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Happy Birthday Big "C"



Captain Eaton cuts and HUNTRESS GMT1, maker of the six layer masterpiece, receives the first piece of CANOPUS' first birthday cake.

On 4 November 1966 CANOPUS celebrated her first birthday. From Launching 12 February, 1964, through the building, trials, shakedown, and our short deployment at the COOPER RIVER site, we have pointed ourselves for the ultimate assignment here in ROTA. The first year has not been without trials and tribulations but we have had our fun moments too. Liberty in SAN JUAN, MONTEGO BAY, PORT EVERGLADES, NORFOLK, and LISBON was to say the least --- wonderful. Everyone in CANOPUS can take pride in our first year's accomplishments. We can honestly say we established ourselves as a "Can Do" ship and the willingness and enthusiasm of all hands have contributed towards that reputation. Let's we lack of goals however let's reflect on the last year and strive to make the next one a year of even greater accomplishments.

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WELCOME ABOARD ADMIRAL!

In ceremonies on board USS TRITON (SSN 586), 19 November 1966, Vice Admiral Arnold F. SCHADE, U.S. Navy relieved Vice Admiral Vernon L. LOWRANCE, U.S. Navy as Commander Submarine Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Admiral LOWRANCE has commanded the Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force since September 1964. He is in receipt of orders to duty in Washington, D.C., where he will serve as Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

During the past two years the Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force has enjoyed tremendous successes under Admiral LOWRANCE's outstanding leadership---we will surely miss him.

In Vice Admiral SCHADE we are fortunate in getting another of the type leader with which we have been blessed in the past. Admiral SCHADE has been awarded the Navy Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star with Gold Star and Combat "V" in addition to the Navy Unit Commendation and the Legion of Merit. His Navy Cross citation reads as follows:

"By rendering skillful and able assistance to his Commanding Officer during months of maneuvering through an area continuously menaced by enemy air and surface craft, Lieutenant Commander SCHADE contributed in large measure to the success of the GROWLER's patrols. On the early morning of February 7, 1943, after a surface encounter with a Japanese

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COMMAND COLUMN



By Captain John D. Eaton

The mission of *CANOPUS* is to support the submarines of Squadron SIXTEEN, to send them on patrol prepared, insofar as we have the ability for a successful run. The patrols carried out by these SSBN's have an important influence on the foreign policy of the United States.

The presence of the 1200 members of the *CANOPUS* crew in Spain can also, by itself, affect United States foreign policy. Your actions ashore can lead to improved United States - Spanish relationships or conceivably could cause the Spanish to deny the use of the Rota Naval Base to the United States.

It is unlikely that such lofty ideas have motivated the good conduct ashore of *CANOPUS* personnel. The reasons probably are your own courtesy and thoughtfulness, and your respect for the rights and the customs of others.

A very small number of the crew have found no reason to behave decently ashore. Most of these have drunk too much and have, as a minimum, made a public spectacle of themselves while intoxicated. In other cases the drinking leads to brawling, to insulting attitudes toward women, to destruction of property, or to automobile accidents.

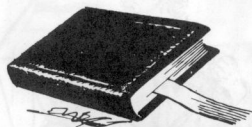
Such public displays of discourtesy and bad taste will not be tolerated by the Spanish or by me. Each individual will be held responsible for his behavior ashore. In addition, I not only expect but I require that the petty officers of this ship do their utmost to prevent any incidents. This must be done by your example, your counselling, and when necessary, by sending back to the ship men whose judgment is becoming impaired by too much drinking. This is not only a proper exercise of your authority and your leadership but is a favor to a man who might otherwise disgrace himself.

For the good conduct of the vast majority I am proud and grateful. For the few who have not matched their drinking to their capacity for alcohol, I wish to make clear how serious I consider any action which discredits *CANOPUS*, our Navy, and our country in the eyes of the Spanish. Those who can not confine their drinking to what they can handle should stop drinking. There are innumerable amusements, pastimes, and adventures in Spain and on the Base. The least profitable and productive and the most expensive of these is drinking. If you must drink to excess, do it on the Base. It will get you into far less trouble, and at least you will not make a spectacle of yourself in front of our hosts.

The pride of workmanship which *CANOPUS* personnel put into their performance of duty on board has resulted in SSBN's finishing refit in fine material condition, ready for patrols which support our foreign policy. All hands, not just almost everyone, must take similar pride in how they conduct themselves ashore. We are not fulfilling our mission properly if we do not all support our country and our Navy wholeheartedly both on board and on the beach.

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The statue near Washington, D.C., depicting the historic flag-raising on Iwo Jima, weighs 100 tons. The figures are 32 feet high.

Cross - currents



The time of year has arrived when Religion and the church more or less take over and dominate a large portion of our daily living. Thanksgiving Day opens for us a season of remembrance and reflection centered around the acknowledgement of the Almighty in establishing America as a great nation. From this day of feasting and and gratitude we move rapidly into the month of December and the beginning of Advent---the period of preparation for Christmas. The Advent Season is one of anticipation and culminates with the whole world fixing its eyes upon the celebration of the birth of our Lord. The joyous holiday season sparkles in every way, children laughingly inspire our hearts; families are drawn closer together in thought and gift exchanges between thousands of miles apart. Music, poetry, art, cooking and manner of dress all change and take on a new air of significance during this holiday season - all because it is Christmas and Christmas is a religious holiday. How sad that we need to be reminded that God and the church are the primary reason for our joyous and happy season, but often overlooked in the gaiety of our activities.

Also, during Advent, we have other special days of recognition and observance. We take special note of Saints Andrew and Thomas with special emphasis on the importance of the scriptures. On Bible Sunday, December 11, we take the opportunity to give special emphasis to the Scriptures and the evolution of the Bible down through the ages. 1966 has been set aside as "The Year of the Bible," and there is not space enough in this paper to relate all that has been done during this special

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CSS - 16 News



November was a busy month for Submarine Squadron 16. The regular departure and arrival of the SSBN's, not to mention visits by three admirals, an ambassador and a four star Air Force General, gave the officers and men of the squadron and CANOPUS plenty to do. The successful completion of these visits while conducting "business as usual" made Thanksgiving a little more meaningful this year.

Lieutenant Carmine Tortora, the Staff Public Affairs Officer, left for his new assignment aboard the USS SAILFISH. The entire Squadron was sorry to see him leave since his cheerful manner and friendliness had made him a favorite of both the Staff and Ship. Lt Tortora's diligent efforts with the Spanish Navy and the Spanish civilians did a great deal to improve Spanish-American relations. Squadron Sixteen is sure Lt. Tortora will continue his outstanding work.

The assistant Material Officer, Lieutenant Charles Brink was selected for Lieutenant Commander. Lt Brink has been doing an excellent job in the material department and the entire Squadron is proud of his selection.

A new arrival to the staff, Ensign J. E. McAllister, reported aboard as the new Public Affairs Officer. Ensign McAllister, a March graduate of OCS, attended a Spanish Language course prior to reporting here.

Marine Corps aviation came to Quantico 48 years ago. First planes arrived there on June 13, 1918.



DRIVER OF THE MONTH

The Gleeful-Splatter-Dasher loves to douse pedestrians, cyclists and push-cart operators. He abounds in all Spain during the winter months and he does his most effective work on the road to Chipiona.

CROSS CURRENTS

year to emphasize the importance of the Bible. However, I would be remiss if I did not share some facts that everyone should know. The American Bible Society has distributed 750 million Bibles, Testaments, Scripture portions and Selections since 1816, the year the Society was formed. In the past 150 years they have given 40 million volumes of Scriptures to service personnel free of charge. The Society now serves more than 130 countries and publishes the Scriptures in over 500 different languages.

"The Year of the Bible" has been proclaimed by 43 Governors for observance in our states and over 92 million Americans support the Society through 65 co-operating religious communions. The Bible Society is but one agency distributing Scriptures in the world but they are the most widely known.

In summary, I have been trying to say that religion, church attendance, and the influence of the Bible are very important and they effect our lives every day whether we realize it or not. What better time is there than the immediate present to begin to attend Divine Services each week. This season of the year inspires and makes one delight in taking part in the activities. The most important participation in advent is church attendance and sharing in the real joy of worship during this great holiday season.

Salty Sam Sez



Hey Salty Old Man..

Do we have any liberty cruises during the year or are we going to stay in ROTA? This ship is a brown-bagger's paradise but what about us single johns?

Paul Byrne YN3

You sound like a Guy who takes a ham sandwich to a banquet--Within a radius of a few hundred miles you have available to you liberty in in some of the finest places in the world. Use your weekends and leave wisely and you will make out better than most even if we don't get underway.

Hey Salty Old Man..

What ever happened to the stereo in the crew's lounge?

Douglass Hass RM3

It was removed for repairs which by the way included multiple cigarette burns and broken parts. You would think that some of the people using it had never seen a living room. XO is making a decision on returning or replacing it shortly.

Hey Salty Old Man

What are the chances of getting CANOPUS stationed on the Mississippi River near Missouri?

Dave Freeman SN

About the same as getting the Queen Mary in your shower stall Dave. Why don't you ask your Congressman to work towards it?

CANOPUS



The Keel is laid in March 1964

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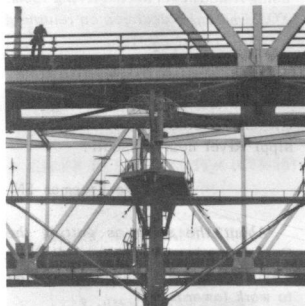


This shot was taken at the launching 12 February 1965



Commissioning Day, 4 November 1965. An auspicious beginning.

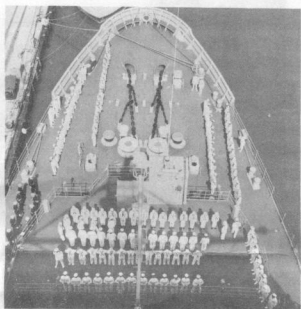
Under the Cooper River Bridge, 22 November 1965. LT Frear checks out bridge clearance



That first landing on the Helo Deck at Guantanamo, February 1966 turned out to be quite a christening



CHRONOLOGY

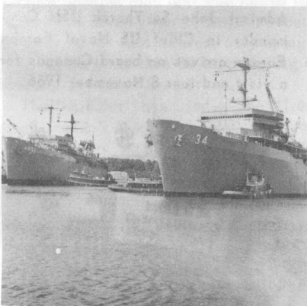


Personnel inspection by CSS-16, May 1966



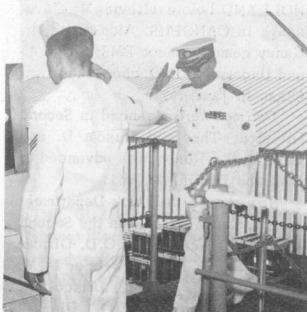
CANOPUS gets a new "Helmsman"
Captain Eaton relieves Captain Barrett, August 1966

Adios Charleston, September 1966



Our first SSBN comes alongside June 1966--ahead of schedule--the real beginning

Welcome aboard Almirante Gonzalez, Commander Naval Base Rota, October 1966



SEA BREEZE



DECK DEPARTMENT

Third Division had two men that were advanced this last month, Olson J. and Lindauer E. were both advanced to Boatswain's Mate Third Class.

Third Division sends out a Welcome Aboard to two new men, Brasswell BM1, and Rodgers BM2, both from the HOLLAND. Brasswell is the Division Leading Petty Officer and makes Chief in January.

Four men advanced in the First Division. They are Hochstetler, W. BM3; Dixon, D. SN to be advanced to BM3 in January and Blackwell, H. SN to BM3 in March. The fourth man to be advanced this month was Holmquist G. who has been in the Navy a little over five years and has climbed the ladder to Boatswain's Mate First Class.

Holmquist is working in the Diving Locker and is a Second Class Diver. He has not put out any word on his future in the Navy, but we believe he will be Chief before too long, like Behling will be right with him.

First Division has a new Division Officer and the Ship has a new BOS'N. He is CW03 Ganey who served on the HOLLAND before relieving Mr. Cavanaugh in CANOPUS. Along with Mr. Ganey came Swanson BM3; Hill BM3 and Underwood BM2 who makes first Class in January.

Two men were advanced in Second Division. They are Husom D. and Behling P.. Husom was advanced to BM3 and Behling to BM1.

New men in the Deck Department are LT. Cartwright who is the Second Division Officer and E.O.D. Officer. Koepke F. P. SFP2; Wehner D. M. MR3; Coco J. T. BM1; Driscoll R. A. SFC; Virdine J. EN1; Diaz.

W-2 DIVISION

W-2 Division has had it's share of good fortune since the last addition of the HELMSMAN. Before the HOLLAND sailed, W-2 acquired 9 men. WELCOME ABOARD:

Johnson FTC, Sutton FT1, Stewart FT1, Skipper FT2, Dixon FT2, Sheridan FT2, Porter MT2, Ellis MT2, and Daddona FT3.

W-2 was also well represented in the advancement for rate exams. Broome FTC, becomes FTCS on 16 November, 1966. Watkins made the hat on 16 October, 1966 and was unjustly tried and convicted at the CPO Club. Watkins says, "Chief Beach is a good mouth piece but as a defense lawyer, he is a complete failure".

On December 16, 1966 there will be another fair trial at the CPO Club, this time for John S. Raum, who makes the hat on that day.

Wisniewski, makes First on February 16, 1967. A bit of warning to the First Class Mess—raise the dues now as to be prepared. Congratulations to the new popcorn shaker.

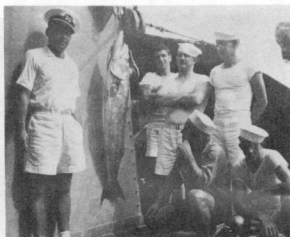
Sheridan FT2 has a new addition to his family and at last report the father was in good condition. Mrs. Sheridan is doing fine and so is Joseph who weighed in at 9 pounds 7 ounces.

There definitely should be a good Gulf station between Rota and Chipiona that stays open past 0100, so that Vice FT2 may utilize his credit Card. How anyone can run out of gas in a VW, is beyond the scope of this mild mannered reporter, but some people do. 26 miles per gallon?

For a final comment, "When living on the economy one should study landscaping". Mr. Davies, may we congratulate you on finally having running water in your house. I've heard it runs in the front door and out the back, or is it vice versa?

The mild mannered reporter of W-2 Division would like to have at least three telephone booths installed throughout the ship, for the purpose of changing clothes.

AS - 9



AS - 9 Warrant Officer Parks and some of the Deck Division Forward admire a Barracuda Mr. Parks caught off Tawi-Tawi while fishing with then Commander Sackett and then Lieutenant Commander Goodall. Any body recognize our unnamed shipmates? Mr. Parks describes his Deck Force as "a bunch of pirates who were ready for anything". He says they really came through when the chips were down though.

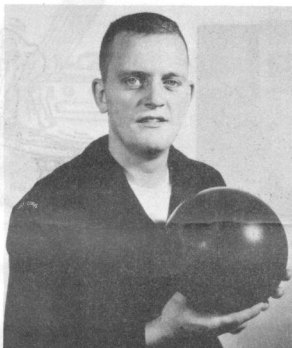


Admiral John S. Thatch USN Commander in Chief US Naval Forces Europe arrives on board Canopus for a visit and tour 8 November 1966.



SPORTS

Lair Rolls '712'



Congratulations to LAIR SN, who bowled a sparkling 712 series on 2 Nov.. LAIR put together his ABC award winning series with games of 257, 190 and 265.

SPORTS

(AFNB FEATURE)

1. The Boston Celtics will be aiming for another National Basketball Association championship this season. Can you name the last team to beat the Celtics for the NBA championship and the season the feat was accomplished?

2. The last World Series game this year was the fourth 1-0 game in the classic's history decided by a home run. Can you recall the first such decision and who hit the homer?

3. The name of the Brooklyn Dodger pitcher who threw the pitch that Bobby Thompson hit for "the home run heard around the World" is

ANSWERS

3. Ralph Branca.

Yankees.
Casey Stengel hit one for the old New York Giants against the New York Yankees.
2. It happened first back in 1923. NBA crown in the 1957-58 campaign.
in the seventh and deciding game for the
1. The St. Louis Hawks beat Boston

SEA BREEZE

S-4 DIVISION

A hearty "Welcome Aboard" to Ambrose DK1, who will be a great help in keeping the coin rolling to the crew. And a welcome to Rodney Bookman, the Squadron Personnel Office liaison man, he spends most of his time in the Disbursing Office and we hope he can call it home.

The Caped Crusader, the scrudge that slinks about the 4th deck amidstships Bat Brothel, has made a few gross errors during his colorful existence. One act of carnage was the slandering of one of our country's most famous heroes, the illustrious Luther Coggins, B.S., M.B.S., PHD. Still greater, however, was the atrocity stated in last month's HELMSMAN about the hand that pays for the gas for his Batmobile. Because of the malicious attack, henceforth, any claims made by the Masked Malinger or any of his henchmen will be, to coin a phrase, "down-graded" to such a low priority that payment will be close in infinity's date. And, moreover, if Pay's People continue to receive undue harassment, it is suggested that the entire UNSAT Team request Hazardous Duty pay, because they will need it!

X DIVISION

The large turnover onboard CANOPUS has created quite a change in "X" Division personnel. Those "Poor, Unfortunate" people who had to head back to the states were:

PN1 Amos E. Garnto
PN2 Charles D. Rader
PN3 Stephen (PHIL) Burton
PN3 Gene T. Williamson
SA John D. Frost

George Washington was the only president who never lived in the White House. But he did choose the site and approved the design, the National Geographic says.

To these men we send a sincere thanks and God speed on their return trip home.

Enough for farewell - now it is time to extend a hearty "WELCOME ABOARD" to the six new men added to "X" Division from the HOLLAND:

J. J. McCarthy, Jr., Personnel Officer
PC1 Edmond G. Bertrand
PN2 Thomas Gorman, Jr.
PN2 George T. Copes
YN2 Carl K. Carter
SN Robert A. Summers

LTJG CLAPPER has moved from the personnel office and is now located in the Captain's Office. LTJG CLAPPER is replacing LT PENTZ as Administrative Officer, Postal Officer, Transportation Officer, and "X" Division Officer. LT. PENTZ is to be transferred to the West Coast in the very near future.

The "Legal Beagles" bid a sad adieu to LT. L. E. PENTZ upon his departure from CANOPUS and extend a very hearty "WELCOME ABOARD" to LTJG J. H. GIBBONS, Jr. LTJG GIBBONS is a graduate of Fordham Law School and has been designated the new Legal Officer.

LTJG CLAPPER had better keep his eye on Yeoman "Steve". Word has it that "Steve" needs a lot of liberty in order to keep up the sharp edge on his patented "swivel hip, wide eyed" approach to the foul line and to keep his bowling average at its present astronomically high figure of 117. Anyone who wants to see bowling at its perfection should head for the gym on Thursday nights and see the "PRO" in action.....

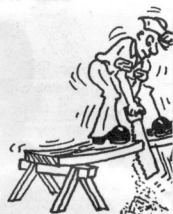
Servicemen stationed overseas can receive 10 per cent interest on their money through the Uniformed Savings Deposit Plan. Ask about it.



Tony Johnson SF1 of the Grinding Shop



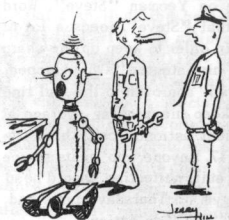
Harry Johnson SF1 - Readying himself for a routine Welding Job



Testing how much Teflon is on ball are Meek FA, Seppi SFP2, Lett FN



Rich Rolland DC3 and Schroeder PM3 members in good standing of the "Wood Butchers" Union



Think I could see the job order on that?..



Dixon DC1 Brains of the Lagging Shop



Bad news - - - We've gotta overhaul the power plant of the USS Constitution.



Floyd Hawk FN or Blacksmiths

DIVISION



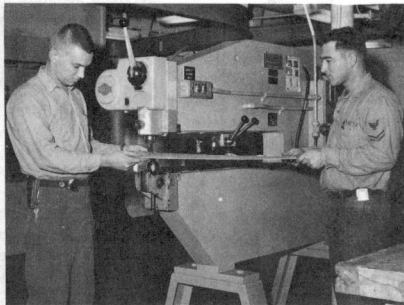
Pipe Shop - Stark SFP3 and Jadin FN
Cutting a piece of Pipe.



Mr. Thompson R1 Division Officer



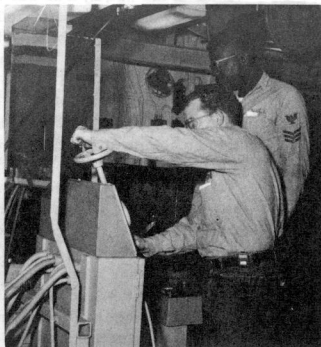
Vandershaaf BM2 taking a "stitch in time"



Pado SFM3 and Runyan SFM2 demonstrate the art
of Tin-Bending



of our modern day



Henderson SFM2 and Halsell SF1 in the
Sheetmetal Shop



X - 17 Special

AS - 9 News

SEA BREEZE



We have added a significant item to our CANOPUS (AS-9) memorabilia in the message above which is now framed and hanging in the Captain's Cabin. The inscription thereon reads as follows "Original dispatch as received on board CANOPUS (AS-9) 7 December 1941. Donated by Raymond W. Kirk ATC USN (ret) who received it as Radioman of the Watch and carried with him thereafter through three and a half years in Japanese prisoner of war camps". Our grateful thanks to Mr. Kirk.

The following letter was received from Captain Paul H. VERD USN (ret):

"After reading Admiral SACKETT's story of the CANOPUS and its heroic crew, and after hearing the tales of those crew members who fought on Bataan and Corregidor, and then were captured, I doubt if anything I might have to report, specifically as far as the CANOPUS is concerned, would be of much interest. But I shall do the best I can.

Prior to 1941 I was a Naval Reserve Ensign (Naval ROTC - University of Washington, 1931), an electrical engineer, and a specialist and pioneer in the diesel locomotive field. Because of engine problems on the Perch, Pickerel, Permit class of submarines then on Asiatic Station, I was called to active duty in April 1941 and sent out to Manila and to the CANOPUS.

So the CANOPUS became my first ship. And what a good ship she was. Certainly not very beautiful, but a

good ship in all respects from stem to stem and from top to bottom. And this description includes the Captain, officers and crew - their attitude, state of well being and efficiency. It should be noted that a submarine tender may have many things to cause discord, such as division and squadron staffs on board, and the submarine crews alongside who often forget that the tender is in the same war with them. But the CANOPUS was a happy ship for all concerned, and did its level best to cheerfully render all services possible to the submarines. Its reputation with the boats and staffs it handled was tops.

I served as a member of the CANOPUS crew from 13 May 1941 until 9 October 1941 (Assistant Repair Officer). From then on I served as a submarine staff officer hanging my hat on various tenders or submarines as the occasion arose. Most of the time before I was ordered out of Bataan to Australia repairing a submarine engine en route, the CANOPUS was my home. Therefore, I have very strong attachment for her and for her able crew.

With the exception of the last two months of the war, my time was spent on many tenders and bases, refitting submarine in Java, Australia, Pearl Harbor and the Marshal Islands. But no ship ever left me with such a "belonging" feeling as did the CANOPUS. And that is why I was so thrilled to be able to attend the launching of the new CANOPUS.

May I thank you for keeping me on the mailing list of your fine magazine, the HELMSMAN, and may my hope and wish for the new CANOPUS materialize—that you achieve the kind of reputation for service, efficiency and general well being on station that was earned by your predecessor."

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M DIVISION

The HOLLAND is gone now and so the CANOPUS has a big pair of shoes to fill, but we of M Division feel that we can and will do as good a job, if not better one than any of our predecessors.

First we would like to welcome aboard the new Engine Room personnel. L. Frey MMC - the new JEFE, Kretzmer MM3, Miller MMFN, Pinkston MMFN, and Rennerfeldt MMFN.

The six men that were transferred to the HOLLAND are greatly missed in skill and spirit by all of us. They were Zimmerman EN2, Bollinger EN3, Huber EN3, Toor MM3, Swinehart MMFN, and Armstrong FN.

Congratulations are out to Aponte, Lowery, and Marlow for their advancement in Rate; Aponte to MM1, Marlow to MM3, and Lowery to MM3.

In closing we would like to extend a warning to all CANOPUS men: our former JEFE is now on Shore Patrol - So Flangeheads beware - Finnerty MM1 is out there waiting for you.



(AFNB Feature)

Testing is underway on a small multi-purpose rocket engine, about the size of two human fists. The small motor may deliver a whisper of thrust or a pulsing 100-pound blast. It could be used for rocket stage and spacecraft attitude control, orbital maneuvering and propellant management. Testing is at Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.

Scientists are trying to determine the brightness of stars. NASA launched an Aerobee sounding rocket with a star-scanning payload. Collected data, now under study, was converted to coded radio signals and transmitted to ground stations.

By "Bass Killer" Hern

From the Bat Cave

The CAVE recently welcomed two members into the fold; Fisher SK3 and Wiles SK3. The newcomers received their Batwings after being chosen as nation-wide winners on that Stock-Control-sponsored TV show: "Liberty Risk for a Day". Incidentally this exciting new day-time show is world renowned for its unusual prizes: Blackjacks, switch-blade knives, autographed pictures of some most recent Captain's Mast, San Miguel bottles, etc.

We've also been forced to bid farewell to our first "BATCAVE Dropout", Thomas SK3. After an extensive, month-long debriefing period, we were able to brain-wash the BAT-CODE from his poor deluded mind. Sad-----But no one cuts out on the BATCAVE!!

W. F. Carnicle SK2 has been doing his utmost to spread good will throughout the country side. Only weeks ago he returned from a tour of Cadiz after having donated a number of personal items to the needy of that fair city. The BATCAVE at its benevolent best!

The BATCAVE has been conducting extension courses from Bruce Wayne University toward the B.B. (Bachelor of Bats) degree. Our universally popular course is "Disbursing Afloat", a do-it-yourself course in how to get paid when all other attempts have failed. Training aids provided as course material are: Cutting torches, crow bars, stethoscopes, and TNT disguised as bottles of Cruz Campo.

We're currently sponsoring a charity raffle to assist the poverty-stricken and practically defunct Luther Coggins cult. The Bat-men have noted with pathos the begone woe trio of O'Neill SK2, Frasad SK2, and McGrath SK3 as they sit in dismal silence in front of the German Bar, selling pencils to the shoeshine boys while Turrentine SK3, does a soft-shoe routine for whatever centimos the crowd will toss. It was inevitable-----the entire Luther Coggins treasury has long since been expended in buying off the Quarterdeck watch to forget the Liberty Risk List.

Those high-livers from Stock-Control: "Flach's Finks", are trying to organize a Burro Race; however, they've encountered unforeseen difficulties---it seems that Langenburg is the only one capable of communicating with the darling little animals. Could it be a mutual admiration?

The surgical team of "Ben Casey" Lassiter and "Emory" Flynt was hauled in a fortnight ago for practicing medicine without a license. They're a riotous pair though-----constantly keeping everyone in stitches!!!

The Bat-mobile is undergoing an extensive overhaul; even a vehicle of its substantiality was unable to withstand the ravages of an AK lift. Additionally, the first Spanish road test was forced to abort when the Bat-exhausts became Choked with Donkey-carts, Chipiona-bound brown baggers, and Luther Coggins cultists. Gosh! And we were only doing Mach II.

In closing, let this be fair warning to all would-be insurrectionists (Particularly S - 1 and S - 5):

The "Riddler" has tried---The "Joker made his puny efforts---The Penguin" couldn't make the grade---even the "Catwoman" couldn't turn him on!!

The results will always be the same: ZAP! POW! CRUNCH! ZORK! BIFF! ZOT!

-----BEWARE THE BATMAN!

Sea Water a Regenerant for Breathing Mixtures. Another report in Science comes from the U.S. Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory at Port Hueneume, where a simple venturi-type gas exchanger has been developed to strip carbon dioxide from the atmosphere of life-support systems and to restore oxygen, using only a stream of sea water.

Editorial

Last Will and Testament

CAMP PENDELTON, CALIF.,....
"If I am killed while carrying out this mission, I want no one to cry or mourn for me.....," said Private First Class Richard E. Marks. "...Since I have been here I have been scared many times...I want to say that I am here as a result of my own desire...I am here because I have always wanted to be a Marine...I am fighting to practice and maintain what I believe in and what to live in, a democratic society...I don't like being over here but I am doing a job that must be done."

The letter containing these sentiments written by Marks appeared recently in a New York Surrogate Court where, as the last Will and Testament of Richard E. Marks, Private First Class, USMC, they were being probated.

Nineteen year old Marks was killed last February in Vietnam. Before he died he wrote 77 such letters tracing his emotions and attitudes toward America, the Marine Corps and combat in Vietnam.

He hoped that if he was killed carrying out his mission no one would cry for him and he wrote that he wanted people to "...hold their heads high and be proud of me for the job I did. We are proud.



ETN2 GUZMAN receives his reenlistment Plaque from Captain EATON upon his reenlistment last month. GUZMAN also picked up a Variable Reenlistment Bonus of \$8,600.00.

CAMPBELL'S CAREER CORNER**Some Bits and Pieces**

The next time you pick up a copy of the Navy Times take a glance at the section labeled "The Week In Congress". This section will keep you up to date on who is working for and against the Military Services. Then if you so wish drop your Congressman a line and let him know just what you think of various bills. This make your Navy Career a little better.

On October 1 the outpatient coverage under Medicare was signed into law. Granted this does not make the Medicare Bill free of payment, but it does give us a lot more services and it is a step in the right direction. In the near future you will find a lot more changes to this bill and for the best. A new study is now underway on the long delayed dependents dental care. Dental care is being done here at Rota and other overseas bases, and you should take advantage of it here.

Chances are very good for another pay raise in 1967, and if the prediction holds true it will be the fifth such raise in as many years. Incidentally, the upcoming increases for retirees (between 3.5 and 4.0 percent) will mark the first time that retirees have gotten a higher pay increase than did active duty personnel. Speaking of retirees, as of the first of this

year a retired member who enlisted at the age of 18, retired as E-7 with twenty years service, and lives to the average age of 71 would receive \$87,199.00 retired pay. If he retired as E-9 he would receive \$112,741.00. You could never afford to make the payments on insurance policy that would start paying you this type of money at the age of 38.

A new EM College Degree plan is now in the pilot stages. If this works out like I think it will then a lot of EM's will get the chance to better their education. Part of the plan is for colleges to give credit toward the associate degree for knowledge and skills learned in service schools. Under this program a Navy man can not only advance himself in his specialty but he will also be working toward a degree. This program is ONLY being considered for the NAVY, and it look like it is well on it's way to being a great success.

It all boils down to just one thing, the NAVY offers you the chance of a life time to better your education, to be a success in your chosen field, and to retired with a steady income at an early age. But, all the programs in the world can do no good unless YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM.

Markups on some 20 major categories of merchandise sold at Navy Exchanges throughout the world will be reduced on a phasing scale beginning Dec. 26, 1966.

ANOTHER CANOPUS STARLIGHTER

Mrs. Patricia Borho, wife of LT. John M. Borho, CANOPUS Communications officer was admitted to the CANOPUS STARLIGHTERS this past month for her unselfish efforts in helping arriving families during the period between her arrival in Spain and CANOPUS' arrival. We are proud to add her to our Quarterdeck Plaque.

Canopus Wives Club News

The first scheduled meeting in Spain of the Canopus Wives Club was held on Tuesday, November 22, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. at the U.S.O. Club.

The program at this meeting covered many urgent and immediate needs, such as helping our new arrivals living in hotel facilities, date for elections of officers, and confirming our bowling groups and time of league bowling with Mrs. Casart and Mrs. Luffman.

Anyone with problems, please call Alice Rose, Base no. 4230 or Jean Luffman no. 4413. We all want to help each and everyone, in anyway we can. Please let us know your needs.

ALICE ROSE

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HOW'S YOUR NAVY I.Q.?

1. The first air raid on Japan in World War II was made by this American aircraft carrier on April 18, 1942. She carried army B-25's as her strike force.

- () USS SARATOGA
- () USS LEXINGTON
- () USS HORNET
- () USS ESSEX

2. This intrepid airmen made the first shipboard take-off of an airplane in a Curtiss pusher, from the deck of the USS BIRMINGHAM on November 14, 1910.

- () Eugene Ely
- () John Towers
- () Glenn Curtiss
- () Orville Wright

3. In 1960, this nuclear powered submarine commanded by Commander George P. Steele II, made the first east-west underwater transit through the Northwest Passage. At one point she was forced to dive below 300 feet to sail under an iceberg in Baffin Bay.

- () USS SKATE
- () USS SEADRAGON
- () USS SARGO
- () USS NAUTILUS



Major General W. T. Thurman, USAF, Chief MAAG Belgium and Luxembourg nations arrives on board 17 October 1966 for familiarization visit.

SEA BREEZE

R-1 DIVISION

NABORS SF1 of the shipfitter shop is proud of the new paint job his men gave the shop on the way over to Rota. Especially the yellow monorails!

HARWELL SF3 has been transferred to the USS Fulton AS 11 as a result of a swap with Murphy SFM3. Welcome aboard Murph!

JOHNSON SF1 of the weld shop has denied all rumors that he was trying to go into competition with General Motors on the way over from Charleston. He said that the contraption that consumed most of his off-duty hours in the weld shop was a go cart with which he intends to shatter all records at the Rota track. Good Luck, Hot Rod!

Due to the extensive representation of R-1 Division on the beach in Lisbon there is talk of forming a Canopus chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous. Any Joiners?

CHARLIE BLALOCK SF1 of the sheetmetal shop became a father one day after leaving Charleston. His wife Jo Ann gave birth to a 7 pound, 6½ ounce baby at Charleston Naval Hospital on the 25th of Sept. at 1500. Congratulations, Charlie and JoAnn!

Pappy EAST ML1, reputed to be the only man ever to be given a traffic ticket for speeding with a wheel barrow, was transferred to the USS Holland when we arrived in Rota. Good Luck, Pappy!

The "DYNASTY OF THE HORTONS" was recently shattered in the Pipe Shop when Bill Horton SFP2 brother of Don Horton SF1 was transferred to the Holland. Donnie Boucher SFP3 who also worked in the Pipe Shop is now aboard the USS Fulton. Smooth Sailing, Bill and Don!

As of this writing JARMAN SF2 and MADDEN SFP3 of the pipe shop are still among the missing. They left for a two week course in induction brazing the day before CANOPUS left Charleston. Rumor has it that they are riding back over on an AKA. When they will get here still remains a mystery.

The division sends out a "Get well quick" to Griffin and Jones SFM3 of the Shipfitter shop. Both are now in the Air Force Hospital in Madrid. Griffin is there for an operation on his neck and Jones is recovering from an injury to his hand which he received in a bout with the roller in the Shipfitter shop.

The go-cart bug has bitten the Sheetmetal shop. The members of the shop have purchased a second, (or maybe third), hand go-cart and plan to rebuild it completely in time to be burning up the local track in early January.

Everyone is speculating as to where PMC Femino spent his leave before reporting back aboard Canopus in Rota. The first command he gave at Quarters was for everyone to stand up straight like SOLDIERS! - - - - maybe he was moonlighting for the Green Berets Welcome back anyway, Sarge, I mean Chief.

The Division welcomes Shaw SF1, Addison SF1, and Sturgill SF1 to the weld shop, Coppa SF1, Laskey SF2, Barnes SF3 and Fry SF2 to the shipfitter shop, Snyder SF2 to the sheetmetal shop and Lett FN to the Teflon shop. All with the exception of Sturgill came to us from the Holland, he is from the Gilmore - - - - - Glad to have you aboard mates!

Congratulations are in order to Dixon and Nabors for making Chief, to Johnson and Sturgill for making 1st, to Seppi, Smith, Losea, Beyers, Mckinley and Jarman for making 2nd, and Stark for making 3rd class.



DENTAL DEPT.

The Dental Dept. would like to welcome aboard; LCDR S. Raybin DC, LCDR. Vaught DC, E. Torres-Soto DT2 and H. A. Cusick DT2.

Congratulations go to Dr. and Mrs. Vaught and their new little baby boy.

XD DIVISION

Welcome Aboard to Bill Ray MA2, and Jack Warren MA3. Both men came to us from the HOLLAND, and are a welcome addition to the CANOPUS Family.

Happy Birthday to Walt Walton and Tony Appleyard. Walt will be a blushing 20 on Nov. 15 and Tony becomes a legal hoister on Nov. 19.

Congratulations to Butch Karlstad who was selected for advancement to MA2. Butch sews on his bird in January.

Smooth sailing to brother Stroth, MA2, who is in Norfolk, Va. attending a three week Univac Programming School.

Welcome to Spain to Jacqueline Hook, wife of Rod Hook, MA2. Rod and Jackie will make their home in Puerto De Santa Maria.



CANOPUS' last Ensign is no more as Captain EATON congratulates LTJG PLOCH during our transit from Charleston.

The Roving Reporter

What do you like best about Spain?



COMMANDER HIGGINS

*The weather nice,
The wine price,
The food spice,
The spanish culture slice
Are the things that me entice*



COOK

Lot of good liberty



CHIEF ELLINGHAUSEN (CSS-16)

Friendly Spaniards.

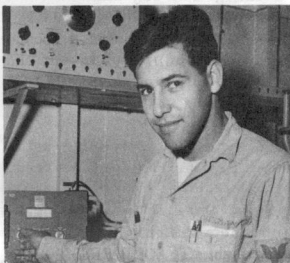
NAVY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. USS HORNET
2. EUGENE ELY
3. USS SEADRAGON



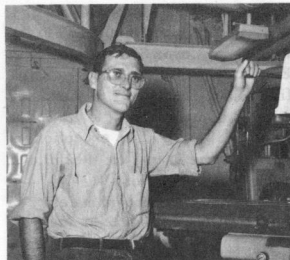
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*Centrally located where you can
visit other countries.*



GUZMAN

The people themselves.



DE MAIRA

*The mysteries and adventure of old
Spain.*

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gunboat, in which the Captain of the GROWLER was killed, Lieutenant Commander SCHADE took command. With his ship ripped by enemy gunfire and leaking dangerously, her bow planes and vital auxiliaries inoperative, he worked tirelessly to direct emergency repairs, finally bringing his ship and her valiant crew safely back to port...."

Admiral SCHADE's last assignment was Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Plans and Policy) Navy Department, Washington, D.C.



New Books in the Crew's Library

We have received a shipment of new books in the library. These are books that the crew has been asking for. One of our jobs is to have as many books as we can so that the crew can gain enjoyment as well as knowledge from reading. Here listed are a few of the new books in the library.

One Man Team	Scholz
The Fountainhead	Rand
The Killer Marshall	Overholser
Casino Royale	Fleming
Moonraker	Fleming
The Gentle Gunman	Brand
Hawaii	Michener
The Omnibus	Clarke
The Cape Cod Lighter	O'Hara
My Game and Yours	Palmer

Book of the Month

Tai-Pan by James Clavell has been the third book listed in Time Magazine's listing of the ten best selling fiction Novels. Tai-Pan focuses upon Drik Struan, who built an empire from one opium trader, and his son, Cullum, who recoiled from the barbarity in his father's life.

The Library has received a large number of paper-backs. I am starting exchange where you exchange book for book. In this way we can keep a fresh supply of paper-back books.

If you are wondering why the magazines are not up to date it's because they only come by supply ship, so look for new magazines in in the Library whenever you see the supply ship.

SEA BREEZE

DC DIVISION

A hearty welcome aboard is extended to the following personnel: Wells, Peyton M. DCCS; Best, Willie DC1; McCallister, Homer R. SFP2 Murray, Richard SF1;

Congratulations are extended for advancement in rating.

Best, Willie DC1; McCall, Samuel A. SFP2; Brice, David D. DC1

The Damage Control Division extends their farewell to the personnel transferred to USS HOLLAND (AS-32). Brice, David D. DC1; Rodgers, Samuel SFM2; Boyles, James SFM2; White, Richard S. FN; Bigelow, Roy M. SFP2; Skurka, Ronald DC3; White, Lunnie A. SFP2; Fredette, Ronald DC2; Davenport, Craig J. FN;

Guess what happened to the "Wise ole Owl" who writes the "Monthly Safety Bulletin"...yep you guessed it - he is now a STATISTIC with TWO BROKEN FINGERS, when he slipped going down a ladder. Maybe he should RE-READ his article on "WHY PEOPLE FALL" in the April 1966 issue.

S-2 DIVISION

S-2 Division wishes to welcome the following men: Cross, W. E., CSCM; Brokos, J. M. CS1; Lee, M. B. SK2; Rodgers, F. CS2; Rush, W. W. CS2; Sewell, J. C. CS2; Underwood, W. P. CS2; Walsh, J. CS2; Rupp, R. W. CSSN.

Also we would like to welcome Chief Cavarretta, L. A. CSC back to the mess decks, after working in the Officer's Country for two months. Now he is in charge of our Provisions Storerooms, ably assisted by dizzy Fred.

For the third consecutive year, Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC) has received Air Force-wide recognition for the excellence of its accounting and finance operations.

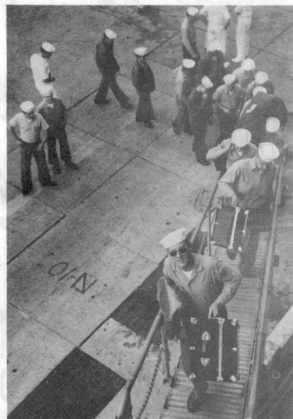
The Cold War GI Bill was enacted into law for the benefit of all eligible veterans. It can do a lot for you. Ask about it.

Shipmate of Month



Susan Hart, an American International Picture Starlet poses for the Helmsman Staff. On her even fishnet looks good!

The Yellow Crew



The "YELLOW CREW" reports back aboard having "EARNED" their sea pay. Leading the crew is Daigle PH 2.

Following the purchase of Alaska by the U.S. from Russia in 1867, the first government vessel into the territory was the Revenue-Marine (forerunner of the Coast Guard) cutter Lincoln.

