

NSGA's Relocation Well Underway

Relocation operations are currently underway at NSGA Bremerhaven in preparation for the activity's deactivation later this year. According to Master Chief Communications Technician (T Branch) Albert As-tley, coordinator of the reloca-tion, "The transfer of the activi-ty's mission will take place sometime between now and Oct. 1. However, there will still be a number of personnel here until the end of December 1972."

Approximately 65 personnel are expected to still be on board on Dec. 1, with about one third of this number being logistics rather than operations person-nel. By mid-December, the number of personnel remaining is not expected to exceed 20.

In his statement of April 22, Captain John Jennings, com-manding officer, stated that the activity would be formally dis-established on June 30, but that "operations probably will con-tinue beyond that date." It is now certain that operations will be conducted beyond this date, and it is probable that formal disestablishment as a shore activ-ity will be postponed until the end of the year due to the diffi-culty in relocating the large amount of equipment and the number of personnel and de-pendents involved.

BEQ Furniture

Six vanloads of bachelor en-listed quarters (BEQ) furniture have been shipped from NSGA Bremerhaven barracks to the activity's detachment at Augsb-urg, Germany, in preparation for partial relocation to that area. The shipments included 100 sets of BEQ furnishings, with each set consisting of a bunk, mattress, locker, desk, chair, and table lamp.

A more visible result of the relocation has been the gradual disappearance of the activity's large antennas from the Staging Area. Approximately one third of the antennas have been taken down, and another third is expected to be removed by early July.

As of June 6, 240 personnel were on the enlisted waiting list for quarters at Augsburg. How-ever, NSGA Bremerhaven per-sonnel have priority on the list due to the need for rapid reloca-tion, and they are being as-signed higher rankings than they would normally receive.

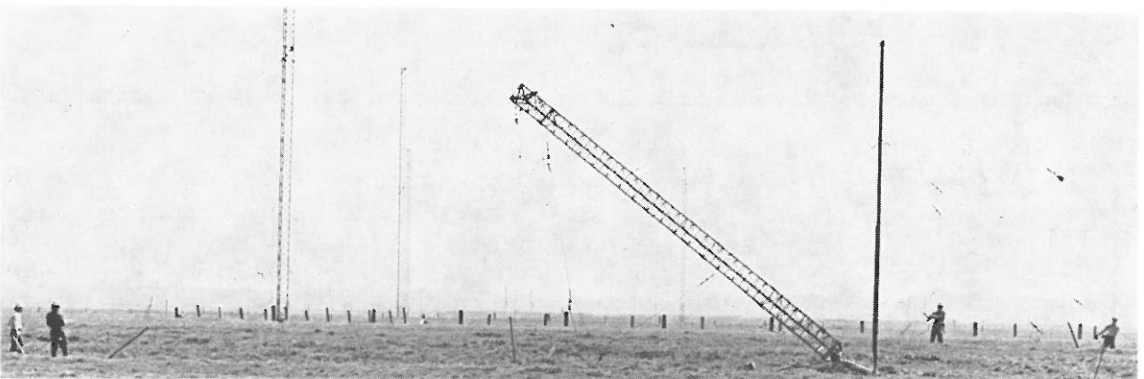
Personnel relocating to NSGA Edzell, Scotland, will probably experience delays in obtaining either on- or off-base housing. However, NSGA Bremerhaven has arranged for families of relocating members to remain in their Bremerhaven quarters while their sponsors seek hous-

ing at the new duty station. Whether families remaining here in such a status would be eligible to receive full commis-sary and exchange privileges is still under negotiation.

Limitation Lifted

A bright note for personnel and their families relocating to Edzell is that the 2,000-pound limitation on household goods shipments to that area has been waived for Bremerhaven fami-lies affected by the relocation. A relocating Navyman may now make a full household goods shipment of up to the nor-mal weight allowance for his pay grade. In most cases, this will amount to a difference of several thousand pounds.

To aid in the relocation of household goods to all locations, the Army's Household Goods Shipment Section has agreed to



GIANT KILLERS — Members of the Public Works Department lower a section of one of the ac-tivity's large antennas.

assign a pack-out date to NSGA Bremerhaven personnel, even though the individuals involved may not have received their permanent change of station orders. Previously, copies of

PCS orders were required be-fore a pack-out date could be assigned. However, personnel must still present copies of their orders to the Household Goods Office prior to the date

on which their shipment is to be packed.

Will Leave Bldg. 2

During October and Novem-ber NSGA Bremerhaven will leave Building 2, and by Dec. 1 the remaining personnel should be occupying only Building 11.

Buildings 9 and 13, which are currently being used as bach-elor enlisted quarters, will be turned over to the Army as soon as the personnel now liv-ing in them can be relocated.

According to Master Chief As-tley, "By December 31 there will be Captain Jennings, my-self, a table, two chairs, and a bottle remaining here. He'll en-dorse my orders, I'll sign his, we'll celebrate the new year, lock the door and leave."


NSGA Navy's Finalist In Travis Competition

The NSGA Bremerhaven "Windjammers" will be repre-senting all of the Navy in the eighth annual competition for the tri-service Travis Trophy it was announced by Rear Admi-ral C. G. Phillips, commander of the Naval Security Group Command last month. This an-nouncement followed one made in March which stated that the activity would be representing U.S. Navy, Europe.

The Travis Trophy has been awarded each year since 1964 to the security service unit judged to have made the most out-standing contribution during the calendar year preceding the year of selection.

Agencies participating in the competition include the Army Security Agency, the Air Force Security Service, and the Naval Security Group Command (which also encompasses Ma-rine Corps units).

The final selection for the award, which is based on ac-complishments in the areas of operations, administration, sci-entific achievement, manage-ment improvements, or special acts or services, will be made in September.



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

5 June 1972


TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF

U. S. NAVAL SECURITY GROUP ACTIVITY, BREMERHAVEN

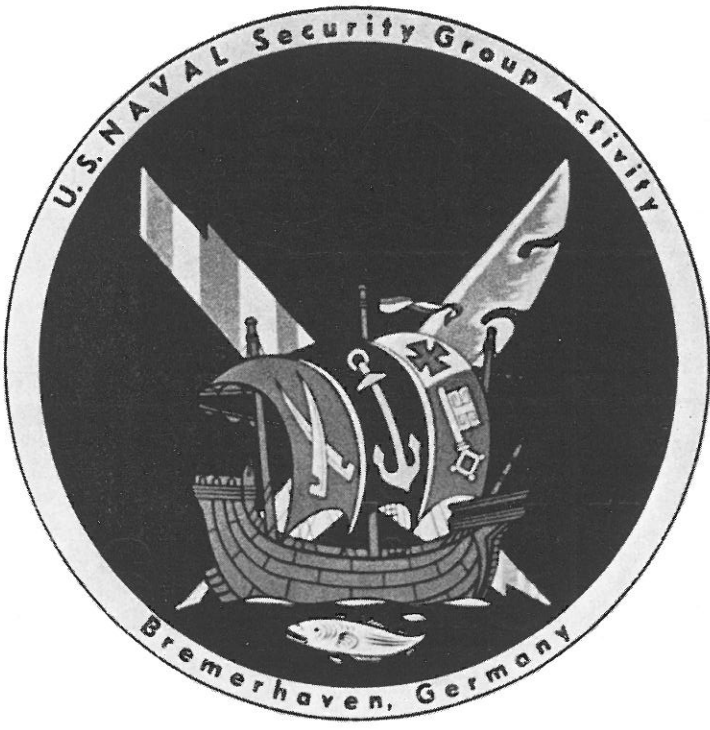
I should like to extend my thanks to you and your predecessors who for the past 27 years have contributed significantly to the Navy's portion of our own and our allies' defense.

As each of you prepares to carry out your orders to new assignments elsewhere around the globe, you can be certain that you leave behind a heritage of achievement with lasting impact on all our friends and fellow citizens, who owe a portion of their freedom directly to you.

Godspeed and best wishes for continued success in the challenging years to come.



E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
Admiral, U.S. Navy



Commanding Officer

Dates of Command

Captain John S. Jennings, USN	July 27, 1971 — Present
Captain James W. Osmer Jr., USN	July 16, 1968 — July 27, 1971
Captain William L. Burns, USN	November 9, 1966 — July 16, 1968
Captain Rodney A. Potolicchio, USN	July 2, 1964 — November 9, 1966
Commander Fred W. Hitz Jr., USN	July 19, 1961 — July 2, 1964
Commander Irving E. Willis, USN	June 1960 — July 19, 1961
Captain Allyn Cole Jr., USN	May 1, 1959 — June 1960
Captain Philip P. Leigh, USN	April 20, 1957 — May 1, 1959
Commander Michael B. Gillespie, USN	June 11, 1956 — April 20, 1957

NSGA Receives Farewell Messages...

CINCUSNAVEUR:

"It is never a pleasant experience for a coach to see the end of a season draw near when he has a winning team in front of him. But seasons do come to a close and can only be relived by consulting the record book. In this, the last edition of the *Windjammer*, I would like to add these words for the record:

"Over the past 27 years, both your professional and community relations contributions to the NAVEUR area have been exemplary. Your high standard of excellence has earned you an enviable reputation both in Europe and at home. As your Commander in Chief, I extend my heartiest well done, and I wish to emphasize that my staff and I stand ready to offer any assistance you may require in the regrettable duty of closing NAVSECGRUACT Bremerhaven.

Admiral W. F. Bringle, USN
Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe

COMNAVSECGRUCOM:

"The closing of your command marks the end of an era, an era of which all personnel who have served at NAVSECGRUACT Bremerhaven can be justifiably proud. NAVSECGRUACT Bremerhaven enjoys an excellent reputation within and without the cryptologic community and this could only have been acquired through the efforts of its personnel, both past and present. The selection of the Activity as the Naval Security Group Command's Travis Trophy nominee during the competition this year is indicative of the professional excellence and dedication to duty of the personnel assigned. Also noteworthy are the Activity's contributions in the area of community relations, especially vital in today's world. I wish to express my appreciation to all personnel who are currently serving or who have served at NAVSECGRUACT Bremerhaven for a job 'Well Done.' Again, thank you for your support and assistance, and may each of you always have fair winds and following seas."

Rear Admiral C. G. Phillips, USN
Commander, Naval Security Group Command

DIRNAVSECGRUEUR:

"The sad, somewhat unwelcome day of 30 June 1972 marks the end of an era, some 27 years of Naval Security Group tenure in Bremerhaven. Throughout the period, mission performance has been characterized by timely dependability with the inherent reliability so necessary for operational decisions by higher authority. This enviable consistent reputation was achieved by all assigned personnel, regardless of rate or billet. Although many of the assigned personnel will be going to other duty stations and some to civilian life, it is heartening to know that, as much of the mission relocation occurs, many of those same professionally dedicated personnel will move with it and sustain the undeniably reputable outstanding performance.

"We salute your predecessors and incumbents at Bremerhaven for a job Well Done, and wish All Hands all the best in their future."

Captain N. W. Craw, USN
Director, Naval Security Group, Europe

Oberburgermeister Selge:

In a recent letter to this activity, Oberbuergermeister Bodo Selge, Lord Mayor of Bremerhaven, lauded the fine relationship which has existed over the years between this command and the city's administration and population. Oberbuergermeister cited in particular the "understanding, confidence, and friendly association" that has existed, and concluded his letter with:

"We owe our thanks to all those who have left Bremerhaven due to general reorganization measures by the U.S. Department of Defense, or who will leave within a short period of time. I sincerely wish them luck and success wherever they will have to take over duties in a new field of operations; and I hope that they, like their predecessors, will hold their time in Bremerhaven as a pleasant memory, as we will also enjoy remembering them.

To All Hands

"A quote from 'Old Ironsides' or 'Casey At The Bat,' or maybe a verse of 'The boy stood on the burning deck . . .'? Writing an advance obituary is a tough task; all the more so if the writer is both among the condemned and a member of the firing squad. So I've decided not to write one.

"What I do want to say is thank you. Thanks for doing your job better than any other crew in the business. Thanks for putting up with all the crap during the past few months. (If there is one thing we're not good at, it's closing down.)

"For those who are moving on, you can show them how it's done. For those who are sticking it out, there is still plenty of wind in the Windjammers' sails. We will continue to work hard and enjoy life to the fullest."

Captain John S. Jennings, USN
Commanding Officer



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The Navy in Bremerhaven: 1945-1972

(Editor's Note: While this chronology deals in part with all naval activities in the Port City from the days of post-World War II occupation to the present, primary emphasis is placed on events relating to the Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven. The Windjammer is grateful for information provided by the historical section of the Naval Security Group Command, Washington, D.C., and the Public Affairs Division of the U.S. Forces Support District, Norddeutschland. Particularly valuable was the use of files containing back issues dating to 1947 of the local Army newspaper, "The Port Reporter.")

June 1, 1945 — The Naval Advance Base (NAB) is established under the command of Captain Harold R. Holcomb for the purpose of furnishing security for former German fighting craft tenders and merchant marine vessels tied up in Bremerhaven dock areas, operating the Weser River Patrol, and providing mine-sweeping training.

March 1, 1950 — A port office of the Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS) is opened with Commander Dillon R. McMullen commanding.

March 25, 1950 — The first volunteer Naval Reserve unit to be activated in an occupied country is activated under the command of Commander C. P. Oakes.

May 6, 1950 — Assistant Secretary of the Navy John T. Kohler arrives for a tour and inspection of NAB, the MSTS office, and the Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation (BPE) area.

June 29, 1951 — The Naval Security Group begins its first operations in Germany with the arrival of a team of five Communications Technicians, headed by CTAC W. E. Robinson, at Herzog Base. Later in the fall, the team moves to Bremerhaven and is attached to the 23rd Detachment of the 2nd Radio Squadron Mobile (RSM).

October 25, 1951 — Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball wraps up a tour of naval units in the European Command with a visit to NAB.

February 9, 1953 — The Naval Security Group Detachment, Naval Forces Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean (NSGDNELM), is established at Bremerhaven under an officer-in-charge. The detachment is composed of seven officers and 107 enlisted men, and is administratively and logistically subordi-

nate to NAB.

June 11, 1956 — The Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA), Bremerhaven, is established, with Commander Michael B. Gillespie commanding. The manpower allowance for the activity is 25 officers and 488 enlisted men.

September 1956 — A detachment of WAVES arrives for duty with NSGA Bremerhaven, and has the distinction of being the only WAVE detachment in Germany.

September 1956 — SK2 Edward C. White of NAB is selected as "Sailor of the Month," marking the first such award to be made by the Navy in Bremerhaven.

May 1, 1957 — NAB is closed, and the major portion of its buildings are turned over to the German Navy. The Army Port of Embarkation takes over full logistical support of naval forces in the area. It is around this time that a separate Navy group, a detachment of NSGA Bremerhaven, is established at Toden-

July 1, 1960 — NSGA Todendorf is established under an officer-in-charge.

October 2, 1960 — The history-making nuclear powered submarine USS Triton, under the command of Captain Edward L. Beach, arrives in Bremerhaven for a one-week visit at the invitation of the German Navy. An estimated 8,000 visitors turn out to see the submarine that made history by making a submerged circumnavigation of the globe (Feb.-May 1960), a distance of 41,519 nautical miles, in 84 days. The Triton is the first U.S. Navy submarine to visit the port since the end of World War II.

November 1961 — CT2 Nancy Halvorson of NSGA Bremerhaven becomes the first WAVE to be selected as "Sailor of the Month" in the Port City.

February 16, 1962 — Commander Frederick W. Hitz Jr., commanding officer of NSGA Bremerhaven, upon being informed of the critical nature of a violent storm that is pounding Bremerhaven, alerts all Navy personnel and orders needed facilities and equipment provided to the Army's Provost Marshal.

February 17, 1962 — With the storm still raging, Cdr Hitz details 25 Marines to the village of Schottwarden near Bremen, where earlier he had witnessed children attempting to scrape dirt from the ground to fill sandbags. The Marines,

with trucks, haul sand and fill sandbags. Forming a line with members of the German Army, they help to prevent a major disaster.

July 4, 1962 — NSGA Bremerhaven sends a color guard to Aalborg, Denmark, to participate in annual Danish-American Independence Day celebrations. Giving an address at the celebration is former Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

May 1964 — CT2 W. G. Waggett is awarded a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond for submitting the winning entry in a contest for designing a station insignia for NSGA Bremerhaven.

July 11, 1964 — Under Secretary of the Navy Paul B. Fay Jr. visits NSGA Bremerhaven and the MSTS Port Office during a tour of naval installations in Europe.

July 1, 1965 — The headquarters of the Navy's Military Sea Transportation Service, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean (MSTSELM), under the command of Captain Charles M. Cassel Jr., are moved from London to Bremerhaven.

February 18, 1966 — Eric J. Heiss, son of CWO Earl J. Heiss of the Army Terminal Command, becomes the first man to be enlisted into the Navy by the NSGA Bremerhaven Recruiting Office.

April 1966 — CT1 William E. Griffith becomes the first NSGA Bremerhaven sailor to reenlist under the newly-established Variable Reenlistment Bonus program, receiving a total bonus of \$7,575.

April 17, 1968 — Marking a "first" for NSGA Bremerhaven, and possibly the Navy, the triplet daughters of an Air Force master sergeant are enlisted into the WAVES. The new recruits are Andrea, Claudia, and Jessica Mahin, daughters of MSgt Lynn Mahin of the 1946th Communications Squadron, Berlin.

December 1968 — Volume I, Number 1 of the Bremerhaven Windjammer is published under the editorship of JO2 Leslie Goldberg.

October 1969 — The Navy in Bremerhaven gets its own radio program, "The Eve Watch," on AFN Bremerhaven. Catering to easy listening music, the program is hosted by CT1 William Remsing.

August 1, 1970 — Through a name

change, MSTSELM becomes the Military Sealift Command, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean (MSCELM).

May 1, 1971 — DK1 Robert E. Blair, receiving a meritorious advancement to DKC, becomes the first NSGA Bremerhaven sailor to be so advanced.

July 20-23, 1971 — Eleven NSGA Bremerhaven sailors journey to Nijmegen, the Netherlands, to take part in the 55th annual four-day Nijmegen Marches with over 14,000 marchers from 25 other countries.

October 4, 1971 — Secretary of the Navy John H. Chafee arrives in Bremerhaven for a tour of the facilities of NSGA Bremerhaven and MSCELM. While here, he addresses the Navy community at the Radio City Theater.

January 24, 1971 — A contingent of Bremerhaven Navymen and Marines arrive in Copenhagen to march in the funeral procession for the late King Frederik IX of Denmark. Consisting of 20 NSGA Bremerhaven sailors, two from MSCELM, and five Marines of the Company "F" Marine Support Battalion; the group is the sole participating U.S. Military contingent. Heading the marchers is LCDr Robert Riker of NSGA Bremerhaven.

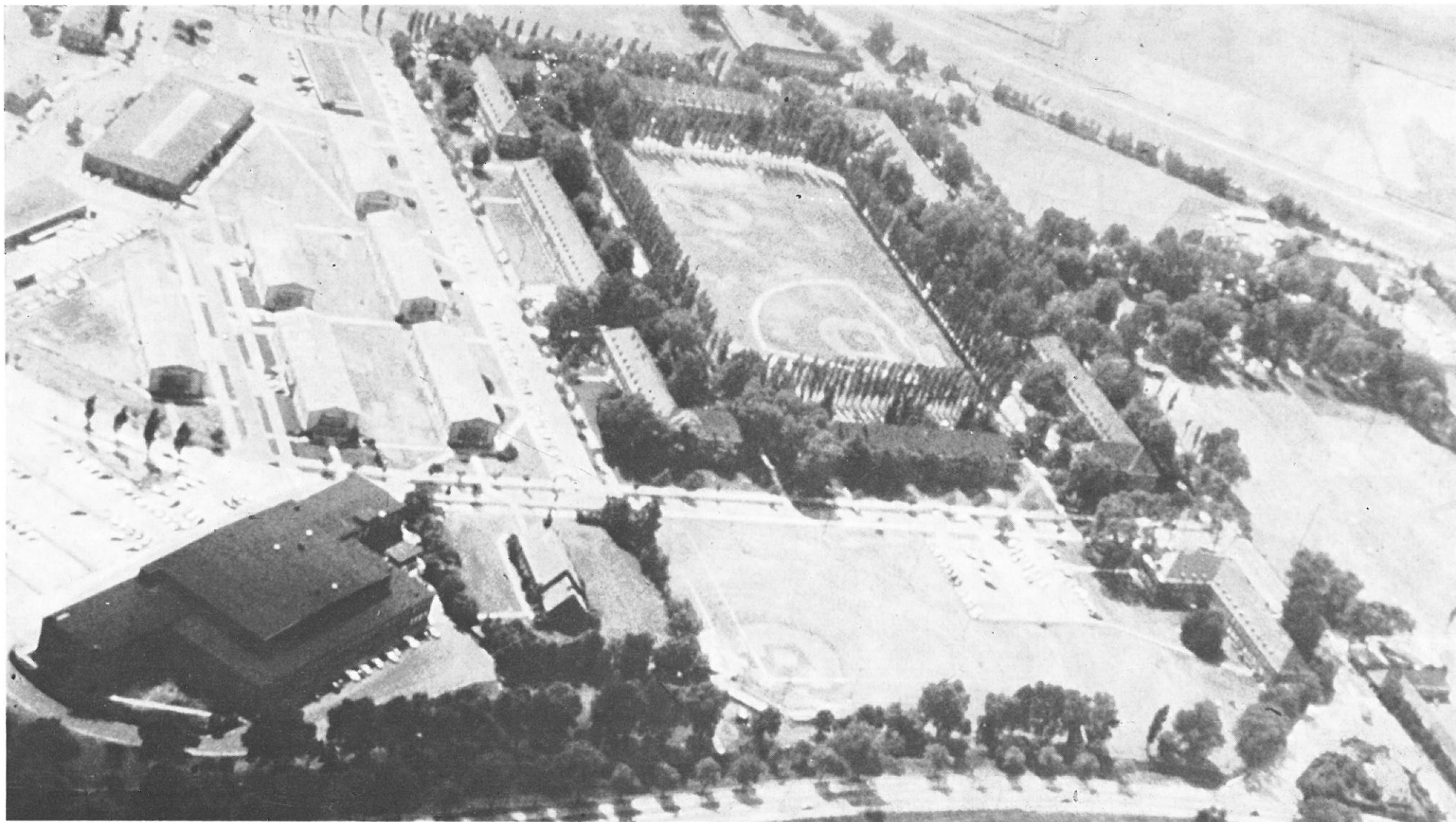
February 3, 1972 — NSGA Bremerhaven receives a message from Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt commending the contingent to King Frederik's funeral, and stating that their performance was "a moving and effective tribute to the Kingdom of Denmark and a service to the United States."

March 1972 — NSGA Bremerhaven is selected to represent European Naval Forces in the eighth annual competition for the Travis Trophy.

April 22, 1972 — Following months of rumors that NSGA Bremerhaven will be deactivated, Captain John S. Jennings, commanding officer, announces that the activity will be disestablished.

May 1972 — The NSGA Bremerhaven "Windjammers" are picked by the commander of the Naval Security Group Command as the Navy's finalist in Travis Trophy competition with the Army and the Air Force, a fitting culmination of 20 years of Naval Security Group operations.

December 31, 1972 — The U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven, Germany, will haul down the flag.



Staging Area, Bremerhaven, Germany

NSGA's Leading Chief Here in 1951

For Master Chief Communications Technician (T Branch) Albert Astley, the disestablishment this month of NSGA Bremerhaven holds special significance. A veteran of over 26 years of naval service, Master Chief Astley was one of the first Communications Technicians to be stationed at Bremerhaven.

When he arrived here in August of 1951, he had no way of knowing that five years later a naval security group activity would be formed in the Port City that would eventually become the Navy's largest such installation in the world. Nor did he suspect, when he left Bremerhaven in 1953, that he would return 18 years later to serve at that activity and see it disestablished a year after his arrival.

If anyone can claim to be a "plank owner" of NSGA Bremerhaven, it is Master Chief Astley, for it was as a direct result of the work conducted by him and his shipmates during the early fifties that the activity was established in 1956.

In the following paragraphs, Chief Astley, who is now the command's senior enlisted advisor and relocation coordinator, describes how life was for an American sailor and his family living in Bremerhaven two decades ago.

By CTTCM Albert Astley

When I arrived here in 1951, the Navy was organized in the form of the Navy Advance Base and was located in what is now the German Marineschule or "Navy School." At that time, our small group of Communications Technicians worked in an old clock tower there that has since been removed. We had a small operating area in the top of the tower, and we strung our antennas out across the various buildings.

The Navy Advance Base also maintained the Weser River Patrol, the Rhine River Patrol, and other operations which the German Navy could not participate in at that time. The Navy occupied the entire Marineschule in those days. We had our own Navy Exchange, an outstanding mess hall, and our chapel was located in that portion of the building that is just above the main gate where you drive in. That same building also housed a library and a small dispensary, and the Navy also had its own fire house in the Marineschule.

In early 1953, the Air Force Security Service and the Naval Security Group began joint operations in what we now know as Building 2. Prior to that time, the building had been used as the AFN Bremerhaven radio station. In a joint project with the Army and the Air Force, the Navy renovated the building, built the present antenna farm, and commenced operations later in 1953.

Many "GenSer" Ratings

There were many more Navy personnel of the General Service ratings stationed here until the Naval Security Group people began to arrive in large numbers. I recall a July 4 picnic in 1953, and there were probably about 100 CTs and their families there. The majority of the personnel of the Advance Base were in General Service ratings.

The Army Commissary was located in the same location as it is now, and the Army hospital was at the same location. In those days the entire hospital was in use, rather than the relatively small portion being utilized today. The Army's Post Exchange was adjacent to the

Marineschule.

The service club in those days for the Army and Air Force was called the "Windy Corner Service Club". Today, if you go all the way through the Marineschule, clear to the very end by the Weser River, you can see a building with a painted sign still visible on it that reads "Windy Corner Service Club".

The Navy used to be very generous with regard to that club. We'd go down and drink all the Army and Air Force coffee, eat their doughnuts, and use their pool tables. We contributed a tremendous amount of time in using the facilities if nothing else.

The Navy used the gasthaus at the Buergerpark for their club. It had a small Chiefs' Lounge, and the downstairs portion which is rented to the services now quite a bit, was the Navy Club. And it was the most popular club in the area; we used to have a \$1,000 Bingo Night once a month and also many other social functions. The majority of all of the social functions for the Navy enlisted men were at the Buergerpark.

Occupation

The Army completely controlled the port in those days, the closing days of occupation, and they were primarily concerned with the importation and exportation of people and equipment to satisfy the NATO commitments made by our government. One policy that prevailed during occupation was that you had to wear a military uniform at all times. My wife and I lived within a short walk of the commissary, and I would have to put on my dress blues just to buy a loaf of bread. They were quite firm about enforcing this policy too!

We used to find ways to get around this rule by playing tricks on the MPs. We would put on a peacoat and a watch cap

main civilian economy then was located on Hafenstrasse.

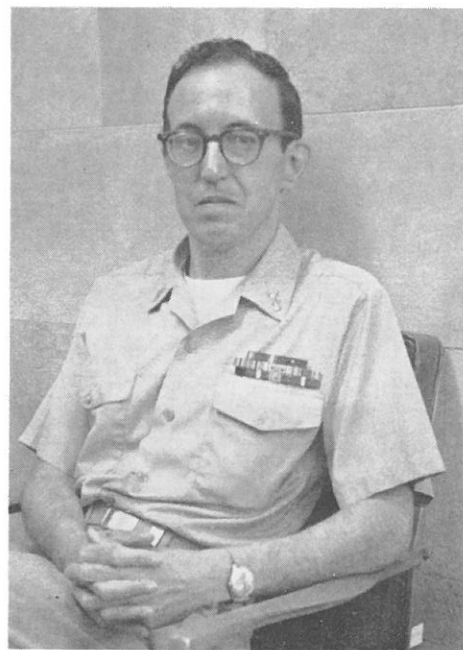
For the average German on the local economy, there were many shortages. Coffee for example, a favorite of the Germans, was extremely expensive. As a result of its high desirability, coffee was an outstanding black market item for people who engaged in that sort of thing. It was quite easy to have what I'll call "good liberty" for a pound of coffee or a carton of cigarettes.

Most of the items purchased on the economy by Americans were cuckoo clocks, 400-day clocks, old silver and heirlooms. If a person had been over here in those days and wanted to start an antique business, he would have been inundated with the assortment of items available. This was because many Germans were forced to sell priceless family heirlooms just so that they might survive. They were suffering tremendous economic pressures, and the German government was unable to supply jobs. Due to these circumstances and an exchange rate of four marks to the dollar, prices were extremely good for servicemen.

No Shortages

There were no shortages for the American serviceman. The commissary had much the same type of rationing situation as exists today, with only so many pounds of coffee per month for each adult. Cigarettes were also rationed then as now; liquor was readily available, and there was no shortage of food in the commissary. Perhaps we didn't always have reliable refrigeration or the good repetitive type of fresh vegetables that we have now; but as for shortages, there were none.

Automobile travel in those times was extremely good. Germans who owned cars were in one of two categories: mad-



CTTCM Albert Astley

a milestone for the family man. Aside from that, it was my wife's first tour overseas, or outside the States for that matter. While we were here, we made use of every available opportunity to travel (even on the very low First Class pay of that time). This was our first, and we thought our only, chance to see Europe; to see what it was like and what the people were like. And I think that aside from beginning our family here, it was our first opportunity to discover what it is like to live in a military community as a family. We were able to have a look at the many military programs available for the serviceman and his family. Coming back here now we found even more of an emphasis on programs for the young and the single man.

Every tour has its memories, good and bad, but our son being born here was the most memorable instance for us. Secondly, of course, the traveling.

Another thing that I recall from my previous tour was the interservice rivalry that existed at that time. During the tough football season of 1951, a Navy team from the Advance Base won the European championship from the Army. This was most heartwarming, because if you think the Army is large in number now, you should have seen Bremerhaven then. The Army outnumbered the Navy many times over.

And the Navy, even in those days, maintained its "esprit de corps" and "Can Do" attitude. In all sports, the Navy followed its team with the utmost of vigor, and when they won a lot of the Army's enthusiasm was dampened.

Same People Here Now

I have noticed some of the same people here now who were here during my previous tour. There is an old German gentleman working in the Army Family Housing office, and I feel very strongly that he is the same fellow that checked me out of my government quarters back in 1953.

Since our return to Bremerhaven, my wife and I have tried to look up a few Germans whose names we remember; we haven't been too successful. We've driven through the cities many times, and noted the many, many changes. And we've found many of the places that we used to visit.

As far as being able to go back and shake hands with a fellow I knew 20 years ago, there has been one such instance. My wife and I returned to a shop down on Hafenstrasse where we used to purchase china, and both of us recognized the shopkeeper as being the same gentleman who sold us china previously.

He was totally amazed that we would remember him after all these years, and after we had described ourselves to him, I believe he even remembered me — I used to be continually "poor" from buying china from him.

He is one of the few shopkeepers that we have returned to after 20 years and found in the same business, in the same shop. And we're still buying china from him.



MARINESCHULE—Pictured here is a portion of the German Marineschule (Navy School) as it looks today. The buildings within the compound housed the U.S. Navy Advance Base from 1945 until 1957 when the base was returned to the German Navy. Some of the Naval Security Group's first operations in Germany were conducted here in 1951.

or flathead, and underneath might be a very gaudy sport shirt and a pair of slacks. When you were driving down the street, you looked like a very squared away sailor to the MPs.

There was one situation in which you were allowed to wear civilian clothes, and that was if you were involved in a sports program. Those fellows who were sports-minded were always very careful to keep their golf clubs or bowling bag in their car. If a fellow was apprehended for driving around in nonmilitary attire, he could use the excuse that he was on the way to a sports program. In addition, there were two exits from the Marineschule, a Navy gate and an Army gate. If you couldn't get out through the Navy gate in civilian clothes, there was always the Army gate.

In the early fifties, Bremerhaven still showed scars from the bombing suffered during World War II. If you were standing by the old clock church down on Hafenstrasse and looked back through the field, it was very grim and isolated, with just a few tall buildings standing. Of course, a lot of the rubble had been cleared away in the five years or so since 1945.

Civilian Economy

The main street in Bremerhaven was Hafenstrasse. Oh there was the beginning of Horten's Department Store on Buergermeister-Smidt-Strasse and the Buergermeister-Smidt-Platz, but the

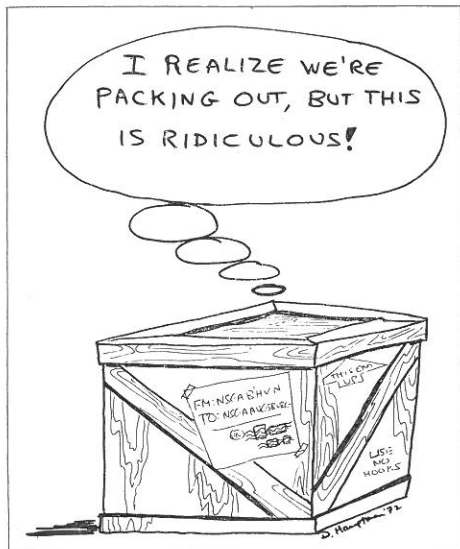
driving taxi drivers in Volkswagens, or the very rich in the few Mercedes that had been built since the war. The Americans had the majority of the cars on European roads, and particularly in Germany. In those days there were hundreds of thousands of bicycles on the roads, and the main people who obstructed traffic were the Americans in their cars. You could drive to Hamburg on the autobahn and only see perhaps a dozen autos, most of which belonged to Americans.

There were few hardships incurred by American families here in the early fifties. I think the housing was a bit better then than we have now. Most of the people lived near the commissary or down near the Hauptbahnhof in apartments which were much larger than we have now. Some of the senior enlisted men and many of the officers lived over in the Buergerpark area in commandeer homes.

In fact, I think things were much more pleasant in those days: You received a better deal on the economy for your dollar, there were better living conditions because there weren't the masses of people you have now, and driving and sightseeing conditions were much better.

Son Born Here

I think that the most memorable aspect of my tour at that time was that our oldest son was born here. This is always



A Salute To Our Civilian Employees

Danke Schoen

Auf Wiedersehen

The Windjammer, on behalf of all NSGA Bremerhaven Navy and Marine Corps personnel, would like to take this opportunity to salute the many civilian employees who have faithfully served the activity in the past and continue to do so today.

Forty-four civilians are presently employed by NSGA Bremerhaven. Of this number, 37 work directly for the Navy, while the remainder work at the Army Mess Hall but are paid by this activity.

The 10 employees whose pictures appear on this page have completed a combined total of over 253 years of service with the U.S. Forces. Each has com-



Erich Schich

The employee with the longest record of unbroken service is Erich Schich, who has served the Navy in Bremerhaven for over 27 years. Presently serving as a storekeeper with the NSGA Bremerhaven Supply Department, Herr Schich began his government service on June 15, 1945, working for the Navy Advance Base here. He has been employed by NSGA Bremerhaven since the spring of 1957 when the Navy Advance Base closed.

To all of our civilian employees, whether they have been with us for 27 years or three months, we extend our best wishes for the future and our gratitude for a job well done.



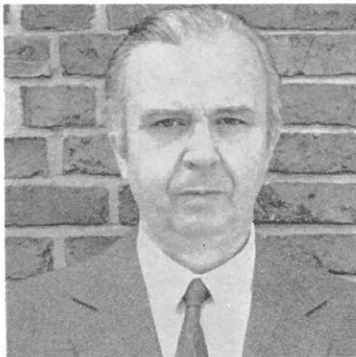
Hans Wienholz

Herr Wienholz first began his employment with the U.S. Forces in Bremerhaven on April 2, 1946. He has served the Navy here since January of 1953, and he joined NSGA Bremerhaven on Jan. 27, 1957. He is presently employed as a carpenter in the NSGA Carpenter Shop.



Dietrich Warnke

Herr Warnke, who is currently serving as supervisor of general engineering with the Public Works Department, began serving the U.S. Forces on Sept. 11, 1945. He now has a total of 26 years, 9 months service, and has been with NSGA Bremerhaven since June of 1965.



Werner Lammert

Presently serving as purchasing agent with the NSGA Bremerhaven Supply Department, Herr Lammert first began serving the U.S. Forces back in November of 1945. A veteran of 26 years and 7 months of government service, he was first employed by the Navy in 1954 and joined NSGA on April 1, 1957.



Kurt Rolle

Having now completed a total of 26 years, 4 months, of service, Herr Rolle has served the U.S. Forces and the Navy since Feb. 14, 1946. He has been employed by NSGA Bremerhaven since July of 1957, and is the club manager of the U.S. Navy Commissioned Officers Open Mess.



Waldemar Breitschuh

Herr Breitschuh is presently serving as the supervisor of the NSGA Bremerhaven Motor Pool. His employment with the U.S. Forces and the Navy in Bremerhaven began on April 27, 1946. He began working for NSGA in May of 1957.



Helga Nordmann

Presently employed as an accounting technician with the NSGA Bremerhaven Supply and Fiscal Department, Frau Nordmann began her government service with the Bremerhaven U.S. Forces on Oct. 1, 1946. She has served the Navy and NSGA Bremerhaven since June 1, 1971.



Herbert Hasselbach

Herr Hasselbach has served the U.S. Forces in Bremerhaven since Dec. 27, 1948. He began his employment with the Navy and NSGA in August of 1971, and is currently working as a cost accounting technician with the NSGA Bremerhaven Public Works Department.



Friedrich Berlin

Currently employed as a supply clerk with the NSGA Bremerhaven Supply Department, Herr Berlin began his employment with the Bremerhaven U.S. Forces on Sept. 2, 1948. He first began working for the Navy and NSGA Bremerhaven in May of 1970.



Bernhard Ebeling

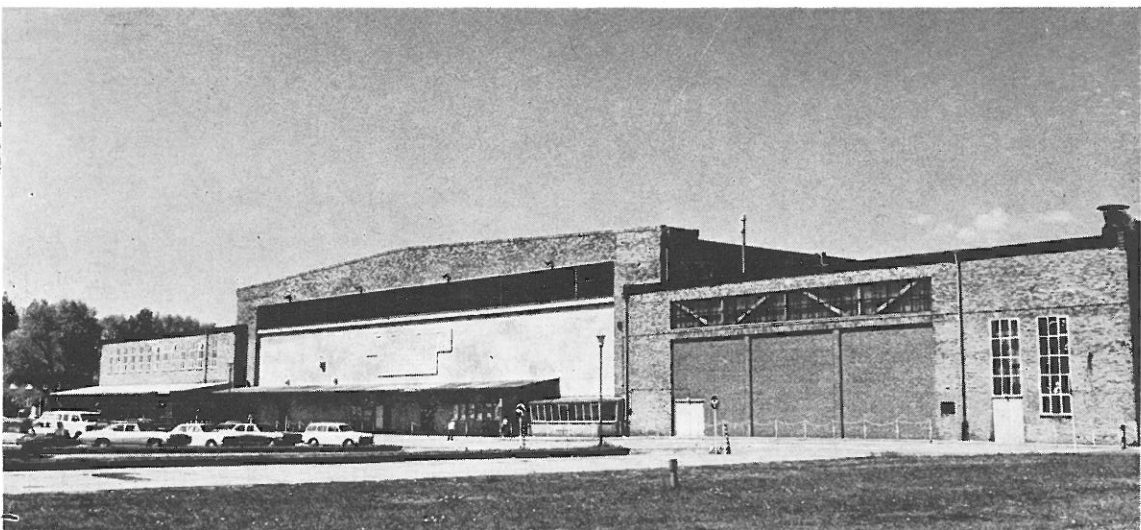
Herr Ebeling began serving the U.S. Forces in Bremerhaven on Christmas Day 1950. His employment with the Navy began in August of 1952, and he joined NSGA on May 1, 1957. At the present time, he is serving as the budget and accounting supervisor with the NSGA Bremerhaven Supply and Fiscal Department.

Employee:	Date Employment Began		
	With US Forces:	With Navy:	With NSGA:
Heinrich Puckhaber	January 1946	May 1957	May 1957
Otto Ruediger	July 1947	May 1957	May 1957
Erhard Gottschalk	November 1952	May 1957	May 1957
Emil Singer	November 1952	May 1957	May 1957
Heinrich Hoppen	July 1957	January 1972	January 1972
Kurt Jugel	May 1958	May 1958	May 1958
Silke Krabbenhoef	March 1963	July 1966	July 1966
Marianne Fuellmich	June 1963	September 1966	September 1966
Wolfgang Schnaars	October 1963	October 1963	October 1963
Guenther Werft	June 1964	June 1964	June 1964
Heinrich Stuve	April 1967	April 1967	April 1967
Traute Zimmermann	May 1967	May 1967	May 1967
Maria Wittig	September 1967	October 1969	October 1969
Helmut Steiger	June 1968	June 1968	June 1968
Hermann Ney	August 1968	August 1968	August 1968
Renate Mehlinger	October 1968	October 1968	October 1968
Heinrich Hedenkamp	May 1969	May 1969	May 1969
Rolf Naminowski	June 1969	June 1969	June 1969
Jutta Lenzen	August 1969	August 1969	August 1969
Anke Obermair	May 1970	October 1970	October 1970
Angelica Schultz	September 1970	September 1970	September 1970
Margaret Hoenicke	November 1970	November 1970	November 1970
Albert Mai	January 1971	January 1971	January 1971
Manfred Lerke	March 1971	March 1971	March 1971
Hermann Holstein	May 1971	May 1971	May 1971
Frieda Siedler	April 1971	April 1971	April 1971
Henriette Flemming	August 1971	August 1971	August 1971
Lianne Huebner	March 1972	March 1972	March 1972
Maximo Pascua	April 1972	April 1972	April 1972
(The following employees first began their employment on the dates indicated, but have had periods of broken service.)			
Eva Harsleben	February 1946	September 1970	September 1970
Ilse Latzek	April 1948	January 1971	January 1971
Gerda Heinrich	December 1952	October 1970	October 1970
Anna-Elisabeth Eckstein	July 1957	July 1970	July 1970
Maria Weber	May 1965	October 1971	October 1971

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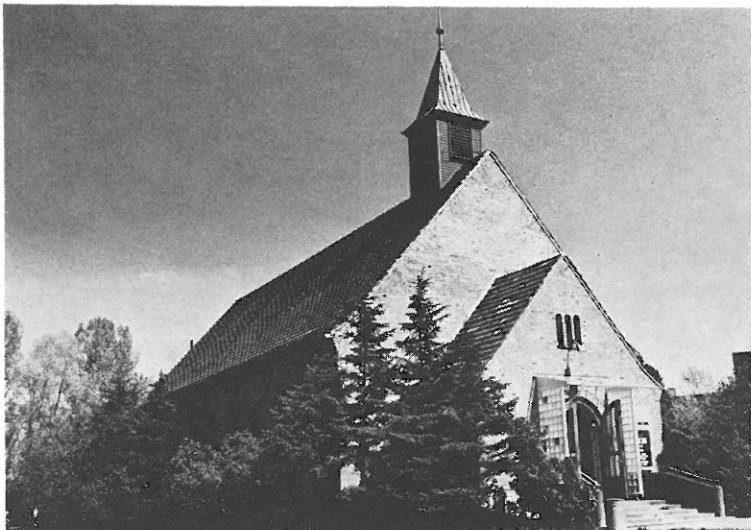
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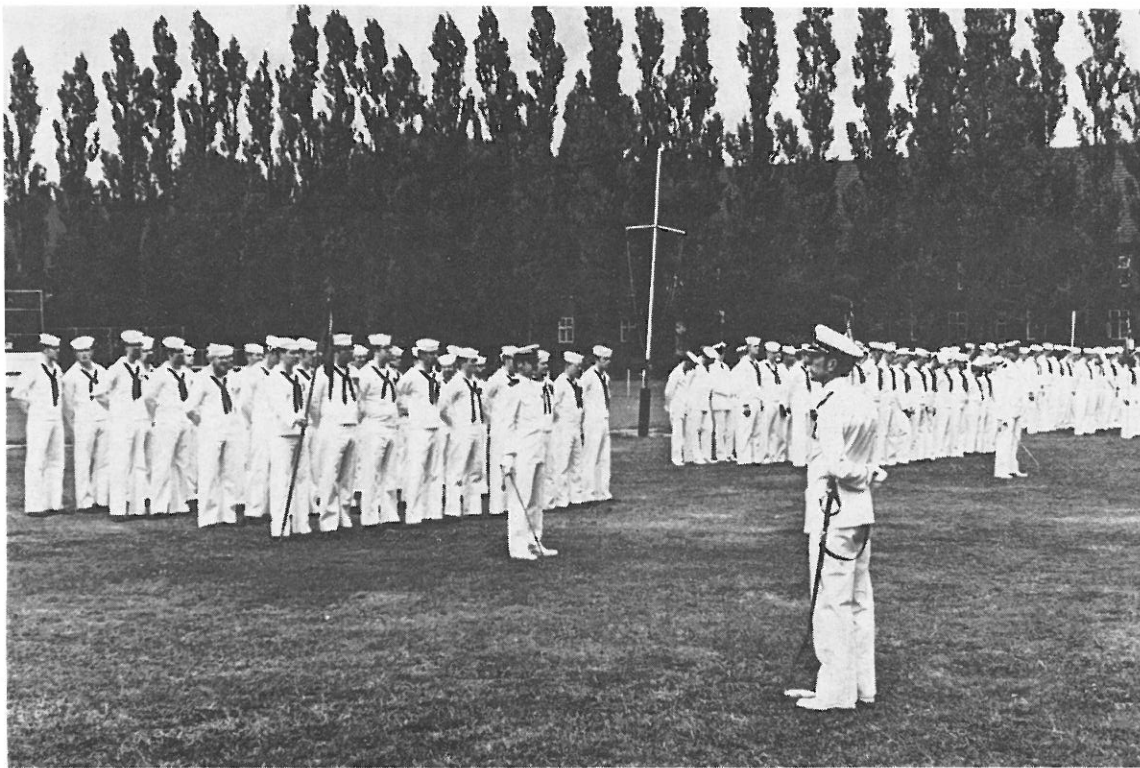
U.S. Army 2nd Field Hospital



Staging Area Chapel



Speckenbuettel Chapel



Quadrangle Field with NSGA Bremerhaven in formation



American Forces Network, Bremerhaven

NSGA Bremerhaven Sports 1957-1972

Accurate records of the Navy's sports participation in Bremerhaven prior to the past two or three years are about as plentiful as dinosaurs. Consequently, in compiling this brief summary of athletic kudos, it was necessary to blow away the dust from the trophies in the activity's showcases and piece together the scanty information preserved there. However, even the most "ancient" of trophies dates only to 1957, so that is where we have begun our chronology:

1957-58 — Navy takes the championship in the U.S. Army Port of Embarkation, Bremerhaven, (USARPEB) company-level basketball competition.

1958-59 — The Bravo Section "Blue jackets" become the Bremerhaven company-level basketball champs. That season a Navy All-Star team also wrapped up the USARPEB battalion-level basketball championship.

1960-61 — During this season, two Navy teams take the top two slots in the USARPEB company-level basketball competition: the "Bluejackets" take the champion-

ship, while the "Sparks" are the runner-up team.

1961-62 — Alfa Section has the runner-up team in Navy League basketball.

1962 — A Navy team takes third place in a USARPEB Shooting Festival.

1962-63 — The USARPEB company-level basketball championship goes to a Navy team.

1964 — Runner-up team in the Army-Navy League basketball championship is a Navy team called the "Bowstains" (Could it be that the engraver misspelled "Boatswains"?)

1965-66 — The Navy takes second place in the U.S. Army Terminal Command, Europe (USATCEUR) company-level basketball competition.

1966 — This was the year that the Navy organized its Captain's Cup sports program. The Captain's Cup awards immediately follow the other listings.

1966 — The Navy "Mariners" win the USATCEUR company-level softball tournament, and a Navy team takes second place in USAT-

CEUR company-level flag football competition.

1966-67 — The Navy "Pirates" take the USATCEUR company-level basketball league championship, while the "Mariners" win the USATCEUR Port Basketball Tournament.

1967 — Bravo Section takes third place in USATCEUR flag football competition.

1967-68 — Alfa and Bravo Sections take second and third places respectively in USATCEUR basketball competition.

1968 — Navy teams take the top three places in USATCEUR flag football play, and Bravo Section has the team that wins the USATCEUR Volleyball Championship.

1969 — NSGA Todendorf takes the Port City Softball title, and goes on to win the regional Theater Army Support Command (TASCOM) tournament. These are only preliminaries to "the really big one" when they walk away with the U.S. Army, Europe (USAR-EUR) softball championship.

March 1970 — The Charlie Section "Chargers" take the Port

City Basketball Championship.

April 1970 — A Navy bowling team journeys to Berlin for a German-American friendship tournament and comes back with the team trophy. The Navy "Buccaneers" basketball team travels to Denmark to play Danish basketball teams in international play. They win three, lose three, of the six games played.

August 1970 — NSGA Todendorf takes the regional TASCOM Softball Tournament for the second year in a row.

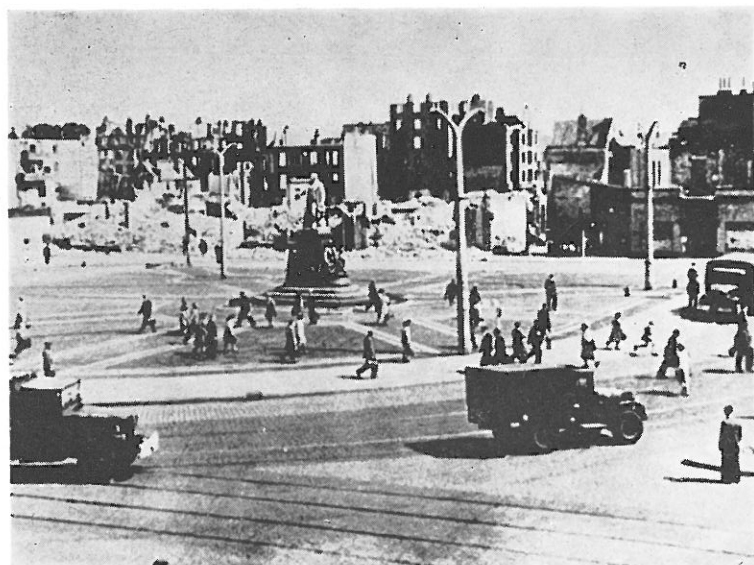
March 1971 — Bravo Section wins the Port City Basketball Championship.

Captain's Cup

During the six years that Captain's Cup sports competition has existed at NSGA Bremerhaven, one section, the Day Workers, have taken the annual trophy on three separate occasions. The trophy has been awarded as follows: 1966-67, Delta Section; 1967-68, Officers-CPOs; 1968-69, Day Workers; 1969-1970, Day Workers; 1970-71, Bravo Section; and 1971-72, Day Workers.

Bremerhaven: How It Looked in 1945

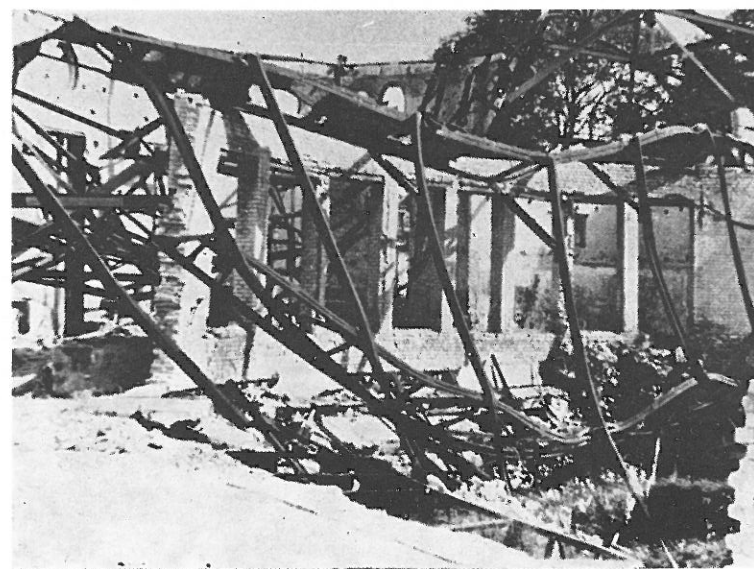
Photos Courtesy of
the Bremerhaven Stadtbildstelle



Theodor-Heuss-Platz



Lloydstrasse looking south toward the radar tower and the old lighthouse.



Ruins of the old Stadttheater.



Theodor-Heuss-Platz from doorway of the old Stadttheater.

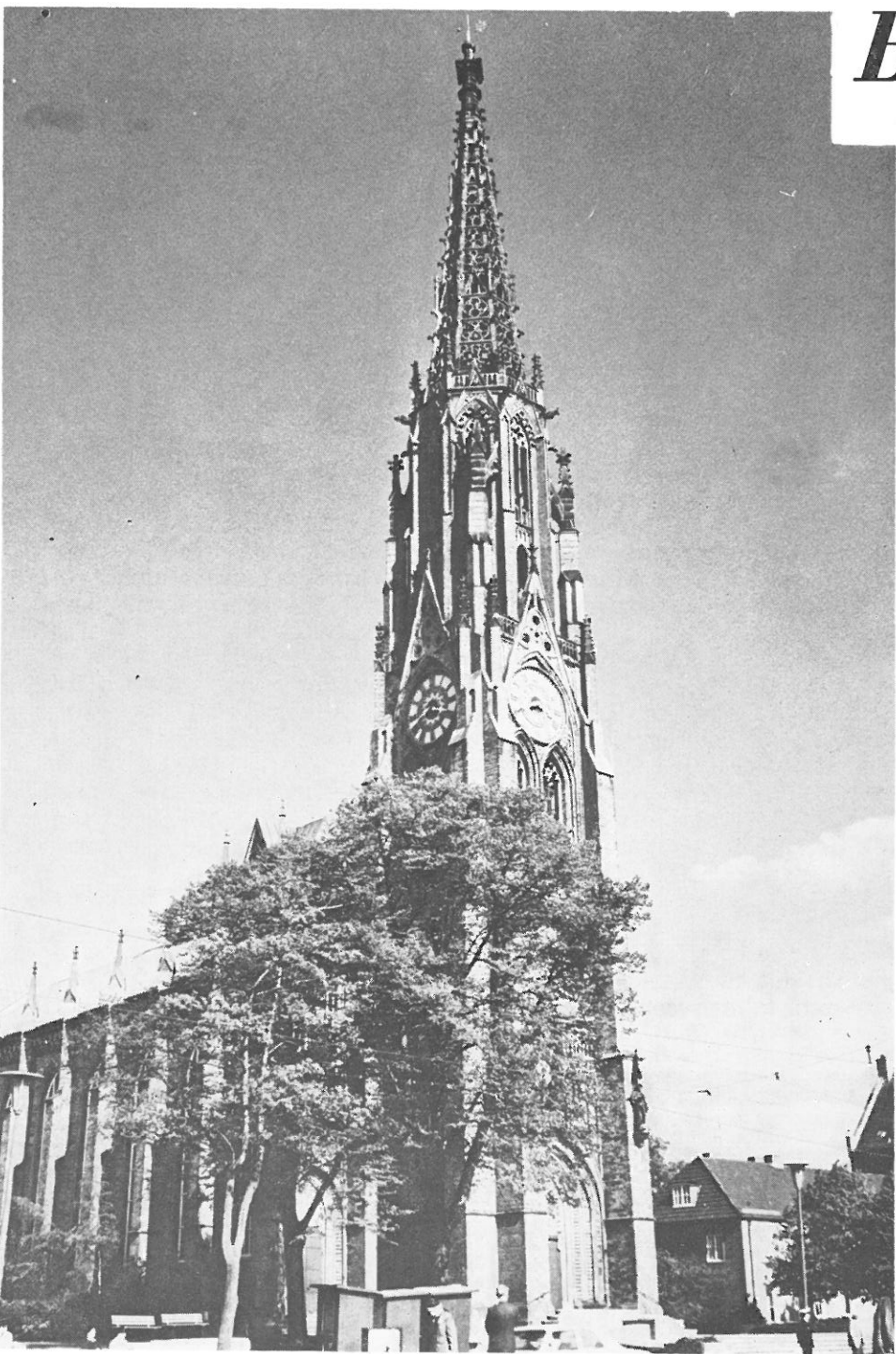


The "Grosse Kirche"

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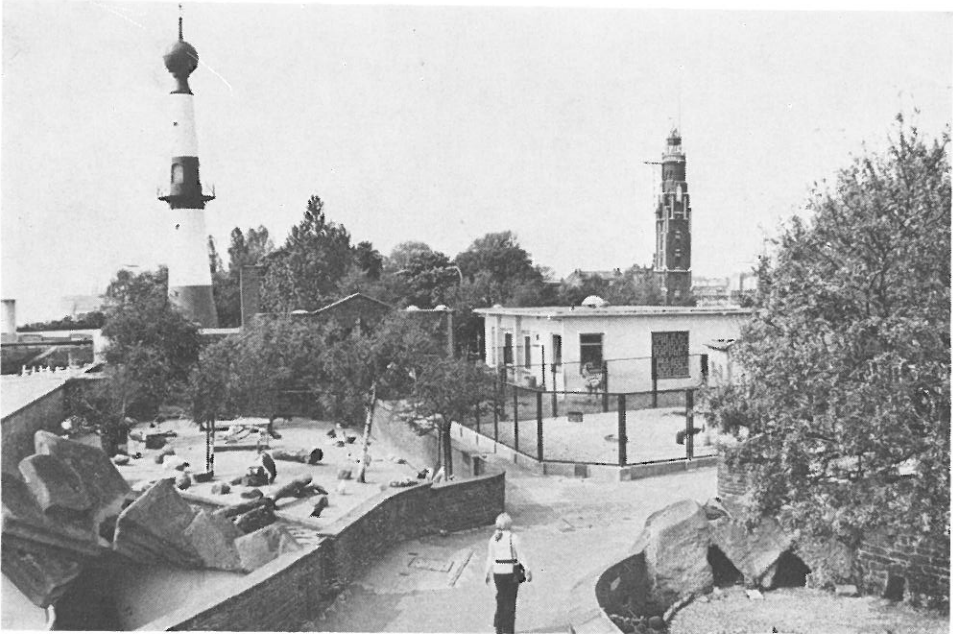
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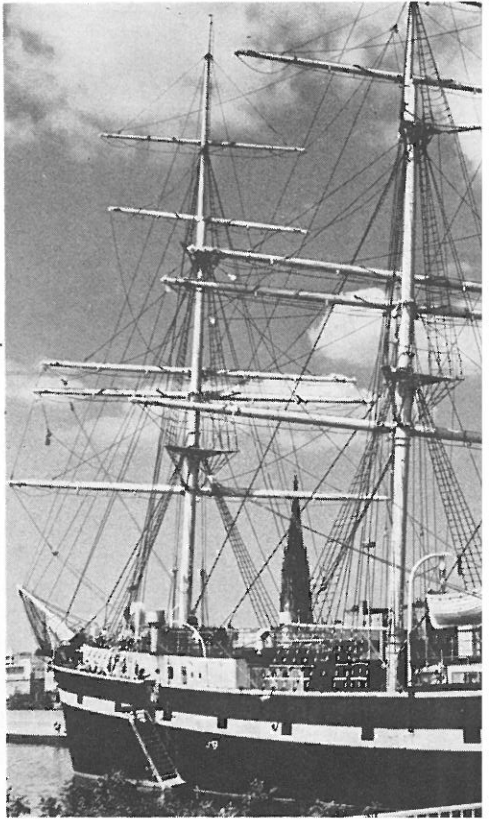
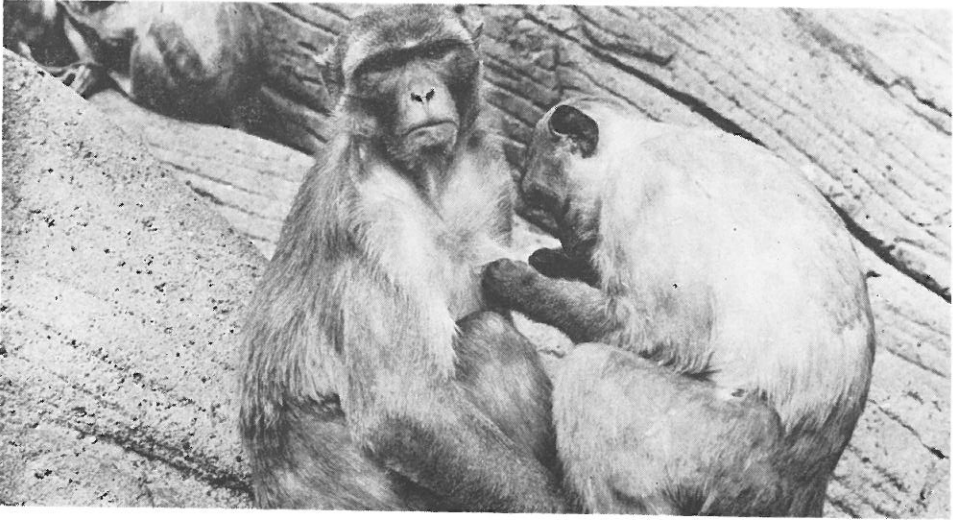
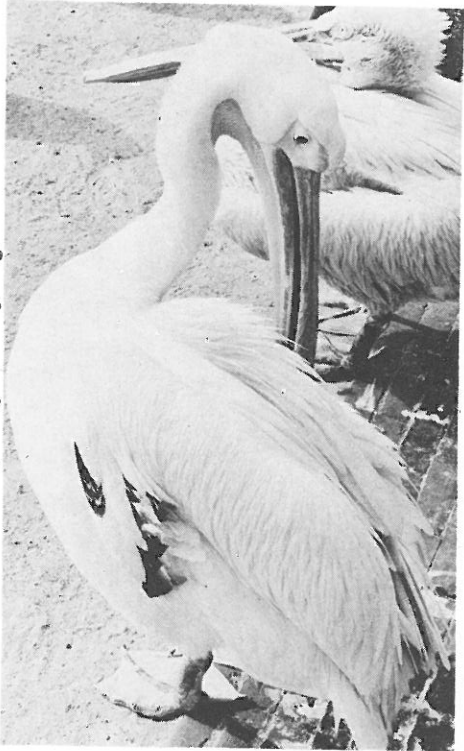
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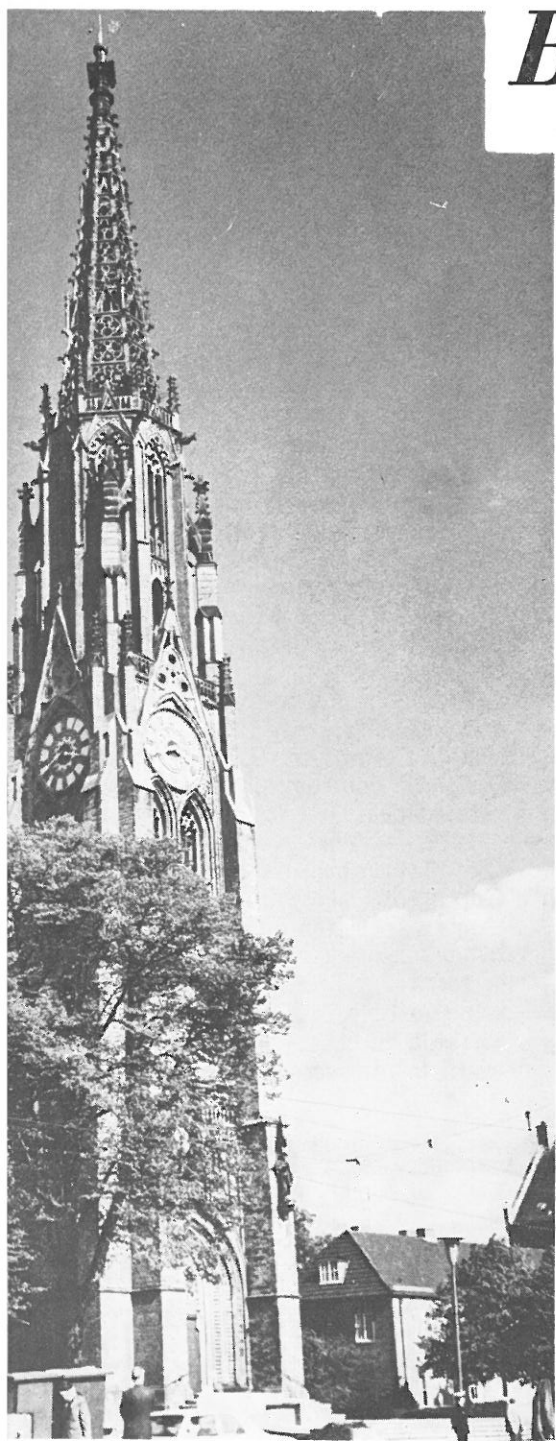


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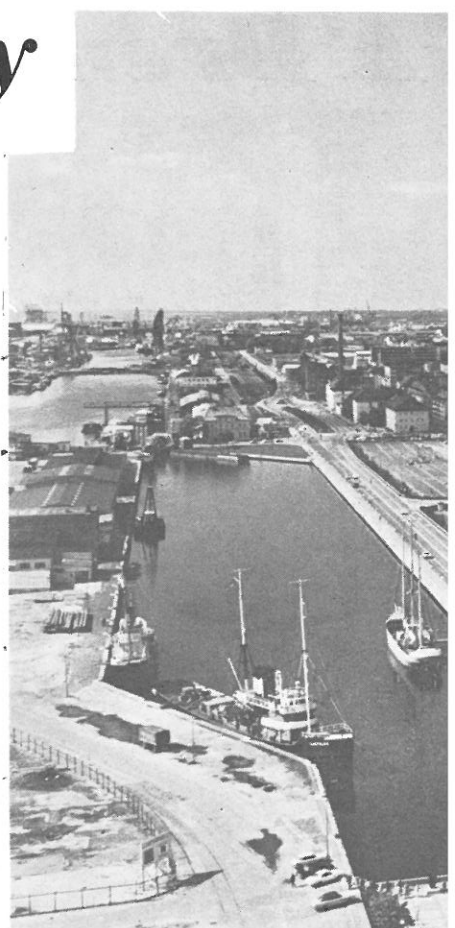
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Statue of Dr. Johann Smidt, founder of Bremerhaven



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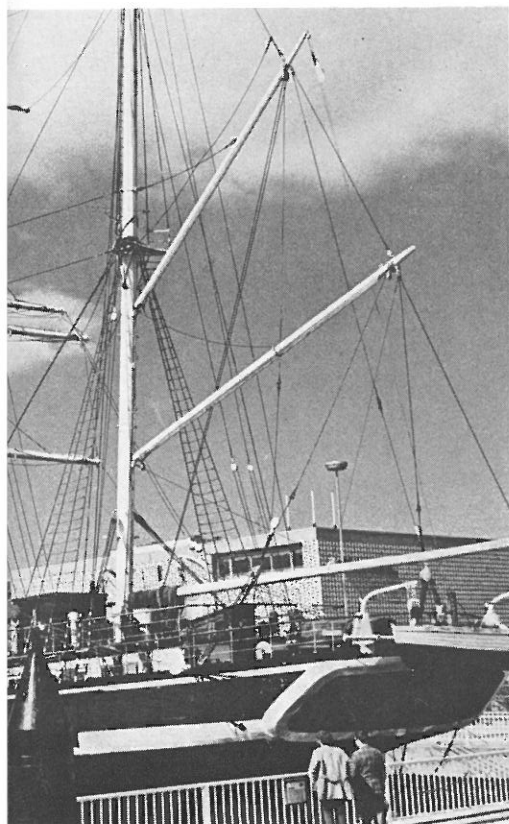


Old Lighthouse

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View of Bremerhaven from the Radarturm



Speckenbuettel Park



Old Lighthouse

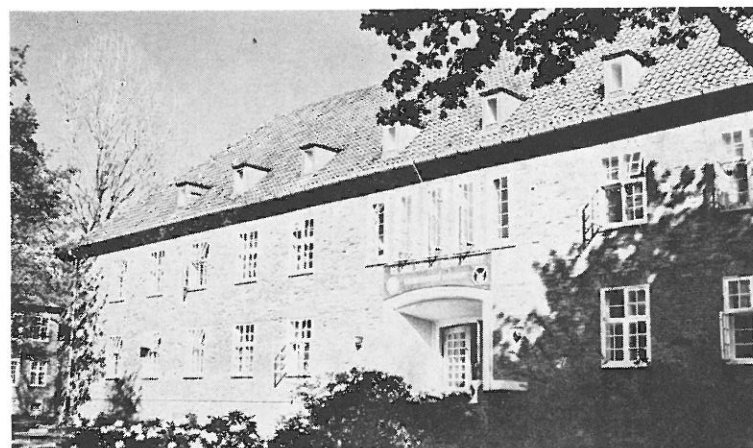


Flower gardens at the Burgerpark

A Last Look at NSGA Bremerhaven



Operations Building



Headquarters Building



XO—Cdr Thomas Bosworth, executive officer.



30 DEPARTMENT—(L-R) LCdr Dean Grossman, assistant operations officer; CTTC Donald Mickelsen; Cdr William D. Garner, operations officer; and CTRCM Earl Loop, operations chief.



1st DIVISION SUPPORT—Lt Steven Myers, division officer, and (L-R) CTA3 Stanley Frederick, CTRC John Berry, CTRC Bobby Brown, and CTRC Kenneth Hoover.



2nd DIVISION SUPPORT — (Left photo, L-R) LCdr Donald Meyer, division officer, Ltjg Marcus Clements, P & R officer, CTTC John Kromas, CTTCS James Killoran, CTTC Robert Hughes, CTTCS James Pearce, CTTC Donald Stemm,

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(Right photo, L-R) CTT1 David Borden, CTT2 Lloyd Marshall, CTT1 Walter Butler, CTT1 Jack Kaye, CTT2 Kenneth

Winters, CTR1 Jere Robinson, CTT2 Jack Marcum, CTA1 Kenneth McColly, CTT2 Galen Johnson, CTT1 Jackie Johnson, and CTT1 William Howard.



3rd DIVISION SUPPORT — (L-R) CTR3 Kevin Bartley, CTT1 David Page, CTTC Rudolph Spalding, CTT1 John Turner, CTT1 Robert Graham, Lt jg George Harrel, division officer, CTT1 Michael Massey, CTT1 Lawrence Steinfeldt, CTA3 Joseph Russell, CTTC Richard Sprinkle, and CTT2 James Brown.



4th DIV. SUPPORT—(L-R) CTR1 Kenneth Royer, AG1 Joseph Brown, CTA2 Robert Mock, Captain Robert Garrow, division officer, CTRC Clyde Freeland, CTR1 Charles Bauer, CTT2 Edward Benjamin, MSgt Nathaniel Snodgrass, CT13 Paul Galofaro, and CTR2 George Phillips.



5th DIVISION SUPPORT—(L-R) CTT1 Edwin Forrest, CTA1 Douglas Katzenbarger, CTASN David Hill, CTRC William Martin, division officer, CTR1 Freeman Adams, CTRC Philip Kroll, CTT2 Pierre Catrou, and CTR2 Russell Robbins.



PHOTO LAB — CTT2 Daniel Wheat and PH1 Edwin Foote.



NAVSECGRU ADMIN—(L-R) CTA1 Robert Valek, CTA3 Frederick Estridge, CTA3 Gary Walvoord, CTA2 James Hatch, CTASN Steven Nichols, CTASN William Groff, CTACS Ronald Edmondson, and CTASN David Vernigor.

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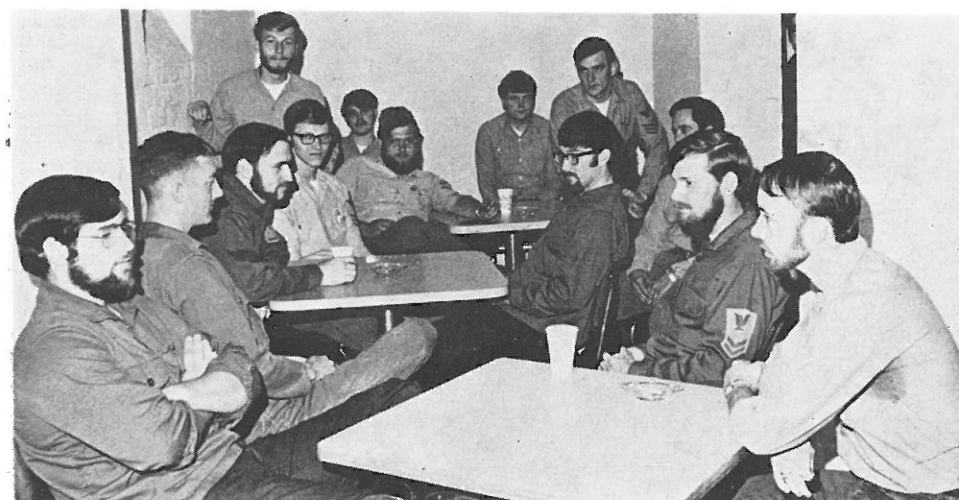
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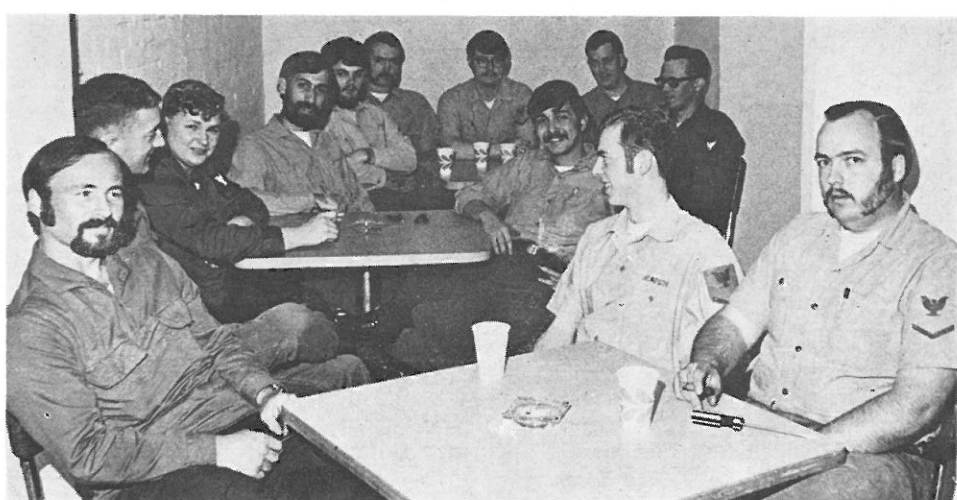
and CTR3 Tommy Clifton. (Right photo, L-R) CTT3 Johnny Apple, CTT3 William Coughlin, CTT2 Michael Smolik, CTT3

Richard Scott, CTO3 William Humphrey, CTR2 Kenneth Sartain, CTM1 Frank Caunt, CTO2 Thomas McCormick, and CTR2 John Montgomery.



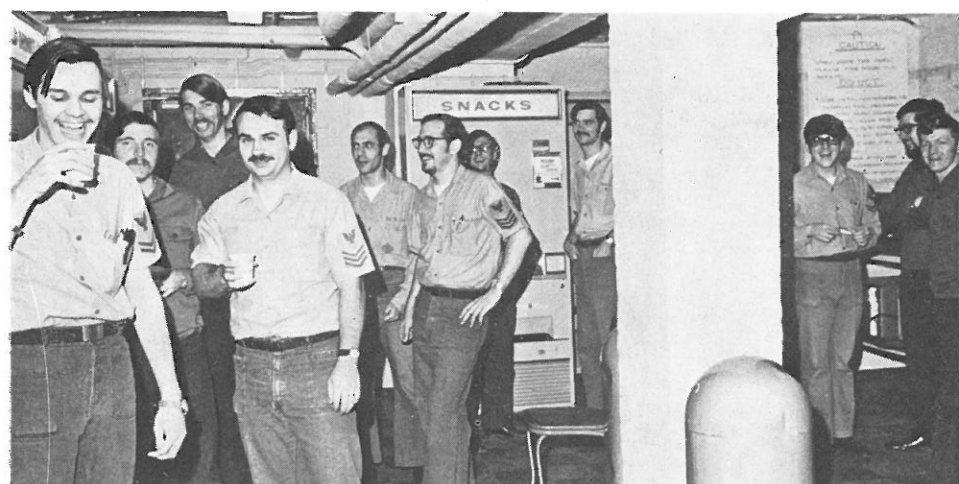
BRAVO SECTION — (Left photo, L-R) CTRSN Richard Wright, Sgt Ernest Pilgrim, CTT3 Robert Dietrich, CTI3 Paul Galofaro, CTT1 Timothy Rogers,

CTM2 Jimmy Murray, CTR3 Raymond Hricik, CTRSN Timothy Moore, CTTSN Ronald Hoke, CTO1 Garland Wall, CTO3 Jeffrey Phillips, CTM2 David Jones, and



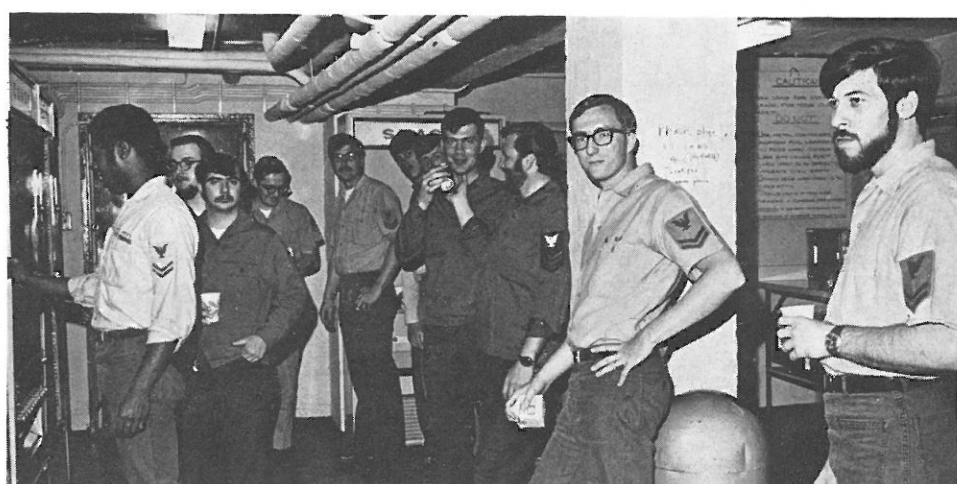
CTT3 Michael Moore. (Right photo, L-R) CTM2 Ronald Hollister, Sgt Pilgrim, CTO2 David Wurst, CTRSN Robert Somers, CTTSN Charles Davis, CTRSN

Keith Goff, CTTSN David Lee, CTRSN Darrell Cooper, CTO2 Roland Ekstrom, CTT3 Patrick Thompson, CTR1 Cloyd Monroe, and CTM3 Dennis Hebbon.



CHARLIE SECTION — (Left photo, L-R) CTM2 Horace Cox, CTO2 Allen Jackson, CTT3 James Branning, CTM1 Dennis Clementz, CTR1 Weston Scriba,

CTO1 David Gallauresi, CTR3 Jerry Sander, CTR2 Richard Curtis, CTT2 Thomas Elliott, CTI2 Daniel Gawthrop, and CTT2 Frank Reckner. (Right photo,



L-R) CTT2 Michael West, CTT3 William Robbins, CTRSN Harold West, Sgt Ronald Edlund, CTM2 Edward Ball, CTM2 David Walp, CTO3 Warren Kimmel,

CTT2 Donald Sharer, CTT1 John Turner, CTO2 Gerald Kearns, and CTR2 Stephen Andros.



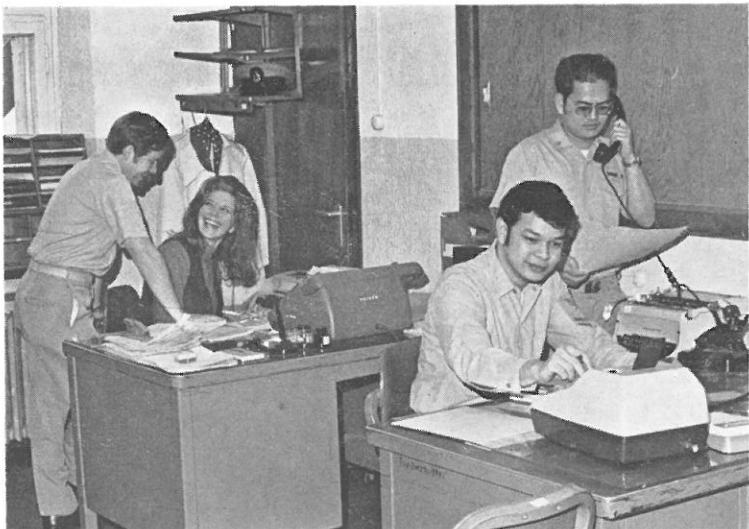
DELTA SECTION — (Left photo, L-R) Sgt Michael Wolverton, Sgt Sidney Henderson, CTT1 Robert Featherer, CTM3

Ernest Bedsaul, Sgt Wendell Holl, CTT2 George Walker, CTM2 Frederick Barnes, CTT3 Lynn Hughes, and CTRSN Stephen



Crane. (Right photo, L-R) CTT2 Vance Lessard, CTTSN James Kennedy, CTM2 James Zeigler, Sgt Larry Beckham,

CTR2 Richard Ray, CTM2 Daniel Zywicki, CTT3 William Arkley, and CTT2 Dennis Clark.



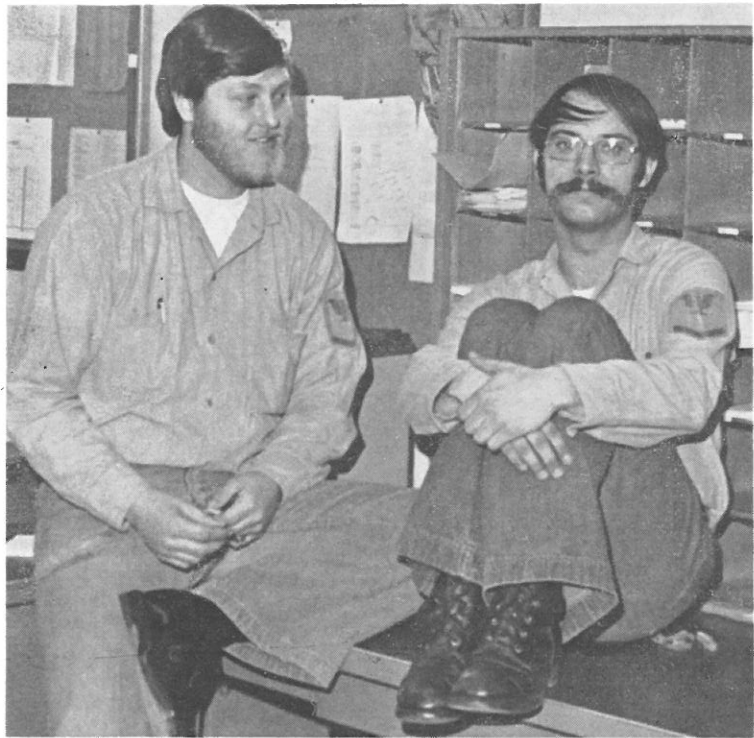
DISBURSING OFFICE—(L-R) Ltjg Charles Janda, disbursing officer, Margaret Hoenicke, DK2 Antonio Gumataotao, and DKC Ely Bondoc.



PUBLIC WORKS — (L-R) UT2 Marvin Hansen, CTMC Robert Gribben, CEC Milton Spears, MM2 Johnny Warford, BUC William Labonce, EOCN David Ahlgren, CE2 James Adams, CWO-2 Ronald Richter, Lt David Nash, public works officer, CMCN Wallace Townsend, HT2 Daniel Shilling, and CMCN Leslie Tucker.

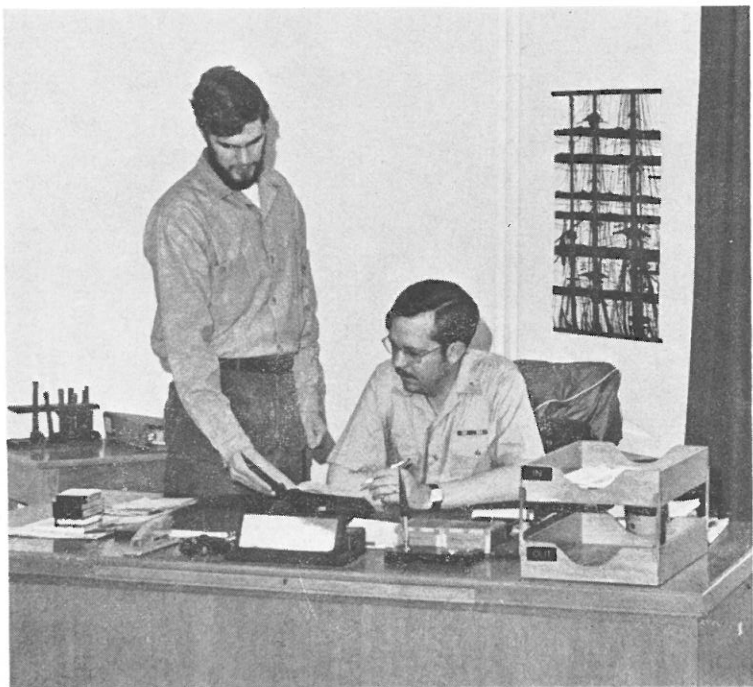


SUPPLY — (Standing, L-R) SK3 Richard Buhl, SK2 James Howard, SK2 Dennis Harris, SK3 David Bellerose, DP1 Darrell Meadows, SN Thomas Battan, SK3 Jerry Martin, SK1 Richard Bass, SK3 Gary Barker, SK1 Charles Bradd, (seated, L-R) SKC Michael Wolf, and Lt Lawrence King supply officer.

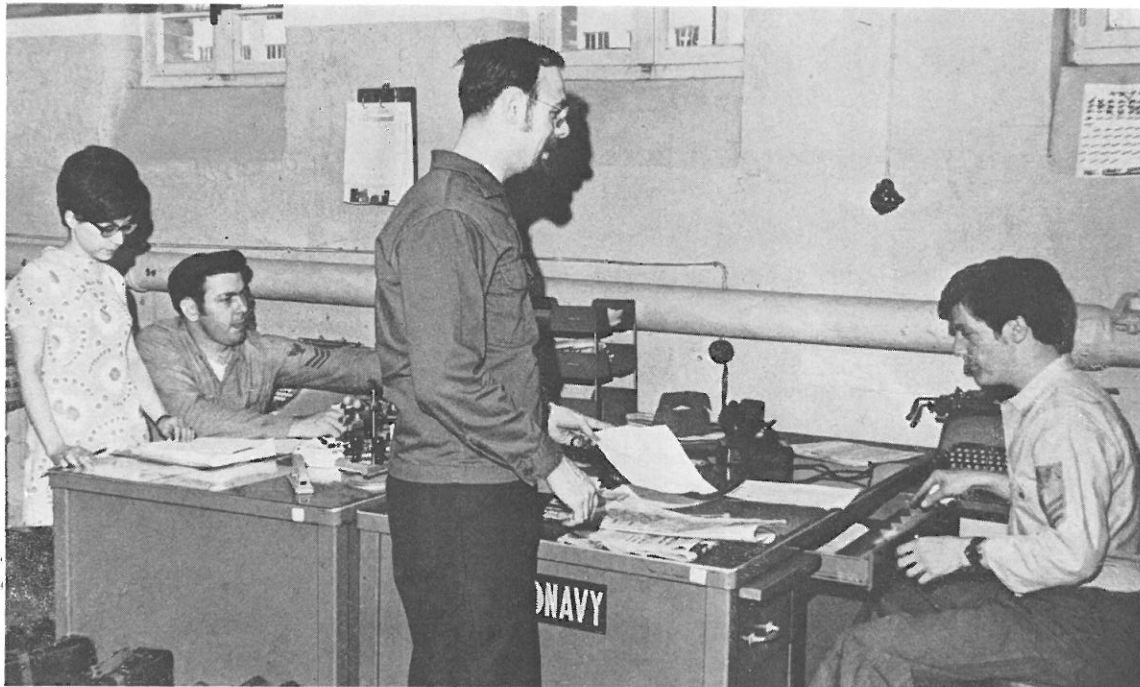


MAIL ROOM—PC3 William Walk (left) and PC3 Larry Clark.

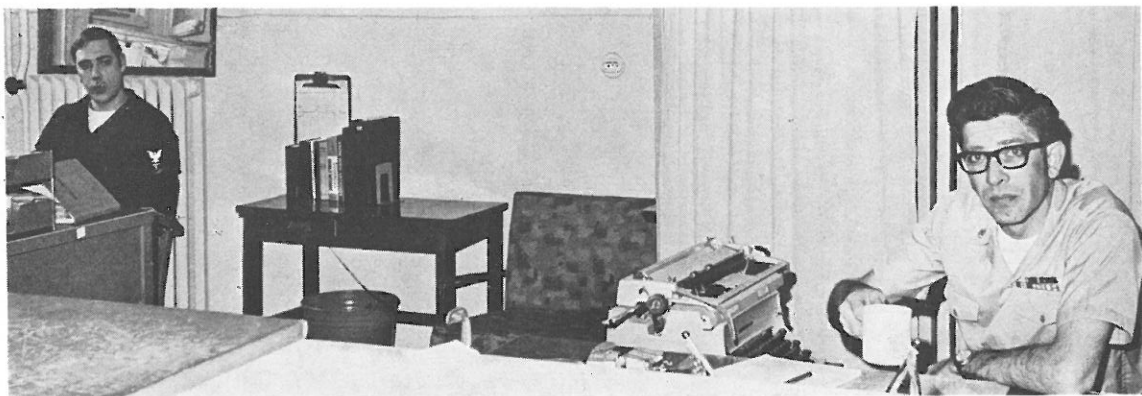
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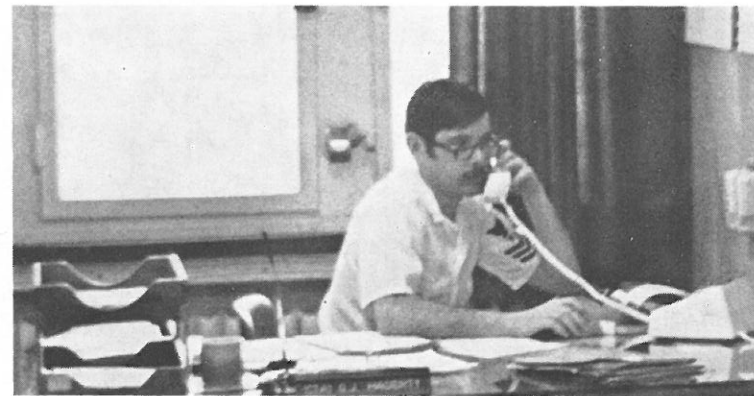
CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE—CTR3 Gary Boek and Chaplain (Lieutenant Commander) R. Alan Plishker.



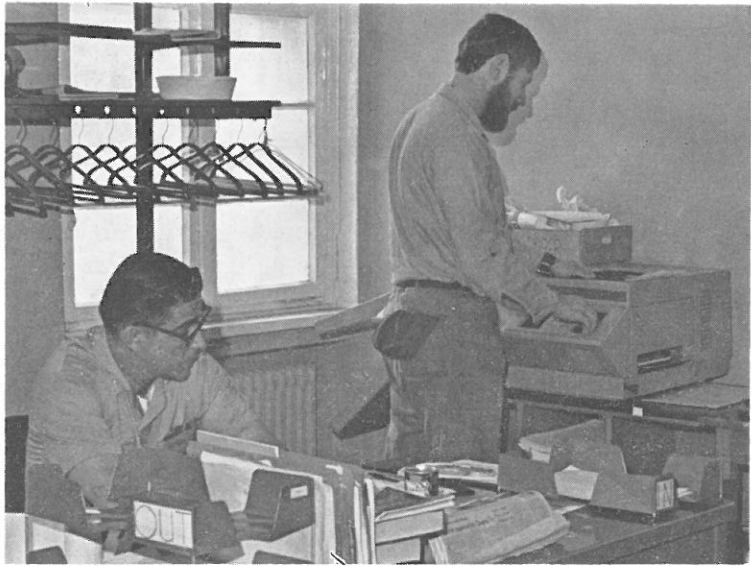
SPECIAL SERVICES — (L-R) Ruth Ruello, BM1 Hayward Chapman, SK2 Donald Caruso, and CTT1 Thomas Hall.



HOSPITAL LIASON OFFICE — HM 2 John Landers and HMC Frank Brown.



CAPTAIN'S WRITER—CTA1 George Hagerty.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE—CTAC Frederick Ennulat and CTA3 Louis Boocker.



PERSONNEL OFFICE — (L-R) PN1 Duaine Montoure, PN2 Francis Lohrey, CTAC Scott Morris, PN3 Robert Currie, CTA2 Thomas Robinson, PNSN Terrance Ryan, PNSN Nelson Myers (foreground), YN3 James Clark, and PN1 Jose Dives III.



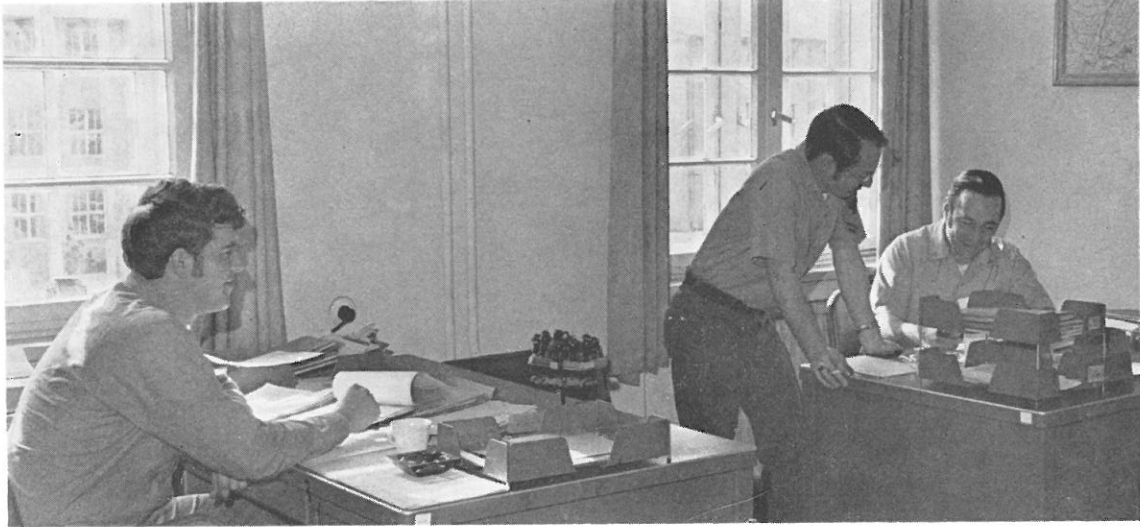
LEGAL OFFICE — (L-R) YN2 Allen Boltz, Lt Duvall Williams, legal officer, and YN1 M. J. Saylor.



"A" DIVISION OFFICE—CTA1 Richard Phinney, CWO-2 Lyle Westrom, "A" Division officer, and CTACM Charles Koenig, personnel officer and "A" Division chief.



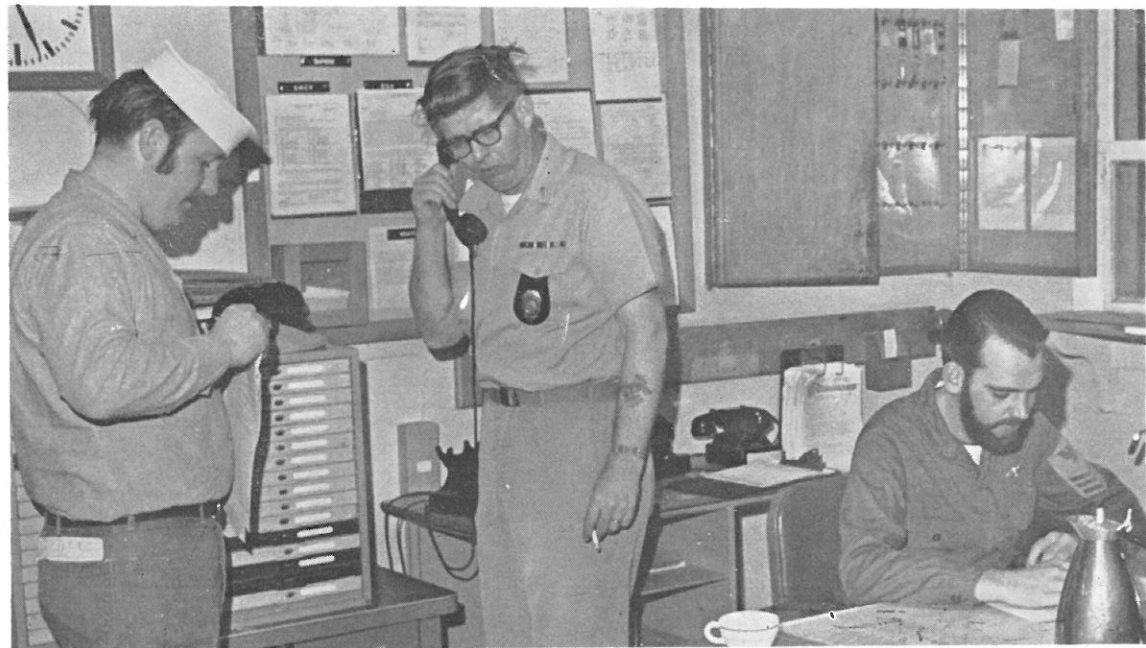
CAA'S OFFICE — Maria Wittig, community activities advisor.



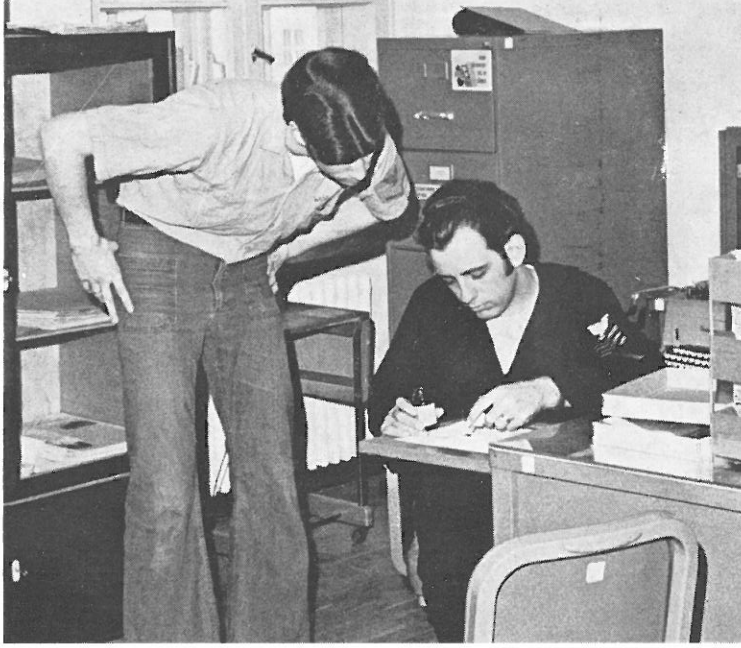
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES—(L-R) CTA3 David Davey, PN2 Terry Overturf, and CTTCS Bertrand Moquin.



CAREER COUNSELOR — CTOCM Gaylord Kennedy, command career counselor.



CMAA SHACK — (L-R) BM1 Paul Scott, BMC Jess Saur, chief master-at-arms, and QM1 Barry Norgard.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE—YN3 Randall Workman and JO1 James Dorman.

Company 'F' Marine Support Battalion

By SSgt Algie Joye and LCpl Vincent Tropeano

In the summer of 1956, Marines attached to the Naval Security Group Activity arrived in Bremerhaven under the capable and stalwart command of Captain William Allen. These Marines made up the 2nd Special Communications Platoon, and they began to carve out an enviable and outstanding record as one of the most squared-away, motivated, dedicated, and loyal of the Special Communications Platoons.

These "chosen few good men" were redesignated the Company "B" Marine Support Battalion in the winter of 1958 and continued in their ever "onward and upward" path, racking up honor and praise as each new challenge and goal fell at their feet.

In the spring of 1961, Company "B" relocated at Edzell, Scotland, leaving the defenses of Bremerhaven without its "backbone." The great void was finally filled in the fall of 1965 when Company "F", under the able and robust command of Captain A. A. Janssen, arrived here from Karamursal, Turkey. Hence, the Marines were once again brought "back home" to Bremerhaven.

Now, once again, in June 1972, Bremerhaven's "Favorite Sons" are leaving one more time. We "chosen few good men" are in the process of relocating to Rota, Spain, under the wise, generous, and highly proficient leadership of our "Old Man," Major Arthur "Armor Piercing" Finlon. (Editor's Note: Thank you for an uncolored and typically modest version of the history of the Marine Corps in Bremerhaven.)



COMPANY "F" OFFICE—(L-R) LCpl Vincent Tropeano; GySgt David Franck; Major Arthur Finlon, commanding officer; and SSgt Algie Joye.

Company 'F' Marines

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| Maj. Arthur P. Finlon | SSgt Richard W. Shelley | Sgt Robert A. Rugg |
| Capt. Robert T. Garrow | SSgt George R. Wright | Sgt Leonard J. Schoenhofen Jr. |
| MSgt Nathaniel L. Snodgrass | Sgt Larry W. Beckham | Sgt David L. Sidinger |
| MSgt Charles T. Surles | Sgt Richard T. Brewer | Sgt Stephen M. Streeter |
| GySgt David T. Franck | Sgt James K. Brun | Sgt John F. Sutphin III |
| GySgt John R. Giger | Sgt Michael L. Donley | Sgt Daniel E. White |
| GySgt Ernest J. Rohrer | Sgt Robert L. Demuth | Sgt Michael G. Wolverton |
| GySgt Carver W. Shaw | Sgt Clair R. French | Cpl Michael L. Abbate |
| SSgt Wilson P. Blanchard Jr. | Sgt Ronald T. Edlund | Cpl Richard E. Andrews |
| SSgt Norman F. Boyajian | Sgt Sidney W. S. Henderson II | Cpl Charles D. Kakos |
| SSgt Ronald D. Collins | Sgt Wendell J. Holl | Cpl Michael Mellody |
| SSgt Eugene F. Dietz | Sgt Michael D. Kane | Cpl Leroy H. Nennig Jr. |
| SSgt Jerome M. Duran | Sgt Leroy A. Krohn | Cpl Michael A. Prince |
| SSgt Timothy L. Fuller | Sgt George E. Lawrence Jr. | Cpl Nicholas Salvia |
| SSgt Chester V. Harris | Sgt Dwight W. Mitchell | Cpl David L. Welch |
| SSgt Algie F. Joye | Sgt Thomas W. Morse | LCpl Lloyd C. Eldredge |
| SSgt Frank R. Lea Jr. | Sgt Ernest E. Pilgrim | LCpl Joseph J. Kimak |
| SSgt James L. Minter | Sgt Loren D. Primmer Jr. | LCpl Vincent C. Tropeano |
| SSgt Dale W. Piirainen | Sgt Terry R. Roberson | LCpl John R. Trunick |

The Last Miss Windjammer



As the publication of the Windjammer ceases, so does the monthly "Miss Windjammer" feature. Having the distinction of being "The Last Miss Windjammer" (and also the youngest) is one-month-old Dawn Robinson, daughter of CTA2 and Mrs. Thomas Robinson. Chaplain R. Alan Plishker, judge of the "Miss Windjammer" contest, had this to say regarding Miss Robinson's selection: "Her pleasing personality, exquisite proportions, and photogenic qualities, make her a worthy representative of NSGA Bremerhaven. LCpl Lloyd Eldredge, Miss Robinson's photographer, received a 96-hour liberty for submitting the winning entry.



"SHORTY" THE BARBER—Relocating personnel are certain to miss a most popular personality of the Staging Area, "Shorty" the barber. Located in the keller of the NSGA Bremerhaven Operations Building since 1964, Guenther "Shorty" Pruessen has become the "personal" barber and friend of the majority of NSGA Bremerhaven personnel. Besides the good haircuts and conversations, we'll also miss the cheery "Barber Shop Building 2, Shorty, Good Morning!" greeting that met us when we called your shop for an appointment, Shorty.

Roach Has 'Bugged' Readers Since 1958

Throughout the three and one-half years of the Windjammer's existence, there has been one contributing writer who has outdone all others in pumping out columns for the newspaper. That writer is Charlie Roach, who has been a member of the Windjammer staff since Volume I, Number 1 rolled off the presses. The "Roach Approach" has, with this issue, appeared in the pages of 41 Windjammers. (The only other column to approach this record has been the "Big Beat" by Staff Sergeant Dave Stewart of AFN Bremerhaven. SSgt Stewart also began writing for the

Windjammer with the first issue, and his column has appeared in 37 issues.)

Anyone familiar with Charlie's column knows that his forte is writing critical satire. In addition to his more humorous columns, he will occasionally write a serious column attacking a policy or action that he perceives as being unjust, unintelligent, or underhanded. Naturally, such writings can be extremely controversial, and it was for this reason that Charlie's column did not make all 43 issues of the Windjammer.

In July 1970 the Roach submitted a column in which he waged a scathing

attack on a local command for what he perceived as gross misdoings. The NSGA Public Affairs Office considered the column a bit too "blasphemous" for print, however, and it was deleted from the Windjammer.

The following month, in retaliation for this "blatant censorship," Charlie failed to submit a column for the August issue. But differences were eventually resolved, and the "Roach Approach" was resumed in the September 1970 issue of the Windjammer. The column has been a regular feature of the newspaper ever since.

Insects, of course, do not

actually use typewriters; Charlie Roach is a pseudonym used by Chief Communications Technician (T Branch) John Kromas of Second Division.

CTTC Kromas began writing for Navy newspapers in 1957 while stationed aboard the destroyer escort Chester T. O'Brien (DE-421). Charlie Roach was born in 1958 when Chief Kromas began using that byline on a column for the **COMNAVACTS Log**, station newspaper of the Commander, U.S. Naval Activities, United Kingdom.

The "Roach Approach" subsequently appeared in the **Adak Sun** and the **Guam Communicator** as Chief Kromas served tours of duty at the naval communications stations at Adak, Alaska, and Guam, respectively.

Recounts Career

In his first Windjammer installment of the "Roach Approach," back in December 1968, Charlie Roach recounted his previous literary career in this manner:

"Here we go with the first edition of NAV-SECGRUACT Bremerhaven's own newspaper, and with it comes the 'Roach Approach', straight out of the woodwork and into print. I'm no 'Johnny-come-lately' to this business, you know. I've been kicking up a fuss for a number of years. Yep, even been squashed a few times as I recall. Lemme see now, first on this fast-moving 'can' out of Key West (I got squashed there for a rather poor Truman joke, so I gives up picking on presidents). Next was the old **COMNAVACTS Log** in London. Lasted there almost two years until I made the mistake of bugging the Special Services people once too often; they cut the staff by one ... guess who. Then came the **Adak Sun**, straight out of the Alaskan wilderness, onto the mimeograph, and ultimately to the reader. Until I bugged the O-in-C of the Marines, the telephone officer, and finally the station CO, I had a pretty good thing going. Next was Guam; I straightened my morals there, cleaned up my MO, and was squashingly successful. I'll have to admit though, I got jolly tired of covering the old ladies' sewing circle teas."

Variety of Subjects

Although Charlie Roach has used a coke bottle in the Second Division head as his base of operations, the bulk of his columns dealt with a variety of subjects outside the division. He has satirized such



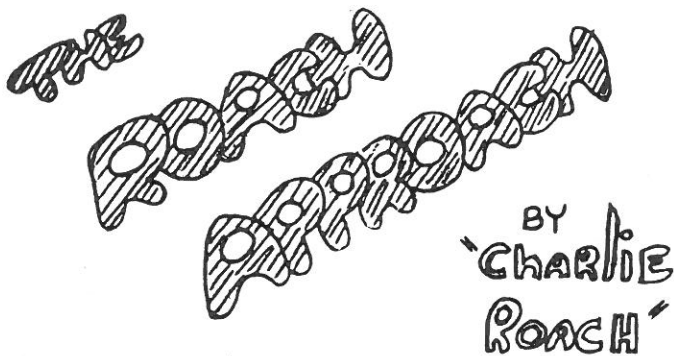
Chief Communications Technician (T Branch) John Kromas of Second Division has been writing under the byline of Charlie Roach since 1958, and his "Roach Approach" column has appeared in the Windjammer since the newspaper's first issue in December 1968.

things as getting mandatory influenza inoculations I.G. inspections, field problems, the emergency recall program, how men are assigned to watch sections, a chief who almost had his male cat spaded, and an OOD who locked himself in handcuffs during a watch and was unable to escape.

Some of his more caustic columns have attacked the Army, the European Exchange System, and the American Youth Activities organization's management of the annual German-American folksfest. While Charlie's writings may not always have been in a totally objective vein, he has welcomed rebuttals. (A lengthy rebuttal was printed in the October 1971 Windjammer in response to his attack of AYA.)

For anything to be controversial, it must create mixed opinions or reactions. Windjammer reader reaction to the "Roach Approach" has been strictly divided since the beginning. Many readers have eagerly looked forward to each month's installment, while others (particularly those on the receiving end of Charlie's barbs) have loathed the column. However, even many of those claiming to hate the column have read it, if only to find out if they are the object of a Roach attack.

After going strong for 14 years, it is unlikely that Charlie Roach will retire now. With Chief Kromas' transfer to NSGA Edzell, Scotland, we might expect to see C.R. "bugging" readers of the **Tartan Log**, and operating out of an empty Scotch bottle.



Greetings, lads and lassies, from me wee bottle in the Second Division head. 'Tis me last installment of the "Roach Approach", and the boss has given me as much space as I need to close out the series.

You know, I really hate to leave Bremerhaven, because I've truly enjoyed my stay here. This has been my first tour in the Navy where I've been attached to an Army base, and the "Green Machine's" antics have been enough to keep everyone amused. At least all the sailors here now can say they were here for the inauguration of "Cannon Arcade" on our beloved Quadrangle. I can't really understand how BMC Jess "Boats" Saur let the Army get a foothold on turf that he has protected religiously for over two and a half years! I wonder how long those chains will keep some enterprising young sailor from relieving the Arcade of its noisemaker? Boom! Boom! "Get that VC flag off that pole before the colonel sees it! O-o-ps, it was just an old oil company flag. How are we going to explain to the troops that we rousted them out at 4:30 a.m. for an old flag?"

I appreciate the tightened security that the Army has provided in recent weeks at the main gate. I never did mind pulling out my ID card for a gate check. I guess my only concern is: Who's checking the two gaping holes in the fence behind the AFN Bremerhaven building? Are the holes big? You bet! You could drive a truck through one of them!

In passing, I'd like to relay a "thank you" to all of the "Truckers" on behalf of the local Girl Scouts. Thank you for being so polite during the girls' overnight campout a while back. That goes for speeding through the area and making obscene gestures. Who did it? I don't know, but they do. Particularly the intelligent dude making the gestures. Makes for a bad name for a good bunch of guys, doesn't it?

Now lemme tell ya a little story that happened near the end of May. Acting on a hot tip, CTAC Scott "Scotty" Morris broke all speed records driving to Stade to buy a special corner grandfather clock with Westminster chimes. Arriving there in his "Red Bomb," Scotty failed to find the clock but managed to catch a full bag of snipe. Do much snipe hunting, Scotty?

A personal note to a certain gunnery sergeant (we won't mention any names): The word I get from the CPO Club and the FRA is that you're wearing your welcome thin. They tell me you'd probably enjoy yourself more at the Marine NCO Club. Oh, for you that's a green box with C-rats. And just think, you'd have the world's best audience hearing you. . . **YOURSELF!** How about it, "Gunny" R.?

To those of you who must remain in Bremerhaven, I pass on my sympathy. If you think that the service of the European Exchange System (EES) has been poor up to now, just wait until NSGA

leaves! To give you just a teeny example of their efficient service, they don't have a popular brand of red furniture oil, but they're loaded with suntan oils and lotions. C'mon, suntan oil in Bremerhaven? Also, they're well-stocked with country music and soul music in their record department, but what about the stuff that belongs in those big empty holes in the middle of the shelves? And they must have midgets running the shoe and clothing departments. In other words, loads of size 7 shoes and 28-29 waist trousers. To sum it up, what you need, they ain't got!

And the laundry! Beautiful, simply beautiful! I know for a fact that the outgoing graduates of the new NCO Academy recommended to the base commander that the laundry be investigated. Fellows, we've been saying that for a long time.

No, I'm not going to let the EES Cafeteria get by either. It makes a lot of sense for a restaurant to be closed on weekend evenings doesn't it? Yes, the two evenings a week that people have free time and might want to go out for a snack and they're closed. Oh yet, and this is passed off in the name of "efficiency." A more reasonable explanation would be that they're simply not forced to compete with a truly efficient enterprise. And that goes for the next outfit on my list, the EES Garage.

In the latest episode that I know of, they informed a shipmate that he needed a complete brake job which was to cost well over one hundred bucks! Want to know what the real problem was? The brakes needed bleeding! It cost the man DM 20, or just over \$6. I could write a book about EES, but they would arrest me for "Ginzburgism" or something equally as exotic.

By the way, if you missed the command picnic then you weren't fortunate enough to see CTRC Clyde Freeland get drowned in beer by two little girls. Bet that was part of the German Pentecostal celebrations.

In closing, I would like to thank all my friends who went to the trouble of checking out the new Playgirl Club for me. I'd much rather have done it myself, but that's the way it goes. Oh well, it won't be the same next time.

And finally, some disclosures and parting shots before I sign off: The richest man at NSGA is CTOCS Norman Tebo. . . The man who has been judged the neatest resident of the Bachelor Officer Quarters was Lt Charles Janda. . . The top American hunter for the year was CTRC John "Tex" Berry (Tex bagged the only deer. . . Of course it wasn't deer season, but that's no "biggy"). . . The most radical person was Mrs. Jack Marcum, and the most conservative was CTTI Walter Butler for his thoughts on how much to charge for "Jerry and the Bootblacks" playing for the picnic. How could money come between friends?

That's it! I'll be seeing many of you in Edzell.



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