

**NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL** — Chief Construction Electrician Milton B. Spear (left) and Chief Builder William J. LaBonce Jr. (center), both of the Public Works Department, are congratulated by Captain James W. Osmer Jr., Commanding Officer, after being presented with the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device.

## Lauded For Vietnam Service

# 2 Get Navy Commendation Medal

Two chief petty officers of NSGA Bremerhaven were awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device during an awards ceremony conducted last month.

Chief Builder William J. LaBonce Jr. and Chief Construction Electrician Milton B. Spear, both of the Public Works Department, received their medals from Captain James W. Osmer Jr. who made the presentations on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

Both medals were awarded for "meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam."

Chief LaBonce, whose home

town is Dunellen, N.J., served with the Public Works Department at the U.S. Naval Support Activity, DaNang from November 1968 to October 1969. His job was that of Planning and Estimating Branch Supervisor and Leading Chief Petty Officer of the Maintenance Control Division.

The Letter of Commendation that accompanied Chief LaBonce's award stated in part:

"As the Planning and Estimating Branch Supervisor, he was constantly consulted concerning practical applications to design problems, one of which included the redesign of the standard bunker in the DaNang area. His suggestions, which were incorporated in the design, enabled the Public Works Department to realize a substantial savings in bunker maintenance costs.

"In the capacity of Job Order Control Supervisor, he displayed profound expertise in supervising the proper flow of over five thousand job order packages per year. The area of job control required a man of vast maintenance control knowledge. Chief LaBonce fulfilled every requirement to keep the work flowing at a highly efficient rate.

"During time of disaster recovery, he was the key man in setting up various areas of responsibility for the bomb damage recovery teams."

Chief Spear, a native of West Warwick, R.I., served in Vietnam from February 1969 to

February 1970 as Chief Petty Officer in Charge of three detached units of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 302. His Letter of Commendation stated in part:

"As Chief Petty Officer in Charge of the advanced tactical support base at Tuyen Nhon, he was in effect the base commander responsible for assignment of personnel to general quarters stations, training in base defense tactics and the use of small arms, taking charge of convoys, and in charge of directing day to day support of the river patrol force operating out of the base.

"During his tour of duty, he planned and completed significant improvements in the defense capability of the base, skillfully using his limited manpower resources, while maintaining full support capability to the operating forces.

"Throughout his tour, Chief Spear performed his duties under the imminent threat of enemy terrorist squads and main force units and was subjected to numerous rocket and mortar attacks."

## Adm. Zumwalt New CNO

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. became the Navy's nineteenth Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) during a change-of-command ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy July 1.

ADM Zumwalt, former commander of the U.S. Naval forces in Vietnam, and chief of the U.S. Naval Advisory Group, Vietnam, succeeded ADM Thomas H. Moorer, CNO since Aug. 1, 1967. The change-of-command came as a result of President Nixon's nomination of ADM Moorer to succeed General Earle G. Wheeler as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In a speech given at the ceremony, ADM Zumwalt made the following comments:

"It is with a great sense of pride that I assume the duties of the Chief of Naval Operations today. The pride comes from the realization that I have the opportunity to work with and lead the wonderful people who make up our Navy. I am humbled by the long line of distinguished Naval officers who have preceded me in this assignment, including my predecessor Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, who served so superbly as our Chief of Naval Operations for the past three years. Tomorrow he becomes the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and it will be a pleasure to work with him as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. All in the Navy join me in wishing him well. We are confident that his astute leadership and vast experience will keep our country on a steady course while continuing to perform outstanding service to his country.

"Few of my predecessors have assumed office without

first observing that the Navy was facing heavy seas and our country difficult times. Today is no exception. Dynamic political, economic and social changes are at work that serve only to emphasize the need for a determined military posture built upon a solid foundation of powerful Naval forces. I am confident that our Navy — and Marine Corps — will provide that foundation despite the fact that further reductions will come in the months ahead. My confidence is founded upon the loyalty and dedication of our Navy and Marine Corps men and women and our civilian employees with whom I have worked throughout my career, and particularly the courage and patriotism of those with whom I have served recently in Southeast Asia. My recent round-the-world trip and my many visits to commands ashore and afloat have served to confirm this optimism. The excellence of our people has long been our heritage — it is my source of strength. I intend to further enhance this reservoir of strength by assuming as my first task the improvement of many aspects of the Naval career. There is much that will require the support of my civilian superiors and congress. These changes will take time. There are other improvements which we can make within the uniformed Navy. These can come more quickly. I anticipate the first of these will be issued after I meet with the other four-star officers of the Navy on 23 July.

"I am confident that all of us working together will be equal to the challenges ahead."

## Freedoms Foundation Annual Letter Contest

A letter of 500 words or less could win you \$1,000.

That is the top prize in the annual Freedoms Foundation letter contest which this year is based on the subject: "Freedom: Privilege or Obligation?"

The two best letters based on this theme — one from an active duty member and one from a Reserve component member — each will win a Principal Award of \$1,000 plus a George Washington Honor Medal. There will also be 100 other money awards for active duty and Reserve personnel.

The rules for the contest are as follows:

—Letters must not exceed 500 words.

—Print or type your full name, rank, social security number, complete military address, Service or Reserve component and complete home address.

—Entries should be addressed to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., 19481.

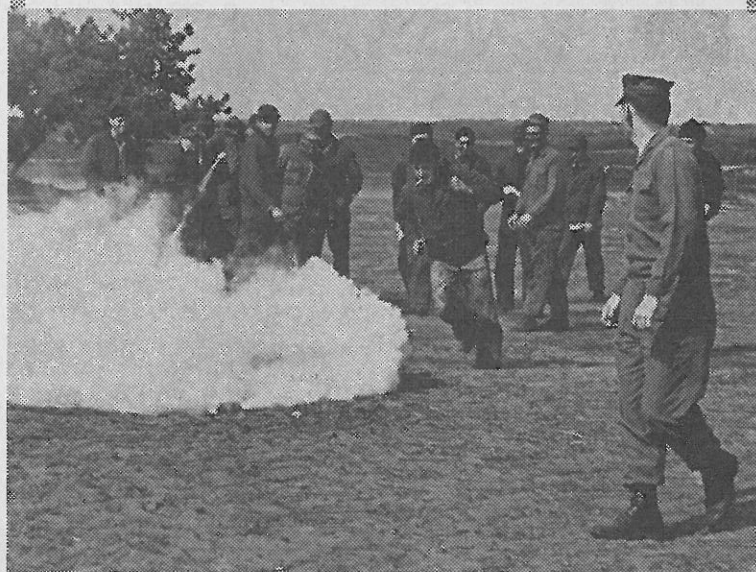
Entries must be postmarked no later than Nov. 1, 1970.

Winners will be notified early next year.

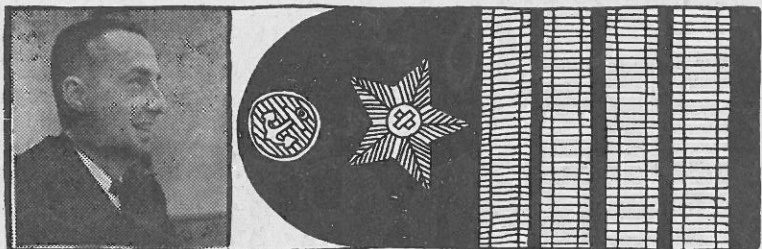
Entries do not have to be actual letters; they can be in poem or essay style.



## A Real Gas!



Charlie Section personnel get first-hand experience of the effects of tear gas on an unruly mob during riot control training at Garlstedt last month. The training was part of the NSGA Infantry Training Program field problem conducted June 16-17. (Story on Page 3.)



### RETENTION

The quality of the Navy is determined by its personnel, and the quality of the Navy in 10 to 15 years will depend on the first reenlistments that are occurring now. Thus, the status of the Navy's reenlistment program is of interest to all who care for the service, and the outlook is one to cause serious concern.

NAVSECGRUACT Bremerhaven's first reenlistment rate for fiscal year 1970 was 20 per cent, up very slightly from the previous year. This is higher than the overall NAVSECGRU first reenlistment rate, and it certainly is much higher than that of the entire Navy. However, we can not be satisfied with this achievement for two reasons. First, it needs to be significantly higher; second, in the Communications Technician rating it is seriously out of balance.

Our first term reenlistment goal is 30 per cent. We have on board more than enough high quality men with which to meet this goal. It continues to be a top priority task for every officer and senior petty officer to continuously encourage the retention of high quality men in the Navy.

Our reenlistment program is out of balance because the reenlistment rate is high in the T Branch, fairly good in the O and M branches, and poor in the R Branch. We need to bring it into balance by holding or improving the T, M, and O Branch percentages while drastically raising the R Branch percentage. The A and I Branches aren't mentioned since so few first enlistments have expired in these branches that we don't have meaningful statistics; however, retention of these personnel is as important as in the other branches.

How serious is the problem? This spring a NAVSECGRU publication indicated that 50 per cent of the petty officers in the NAVSECGRU have less than four years of service. Here, 73 per cent of the men in First Division are at their first field activity. No matter how talented the Navy's personnel are, the lack of experience seriously inhibits the Navy's capabilities.

Retention of quality personnel is a long-range goal while accomplishing our operational mission is today's problem every day. On this task your accomplishments are excellent. There is always room for improvement, however, and action is being taken where improvement is called for.

Another part of our mission is preparedness. Unlike civilians, we aren't protected from the unexpected with insurance policies. Preparedness is our insurance — preparedness acquired through a comprehensive training program.

### MESS HALL

Recently the Army Transient Mess revised its meal hours, shortening them for both the noon and evening meals. This was done to improve food quality, since with the former hours the food was standing too long on the steam tables, and because of little or no use of part of the meal hours. During the evening meal an average of only 2-3 persons were using the mess hall between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The last week before the change we checked mess hall usage and found that from 0-6 eve watch standers (median 2.5) were using the mess hall for evening meal did not warrant keeping the mess hall open for the extra hour.

## A Responsibility



O.K. It is time to face the facts. At any time in the past year or so, have you said something like this:

"Many today are just turning their backs to responsibility. They would rather leave, or even destroy, our American way of life, than help make it work."

If you have, then answer this question:

Have you applied for an absentee ballot so you can vote in your state's primary or general election?

Hopefully, you have, or are going to get, that ballot. After all, you wouldn't want to be guilty of turning your back on your responsibilities — and voting, while a right, is also one of our foremost responsibilities.

Furthermore, a serviceman or woman who is too lazy or too indifferent to vote is throwing away that precious right.

Don't disregard your right to have a voice in your government, whether it be at the federal, state, county or local level. Don't become so indifferent that you do not bother to vote.

Back up your talk about how others should be responsible citizens. Set the example. Vote! (AFPS)

## Sailor Of The Month



CT3 David C. Kennedy

CT3 David C. Kennedy of First Division has been selected "Sailor-Marine of the Month" for the month of July. In CT3 Kennedy's letter of selection, Captain Osmer stated in part:

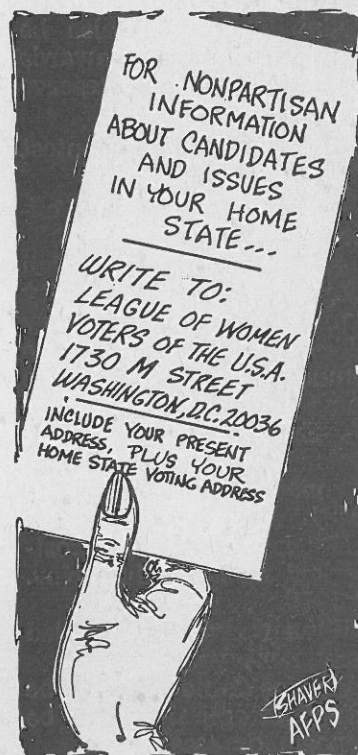
"You have been selected as the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven, 'Sailor-Marine of the Month' for July 1970.

"Since your arrival at this command in July 1969, you have shown yourself to be an exceptionally competent and conscientious sailor. Your abilities are attested to by the fact that you have become a mainstay in the professional training program of your section. Your ability to develop new personnel into fully qualified technicians is most commendable.

"Your good judgment and opinions are highly regarded. Your high degree of professional motivation is recognized.

"Your impressive appearance in uniform and civilian attire set noteworthy examples for others to follow. Your cheerful nature, pleasing personality, and ability to get along well with others have made you easily accepted and well liked by juniors and seniors alike.

"I commend you on 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!"



# Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

### Two Ways of Life

In a discussion recently, which dealt with the heightened tempo of sociological problems in our nation, one person dropped more than a casual statement. Intimating that our nation should change its form of government, he said, "What's so bad about communism?" Expressions of disappointment and even shock were evident.

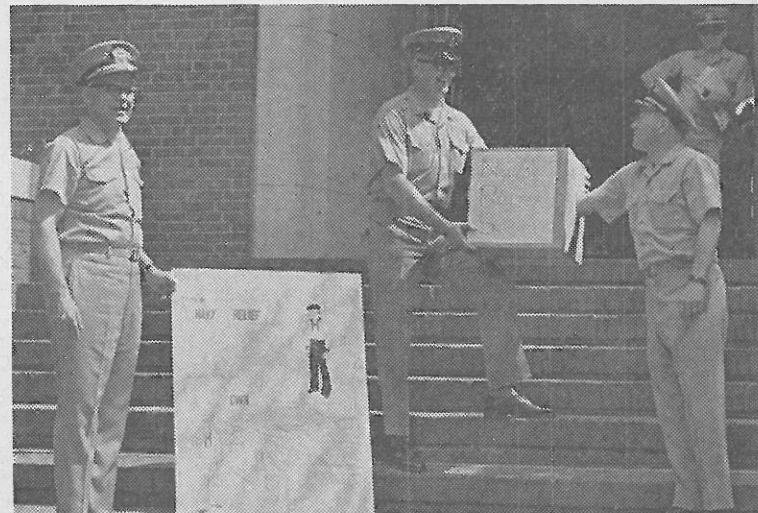
The world is divided by two prominent ideologies — communism and the "free world" principle. Both forms vie for dominance in a world of change and decay. Communism, having vowed that it would sweep the world, has spread its tentacles into every race and climate. Personal freedoms in many countries are clutching for hope of survival.

The variance between these two philosophies is great. One of the most prominent challenges of communism to the "free world" is its blatant atheism. What men believe about God controls what they believe about themselves.

In the Judiac-Christian tradition, man, created by God, has been given intellect, will and emotion. Each person, regardless of his stature in life, is treated with personal dignity and in inviolate in personality. The "free world" believes that its society is an aggregate of individuals who must decide whom they will serve and who must answer for themselves before their Creator. Our responsibilities and our freedoms are personal. Communism, on the other hand, declares the individual to be subservient to the state. He has no rights other than those by which society will gain through him.

Anyone who feels any sense of patriotism and is intelligent will react sharply to communism. In addition, the Christian will find many reasons for concern. The sharpest battle between communism and the "free world" lies in faith in God and a commitment to Jesus Christ as the strongest motivating forces in the arena of men's minds and devotions.

Surely there is a large majority that believes this distinguishing principle. But where is the voice of that silent majority — a voice that will help stem the rising tide of communism, an atheistic philosophy of life.



**NAVY RELIEF**—The winner of the Navy Relief Drive raffle was LT Donald Hands, Electronics Officer, who won \$202.90. Shown drawing the winning ticket is CDR Thomas Bosworth, Executive Officer, as CTC Jack O'Brien holds the box and Chaplain Ervin Ingebretson (left) looks on. "I would like to thank all personnel who helped to make the drive a success," said Chaplain Ingebretson who is the administrator of the Navy Relief Society here. A total of \$915.55 was collected.



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# NSGA Bremerhaven Goes To War



**STOUT-HEARTED MEN**—Charlie Section personnel arrive at the area they are charged with defending from attack by the aggressor force during the annual Infantry Training Program field problem held at Garlstedt last month.

NSGA Bremerhaven personnel learned, to some extent, how it feels to be infantrymen recently during the annual Infantry Training Program field problems conducted at Garlstedt. Charlie Section personnel took part in the first of a

series of four field problems on June 16-17.

For their problem, the Section was responsible for defending a predetermined defense camp against guerrilla attack by an aggressor force composed of other sailors and

Company "F" Marines. Prior to the attack, the men were instructed in and practiced hand-to-hand combat, cover and concealment, field sanitation and, as an added bonus, riot control and defense during a gas attack.

In preparation for the attack, the defenders dug foxholes, established combat communications and set up various outposts and reconnaissance patrols.

The training program is administered by Major James L. Neyman, Company "F" Commanding Officer and NSGA's Infantry Training Officer. As a supplement to training received at the field problem, the men also received two days of training in the use and operation of the M-1 rifle.

"The purpose of the Infantry Training Program," said Major Neyman, "is to ensure that each member of the command receives a brief concept of deployment as naval infantry in the defensive posture. One-fourth of the command should be capable of limited infantry assignment beyond the immediate vicinity of the shore establishment."

When asked how the success of the program could be measured, Major Neyman replied that "the success or failure of any military training program is measured by the success or failure of the unit involved when confronted with an emergency situation. In order to ensure that this unit will not be lumped with the unprepared when final records are written, we train, hoping that we will never have to use our training but knowing that if we do, we will be able to perform any mission assigned."



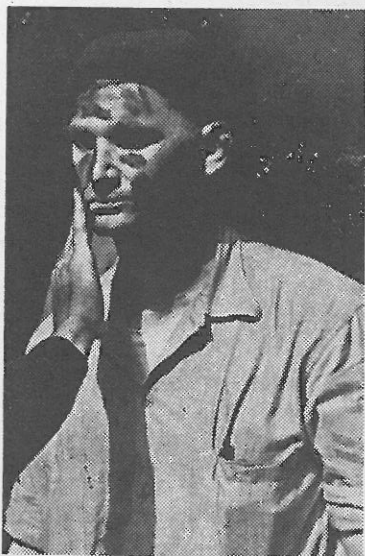
**TRAINING IN THE FIELD**—Sergeant Robert J. Glennon shows the proper way to crawl while carrying an M-1 rifle.



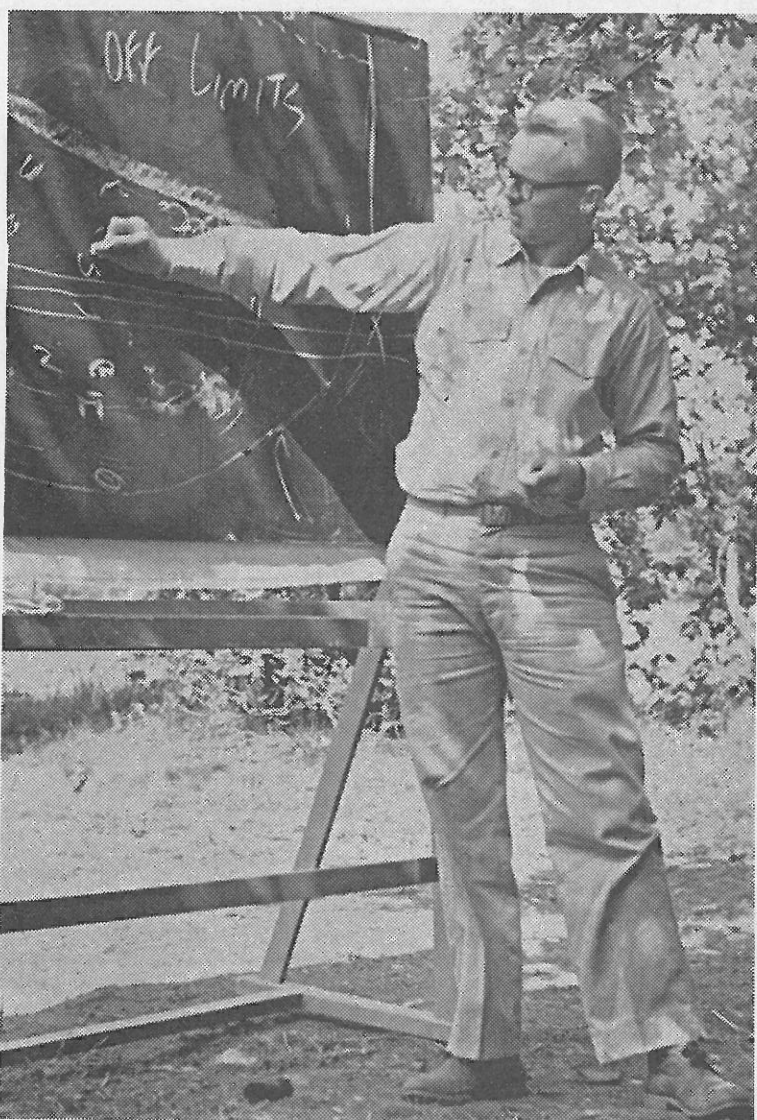
**SIT-IN** — During riot control training, personnel were divided into two groups—the rioter and the riot squad. Here the riot squad attempts to disperse a sit-in.



**CONSPIRING WITH THE ENEMY**—Gunnery Sergeant Carl M. Stipe (left) and Major James L. Neyman (right) discuss the plan of attack with Gunnery Sergeant Ernest M. Brown Jr. (center), a member of the aggressor force.



**RECON PREPARATIONS** — Communications Technician Second Class James A. Brown has his face blackened by a friend in preparation for a reconnaissance patrol.



**PLAN OF DEFENSE**—Detailed defense plans were drawn up and discussed by Lieutenant Marlin G. Heath, Charlie Section's Operations Watch Officer. Apparently intelligence reports weren't too good since word was received that the aggressors were launching their main attack from any one of three different directions.

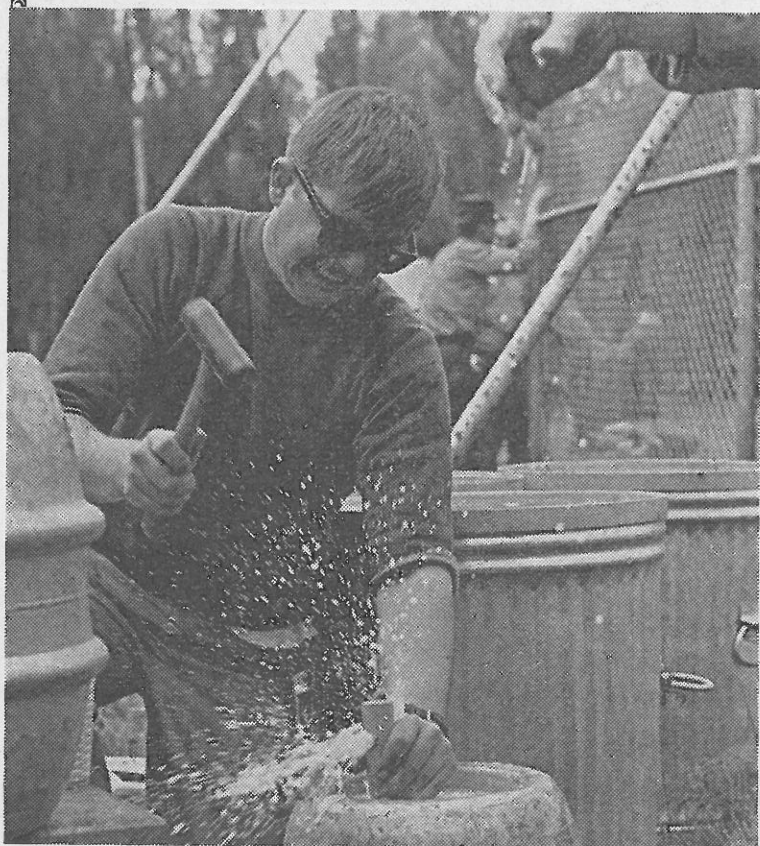


**MARTIAN INVASION?**—Gunnery Sergeant Carl M. Stipe (back to camera) demonstrates the operation of gas masks to personnel waiting to get gassed.



**WAITING OUT THE ENEMY**—By late afternoon defense preparations have been made and the defenders settle back in their foxholes and wait for the enemy to attack.

## Ushering in Summer Softball And Suds



**OLD FAITHFUL**—A miniature geyser erupts as Storekeeper Second Class John Murray of Supply assumes his role as the official keg tapper during the Admin vs. Supply "beer softball game" played on the quadrangle last month. The dripping hand (top right) belongs to Lieutenant Robert Vlasblom, NSGA's Disbursing Officer, who was unable to dodge the spraying suds.



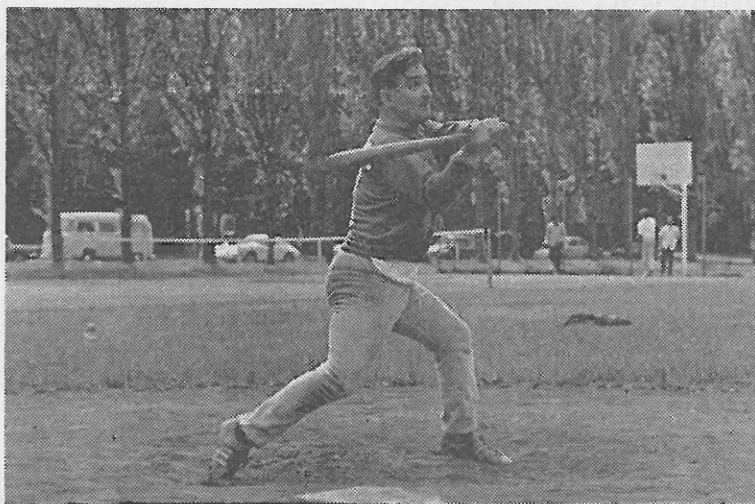
**ANOTHER RUN!** — Another run is chalked up for the Supply Department as Storekeeper Second Class Steve Hahn crosses home plate.

One of the most memorable events that helped to usher in the arrival of summer for NSGA Bremerhaven personnel was the "Beer Softball Game" played last month between the Administrative and Supply Departments.

Supply was victorious with a final score of 16-9. The spoils of the contest consisted of the presentation of a unique trophy by Captain James Osmer, NSGA's Commanding Officer, and the honor of having all of the beer consumed by the thirsty players paid for by Administrative Department personnel.



**WHEN IN GERMANY . . .** — Yeoman First Class Joe Moyer of Admin takes time out from watching the action to show off his stylish lederhosen.



**SWING BATTER!**—The ball looks like it is headed for a beating as Communications Technician Second Class Robert "Bubba" Mock of the Administrative Department starts his swing.



**POT LUCK**—Members of the Supply Department base their 16-9 victory on skill while the Administrative Department claims it was due to "pot luck." Here Captain James Osmer presents the trophy and congratulates Lieutenant Jerome Ceo, Supply and Fiscal Officer, on his team's victory. Looking on are Lieutenant Robert Vlasblom (center) and Warrant Officer Lyle Westrom (far right).

## Supply Hot Line

By SK2 Steve Hahn

The date: June 12, 1970. The place: The quadrangle field. The event: A "Beer Softball Game" between the Admin Athletic Supporters and the Supply Super Stars. The prize: An exquisite hand-made trophy to be presented by CAPT James Osmer; the losers buy the beer.

In the second inning the Super Stars were down 4-0, but the Supporters had not yet seen our secret weapons. LT Jerome "O for 39" Ceo, who was pitching, finally realized that the ball has to get across home plate without bouncing. At about the same time LT Robert "Where'd the Ball Go?" Vlasblom learned to stand under the ball while attempting to catch it and yours truly found out the difference between a bat and a golf club.

With all of these Supply heavies on the field, Admin lost its lead and the game 16-9.

The "Most Valuable Player" for Supply was Sk1 Duke "Killer" Riley who made some really unbelievable catches during the game.

We'd also like to thank CT3 Jim "ARFCOS Man" Clark for giving LCDR James Carroll such good protection. Thanks also to Admin's manager — his profuse sweating has the grass on the quadrangle looking green again.

The only question still unanswered regarding the game is: Why did CT3 Clark go swimming in the ice water?

Congratulations go out this month to LT and Mrs. Jerome Ceo on the recent, although belated, arrival of a baby boy to their family. Wouldn't you know it That was the night LT Ceo was the Command Duty Officer.

Congratulations are also in order for SKSN Rich Buhl who was recently promoted to his present rank.

Well, this is my last column since I'll soon be departing the glorious Port City for warmer weather at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. All I can say is it's been real.

## COMM-ents By Fisher

June was the ideal month for outdoor activities. If you weren't watching a softball or Little League baseball game, participating in a picnic or playing golf, you were out on the rifle range at Garlstedt soaking up all that good sunshine.

A few people of Bravo Section might disagree on that last statement because they returned from the rifle range like drenched rats. There were no exceptional scores from COMM personnel, but ALMOST everyone shot over 100 which isn't too bad.

Next month I'll report on our field problem. One highlight of the field training this year is a practical demonstration in mine detection by Captain Nason, USMC, who uses a self-contained detector device appropriately called "One Foot Forward." One intriguing aspect of the demonstration was the way the instructor tied his shoes.

I mentioned softball earlier and COMM has a man who was recently selected to a very high position in sports world halls of fame. Many may never know the impact this athlete has made on the sports scene, but, let me tell you, he stands out (around second base). Since his arrival in Germany, he has participated in every imaginable sport. I hesitate to mention his name due to his modest nature, but I will tell you that he is in Bravo Section and drives a Firebird.

Alfa Section had a very nice picnic at the golf course this year. All hands showed up with their wives (those that are married, of course) and devoured many hamburgers and hot dogs.

I also mentioned golf earlier. Well, it seems that CT3 Johnson swings a mean club. The last time he used the driver the head split into two pieces.

Some kind of muscles, huh?

June was a month for birthdays too. CT2 Wall really had a good time on his day when his wife invited some people over to help him celebrate. I won't mention how old he became, but I am sure he felt older when he awoke the next day and tried to get out of bed. How about it, Randy?

Once again I shall end this article by announcing this month's "Smiler of the Month." On behalf of all at COMM, I would like to congratulate CT1 Harold R. Dunlap. If you don't believe that he's a smiler, check the last issue of the Windjammer and you will know why CT1 Dunlap received this distinguished award.

## New Holidays On '71 Calendar

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NAV-NEWS) — Navy men and civilians will be celebrating an extra holiday in 1971 and enjoying more three-day weekends. The new national holiday law adds a day off and changes several others to a Monday.

National holidays will be:

Jan. 1—New Year's Day

Third Monday, February—Washington's Birthday (Has been Feb. 22)

Last Monday, May—Memorial Day (Has been May 30)

July 4—Independence Day

First Monday, September—Labor Day

Second Monday, October—Columbus Day (This is a new one)

Fourth Monday, October—Veteran's Day (Has been Nov. 11)

Fourth Thursday, November—Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 25—Christmas Day

## A Lifetime Souvenir

There are some marvelous tales of what happens as Lederhosen age like fine wine. They reputedly eventually reach the stage where they can stand by themselves, and there are reports of some quite remarkable color changes. The pants may have been green when the present owner's grandfather bought them, grey in his father's era and a deep tobacco brown today. (Who knows, they may be blue by the time the present owner passes them to his son.)

Not only their durability makes them suitable for Alpine dress. In summer, the loose cut of the short style Lederhosen makes them cool by allowing for air circulation. In winter, the knicker style, bound below the knee, are extremely warm. The wind cannot penetrate the leather, and they hold a pocket of air for insulation.

What began as a practical work dress evolved over the years into a very ornamental part of Alpine regional dress costumes. Deer, chamois and elk leather, as well as buckskin, is used and today most of the hides are imported from Scandinavia. They are dyed green, black, and brown, or left a natural grey, and lavishly embroidered with stylized plant, bird and animal motifs. Fancy suspenders, felt-lined, are often worn with the short pants, and with these, white knee socks are a modish "must". But in reality, outside the Alpine regions, Lederhosen are worn only by a few die-hard traditionalists, and by knobby-kneed schoolboys for whose mothers they are a godsend. Hunters and skiers like the knickers.

There are many leather goods stores which stock Lederhosen, but a well-fitting pair of knickers, for hunting, hiking or skiing, should be made to measure to insure their good looks. Investment in Lederhosen will provide you with a souvenir of Germany which will literally last you a lifetime.

P.S. Lederhosen also come in ladies' styles and sizes. (Reprinted in part from "Focus on Germany.")



**COURTESY DRIVER AWARD**—Receiving a USATCEUR Courtesy Driver Award is Chief Communications Technician Robert Grabowski of Fourth Division. Presenting the award is Colonel James Castrale, Commanding Officer U.S. Forces Support District (Prov.), Bremerhaven.

## Company 'F' Round-Up

By SGT D. W. Aldrich

Ending the fiscal year in good spirits, the Marine Corps cleared their books of staff noncommissioned officer promotions which were to be scheduled throughout the remainder of the calendar year. Major Neyman had the pleasure of promoting SSGT Dale Piirainen to his present rank with less than four years service.

Other Company "F" Marines promoted to their present ranks at two company field formations last month were SGTs Anderson, Barr, Cain, Snell and Turnage. Congratulations are also in order for SGTs Sanchez and Roloff who received their First and Second Good Conduct Awards respectively.

On the sports scene, the Company "F" baseball record for June was five wins and three losses after easily beating three Army teams, the NSGA Day Workers and the NSGA Officers and Chiefs. They bowed out to the teams of Alfa, Bravo, and Charlie Sections.

New arrivals to Company "F" include SSGT Duran from Vietnam and LCPLs Beckham and Nennig from Company "K," Pensacola, Fla.

The "Company Comic," SSGT Edgette, departed last

month for Company "L," Vietnam and SSGT Shelton ("Clockman") returned to CONUS for separation.

Twenty Company "F" Marines traveled to Hesedorf, Germany last month for a schutzenfest with the German Army. The shooting consisted of firing the German G-3 rifle and the MG-42 machine gun.

The Marines competed for the German schutzenhurn which consists of three medals. Only one of the medals, which are bronze, silver and gold respectively, can be won each year. Consequently, it takes three years to obtain the gold medal.

The course consists of firing from a range of 100, 200 and 250 meters with the G-3 rifle. The machine gun is fired from 25 meters.

Even though not all the Marines were familiar with the German weapons, all qualified. Out of the twenty, Major Neyman, MGYSGT Strehl and MSGT Eagan qualified for the gold medal; GYSGT Stipe and GYSGT Ellis qualified for the silver medal. The remaining men, shooting for the first time, qualified for the bronze medal. The medals will be presented to the Marines at a ceremony at Hesedorf.

## The Head Shed

By CTC W. M. Donner

This month's article will, as usual, be filled with many exceedingly exciting, adventurous, action-packed bits of news. As a start, we are particularly happy to welcome LT Meyer to the Division. He will assume the exalted role of Division Officer in late July.

LT Meyer, a "mustang" with 22 years of admirable naval service behind him, will relieve LT Suthowski. A ceremony was held recently at which LT Suthowski was given a plaque in appreciation for his ever present devotion to his men. The plaque was presented in the presence of LT Meyer, CTCM Byrd and CTC Martin, all of whom have 22 years of service.

Another item worth mentioning is the Charlie Section field problem in which I lead a special recon-attack group directed against the aggressors. The team was composed of CT1 "Love Them C-Rats" Sterle, CT1 "Quick Draw" Campbell, CT1 "Feet" Rebeck, CT1 "Sleepy" Marron (that old trail warmer) and myself. The highlight of our adventure came when we attacked the aggressor "tank" with M-1s and cap pistols. As it turned out, the umpire did not question the aggressors' contention that "the pick-up truck was supposed to be a tank," but he wouldn't accept the fact that our cap pistols were "supposed" to be bazookas.

The still undisputed champion golf team at NSGA, namely CTCM Bryd and CT1 Katzenbarger, recently returned from a week of temporary additional duty at Berchtesgaden. They had been there for golf training and it seems that the instructor made them feel pretty meek when he made a drive with the toe of the club farther than either of them could make with a normal drive.

In closing, we want to leave you with these few words of the wise Chew Chang Chong: "Plan a trip for the July 4 weekend in the year 2000." The holiday falls on a Tuesday that year and perhaps the Captain will grant a four-day weekend.



## NOWC News

Hailed at the June Luncheon of the Navy Officers' Wives Club were Mrs. T. Schnitzer, Mrs. J. De Carteret, Mrs. S. De Sardino and Mrs. D. Burson.

Gains were unfortunately offset by the loss of four active members: Mrs. W. Westcoat, Mrs. J. Wilkinson, Mrs. G. Suthowski, and Mrs. W. Austin. Door prizes were won by Mrs. J. Small, Mrs. B. Walerich and Mrs. D. Burson.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. J. Carroll and Mrs. R. Phillips.

Congratulations to LT and Mrs. Jerome Coo and Mr. and Mrs. John Sheerin on the recent additions to their families. Both couples are the proud parents of baby boys.

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**ROOM OF THE QUARTER**—Relaxing in their room, which was recently selected as the bachelor enlisted "Room of the Quarter," are (L-R) Seaman Ron Tarbutton, Seaman Eric Feger and Communications Technician Third Class Ron Lathen.

## The Big Beat

By Dave Stewart

This year July holds special significance for AFN Bremerhaven, since it marks the 25th Anniversary of our entry into broadcast service to the American serviceman in our small northern community.

It all started July 28, 1945, when the booming voice of AFN Bremen, located in a tiny remote van on a Bremen street, signed on the air with, "This is AFN Bremen, an affiliate of the American Forces Network Europe."

Yes, that was 25 years ago and perhaps the only real change is that we now broadcast 24 hours instead of nineteen and that we are now located in Bremerhaven.

The move came in July 1949 when the station went off the air at 1:00 a.m. with, "This is AFN Bremen signing off." Five hours later, without missing a beat, we signed back on with, "This is AFN Bremerhaven."

And guess where our studios were located! That's right, just inside the doors of Building Two. We stayed there until we got kicked out by two Marines who told us, "The Navy is taking over so find yourself a new home!"

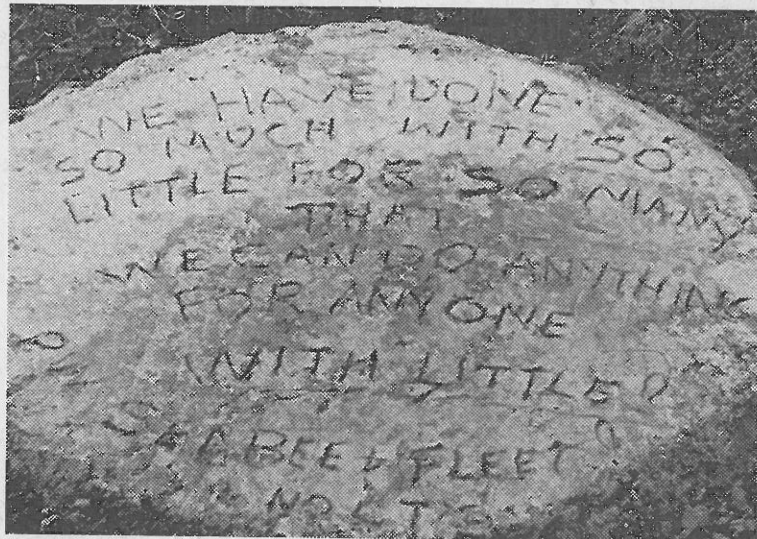
So-o-o, we dropped in down the street and took over the WAC barracks (more our speed) in Building One where we are still located today.

To celebrate our anniversary, we plan to air a special one-hour program July 28 in which we will give you a chronological picture of our 25 years on the air.

In other AFN News, Army Specialist Mark Winship has taken over the "Sound Scene" from recently departed Mark Beardslee who pops in occasionally to remind me that he is now a civilian.

A new staff sergeant is on the expectant roster and will soon report in to begin "understudying" the station manager, yours truly, who is slowly becoming a short-timer. Vic Sage comes to us from the 3rd Infantry Division Information Office and his booming voice will be used to beef-up our news and sports team.

That's it for this month.



**MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE** — The NSGA Bremerhaven Public Works Department left some interesting comments inscribed in concrete at a new antenna site currently under construction. The inscription reads: "WE HAVE DONE SO MUCH WITH SO LITTLE FOR SO MANY, THAT WE CAN DO ANYTHING FOR ANYONE WITH LITTLE!" The writing is signed "PW, SEABEE and FLEET! NO CTs." It seems as though there is some sort of message hidden in those words, but we are not at all sure what it is supposed to be.



**MONKEY BUSINESS**—Chief Boatswains Mate Jess Saur, Chief Master-At-Arms, is always looking for new men to work on the Boat's Force. One of his latest recruits is "Pete," shown here on a smoke break. He is affectionately known around the CMAA Office as "The Original Deck Ape."

## Matman and Boy Blunder

By Robert Shirlington

### CHAPTER FOUR

After a lapse of two months, the dynamic duo, by now the pathetic pair, are still in the clutches of Ho Chi Grin and his detergent desperadoes.

"Now Matman," chuckles Ho, "you and Boy Blunder will endure the same fate as has met those wretched dungaree shirts belonging to your friends. Take these two Nader's Raiders to the shirt mangler and mangle their shirts with them still in them!" shouts Ho to his henchmen.

At that instant an ironic event occurred. For the first time in history (according to Frederica Toynbee, our love-starved statistician studying under a Roxy grant) there was a total power failure. When the lights came back on, the band of laundry manglers were strewn about the floor like so many Barbary Coast freeze-dried coffee smugglers after tangling with the masked marauder.

"Golly suds, Matman!" gushed Boy Blunder, "How did

you escape so quickly?"

"Elementary, Blunder," beamed the Matman. "I noticed when they bound us they did it with I.I.S. Laundry Binding Twine. I then remembered how once, while naively carrying my laundry package by the string, the string broke. The package ripped, my laundry was soiled and I had to have my garments laundered again. Accordingly, it took only mediocre effort to break the twine. The darkness caused little difficulty since I have my ultraviolet contact lenses on."

"And all the time I thought you had your eyeballs dyed," blundered Boy Blunder.

After rushing Ho Chi Grin and company to jail, the duo remembered they hadn't eaten in two months. They had worked up quite an appetite, even for somewhat bland Chateau Briand refrigerated in the coin-op time capsules in the subterranean labyrinths of Building Two, so they aimed to satisfy their hunger.

Unknown to them, a morally strengthening experience awaits them at the time capsules. The prices have been increased while still maintaining the value-for-value exchange that is the basis of the free enterprise system. With the price hike, the pair will now be able to contribute more to the A-AF Welfare Fund (huh?).

But what is this? Free enterprise? Value-for-value? Those economic catchwords could be propaganda of that infamous villain, Karl Farx! Consumers of the world, consume!

Be sure to read the next collectivized episode of Matman and Boy Blunder in which they combat the forces of Farxism.



## Matmen Madness

By R. Shirlington

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A number of NSGA "matmen" participated in the summer "campouts" at the "Garlstedt Campgrounds" recently and were split into three groups for the duration of the festivities.

The groups, ranked according to combat ability, were the Valiant Defenders, the Despicable Traitors and the Lackluster Aggressors (Were those really Girl Scout beanies?).

When the final attack came, one of the stalwart defenders remarked that it sounded like "a flock of Benton Harbors all taking off at the same time." The cackling was deafening. Maybe next time the aggressors will enlist the aid of Mildred, Benton's mother, and have better luck collecting the war prizes.

It was noted in the last issue of the Windjammer that Fifth Division was back issuing challenges. Let it be known that this division will pick up the gauntlet as soon as we ALSO reach 200 per cent of our allowance! Did someone say 33 per cent of Fifth Division was on temporary additional duty for a golf clinic?

Those regretfully departing for greener pastures recently included CT1 Dixon to Class "B" school and CT2 Dobkins, also to school. Good luck!



**MISS JULY WINDJAMMER** — When we saw tempting Tina Louise posing in this woodland scene we sent off some travel brochures of Speckenbuettel Park hoping to attract her to Bremerhaven. No such luck!



**EASY RIDER?**—Cutting through the dust during a recent motocross event at Wolfsburg, Germany is Communications Technician First Class Bob Juliana (No. 79) of Second Division. Also racing in the event, which drew a crowd of about 5,000 spectators, was Chief Communications Technician Dick Sorensen of Fourth Division (not pictured).

## Admin's aBsurdities

By PNC George Malik



You say all you were trying to do was check in from leave when this "nut" grabbed you by the arm, sat you down, gave you a cup of coffee and asked you if you've ever considered making the Navy a career? Tsk, tsk! You were a victim of change. The NSGA Career Counselor's Office has been changed . . . relocated, that is, to the main deck of Building Eleven.

He's moved to where the Quarter Deck used to be, and the Naval Investigative Service Office will be moving to the Career Counselor's old office on the second deck. So, don't feel too badly about being interviewed for reenlistment because you wandered into the wrong office when you came back from leave. Imagine blundering into the NIS Office expecting a few facts about Navy "bene's".

To the uninformed observer, there is a purge, power struggle, or some other kind of ominous upheaval broiling in the Administrative Department. Aside from the previously mentioned office shuffles, CWO2 Westrom (Warrant Officer Second Class) has moved his office to the main deck, across from LT Westcoat's office and the latter is being replaced by a Lieutenant Commander. But there are rational reasons.

The Career Counselor was not moved to an office that is right smack in front of the building's main entrance for the purpose of catching unwary reenlistment prospectives. He's not going to shanghai anyone. On the contrary. He needed a bigger office because he is being overwhelmed by prospective career men who are rushing to reenlist in an attempt to avoid the latest defense cut-backs. For your convenience, the Personnel Office, where the papers are processed, is just down the passageway in one direction and the office in which you are sworn in is at the opposite end of the passageway. The new Quarter Deck, where you check out with those choice reenlistment incentive orders, is only a few steps from the Career Counselor's Office. If you hurry you can leave with LT Westcoat who, bless his heart, has completed his tour in Bremerhaven.

A word about our new Admin Officer. He's LCDR Guy Keenum. A veteran of eighteen years (of marriage), Mr. Keenum comes to us from Headquarters, Sixth Naval District, Charleston, S.C. He is accompanied by his wife, Evelyn, son, Robert, and daughters, Amy, Margaret, and Karen (Karen Keenum — nice ring to it).

Just the other day I counseled a fella who wanted to ship over for Garlstedt, Germany. Just out of curiosity, I asked him to be more specific — aggressor or defender? Is he qualified to work down in the butts (that's what it's called) or on the firing line? "I'm really interested in becoming one of those advisors or a referee or instructor," he said enthusiastically. "Man, that's where its at!" I then politely directed him to MAJ Neyman's office.

This fella really didn't look the part. Porrr fella, he'll end up selling soft drinks out of a G.I. can. But, looks are deceiving. I sat through a terrifying lecture and demonstration on bayonet tactics then later bought a Doctor Pepper from the man who had given the lecture. I'll tell you, I didn't argue about the 15 cents.

But its good to be back amongst the hustle and bustle of the main deck of building eleven. To hear once again the clatter of busy little heels rushing to and fro in pursuit of accomplishment of the day's tasks; to hear the awe-inspiring command of the Boatswain's "Attention on deck!" as the Captain assumes the "con" each morning; and to watch morale being enhanced by the daily mail call.

Well, as the poor fella quoted above said, "Man, that's where its at!"

That's absurd!