not to walk back for at least five minutes because they might get dizzy or nauseated.

Chief Hospital Corpsman Frank Brown and HM2 Phil Armstrong did a commendable job in organizing and coordinating with the Army for the administering of the flu shots in Building Two. The Army did a commendable job for "shooting" the Navy. The whole process went fast and smooth. I can't say it was painless, because I cry easily.

Chief Boatswains Mate Jess Saur informed Lieutenant Westcoat that all preliminary precautions, procedures, and arrangements had been completed for the upcoming Commanding Officer's Personnel Inspection. "Has the grass on the Quadrangle been mowed yet?" inquired Mr. Westcoat (at this point I must interject that it had been raining cats and dogs continuously for a week prior to this conversation, and it happened to be raining that day). "No Sir," replied Chief Saur. "But I've got a man out there standing by the pumps."

### Locked In

I heard a tremendous commotion coming from the men's head in Building Eleven the other day in addition to some anguished cries of "Help!" When I heard such noises coming from such a place it was easy for me to imagine all sorts of things. My first thought was to rush in there and see if I could be of some assistance in the crisis, but my second thought was not to get involved. So — I ran the other way. I did discover, later, that it was a man from Admin who had locked himself in one of the stalls and couldn't figure out how to unlock the door. I never find out whether the door was finally unlocked or if he became desperate and climbed over the top. That's Absurd!

## Mat-Men Madness

By The Kidd

We have a couple of new additions to the muster list since last edition. CT2 Willard P. Hyer checked in from the Philippines and CT2 Morris K. Dagley reported from that Arctic paradise, Adak.

It will be Christmas shortly and all the Mat-Men are wondering what Santa will bring them. What they don't seem to understand is that if they aren't good, Santa won't bring them anything. Also, the Kidd sneaked a look at their Christmas lists. Most of them had right at the top their hope for a white Christmas rather than a soggy one. Did you know that Santa's sleigh is equipped with water skis?

Merry Christmas, Charlie Roach! From the Mat-Men.

A few other items on the Mat-Men's lists: 30 days basket leave in Hamburg; smarter operators; more Mat-Men; 30 days basket leave in Amsterdam; equipment that would live up to its unbreakable guarantee; Stateside orders; 30 days basket leave in Copenhagen!

In this issue, a tip of the Mat-Men screwdriver along with a sincere "Bon Voyage" goes to CTC Russ Beatty and family who will settle in Corpus Christi, Tex. As a full-fledged member of the Associate Degree Completion Program (ADCOP), Russ will be swapping his coffee cup and beer mug for a slide rule and briefcase. Also on the airline manifest will soon be CT3 Walt Marhefka and his wife en route to San Miguel.

## Supply Hot Line

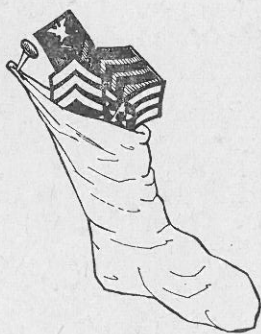
By SK3 Richard Wilson

Supply Department recently received a new shipment of wedding bells which arrived just in time to ring out for SK3 Dale Jorgenson who was married on November 21st. We in Supply would like to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to Dale and his new wife, Marion and wish them all the luck in the world.

Three storekeepers changed jobs in November. SK2 John Murray took over both the requisitioning and follow-up desks and SK3 Steve Padgett and myself moved back out to the issue room. I'd like to wish John good luck in his new job. Steve and myself have had previous experience in our new jobs so the transition should pose no new problems for us.

Steve Padgett has enrolled in the University of Maryland, thus becoming our most recent student. He joins SK1 C. W. Allen and SKCS J.R. Bailes who are also presently enrolled. Steve is taking Business Law which he tells me is extremely interesting and challenging. He is using this course to help him obtain a degree in Business Administration.

That's it for this month. Until I see you again, keep your eye on the ball and keep swinging.



## The Happening

By B. Moquin

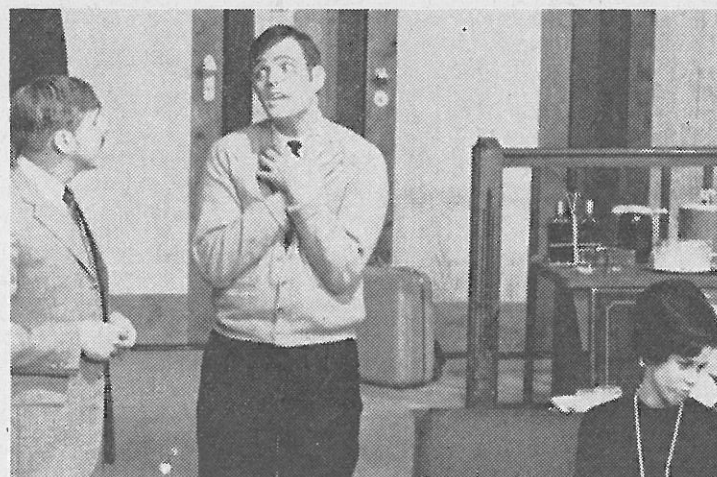
Two stars were born the 16th of December as CTCS Crawford and the "Happening's" greatest reporter, CTCS Moquin, were crowned Senior Chiefs. These two well deserved promotions were the culmination of years of hard work, devotion to duty, superior leadership traits, and the uncanny ability to luck out. CTI Simler also received his promotion on the 16th. He is joining the ranks of Third Division's cadre of handpicked instructors, and will in the near future be joined by CT2's Babin and Bonnel. Also included in his select circle is CTI Zeke Zatterburg, who I understand just put in a request chit for an Ethiopian Gunboat homeported in Death Valley, Calif.

Departing the Happening this month were CT2's Peterson and Mower. Pete is going back for separation and Mower left for the typhoon center of the Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa.

### IF OF THE MONTH

If the President's program of reduction in forces continues much longer, the Navy will have to give 1967 retroactive discharges to personnel separated in 1968.

Hang loose and remember the old adage: Rolling stones start avalanches.



MARY, MARY — During recent Port City Theater production of *Mary, Mary*, CTI Ray Gosselin (center) discusses tax problems with family lawyer Dean Schechter. Portraying Mary was Mrs. Clyde Way (right).

## Company 'F' Round-Up

By SGT John Lipe

During its many years of experience in peace and war, the Marine Corps has developed many traditions; traditions of devotion to duty, self-sacrifice, versatility, and dependability; traditions of uniform insignia, and equipment. Since the American Revolution generations of Marines have maintained and perpetuated these traditions. One of the annual traditions is the celebration of the United States Marine Corps Birthday, November 10, 1775.

This year's celebration by the Marines of Company "F" was presented and celebrated in the highest tradition of the Marine Corps. The Birthday Ball was held in the "Strand-halle," with entertainment provided by the British band called the "RHINOS."

The Marines and their guests had the privilege of having Captain G. W. Rayhill, COMSTSELM, as their distinguished guest and speaker.

After the celebration dinner, which was more than ample in both quantity and quality, the Marines and their guests turned to a pleasant evening of social drinking and dancing (also in keeping with the "high"-est tradition of the Marine Corps).

### PRO-MOTIONS

Promotions are an important item to any Marine; however, we feel Captain Gilbert Nason has gotten his fair share. In the last quarter, he has been promoted to Gunnery Sergeant (permanent), selected for Master Sergeant and promoted to Marine Captain (temporary). He has a batch of "wetting down parties" to catch up on.

Also during a recent promotion ceremony held by Major James L. Neyman, Commanding Officer of Company "F", the following men were promoted to corporals: Robert Cain, James Fitzl, Ray Green, Sammy Jackson, and Francis McLoughlin. Cpl

Green will be "filling-in" for the departed SSgt Jaworski as "Admin-man" in the Company "F" office.

### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Last month's new arrivals to the port city are: Cpl Ray Green, L/Cpl Ken Koldewey, Cpl Jeff Johnson, and Cpl and Mrs. Fitzl's new-born baby son Nathan. Congratulations to all of them!

A few Marines will be departing Company "F" on a journey back to the land of the giant PX and other places further "East." A big-hand and a farewell is extended to SSgt Todd Elsmo (Vietnam), SSgt Gerald Haddock (Hawaii), Sgt Dwayne Aldrick (North Carolina), MSgt Jack Mercado (North Carolina), Sgt Frank Longano (Maryland), Sgt Frank Kermes (North Carolina), and Sgt John Lipe (North Carolina).

### PROJECT PARTNERSHIP IN HAMBURG

In the light of Project Partnership, 23 members of Company "F" traveled to Hamburg to be the guests of the 76th Tank Battalion (Reserves). The Marines enjoyed a day of shooting for the German Marksmanship medal; touring Hamburg by bus; participating in a 15 KM night compass march; eating and drinking with their German hosts around a huge bonfire; and "lastly" but not "leastly" an after midnight tour of the "Reeperbahn." The German units are always happy to have an invitation accepted by the U.S. Marines or "Leather-necks" as they call us, because of our enthusiasm and because they say we really know how to enjoy ourselves.

We now have the pleasure of announcing that the holder of the 194th Marine Corps Anniversary "souvenir ashtray" bearing the number "seven" may at this time come to the Company "F" office and collect his prize.

## Navy Will Pay Mortgage Insurance

WASHINGTON... Navymen thinking of buying a home might keep in mind that the Navy will pay FHA mortgage insurance premiums.

The Navy pays insurance premiums to FHA on mortgages up to \$30,000 in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands as long as a sailor is on active duty. Payments may be higher in

Guam, Alaska and Hawaii. The insurance premiums amount to one half percent of the mortgage per year.

The Navy will continue for a limited time to pay the premiums for the widow of an eligible sailor who dies while on active duty.

For details of the provision, see SECNAVINST 1741.4C.





**MARINE CORPS BALL** — During recent anniversary of the Marine Corps, Marines of Company "F" and their invited guests enjoy music and dancing at the Birthday Ball held at the Bremerhaven Stadthalle.

## Notice

From: Bremerhaven Windjammer

To: All Command Personnel

Subj: Death of Chief Petty Officers; procedures in case of

Ref: (a) BLOOPERS C/L 29-53, Section 46, para. 4c

1. **Purpose.** To promulgate procedures to be followed in the event of unauthorized death of Chief Petty Officers.

2. **Discussion.** It has been brought to our attention that many Chief Petty Officers have been dying while on duty for no good reason at all. Furthermore, said Chief Petty Officers are neglecting to fall over after they have died. THIS PRACTICE MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY.

3. **Policy**

a. Effective 1 January 1970, any Chief Petty Officer found sitting up after he has died will be dropped from the payrolls at once without formal investigation as required by reference (a).

b. Where it can be proven that the Chief Petty Officer concerned is being held up by a desk, table, turbine, electrical equipment, or any other support which is the property of the United States Navy, a ninety (90) day period of grace shall be given.

4. **Procedure.** The following procedure will be strictly adhered to:

a. If after several hours, it is noticed that a Chief Petty Officer has not moved or changed position, the man's division officer shall investigate.

b. Because of the highly sensitive nature of the Navy's Chief Petty Officers, and the close resemblance between death and their natural working attitude, this investigation will be made quietly so as to prevent the Chief Petty Officer from awakening, if he is asleep.

c. If doubt exists as to the true condition of the Chief Petty Officer, extending a pay check is a fine test. IF THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICER DOES NOT REACH FOR THE CHECK, it may be assumed that he is dead. (NOTE: In some cases, that instinct has been so strongly developed that a spasmodic clutching action may occur—DO NOT BE FOOLED BY THIS ACTION.)

5. **Action.** In all cases of this nature, a sworn statement by the dead person must be filled out in NAVPERS FORM X-87987(a), which has been provided for this purpose. Fifteen copies of this statement will be sent to the deceased, and all remaining copies will be promptly lost in the departmental files.

6. **Cancellation.** This Notice is cancelled when all Chief Petty Officers have been informed of its contents, but may be retained for information.

## Sports Corner

By BM1 Ron Hogsed

Port City basketball fans are currently enjoying a tight race in Captain's Cup competition. An added feature is the inclusion of the Army in league play, though not Captain's Cup, to allow for greater competition and a faster method of deciding the Port City champions.

A double system is being used this year in recording results. Only Navy versus Navy games will be used for scoring Captain's Cup points while all games count for standings in deciding the representative to the TASCOT tournament. A double elimination tournament will be played among the top four teams to decide the champions. This year's TASCOT tourney will be played at the Sports Arena, Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim.

Exciting net action is yours every week through the 14th of February with a total of eight games each week.

## Naval Leadership

The United States Navy-Marine Corps records of victorious achievements on land, at sea, and in the air in peace and war have won for these services an honored position in our great nation. This great heritage was passed on to us by our leaders, both officer and enlisted, whose outstanding examples of courage, integrity and devotion to duty are historically significant. They accomplished their missions successfully by high caliber leadership and personal example.

The strength of our nation and of our services depends upon courageous, highly motivated and responsible individuals.



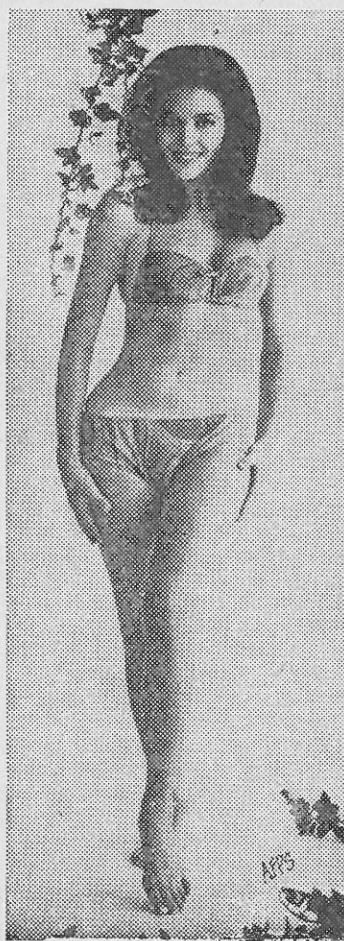
## The Big Beat

By Dave Stewart

As you read this edition of the big beat . . . All of the AFN elves including Dopey the Navy Elf (with "DE" Brooklyn accent) are shaking their heads and wondering about the guy who dreamed up the plot that Grouchy was to steal all of the left arms and hide-out in Bremerhaven with all of Tiny's supply . . . There was hardly any one at NSGA who didn't manage to get their name or Christmas wish mentioned on one of the poison elf letters . . . Alas another Christmas season comes to an end at AFN.

### AFN ARRIVALS

The voice of 1142 added two new personalities during the month of December . . . The new host of the newly named "Early Bird Show" is Army Specialist Four Dan "Toby Kirby" . . . Toby comes to the Port from a recent assignment at the Department of Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison . . . Toby who calls home Washington D.C. has had some limited radio and television experience and has acted in little theater. . . The other new voice belongs to a retired Gate Guard formally known as an MP . . . Yup, Army Specialist Four Mark Winship. The station news caster is taking his first crack at radio and is doing a fine job.



**MISS DECEMBER WINDJAMMER** — When Santa asked what we wanted for Christmas, we picked Miss Linda Harrison. Two days later we received a letter saying, "Is that any way to run a newspaper?" (Editor's Note: It isn't, but it sure would be fun.)



I was slumbering in my favorite coke bottle listening to an English beat band called "Jethro Tull" go right out of their mind when the hot line from Ace Goldberg's shop cut me short.

"Charlie, think you can get away from Second Division for a bit, we have a problem over here which I think you could handle."

How about that, they want me, Charlie Roach, over at the "Wheel-shop," hummm, must be another one of those smutzy jobs. "O.K. Ace, I'll be over shortly." I sticks my green badge under my wing, dons my best green shade and calls for the C.O.'s driver. 'After all, you don't expect a respectable roach to walk all the way over on foot in this weather. You know, the sidewalk isn't safe for roaches and the grass on the quadrangle is too high for a little guy, besides the skipper's heater is the best on base. I'm a bit apprehensive riding with this German driver but with that fancy jacket I figure he's one of the "in" group and it'll be difficult for him to rip that Plymouth up to 180 K's between Building Two and Eleven.

### WHAT KINDA CREEP?

"Charlie," Ace says, "We got this problem, some dude is tearing out the new watch clock boxes. We can't seem to catch him so I figured with your contacts and connections maybe you can dig up something on him. Willing to give it a try?"

I agreed and commenced to think how I would tackle this assignment. What kind of creep would do this job? When would he do it? Where will he strike next? Since Building Ten has been hit the hardest, I think that would be the best place to start. Being small has its advantages, so I decided to sit and just wait him out.

I was close to giving up after waiting for three days when I finally spots this guy eyeballing this watch clock box. I moved in to get a closer look when WHAM, this cat ups and kicks the watch clock with the heel of his shoe. WHAM, again he clobbers it. "Hey mate" I shouts at him. He starts to make it and fast, but I called again, "Hey, it's only me, Charlie Roach, hold on I just want to talk."

"Why're yuh kicking the watch boxes, is it some kind of new game?" I quickly size up this guy, he's definitely got to have a couple of loose screws, I mean nobody goes around kicking a stupid wall, even us roaches got better sense than that.

"For fun," he replies, "For fun." Fun, well I'll be darned. I tilted my head and stared him squarely in the face. "Wouldn't it be more fun to make it down the road with some cute frauline or maybe get together with your mates at Sleepy's?"

"Naw," he chirped, "it's more fun kicking dis box, dat udder stuff is for clods, dis is cheaper too." Looking at him with a puzzled expression I thought, "Yeh, so's butting your head against a stone wall, but thats not my bag." Starting again I asked, "You high, on the pill kick or something?"

"Who me, naw dats for squares." I don't believe this guy is for real. I questioned him further, "What about your shipmates?" He smirked, "Ain't gone none." I believe it buddy, I think they'd probably have you put away.

"Do you hate your mother?" He glared at me, "No, why do you ask me that?"

"Well, I saw this program on T.V. where this shrink was doing the couch job on this dude that had been going around chucking rocks at buses and this seems just as dumb to me if you read me."

"What do you think I am, a psycho?" he grinned.

"Well I'm no shrink, but I'd say you definitely have a problem and it's more than body odor."

The guy started to blow his cool and I believe he would have done the job on me when I heard the security watch coming. Our nut case heard him too and took off like someone lit a fire under his . . . , well, he took off, let's leave it at that.

"I'm sorry Ace, I was trying to get his name, but he got ticked off at me and if it hadn't been for the security watch I'd have played that game 'DEAD BUG' and it would have been for real. This much I can tell you, he's stupid, inconsiderate, and has an awful case of B.O. which all in all makes him a genuine loser. I've seen guys like him before, but unfortunately they've got most of them locked up so they can't hurt anyone. I calculate this guy's I.Q. is so low he probably wound up in the minus column. You'll have to turn this one over to some of the super-sluths, but he won't be hard to find. If you see a guy standing out in the rain talking to himself it'll probably be this joker cause he doesn't have the sense to come in out of it."

I decided to walk back to Building Two, it's safer there.



# SEASON'S GREETINGS

