



## Saves Sailor's Life

# HM2 Gets Letter of Appreciation

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During a training exercise designed to familiarize personnel with the effects of teargas, a sailor was overcome by the gas, became paralyzed, and was

unable to breathe. HM2 Landers administered oxygen to the man and returned him to the U.S. Army Hospital in Bremerhaven where he recovered satisfactorily.

One day prior to this incident, a group of chief petty officers driving to Garlstedt came upon a traffic accident involving a truck and an automobile one-half mile north of the training area. They proceeded to the field exercise where they notified HM2 Landers of the accident. He proceeded to the scene of the accident only to discover that the four passengers of the automobile had been killed instantly.

In HM2 Landers' letter of appreciation, Captain John Jennings stated in part: "... although the four victims were killed instantly, your desire to assist was observed by

German nationals at the scene of the accident. Your willing response created a most favorable impression of the U.S. Navy.

"When one of your shipmates became overcome by teargas, panicked, and collapsed, your medical expertise guided the efforts of men attempting to revive him. Your actions and calmness were undoubtedly responsible for saving the individual's life.

"The contribution you made to the success of the annual field training was outstanding. Well done!"

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## New Program To Honor Sailor-Marine of Quarter

Chaplain (Lieutenant Commander) Richard Plishker recently announced that the former Sailor-Marine of the Month program has been revised and will now honor the Sailor-Marine of the Quarter.

The first Sailor-Marine of the Quarter will be selected this month for the quarter ending September 30. Hereafter, each selectee will be picked during the second month of each quarter.

Each selectee will receive a \$75.00 U.S. Savings Bond, an NSGA Bremerhaven plaque, and his award will be presented at the personnel inspection following selection. In addition, he will receive head-of-the-payline privileges for the quarter following his selection and will be exempt from personnel inspections during this period. All persons nominated but not selected

for the award will be exempt from one personnel inspection following interview by the Sailor-Marine of the Quarter board.

According to Chaplain Plishker, "The reason for revising the program was that it appeared that the Sailor-Marine of the Month award had lost its effect in generating a stimulating morale. It was also noted that many divisions and departments, especially the smaller ones, were unable to present qualified candidates on a monthly basis.

To be considered for selection as Sailor-Marine of the Quarter, an individual must have been onboard the command for at least six months, and have received no performance mark less than 3.4 for Naval personnel, or 4.5 for Marine Corps personnel for at least two marking periods preceding nomination.

## IRS Wants PCS Allowances Declared

If you were or will be transferred under permanent change of station (PCS) orders during 1971, you can plan on spending some additional time preparing your income tax return next spring.

According to Lieutenant Duval Williams, NSGA Bremerhaven legal officer, the Internal Revenue Service recently advised the Department of Defense that all reimbursements and allowances received by military personnel to compensate for expenses incurred in the execution of PCS orders must be declared by the service member on his individual income tax return. None of these allowances or reimbursements are included as income on the W-2 (wage and tax statement) forms distributed to members at the end of each calendar year.

This means that persons undergoing PCS during the tax year must report their dislocation allowance, temporary living allowance, mileage allowances, reimbursements for meals, etc. as income in addition to the amount that appears on the W-2 form. However, IRS also allows certain expenses incurred in a PCS move to be used to offset these allowances and, in the event that the expenses exceed the allowances, a service member may substantially reduce his taxable income.

Examples of expenses that

can be deducted are:

—Expenses to move household goods and personal property. This includes such expenses as the cost of shipping pets, the cost of purchasing traveler's checks, the cost of mailing personal property to your next duty station, insurance for personal property and other similar expenses.

—All expenses for travel, meals, and lodging to move from the old residence to the new residence.

—Temporary living expenses at a new duty station prior to

moving into permanent quarters. This includes the cost of meals, lodging, and transportation (cab fares) after arrival at the new duty station.

—Expenses connected with terminating a lease or selling a home at the old duty station, or with acquiring a new lease or purchasing a home at the new duty station.

"The Department of Defense," said Lt. Williams, "is trying to get IRS to authorize additional tax deductions in these areas for military personnel. Therefore, all personnel who have arrived in Bremerhaven during 1971 should sit down, while the expenses they have incurred are still fresh in their minds, and compile an itemized list of all amounts spent on expenses such as these. The date the expense was incurred and the reason for the expense should also be noted. If this is done, receipts for each item will not be necessary to justify the expense as a deduction on the individual's tax return. For some items, such as tips, a receipt is not necessary, but the amount spent should be reasonable."

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—Establish direct contact with the party whom you suspect to be the source of interference. Remember that there are quite a few hams around and the one you suspect may have nothing to do with your problem. If you approach him with a chip on your shoulder, the problem of eliminating the interference will be made that much more difficult. He has also spent hundreds of dollars for his equipment and literally thousands of hours in study just to earn his license. He pays a monthly licensing fee to the Bundespost on his station as well as American license fees and receives the protection of German laws along with the responsibility to follow them.

"The American amateur radio operators in Bremerhaven," said Lt. Drew, "will provide, if made aware of interference, the assistance necessary to aid in resolving such problems. This will be done on a case by case basis and, in all probability, will be handled by an operator in the particular housing area where the interference is experienced. Listeners experiencing interference difficulty after following the suggestions indicated in the letter should contact me at either Mil. 3544 or Civ. 82216, and their complaint will be investigated by the interference committee."

## Serendipities

By Chaplain Richard A. Plishker

As some may have noticed, we have changed the title of the chaplain's column. The rationale for this move is twofold: First, we hope to stimulate some new interest. I do not think that it is any secret that the chaplain's column is traditionally the least-read item in most military newspapers. Our second reason is that we wanted a title that could serve as an umbrella to cover the random thoughts which occasionally cross my mind.

But to change a title is no simple matter. One must be prepared to answer those who see no reason for change, and who argue, "It was good enough in the past; it should be good enough now!"

But a more pressing issue, when changing a title, is arriving at a new one. We thought of running a contest, but as some of you may have noticed, the Chaplain's Office is already busily engaged in the contest business. We did not want to confuse the Sailor-Marine of the Quarter or the "Draw the Patch" contests by adding a "Chaplain's Corner Title-Naming Contest." And so we wrestled with our dilemma.

A number of possibilities were eliminated. My wife thought "Plishker's Pointers" inappropriate, although I liked the alliteration. "Chaplain's Chatter" was too folksy, and "The Chaplain's Corner" too traditional. We settled on "Serendipities," and make no claim at being original.

Serendipity, according to my source, is an old word coined by Horace Walpole in 1754, who got the idea from an ancient Persian fairy tale. Serendip was the Arabic name for the area which today is known as Ceylon. Legend tells us that whenever the three princes of Serendip went on a journey, they encountered unexpected events and discovered — by coincidence — valuable and enjoyable things that they had not sought. Walpole described the process of accidentally finding something valuable or agreeable as "serendipity."

In future columns I hope to take advantage of this broad title by presenting a variety of items — book reviews, theology, thoughts about life in general, and thoughts about life specifically here at NSGA Bremerhaven. It is hoped that our readers will be surprised to find valuable and perhaps even enjoyable items in this column.



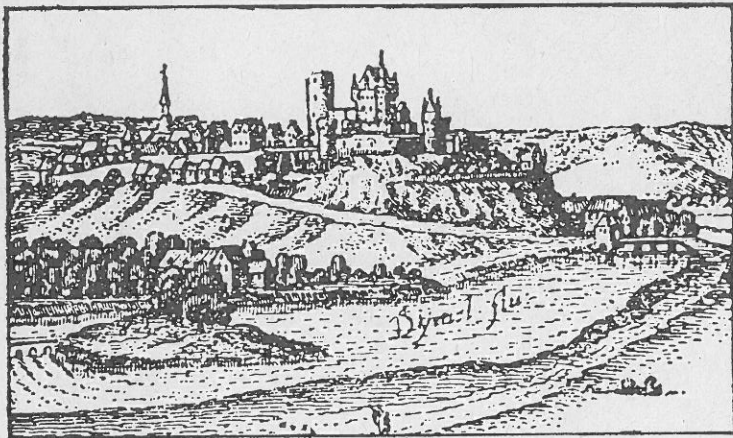
NEW "EVE WATCH" DJ — CT3 Jim Clark (right) turned over the "Eve Watch" show on AFN Bremerhaven to SN Randy Workman during the summer. SN Workman, who is currently serving on the "Boat's Force," uses his spare moments to prepare radio releases for the Public Affairs Office in addition to producing the show.



Commanding Officer ..... Capt John S. Jennings, USN  
Executive Officer ..... Cdr Thomas C. Bosworth, USN  
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## Touring Germany's Castles



The Castle Hotel Association has several plans designed to help the visitor appreciate the variety of its facilities. One is a "passport" which is stamped each time you spend a night in one of the member hotels. Nine nights inside a year entitle you to a free tenth night, with breakfast.

There are fixed rate package arrangements too, under which you can get overnights, breakfasts, dinners, and numerous tours and visits. (Caution: these rates do not include transportation from one castle to another, and the castles are so remotely located that it is hardly practical to travel among them except by car.) The arrangements:

—Eight days at three hotels (Trendelburg, Schnellenberg, Petershagen): DM 487

—Five days at four hotels (Hugenpoet, Petershagen, Trendelburg, Schnellenberg): DM 275

—Two weeks at seven hotels (Anholt, Zell, Arnsburg, Heinsheim, Saaleck, Petershagen, Wilkinghege): DM 673.

The hotels on the tour:

**Schnellenberg** (at Attendorn, just north of Route 55, running east from Cologne): hilltop castle in the wooded Sauerland, with a Knight's Hall restaurant.

**Petershagen** (at Petershagen on the Weser River, slightly north of Minden on the road to Bremen): own fishing banks on the river and a bar in a torture chamber.

**Hugenpoet** (at Kettwig, between Duesseldorf and Essen): water castle with swans, surrounded by parkland, used by Ruhr industrial firms for putting up VIP guests and closing million-mark deals over brandy and cigars.

**Trendelburg** (at Trendelburg, on Route 83 running north from Kassel): a hilltop castle with a cannonball from the Thirty Years War still visible in its wall, offering horsedrawn coach rides into the forests the Grimms knew.

**Anholt** (at Anholt, near the Bocholt-Rees exit of the Oberhausen-to-Arnheim (Holland) Autobahn): water castle with museum of paintings and fine chinaware.

**Zell** (at Zell, halfway between Koblenz and Trier on the Moselle River): operator of a vineyard making one of the most highly respected Moselle wines, Zeller Schwarze Katz.

**Arnsburg** (near Lich, southeast of Giessen): a former monastery with a World War II cemetery for the fallen of several nationalities.

**Saaleck** (at Hammelburg, on Route 27 running north from Wuerzburg): another hilltop castle, with its own vineyards and an interesting old wine press.

**Wilkinghege** (outskirts of Muenster): a moated castle with its own golf course, riding facilities, hunting, and fishing.

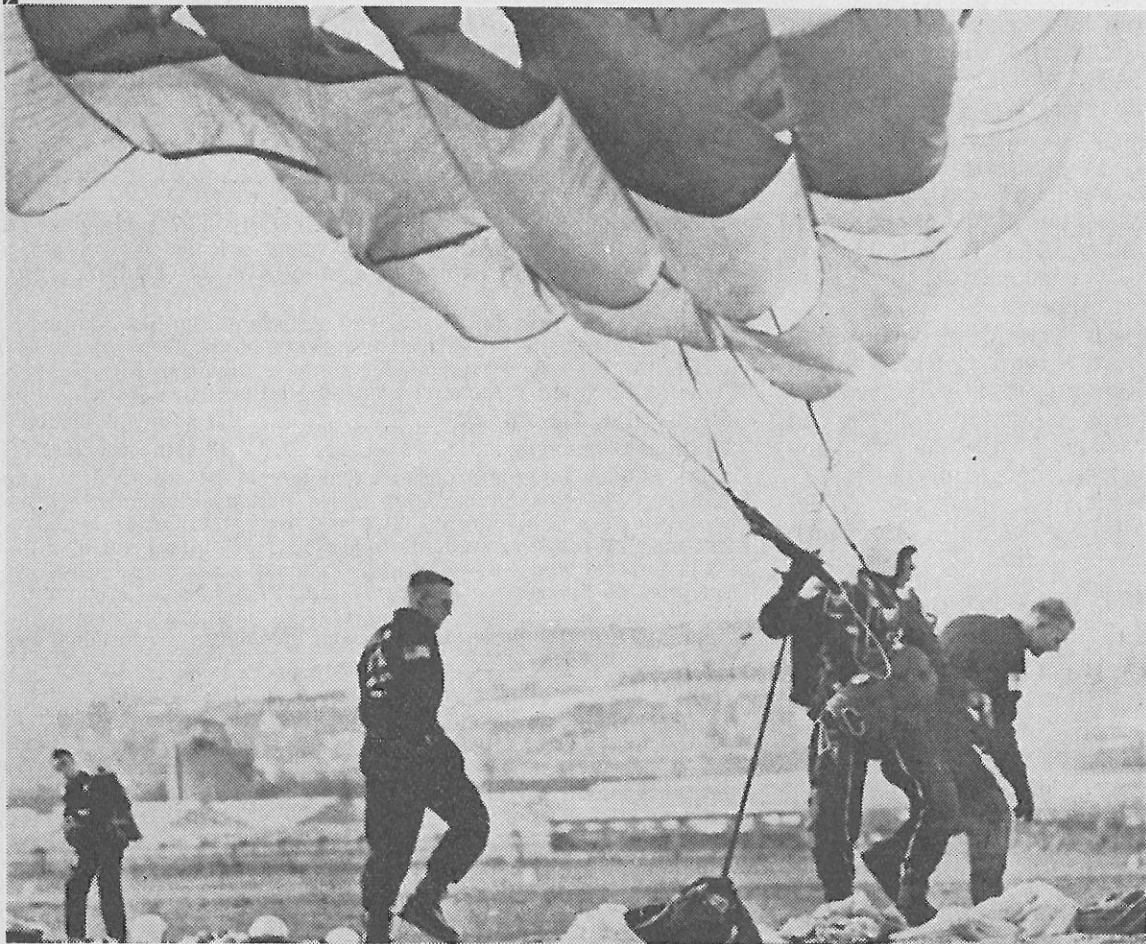
**Heinsheim** (on the Neckar River, just north of the Heidelberg-Heilbronn Autobahn): hunting grounds and nearby spa facilities, host is Baron Racknitz, whose family has had it for 250 years.

For full information on Germany's castle hotels, their locations, prices, and amenities, write: Vereinigung der Burg- und Schloss-hotels, Burghotel Trendelburg, 3521 Trendelburg, Germany. (Reprinted from Focus on Germany.)





# 1971 German-American Volksfest



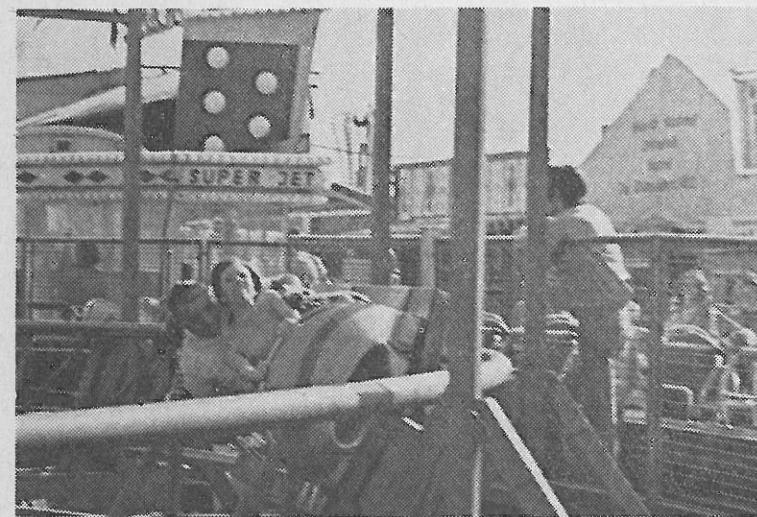
A highlight of the 10-day German-American Volksfest was the exhibition jumping of the U.S. Seventh Army parachute team. Ten members of the special team, which is stationed in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, performed dare-devil, free-fall jumping from an altitude of over 10,000 feet, landing in Phillips Field in downtown Bremerhaven.



The U.S. Navy Sixth Fleet Band was one of several musical groups providing entertainment for the Volksfest. Six members of the band get together here to make up a rock combo. The sailors have their homeport at Gaeta, Italy.



Volksfest patrons who walked from the American to the German side of the grounds will remember having passed this performer who billed himself as the "Red Skin One Man Show."



The 119th Annual Bremerhaven Freimarkt, which combined with the Volksfest, featured a ride for everyone, young or old. Here a couple brace themselves as they come into the bottom loop of the roller coaster ride.



A favorite of every Bremerhaven Volksfest, at least among the younger crowd, is the American Youth Activities train, the "AYA Special." The train carries carloads of small children around Phillips Field for a tour of the American concessions. Besides the fire bell on the top of its engine, the train also has a shrieking whistle which does an effective job of removing pedestrians from its path.

The 10th annual German-American Volksfest came to a close on Sunday, Aug. 29, in Bremerhaven. Several hundred thousand visitors celebrated during the 10-day festival which combined the Volksfest with the 119th annual Bremerhaven Freimarkt (carnival), and the 23rd annual Bremerhaven Shooters Guild torchlight parade.

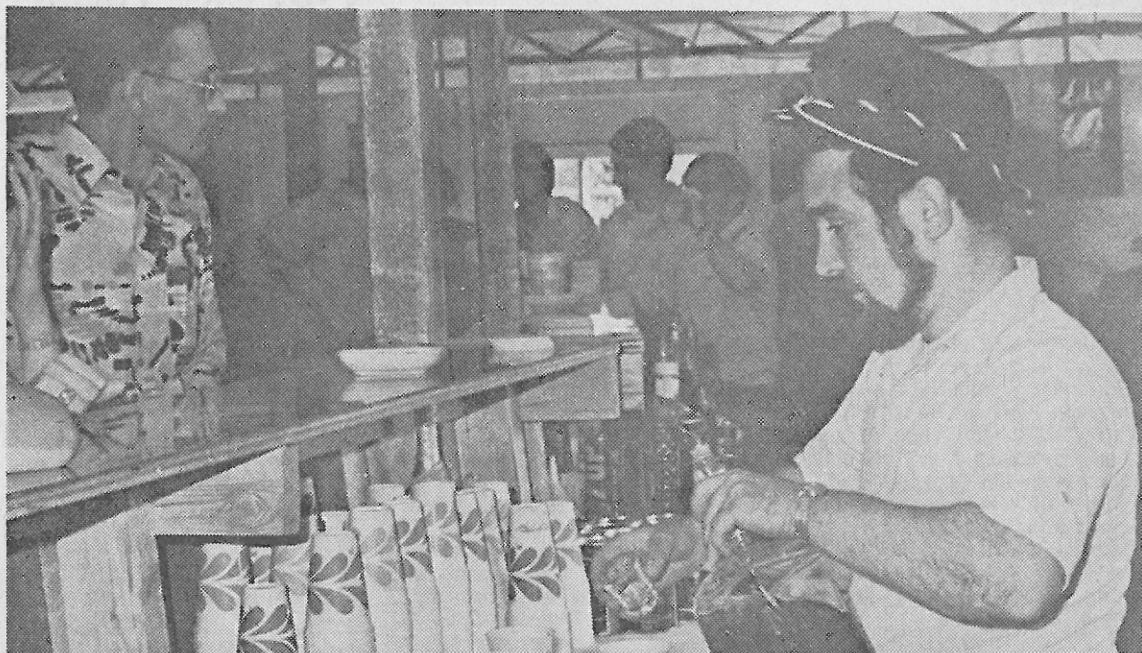
The excellent weather which prevailed throughout the festivities was responsible for an increase in attendance over previous years, and for setting a new record in ice cream sales.

Among the attractions at the Volksfest were the U.S. Seventh Army parachute team from Bad Kreuznach, the U.S. Navy Sixth Fleet Band from Gaeta, Italy, the U.S. Seventh Cavalry "Gary Owen" Pipes and Drums from Schweinfurt, the Queen's Own Hussars Band from Hohn, the Port Promenaders (square dancers) of Bremerhaven, a fire-eating American sailor of the Military Sealift Command, German-American boxing, and various German bands.

At the end of the Volksfest, a tally showed that 261,000 packages of ice cream, 51,000 hamburgers, 30,000 frankfurters, and 15,800 quarts of beer had been consumed on the American side of the festival.

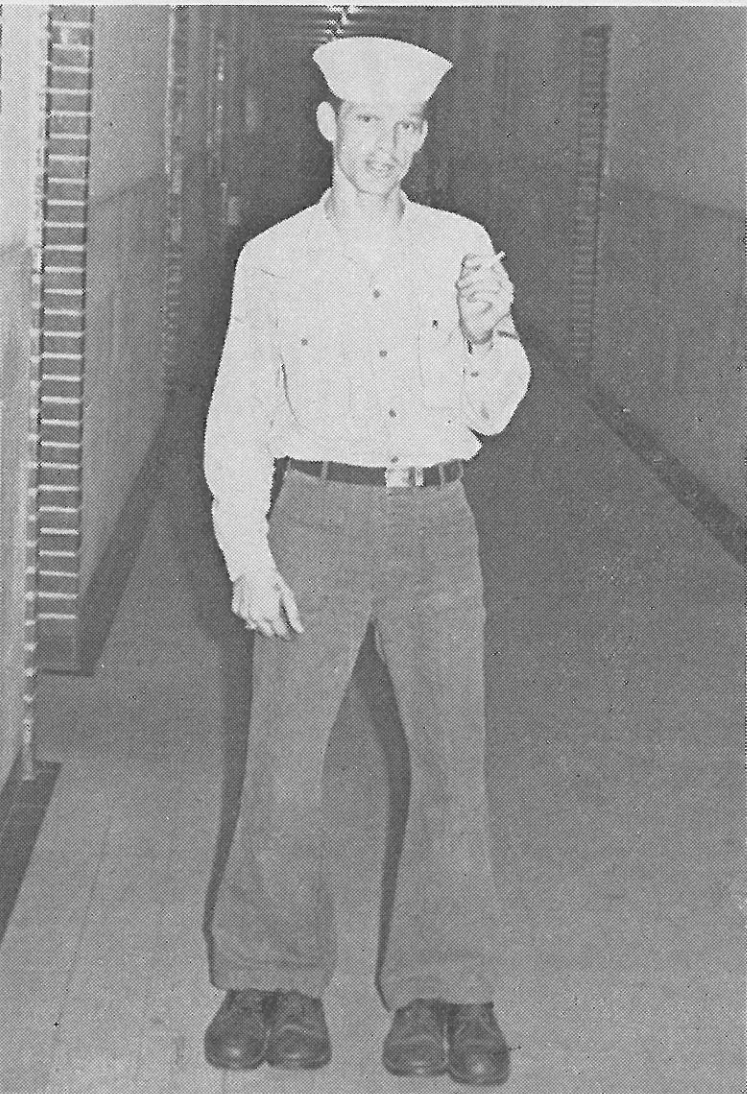
Colonel Irving Wendt, U. S. Forces Support District Norddeutschland Commander, expressed his great satisfaction and appreciation to the military and civilian personnel and their dependents who worked hard for an overall successful Volksfest.

Also thankful for the success of the 1971 Volksfest were 27 disabled children and eight adults of the Stig Guldberg Foundation. They were treated to an afternoon of fun, carnival gifts, and refreshments.



Communications Technician Second Class Robert Mock of Fourth Division mixes up a round of drinks while acting as a "duty bartender" at the Red Dog Saloon.





HE'S A MOVER — Now everyone knows that a boatswains mate has to be able to move fast, especially aboard ship where getting one's foot caught in line could prove disastrous. What we can't understand is why BM3 William Garner needs all that "Sole Power" to get around in the Building 11 barracks.

# The Big Beat

By SSgt David B. Stewart

I would like to thank all of you who completed an AFN Bremerhaven Radio Listeners Survey last month. We have managed to edit everything down to a percentage point, and the results of the survey were very gratifying to all of us here at the station. For reasons of simplicity, I have compiled the returns into the following chart.

Question: Do you like the new mixed-music format?				
	Yes	No	Total	Positive Percentage
18- through 22-year-olds:	107	33	140	76%
23- through 27-year-olds:	85	14	99	84%
28-years-old and above:	34	5	39	87%
Question: Do you prefer the local announcer as opposed to the transcribed program?				
18-22 years:	108	32	140	76%
23-27 years:	78	21	99	79%
28 years and above:	30	9	39	77%
Question: Do you approve of the removal of "Adventures in Good Music"?				
18-22 years:	123	17	140	88%
23-27 years:	77	15	92	84%
28 years and above:	30	11	41	76%
Question: Do you approve of the removal of "1505 to Nashville"?				
18-22 years:	126	14	140	90%
23-27 years:	83	10	92	89%
28 years and above:	23	18	41	56%
Question: Do you approve of the removal of the "Herman Griffeth Show"?				
18-22 years:	121	19	140	86%
23-27 years:	78	14	92	85%
28 years and above:	36	5	41	88%

MUSICAL PREFERENCE				
Age:	18-22	23-28	28 and above	Total
Hard Rock:	81	30	2	113
Easy Rock:	109	80	12	201
Middle-of-the-Road	64	85	13	162
Country & Western	25	35	12	71
Soul & Jazz	14	16	3	33

Many people checked more than one music type for their preference, and several cited "Love," "Tom Campbell Stateside," "Stateside Sound Survey," and "Wolfman Jack" as their favorite program. All local shows fared well, particularly "The Eve Watch" with the younger audience. Among the unpopular shows were "Wolfman Jack" with the older audience, and "Bolero Time" with every age group.

Many of you had write-in comments and we appreciated them. In particular, it was interesting to note that many in the 18- to 22-year-old category did not like the military "propaganda" spots. The most significant remark was the consistent comment by young sailors on how much they enjoy "The Randy Workman Eve Watch" show. We are pleased with this result (so is Randy), and we are looking for expansion time on this program. Don't forget that the NSGA Bremerhaven Public Affairs Office sponsors and encourages "The Eve Watch," and that they always welcome any comments and suggestions regarding it. See ya next month.

# Matmen Madness

By 'Jake the Snake'

Well, Matmen fans, the old hour glass has run out for "Jake the Snake", at least as far as Bremerhaven goes. I have really enjoyed working with all of you within "E" division, as well as with those in the Operations and Communications Departments — especially the "O" Branchers.

In my three-year tour here, I can truthfully say that only two persons have been bitten by Jake the Snake. Both the victims were chiefs and both "O" Branchers. Just ask CTCS "G" "W" (Fireball) Screws and CTC Melvin (Fish) Norris.

Two of the finest "M" Branch chiefs I have ever met retired here during my tour — CTCM Dwight Nichols and CTCS James Wisdom. I wish you all could have known them.

And now for the final time "Jake the Snake" points the Fickle Finger of Fate at you and asks: Did you know that "E" Division once had a reservist who was stationed here for four and one-half years . . . that our beloved CTCS Donald Lovelless will be departing soon for the Azores . . . that Ens Scott Fitkin, former Bravo Section operations watch officer, has traded places with Ltjg William Thomas, our former division officer . . . that CT2 Robert Sullivan is really Rip Van Winkle . . . that CTC Horace Lejeune is really the Sandman . . . that CT2 Chester Fields is really a hamster . . . that "Dennis the Menace" will be taking my place . . . that the sonic cleaner strikes at night . . . that Jake the Snake has joined Frodo at the Grey Havens . . . that I shall miss all of you "M" Branchers very much? Auf Wiedersehen.

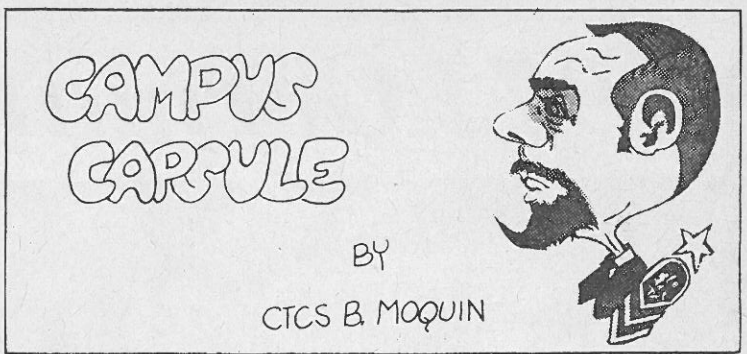
# Port City Theater Will Offer 2 Plays

The Port City Theater will present "The Star-Spangled Girl", a three-act comedy by Neil Simon on Oct. 1-3 and 7-9.

The production, directed by CT3 Russell Robbins, features CT1 John Turner as Andy Hobart, CTSN Andrew Bristow as Norman Cornell, and Mrs. Russell Robbins as Sophie Rauschmeyer.

Free reservations may be made by calling Mil. 3370 Monday through Friday between 1 and 5 p.m.

Following this production will be "Dracula", a drama by Hamilton Deane and John Balderston. Playdates for this show are Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 4-6.



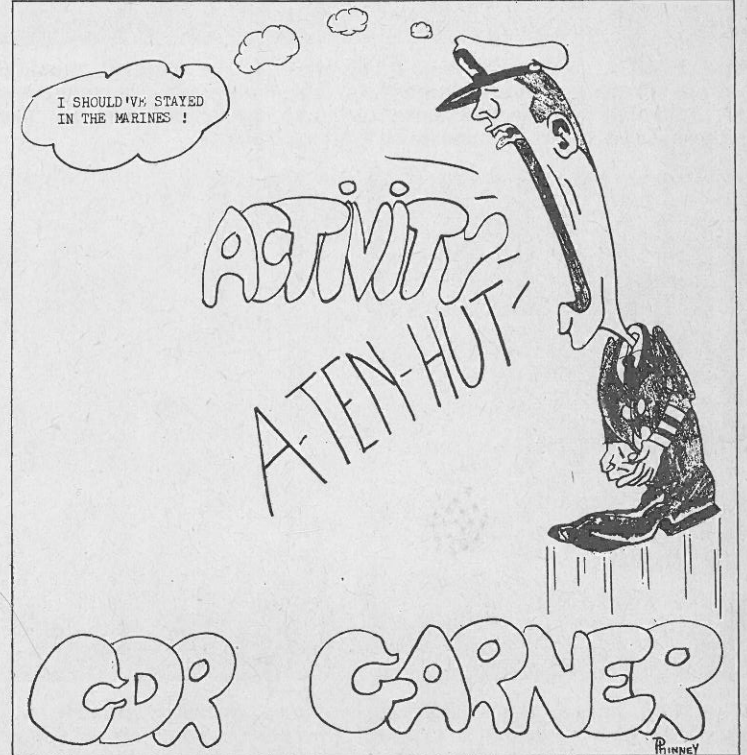
Most people are aware that the University of Maryland is an accredited four-year university, but many are not aware that a two-year Associate in Arts degree may also be obtained from Maryland.

An AA degree may be awarded to a student who has completed all the requirements of the first two years of the General Studies curriculum. A total of 60 semester hours is required. The General Studies curriculum is comprised of the following courses:

- English 101, 292, 201, 202 .....12 semester hours
- Foreign Language .....12 semester hours
- (The 12-hour language requirement should be satisfied in one language; however, in hardship cases 6 hours in each of two languages may be permitted. The only exception to this requirement may be made to students following a primary concentration in Commerce (Business Administration) who may substitute Principles of Accounting (6 hours) and Principles of Economics (6 hours) for 12 semester hours of foreign language. However, no combination of language courses and accounting or economics courses is allowed.)
- History .....6 semester hours..
- (Any two courses, except for courses in State history, in which the student is eligible to enroll: HIST 221, 222, 241, 242, 253, 254, etc.)
- Social Science .....6 semester hours
- (May include any two of the following, but selections must be made from two different subject areas: ANTH 101, ECON 201, GVPT 170, 300, PSYC 100, SOCY 100.)
- Science .....7 semester hours..
- (Required of University College students wherever courses are available. One course must be in a physical science and one in a biological science, of which one must be a laboratory course. In the European Division, GEOL 100 and 102, three semester hours each, may be used to satisfy the requirement.)
- Mathematics .....3 semester hours
- (Requirements may be satisfied by completing any college-level course in mathematics in which the student is eligible to enroll. Where science courses are not available the combined requirement of 10 semester hours of science and mathematics may be satisfied by 6 or more semester hours of mathematics, with the remaining hours to be taken in approved electives.)
- Humanities .....6 semester hours
- (Of the 6 semester hours required, 3 must be either in fine arts or philosophy and may be satisfied by the following courses offered overseas: ARTH 260, 261; PHIL 100, 170, 310, 320, 343, 444; DART 110. The additional 3 semester hours may be satisfied by the following courses offered overseas: ANTH 101, 102, 401, 402; ENGL 211, 212, 403, 404, 454, 457; Language 321, 322, 333, 334; GVPT 441, 442, 444.)
- Speech 100 .....3 semester hours
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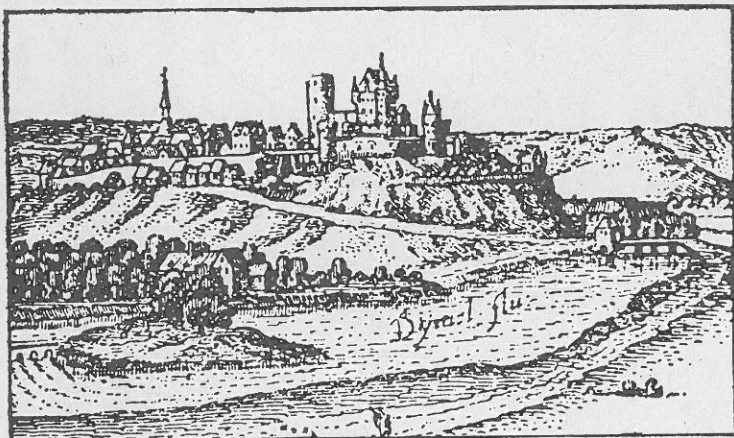
—Establish direct contact with the party whom you suspect to be the source of interference. Remember that there are quite a few hams around and the one you suspect may have nothing to do with your problem. If you approach him with a chip on your shoulder, the problem of eliminating the interference will be made that much more difficult. He has also spent hundreds of dollars for his equipment and literally thousands of hours in study just to earn his license. He pays a monthly licensing fee to the Bundespost on his station as well as American license fees and receives the protection of German laws along with the responsibility to follow them.

"The American amateur radio operators in Bremerhaven," said Lt. Drew, "will provide, if made aware of interference, the assistance necessary to aid in resolving such problems. This will be done on a case by case basis and, in all probability, will be handled by an operator in the particular housing area where the interference is experienced. Listeners experiencing interference difficulty after following the suggestions indicated in the letter should contact me at either Mil. 3544 or Civ. 82216, and their complaint will be investigated by the interference committee."



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## Touring Germany's Castles



The Castle Hotel Association has several plans designed to help the visitor appreciate the variety of its facilities. One is a "passport" which is stamped each time you spend a night in one of the member hotels. Nine nights inside a year entitle you to a free tenth night, with breakfast.

There are fixed rate package arrangements too, under which you can get overnights, breakfasts, dinners, and numerous tours and visits. (Caution: these rates do not include transportation from one castle to another, and the castles are so remotely located that it is hardly practical to travel among them except by car.) The arrangements:

—Eight days at three hotels (Trendelburg, Schnellenberg, Petershagen): DM 487

—Five days at four hotels (Hugenpoet, Petershagen, Trendelburg, Schnellenberg): DM 275

—Two weeks at seven hotels (Anholt, Zell, Arnsburg, Heinsheim, Saaleck, Petershagen, Wilkinghege): DM 673.

The hotels on the tour:

**Schnellenberg** (at Attendorn, just north of Route 55, running east from Cologne): hilltop castle in the wooded Sauerland, with a Knight's Hall restaurant.

**Petershagen** (at Petershagen on the Weser River, slightly north of Minden on the road to Bremen): own fishing banks on the river and a bar in a torture chamber.

**Hugenpoet** (at Kettwig, between Duesseldorf and Essen): water castle with swans, surrounded by parkland, used by Ruhr industrial firms for putting up VIP guests and closing million-mark deals over brandy and cigars.

**Trendelburg** (at Trendelburg, on Route 83 running north from Kassel): a hilltop castle with a cannonball from the Thirty Years War still visible in its wall, offering horsedrawn coach rides into the forests the Grimms knew.

**Anholt** (at Anholt, near the Bocholt-Rees exit of the Oberhausen-to-Arnheim (Holland) Autobahn): water castle with museum of paintings and fine chinaware.

**Zell** (at Zell, halfway between Koblenz and Trier on the Moselle River): operator of a vineyard making one of the most highly respected Moselle wines, Zeller Schwarze Katz.

**Arnsburg** (near Lich, southeast of Giessen): a former monastery with a World War II cemetery for the fallen of several nationalities.

**Saaleck** (at Hammelburg, on Route 27 running north from Wuerzburg): another hilltop castle, with its own vineyards and an interesting old wine press.

**Wilkinghege** (outskirts of Muenster): a moated castle with its own golf course, riding facilities, hunting, and fishing.

**Heinsheim** (on the Neckar River, just north of the Heidelberg-Heilbronn Autobahn): hunting grounds and nearby spa facilities, host is Baron Racknitz, whose family has had it for 250 years.

For full information on Germany's castle hotels, their locations, prices, and amenities, write: Vereinigung der Burg- und Schloss-hotels, Burghotel Trendelburg, 3521 Trendelburg, Germany. (Reprinted from Focus on Germany.)

## Serendipities

By Chaplain Richard A. Plishker

As some may have noticed, we have changed the title of the chaplain's column. The rationale for this move is twofold: First, we hope to stimulate some new interest. I do not think that it is any secret that the chaplain's column is traditionally the least-read item in most military newspapers. Our second reason is that we wanted a title that could serve as an umbrella to cover the random thoughts which occasionally cross my mind.

But to change a title is no simple matter. One must be prepared to answer those who see no reason for change, and who argue, "It was good enough in the past; it should be good enough now!"

But a more pressing issue, when changing a title, is arriving at a new one. We thought of running a contest, but as some of you may have noticed, the Chaplain's Office is already busily engaged in the contest business. We did not want to confuse the Sailor-Marine of the Quarter or the "Draw the Patch" contests by adding a "Chaplain's Corner Title-Naming Contest." And so we wrestled with our dilemma.

A number of possibilities were eliminated. My wife thought "Plishker's Pointers" inappropriate, although I liked the alliteration. "Chaplain's Chatter" was too folksy, and "The Chaplain's Corner" too traditional. We settled on "Serendipities," and make no claim at being original.

Serendipity, according to my source, is an old word coined by Horace Walpole in 1754, who got the idea from an ancient Persian fairy tale. Serendip was the Arabic name for the area which today is known as Ceylon. Legend tells us that whenever the three princes of Serendip went on a journey, they encountered unexpected events and discovered — by coincidence — valuable and enjoyable things that they had not sought. Walpole described the process of accidentally finding something valuable or agreeable as "serendipity."

In future columns I hope to take advantage of this broad title by presenting a variety of items — book reviews, theology, thoughts about life in general, and thoughts about life specifically here at NSGA Bremerhaven. It is hoped that our readers will be surprised to find valuable and perhaps even enjoyable items in this column.



NEW "EVE WATCH" DJ — CT3 Jim Clark (right) turned over the "Eve Watch" show on AFN Bremerhaven to SN Randy Workman during the summer. SN Workman, who is currently serving on the "Boat's Force," uses his spare moments to prepare radio releases for the Public Affairs Office in addition to producing the show.



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# A Passing Fancy

The American Automobile Association has reported an interesting experiment in Europe that points up the folly of "passing every car on the road."

Two identical cars, fitted with instruments which registered every driving detail, made a test run of almost 1,000 miles from Hamburg to Rimini on the Italian coast. More than half the distance was over expressway-type routes.

One driver was told to make the best time he could, pass when it was safe, and take bends at maximum speed. The second was told to take it easy, to avoid any risk, and to move as the traffic flow permitted.

Result: After almost 1,000 miles, the speed demon finished only 31 minutes ahead of the relaxed driver. Taking every advantage, he averaged less than 50 m.p.h. He was behind the wheel 20 hours and 12 minutes and used his brakes 1,339 times, including four emergency stops. He passed 2,004 other cars and was passed by only 13.

The slower driver



braked 652 times (with no emergency stops), passed 645 times, and was passed 142 times. His driving time was 20 hours, 43 minutes.

Experienced drivers from Germany's biggest motoring club were skeptical and tried a test of their own — an 800-mile run from Cologne to the Brenner Pass.

In this test, the fast car took 16 hours, 52 minutes; the slow one took 21 minutes longer.

In both tests, besides risking his life and endangering others, the fast driver paid a penalty of about 10 more gallons of gasoline, plus obvious wear on his brakes, tires, suspension, and engine. (AFPS)

## 'PNA' Advancement Points

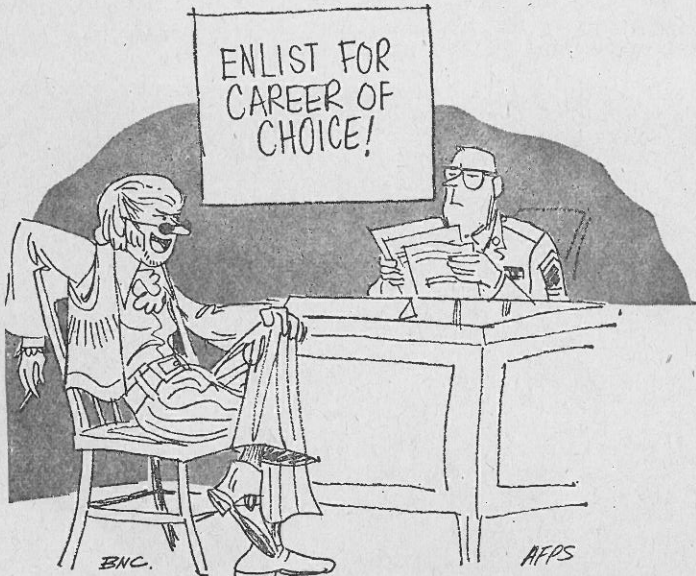
WASHINGTON, D.C. (NAV-NEWS) — In response to the Enlisted Navy Personnel Survey (NPS 70-1), approximately 82 percent of the respondents indicated that they desired some advancement multiple credit be given to those having passed an examination but not advanced due to quota limitations (PNA).

In view of this overwhelming positive response, the Chief of Naval Personnel established the incorporation of a PNA factor, in some form, into the advancement multiple.

As a result of analysis of a recent study regarding the awarding of PNA points, a number of alternative point award systems were formulated for further study. A study of the feasibility and desirability of incorporating one

of these alternatives is now going on at the Naval Examining Center (NEC). In researching the various alternatives under consideration, NEC analysts must determine how the use of each alternative would have affected past advancement populations.

A great deal of emphasis is being placed on this study to ensure that it is completed in a minimum of time, hopefully, in the next six months. A decision will be made then as to what, if any, changes to the advancement multiple will be effected. If a change can be made which will enhance the advancement system, the change will be incorporated. The option selected, however, must be one providing for the advancement of the most highly qualified individual.



"I'M REALLY GOOD AT WRITING INSULTING GREETING CARDS... GOT ANYTHING IN THAT LINE, FOUR EYES?"

## Guess Who?



GUESS WHO THIS IS — Our mystery guest for the month of September had this picture taken in 1953 while he was undergoing basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Stumping many guessers last month was a picture of Senior Chief Communications Technician Bertrand Moquin of "A" Division.

## COMM-ents

By  
'Guppy Gung Go'

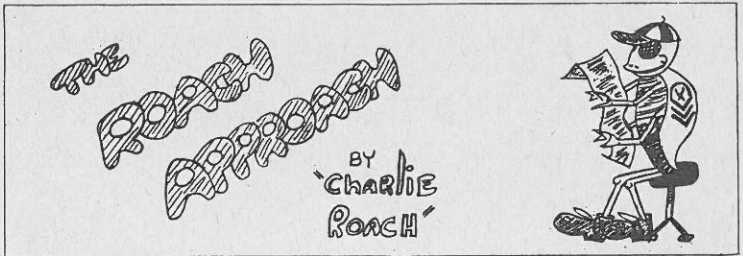
A hearty welcome to CT3 Dan "Mac" McLaughlin, the bearded wonder who has taken over the "Big Fish" job as this department's new "A" Brancher (there's one in every crowd). And here's to CT2s Richard "Pappy" Poston and Garland "Randy" Wall. Each is now the father of a 7-pound baby girl. The cigar smoke was hot and heavy around "C" Division for quite a while. CT2 Timothy Dickerson's attempt to unseat the day working chiefs was not a complete fiasco, and the coup fires continue to burn on.

CTC Melvin "Mel Baby" Norris is so terrified of going back on watches that he now comes in at 5:30 a.m. rather than 6:30, brews the first pot of coffee, and even feeds the fish!

CTC "G" "W" (Gee Whiz) Screws continues to do a bang-up job here in the Fish Bowl as well as on the road... ouch!

CT2 Lowell "Blue Grass" Barnard found a new outlet for his frustrations last month by plunking on his banjo down at the Volksfest's Red Dog Saloon, while CTCS Norman Tebo continued to set the austere pace around here with paddle ball every nooner!

In summation, there is but one thing left to say: COMM tries harder.



Being a mystery fan fascinated with novels about clandestine agencies, it was no surprise to me when the boss called me last month to ask my help in investigating one of those super-secret elements on the local level. As I walked to the Windjammer office, I wondered what the subject of my investigation would be — the CIA, OSS, or maybe even the ONI!

I walked into the office and the editor greeted me warmly (he'd better or I'll quit the Windjammer and go to work for that new rag, The Plan of the Day).

"Charlie," he began, "As you know, August is Volksfest time, and I'd like you to investigate that super-secret organization behind the Volksfest."

I scratched my head, "Right, Boss. Uh-h-h, just who is behind it?"

There was quiet in the office as the boss unplugged the telephones, closed the windows, and whispered in my ear: "The AYA."

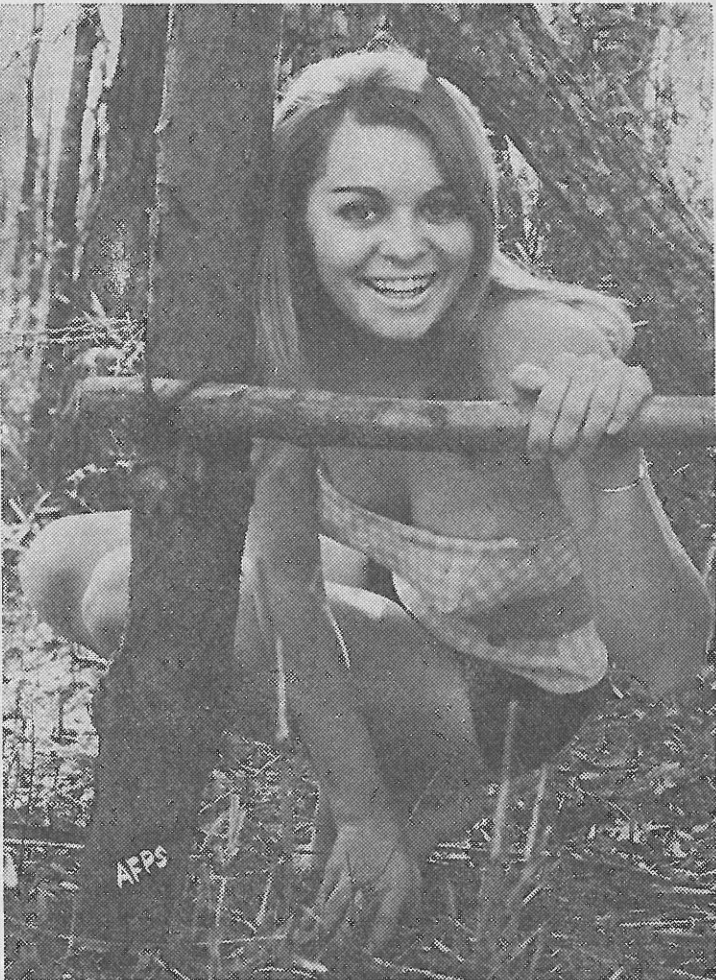
I couldn't believe my ears! The AYA, why this was greater than I'd hoped for! This organization had thwarted all my previous attempts to infiltrate its ranks. Anxiously, I began organizing my plans.

I figured the best way to get inside dope was to offer my services as a volunteer worker. I spent a rather unproductive hour talking with LCdr EDWARD McGrath, "front man" for the command's Volksfest activities. It was also a rather unpleasant hour, what with fighting off man-eating plants and keeping a wary eye out for the meat-eating piranhas he keeps in his office. All I discovered was that I could work an ice cream booth, beer booth, or hamburger stand.

For 10 days I slaved at the Volksfest. I sold so much ice cream to the Germans, you'd have thought we were having a heat wave. And the Red Dog Saloon — those guys raked in enough money on booze to make any self-respecting bootlegger turn in his grave. Booze flowed, hamburgers sizzled, and the Deutsche Marks rolled in.

All the time I worked, I checked on where the money went, who bought what, what was the take, and who got the biggest share of it. Despite my efforts, a lot of these questions went unanswered. I heard a rumor that the biggest share of the profits goes "down South." It seemed, according to my source, that we take in more money here than we can use. Perhaps those "Southerners" should get up and make a move on their own. The Navy, by my count, practically singularly supports the U.S. portion of the Volksfest, but I wonder just how much we benefit. It appears that the Army makes the major decisions such as how much of the profits will be kept and spent here in Bremerhaven. Remember, all of this was what I was able to determine; perhaps someone from AYA can come up with some sort of rebuttal.

O.K., Boss. That's how I see it. Now can I "come in from the cold"? I mean, after all, what has Richard Burton got that I don't? O.K., O.K., besides her. See you next month.



MISS WINDJAMMER for the month of September is Kathi Horan. Lots of girls like to gossip over the back fence, but we wonder if that is why Kathi came all the way out here to the woods. (Editor's Note: How would you like to see someone you consider worthy of the honor appear in this space as a Miss Windjammer. If you have someone in mind — and a photograph — drop by the Public Affairs Office in Building 11. Oh yes, all entries should be of the female variety.)