

HERE'S ONE THE REF MISSED! — CT2 Allen Jackson (13) of the Charlie Chargers is pulled off balance by an unidentified hand around the face. A blocking attempt is being made by CT3 Walt Pressnell (16) of the Bravo Bulldogs. The Chargers went on to win this one (71-57) for the right to go to the TASCOM Tournament in Mannheim last month.

Chargers Take Port City Basketball Championship

The Port City basketball season officially ended last month, when the Charlie Chargers won the right to represent the Port in the TASCOM Tournament held Feb. 23-27 in Mannheim, Germany.

Port Champions

Two other teams managed to partake of the glory this season, when the Bravo Bulldogs won the Captain's Cup and 67th

Transportation took the Commander's Cup title. The Chargers captured the Port championship by defeating both the Bulldogs and 67th Transportation in the play-offs. The deciding game with the Bulldogs saw the Chargers emerge victorious after a hard-fought battle which ended in a final score of 71-57, and destined them for Mannheim.

Suffer Defeat

Upon their arrival in Mannheim for the double elimination tournament, the success that had previously accompanied the Chargers apparently deserted them. They suffered defeat at the hands of the Mannheim team, 103-59 while the Nuernberg team bested them 80-59. It was reported that the Chargers played well during the first half of both games but tired during the second halves against teams whose players all seemed of equal ability.

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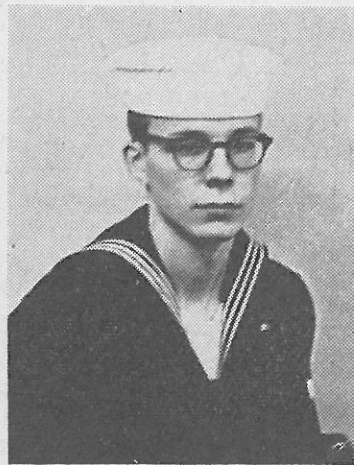
The ladies of the Enlisted Wives Club were guests at a Navy Officers Wives Club tea held during the month of February. Mrs. E. Ingerbretson and Mrs. G. Cirak were the hostesses for the occasion. Door prizes were won by Mrs. G. Nason, Mrs. J. Neyman, and Mrs. J. Osmer.

The March luncheon will feature a display of wigs and hairpieces, with styling demonstrations through the courtesy of the Friseur beauty salon on Hoffenstrasse. For reservations call Mrs. G. Nason at 82585 or Mrs. R. Richter at 82386.

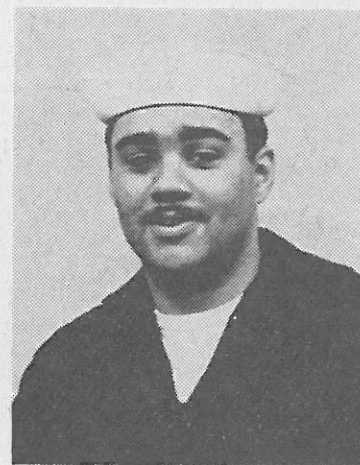


Whitehats Seek Commissions

NSGA Sailors Selected To OCS



CT3 Thomas J. Lindsay



CT3 Inman A. Breaux

New Senior Enlisted Advisor Arrives for Duty With NSGA

NSGA has a new Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) as a result of the arrival of CTCM Dwight O. Nichols, who is currently the highest-ranking enlisted man at this command. CTCM Nichols of Electronics Department was transferred here from NSGA Homestead, Fla., in February and took over the SEA position early this month from CTCM Lloyd K. Byrd of Operations Department.

It is the responsibility of the SEA to make recommendations on any matters concerning the morale, welfare, and well-being of U.S. Naval enlisted personnel at this command. The recommendations are forwarded

to the SEA of CINCUS-NAVEUR who in turn reports to Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Delbert D. Black.

Chief Gets Award For Suggestion

A Beneficial Suggestion by a former shipmate of NSGA recently paid off in the form of a \$40.00 cash award. CTC Richard T. Harvey, now stationed at U.S. Naval Communications Station, Philippines, submitted a suggestion in 1968 during his tour here, concerning the replacement of insulation inserts in damaged radio frequency patch panel jacks. He suggested that when the insulation on these jacks becomes damaged, it alone should be replaced. Prior to his suggestion, the entire jack was being replaced at a substantially higher cost to the Navy. His suggestion was adopted by this command and is estimated to have saved \$800.00 during its first year of implementation.

CTC Harvey was forwarded congratulations and a check by CAPT J. W. OSMER, JR. The check was in the amount of \$32.00 (\$40.00 less \$8.00 which was withheld for income tax).

Two NSGA whitehats may rate a salute in months to come. CT3 Inman A. Breaux of First Division and CT3 Thomas J. Lindsay of Third Division received word last month that they have been selected to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Newport, R.I. in classes convening in April and June respectively.

Both men applied for the program while stationed at NCTC Pensacola, Fla. where they were attending Class "A" School. Immediately after completing "A" School last September, both men received orders to Bremerhaven.

CT3 Breaux, whose hometown is Guthrie, Oklahoma, received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1967. While in college, he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. After receiving his baccalaureate degree from the University of Michigan, CT3 Breaux attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. where he completed graduate prerequisite courses. He will be entering OCS Class 7009 which convenes April 18 and graduate Aug. 21.

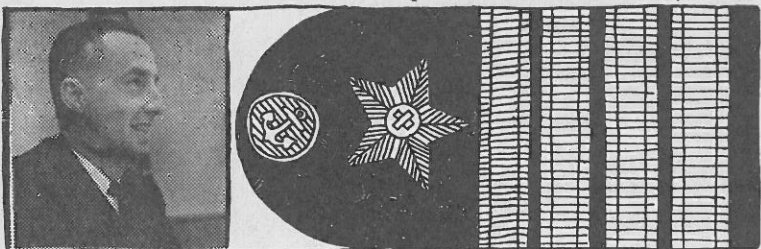
"I feel great," said CT3 Breaux, "about being selected to OCS. This is something I have planned for since my enlistment in the Navy."

CT3 Lindsay of Bourbonnais, Ill. is a 1969 graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He will be entering OCS Class 7011 which convenes June 20 and graduates Oct. 23.

"I had made up my mind prior to my enlistment," said CT3 Lindsay, "that I was going to seek a commission. I'm glad things turned out that way. As to whether I make a career of the Navy, I'm really undecided right now. As long as Navy career benefits are competitive with those in civilian life, however, I see no reason why I shouldn't remain in the service."

Both men will be commissioned in the grade of Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve upon completion of their OCS training, and may subsequently apply for a Regular Navy commission. Upon being commissioned with 1615 designators, both men will be qualified to serve in an officer capacity in the same field in which they are now serving.





The Army Education Center provides a valuable service to military personnel and their dependents in Bremerhaven. However, as I have mentioned before, it is a service that must be efficiently utilized if it is to be retained. In the present term we have one of the best enrollments ever, with 85 Navy men enrolled in college level courses. To have 85 of some 550 men enrolled is a good participating percentage and also comprises about 60 per cent of the total enrollment at the education center.

However, this has not been achieved without some problems. Partially, it is a problem of communication and understanding and, partially, it is a problem of the inherent conflicts between watch standing routine and class schedules. But these are not insurmountable problems; the present enrollment proves that. Also, we should be able to reduce these problems and our Educational Services Office is setting about doing that. Now is an appropriate time as preparations are being made for Term IV enrollment.

Because of the small size of the center, its very limited number of regularly assigned instructors, and the desire to offer courses most wanted by the people in Bremerhaven, the education center has a three-step procedure in which it: (1) surveys the interests of the military personnel, (2) registers the students, and (3) admits the students.

The surveys conducted have not been binding on anyone, and, as a result, have been misleading to the education center since many people express their interests, but have no real intent to participate. The registration is a commitment in that the registrant will have to pay \$25.00 (\$15.00 if he has previously been enrolled with the University of Maryland) whether he attends the course or not. It is required by the education center so that they can make firm arrangements for courses and instructors. The registration form provides space to list three courses that the Army Education Center offers. The enrollment is also binding and commits the student to pay the total costs of the course — \$70.00 (\$60.00 if the student has previously been enrolled in the University of Maryland).

Two means exist to help the student defray the costs of the course: tuition aid and the G. I. Bill. To understand the alternatives and to obtain this assistance, the prospective student should seek the advice and assistance of the Navy Educational Services Office and complete the arrangements with the Educational Services Officer prior to attending the first class.

Where tuition aid or the G. I. Bill is being used to help defray the costs of enrollment, the aid will still be paid should the student be unable to complete the course because of military duties, such as change of watch section, TAD, etc. However, it will not be paid for a man who drops out for personal reasons, such as to spend more time studying for advancement in rate or because the course is too difficult, etc. The prospective student should fully understand these conditions, and he should get the straight word from the Navy Educational Services Office.

The only person qualified to provide educational counselling is Mr. Hawkins, the head of the Army Education Center. All persons planning to further their education while assigned here should consult with Mr. Hawkins for advice on courses to be taken as well as for actual registration and enrollment. However, before signing either the registration form or admission contract I strongly recommend that you again check in with our Educational Services Office so that we can be sure that there is a complete understanding of what you are committing yourself to, of the availability of G. I. Bill or Tuition Aid benefits, and so that the Educational Services Office can intelligently perform its function of liaison with the Army Education Center. (This includes, where indicated, the development of course schedules to fit into a particular watch schedule.)

It may be a slight inconvenience to have to stop by both the Educational Services Office and the Army Education Center, but they are only a hundred yards apart and experience has proved that these checks are desirable.

The intent of the above is not to scare away any potential University of Maryland students, but rather to reduce the number of misunderstandings that occur. And, remember, if the University of Maryland isn't for you then USAFI offers over 6,000 correspondence courses, either directly with USAFI or through 46 participating colleges and universities.

Big Four Grapevine

By AG1 J. R. Brown

If the following people had chosen civilian instead of military careers, try picturing them like this:

CTC SINK as a plumber; LCDR ENNES as a short order cook; CAPT OSMER as an Olympic ski champion; AG1 BECKER as a prohibitionist; CTC Drake as a weatherman; CT2 BRAGDON as a ballet dancer; CTCM CUNNINGHAM as managing editor of a health and physique magazine; CHIEF, Whoops! . . . "GUNNY" ELLIS as a used car salesman; CT2 FITZPATRICK as a veterinarian . . . "here

kitty-kitty"; CT1 "JELLY ROLL" McQUADE as a dietician; CTC WOJAN as a window sill washer; CTC S NASH as a crooked politician; "GUNNY" BROWN as a Cub Scout leader; SSGT EDGETTE as a preacher; CT2 BADENHOFF as a cowboy; SSGT BARNES as governor of Alabama; CT2 HYDRICK as a Den Mother; CT1 GUILL as Playboy's Man About Town; CTC BRIESH as a model for men's clothes (slim style); LT SMALL as head trainer in a flea circus; and MSGT EAGAN as a replacement for the Dirty Old Man on Laugh-In.

Sailor of The Month



CT3 Newell W. Howard, Jr.

CT3 Newell W. Howard, Jr. of Electronics Department has been selected "Sailor-Marine of the Month" for the month of March. In CT3 Newell's letter of selection, Captain O s m e r stated in part:

"You have been selected as the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven, 'Sailor-Marine of the Month' for March 1970.

"Since your arrival at this command in May 1969, you have displayed extraordinary motivation and initiative by rapidly acquiring a degree of technical competence that many technicians develop only over an extensive period of time. Noteworthy is the fact that you acquired this competence while serving in an independent billet, which, of itself, demands intensive individual application.

"Your enthusiasm for conscientious Naval Service has been shown by your ability to accept unfavorable situations in your work with the same degree of enthusiasm and consideration that would normally accompany more interesting assignments. This conscientiousness is also evidenced by your faultless military appearance and your positive attitude towards the performance of duty.

"Possession of these attributes has caused you to be extremely instrumental in making the Routine Preventative Maintenance Program a success and has shown you to be an outstanding example of the calibre of petty officer that the Navy needs.

"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-Marine of the Month. Well done!"



If You Let the Camel Into Tent, You Lose It

THE NOSE OF THE CAMEL

The storm was bitter; the blowing sand blinding; and the weather atrocious. Surely it would only be an act of mercy to allow the camel to put his nose inside the tent. So the Arab thought and so the Arab acted. Inch-by-inch the camel moved until his entire body was inside the tent. By then corrective or defensive measures were too late — the Arab had lost his tent.

This is an old story in form, but ever new in its application. Its moral can well be applied to personal beliefs and convictions once learned but no longer practiced.

Each of us hearkens back to a basic learning of moral and spiritual values — values which have undeniable worth. Through lack of use, beliefs and convictions atrophy and many face the fact that they have moved from a focus on faith and principles to a position in which social acceptance plays the major role. The inevitable result of this inch-by-inch progression is a deterioration of principles. A person who finds his marriage to have failed or his convictions of personal Christian faith to have deteriorated will eventually admit that a breakdown occurs when one compromise follows another.

We live in an environment where extreme pressures are brought to bear upon living personal convictions. We must weave into the fiber of our lives beliefs which are continually reinforced by actions. If not, who knows, perhaps today, the nose of the camel; tomorrow, the forelegs; and eventually, the entire camel.

EASTER FAITH

Faith, portrayed in the Christian experience, is a venture. It begins in believing that God is alive in Christ and that He has given us a pattern of life with the power to carry it through. Easter is the proclamation of the event that gives dynamicism to this Christian faith. It is the renewal of the fact that Christ, who was crucified, came back victorious. Easter faith affords us the happy privilege of accepting, simply and gladly, the presence of this living Christ. Need we look for anything more?



BEAUTIFUL FILLER—Leftover space in newspapers often is filled with Chilean earthquakes, but we did better than that.



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Motocross: A Thrilling Sport

By CTC Richard R. Sorensen

Motorcycle scrambles, as Americans know the sport, is called Motocross in Europe. The name derives from the French "moto" or motor and "cross" for cross-country.

The event is run on a dirt track of 1-1.5 kilometers and often includes mud holes, sharp turns, and hill climbs. The track allows many vantage points from which spectators may view the races.

The races are run in classes based on either rider experience or engine size. Riders are classed as either novice or license riders and engines according to their cubic centimeters (cc). The two main engine classes in Europe are 250cc and 500cc. Some events will also include cycles with sidecars in a separate class.

On Race Day

On race day, activities run from early morning to late afternoon with a break in between for about one hour. The morning is usually devoted to practice runs and time trials which decide starting positions for the afternoon's races. In the afternoon the heats or actual competition races begin and are run in the following manner: novice riders in the 250cc class first; novices in the 500cc class second; license riders in the 250cc and 500cc classes next; and finally, sidecars.

Each class runs two heats and points are assessed against riders according to errors that they make. The rider with the least points after two heats is the winner, provided he finishes both heats.

Americans were relatively

unaware of Motocross until 1966. Torsten Hallman visited the United States then and made demonstration rides in competition with our riders. Americans were astonished at Hallman's ability to take a course at high speeds.

Since then, cycling events in the United States have taken on an entirely different nature and appearance. Tracks have been changed, clubs have been organized and cycling has, to a large extent, been taken off the road and into the countryside.

The Inter-Am is an annual cycling event which brings the best European Motocross riders up against the best America has to offer in a series of 12 races held at various courses across the United States. This spectacle is only four years old, and yet last year it competed in spectator attendance with European events by drawing crowds in the tens of thousands.

Competitive Spirit

Motocross demands not only the cycle, but it also, and perhaps most importantly, makes certain demands of the rider. It requires physical stamina, a sense of strategy derived from experience, and a competitive spirit.

The strategy is in knowing when to lead another rider and when to let him lead you; when to let the course take the steam out of your opponent and when to do it yourself by making him expend his maximum effort sooner than he had intended.

Nearly every man has a competitive spirit which must find

an outlet, and, for those of us who are devoted to the sport, Motocross provides this outlet. For us, there is no greater source of fun and excitement than in getting aboard a cycle and riding it across the countryside in competition.

NSGA Cycle Club members will be competing March 22 at Molln (near Hamburg). Why not come out and watch? Perhaps in a future event you will be the one who is absorbing the bumps and jolts of Motocross — a truly thrilling sport.



AIRBORNE rider and motorcycle demonstrate some of the thrills of Motocross racing.



Supply Hot Line

By SK2 Steve Hahn

With every muscle in my body aching, I'm still trying to figure out what that pine tree had against me. It all started on that Special Services trip to Bad Harzburg. I was skiing down the snow-covered inclines with SK2 Steve Padgett, when a pine tree, which I was unacquainted with, jumped out of the woods and smashed into me. It then proceeded to dump all the snow from its branches upon my sprawled body, much to the amusement of my companions. Despite such incidents, the trip ended up being a success.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Robert Vlasblom who was recently promoted to Lieutenant. LT Vlasblom was so happy with his promotion that he threw a party and tried to give away some of his pay-raise playing Acey-Deucey.

Welcome aboard to SKSA Dave Bellerose who just reported in from "A" school in Newport. Welcome to the team, Dave.

We wish SK2 Richard Wilson best of luck and a case of hot water bottles as he departs Bremerhaven for Project Deep Freeze.

Our loser of the month award goes to our Dept. Head, LT Jerome Ceo. It seems that when he and Mrs. Ceo recently visited Garmisch for some rest and skiing, the Bremerhaven rain followed them.

In closing I'd like to say, "As you roll your way through life, remember to keep your eye on the doughnut and not the hole."

Admin's Absurdities

By PNC George Malik

and introducing

CT1 Ron Hansson

With this issue I bid you farewell as a columnist for the Admin. Department and pass the pen to, none other than, CT1 Ronald Hansson of the ARFCOS Office. "Ron," as he is affectionately called, is well qualified to write a column such as this. He is a "library scientist," and, in fact, works in the Base Library where he has ready access to such inspirational reading material as: all the best sellers on initial distribution (Portnoy's Complaint, The Love Machine, etc.) and current issues of such widely read magazines as "Fun in the Sun," "Better Homes and Gardens" and "Jack and Jill." Ron should keep us all entertained. Go to it, Ron!

Thanks, Chief. Now let's see what has transpired in ADMIN in recent days.

FLASH: PN2 Chuck Weaver is strikin' for CT2. "I've gotta change rate before they'll let me square those guys away," he says. Of course, the fact that the shippin' over VRB is about four times as much has nothin' to do with it, right, WEAVER? Thought we oughta warn you, though, EMC (CTU-MUC-Etc.C) Stuber has been tryin' to square away CT's for a couple of years now . . . without success.

2ND FLASH. CTC Scott Morris, CTC John Devitt's relief in ESO, has been "barred" from the CPO Club for an indefinite period. Seems he got to Bremerhaven too late to get on one of the Officers & Chiefs teams in Captain's Cup Bowling, but the Dayworkers heard about his super-keen average and, just happening to have a vacancy on their number one team, picked him up.

REFLASH: And now we hear from our local superhero, in the comic book style that SEEMS to currently be in vogue.

The Scene: The wrapping table in SECGRUADMIN where "Navy Specialist" Jim Clark (fade in background music, "SOMEday . . . WE'll be . . . Together . . . Again") works efficiently, but nonchalantly, at his secret day-time job as ARFCOSMAN. Breaking in his new and inexperienced sidekick, BESELBOY, he demonstrates the proper method of wrapping a large box. "I couldn't say I've done a lot of these, BESELBOY, but I could wrap one blindfolded!"

Enter "Ears" Hansson, POIC and ARFCOSMAN's nominal superior. "I heard that, ARFCOSMAN, let's see if you really can or not."

ARFCOSMAN stands wrapping a box, carefully lining up the paper with his hands, mumbling incoherently and unprintably, his head encased in a small, but serviceable, white, canvas bag.

Result: ARFCOSMAN once again triumphs over the forces of evil by producing a perfectly wrapped, though somewhat cryptically addressed, package for AFRCOS shipment. "We shouldn't mention that some people suggested he retain the canvas bag as a noticeable improvement in both physical appearance and vocal quality."

LATE NEWS SUPER-SPECIAL FLASH: As we put this issue to bed (that's newspaper slang for sending it to the printers, gang), "LEFTY WESTY #2", CWO2 L. I. WESTROM, has assumed the duties of "LEFTY WESTY #1", LT W. C. WESTCOAT, for two weeks while our beloved, gravel-voiced Department Head takes a well-earned leave. "Usually reliable sources" inform us that, bright and early on the Monday he took over, Mr. Westrom was heard to mumble something about "how fouled up the station can get in two weeks." By the time this comes out in print, Mr. Westrom, we'll all know. We're betting that this statement will be recorded as just another of ADMIN's ABSURDITIES.



EVE WATCH GETS NEW VOICE — CT1 Bill Remsing, former host of "The Eve Watch" on AFN Bremerhaven, gives some advice to the new host, CTSN Jim Clark of "A" Division. CTSN Clark took over the show last month when CT1 Remsing left for assignment in his home state of Washington. CT1 Remsing, who received a letter of appreciation from CAPT J. W. Osmer, Jr. for his contribution in making "The Eve Watch" a success, commented "I am leaving behind many good friends and a lot of good memories. I hope everyone is as cooperative with Jim in helping to make the show a success as they were with me."

Matmen Madness

By Robert Shirlington

Anyone who is browsing about the general area of the Electronics Department office cannot help but notice the magnificent trophy that is periodically bestowed upon the winners of such "grudge matches" as bowling, softball, beer drinking, tug-o-war, and hard boiled egg-spinning. The trophy is now in the hands of the Dayworkers, who narrowly defeated Delta Section in a recent bowling match. Delta had acquired the coveted prize from Charlie Section, in a violent tug-o-war match late last summer, during the annual Delta-Charlie picnic.

Rumors have it that the brave, bowling Matmen of Bravo are on the verge of issuing a challenge to battle in an at-

tempt to bring the trophy back to its rightful place; namely, in possession of a "watch section". The Bravo bowling aces have the support of all the sections, since it is common knowledge that the hierarchy of Electronics Department has been systematically bringing the "better" bowlers, slowly but surely, to the dayworking camp, thereby robbing the sections of bowling talent. Egg-spinning is out for the sections too, since Mr. Hands holds the current record of 2 minutes, 47 seconds.

In an abortive attempt to show the "office" they couldn't do everything better, CT1 Quest to challenged CTCS Heather to a "pipe-puffing" contest, but had to drop out when his newly acquired mustache caught on fire.

I have several miscellaneous tidbits to report on this month. CTCM Nichols just reported aboard from Homestead, Florida, and will assume the title of "Assistant Division Officer". CTC Kerr finally got his orders to Northwest, Va. and will be leaving Bremerhaven in June. CT1 Huntley received orders to Class "B" school, but turned them down stating that he made the study guides for that school. By the wife way, his wife is expecting; but the question is again or still? CTCS Heather's wife also is expecting and, if it means anything, he just bought a new BLUE tobacco pouch. Congratulations are due CT1 Campbell and CT1 Fuller who recently made rate. CT2 Howald, contrary to popular belief, has not been transferred. Someone saw him in dungarees in the exchange the other day; more than likely trying to scrounge up silver certificates!

**Be safer
in the water**

Take a Red Cross
swimming course



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us
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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



Finally wangled my way out of the Second Division botanical garden and back to my old habitat in the head. What the heck, I don't know how the bush died, I mean after all, exiled to a jungle is bad enough but to be persecuted for the demise of a bush is something else.

I was told to report to the legal office to fill out necessary forms relating how the untimely death of his bush occurred. O.K., so I start out and get as far as the baseball field when I run smack into this big sign, "DON'T WALK ON THE QUADRANGLE." Well, I'm not so crude as to go around walking on quadrangles, so I look both ways, don't see any quadrangles on the field so I start across.

I hadn't taken five steps when this voice from Bldg 13 bled out like a bullhorn in a fog, "Hey you, stop right where you are, can't you read, didn't you see that sign?"

"Sure I saw it, darn near run smack into it."

"Well then, just how come you didn't heed the sign?"

I finally set my eyes on this warden who's running out to meet me. All the time he's running, I see this great gold badge flashing in the snowlight. Hey, maybe he's one of those new D.C. police types, they said you couldn't miss the get-up.

Panting as he catches up with me, he quickly spits out questions in rapid fire, "who are you? What's your service number? What division are you in? Don't you believe in signs? What have you got against conservation?" and etc., etc., etc.

"My name is Charlie Roach; I don't have a service number, social security number, drivers license or anything else, but my coke bottle was made in Waco, Texas, if that'll help you. I read, write and can speak several languages among which are English, Mexican and my native Texas tongue. I wouldn't purposely walk on your quadrangle. But just 'tween you and me I have not seen a single one of those critters yet, and if you see them, your eyes are better than mine."

He looked astonished then swallowing hard he told me, "You dummy! Your standing on the Quadrangle!"

I jumped aside and fixed my eyes to the ground where I had been standing. Then it dawned on me. This guy is one of those who sees things, you know pink elephants, little green men and quadrangles. "Aw gee mate, I just didn't see him, I'm real sorry about it. Want me to notify the next of kin?"

I noticed he was turned a deep red. "You kook! The ground is the Quadrangle and you're standing on it!"

After a three and one-half hour lecture on who, what and why, I came to the conclusion that this berry patch had been dubbed "The Quadrangle," and was probably named after some big war hero. As he finished the long elaboration on why I shouldn't walk on the thing, I spot these two soldiers walking across and I inquire, "What about them?"

"They're soldiers."

I guessed that by their haircut, but I carried it a bit further, "So?"

"Only the Navy can't walk on the Quadrangle."

"Oh, I see, well what about Germans?"

"They can walk on it," he says, "Soldiers, Germans, dependents, anybody can walk on it, but NOT sailors."

"!\$-●(CENSORED) !\$\$!-" I hollered. "O.K., I get the picture, I'll go back to Building 2 and get an Out-of-Bounds Pass so I can walk around the berry patch, is that O.K.?"

See you next month after I collect my travel pay, dislocation pay and turn in my passport.

Company 'F' Round-up

By SGT D. W. Aldrich

Company "F" COMMandoes journeyed south last month for a visit to Army Security Agency Communication Center at Frankfurt. SSGT Minter, SGT Diamond, SGT White, CPL Anderson, CPL Jackson and myself were given a tour of the Comm center and witnessed many of the procedures of the largest relay center in Germany.

Several members of Company "F" are to be congratulated for their accomplishments. SGT Brewer and SGT Woods were presented with Good Conduct Awards at ceremonies held in MAJ Neyman's office, Joseph Deluca and Victor Turnage were promoted to the rank of corporal, and SGT Moore was selected "Sailor-Marine of the Month" for February and was presented with a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond. Congratulations to all!

Special congratulations to SGT Lipe, a recent transferee, who was selected to the NES-

EP program. After four years of college and receipt of a degree in a scientific field, SGT Lipe will be commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps. Good things go to those who are deserving and SGT Lipe is indeed deserving. The Company "F" acceptance record is 100 per cent for those requesting entrance into NESEP.

Last but not least, MGYSGT Strehl (the Company's own hippie) is to be congratulated for winning 1st prize for his costume at the Fasching party sponsored by Company "F" wives.

New arrivals to the company during February were CPL Deluca from Company "K", Pensacola, Fla. and GYSGT Dunlap's newborn son, who, by the way, is not quite ready to actively support Company "F". LCPL Klimp's wife also arrived which should make his tour more enjoyable. Departures last month were SGT Lande and SGT Stiles.

See Europe Now

By SK1 M.J. Traplay

"What better chance to see Europe than while actually living there!" Did you, like many others, utter similar words upon receiving orders to Bremerhaven? The observation is correct, and yet, it's amazing how many people never leave the Bremerhaven area during their entire tour.

Navy Special Services offers trips and tours custom tailored to the military man or family. They are arranged at the lowest possible cost so as to enable everyone to enjoy the sights of Europe while stationed here.

This spring Special Services is offering two tours to Amsterdam in the land of tulips, windmills, and wooden shoes. The tour dates are April 24-27 and May 8-11 and the price of \$45.00 a person includes bus transportation, hotel accommodations with breakfast, and several side tours.

The side tours will include Amsterdam by bus and canal boat, the tulip gardens at Keukenhof, Rotterdam, The Hague, the Miniaturstad (Madurodam), the cheese market at Alkmaar, the Hengeloh (a zoo without cages), and a trip to a brewery.

Those who take advantage of the April tour will see, in addition to the above, the famous tulip parade on April 26.

Reservations for the April and May tours should be made by March 31 and April 30 respectively. Further information may be obtained by calling Mil 3728 or Mil 3118.



COMM-ent

By Pappy

COMM has recently had to forfeit three experienced men—CT1 Bob "FRA" Hesser, CT1 John Reed, and CT1 Jack Brown. Bob and John are both bound for Pensacola, Fla. to become instructors, while Jack will have a short stay in Pensacola for schooling prior to reporting to his next duty station.

The loss of these men brought about a reorganization in the department. CT1 Ed Meders went to Bravo section, while Charlie received CT1 Ray Dunlap from the Dayworkers. Ray's replacement in the Dayworkers is CT2 Randy Wall. Judging from Randy's heavy coffee drinking each morning, he is enjoying the nights he now has off. "FRA" Hesser was replaced by CT1 Craig Fisher who is already acting like "Busy Bob." Prior to his leaving, Bob received a Letter of Commendation from CAPT Osmer for his outstanding performance at this command. Congratulations Bob!

With fair weather (hopefully) just around the corner, COMM personnel are starting to make leave plans. One couple already visited Berchtesgaden for some skiing and sightseeing. Nothing much has been heard about the trip, but we suspect CT3 Tom McCormick and his wife, Denise, have been waiting for someone to ask a few questions. Maybe this article will inspire them to tell about their activities. Let's hope so!

The Big Beat

By Dave Stewart

This month I want to remind everyone of the AFN "Pledge-in" to be conducted Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of raising money for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The "Pledge-in," a form of radio marathon, will feature the AFN Good Guys playing your favorite requests for a minimum pledge of \$1.00 to CFC. We will broadcast locally throughout the night, if necessary, to raise donations for the campaign. The Good Guys will be assisted by Red Cross volunteers who will man the telephones, pull requested records from our library, and take records to the studio for airing. We anticipate a large response from the community and ask the support of all local Naval personnel.

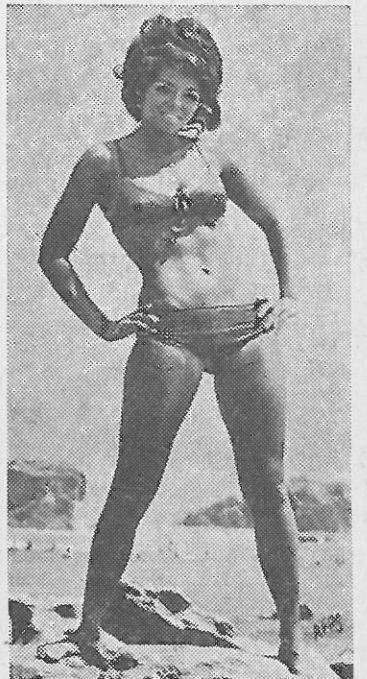
Summer program changes, of which we will tell you more at a later date, will include an increase in prime time airing of country music.

The Blooper of the Month was the airing of a spot announcement tagged from AFN Bremerhaven. Before the announcement could be given, an Alfred Hitchcock-like voice said "... we will make a killing." The error occurred when a network announcement ran overtime into the local one.

Specialist Mark Winship will succeed short-timer Mark Beardslee on "The House of Wax." Beardslee will be getting a European out in order to do some travelling before he has

to head back to Montana.

Sergeant Joe Romeo, former announcer for the "Early Bird" show, recently sent us word that he is now holding down an "easy listening" broadcast during the afternoons on KMNS in Sioux City, Iowa.



MISS MARCH WINDJAMMER
—Penelope Ann Price has been made an honorary member of the Bremerhaven Beach Club. (Photo Courtesy of Ebony)

Matman and Boy Blunder

By Robert Shirlington

CHAPTER TWO

We rejoin our two wholesome heroes, about to turn on the ON-OFF switch, in the company of Super-Tech. Super-Tech finally won the battle with the fire doors of Building Two and returned from the Snack Bar after only 16 hours. Naturally, he has forgotten the sodas he went for.

Matman, in keeping with his high traditions of honor, proclaims "Soda flip! Loser flies and buys."

Super-Tech, after his 278th consecutive loss at soda flip, once again goes off in the general direction of the Snack Bar while mumbling (very unseamanlike) under his breath.

"Now Blunder," Matman declares, "while we await our well-deserved sodas, let's see if that switch works or if there is, as I strongly suspect, foul play involved."

Boy Blunder's trembling hand goes cautiously, but nevertheless expertly, toward the switch. But wait! He suddenly remembers he has 14 scrumptious EES hotdogs with horseradish mustard in the microwave ovens deep in the keller of Building Two — and he doesn't even like horseradish mustard.

Almost simultaneously, Matman remembers that he has a sideburn trim and nose clip appointment with Herr Shorty, the Building Two barber. So the dynamic duo put off their tedious task and go about their other urgent errands.

Meanwhile, Matman's arch foe, Tool-Napper, isn't wasting time or motions going through Bud Howard's "Go Navy" AWOL bag (the AWOL bag substitutes for the tool box that Bud doesn't have).

"Egad!" cackles Tool-Napper, "What luck! While those dynamic duds are out of the picture, I'll flee with this copper plated, ground loop, hysteresis grease gun. Can't wait to tell my partner in crime, Electrocutationman, of my new prize! Hoo ha!" (Note: Electrocutationman, a once dedicated electronic inventor, turned criminal when no firm would buy patent rights for his digital format, computerized ear dewaxer.)

But, to the good fortune of Matmen everywhere, our caped crusaders appear on the scene as Tool-Napper slyly slinks out the door.

"Hold it right there, Tool-Napper!" snaps Matman. "Your criminal career is over!"

But the elusive evader is not ready to reticently retire to a jail cell. He runs, but is instantly overtaken by Matman, who is 13 pounds lighter after his sideburn trim.

"Holy tennis shoes!" spurts Boy Blunder. "You got him!"

"Very observant, Blunder," replies Matman, "Now to get this dastardly demented demon to jail."

And then, out of nowhere, Electrocutationman appears with his newly invented (but still unpatented) magnetic field paralyzing gun. With a burst of energy, our knights of the shining solder are hopelessly held in an electro-magnetic field.

Is this our dynamic duo's demise? Will our wholesome heroes escape the magnetic field before the steel plate in Boy Blunder's skull becomes magnetized? Will the horrendous hooligans win out? These questions will be answered in the next exciting episode of "Matman and Boy Blunder."