

**PIPED OVER** — Postal Clerk First Class Kenneth D. Matney, his wife Rebecca and daughter Tracy are "piped over the side" during retirement ceremonies held here last month. PC1 Matney headed the NSGA Bremerhaven mail room from November 1967 to October 1970.

## Race Relations Council Formed

The first meeting of the Bremerhaven Community and Race Relations Council was held last month at the U.S. Forces Support District Headquarters here.

The Council was established by order of Colonel Robert J. McKay, Commanding Officer, U.S. Forces Support District, Bremerhaven (PROV).

Colonel McKay opened the meeting by discussing the purpose and organization of the Council. Following Colonel McKay's introduction, Chaplain (MAJ) Leroy James gave background information regarding similar councils of which he has been a member.

According to Chaplain James, "The purpose of the Council is to monitor, report upon and make recommendations regarding problems affecting the morale and welfare of military personnel and their dependents in the Bremerhaven area." When a problem is recognized, the Council examines it and reports its findings and recommendations to the

local command so that corrective action may be taken immediately.

Racial problems are not the only concern of the newly formed council. Chaplain James emphasized that the Council "is also interested in and concerned about all community problems affecting any personnel or their dependents, regardless of race."

Six Navy and Marine Corps council members were in attendance at the first meeting. They were: CE1 Alan R. Coffman and UT2 Stevenson Johnson Jr. of NSGA Bremerhaven; SK1 William L. Gross of Military Sealift Command; and SSgt Jerome M. Duran, Sgt Paul G. Sanchez and Cpl Larry W. Beckman of Company "F" Marine Support Battalion. CT3 Johnny L. Williams of NSGA Bremerhaven is an alternate member of the Council.

Meetings of the Council are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room of Building 12.

## Served In Navy And Air Force

# NSGA Postal Clerk Retires

Postal Clerk First Class Kenneth D. Matney, head of the NSGA Bremerhaven mail room since November 1967, was "piped over the side" during retirement ceremonies conducted here last month.

PC1 Matney retired from active duty after 20 years of service which included service in both the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy. From Bremerhaven, he and his family proceeded to the U.S. Naval Station, Washington, D.C. for his transfer to the Fleet Reserve.

During retirement ceremonies, PC1 Matney was presented with a letter of appreciation from Captain James W. Osmer Jr., commanding officer, for his "commendable performance while assigned to this command."

The letter stated in part: "On the occasion of your impending transfer to the Fleet Reserve, you will take with you many fond memories of your career. In reminiscing over your tour at this command, you may justifiably be proud of a job well done."

"Your professional performance while at this command has always been of the highest caliber. You have handled the mail for this command, the Military Sealift Command, and NAVSECGRUACT Toden-dorf, promptly, courteously, and efficiently. Your cooperation with the local Army post office has provided for speedier delivery of mail. You have greatly contributed to good morale, especially since you took actions to reduce the delivery time for both letter and package mail destined for this command. You have been relied upon as the authority on postal matters and in this capacity you have been invaluable."

"You have served honorably for five years in the United States Air Force and 14 years in the U.S. Navy. I would like to recount briefly your duty stations since enlisting in

the U.S. Navy which have been: USS SHANGRI-LA; the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; NAVSECGRUACT Kami Seya, Japan; and NAVSECGRUACT, Bremerhaven, Germany. You have been awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal with two stars.

"May I extend to you and your family my best wishes for abounding success in any field of endeavor on which you may

embark. Wherever you go, may you always find 'following winds and fair seas.'"

PC1 Matney, accompanied by his wife Rebecca and his daughter Tracy, was "piped over the side" upon receiving his letter of appreciation. Paying tribute during the ceremonies were Capt. Osmer, eight side boys made up of first class petty officers and Boatswains Mate First Class Lloyd J. St. Amant who did the piping.

## FRA Hosts Orphans

Nordsee Branch 149 of the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) got into the Christmas spirit early this year when its members treated 30 children of the Hohewurth orphanage to a football game and party last month.

The children, ranging in age from eight to 13 years, received hot dogs, soft drinks, ice cream and candy during a party held at the FRA Meeting Hall after watching an AYA football game. The children watched cartoons and played games during the party.

"Each year around the Christmas holidays," said Disbursing Clerk First Class Robert E. Blair, president of Branch 149, "many local charitable organizations and groups sponsor activities and fund-raising drives for handicapped or underprivileged children and for orphans. We of Branch 149 decided that we were not going to wait for Christmas to arrive before getting into the Christmas spirit."

"This project," continued DK1 Blair, "was planned in conjunction with the continuing

Project Heartline program that is administered by the NSGA Bremerhaven Chaplain's Office." Project Heartline is a command sponsored program designed to give support to needy German orphanages and hospitals in the Bremerhaven area.

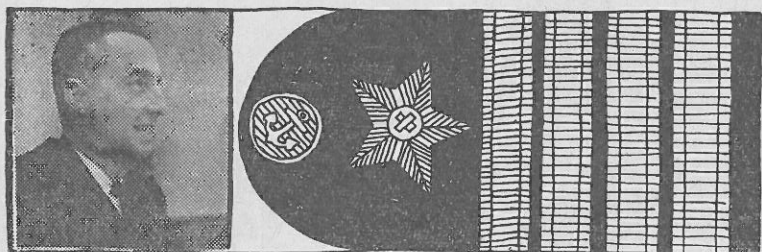
Storekeeper Second Class John T. Murray, an FRA member who helped plan the project, was asked if there was any difficulty in communicating with the children due to the language difference. "Hot dogs and ice cream are well understood by children of any age," replied SK2 Murray, "and the cartoons got their message across despite the fact that they were in English."

Branch 149 has taken part in several community relations projects in the past. The group has donated money, canned goods and clothing to various charitable organizations and, during each Christmas season, FRA members donate their time to work with programs such as Project Heartline that require volunteer workers.



**FRA PARTY** — Children of the Hohewurth orphanage enjoy soft drinks and ice cream compliments of Branch 149 of the Fleet Reserve Association during a party sponsored by the FRA in October.





### Personnel Increase

In the past three months our enlisted onboard count has increased by 55 men. The effects are obvious, both at work and in the bachelor enlisted quarters. There are more men to get the job done in Building 2, but there is less room in Buildings 9, 11 and 13.

This increase has taken place despite the fact that our allowance has been slightly reduced as a result of the general reduction in the size of the Armed Forces; it is a result of larger changes being made elsewhere in the Navy. The increase in the number of onboard personnel is "temporary," but just how many months "temporary" consists of is unknown. Now is the time for department heads and division officers to accomplish necessary work and training that has been put off in the past due to personnel shortages and to continue to encourage leave taking.

### Ombudsman

The Navy has established an ombudsman whose functions have been described in "Navy Times," the October issue of "All Hands" magazine and in "Z-Gram 48." "All Hands" begins their article with: "Haven't you said to yourself on a number of occasions during your Navy career: Wouldn't it be great if there were some powerful official — high up in the echelon — who had the exclusive job under SecNav and CNO of watching out for the personal welfare of Navymen? To make our great Navy an even better one?"

The article continues, "Somebody who would give a sympathetic ear to your career problems that seem to have you bogged down in endless red tape? Someone who had enough weight that he could really put some pressure or know-how where it would do the most good — for your benefit?"

When I first read these lines I was disturbed, for I have believed for the past twenty-five years that the Navy was watching out for its personnel and I have found few men who were "bogged down in endless red tape." It appeared that an open invitation had been given to by-pass the chain of command — to take away from everyone in that chain the responsibility for the welfare of their personnel.

However, "Z-Gram 48" states that "it will not be the function of his office (Pers P, the ombudsman) to bypass commanding officers who have the final responsibility for the well-being of their people." Also, "All Hands" quotes Rear Admiral David H. Bagley, the ombudsman, as saying, "Consequently, I urge strongly that local sources first be exhausted before personnel problems are brought to us for final resolution." Elsewhere in their article, "All Hands" indicates that the command is expected to bring personnel matters forward for resolution.

The Chief of Naval Operations has challenged us to make this a better Navy and he has created with the ombudsman another mechanism with which to accomplish this goal. The command and the chain of command do not exist solely for the purpose of passing orders down; they have a large responsibility for the people of the Navy.

Things have not changed; a Navymen has always had the right to make his problems or recommendations known to higher authority. The creation of the ombudsman by CNO facilitates such action by the chain of command.



**NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL** — Captain E. L. Pickett, commanding officer of the Naval School, Civil Engineering Corps Officers, Port Hueneme, Calif., congratulates Senior Chief Builder Gerald Landcastle after presenting him with the Navy Achievement Medal on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy. Chief Landcastle received the award for "outstanding achievement in the superior performance of his duties" while serving as a Leading Chief and Shops Division Head, Public Works Department at NSGA Bremerhaven from Nov. 30, 1967 to Jan. 1, 1970.

## Sailor of The Month



CT2 Thomas L. Niedzinski

CT2 Thomas L. Niedzinski of the Communications Department has been selected as the "Sailor of the Month" for November 1970. In CT2 Niedzinski's letter of selection, Captain James W. Osmer Jr. stated in part:

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

### Standards Exceeded

"Since your arrival at this command in September 1969, you have exhibited proficiency, industry, and initiative far exceeding standards. The excellent manner in which you have performed your duties is indicative of your perseverance and acute sense of responsibility.

"In addition to your professional abilities, your cheerful manner and pleasant personality are positive factors in the promotion of good morale among your shipmates. Particularly noteworthy in this respect is your unselfish devotion of time and effort in assisting your shipmates in locating suitable economy quarters.

### Encouraged Others

"Also commendable is the fact that you take full advantage of travel opportunities and encourage others to do likewise. Through these efforts, you have helped to promote a greater understanding of the German people and their culture.

"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 of the Month.' Well done!"

## Christmas Bazaar

It is almost time for the jolly old man with the white beard and red suit to arrive since Christmas is now just a month away. However, Santa's helpers, who have been busy for many weeks, will be in Bremerhaven with all their goodies on Saturday, Dec. 5.

That is the day that Port City community organizations will be holding their Christmas bazaar.

There will be many gifts for children and parents alike, as well as "stocking stuffers" and goodies with which to stuff one's self. Keep watching for posters announcing the exact time and place.

Teenagers are reminded to come out and watch the Blackhaws of Bremerhaven High School who will also be in action on that date.

# Focus On Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

Thanksgiving, in the American way, is an event that is seriously mistaken in principle and practice. Traditionally, we think only in terms of feasting or of acknowledging the excessive quantities of creature comforts that surround us.

The first real Thanksgiving, by order of Governor William Bradford in 1623, was not an occasion for feasting. The people were grateful for a shipment of food that came in a time of deepest want. Likewise, the first national Thanksgiving was proclaimed during the darkest hours of the Civil War. Also, the familiar Thanksgiving hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," was written by Martin Rinckart when pestilence had victimized family and congregation.

The principle of gratitude is grossly misunderstood if it is acknowledged only in terms of the material excesses around us. Sincere gratitude is that quality of living that is not dependent upon circumstances for ultimate purpose and meaning. Adversity is very often the "wind that separates the wheat from the chaff." What we really are, comes to light when the going gets tough.

Should not gratitude be reflected in other experiences that belong to life? Our lives are benefited in countless ways that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Think in terms of how many things we receive for which we never bargain and for which we do not pay. Let us not forget even the numerous experiences of stress and strain, without which many important lessons in life would not be learned.

Gratitude can best be described as an attitude towards God in which we recognize our complete dependence upon Him. All we are and all we have we owe to Him who through Providence meets our needs.

Thanksgiving just has to have a meaning that extends beyond the sumptuously filled tables of food.

## Savings Come Off The Top

Most people who save money regularly and consider savings a budget item like their groceries, car payment, rent and utilities, clothing, entertainment and the telephone bill, follow this simple rule: **Savings come off the top.**

They put aside their savings first and then use the rest of their pay for living expenses. This way, they don't miss what they don't have in their hands, and they don't kid themselves by saying that they will have some money left at the end of the month to put into savings.

Furthermore, when their monthly income increases through promotion, a general pay raise such as the most recent one of 8.1 per cent, or a longevity pay increase, they earmark part of that new money for savings before they get accustomed to having it. That way they are not faced with the question unanswerable by many of us: Where did that last pay raise go?

Right now you can put your money to work for you in several profitable ways. Savings accounts in banks and other savings institutions, where deposits are insured by the Government, are paying high interest rates. U.S. Savings Bonds are paying the highest interest rate in their history. And, for servicemen and women overseas the Uniformed Services Savings Deposit Program pays interest at the rate of 10 per cent per year, compounded quarterly on deposits up to \$10,000.

If you save by depositing part of your earnings in the Uniformed Services Deposit Program or by buying bonds, you also will be helping your Government achieve two specific goals of its own.

The first of these is the reduction in our country's balance of payments. The money you put into savings while stationed overseas reduces the number of dollars that country has for buying our reserve stocks of gold.

When you save money by buying U.S. Savings Bonds you are helping to ease the pressure that pushes prices up and leads to inflation.

Thus, in helping the Government in these goals you also are helping to protect your own money, both in your savings and in your daily spending. (AFPS)

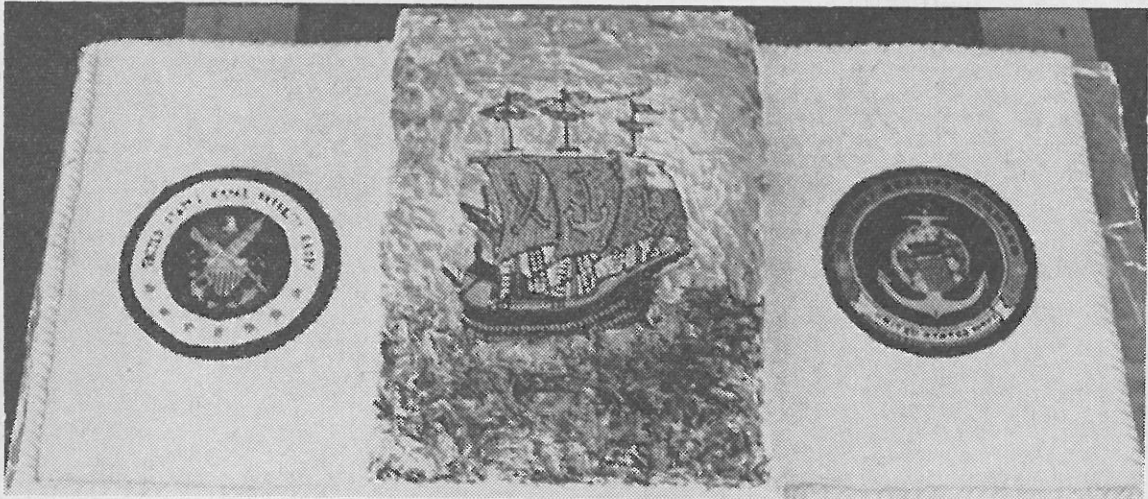


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# 1970 Navy Day Ball



1970 Navy Day Cake



Chief Davidson and Seaman Kratz cut the cake.



Captain Rahill (left) and Hauptbootsmann Farber exchange NSGA Bremerhaven plaque and photo of the Marineschule Choir.

The 1970 Navy Day Ball, open to all Port City Navy personnel and their guests, was held Oct. 27 at the Burgerpark here in Bremerhaven.

Activities for the evening consisted of dinner, speeches by community leaders, cake-cutting ceremonies, musical entertainment provided by a German Navy choir and a popular local band, and dancing.

The evening's entertainment began with singing by the German Navy's Marineschule Choir, "Die Blauen Jungs," under the direction of Hauptbootsmann Farber. The choir performed several choral arrangements in both traditional and popular styles of music.

Following the choir's performance, brief remarks were made by Captain Gerald W. Rahill, Commander, Military Sealift Command, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, and senior naval officer in Bremerhaven. A toast was proposed by Army Colonel Robert J. McKay, Commanding Officer, U.S. Forces Support District, Bremerhaven (PROV) followed Captain Rahill's speech.

The Navy Day Cake was cut by Chief Communications Technician Earl R. Davidson of the Administrative Department and Communications Technician Seaman David W. Kratz of Fifth Division. According to tradition, the first piece of cake is cut by the oldest and the youngest Navyman present.

Dancing followed the cake-cutting ceremonies with a local band providing the music.



Coloney McKay proposes a toast as Captain Rahill (left) and Commander Bosworth look on.



Hauptbootsmann Farber does the Twist!



Captain Rahill gives his Navy Day address.



Captain Osmer gets a cake of his own.



## Sausage—A Delicacy

Germans probably have glorified the sausage as have no other people on earth. This meat delicacy can take a great variety of forms, as was proven once by a man with a curiosity for such things. He made the rounds of the butcher shops in Regensburg and found some 150 varieties of sausages being offered in that one city alone.

It should, of course, be admitted that Regensburg is probably the most sausage-minded country. The spicy Regensburger sausage is known all over Germany. The city is also fond of finger-sized pork sausages. And, of course, it has the Historical Sausage Kitchen, a low-ceilinged, smokey place where you can watch your own sausages being cooked over a charcoal fire before you consume them along with a mountain of sauerkraut and a mug of beer.

But the story of the butcher shop survey does indicate that there are quite a few sausages to be tried in Germany. We couldn't begin to name them all, but here are some of the popular ones:

**Regensburger.** A roundish, heavily spiced, smoked sausage that comes in long chains. You eat it cold with a piece of rye bread; boiled with sauerkraut and mustard; fried with a roll, or in a salad with oil, vinegar, onions and pepper.

**Bratwurst.** The finger-sized pork sausage for which Nuremberg is noted as well as Regensburg. You eat at least a half-dozen of them, better a full dozen, usually on a pewter plate with sauerkraut. The bratwurst is larger elsewhere in Germany, but is essentially the same sausage. The big difference is that you probably can't manage more than one.

**Frankfurter.** Though this was the inspiration for the American hot dog, and is about the same size and shape, that is where the resemblance ends. The American version is looked on as inexpensive, whereas the juicy German variety is just the opposite. It is an expensive delicacy, made from lean pork, with a delicate flavour that comes exclusively from a "top secret" smoking process. It should be eaten "as is": in the fingers, without bread, and most definitely without mustard or relish. Oddly enough, most of the factories producing the frankfurter are not in Frankfurt, but in a suburb called Neuisenburg.

**Weisswurst.** A Munich speciality, very mild and eaten with sweet mustard. It is generally taken for breakfast and is very perishable. Hence the old saying "a weisswurst must never hear the noonday bells."

**Bockwurst.** Juicy like the frankfurter, but much larger. It is good dipped in mustard, or floating in a bowl of bean soup.

**Liverwurst.** Made from ground liver. Best removed from the casing and spread on buttered bread. Should be very fresh.

**Mettwurst.** Also for spreading. Made with lots of lean pork and spices. Best in Westphalia where it (along with many other kinds of meat) is baked in a jacket of dough.

**Fleishwurst.** Similar to bologna, but generally smaller in diameter and not sliced so thinly. Very good on rye bread with butter. (Ed. Note: This article was reprinted from "Focus on Germany.")

## COMM-ents By Fisher

The subject: Flag football; the team: The Day Workers; and the leaders: CWO-2 Lyle I. Westrom and CT2 Charles A. Weaver. Anyone seeking to argue that the Day Workers are not the toughest, meanest and fastest team around should talk to CT2 Weaver of the Electronics Department or, come to think of it, they can talk to Mr. Westrom (he's kind of big too).

Speaking of football, CT2 Allen D. Jackson (alias "Jim Thorpe") lived up to his image and intercepted a pass against the Marines and ran for a touchdown that was the deciding factor of the game. It was something when the star appeared on the field decked out in leotards or at least in something of that description. Good game, Al.

A benefit the Navy offers its men this time of the year is its free influenza shots and nearly everyone from COMM took the time to receive this great "benny." It was all smiles when they got the shot, but an hour later they didn't have much to smile about. It never ceases to amaze me that the Navy waits till everyone gets a cold before they give the shots. Right, CT3 Keith R. "The Shadow" Heller?

So far, three personnel in COMM, who just couldn't stand

the itching anymore, have shaved off their beards. Welcome back to civilization Petty Officers Harold H. Dunlap, Larry D. Johnson and Grover C. Baldwin. I was trying to picture what CTC G. W. Screws Jr. would look like with a red beard. I gave up after he told me he was having trouble growing sideburns due to lack of hair. I heard from the grapevine that Chief Screws had a very colorful conversation with CT2 Richard N. Jacob. How about it, Chief?

Congratulations are extended to the 15 "O" Branchers who took the August E-5 advancement examination. All 15 men passed the exam and will be advanced during the next six months. Well done!

Last month saw the arrival of three more "O" Branchers to Bremerhaven: Sgt Wayne C. Romano who was accompanied by his wife Maryanne, CTSN James L. Bailey and CTSN Jeffrey L. Phillips. We hope they all have a good tour; I know Seaman Phillips will as soon as his wife Vicki arrives.

CWO-4 Vernon J. Nelson was relieved of his duties at ceremonies held at the Navy Officers Club Nov. 1, and will be retiring from the Navy in the near future. All of COMM wishes him good luck.

The November "Smiler of the Month" award goes to the illustrious CT1 William E. Meders Jr. The reason he is smiling so much lately is that he hides all his office supplies — pens, rulers, stapler, etc. — in his personal tool box he keeps next to his desk. He does this so his other watch-standing buddies won't be tempted. He might not be smiling next month if someone decides to take his goody locker.

## T-Bones

By Phil Albohn

This column will, hopefully, be the first of a series from Third Division. It is called "T-Bones" for two reasons: First, a T-bone, like this column, is mostly a cheap cut; also, like a T-bone, there won't be much meat to the column. It will probably be somewhat disjointed and will deal with a wide variety of subjects since the news about Third Division would fill only a few lines a month. (. . . and the crowd cheers.) But don't despair, Third Division; I will feature as much of the local dirt as I can dig up.

There comes a time when one must take the bull by the tail and face the situation, so here goes.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the last Port City Theatre production, "Any Wednesday" which was another fine effort by Army and Navy personnel and dependents who donate their time for the enjoyment of others. The cast: Mr. Dave Hubert, an instructor at Bremerhaven High School. Mrs. Russell Robbins, Mrs. Dean Hancock and, lest this writer be accused of false modesty, CTSN Phil Albohn of Third Division.

The next Port City Theatre Production will be "Waiting for Godot" which will be presented Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 3-5. A smash musical comedy, "The Apple Tree," will follow in January. Both productions are very good so why not set aside a date to see each?

Losses and acquisitions in Third Division last month have caused a shuffling of the watch sections. There were quite a few bleary-eyed people wandering around Nov. 1. There were some long "strings" during the change and we get to do it all again in January. At least then we'll have a lot of company when the entire watch schedule shifts to a Day-Mid-Eve watch routine.

Speaking of losses, a "purple wisteria" to CTC Dick Sorensen, CT1 John Sterle, CT2 John "Sandy" Sanderson and CT2 Roger Kunz, all of whom will be leaving us soon.

Welcome aboard (and here's your mop) to CTSNs Bill Arkley, Bruce Christensen and Leigh Stevens. Prospective arrivals at this writing are CT1s Robert Graham and Timothy Rogers.

From the "Doggie Bag" comes this tale to brighten these wet winter days: In Transylvania, home of the vampires (those fanged fiends who are always putting the bite on the townsfolk for a free meal), the locals got tired of getting it in the neck all the time. They decided to go to the mausoleum where the vampires slept during the day and touch their hearts by pointing out what they had at stake. As the local folk opened the caskets, one brave soul pounded the stakes into the hearts of the gaunt ghouls. After all the caskets were opened, one of the men looked up only to see the peg man pounding stake after stake into the first vampire. "Hurry up," he said, "the others are going batty and flying the crypt!" But it was to no avail, since the mallet man had used all of his stakes. That night, the remaining vampires swooped down on the town and killed everyone there. The moral of this little tale is: Don't put all your pegs in one casket. And the crowd boos. . . .

## Project Partnership in Action



**GERMAN-AMERICAN SCHUTZENFEST** —Marines of the Company "F" Marine Support Battalion of Bremerhaven show two lady sharpshooters the fine points of marksmanship during the Oct. 17 2nd Annual Support District shoot at Garlstedt. Approximately 500 persons turned out for the rifle and pistol competition sponsored by Company "F." The event was an application of the continuing Project Partnership program designed to further improve German-American relations.

## Supporting Statements

By Al Jeers

Okay, kiddies, this month I have a quiz for you. It's a matching type quiz in which you must match the description on the left with the appropriate individual on the right. Most, but not all, of the personalities listed are from Second Division. In case you find the going rough, the answers are given at the end of the quiz.

See if you can guess who:

1. Owns and operates the Second Division "Botanical Gardens."
2. Is rumored to be held prisoner in his own office.
3. Stars as the nimble-fingered end for the Bravo Bulldogs.
4. Doesn't look bad since he let his hair grow longer than one-half inch.
5. Smokes a brand of pipe tobacco that smells like dead octopus.
6. Was almost sucked into the incinerator during a burn detail.
7. Is the only seaman with enough power to take over an office from a chief petty officer.
8. Changed his matinee idol from Tiny Tim to Martha Mitchell.
9. Has a pet named "Yellow Bird."
10. Recently shocked everyone by returning from lunch on time.
11. Faithfully says his prayers before his portrait of LBJ each morning.
12. Will play the position of "hoop" on the Day Workers basketball team.
13. Occasionally works when not on special liberty or basket leave.
14. Is the only person from north of the Mason-Dixon line who likes the "1505 To Nashville" radio program.
15. Answers to the nickname of "Milk Duds."

Had enough? The answers, as if you didn't know, are: 1-F; 2-I; 3-K; 4-E; 5-D; 6-J; 7-B; 8-A; 9-H; 10-C; 11-G; 12-O; 13-L; 14-M; and 15-N.

Rate yourself "Lousy" if you get 1-5 correct; "Better" for 6-10 correct; and "Outstanding" for 10-14 correct. If you were correct in all 15 answers, you cheated.

If nothing happens to me as a result of this article, I'll be back next month with more silly games.





# Campus Capsule

By CTCS B. P. Moquin

University of Maryland students here in Bremerhaven either misunderstand the withdrawal procedure required by the University or are misinformed about it. When a student is unable to continue in a course, whether for official or personal reasons, he must make an official withdrawal from that course. Official reasons for withdrawal include hospitalization, prolonged emergency leave, reassignment from the locality, change in duties, etc. When a student receiving Tuition Aid withdraws for official reasons, the government assumes the loss for the tuition assistance payments. If, however, the withdrawal is for personal reasons, the student must reimburse the government \$49.50 which is recovered through payroll deductions.

Types of withdrawal and the respective grading marks assigned are as follows:

- WX—Official withdrawal in the first half of the term.
- WP—Official withdrawal in the second half of the term and passing work up to the time of withdrawal.
- WF—Official withdrawal in the second half of the term and failing work up to the time of withdrawal.
- F(N)—Failure due to non-attendance. This mark is assigned when a student fails to make an official withdrawal.

Withdrawal forms are available at the Army Education Center and such a form should be completed immediately when a student decides to withdraw from a course. As you can see from the above, failure to withdraw from a course can be a real "bummer" since it costs the student \$49.50, results in a grade of "F" and no credit is received for the course.

The information I have just presented can be found in detail in the current issue of the University of Maryland catalog. If you do not have a copy, stop by and pick one up today.

The Navy has recently published Educational Guides for all ratings in the Navy. These guides list various college level courses in which you update your knowledge in various aspects of your rating. The following is an excerpt from the Educational Guide for Communications Technicians:

"In studying college catalogs, you will find that some junior colleges offer associate degree programs that are closely related to the skills and knowledge you have acquired as a Communications Technician in the Navy. For example, San Bernardino Valley College offers the curriculum below for an associate degree in Telecommunications Technology. This curriculum is presented for illustrative purposes only. Its use does not imply the endorsement of the Department of the Navy or insure your admission to San Bernardino Valley College."

DEPARTMENTAL COURSES	SEMESTER HOURS
Direct Current Fundamentals	3
Direct Current Fundamentals Laboratory	2
Alternating Current Fundamentals	3
Alternating Current Fundamentals Laboratory	2
Solid State Systems and Devices	3
Solid State Systems Laboratory	2
F.C.C. Rules and Regulations	6
Introduction to Broadcasting	6
Radio and Television Broadcast Operations	2
Introduction to Television Technology	6
Television Technology Laboratory	6
Technical Mathematics	6
CORE COURSES	SEMESTER HOURS
Introduction to Literature	6
United States Institutions	3
Contemporary United States	3
Oral Communication	2
Health Education	2
Physical Education	3
TOTAL 66	

Remember, these guides apply to all ratings. If you are not a Communications Technician and would like to look over the Educational Guide for your particular rating, stop by the Army Education Center today. Remember, education is "right on." See you around campus.

## MAC Changes Baggage Regs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NAVNEWS) — The Military Airlift Command (MAC) has established new baggage allowances and restrictions. The normal free allowance remains 66 pounds; however, all hand-carried baggage must not exceed 9x13x24 inches.

Any article in excess of this size will be tagged and checked for stowage in the aircraft luggage compartment. In addition, checked baggage cannot be carried if the pieces exceed 36x24x30 inches.

The excess baggage allowance for Naval personnel traveling on Permanent Change of Station orders to and from overseas areas on MAC or commercial aircraft has been increased to 100 pounds. This is in addition to the normal 66 pound allowance; such excess allowance must be requested and justified.

The commanding officer may authorize excess baggage by endorsing a man's orders accordingly. Any excess baggage not authorized will be shipped by commercial means at the member's expense.

In order to minimize damage and pilferage of baggage, travelers are advised to:

- Secure luggage. Use good quality, sturdy luggage and lock it. Do not overpack.
- Identify luggage. Place a copy of your orders inside each bag and mark the name and address plainly on the outside.
- Protect valuables. Do not place any valuables inside weak, damaged or insecure luggage. Any high value articles such as jewelry, radios, cameras and camera accessories should be hand-carried.



PORT PROMENADERS — Bremerhaven's square dance club, the Port Promenaders, recently gave a square dance exhibition at the Bremen Volksfest. Persons interested in joining the club should contact Chief Personnelman George Malik at Mil. 3501.

## The Big Beat

By Dave Stewart

My truancy from the "Windjammer" last month was due to a lovely two-week vacation in Bavaria with the wife and kids.

In this column, I would like to present some interesting facts about our current music policy, which I am reasonably sure keeps up with the times.

The reason I say reasonably sure is that I constantly hear complaints and queries as to why we do not feature more of one or another different types of music.

First of all, one must realize that our audience is not only large but it is, more importantly, mixed. By mixed, I mean a conglomeration of just about every ethnic background that can be found in the United States. Think about that for a moment; that is a very large "stem."

Consequently, we at AFN have to take this into consideration when we program for 24 hours each day of the week. That is 168 hours of program time, music, news, sports, interviews, editorials, dramas, etc. per week. The following is a percentage breakdown of our music programming for a week:

- Top Popular and Rock and Roll — 27 per cent
- Middle of the Road ("Easy Listening") — 25 per cent
- Soul — 15 per cent
- Country and Western — 10 per cent
- Other (Classical, "Big Bands," Latin, "Oldies But Goodies") — 23 per cent

These percentages are not determined arbitrarily by AFN, but are based on listener surveys which are conducted annually.

You, the listener, must realize that our military audience consists of both young and old servicemen and dependent wives and children. We, therefore, try our best to provide something for everyone's taste. Also, many people have wondered why we run radio dramas. In the United States and in other areas where television broadcasting is abundant, the television networks normally supply the demand for drama, comedy serials, etc. Since we are not in an area serviced by American television, we try to fill this need through our radio drama programs.

I hope, after reading the preceding, that you understand our situation a little better. Remember, we always welcome your queries and comments. You are encouraged and more than welcome to visit us here on the Staging Area in Building 1.

Some other interesting facts and figures for you are presented here in the form of our mail breakdown for any given month. Each month our mail is, on the average: 90 per cent German; 5 per cent Dutch, English and Scandinavian; and 5 per cent American. Was ist los! I think I'll save the details on these percentages until next month; they alone are worth a separate column.

AFN Bremerhaven plans to start a new broadcast this month that will offer aid to clubs and activities of all services. The program is intended for everyone and the idea is to sit down in our studios and discuss your "thing" with the program moderator over a cup of coffee and, at the same time, to gain publicity for your upcoming event or activity. The program will air on Friday evenings at 8:05 and will run for 25 minutes. I would be happy to hear from you if you would like to participate.

At AFN Bremerhaven, we presently have a shortage of announcers which has quadrupled the workload for everyone. Staff Sergeant Vic Sage left for Munich right after my vacation in order to fill the chief announcer's slot there. He is currently working for Neil Fontaine, whom we all know as the host of "From Broadway To Hollywood." Thus, Specialist Toby Kirby becomes my new chief announcer here and he really deserves the title. As for myself, the Army and Uncle Sam were nice enough to allow my family and I to stay another year with what I would describe as the best bunch of listeners for which a station could ask.

Next month I will talk about the letters you send to the station or, more important, the letters that you don't send. I will also discuss upcoming program changes, including "Santa's Elves of Toy Factory Number Six."

## December 17, 1943 A Yank Classic







Some interesting Plan-of-the-Day notes have gone to press in recent weeks. One such note informed personnel that were missing drawers (the furniture type, of course) that they could obtain some from the Chief Master-at-Arms. I happen to know that the man responsible for drafting this note found himself quite perplexed as to how it should be worded. The CMAA would have quite a time explaining what he was doing with all those drawers if there had been a mix-up in the POD. However, knowing BMC Jess Saur, I am sure he would have provided a classic explanation.

Another eye-catcher which appeared in the POD was a note explaining that the Personnel Office would be closed for "regular" business, thereby suggesting that they are normally open for irregular business.

And have you noticed the number of people listed in the POD who are being paid "outstanding" travel claims?

I have no doubt whatsoever that the Navy Day Ball was a tremendous success. Many efforts were combined to make it such. Many individuals and groups should receive recognition beginning with the Commanding Officer. He proclaimed that there would be one Navy Day Ball and that it would be held on Oct. 27.

Following this decree, Ltjg Thomas Roers and CTCM Charles Koenig formed a committee and the machinery of many minds began to turn or was it that the "wood began to burn?" Plans were formulated and CT1 Bill Kelly launched his tremendous advertising campaign in which hundreds of fliers were disseminated throughout the sprawling complex of NSGA Bremerhaven. The big attraction was the "holiday routine," unofficially announced for the day following the ball for all persons in attendance.

Navy wives, adept at corsage making and cake decorating plied their art; 21-year-old personnel living in the barracks were allowed to buy a bottle in order for them to bring their own; and even the Girl Scouts got into the act by making "ice buckets" for the ball. (I wonder if they earned a badge for that project?)

Yet, in my personal opinion, those who deserve as much credit for the success of the Navy Day Ball are those who attended. I mean especially those who set aside their normal weekday obligations. For example, some University of Maryland students had classes scheduled for that night and even those who didn't were scheduled for final exams two nights later. That is a dilemma, but, for those who attended the ball, I guess you could call it dedication. Of course, it can be argued that a couple of us, at least, would have gone to the CPO Club after class anyway. I won't argue whether or not that can be construed as dedication.

I found myself in a dilemma as to what would require the greatest amount of dedication: Attending the ball or not attending and coming to work the following day. Then I wondered, "If I come to work the next day, could I trust myself to work or would I cheat and study for final exams."

At this writing, I am still trying to resolve that dilemma, but when you read this column, most of you will have "had a ball." At any rate, a belated "Happy Anniversary" to the Navy, no matter how the occasion was celebrated.

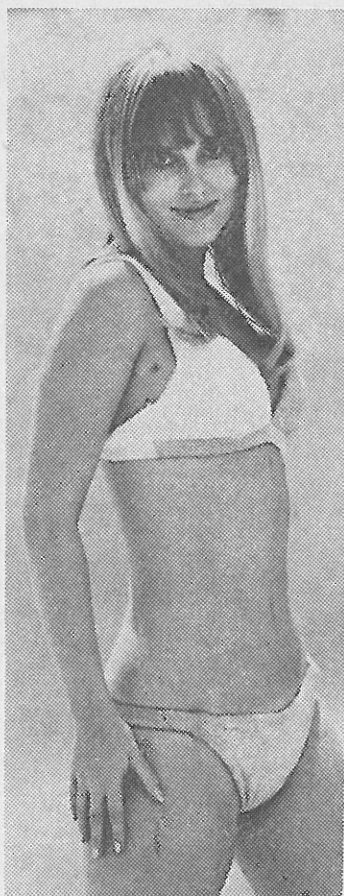
That's . . . sincere.

Leaving you with a final note, have you heard the AFN spot announcement that goes: "If you want to break the boredom barrier, write to a beautiful USO girl in the States"? If you decide to take AFN's advice, be sure your wife doesn't read your mail!



**GOT IT!**—Bravo Section pass receiver, CT2 Gaylin Teeters of Second Division, snatches a pass from the air during the Oct. 18 flag football game between Bravo and Alfa Sections. The Alfa Section team member watching the pass completion is CT3 Joseph Williams of First Division. Alfa Section won the contest with a final score of 20-12.

(Photo by W. J. Howard)



**MISS WINDJAMMER** — The November "Miss Windjammer" is a pert and pretty Miss Majken Haugedal, a Playmate and native of Denmark. She reminds us that "Good things come in small packages and don't forget to mail those Christmas packages early and avoid the last minute rush." (Photo courtesy Playboy)

## Sports Shorts

By BMI Ron Hogsed

The flag football season here in Bremerhaven is drawing slowly to a close and, with all the rain, sleet, hail and mud abounding, even many of the staunchest supporters are not regretful. By the time you read this, the Captain's Cup competition for football will be over and there will remain only one big football event left — the All-Star game on Thanksgiving Day between a Navy-Marine team and an Army-Air Force team. The Nov. 26 contest begins at 2:00 p.m. and the site will be announced at a later date.

We are now into the Captain's Cup bowling competition which got underway Nov. 10 and will continue until all teams have bowled each other twice.

The NSGA Varsity Bowling Team consisting of Jerry Rebeck, Rusty Martin, Gay Teeters, Roy Thomas and Scott Morris bowled a friendship practice match of four games against three local traveling teams this month and the NSGA team had the highest pinfall for each game. The other three members of the team are Dennis Hebdon, Harold Williams and Dave Madison.

The Varsity Team has won the traveling cup for the past two years. If the team is able to capture it again this year, it will belong to them permanently.

Basketball will be beginning shortly and eight teams will be entering into this competition.

The Army will be conducting a hand-ball tournament Dec. 1 in Gym 103. Commander's Cup points will be awarded for this sport, so all sections should try to obtain as many entries as possible in order to keep alive in the Commander's Cup competition. The deadline for signing up for the tournament is Nov. 29.



After talking to droopy-eared rabbits, observing early-leaving, late-arriving Chiefs and writing an obituary for the Building 2 coffee mess in recent months, I figured I was deserving of a well earned rest. Shedding my green shade and drawing a cool orange drink (courtesy of Alfa Section), I decided to catch up on my most recent meddlings in the affairs of mankind.

Plodding through the August and September issues of the "Windjammer" I was suddenly taken aback. "Hey, what's this!" I exclaimed. An article by Al Jeers? Now what's an "aljeers?" It sounded like something one might unexpectedly contract in the Middle East. I thought to myself, "Just who does this guy think he is, creeping into my territory this way? Just because the poor roach was down on his luck for a month . . . By golly, I don't have to take this."

Packing my special detection gear (green shade, pocket reference of the latest party jokes and a Quadrangle Pass), I trooped off to Building 11. That's a long walk for us little roaches so the Quadrangle Pass was a real blessing. Bashing into the Personnel Office, I demanded to know just who this Al Jeers is anyhow. After frantically checking records, they ascertain that there is no Al Jeers on the station roster. "Ah hah!" I screeched, "An imposter in our midst!" Well that just made the hunter in me erupt and I vowed to search him out wherever he might be hiding.

I visited the Windjammer's editor and asked to see the original of this "Al Jeers" report. Examination of the rather amateurish piece of work revealed a strange brown substance with some white, elastic-like matter attached to one of the pages. When I queried the editor, he said he didn't know what the substance was but added, "It was on there when we received the article clandestinely under the door."

After borrowing the article I headed for the base veterinarian and told him, "I want a lab analysis on this baby." Now the doc's a good friend of mine so he cancelled all shots and toenail clippings and got right to work on the mysterious sample. Hours later he had my answer; it was a piece of chocolate cake with marshmallow filling that probably came from Building 2. "We're getting close," I thought, "we can assume our man works in Building 2."

Arriving at Building 2, I checked with the EES representative, Herr Dobie, and he was most helpful. "There is one man," he said, who always comes down for gedunk with a chocolate substance on his face and hands. We don't sell this product, so I once asked him what the gook was. He told me it was a 'moonpie.'

A moonpie! I then realized who our night writer was. I'd seen him hanging around Second Division before. In fact, he does so much hanging around without really producing anything that some of his co-workers dubbed him "Moonpie!"

My personal records on almost everyone (the mark of a good newspaperman) are now crammed full of notes on Joe Al Jeers. The son of a multi-millionaire, Joe used to romp on warm Florida beaches tossing moonpie wrappers hither and yon. Before enlisting, Joe attended college, majored in anatomy and took a minor in strange tropical diseases. Since reporting aboard, Joe's been assigned to the Second Division Technical Support Office where he functions mainly as a "fetchit authority." A "fetchit authority" deals primarily with early morning "fetches" and the late afternoon "putaway." Between times, he provides the office with a repertoire of gasty jokes and limericks he may or may not know. His pleasant smile, cheerful attitude and outstanding personality make up the model used by those charged with writing performance evaluations for watch standers. Joe Al Jeers is the personification of what might be expected or unexpected and the evals writer works from there.

Button-holing this personification of whatever it is, I left him with a few well chosen words: "Get moving, pardner! This here division jest ain't big enough for the two of us. Pack it up and head 'em out!" My crude competition eliminated, I hope to get back to normal reporting next month.

(Editor's Note: Careful Charlie, Joe angers easily and he's back again this month with some more of his "Supporting Statements.")



**UP FOR GRABS!** — Carrying the ball for Alfa Section, CT2 Paul Dodge of First Division attempts to evade CT2 Allen Jackson of the Communications Department during the Oct. 18 flag football game between Alfa and Bravo Sections at Chapel Field.

(Photo by W. J. Howard)