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# NSGA Will Close!

In an April 22 statement addressed to NSGA Bremerhaven military personnel and civilian employees, Captain John Jennings, commanding officer, announced that this activity will be "formally disestablished as a major command of the Navy shore establishment on June 30, 1972 . . . ." Preparations for the disestablishment are underway and are expected to be completed later this year.

The announcement came following several months of persistent rumors that NSGA Bremerhaven, largest of the Navy's security group activities, was to be deactivated.

Capt Jennings stated that, "On April 3, 1972, the Secretary of Defense authorized the disestablishment and partial relocation of our activity. The decision was taken as part of budget reductions worldwide. On April 21, 1972, this information was delivered to the government of the Federal Republic of Germany and subsequently released to us."

Although the command will be formally disestablished on June 30, operations will probably be conducted beyond that date, and personnel will be

leaving during the period from May to late 1972, many Navymen will be going to the NSGA detachment at Augsburg, Germany, and to NSGA Edzell, Scotland. As a result of the Bremerhaven disestablishment, the detachment at Augsburg will achieve command status, becoming NSGA Augsburg. The Company "F" Marine Support Battalion will be relocated at the Naval Station at Rota, Spain.

Approximately 900 dependents of Navy and Marine Corps personnel will be affected by the disestablishment and relocation. Families remaining in Bremerhaven while their husbands seek housing at the relocation sites will be allowed to remain in their present quarters. Capt Jennings also stated that, "During the challenging days ahead, we will have three primary goals;

- (1) To keep the mission accomplishment at its present high level.
- (2) To keep all hands fully informed and assist each man and his family to overcome the difficulties of relocation.
- (3) To make every effort to obtain continued employment opportunities

with the U.S. Forces for our civilian employees, some of whom have served the U.S. Navy with dedication for many years."

With regard to civilian employees, it was also stated that they will be notified of their individual employment status as soon as possible.

Although NSGA Bremerhaven will be disestablished in Bremerhaven, it was emphasized that the move could be more accurately described as a relocation, rather than a cessation of operations. Of the 700 Navy and Marine Corps billets currently allocated to NSGA Bremerhaven, approximately half will be transferred to Augsburg, Edzell, or Rota.

The commanding officer concluded his statement by saying, "I would like to stress that the unpleasant action being taken is in no way a reflection on our enviable performance record. It is simply a matter of resource reductions and resultant consolidations."

As a result of this activity's relocation, approximately 130 personnel have become eligible for early release from

active duty, or an "early out". It is expected that, while a large percentage of those personnel involved will elect an "early out", some are career oriented and will remain in the service.

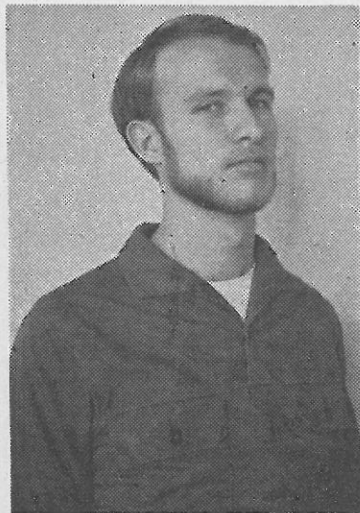
Navy personnel are eligible to receive early releases of up to either six or 12 months, depending on their ratings. Those receiving an "early out" of up to 12 months are members of the Communications Technician rating having an expiration of active obligated service (EAOS) date falling on or after July 1, 1972 and before July 1, 1973. Personnel of all other ratings are eligible for an "early out" if they have less than six months of active service remaining after the date on which their service is no longer required at this command.

(Editor's Note: Beginning on Page 2, the Windjammer is presenting a series of special reports on the three locations to which many NSGA Bremerhaven Navy and Marine personnel will be transferring; Augsburg, Germany; Edzell, Scotland; and Rota, Spain. Further information on these three locations and their facilities will also be published in the Plan of the Day.)

## 2 CTRs Discuss Their Rating Conversions

In March the Navy announced that, due to cut-backs in the Navy cryptologic program, approximately 850 personnel of the Communications Technician (R Branch) rating would be converted to other non-CT ratings.

CTRSN Stephen Crane and CTR2 Richard Ray, both of Delta Section, were interviewed by the Windjammer to find out their feelings on being involuntarily converted to other ratings. Crane and Ray are two of 47 R-Branch personnel at this activity who will be converted; Crane is single and Ray is married.



CTRSN Stephen Crane

### CTRSN Crane's Comments

**Q: What was your first reaction when you were told that you would be converted to another rating?**

A: Panic. Disbelief. I wasn't prepared for it; it was too sudden. I just walked in on watch one day and was told I would have to choose another rating. Of the 11 ratings that were offered, I chose Radarman.

**Q: You would have preferred to remain in the CTR rating?**

A: Yes, definitely.

**Q: Why did you pick Radarman?**

A: Rumors got around that Radarman, Personnelman, and Yeoman were good ratings. I wanted to be a PN or YN. Radarman was my last of three choices.

**Q: How much time do you have left on your enlistment?**

A: Something like 15 months.

**Q: How do you feel about the possibility of going to sea?**

A: Well, I came from sea duty when I came here, so going back will not be a great shock for me. I made the idiotic move of volunteering for sea duty previously, so I know what it is like. I prefer shore duty.

**Q: How do you think sea duty will affect other personnel who have no previous sea experience?**

A: At the moment, they're in a cloud of mystery. They're

going to be rather afraid of ships at first. The single man will probably be able to adapt easier than the married man, because the married man will also have to endure separation from his wife. I'm pretty mobile at the moment; it won't take me long to pack my things and move somewhere else.

**Q: Are you planning on staying in the Navy?**

A: No.

**Q: Do you think the Navy could have used procedures other than conversions in ratings to solve the problem of excess manpower?**

A: Well, I really don't consider myself knowledgeable enough to make a statement on that.

### CTR2 Ray's Comments

**Q: What was your first reaction when you were told that you would be converted to another rating?**

A: Well, with all the rumors going around, it wasn't too much of a shock. It was a disappointment to both by wife and myself.

**Q: What did your wife say when you told her you were going to be converted?**

A: She wasn't too happy about it.

**Q: To what rating are you being converted?**

A: I've been selected for Personnelman.

**Q: How many years of service do you have in the Navy?**

A: It'll be three years in June.

**Q: Do you plan to stay in the Navy?**

A: At one time I thought about staying in the Navy . . . as a CT. Now I can't really see reenlisting to remain a CT though; if they can pull a conversion in rating once, they can do it again. I can't see any security or guarantee in a job like that.

**Q: What will you do outside of the service?**

A: I have two years of college, so I'll probably go back; I think I can catch up and get my bachelor's degree in another two and a half years.

**Q: Your chances for shore duty were greater as a CTR than they will be as a PN. Do you know if you will be going to a ship?**

A: Nothing definite as of yet, but everyone's impression was that the converttees would be going to the fleet.

**Q: Could you elaborate some on your feelings regarding the conversion?**

A: It was quite shocking. I made E-5 last fall, and my wife is expecting a child this month, so we had planned to become command sponsored and to probably remain in Bremerhaven for the rest of this enlistment.

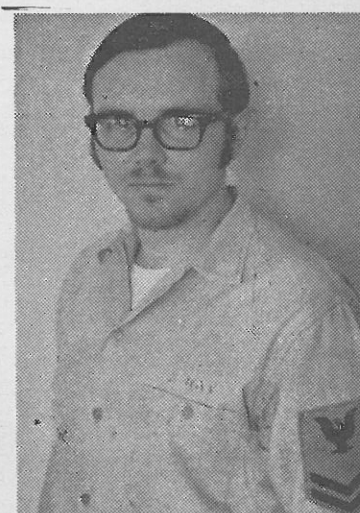
**Q: Where will your wife and family stay if you receive orders to a ship?**

A: If I'm homeported on the

West Coast, she'll probably stay in that port.

**Q: Do you think the Navy could have used other means to solve the excess manpower problem in the CTR rating? Do you think the conversions in rating could have been avoided?**

A: I think they could have foreseen the problem sooner, and instead of sending so many people to CT school they could have put them into other ratings directly. Now they have no alternative to conversion, which leaves many people high and dry, and causes a lot of bad feelings.



CTR2 Richard Ray



Special Report

Augsburg, Germany

A detachment of NSGA Bremerhaven was established at Augsburg in recent months for the purpose of taking part in tri-service communications operations with Army and Air Force units.

The life of an Augsburg Navyman is, in many ways, similar to that of a sailor or naval officer stationed in Bremerhaven. They are both subject to the same Status of Forces Agreement, and the same German laws and regulations.

The living and working areas, however, do not measure up to Bremerhaven standards at this time. The Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) are structurally similar to those in Bremerhaven, and the initial contingent of Navyman will be sharing rehabilitated barracks with personnel of the host command, the Army Security Agency field station. The Navy will later have its own BEQ. Working spaces are currently under construction to prepare them for the relocation, and administrative spaces are very scarce.

The rooms in the BEQ range from one-man to four-man in capacity, and will be furnished similarly to those here in Bremerhaven. It is expected that once rehabilitation is complete, the rooms will also contain built-in closet space for occupants.

There are a total of 137 Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ) units available. Maid service is available to some of these units at a cost of \$16.00 per month.

Government housing units for families range from two through four bedroom apartments to single houses.

Government quarters are furnished with basic furniture items to include drapes and rugs. It is suggested that washing machines and dryers be shipped. Laundry room facilities are located in the basement of each building. All current is 50 cycles. Some outlets are 220 volts, but transformers are available for 110 volts.

The 80-bed U.S. Army Hospital at Augsburg occupies five buildings on the Flak Kaserne, and provides both in-patient and out-patient care. Specialty care is provided in general surgery, orthopedics, physical therapy, obstetrics-gynecology, internal medicine, pediatrics, dermatology, psychiatry, social work, and ears, eyes, nose, and throat.

The Augsburg American Elementary School provides an instructional program for children from kindergarten through the eighth grade. Facilities include a small gymnasium, a library, a large playground area, and a small cafeteria for students who live on the economy. There is also an American High School in the Augsburg area.

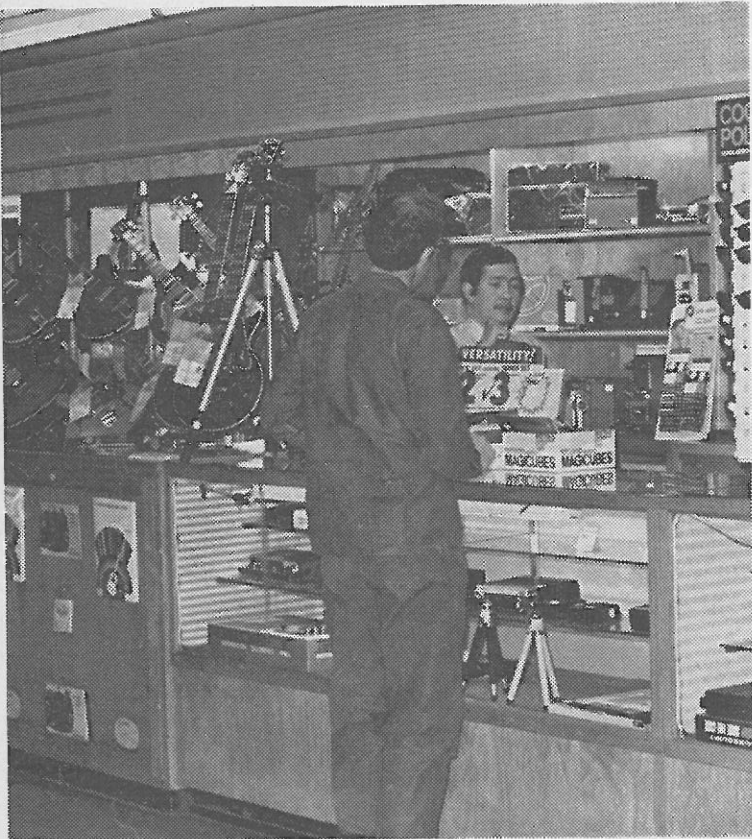
Other facilities include a post exchange, commissary, motion picture theaters, bowling center, post nursery, photo center, crafts shops, library, and various European Exchange System outlets.



Antenna complex at Augsburg's huge operations site.



One of the buildings housing bachelor enlisted quarters.



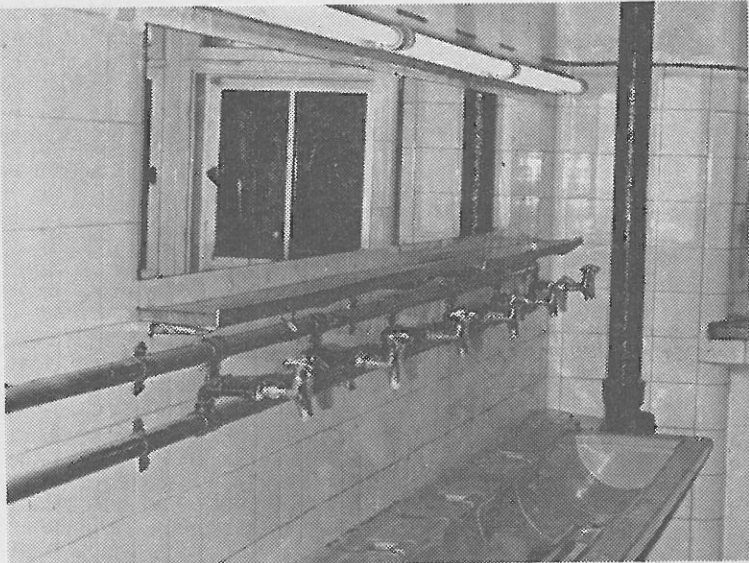
Augsburg offers a large, well-stocked Post Exchange.



The commissary at Augsburg contained a well-stocked fresh fruit and vegetable section the day this picture was taken.



This commissary employee is shown here updating a showcase display showing new items available at the Augsburg commissary.



Bremerhaven enlisted Navyman who live in the barracks and have become accustomed to individual white porcelain sinks, may be somewhat disappointed with Augsburg's BEQ washroom facilities.



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As can be seen by this photo of a dining room, family housing at Augsburg is very similar to that at Bremerhaven.



## Special Report

# Edzell, Scotland

NSGA Edzell was officially established in July 1960. The activity is located on a Royal Air Force Base in Kincardineshire, Scotland, and takes its name from the village of Edzell (population 1,034) which is approximately four miles from the base.

A tour of duty at Edzell can be a rewarding experience for those who are prepared for it. Scotland's climate is much milder than most people are accustomed to; the summers are cool, with temperatures averaging 57 degrees, and the winters are moderately cold. The Scottish people more than make up for the adverse weather in their personal warmth and friendliness. And, if that is not enough, the facilities at the base are considered quite adequate.

To provide NSGA Edzell personnel with information on such things as local and national activities, sports, and recreation, the post of Community Relations Advisor (CRA) was established. Much like our command's Community Activities Advisor, the CRA will help out with problems which might be encountered while living in Scotland, and answer any queries that you might have regarding the United Kingdom and the British way of life.

### Quarters

Married officers serving an unaccompanied tour and single officers are quartered in an Officer's BOQ, located on-base. Or, if they so desire, they can elect to live off-base. Because of communal heads and showers, the BOQ does not meet the minimum habitability standards, but it is very comfortable and most officers elect to stay there.

There are Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) available for certain married chief petty officers serving an unaccompanied tour, or for those who are single; however, these personnel are allowed to live off-base if they so desire.

Adequate bachelor quarters are available for personnel of pay grades E-1 through E-6 who are serving an unaccompanied tour, or who are single.

There are 144 sets of government quarters on base (120 enlisted, 24 officers) and an additional 17 sets of enlisted quarters at Inverbervie. Inverbervie is located approximately 20 miles from the base, and the homes are exactly the same as the RAF quarters on base. This total is considerably short of the eligible personnel in the area awaiting housing assignments.

There are two types of houses; the first is called "RAF Quarters" of which 40 are enlisted and 14 are officers units. The 17 units at Inverbervie are also "RAF Quarters." The second type of quarters is the "USA Homes" of which 80 are enlisted and 10 are officer units. There are no one or two bedroom units available, and personnel who are entitled to these type units are assigned three bedroom quarters.

### Medical Facilities

A medical dispensary is located on base, and it is staffed with a Navy medical officer, eight hospital corpsmen, and a nurse. The dispensary has a five bed ward, and there are facilities for most in-patient care for dependents. Medical care is provided for personnel and dependents by sick call, appointment, or emergency treatment. In cases which are beyond the capabilities of the dispensary, personnel and-or dependents are ei-

ther treated at a local hospital (Stracathro), or are referred to the U.S. Air Force Hospital, Lakenheath, England (450 miles from the base). Obstetric cases are usually referred to the local physicians under the British National Health Service. Maternity homes are normally utilized to handle pregnancy cases. Local physicians and facilities are considered excellent.

Personnel required to wear glasses are advised to bring two pair made from a recent prescription.

### Dental Facilities

A dental department is located on base and is staffed with a naval dental officer and two dental technicians. The dental facility is small, but very adequate, and consists of three operating units. Necessary dental work is performed by appointment for military personnel. Dental treatment is also normally available by appointment for military dependents, but on deferred priority basis. Prosthetic treatment is available only for military personnel. Emergency dental treatment is available on station at all times for military personnel and dependents. Civilian dental facilities are adequate, inexpensive (as compared to U.S.), and meet U.S. standards. Orthodontic care normally can be obtained through civilian orthodontists at no charge. This service is covered through the British National Health Program.

### Dependent Schools

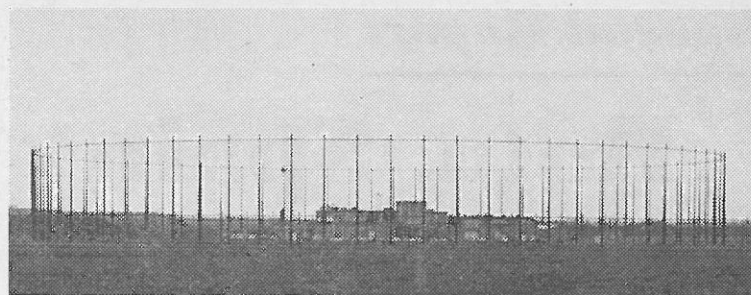
An American Elementary School comprising grades 1 through 8 and Kindergarten is operated on the base. Kindergarten entrance age is five years as of 31 December of the School year.

The school is located in a newly constructed building in the housing area and is staffed by an American principal and seven American teachers. The school building in addition to the school rooms, has a library, visual aids room, conference room, various offices, and a general purpose room. Pupils return home for lunch except those who live away from the station housing area. These children are allowed to bring lunches.

The curriculum taught is well rounded and meets the minimum requirements of most U.S. school systems. Some of the classes are combined grades. All are mostly self-contained with one teacher instructing all subjects. There are no provisions for instructing handicapped children and these children will be required to be sent to a local Scottish school.

An American Secondary school comprising grades 9 through 12 is operated in the London area approximately 500 miles from the base. Students from the base attending this school occupy dormitories and live in an environment similar in many ways to that found at a typical university. The pupils are authorized two holiday round trips per year on a space available status on scheduled military aircraft (specifically for Christmas and Easter). The aircraft leaves and arrives at Aberdeen, 37 miles from Edzell. Arrangements are made by the command school's officer.

The University of Maryland offers a few extension courses on base open to all military personnel and dependents. The types of courses offered at any particular time are determined by the desires of the personnel, but are usually basic courses.



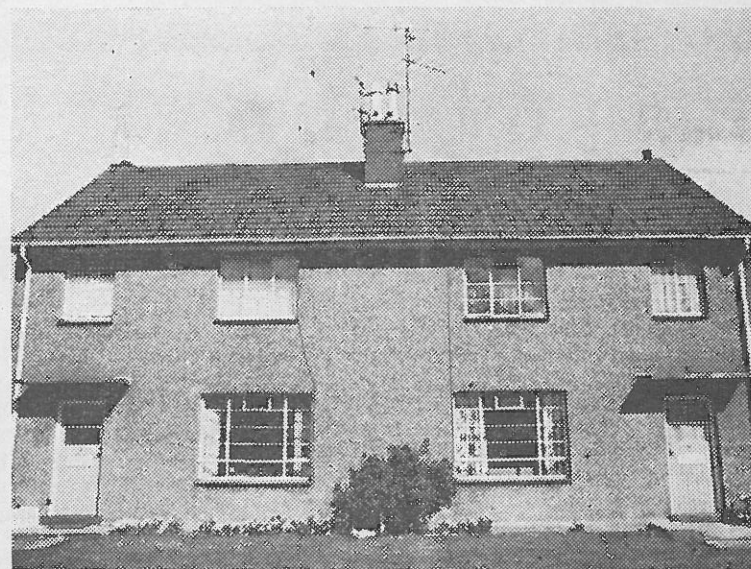
NSGA Edzell antenna field and operations building.



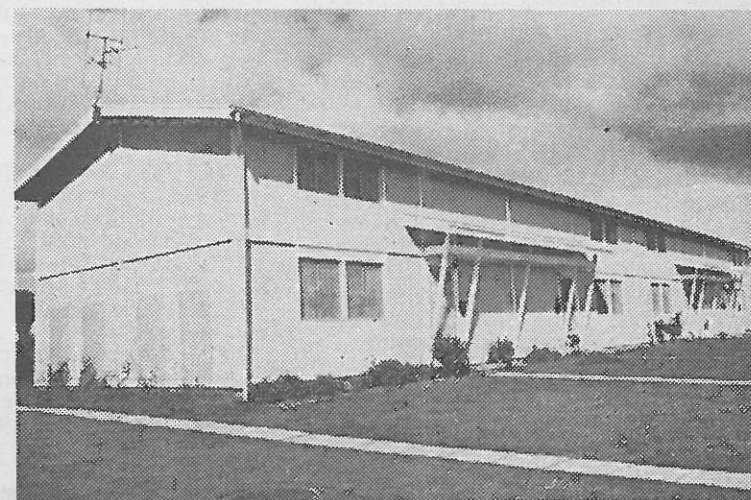
A four-lane bowling alley is maintained at NSGA Edzell.



The Navy Exchange branch at Edzell has its main office at London.



All but nine of the "RAF Quarters" are in two-storied duplex buildings.



There are 80 enlisted and 10 officer units in "USA Homes."



Archway marking the historic entrance to Edzell.



## Special Report

# Rota, Spain

The Naval Base at Rota, Spain, is the Navy's largest installation in Europe. Used jointly by Spain and the United States, it remains under the Spanish flag and under Spanish command. Although many of the port facilities are jointly used, the installation within the area assigned to the United States is under the organizational and operational control of the U.S. Navy. The installation covers more than 6,000 acres on the northern shore of Cadiz Bay, and is a major supply center for the Sixth Fleet.

### Family Housing

Government family quarters located on the base are about three miles from the station's administrative and shopping center. Some units are of modern, concrete, ranch-style design with tile roofs and concrete tile or cork tile floors. Other units are two-story prefabricated homes containing three and four bedrooms. These units are referred to as "USA Homes." All units have central heating (oil burners) and electric water heaters. All utilities such as fuel, oil, electricity (115-220 volt, 60 cycle), sewage, garbage collection, are furnished by the government at no charge. In addition to living rooms, kitchen, and storage space, quarters also have the following rooms according to type:

● Senior Officers — 3 or 4 bedrooms, study, 2 baths, maid's room and bath. Single units.

● Junior Officers — 2 or 3 bedrooms, bath, maid's room. Double units.

● Enlisted Personnel — 2 or 3 bedrooms and bath. Double units.

● Junior Officers and Enlisted Personnel — "USA

Homes" — 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 baths; 4 bedroom homes are double units and 3 bedroom homes are 4 units. (4 bedroom homes are for enlisted personnel only.)

The only items of furniture available at this time for immediate use are single and double beds, and incoming personnel are encouraged to ship all their household belongings.

The U.S. Naval Hospital at Rota offers various medical facilities; however, dental treatment is available for the dependent population on a very limited basis. Emergency dental treatment is available for dependents on a space available basis only.

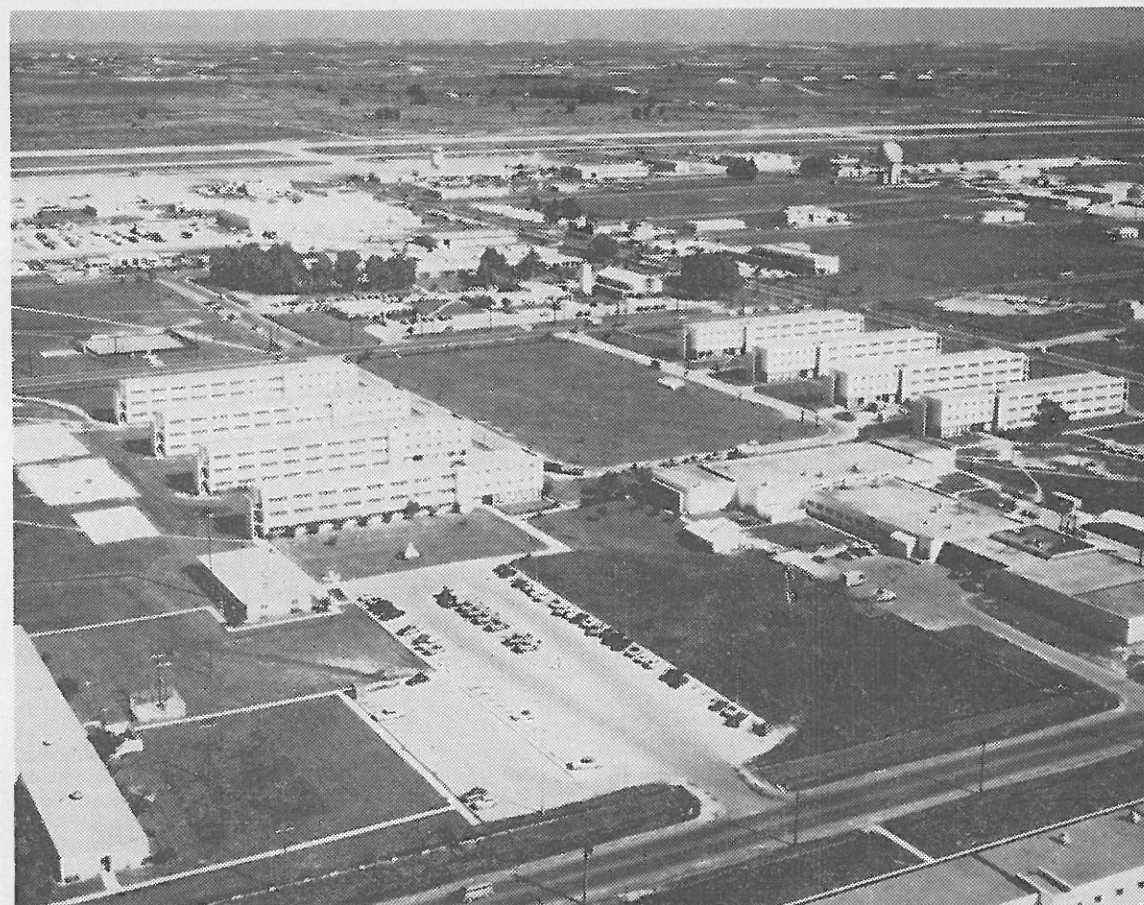
### Dependent Schools

Education from kindergarten through grade 12 is provided for eligible dependents at a 54-classroom school in the housing area on the base. The school is modern in design and has an enrollment of approximately 1,900 students, of which 240 are in grades 9 through 12. Textbooks and instructional supplies are kept up to modern standards, and adequately supplied libraries and science labs are part of the school facilities. The program of studies offered in the high school is primarily academic, although commercial and vocational courses are offered. The high school is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

An extension of the University of Maryland offers a two-year liberal arts program. Its facilities are provided by the Army and are located in an Army casern.

### Banking

The peseta is the monetary unit in Spain, and peseta ex-



Aerial view of the U.S. Naval Station, Rota, Spain, showing the enlisted galley and barracks, with the air terminal and runway in the background. (Photo by PH2 K. H. Vogel)

changes are available at the Disbursing Office of the Naval Station, the Navy Exchange, and all clubs at Rota. U.S. money is used on base and pesetas are used off base. A person can exchange dollars for pesetas, but not pesetas for dollars. There is no U.S. banking facility available at Rota, and personnel are advised to make arrangements to do their banking and maintain their checking and savings accounts by mail.

### Navy Exchange

The Navy Exchange is located adjacent to the commissary, and operates the follow-

ing specialty shops: retail clothing store, uniform shop, radio-TV repair shop, laundry-dry cleaning facility, cobbler shop, and watch repair shop. The exchange also has a special order desk where items not normally carried in stock may be ordered.

### Recreation - Sports

Recreational facilities at Naval Station, Rota, include a picnic ground, theater, carpenter hobby shop, auto hobby shop, teenage club, and a hobby shop with photo lab, leather tooling facility, electronics area, model-making shop, and ceramics area. There is also a drive-in

theater located near the housing area that has a capacity for 250 automobiles and seating for 400 persons.

Sports facilities include various athletic fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, a bowling alley, shooting ranges, archery range, swimming pools, riding stables, 18-hole golf course, and go-kart track.

There is no American television at Rota or in the area. The closest Spanish station is about 77 miles away, and its programs can be received with high antennas. American TV sets require a conversion which costs about \$15.

## Telling It Like It Is

# Feelings Mixed on NSGA Closing

### YN3 Randall Workman

For my last "Telling It Like It Is" column, I thought I'd ask a question regarding something that is currently on everybody's mind. My final question was: "How do you feel about the disestablishment and relocation of NSGA Bremerhaven?"

CTM3 Daniel Bramble: It's been a nice tour here; I'm not really happy or sad to be leaving.

CTTSN Gerald Smith: I feel it's a pretty good deal, but I also feel the money spent moving us all could have been put to better use here.

HM2 John Landers: I'm very happy about it. I'll be even happier if they let me go to Augsburg; then things would be beautiful.

CTA1 Robert Valek: I'm leaving anyway, but I think the move is a good idea. Many are unhappy about leaving, but I think once everyone gets relocated they'll enjoy their new locations as much, if not more, than Bremerhaven.

CEC Milton Spear: Personally, I'm only worried about taking my family with me to my next duty station. I've been in the Navy too long to let anything like this really affect me.

CTA1 George Hagerty: I think the entire thing was short fused.

Sgt George Lawrence: I'm happy about the change of locations because I'm always glad to see someplace new. But I'm also sorry that I didn't have

more time to travel and see places while I have been here.

CTM2 Frank Enburn: I'm happy because it means an early out.

BM1 Paul Scott: It's about time!

CWO-2 Jon Walsh: I have mixed emotions about the whole business.

CTT1 Duaine Montoure: Bah, humbug! Merry Christmas.

CTASN William Groff: The move doesn't affect me, except that I will be here past regular EAOS. I've had enough of Bremerhaven.

YN3 James Clark: I'm glad to be getting an early out, but there's going to be a lot of work put on my office (Personnel) because of everyone leaving.

HMC Frank Brown: Closing won't have any effect on me because I'm retiring.

CTA3 John Reddecliff: It doesn't really affect me because I'm transferring anyway. I'm just glad everyone will be able to get out of Bremerhaven.

DPI Darrell Meadows: I think it's nice; all the CTs are leaving!

GM2 Robert Poole: I think the relocation is decent!

LCdr Edward McGrath: Personally, it's sad to see something you're proud of close down. I would have liked to have seen our operations remain here, but I think the people going to Augsburg will have a much better situation except perhaps for the housing.

CTTSN William McCoy: I think the entire business was poorly planned and

poorly timed. More advance notice could have been given. Personally, though, I'm happy; it gives me an early out.

CTR2 Jeffrey Briggs: I'm sorry to see this place go because it's been a good preferred duty station. I hope the move comes off with a minimum of confusion.

CTTCM Albert Astley: It's going to be extremely difficult to handle both the personnel and operational objectives at the same time, but we can try to be as "in tune" with the needs of our personnel as is humanly possible.

CTT3 Jack Calderone: I'm happy to be getting out of Bremerhaven, and I'm only sorry they're not giving two-year early outs.

CTOC Joel Johnson: I'm disappointed.

Anonymous: It's probably the greatest single act that will ever take place within the boundaries of the Federal Republic of Germany.

SK3 David Bellerose: I think it should have been done long ago. I guess it's fine; I might go home.

Marine Capt Robert Garrow: I'd rather not leave because I have many German friends here. The move itself is going to be hard for myself and my family.

CTOCM Gaylord Kennedy: A change in weather will be great.

CTASN John Fitze: It's interfering with my future plans. Relocation, for me, is no good.

CTA1 Richard Phinney: I want to get the %!& out of here, and you can quote me. (Editor's Note: Sorry. We can't.)

CTR3 Lucian Cayce: I think it's a "bennie" for the people, because not too many like Bremerhaven. I think a lot of them will be glad to go to Edzell, Augsburg, or wherever they are going. It's a good thing.

CTMCM Stanley White: I'm rather disappointed because I enjoy it here, and I'll miss the travel opportunities.

CTA1 Douglas Katzenbarger: I don't care. It won't affect me because I'm short here anyway.

SK3 Jerry Martin: I really think it's about time. I'm tired of Germany and I want to go home. But I won't get to.

BM1 Lloyd St.Amant: I think it's a good thing.

CTA2 Thomas Robinson: Personally, I'm getting out early anyway, so I won't be affected. But I believe that people should be patient in requesting the port calls, orders, etc., from the Personnel Office. Otherwise there will be mass confusion.

YN1 Charles Milich: I think it's really neat. I've enjoyed my tour here, but I'll be glad to go somewhere else.

CTAC Frederick Ennulat: Too bad about the Bremerhaven economy, but then the Army will probably be moving more people here in a few months. A good Windjammer headline would be "Goodbye, So Long, We're Gone."



## The Rockin' Chair

# 'Discovering' Rock Music

By YN3 Randall Workman

One of the most exciting aspects of the music world is the "discovery." It can be the discovery of what someone's lyrics are really saying, the discovery of a new album, or, perhaps best of all, the discovery of a new group. Last fall at the first annual British Rock Festival, I discovered a new rock group called **Curved Air**. They recently played in Hamburg as the back-up for another British group, **Wishbone Ash**.

The first thing that impressed me was Curved Air's lead singer, a beautiful girl named Sonja Kristina. Her deep, husky voice conveys the mes-

to the harpsichord, and also combines with Francis Monkman, lead guitarist, to write much of the group's music.

The members of Curved Air are accomplished at so many instruments that they can switch off among themselves without losing any continuity between beats. They flow out, rock down, and mellow, all in the span of one show. They also do the same on their first album, "Air Conditioning"; their second album has just been released and I'm looking forward to "discovering" it.

Our music today is part of an almost inconceivable communications network spanning the globe, sending messages between generations, races, social classes, and friends. Our melodies use the same frequencies that Beethoven played with, the difference being that the musicians today are using more sophisticated equipment.

Often I have found that members of the older generation do not want to waste their time listening to "that noise" that many younger people call music. Many of these same individuals also fail to see what they're missing — an opportunity to listen to some of their children's views on problems facing the world, a world that these same children will soon inherit. It is well worth the investment of time for everyone to listen to the words in our music — it's more than verbal abuse set to noise.

Older people in general, and parents in particular, often complain that they can not communicate with the young, their sons and daughters. If parents can not communicate with their children face to face, they can still benefit by listening to the ideas expressed through all the varieties of music that abound today. Soft rock says something; hard rock says something else; and blues conveys yet another message. Often this message is not literal, but lies in the "feeling" of the music.

As much as music is communication, it is also entertainment. Older people are just going to have to accept the fact that the younger generation tends to take their sounds loud. That is the way the music is written, and that is the way it was intended to be played. The volume doesn't change the content of the music. Lyrics may be hard to catch against the loud music, but that does not make them any less important than the "bop-she-bop-she-bop" of yesteryear. In fact they usually say a lot more. If you can't understand the words, ask someone who might know, like a high-schooler.

Music today is so important that to ignore it because it's loud, or because it's usually played by people who don't get a haircut every other week, is to alienate a very large part of the world's population. That is not the idea behind communication.

I hope that everyone's future contains some rock; this includes both "rate grabbers" and "lifers" alike. Without a willingness to examine what lies outside their own tastes, some people may never gain an understanding of anything. Peace!



**CURVED AIR** — Sonja Kristina, lead singer of the new British rock group Curved Air, belts out a song during a recent performance at Hamburg. For those who have never heard the group, they sound like a cross between the Jefferson Airplane and the Flock, but also have an individualism all their own.

sages behind the group's music, and she proved herself at the keyboard as well. Her vocals intertwine with the electric guitar of Darryl Way, and together they can put on one of the best shows I've ever seen.

Curved Air sounds like a mixture of **Jefferson Airplane** and the **Flock**, with a synthesizer on the side played by Robert Martin. Martin covers a wide spectrum of instruments from the mellotron

## The AFN Big Beat

By SSgt Dave Stewart

This month's "Big Beat" column caught me a little too early for a report on the outcome of the spring-summer conference held each year in Frankfurt. At this conference, program directors from all over the American Forces Network Europe gather around the conference table to iron out schedules, initiate changes, and pull taffee. The biggest issue to be discussed at this year's conference will be the impact of television on radio. As a recent Stars and Stripes article pointed out, TV is planned for all points by 1973 "except for Bremerhaven." However, this is not a final decision. Television will give AFN more flexibility, and will enable us to provide a more contemporary and professional service.

Specialist 4 Gary Roberts will be departing AFN Bremerhaven next month, and we hope we can get an equally qualified professional to replace him. Losing Gary will be a severe loss to our staff, but we all wish him the best for

when he gets to Phoenix, Ariz. Specialist Hal Hill arrived in April and has managed to adequately fill the gap left by Specialist 4 Sam Denn who left in March.

On the Stateside music scene there is not a whole lot going on except for a current run on the revival of several "oldies" by a lot of artists, especially on songs from the late Fifties. Some current survey samples, at least at this writing, are "Rocking' Robin," originally a Bobby Day hit that was revived by Michael Jackson, and the Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace" which has been redone by Jerry Lee Lewis. Some other less outstanding examples of oldie revivals are: "Puppy Love" by Donny Osmond, and "Mr. Blue" by Pat Boone. It seems that writers are at a standstill in all fields, and especially in Pop where they don't seem to have any idea of where they want to go.

Yes, I am aware of all the rumors that have been circulating to the effect that AFN Bremerhaven will be

moving. All I can say at this time is "not as far as I know."

Finally, we here at AFN Bremerhaven are sad to hear that our most responsive audience is leaving us. Over the six years that I've been here, it has been my pleasure to serve a Navy community. The average educational level within the Naval Security Group has kept AFNers on their toes for years, and we have welcomed this challenge.

One Navy event that stands out in my mind happened two years ago when NSGA Toden-dorf wrapped up the European softball crown. The event is still fresh in the minds of many of you, so there is no need to rehash. Another item that I remember was the time when a certain watch section in Building 2 awarded me with a plaque making me the Army's only "Broadcaster's Mate." "Thanks" to all of you, and I have already applied for a huge loan from the bank so that I can cash in on all the "Swap Shop" deals that will soon be hitting my desk!



**BIG CARD!** — Maria Wittig, community activities advisor, was on sick leave last month and was unable to write her "Living in Germany" column for this issue of the Windjammer. Here she receives a giant get well card bearing the signatures of many NSGA Bremerhaven personnel. The card, along with numerous bouquets of flowers, was presented on behalf of the command. It reads: "To Frau Wittig. Best Wishes For A Speedy Recovery From The Crew Of NSGA."

By Chaplain R. Alan Plishker

## Serendipities

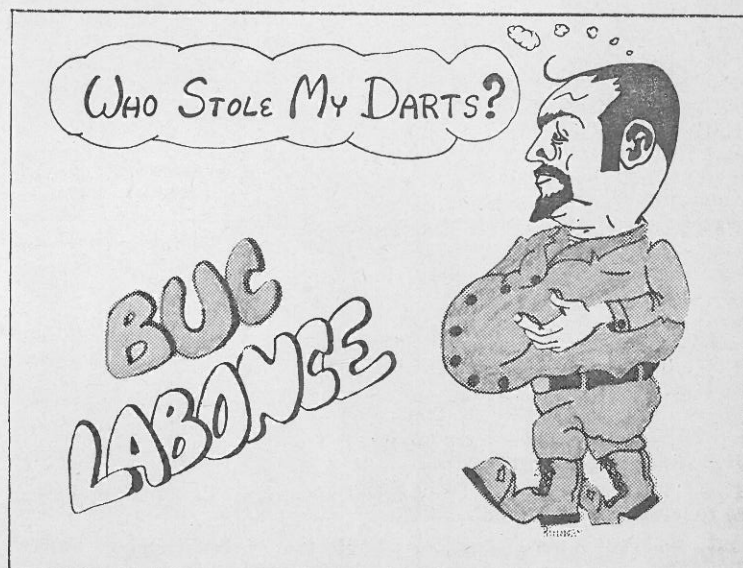
Due to circumstances beyond my control, and not my writing ability, I find myself facing the same question that writers for the Saturday Evening Post, Colliers, Look, and all the other now defunct magazines faced, namely: What does one say in one's last article? There is a strong urge to depart with words of wisdom, or at the very least some philosophical memorables. But I am not very wise, nor am I very philosophical. As a compromise, I thought I would simply tell you how I feel about the relocation of NSGA Bremerhaven.

For the past 11 years, Bremerhaven has been my first choice for overseas shore duty. It was always a vague wish which I never thought would materialize. The billet was available only once every three years, and my availability had to coincide with the opening. So you can see, my chances were rather slim. At any rate, luck prevailed and my family and I finally made it to Bremerhaven.

The billet has been everything that I had anticipated. We have thoroughly enjoyed living in Germany and the opportunities for travel. Professionally, the duty has been more than satisfying. It has been an experience to work in a command where more than just "lip service" has been given to people and their needs.

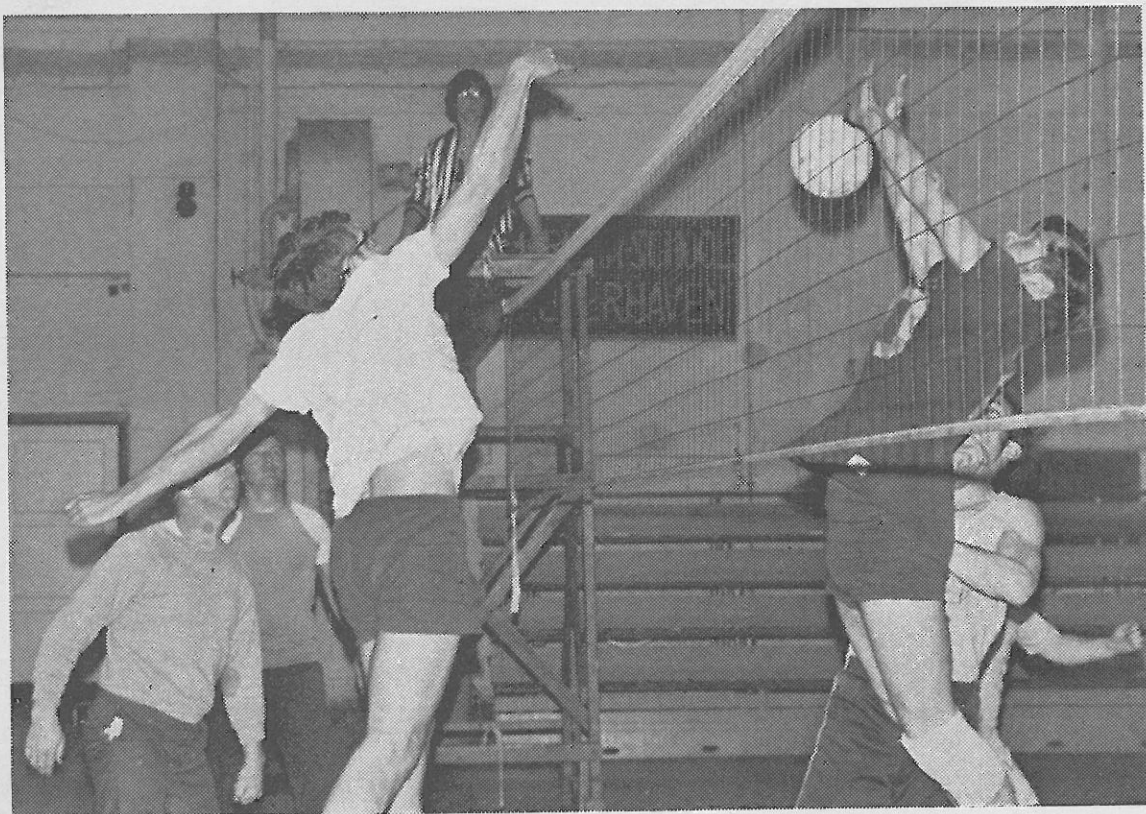
But, aside from life in Germany, travel, the command, the job, the one factor which has made this a memorable year has been the people we have met. I have been impressed not only with the caliber of people within the Security Group, but also by their spirit of cooperation, willingness to pull together, community participation, and professional attitude. Isn't it strange that "people" can make the difference? People who are cooperative, people who are willing to go out of their way for others, people who are interested in other people, are the ones who have made this a memorable tour. Maybe Barbra Streisand was right when in "Funny Girl" she sang, "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world."

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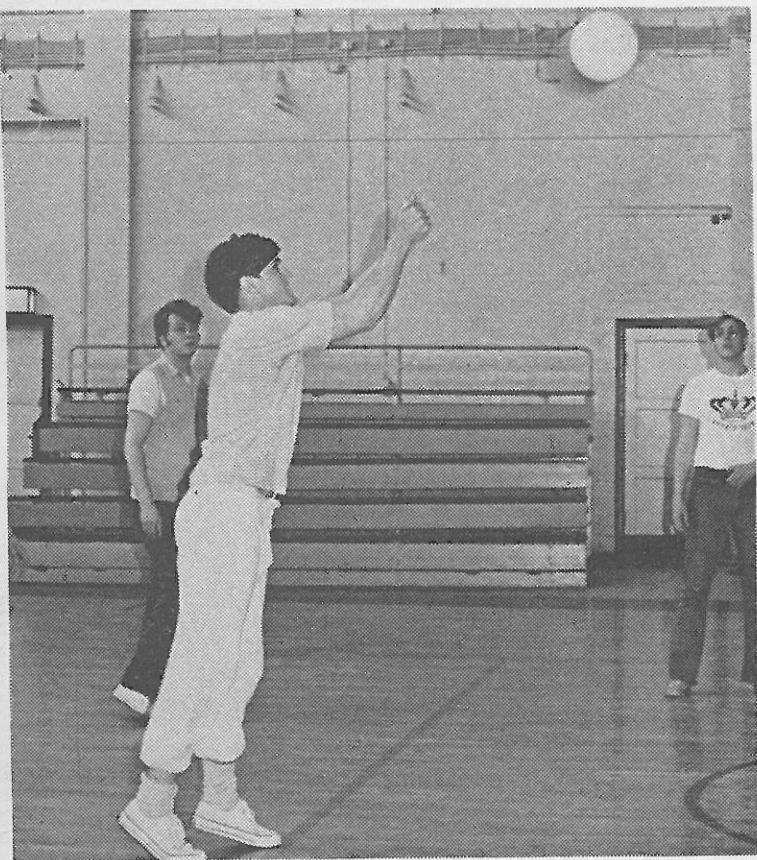


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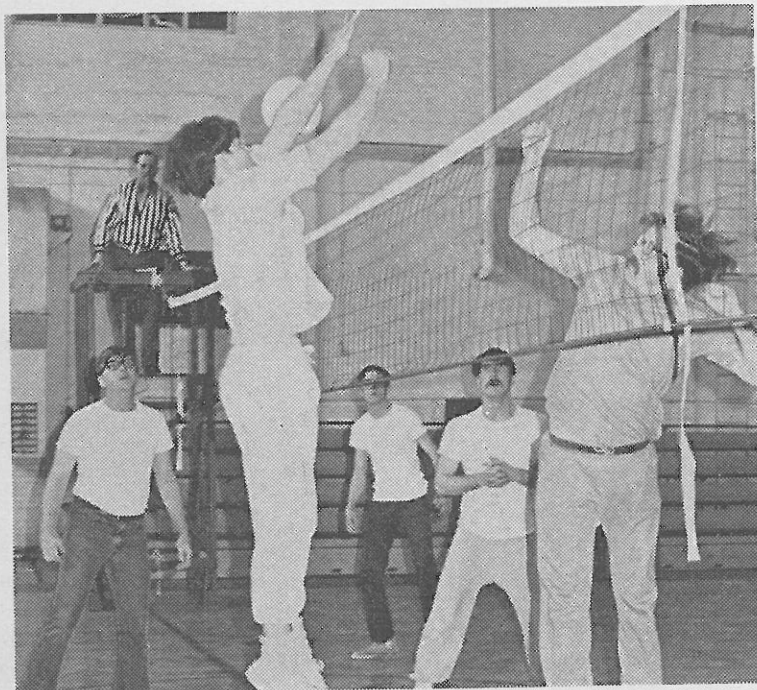




**CAPTAIN'S CUP VOLLEYBALL** — Putting the ball over the net for the Officers-Chiefs is Lt Nash (left) as the Day Workers' Vernigor attempts a return. The Day Workers took the match (15-12, 15-13) during April 22 Captain's Cup tournament play. At the end of the two-day tourney, D-W was in the number two slot in the standings, while O-C finished in sixth place.



**BRAVO VS. ALFA** — Hayes of Bravo Section keeps the ball up during tournament play with Alfa. Alfa took the match from Bravo (15-11, 15-6). (Photo By CTR1 H.C. Pritchett)



**MORE BRAVO-ALFA** — Up in the air are Hayes (left) of Bravo Section and Alfa Section's Redfield. Alfa finished in first place at the end of the tournament marking the conclusion of 1972 Captain's Cup Volleyball. (Photo By CTR1 H.C. Pritchett)

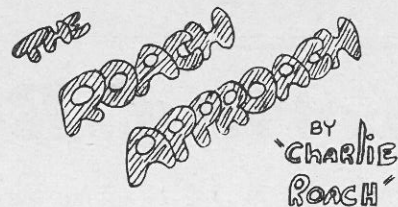
## Alfa Captures First Place In CC Volleyball

Captain's Cup volleyball play came to a close in the Port City on April 23 at the conclusion of two days of tournament action which saw Alfa Section finish the 1972 season in first place.

The final Captain's Cup standings for volleyball are as follows: (1st) Alfa Section, (2nd) Day Workers, (3rd) Delta Section, (4th) Bravo Section, (5th) Charlie Section, (6th) Officers-Chiefs, (7th) Marines.

Following are the scores for the April 22-23 tournament:

| April 22            |                     |  |  |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Off.-CPOs (13,18,8) | Alfa (15, 16, 15)   |  |  |
| Delta (15, 8, 15)   | Charlie (10, 15, 7) |  |  |
| Bravo (11, 6)       | Alfa (15, 15)       |  |  |
| DW (15, 11, 14)     | Delta (10, 15, 16)  |  |  |
| Charlie (15, 6, 13) | Bravo (9, 15, 15)   |  |  |
| Off.-CPOs (12, 13)  | DW (15, 15)         |  |  |
| April 23            |                     |  |  |
| Alfa (15, 15)       | Delta (2, 8)        |  |  |
| DW (15, 9, 15)      | Bravo (11,15, 12)   |  |  |
| Delta (8, 7)        | DW (15, 15)         |  |  |
| Alfa (16, 10, 15)   | DW (14, 15, 6)      |  |  |
| Charlie ( — — — )   | Off.-CPOs (Forfeit) |  |  |



It isn't often I get the opportunity to pick on a dependent; however, I feel the time is opportune. Also, she can't get at me in the Second Division Head. This dependent received an invitation from her husband's boss for a dinner party. Did she tell her better half? Not even. Result: Everyone was gathered around the table waiting to dine, except — you guessed it — the lady in question and her husband. What about that "Grandma" Kromas?

I have seen the blooming of some strange new signs these days in the vicinity of the Navy domain. It says something like "The Marines Are Looking For A Few Good Men." You Communications Technician "R" Branchers better watch out; you're likely to be wearing Marine Green and then you'll have to practice protecting the Weserdeich. Ugh!

What kind of magazine does a man take on a long train ride? One of the popular men's magazines you say? There is a certain unmarried officer, 0-4 type, who drives a blue sports car, and who took along a copy of "Sailing" on a recent train trip. Did you check the brow on that sloop? Or is it the sloop on the brow? Or is it . . . Gad, I'm getting seasick.

I see the parking lot membership has changed again. I did think it was somewhat unusual that one of the junior chief petty officers moved way up on the line, while a large group of his seniors still find themselves parking somewhere out near the Weserdeich. How about that CTCR Phillip Kroll? How did you swing that, or perhaps it was a prize for selling the most ice cream? I don't mind parking out with the rest of the gang; I just don't like getting my feet wet when the tide is in.

Is it true that when many of the CT "R" Branchers were converted to new ratings, CTCR John "Tex" Berry put in a special request to change to a YDC? (YDC for all you Army readers is Yankee Drummer Chief.)

"Bon Voyage" to the Marines who are enroute to the United States for some kind of exercise that all say is somewhat useless . . . but then aren't most? Seems like a lot of them were at similar exercises before; aren't these exercises for those who haven't been to them before? How about that, Gunny?

Who was the loneliest guy in the Bachelor Officer Quarters during Easter when all the teachers were gone? I wouldn't want to say it dampened his spirits, but he was all grins when they returned. I understand he has his eye on a local English teacher. I'll give you a hint as to the identity of this guy: They named military payment certificates after him.

Would you believe the cost of laundry and dry cleaning in the Bremerhaven European Exchange System (EES) is more expensive than back in the world? Does that tell you something? Speaking of "wordly" prices, a grandfather clock starts out at around \$350 in the San Francisco and New York areas. Hummm-m.

DK2 Antonio Gumataotao and DKC Ely Bondoc have refused to leave Bremerhaven unless Margaret goes with them. I think we should start a "Save Margaret Fund."

The renovated EES Snack Bar is surely a nice gesture on the Army's part. I would have suggested they renew the grease though; it hasn't changed a bit. I wasn't surprised that CTA1 Douglas Katzenburger was the first Navyman to be served in the new facility; in fact, he probably ran over one of the CT "A" Branchers at Building 11 to get there.

The NCO Club must be saving money during the week. They have a band there which is loud to say the least. I can't say it's a good or a bad band — they have their gear up so loud it's impossible to tell! I do believe their British drummer should stay away from the mike and behind the drums. His jokes undoubtedly rocked 'em on the Ark.

Guess that is it for now. See you — I hope — next time.

## Miss Windjammer



Our Miss Windjammer for the month of May is the lovely Miss Cindy Perkins of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Bikini-clad and sporting a Florida tan, Cindy appears to enjoy her rocky perch.

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