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NSGA Bremerhaven, were tasked with designating exemption representatives to administer the program. Lieutenant (junior grade) Marcus Clemente is the drug education and amnesty coor-





# CO's Hot Line

Q: I understand that the University of Oklahoma offers a graduate program consisting of week-long seminars conducted at Wiesbaden and other cities in southern Germany. I also understand that the Army and Air Force give their personnel tem-porary additional duty (TAD) to attend these courses. Since this activity gives TAD for religious and sports activities, why can't this arrangement be extended to include educational oppor-tunities not available to sai-lors here in Bremerhaven?

A: The University of Oklahoma does offer seminars for graduate work at Wiesbaden, Ramstein, and Berlin, and the Army and Air Force do give permissive TAD orders for attendance. The seminars last from Monday through Saturday, and it is possible to issue permissive orders for this purpose to naval personnel. If you\_are interested, contact the Educational Services Office for the seminar of your choice and put in your "chit". I cannot, however, predict the answer to your request since

**EES Notes** 

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A: They can, but you don't have the full story. The Army previously picked up our mail in Hamburg, and sometimes they got back early in the day with it. However, at other times, they would return after the working day had en ded, and the mail would remain in the truck overnight. The next day they commence unloading the truck, and around noon our mail would be available for pick-up, transfer to the Navy Mail Room, and sor-ting. Consequently, we would get our mail as late as 2 p.m. Compare this to our 8:30 a.m., six days a week service via the German Bundespost.

Q: Why can't some arrangements be made to allow servicemen to purchase and us e European Exchange System (EES) gas coupons for a rented car? A: Use of EES Esso Extra

gasoline coupons at commer-

cial Esso stations for German-registered cars rented by U.S. Forces personnel would necessitate a change to German law and, because it would be difficult to control, it does not seem likely that the German taxpayers would be receptive to such a change. After all, quartermaster gasoline purchased from EES can be used in rented cars, and that fulfills the intent of making tax-free gas available to us.

Q: In the past single men have been told that they cannot register both an automobile and a motorcycle. What prompted this policy, and do you think it could be changed due to the inconvenience that it causes the men?

A: This is a tri-service policy in Europe, but the activity can grant an exception to it. Submit your request.

Q: Why was the price of beef sold at the commissary allowed to rise 10c per pound during the recent wage and price freeze?

A: Beef sold at the commissary is imported from Denmark. Therefore, its price was unaffected by the freeze.

### By Walter Nolte

earnings objectives. The EES is managed and operated by civilian

Exchange prior to your changes, the European System's west possible prices, com-

personnel under the executive control of the Army and the Air Force. Recently, West German exchanges were reorganized into two regions. The 21-unit Bremerhaven EES facilities are a part of the North Germany Exchange Region (NOGER) which has its headquarters at Kaiserslautern. As shopping center manager and agency chief for Bremerhaven, I coordinate local EES



GERMAN MEMORIAL DAY—Sunday, Nov. 14, was Memorial Day in Germany, a day on which the Germans honor those who have died in past wars. According to Bremerhaven tradition, members of the U.S. military community join with the Germans in memorial ceremonies. Taking part in wreath the Germans of the Constant of the Constan laying ceremonies at the Geestemuende cemetery are Communications Technician First Class Serio Rossi, NSGA Bremerhaven Sailor of the Quarter, and Army Staff Sergeant Horst Neumann of the U.S. Forces Support District Norddeutschland. Senior officers of local U.S. commands also took part in the ceremonies. (U.S. Army Photo) 

operations with the com-manders of military units in the Port City.

This month I have information on three items which may interest you:

-The EES Gruenstadt Merchandise Repair Plant will shorty begin installing a universal color television converter on color sets manufactured in the United States during the last four years. The total price for the converter, including installation, is estimated at \$60. Tests are being conducted on the new converter, and results should be forthcoming in the near fu-

The remodelling of the EES Cafeteria will begin on Jan. 10, and will last approximately 45 days. In order to continue service to our patrons during this period, and also to continue satisfactorily with our vending operation, the local command will be providus with additional space.

A low-in-stock condition on Whirlpool major appliances is developing, and is forecast to continue through this month as a result of back orders by the Whirlpool Corporation. EES headquarters has taken action where necessary to alleviate inconveniences caused by this shortage by diverting procurement to other major appliance manufacturers.

Watch for more EES

## THE REPRESENCE HERE CHRESHER C Serendipities

By Chaplain R. Alan Plishker

Once again the world pauses to celebrate the miracle of Christmas. And, once again, the message of "Peace on earth, good will toward men" is proclaimed against a backdrop of strife and turmoil. We see it in Vietnam, Cambodia, Pakistan, and Belfast to say nothing of racial problems and other divisions which exist in our own country.

To the skeptic, as well as men of faith, the Christmas message appears to come as hollow words with little hope that peace and goodwill will ever become a reality in our time. But the hope which has inspired men throughout the ages has a way of reestablishing itself each year in spite of the conditions of the world and men.

In marking the birth of Jesus, hope is born and born again, as faith overcomes our fears. The miracle of Christmas is that this hope speaks to us as individuals, and regenerates our faith in God and in ourselves. Christ's birthday reminds us that there is a reality beyond the one that we know, and a power which transcends our own.

To all of us caught in the turbulent sea of life, Jesus tells us to "Take heart; it is I. Be not afraid."

To all who have become paralyzed by their own insecurities, he commands, "Rise, pick up your bed, and walk.'

To the fretters and to those who worry about the present and the future he says, "Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for it-

To his discouraged followers his promise is "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

To those who are facing what seems to them to be disaster, his proclamation is "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

And after every event which would plunge us into disillusionment and doubt, his words are heard: "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."



DIKE HIKE-Last month Captain John Jennings, commanding officer, challenged NSGA Bremerhaven personnel to a 14-mile hike on the Weserdeich. Twenty-nine brave souls accepted, and captain (left) and crew are shown here during their Nov. 18 5-hour trek. In announcing his challenge, Capt Jennings said that the hike would be ". . . an effort to test the initiative and stamina of the 'Windjammers' before the winter snows set in, and before the next performance evaluations are due."



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### Living in Germany

# Christmas Customs and Traditions

By Maria Wittig

This month I would like to tell you about some of Germany's Christmas customs and traditions. The Christmas season begins on Advent Sun-day, the fourth Sunday preceding Christmas.

On that Sunday the first candle is lit on an advent wreath made of fir branches, entwined with bright red ribbons, and crowned with four candles. The wreath is suspended from a chandelier or placed upon the table. Each Sunday one candle is lit until the last Sunday before Christmas when all four are lit. This custom began hundreds of years ago in North Germany and later spread to other parts of the country. Advent calendars for children are also very popular in Germany. These are colorful cardboard calendars with 24 numbered windows which, when opened starting on the first of December, reveal Christmas pictures or pieces of chocolate candy.

It was once widely believed that the Germans gave the name "Kriss Kringle" to that jolly old gent who brings the presents at Christmas time. I have never met a German who has even heard of Kriss Kringle. The confusion apparently arises from the fact that there are two gift-givers during the German Christmas season. One is the jolly old season. One is the joily old gent in question, usually known as St. Nicholas; the other is the Christ Child, or Christkind. The name "Kriss Kringle" would appear to be a corruption of Christkindl, which then somehow got app-lied to the other ciff-giver lied to the other gift-giver.

By whatever name he goes, St. Nicholas was a real man. He was a bishop of Myra, Asia Minor, in the fourth century A.D., and legend says he was very kind. He is reported once to have rescued and pieced back together three boys whom a wicked butcher had cut up for making into meat pies. A less pretty story

has him "humanely" drowning three maidens to rescue them from the life of prostitution into which poverty would otherwise have forced them.

St. Nicholas Day is celebrated on Dec. 6, and the Germans commemorate the anniversary of his death by exchanging gifts of sweets, cakes, fruits, and nuts. According to present-day custom, children place their shoes under the bed, next to the door, or on their window sill on the night of Dec. 5.
During the night St. Nicholas
is supposed to fill them, and
mostly his appearance is left
to the child's imagination since he comes only when the children are asleep. Also, he comes to see families with small children, and asks them if they have been good during the past year. If they have been good, he gives them gifts, and if they have been bad, they receive the so-called "Nikolaus-Rute", or switches.

Of course customs differ a great deal from one region to another. In many parts of the country St. Nicholas now has a c q u i r e d the "Father Christmas-Santa Claus look, which seemingly is becoming internationally standardized. But in the Rhineland, for example, he still wears the same monk's habit that he has worn for centuries. And, to make things even more confusing, he isn't always called "Nikolaus" in Germany. In some areas the same fellow goes by the name of "Knecht Ruprecht". In others, Ruprecht is just as helper who accompanies Ni-kolaus, and sometimes Ni-kolaus is accompanied by a child who represents the Christkind. However, this child is not supposed to per-sonify Josus but is rather sonify Jesus, but is rather His messenger, who comes to earth at Christmas time to bring gifts. The Christkind is dressed in white robes, wearing a golden

crown, and having large, golden wings.

Christmas Eve (Heiliger Abend) is the main event in Germany, and both the 25th and 26th of December are national holidays. The main symbols of Christmas in Germany are the Christmas tree and the manger, with its figures and animals placed beneath the tree. The oldest German manger was found in a monastery in Fuessen, Ba-varia in the 13th century.

On Christmas Eve the faon Christmas Eve the family gathers for the lighting of the Christmas tree and the distribution of gifts (Bescherung). Then they will sing carols including the world-famous "Silent Night," which was composed in 1818 by Franz Cruber and Cruber in 1818 by Franz Gruber, an Austrian school teacher. Basically all restaurants, bars, and theaters are closed in Germany on that night.

Old Christmas customs

have been preserved to a greater extent in cities in present-day Germany:

—In Northern Germany a masked figure throws a bag full of presents through the door shouting "Jul-Klapp" and disappears. The word "Jul-Klapp" can be traced to the old Nordic word "hiol" or "'Jol,' probably meaning "feast," from which the word "Jule" is derived. In northern countries Christmas is known as "Jule-tide."

-Especially in Bavaria shooting is done from the mountains and hilltops to frighten away the demons. Firewheels, wheels bound with straw, are lighted and rolled down the hills as a symbol of the returning sun. Another custom is Star Singing. Led by a man carrying a great star-lantern on a stick, groups of children and adults with smaller lanterns march through the street singing carols. This commemorates the Holy Family's search for shelter on Holy Night.

-The Rauschgoldengel supposedly got its start 300 years

Christkindlesmarkt as Rauschgoldengel,

ago at the hands of a despairing dollmaker who had lost his only child just before Christmas. He tried to cheer his wife by making an image of the angelic little girl out of gold foil that had been meant for his daughter's Christmas costume. He apparently didn't let his grief interfere with a good business proposition, and made many more of the dolls for the Christkindlesmarkt. Germans often make simple angels out of gold paper; a cone of it for the "maxi" skirt, a cape, wings, and long strips of hair.

-The Zwetschgenmaennla. As traditional at the Nuern-

seemingly with no sad story behind them, are the little prune men. The materials for producing Zwetschgen-maennla, as they are known in the Franconian dialect, are available everywhere — nuts for the head; prunes, dates, figs, and raisins for the body; wooden pegs for assembly; and cloth and thread for the costumes. The prune men are exported more and more nowadays, and used by in-dividuals and firms looking for inexpensive gifts with a real "Old German" flavor. (Portions of the above from Focus on Germany.)



"IS THE MAIL UP YET?"—That is the greeting that the NSGA Bremerhaven mail handlers receive each morning. Buried behind 94 sacks of Christmas mail are (L-R) SN Robert Clair, PC3 William Walk, and PC3 Richard Clark. On behalf of NSGA, "Thanks, fellas."

### The AFN B'haven Big Beat

By SSgt David Stewart

I'm sure that it was a big surprise to many of you recently when you tuned your dials to AFN Bremerhaven at 2:05 p.m. and found Wolfman Jack howling away. Wolfman made his debut on AFN Bremerhaven last spring as a Saturday evening offering. When the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service made him a world-wide popular figure, his show was expanded to five times a week. That is where AFN Europe, and particularly AFN Bremerhaven, ran into problems. We began running his expanded program at 1:05 in the early morning primarily because local time slots during the day were spoken for by this station. The show continued to show popularity, however, prompting its relocation to a daytime slot. Needless to say this required a reshuffling of shows.

If you haven't already caught "My Favorite Husband," it's on now at 11:05 a.m. Our programming now offers a complete package for the housewife in the mornings, and a musical variety for the soldier and sailor during the afternoons.

Our North Pole elves have been in-

vading the homes of all service members with children. Even if you don't have children, if you can read between the lines you may find our annual satire on the Bremerhaven military community humorous. There are still a couple of days left to get a letter to Santa Claus on the air, and dad, please stop blaming AFN Bremerhaven for not getting your child's letter on in time. Pull it out of the pocket you mislaid it in, and get it over to the station as soon as possible!

AFN Bremerhaven is contemplating running an afternoon show at 3:05 for all of you tape buffs. At this writing the show is still in the planning stage, but should it develop, it will consist of the top recordings for all years from 1956 to the present, and will include spot announcements aired at intervals during the show. There will be no disc jockey talk overs, and each musical selection will have sufficient times in between to facilitate editing undesirable cuts. Advance notice will be given before the show to provide ample time for interested persons to set up their recording equipment.

That's all for this month.





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### 1971—Dollar Coins Return

The year 1971 was one in which a bit of Americana returned to the United States; the minting of the first silver "cart-wheels" since 1935 took place. Order blanks for the coins were distributed last summer, and by now many have received their 1971 Eisenhower silver dollars in proof and uncirculated condition. In addition, the circulation version of the coin is now available in the United States.

what do the terms "proof" and "uncirculated" mean? Proof coins have a jewel-like appearance, are of high relief, and are struck twice by special polished dies. The 1971 Eisenhower proof coins had a 40 percent silver content, carried the "St" mint mark of the Sen Francisco mint and call for the sen mint mark of the San Francisco mint, and sold for \$10 per

Uncirculated silver dollars are of high quality, and their production is limited. The 1971 uncirculated dollars, like the proof coins, had a 40 percent silver content and carried the

Si' mint mark. They sold for \$3 per coin.

The circulation version of the Eisenhower dollar contains no silver (only copper and nickel), carries the "S" mint mark, and is available in circulation at face value.



All three types — proof, uncirculated, and circulation — are clad coins, having layers of different metal composition.

Chief supporters of the Eisenhower dollar coins, according to National Geographic, have been casinos and vending-machine manufacturers. Automatic dry-cleaning machines with a slot for silver dollars are expected to make their first appearance

If you did not order any of the 1971 dollars, but wish you had, or if you did not get your order in before the Oct. 8 cut-off date, you are too late for getting the 1971 coins without paying a premium from a coin dealer or private seller. How-ever, the 1972 Eisenhower dollars may be ordered from Mint sources early next year.

The 1972 uncirculated dollars will go on sale Feb. 1, and the

proof dollars on May 1. These coins will carry the 1972 date, and will be available until the limit of 150 million authorized by Congress has been produced and sold.

All correspondence regarding proof coins should be addressed to U.S. Assay Office, Numismatic Service, 50 Fell Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94102. Information regarding uncirculated dollars may be obtained by writing the street. culated dollars may be obtained by writing the Bureau of the Mint, Numismatic Service, Washington, D.C. 20226. You may have your name placed on a mailing list by writing these



MISS WINDJAMMER for December is a lovely Vietna-mese named Bunny Mayo. Since this photo, Bunny has become a naturalized U.S.

# Campus Capsule ? By CTCS Bertrand Moquin

This month's column is the second of a two-part series on admission requirements for the University of Maryland. Last month we defined adult and non-adult applicants as follows:

Adult — A person who is at least 21 years of age, or is a veteran (one who has met his full military obligation).

Non-adult — A person who is not 21 years of age, or is not a

This month I will discuss admission criteria for adult and non-adult applicants.

**High School** 

An adult or non-adult applicant must be a graduate of an accredited or approved high school or have achieved the equivalent of high school graduation.

An adult applicant may achieve the equivalent of high school graduation by furnishing satisfactory scores from either the United States Armed Forces Institute General Educational Development (GED) High School Level Tests (for active duty

military personnel) or the Civilian Restricted Forms of the GED tests (for civilians).

A non-adult applicant who is a high school graduate must have maintained at least a grade "C" average in academic subjects during the last two years (11th and 12th grades) of his attendance. If he fails to most this requirement, he may his attendance. If he fails to meet this requirement, he may be granted provisional admission under the following conditions: He must enroll in freshman-sophomore courses, and must include English 101 (001) if available. He must achieve a grade point average of 1.5 at the end of six semester hours. Following the successful completion of the initial block of six semester hours, the non-adult student must continue to main-

tain a satisfactory academic record, or he will be automatically disenrolled.

The non-adult applicant who is not a high school graduate may achieve the equivalent of high school graduation by attaining satisfactory scores on the Civilian Restricted Forms of the CED tests. The University of Manyland requires that the the GED tests. The University of Maryland requires that the non-adult applicant be at least 19 years of age before it will accept the results of the tests for admission.

Non-adult applicants who are high school graduates are not permitted to present GED test results in place of a high school

College Transfer

An adult applicant who was previously enrolled at other accredited colleges or universities may be admitted if he has attained at least 12 semester hours of grade "C" work or better in academic subjects and left the last institution in good standing

A non-adult applicant who was previously enrolled at other accredited colleges or universities may be admitted if he has maintained a grade "C" average in the last semester's work at the last college attended on a full-time basis (or in the last 12 semester hours on a part-time basis). If this condition is not met, he will be granted provisional admission for which the following conditions hold:

He must achieve a grade point average of 1.5 at the end of six semester hours. He must then continue to maintain a satisfactory academic record or he will be disenrolled.

**College Graduates** 

An adult or non-adult applicant is admissible if he is a graduate of an accredited four-year college or university.

Next month instead of my regular column I will be answering questions regarding educational matters that have been asked by NSGA Bremerhaven personnel. If you have a question that you would like answered submit it to the Public Affairs Office in Building 11 poletor than Doc 27. Until port Affairs Office in Building 11 no later than Dec. 27. Until next year, see ya around campus.

# If You Were Cu

By SN Randall Workman

I returned this month to the NSGA Bremerhaven Mail Room and posed this question to postal patrons: "If you became commanding officer tomorrow, what would your first action be?" Surprisingly enough, during this month's interview no one asked that their identity be withheld. Consequently, our response was such that we were able to go ahead with out original plans and identify respondents. We hope to continue this policy in the future as long as we are able to obtain a sufficient number of willing participants. In answer to this month's question, the following comments were received: were received:

CT2 George Medzerian Jr.: I'd see that all people who aren't oriented toward the military are discharged immediately, and that all career-designated individuals were given every opportunity to fulfill all needs in their present ratings, or in the ratings that they

CTC Horace Lejeune: You don't just jump

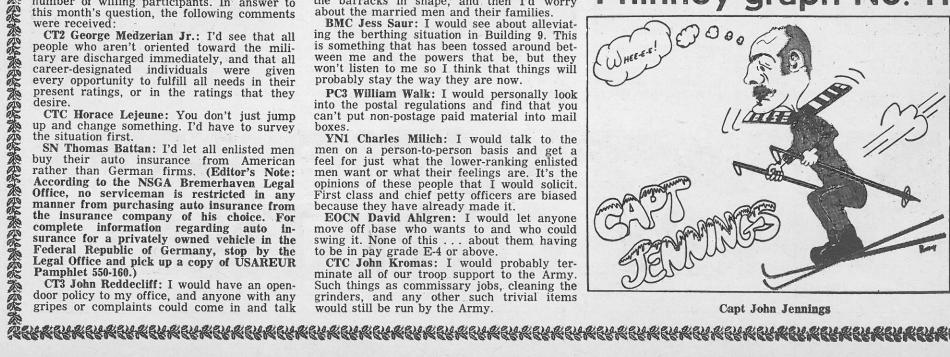
them over with me. By doing this we could find out what people want and what they feel is wrong.

CT1 George Hagerty: For the people who live on base, I'd see about getting a decent dining facility, about getting the Army to release control of the mess hall and making it a Navy facility. I was stationed at Edzell, Scotland, and there we had worse living facilities and worse liberty facilities, but a tremendous chow hall. Morale was three times higher than it is here. Secondly, I'd see about getting the harrocks in shore and then I'd worse. the barracks in shape, and then I'd worry about the married men and their families.

BMC Jess Saur: I would see about alleviating the berthing situation in Building 9. This is something that has been tossed around between me and the powers that be, but they won't listen to me so I think that things will probably stay the way they are now.

PC3 William Walk: I would personally look into the postal regulations and find that you can't put non-postage paid material into mail

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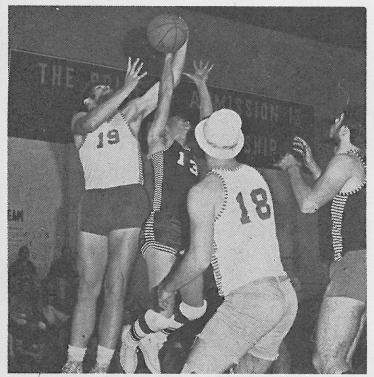
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ARMY-NAVY GAME—Bremerhaven had its own Army-Navy game on Nov. 21 when All-Star teams from both services clashed during the first snow of the season. Here Krohn of the Navy team carrys the ball during the contest which ended Navy 8, Army 0.



SCRAMBLE—Navy All-Star player Royer and three Army players scramble for a loose football during the Nov. 21 contest.



BRAVO VS. DELTA—During Dec. 8 basketball action, Wertz (19) of Bravo Section and Clark (13) of Delta Section vie for the basketball. The game went into a double overtime situation, and finally ended with Bravo managing to out-hustle Delta to the tune of 65-61. Looking on are players Roe (18) of Bravo and Stone of Delta. Bravo and Stone of Delta.

By CT3 Dennis Devaney

In the closing match of this year's football season, the Navy All-Stars downed the Army's top talent 8-0. The game was played under less than ideal conditions due to Bremerhaven's first winter snow. The hard ground and sloppy footing encouraged a battle of the defenses. The lone Navy score came on a sweep by Lessard, and this tally proved to be enough to secure a Navy victory.

In a meeting held just to the All-Star event, CT2 Nick Poole was selected as the outstanding sportsman for football.

Basketball got underway within days of the final football contest. In opening night action, a well-balanced Bravo squad handily set down the Marines 91-52. The Bravo attack was paced by Roe's 29 points and 15 rebounds,

In the second game on the opening night card, Charlie stopped a cold shooting Delta five, 58-53. The Chargers placed

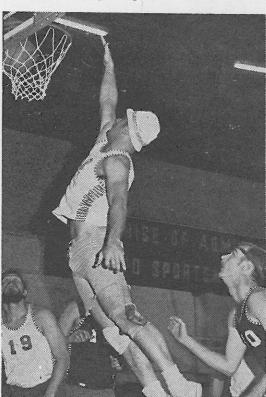
four men in double figures, and hit 35 per cent from the floor, while Delta was able to muster only a 24 per cent field goal average.

The Army teams that had been pegged as top contenders before the season began also got their chance on the hardwood during the first week of play. On Dec. 1 Headquarters outgunned the Navy Day Workers, 81-53, and the Army Hospital overwhelmed Alfa Section 86-46. A few days later the Hospital team outpointed the Day Workers 66-58.

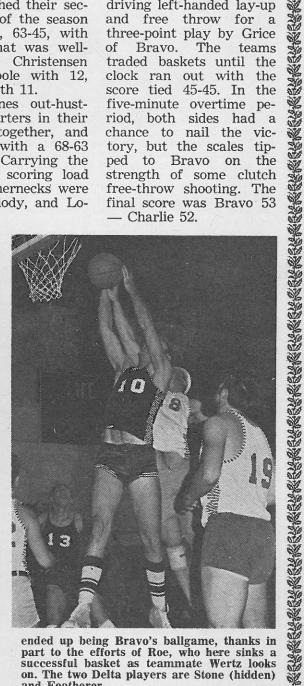
In other action during opening week, Charlie Section notched their second victory of the season against Alfa, 63-45, with an attack that was wellpaced by Christensen with 14, Poole with 12, and West with 11.

The Marines out-hustled Headquarters in their first clash together, and walked off with a 68-63 victory. Carrying the bulk of the scoring load for the leathernecks were Donley, Mellody, and Lozier.

In the most exciting tilt of the young season, Bravo tangled with Charlie on Dec. 5. The Bulldogs managed to stay from five to seven points ahead of Charlie until well into the second half, but the hot hand of West, who scored 15 points after the mid-game break, brought the Chargers even with about four minutes to play. From this point, the lead seesawed back and forth, with no team being able to gain a decisive advantage. With a little over a minute to play, Charlie opened up a three-point lead, but saw this edge quickly wiped out by a driving left-handed lay-up and free throw for a three-point play by Grice of Bravo. The teams traded baskets until the clock ran out with the score tied 45-45. In the five-minute overtime period, both sides had a chance to nail the victory, but the scales tipped to Bravo on the strength of some clutch free-throw shooting. The final score was Bravo 53



MORE BRAVO-DELTA ACTION (Left Delta Section's Featherer (10) goes up for a shot as teammate Clark (13) pre-pares to go for the rebound. The two Bravo players behind Featherer are Roe (18) and Wertz (19). (Right photo) The Dec. 8 contest



ended up being Bravo's ballgame, thanks in part to the efforts of Roe, who here sinks a successful basket as teammate Wertz looks on. The two Delta players are Stone (hidden) and Featherer.

