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CANOPUS Joins Fleet

On a brilliantly sunlit fourth of November 1965, USS CANOPUS proudly took her place in the Fleet. Nature's air conditioning was working to perfection and the crowds came by hundreds to watch the pomp and glitter of the commissioning ceremony. Dressed in hunting, the newest, biggest, and finest submarine tender in the world lay at Pier Lima to welcome her guests. Smartly-rehearsed

crewmen fell in at assigned stations while the Marine detachment and the "Canopus Rifles" formed an honor guard under the command of Captain Loughran, USMC.

At the precise hour of 1500 (or 3:00 p.m. to landlubbers) the official commissioning party came aboard. In addition to the principal speaker, the honorable Graeme C. Bannerman, Assistant

secretary of the Navy for Installations and Logistics, special guests in the commissioning party included the Rev. Vincent Barrett, brother of our skipper; Mrs. Bannerman, aunt to Secretary Bannerman and widow of a former C.O. of the first CANOPUS; Rear Admiral (ret.) and Mrs. Earl Sackett, last commanding officer of the "Old Lady"; Mrs. John M. Barrett, wife of our captain; and Mr. Fred Mayo, president of Ingalls.



ADM GALANTIN SALUTES COMMISSIONING

Walking to snappy music by the Sixth Naval District Band, Captain Barrett accompanied Mr. Bannerman in inspecting the honor guard. Rear Admiral Batcheller, Commander, Charleston Naval Shipyard, made welcoming remarks and introduced special guests and the Naval members of the commissioning party: Vice Admirals Lowrance Dorsey, and Wilkinson; Captains Barrett and Guerry. Presented by Adm. Dorsey, Mr. Bannerman keynoted his address with the statement: "The deterrent effect of these fleet ballistic missile weapon systems make them an important segment of our nation's first line of defense. Their significance to the maintenance of a free world cannot be overemphasized."

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Canopus in Fleet

Admiral Dorsey read the official Navy Department orders to commission USS CANOPUS. All hands saluted during the National Anthem as the Ensign and Jack were hoisted and the snake-thin commission pennant broke into streaming life at the after mast. Captain John M. Barrett then read his orders and assumed command, directed Commander Seagraves to set the first watch, and proudly reported to Admiral Lowrance for duty in the Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. At the Captain's order, the national flag of Secretary Rumsfeld was broken at the gaff to the accompaniment of a 17-gun salute.



ADM SACKETT PRESENTS AS-9 PAINTING

A stirring tradition, carrying the pride and nostalgia of brave men, came to life during the remarks of Rear Admiral Sackett, last skipper of the "Old Lady", AS-9, now lying in her honored grave at Manila Bay in the Republic of the Philippines. Members of her gallant crew, survivors of Bataan and the infamous death march, were in the audience as Admiral Sackett presented an oil painting of AS-9 to Captain Barrett for permanent display in AS-34. Captain Barrett then surprised Admiral Sackett by presenting him with a painting of the new USS CANOPUS done by the talented Mrs. Barrett.

Captain Barrett, to the amusement of Captain Osborne, skipper of our sister ship SIBON LAKI, noted that CANOPUS is the latest tender in the world. Though built to the



NAV. MR. RUMSFELD INSPECTS GUARD case specifications as the "LAKE", "expansion" caused by the hot sun of the Gulf Coast caused her to come off the building ways a bigger ship. He also emphasized that Ingalls had scored a "first" for major ship construction by making delivery in 24 months from award of the contract, a whole year sooner than normal for this type ship.

We of the crew may take our cue from the Captain's words that, though we may be the biggest, we have yet to prove that we are the best. We have moved into fast company in the world's best Navy and we're carrying along with us a spirit of buoyant determination inherited from the "Old Lady" and her fighting crew. Remarks by observers were that the ceremony was the most impressive and hitch-free they had ever witnessed. The hours of work required to make it a successful event are known only to the "insiders". We've shown we can handle the pageantry; now we're getting ready to try our skills on Polaris!

All Series E U.S. Savings Bonds now being sold carry an automatic 10-year extension option beyond their original maturity date.

U.S. Forces in RVN

To Get Free Newspapers

Washington (APFS)—The American Legion Auxiliary has announced adoption of a nationwide program to provide free hometown newspapers to U.S. service personnel in the Republic of Viet-Nam. An official said the auxiliary has done this to express appreciation for the "valiant and heroic struggle for freedom being waged by American servicemen in Viet-Nam."

Christmas Spirit

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MAY14-48) The season of Christmas in all its splendor always seems to put a special sparkle and warmth in everyone's eyes.

Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" is back in vogue. "Jingle Bells" and the new holiday songs radiate the Christmas spirit.

That first Christmas the air was filled with choirs of angels. There were no colorful decoration or brightly-lit windows.

Over a thousand years ago a child, a little king, was born. The hour was late, the small town of Bethlehem was overcrowded and there was no room for Mary and Joseph except in an innkeeper's stable.

There are some who believe that commercialism has ruined Christmas, gift-giving is now the occasion for celebration. Some say that Christmas has become no more than an annual excuse for wild parties and uncontrollable behavior.

But Christmas is what we make it. How we honor this event is up to each one of us.

When we tell our children about Santa Claus and visions of sugar plums, do we also explain the manger scene? Do we bother to tell them the real meaning of Christmas?

If you think Christmas has gone commercial or has lost its glow, take a good look at your own Christmas "spirit."



BEACH AND THE BOYS-WILLIAMS' MESS



CAPT. BARRETT ADDRESSES AUDIENCE



DIGNITARIES CROWD HELICOPTER DECK



BOS'N Cavanaugh PIPES FIRST WATCH

Capt. Barrett Addresses Ship's Commissioning

Mr. Secretary, Admiral Loran, Admiral Galantin, other dignitaries, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to conclude with a few brief remarks to those who have honored the men of CANOPUS by participation in our ceremony.

Mr. Secretary, may I invite your attention to the quality of the crew that the Navy assembled here. During the past four months, I have had the opportunity to work closely with officers, chief petty officers and leading petty officers - Those I choose to call career professionals - in circumstances that could have been trying. They have come from all over the world and the Navy - from carriers, cruisers, destroyers, amphibious ships and submarine tenders, from far flung and isolated naval bases such as Guantanamo Bay and Iceland. Their performance in assisting in the construction of a complex new ship and in organizing and training of a new crew of eleven hundred officers and men and has been superb.

They are keenly intelligent, well trained, have a high sense of personal and moral responsibility and are dedicated to our country and to our Navy. I am deeply proud of my crew, particularly of

the quality of my career professionals.

But I am even more proud of the Navy for developing men like these. As one of our top leaders I am sure that you are more than aware that the development of such men does not just happen, regardless of their native ability. It is a step-by-step, day-by-day, year-by-year process of demanding high standards, rewarding those who meet the standards and weeding out those who do not. Commissioning a large new ship has given me the unique opportunity to see the results of almost all facets of our naval organization. On the basis of my experience of the last four months and my 23 years experience as a naval officer much of it dealing directly with personnel matters - I can report to you, sir, that never has the Navy had a higher caliber of career professional, officer and enlisted, than it now has.

To Mr. Fred Mays of Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation and Captain John Guerry, Supervisor of Shipbuilding at Pascagoula, Mississippi - Please accept our thanks for your kind remarks and extend my appreciation on behalf of the operating forces for the

organization and manner in which you allowed my crew to assist in the testing and inspection of the various systems and machinery aboard ship. I think it is not generally appreciated that Ingalls may have set a record in the construction of a surface ship of this complexity. Slightly over two years from contract signing to delivery is far shorter than the norm of three years. You have constructed and delivered a fine hull with excellent equipment in record time. It is now up to us to make it a top-notch ship.

To Vice Admiral Galantin, who as Chief of Naval Material, heads the vast management and technical organization behind the design and construction of this ship, to Admiral Levering Smith, who as Director of Special Projects is responsible for the design, development, production and logistic support of all facets of Polaris Weapon System, to Admiral Dennis Wilkinson, who as Director of Submarine Warfare for the Chief of Naval Operations is responsible for the planning, programming and budgeting for all submarines and their supporting ships - I can report that the planning, management and techni-



CAPT. REPORTS SHIP READY FOR DUTY

cal organization of the Navy in conjunction with Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation has given the operating forces of the Navy a fine ship of superior design.

To Admiral Dorsey, Commandant of the Sixth Naval District and Admiral Batcheller, Commander of the Sixth Naval Shipyard - may I express our thanks and appreciation to you and your staffs for the smooth and efficient manner we have been welcomed to Charleston.

To Vice Admiral Lowrance, Commander Submarine Forces, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Tyres, his Deputy, and to Admiral Loughlin, my immediate superior, - All I can say is it's great to be back in the fleet and we ain't to make you as proud of CANOPUS as we are.

To My officers and men - you have done a superb job, both at Pascagoula and in Norfolk, under somewhat difficult professional circumstances, in assisting in the construction of this ship, in organizing and training ourselves to operate it, in representing the Navy throughout. But remember that as of now we are completely

unsatisfactory in our primary mission of providing superior and efficient service to maintain the proven and accepted reliability of the Polaris Strategic Missile System. Everything we do in the next few months must be focused on the twin goals of safely operating the ship and organizing and training ourselves to provide outstanding service to polaris submarines. I expect your performance to date to be the norm in the months and years ahead.

I believe I can best speak to all our families by speaking of my partner who has had to run a family of five fine but normal youngsters, while I have been gone for the last six months. She has had to sell a home in Virginia and establish a new one here in Charleston. The families of the vast majority of my crew - especially the career professionals - have had similar disruptive moves. All I can say is that these NAVY wives are a special breed and they are wonderful.

On behalf of the officers and men of the CANOPUS - Thank you, Admiral Sackett. This wonderful painting of the "OLD LADY" will

be displayed in our conference room with pride and affection throughout the life of the ship. I can best express the feeling that has grown between the OLD and NEW CANOPUS crews since your gracious wife christened our ship at its launching last February, by quoting from the letter of a crew member of the OLD CANOPUS, Mr. Ted Brownell, which I received "She (the new CANOPUS) is slightly haughty and aloof in a genteel sort of way. But then why shouldn't she be? Her mother, the "Old Lady", was endowed with unflinching determination and blessed with undying spirit.

"Naturally, she's out, not only to uphold that reputation, but to prove to the world, with her youth, modern knowledge and vitality, she can go the "Old Lady" one better! You see, she makes her grand debut doubly-armed for and contingency. In addition to her host of admirers who will be with her every moment, she carries -- in her breast -- the loyal spirit of hundreds of others who will sail with her, unseen, throughout her life...a ship with two crews! CANOPUS! The most profound wish I can extend to you is that your fine crew will respect you and hold you with the high esteem we share for Admirals Sackett and Goodall; may your crew enjoy a mutual respect for one another to the degree of reflecting the true Spirit of a "Happy Ship". Signed Ted Brownell. This "can do and fighting" tradition which your crew established, Admiral Sackett,



PRINCIPAL SPEAKER, MR. SANDERMAN



Sea-Breeze

Our congratulations goes out to the Disbursing Officer who left the rolls as an "Eligible Bachelor" to become "Ritched". Our best wishes are with him and his bride.



MR. MAYO, OF INHALLS ADDRESSES

is being transferred to us and is important to us. We are also doubly fortunate in having your wife as our sponsor and the wife of your predecessor in command of the "Old Lady", Mrs. Greame C. Sanneman with us today, but we don't want you to forget us-- so to you as the representative of the men of the "Old Lady" I would like to present - on behalf of my crew - a painting of the new CANOPUS done by my wife, Joan Barrett.

I would like to take this occasion to publicly thank one of our finest naval officers and our sister ship the SIMON LAKE, for their cooperation in passing on the benefits of their experience to us - and for allowing our engineering and other personnel to train onboard. But I also must point out to Captain Osborn, that the ship's data page in our commissioning booklet list CANOPUS as one foot longer, one foot wider and one ton more displacement than his fine ship. I was surprised at this in reviewing the booklet as we are sister ships built to the same plans and specifications and should be the same.

When I inquired, the Supervisor of Shipbuilding and Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation assured me that the difference was due to the summer heat in Pascagoula, which caused the hull to expand. So as of now, Jim, CANOPUS lays claim to being the world's largest tender. We can't say "finest" until we prove ourselves, but please tell your fine crew not to

ROGERS --- McMILLIAN

On 20 November, at 2 p.m., Ensign William George McMillian, who is presently attached to the USS CANOPUS and the son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. McMillian, of Marble Falls, Texas, and Miss Sheila Dene Rogers, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Rogers of Pascagoula, Mississippi, exchanged vows in the Presbyterian Church of Pascagoula. The Rev. Arthur Schneider performed the wedding ceremony.

Following the wedding, the reception was held at the Longfellow House, and later the couple honeymooned in Point Clear, Alabama, where they stayed at the Grand Hotel, before returning to Charleston, South Carolina, his ship's homeport.

WWII MacArthur Reports To be Published in 1966

Washington (AFPS)--The World War II reports of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur are expected to be available for public sale by the Superintendent of Documents in 1966.

Published by the Department of the Army, the volumes cover World War II campaigns in the Pacific, the post-surrender period, and Japanese operations in the Pacific area.

look back because we are right after you.

In closing, may I extend my deepest and most sincere thanks to the many old friends who have come from all over the country to witness the pride with which, I, my officers and men take over this fine new ship for the greatest navy the world has ever seen.

THANK YOU.

The sounds from Disbursing would make everyone wonder what's happening. Whirring of calculators, click-click of typewriters and a constant stream of people into that little office, forward on the main deck, seems to signify an important function and it does, it's the Disbursing Office. These people are busy trying to make the new year brighter for everyone on board (settling that old familiar "Travel Claim" and other problems). For just a minute the smoke cleared enough to welcome aboard Joseph Marshall (DESN), fresh from Disbursing School in Newport, R. I. He will be a welcome hand in helping to ease the load the rest of Disbursing has been carrying. So for all who are interested, the word from Disbursing is "have patience, the New Year looks brighter for all hands."

The Fiscal Section is busy coupling OPTAR data to report to each Department / Division. Instruction 7040.1 is pending and should be out with in a week.

Ensign Baird

*In The Same Tradition ...
Columbus - 1492
Astronauts - 1965
Exploring - Searching*



Editorial

'It Can't be Done,' Explorers' Challenge

A vast portion of the earth's surface has been explored and mapped in man's undying quest to explain the unknown. The search into the unknown today is primarily directed towards outer space.

But, 473 years ago, an Italian navigator was infected with a desire to learn more about the mass of water and land upon which he lived. He wasn't satisfied with knowing where man had been; he wanted to go beyond those limits and see what was "over there."

He, of course, was Christopher Columbus and, in his quest, he found the land mass which is now known as the Western Hemisphere. While in some ways, Columbus was much like our present day space explorers, he had a disadvantage not entirely prevalent today. Through mechanical and scientific discoveries we have a preface and introduction to what lies in outer space. But Columbus was at a loss—he had nothing. In fact, the consensus then was that he was sailing into oblivion. Most people figured the horizon was the edge of the world.

But with conviction and, probably, a certain sense of fear, Columbus and about 38 men undertook a voyage which could be compared today to that of the Nautilus as it probed under the North Pole.

As each Oct. 12 rolls around, many people in this hemisphere pause and reflect upon what was accomplished by Columbus and his three small ships. Perhaps they also wonder how the natives Columbus discovered got here. Some probably remember history lessons in school that told of Leif Erickson's voyage to northeastern North America about 1,000 A.D. and perhaps some have heard of Hsueh-shih, a Chinese Buddhist monk, who is supposed to have sailed to what is now called Mexico in the 3rd century A.D.

While Columbus gets credit for "discovering America" there may have been many other hearty souls who found this continent long before him. But no matter who actually was the first we must remember that it took courage and fortitude to set sail into the unknown.

In the next few years we will no doubt see modern-day explorers reaching the moon, building space labs in the "outer limits" and other undreamed-of feats.

Like the men we honor Oct. 12, they will be pioneers, adventurers and explorers in the quest for knowledge of the unknown. (AFPS)

R.L. Stone, who plays the drums and R.W. Grenier who plays guitar would like to form a small band. Anyone who is interested please contact either Stone, or Grenier at extension 973.

Thousands Sign Scrolls In 'Operation Support' Backing U.S. Actions

Washington (AFPS)—Scrolls with thousands of signatures acknowledging civilian support of United States military actions to protect freedom are being sent to the Military Assistance Command, Viet-Nam.

The scrolls, one containing 7,000 signatures and another with letters from 2,500 persons, were presented to Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance by Mrs. John C. Parker, originator of "Operation Support."

Mrs. Parker got the idea for "Operation Support" after hearing an American officer request "letters of support" during an interview in the RVN.

Secretary Vance said, "We can all be proud of what our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen are doing out there. We are certainly appreciative of what you have done for our men in Viet-Nam and want to express our appreciation to you for what you have done."

Mrs. Parker's "Operation Support" petition is an open letter to the men and women of the United States military forces in the RVN, the Dominican Republic, West Berlin, and other areas of the world.

Using a Christmas card mailing list, Mrs. Parker sent copies of the petition to her friends who in turn passed the petition to others. She has also corresponded with General W. C. Westmoreland, Military Assistance Commander, Viet-Nam.

An item in an Evansville, Ind., newspaper attracted the attention of Walter J. Dillbeck, a World War II veteran, who recommended wider dissemination of the petition. Through the efforts of Mr. Dillbeck, arrangements were made to present the scrolls to Secretary Vance. The petition acknowledges citizen support and confidence in U.S. military forces, "realizing that in protecting those people who are living under the threat of communism you are also protecting our freedom."

Those signing the petition agree, "We want you to know that the hysterical outcries of the 'peace-at-any-price' individuals DO NOT represent the true feelings of the American people."

Service House Trailer Break-Downs Covered

Washington (AFPS)—Service house trailer owners are now granted certain benefits when their trailer breaks down during a permanent change of station.

Shipment of household goods is authorized when "breakdown, damage, or destruction of the trailer occurs while enroute to the authorized destination."

Further information may be found in Volume I, Joint Travel Regulations, paragraphs M 3015, M 10014 and M 10019.



Marine in RVN Has Big Plans—Watermelons

Chu Lai, RVN (AFPS)—Marines here have their own watermelon patch thanks to Corporal Raymond K. Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron-12.

Cpl. Johnson's project started out as a garden patch planted with seeds sent from the United States.

The powder-dry beach sand of Chu Lai wasn't exactly rich topsoil, but this didn't stop the Marine. He poured soybean oil over an eight-foot patch and planted a few packages of radish seeds.

A few gallons of water and a certain amount of guard duty against pests—including foot-long lizards—and Johnson had fresh radishes.

His next project—watermelons—seemed to enjoy the sandy soil and now Johnson is faced with a problem. The watermelon vines are spreading... and spreading... and spreading. Johnson's friends, looking at the potential harvest, don't worry about it at all.



Editorial

Peaceful Demonstration?

It is probable that the U.S. Communist Party is involved to the hilt in these demonstrations, simply because it is in their interest to be involved, both openly and covertly. It is equally probable that most of the demonstrators are fuzzy-minded idealists who have closed their eyes to history's bitter lesson that the fruits of individual freedom can be harvested only as the blight of totalitarianism is continuously opposed with the "insecticide" of force used with determination. It is incongruous that a fraction of our citizens misuse their freedom to demonstrate against U.S. support of free self-determination for the South Vietnamese. Nevertheless, let them continue to demonstrate, because it is essential to the maintenance of our society that these issues be pounded out on the anvil of public opinion. Even "Hell's Angels" have publicly humbled their support of this principle!

Recently, in Washington, D. C., a large number of demonstrators paraded in protest against U.S. involvement in Viet Nam. The right of citizens to assemble and to voice their convictions is unchallenged. The right to disagree publicly belongs to our way of life and sharply sets us apart



MURPHY (L) & BRIGHTON TAKE BREAK



GRIM MESSES ON FIRST SAILING

from the Communist organization of society. A march protesting Communist involvement in Viet Nam would never be allowed in Peking or Hanoi because "solidarity" is something that is enforced by the Communist masters.

The disturbing question forced upon us by these demonstrations is, HOW FAR SHOULD THEY BE ALLOWED TO GO in opposition to national policy? It is understood that all demonstrations must neither incite nor threaten violence, but these demonstrators have hit on a "peaceful" way of doing violence to our national heritage. More than the draft card burners, they brazenly carry the Viet Cong flag in our nation's capital. In this case it is obvious that the emphasis of the demonstration has shifted from peaceful protest to the active support of an enemy power, a power that is devoted to the destruction of the United States and of all self-determination. Planting the Viet Cong flag in public demonstration is treasonous by nature and should carry the penalty of loss of citizenship. Any citizen has the right to protest, but one who blatantly displays the symbols of Communism in public demonstration has, at the very least, earned the "right" to be an alien.

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HUNTING IN THE RAM

W-5 division boast of two fine archers, Chief Bell and Brown, STI. Brown who has his own archery shop says he would be glad to help anyone interested in the sport. If interested call him at ex. 973.

The waterhorn section of the Francis Marion National Forest will be open to deer hunting from Dec. 27, thru Jan. 1, for Bow and arrow hunting only.

This beautiful 17,000 acre game management area is located approximately 50 miles north of Charleston on Route 17.

A South Carolina hunting license which cost \$4.25, is required of hunters to take two deer, (either sex) wild turkey, rabbit, raccoon, and wild pig. I. E. Brown, STI, of W-5 division says that this wild pig is really the tons for the table, so if Bow hunting is to your fancy, get in touch with him at extension 973, for more information.

WES S-5 drift

As a result of the August Service wide examination, our Division is proud to announce that five men were advanced on 16 Nov, and we also had six men that were quoted.

If anyone desires information on losing weight, contact "Wes," STI, he has lost over 10 pounds in about four days. This should be good news for the ship's cooks.

1,009,311 Servicemen Voted In '65 Presidential Election

Washington (AFPS)—More than a million members of the Armed Forces cast their vote in the last Presidential election, according to the Fifth Report of The Federal Voting Assistance Program just released.

"The participation improved considerably over previous elections," said James W. Platt, Department of Defense deputy coordinator of the program.

The Marine Corps continued to record the highest percentage of voters based on manpower eligible to vote; however, the Air Force had the largest number casting a ballot.

Results from surveys show the following percentages of military voters: Marine Corps, 65.3; Air Force, 58; Navy, 48.2 and Army, 44.

Overall, 1,009,311 service personnel voted while 958,209 eligibles failed to cast a ballot.

During the 1960 elections only 725,019 voted out of 1,880,397 active duty service personnel eligible for a 39.4 participation.

"Even though the number voting

in 1964 was encouraging," Mr. Platt said, "we had hoped better participation through delivery-in-hand availability of the Federal Post Card Application Form, used for obtaining an absentee ballot."

The report points out that an important aspect of the entire program was the provision of up-to-date voting information pamphlets and a special motion picture, "The Vote," prepared by the Directorate for Armed Forces Information and Education, DOD.

The report also shows that only five of the 10 states had more than 100,000 eligible voters on active duty as of May 31, 1965. New York led with 144,500, followed by California, Pennsylvania, Texas and Ohio.

Discount Coupons Good In Military Exchanges

New York (AFPS) — Army, Air Force and Navy exchange stores and Navy commissary stores will soon be accepting merchandise coupons to help stretch the serviceman's shopping dollar.

Coupons received by customers through direct-mail advertising, newspaper or magazine advertising, or by inclusion in packages of merchandise, will be accepted by cashiers.

Army and Air Force Exchange officials pointed out that coupons must be given to the cashier prior to the actual ringing of the sale. The Navy has restricted coupons to those of a manufacturer whose products are stocked by the store at the time of purchase.

European History Courses Available from USAFI

Madison, Wis. (AFPS)—The U.S. Armed Forces Institute has announced two new courses in Modern European History.

Course I covers development in Europe from about 1400 to 1815 and Course II, developments from 1815 to the present.

'66 Edition of Tax Book Soon to be Available

Washington (AFPS) — The Internal Revenue Service has prepared a booklet, written in layman's language, that contains more information than the instructions which accompany Form 1040 for filing 1965 tax returns.

Entitled, "Your Federal Income Tax, 1966 Edition," the booklet has 160 pages of the latest and most comprehensive information.

Copies sell for 50 cents and are scheduled to be available on or before Dec. 1. Requests for copies may be made now to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

The booklet also includes the new Form 1040, completely filled-in, which is keyed to explanations in the text.

A 25 percent discount is allowed on all purchases of the booklet of 100 or more copies to be mailed to one address.

U.S. Aircraft Losses Told
Washington (AFPS) — United States combat-type aircraft losses over North Viet-Nam numbered 133 through Oct. 31, 1965, the Defense Department has announced.

A total of 43 advancements went to the enlisted men on-board the USS CANOPUS on the 16 of November, two of which were advanced to master chief and 20 were advanced to the third class petty officer status. Two new chiefs will be honored with the usual ceremonies in the near future.

Chiefs, W. J. Gokey, EMCM and D. O. Lomeli, PNCM, put on their second stars this month while B. G. Kline, ETC, and F. P. Beyer, SFC, put on their hats for the first time.

Other advancements in the C. P. O. classification were D. E. Smallwood, SFC3; J. C. Shaw, DCCS; F. J. Wesseldine, CSCS, and E. C. Unruh, FTCS.

Advancements in the lower petty officer grades were made as follows: Abbruzzese, A. P., SK3; Betters, R. J., SK3; R. C. Beyers, SFM3; Bull, F. N., BM2; Buursma, J., Yn3; Byrne, R. J., YN3; Catano, J. N., CS3; Clay, C. E., SK2; Ferguson, R. L., SFM3; Fleming, W. J., MA2; Fredette, R. L., DC2; Franciscone, J., SFP3; E. W. Furman, MR1; Fage, H. L., MA2; Gurtina, F. P., SD3; R. P. Harwell, SFM3; Hill, J. S., CS3; Johnson, D. L., SK3; Layton, F. B., EM3; Losea, F. T., SFP3; Luke, S. R., SFM3; E. W. Matkins, YN1; Park, R. A., MR1; Taylor, D., BM2; Ward, C. E., SK1; Horton, W. D., SFP2, and Sampson, C. F., ET1.

R. W. Grenier, who took his exam in Damneck, was also advanced to ETN2.

Long-duration Apollo flights will carry more than 3,000 pounds of scientific instruments in an experiment pallet scheduled to fly in 1968. It will be arranged to operate for periods of up to two weeks in space, and will be monitored and controlled by the Apollo crew.



(AFPS Weekly Feature)

By Major Bob Webb, USAF

"MESSERSCHMITT-Me109," is the first of a series of detailed aircraft studies being published by Aero Publishers, Inc., for "hobbyists, model builders, collectors and historians."

Each book in the series will include detailed drawings and close-up photographs of the exterior and interior of each aircraft. In addition there will be a four-color section showing such things as camouflage painting, insignia and the like.

The series promises to be a real boon for collectors of aviation memorabilia who just can't seem to get enough detail.

The Canopus Story

(Ed. Note: This issue continues a third in a series of five editions to publicize the story of USS CANOPUS AS-9, and the men who fought a losing battle to save a stranded ship.)

Battered by the harassing bombings of the Japs, the CANOPUS struggled for survival amidst a hell of destruction in the South Pacific. She continued to carry on what little tending service she was able to. Her crew became a tough, hard-fighting group, and heroism became commonplace in her predicament.

A S - 9

Japanese warships were reported to be infesting the waters around the Philippines, and the Naval Command had decided that no slow auxiliary vessel would have a chance for success in a dash to safer waters. Perhaps there was still a hope for relief to reach the Philippines, in which case the probable heavy loss of life in an attempt to break through would not be justified. The men, in no uncertain terms, expressed their preference for taking any chances at sea, rather than being bottled up, with a land siege in prospect. But orders were orders and since those in authority did not see fit to assign any great weight to our feelings in the matter, there remained nothing but to make the best of a bad situation and settle down to help make it a good sleep while it lasted.

Some sort of protected living quarters ashore were a necessity if the night workers were to get any rest. This problem was partly solved by taking over a large storage tunnel just completed, and building bunks, offices, hospital accommodations, a radio and telephone communications center, and a makeshift field kitchen for cooking our two meals a day. More than a hundred men not having repair duties lived underground with reasonable comfort, at least after the water

dripping from bare rocks overhead had been trapped and piped to a shower spray, so that baths might at least be voluntary.

Many of the repair force slept during the day in this shelter, but most of them scorned the tank air and preferred to take their chances in the wide open spaces in the nearby hills, where they learned to sleep under the shade of tropical trees, leaving a look out to warn them in time to roll into a fox hole whenever a bomber looked threatening.

By no means were all of our men in the night-owl group. Machine-guns on every hilltop were manned by alert sailors with itchy trigger fingers, just living for the day when one of the dirty so-and-sos would venture low enough to give them one good crack at him. This didn't happen often but those that did forget themselves must have thought they had stirred up a hornet's nest and not all of them lived to tell the tale.

Another watchful group took station under the shelter of the quarry's crushed rock storage tanks, where they were near enough to make a dash to their beloved ship in case she were hit again, to do what they could to save her.

Finally, there were the look-outs and signal stations on the hilltops, with telephone wires leading and reaching throughout the whole system, to spot marauding planes while still far away, and warn their shipmates of impending danger. These men with little protection to themselves, kept their binoculars coolly trained on the bombers, describing the picture to more sheltered friends. Few of us will ever forget those quiet voices coming over the earphones. "They are heading directly over us -- their bomb-bay doors are open -- don't believe they dropped bombs this time -- no, here they come -- looks as if they will hit beyond us" -- more words drowned out by a shattering roar -- then, "loosey shooting, missed us a quarter-mile -- must have their third team in

there."

Anyone who has stood in the open when those deadly missiles are rushing down toward him, and has heard the ominous hiss which announces their near approach, will appreciate the iron control of a man who can keep up a blow-by-blow account when his next breath may be his last.

CHAPTER VI

Mariveles harbor seemed to be well defended against surprise attack by the Naval forces clustered around it and the Army had stabilized a front about twenty miles further north, on the other side of Mariveles mountain -- but what about the seacoast between? Most of it was very rugged, and backed up by thick jungle, but the one road which provided the only line of communication to the front lines passes quite close to the sea at many points. Commander Francis Bridger, who had been left in charge of the remnants of Naval aviation in the Philippines did not think that this tenuous life line was adequately defended by the Army against a sudden landing on the coast.

Frank was never one to sit back and criticize when action was needed. He had under his command about a hundred and fifty aviation men, mostly ground crews, who had been left without work when their planes were destroyed. He sold the proposition to other Naval Organizations in Batangas, and collected a hundred and thirty men from the CANOPUS, about eighty from the Ammunition Depot detail, a hundred or so Marines, and a few refugees from the ill-fated Cavite Navy Yard. These heterogeneous groups Bridger formed into the "Naval Battalion" with "Mac" Goodall, of the CANOPUS, as second in command, Tom Bowers of the Ammunition detail and a few Marines and aviation officers were the company commanders.

Equipment was a serious problem. The Marines were, of course, ready for field duty, but the others were sailors, and the Navy doesn't provide much equipment for land

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operations at best, to say nothing of the fact that several of these groups had been separated from their normal supplies by unforeseen circumstances. However, rifles and ammunitions of some sort were finally begged, borrowed or stolen for most of the men. Their white uniforms were dyed to what was supposed to be khaki color, but which turned out to be a sickly mustard yellow. Only about one canteen could be found for every three men, but the great American tin can was pressed into service to make up the deficiency. This had the advantage that the contents could be heated over a fire in case of need, provided care was exercised not to melt out the solder.

Training was next essential. Perhaps two-thirds of the sailors knew which end of the rifle should be presented to the enemy, and had even practiced on a target range but field training was practically a closed book to them. The experienced Marines were spread thinly throughout each company in the hope that through precept; and example, their qualities would be assimilated by the rest.

Thus equipped, mostly with bouldless enthusiasm and determination, the motley array sallied forth one day late in January for a preliminary hike to the coast to harden them up. At the base of Mt. Pucot near the sea they met an agitated group of soldiers who had just been chased away by Japs from their signal station on the mountain top. Apparently a landing had been made on nearby Longoskawan Point the night before, just as Bridget feared, and the invaders were working their way inland toward the vital communication road.

Here was "field training" with a vengeance for our budding infantrymen. Figuratively thumbing their manuals, they hastily deployed in accordance with the best traditions of the book, and advanced in line of skirmishers. Contrast was established as might be expected and the maneuver described as "The Assault" in the next chapter, drove in the advance patrols of the surprised Nipponee.

The strength of the main forces next encountered convinced our boys that they had a "bear by the tail" and since the book failed to provide the proper procedure in such a contingency, they threw it away. Five days of what was probably the weirdest jungle fighting in the annals of warfare ensued, we all accepted principles violated, and no hold barred. Adjacent units were unable to maintain contact with each other during the night, so, of course, the Japs took advantage of their famous infiltration tactics. However, this did not have the expected results because our boys not having been indoctrinated into the ancient Army principle that it is fatal to be outflanked simply held their ground and sent back detachments to clear out annoying intruders behind their lines.

Another essential item which had somehow been overlooked by the plans was the service of supply. In the excitement, nobody thought much about that until nature began to assert itself as night came on and the boys began to get hungry and tired. A hurry call was sent back to the CAMPUS to "send plenty of everything, and trucks were rushed to the new front with food, ammunition, blankets and stretchers for the wounded. For days, all other work was dropped and all hands were pressed into service to make sure the fighting men lacked nothing that would help.

The Jap landing party was made up of picked men, larger and stronger than the average, and well-equipped for jungle fighting. Had they made a determined assault, they could undoubtedly have wiped out completely our whole ragged battalion. But they knew the business of war, and were sure our front lines must be backed up by powerful reserves somewhere. If they could only find out where the reserves were located, they would know where best to make their drive. The big push was held up while their scouts frantically searched for the elusive forces. How could they guess that the crazy Americans were so ignorant of the art of war as to blithely ignore the

necessity for reserves? Sixty more Marines with trench mortars were brought over from Corregidor to counteract the advantage the Japs had enjoyed with similar weapons, but they were also used in the front lines, and could hardly be called reserves.

A diary later found on the body of a Japanese officer testified to their complete bewilderment, describing the strange conduct of the "new type of suicide squads, which thrashed about in the jungle, wearing bright colored uniforms, and making plenty of noise. Whenever these apparitions reached an open space, the would attempt to draw Japanese fire by sitting down, talking loudly and lighting cigarettes."



Bataan may well have been saved from a premature fall by the reckless bravado of those sailors, because if the Japs had succeeded in cutting off supplies to the western Army front, a general retreat from those prepared positions might have been necessary. The lives lost in that timely effort could hardly have been sacrificed in a better cause.

On the fifth day, the 57th regiment of Filipino Scouts arrived to relieve the Naval Battalion. These Scouts were the cream of the crop, having served under American officers as part of the regular Army ever since the Philippines were taken over. The Scouts were intensely proud of their service, and high indeed

were the qualifications of any Filipino who could pass their entrance exams and requirements. The Scouts could, and did, outdo the best of the Japs in the jungle fighting. The officers swore that their men could smell a Jap sniper in the trees, and cited numerous cases where Scouts stalking through pitch-dark jungles at night would suddenly fire a shot upward into the trees, bringing down a sniper. Any Scout who used more than a single shot to bring down his enemy had to face caustic comments by his mates.

You may be sure that each tired sailor, when he felt a tap on his shoulder and the welcome words, "Till take over, Joe", before his Scout relief melted silently into the jungle, knew that his job was to be in competent hands, and the battle good as won. After three days of deadly marksmanship of the Scouts, and shattering blasts of huge mortar shells thrown into their main positions by Corregidor's guns, the battered and disorganized remnants of the powerful landing force had all been pushed over the cliffs which line the seacoast, leaving hundreds of dead behind.

In the next issue, the "Mickey Mouse" Battleships take action on the Japanese' landing force, and headed by the Executive Officer, "Nap" Goodall, they secured the beach heads of remnants of the enemy, but not without some difficulty. On rare occasions, the CANOPUS turns her face on war and destruction and becomes known about the islands for her facilities as a Hotel, and the romantic moonlight cruises taken on the Old Lady's adopted sailer the NOVIA.

The CANOPUS STORY is written by her former Commanding Officer, Captain E. I. Sackett, who is now retired as Admiral, U. S. Navy.

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E-3 ADVANCEMENTS

The monthly examination that were given in the month of November yielded some 15 advancements to the pay-grade of E-3 on board the USS CANOPUS.

Advancements went to the following men:

Abramsek, Michael D.....	FN
Appleyard, Anthony E.....	NASN
Brown, Gray E.....	SPFFN
Bugajewski, Christopher.....	TSN
Fitzgerald, A. R.....	FN
Graunper, Paul A.....	SPFFN
Havrillia, Thomas J.....	FN
Jarman, Lonnie G.....	SPFFN
Johnson, Charles E.....	MFN
Jones, Robert C.....	SPFFN
Lavalliere, Richard.....	SPFFN
Leal, Romulo E.....	MFN
Love, Paul W.....	FN
Phillips, Kennedy E.....	FN
Runyon, Robert.....	FN

'Santa's Mail Bag Again Open for Letters

SCOT AFB, IL. (AFPS)—For the 11th consecutive year, military and civilian employees of all services can make sure their children get a real letter from Santa Claus, at "Santa Claus House, North Pole."

Here is the way it works. You write a letter to your child, signing it Santa Claus. Address the letter to the youngster and affix the proper return air-mail postage from Alaska.

Place the letter or letters in a large envelope and mail it to Santa's Mail Bag, c/o Detachment 1, 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, APO Seattle Wash. 96377.

Ruffles and Flourishes

Nancy Ann, wife of Norman Nace ETI, delivered on 26 September, 1965, a BABY GIRL, named Tracee Lynn, who was born at the Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula, Mississippi. She weighed 8lb. 5oz., and came on a significant date as far as Norman is concerned...his birthday...and a "happy birthday" to you, Norman although it did come a little late from us. Our apologies...

An addition was made to the family of Frederick B. Bonow, FTG2, on 24 October 1965 at the Naval Hospital here in Charleston. Both BABY GIRL, Kelly Lana, and mother, Nancy Lee are doing fine. KELLY LANA weighed 7lb. 8oz. at birth.

A. C. Lawrence, FN, of E-Division was the proud father of a SON on the 19 of November. The new addition was born in Minneapolis, Minn., at 0230, and weighed a big 7lb. 4oz. The baby boy, Gregory Michael, and mother are doing fine, but papa stayed in recovery for a while after the birth.

Our congratulations go out to Robert Hiske, of R-3 division and his wife, Judy on their new arrival, a BABY GIRL, who was born in Manchester, Conn. Robert is now working in the Rubber and Plastic shop aboard the ship, and is working, also toward advancement to Interior Communications Electrician, third class.

Robert F. Moore, IC2, and Maria Viola have announced their engagement, and plans for a February wedding are now in the making.

Our congratulations go out to Gorman D.S. Sheppard of the Print shop, and his wife on the arrival of their Daughter, Judy E who weighed 5lbs. 15 oz. at birth. She was born in Charleston, at a local hospital, on Saturday, 4 December 1965, at 1730.

Sales of U.S. Savings Stamps, principally through the Treasury's Schools Savings Program, average more than \$18 million annually. More than 100 million separate stamps are sold each year.

NASA is seeking the negotiation of contracts for studies of an instrument capable of analyzing and controlling a two-gas atmosphere system for future manned spacecraft. Manned spacecraft have thus far utilized a single gas system—oxygen—for their crews.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Weakness
8. Army meal
9. Sings
10. Unlawfully
11. Calm
12. Babylonian
13. Deep
14. Compare
15. Critically
16. Hair's
17. Recede
18. Leaders
19. Prefix
20. Wrong
21. Plutonic
22. Fruit
23. Cyrenian
24. Head
25. City in
26. Scum
27. Trades for
28. Muck as
29. Youngster
30. Free
31. Programs
32. Diner
33. Raw
34. Crony
35. (Colts)
36. Rucker
37. Padou
38. Longing voice
39. Revert
40. Bold native
41. Colorful
42. Bird
43. Three-toed
44. Leave
45. Star is
46. Dragon
47. Average
48. Wife of
49. Great

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2. Building
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4. Mosaic
5. Slough
6. New York
7. Baseball
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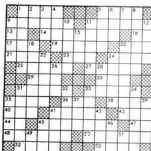
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7. Compass
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9. Malicious
10. Kines
11. Salaries
12. Otherwise
13. Cover
14. More
15. Inclined to
16. Affects with
17. Mildew
18. Chemical
19. Compound
20. Piece of
21. Dinnerware
22. Consume
23. Greek letter
24. Crows
25. Squandered
26. Scum
27. Refunded
28. Prong

37. Collection of
38. Chinese
39. Poops
40. Precipitation
41. Mountain
42. Lake
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44. Network
45. Note of scale



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'Hi-Mom' Christmas Calls Slated Again

Washington (APPS)—The ninth annual "Hi-Mom" Christmas Telephone program will put more than 1,060 servicemen overseas in touch with their families at home, relatives overseas.

Sponsored by the Communications Workers of America (CWA), AFL-CIO, and run by overseas USO clubs, the program pays the costs of phone calls home during the holiday's for hundreds of men. Local CWA unions are also participating by financing free Christmas calls from families in military communities to military

All Hands Build Chapel in RVN

Nh Trang, RVN (APPS)—The first permanent chapel building here, has been completed by volunteers from all of the military forces.

The building was needed to provide religious facilities for the increasing number of military personnel. With all resources being used to construct living quarters and operational buildings, workers were not immediately available for the chapel.

Volunteers were sought, and men of all religious denominations and services responded to raise the structure during off-duty hours.

The chapel will be used for religious services by all denominations, and presently has nine services a week. Equipment includes a field organ.



(APPS Weekly Feature)

1. In 90 runnings of the Prekness, how many dead-heats have there been for win, place or show?

2. How many home runs did Ralph Houk, general manager of the New York Yankees, hit in his major league career?

3. For how many years was Sammy Baugh an active player in the National Football League?

4. National Football League teams averaged how many points per game in the 1964 season? There were 38 regular games that year.

5. What is the average height of players in the National Basketball Association?

ANSWERS

1. 55
2. 5
3. 1957-58
4. 16
5. 6' 5"

et cetera...



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