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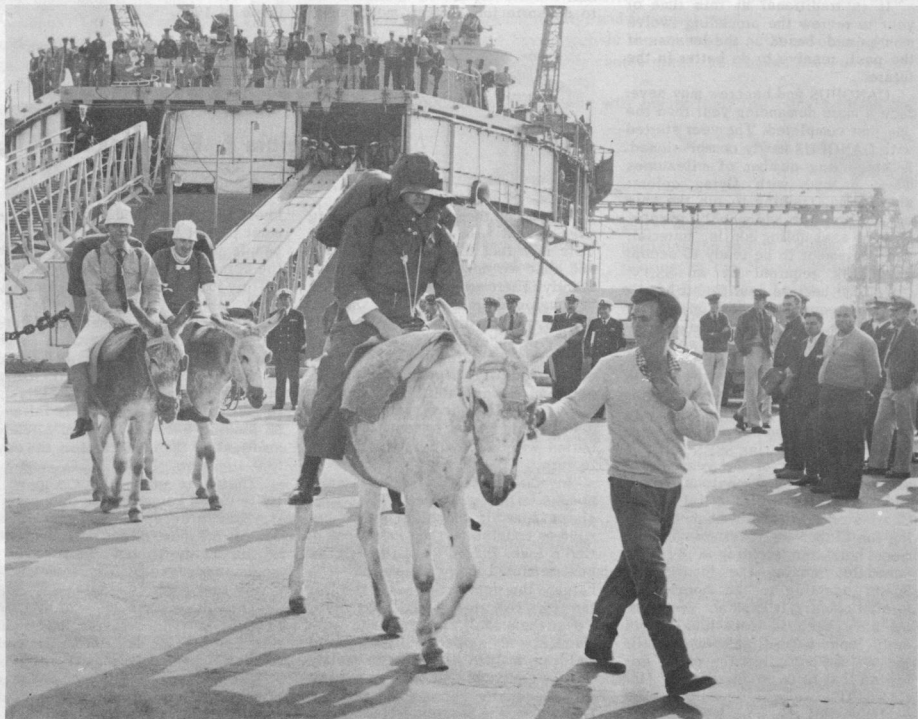


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BURROS AWAY



This unusual looking group departing the area of Canopus' bow is not Burro Mounted Cavalry as you might suspect. For what happens when you dare to advance from "Rag Hat" to "Big Chief" see pages 4 and 5.

COMMAND COLUMN



By Captain John D. Eaton

It is traditional at this time of year to review the preceding twelve months and, based on the lessons of the past, resolve to do better in the future.

CANOPUS and her crew may never face a more demanding year than the one just completed. The year started with CANOPUS newly commissioned. A staggering number of milestones were passed with flying colors: shakedown, training to run the ship as a ship; the enormously complex task of assembling skills, material, and equipment to be ready to accept any work required by an SSBN; CANOPUS became qualified to handle nuclear weapons, to work on nuclear propulsion plants and to handle radioactive materials. Attack submarines were refitted. With less than half the year over CANOPUS was in the moor at the Charleston site, carrying out the mission she was built and equipped for and you were trained for - refitting SSBN's.

The last half of the year was a similar series of momentous events and CANOPUS firsts: relief at the Charleston site; deployment, including the Lisbon visit; relieving in the moor here and tackling a 3-SSBN schedule; moving the families to Spain; adapting to the mores of a foreign country. It does not seem that we have been in Rota long but in early January the first boat we refitted will be back from the patrol following that refit. In another first for CANOPUS, we will be able to find out how well the work we did without the test of a patrol.

It is impossible for me to draw specific conclusions from the experi-

ences of the past year. The events, only a few of which I have recounted, were too numerous. Unlike many of you, I was not on board for any of the significant occurrences of the first seven months.

General conclusions, on the other hand, are easy. The year was a tremendous success. There is probably no ship better equipped to handle its mission. In my experience I have never seen a crew more determined to do an outstanding job, and do it cheerfully.

In 1967 we will again be asked to perform many tasks that we have never done before and some, perhaps, that no tender has attempted before. This does not faze me. Our competence is almost unlimited. Unlike last year, we will perform many chores time and time again as SSBN follows SSBN. While experience will teach us to do some jobs better, monotonous



Cross - currents

By Chaplain F. E. Whitaker

A common theme of poem and song says "That Life is Like a Road". This is a fact that we cannot deny, and that we need to live with constantly. There are times when the road is rough, and times when it is smooth. We may walk with the crowd or go it alone, whichever way we choose. However, one thing must be noted, every road will have curves, intersections and corners that must be negotiated. Very rarely can we ever see straight ahead or reach a destination without finding some corners to turn.

In the Bible the 139th Psalm speaks to this very point. The writer shows himself reaching out in his mind to understand the dimensions of God's love. Before he is through, he has measured every dimension - the height, the depth, the near, the far, the day, the night - and then says, "even there shall Thy hand lead me". Certainly any sensitive person would welcome a faith like that. In reality we can conclude that turning corners is a necessity but a solid faith in God makes the task easier and much more pleasant.

As we begin a new year, we cannot see clearly what lies ahead. We only

repetition can lead to carelessness and indifference.

Perhaps the greatest challenge of the new year, then, will be to maintain the spirit that distinguishes CANOPUS, a spirit founded on pride of workmanship, a belief in cooperating with the members of SSBN crews and with shipmates, a willingness to work until the job is done and done right. Your families will have to continue to have faith in the importance of your shipboard responsibilities.

As during the last year, this will require the best in both the minority who do repair work on SSBN's and the majority who back them up by providing services to CANOPUS and the rest of Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN. If CANOPUS, a year from now, has the same shining spirit as today, we can be as proud of our accomplishments in 1967 as we should be for those of 1966.

know that times and circumstances must be met with each new day, and people will try various ways to turn the corners. There will be those who will try to do it by walking backwards. They feel it is easier to have memories than to face present responsibilities. Have you ever tried to go back to the old home town and found it exactly the way you left it? Have you ever found this year's birds in in last year's nests? This is fallacy of looking back at the turn already made rather than anticipating the one that lies ahead.

There are still others who will try to turn a corner before they get to it. This is deception and can throw one off balance, or put one where he is not ready to be. Haste makes waste, and usually leaves us short of the real goal.

Then there are some who will try to carry a much heavier load than they are capable and this will tend to slow life down or even cause a temporary break in the pace - either of which ends in disappointment and frustration.

What then is the alternative, the better way? Follow the learned con-

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CSS - 16 News



December was a month of work (as usual), waiting, parties and New Year's resolutions for the Staff. Work continued but the Christmas spirit helped increase the ever-present cooperation found between the Staff, Ship and Submarines.

There was a great deal of waiting going on around the Staff. Ensign MC ALLISTER was waiting to see if his wife and son were going to make it here for Christmas. SK1(SS) RUSSIN's duty section was waiting for Mrs. RUSSIN (Barbara) to have her baby. RUSSIN was waiting to see if he'd become a father in time to gain a 1966 tax deduction. Chief ACOSTA was waiting to leave on a trip to Germany. Commander MAXWELL was waiting for rain so the staff sedan would be washed. The Commodore - he's still waiting for a good picture of an SSBN in the sunset.

We were all waiting to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. URBANC on their 19th Wedding Anniversary on the 29th of November -- Oops! looks like we waited too long. Never-the-less Happy Anniversary Doctor and Beverly - and many more to come.

December was highlighted by many fiestas of note. The URBANC/HEWITT/EIDSON/SIMPSON party was enjoyed by all. The Squadron Christmas ball was in competition with the STAUFFENBERG/VEHLOW bash (official results - by those who could make both - a Tie). All in all great deal of Christmas spirit was had and consumed by everyone.

The New Year's arrival wouldn't have been complete without New

Year's resolutions, YN1(SS) STAUFFENBERG resolved to have a sloppy handwriting for 1967. LT EIDSON resolved there would be no coffee/coke drinking, sitting on desks, smoking, or sign drawing in his office in 1967. With that crew of his all we can say is -- rots of ruck. Lots of other resolutions were made but broken before we could even write them down.

In case we on the Staff didn't get to pass the word along to each and everyone of you -- we hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas, and we wish all of you the best of everything for 1967.

From the Khaki Locker

The CPO Quarters is finally being represented in print and this "mild mannered reporter" will give facts, not the half truths, to the readers of the Helmsman. I am not trying in any way to steal Mr. HERN's thunder, but I do think his article is sometimes misleading. In the first place, 'Bass Killer' HERN, on various fishing trips, was outgunned by Hart SKC. The only time that 'Bass Killer' HERN, as he likes to call himself, ever outgunned Chief Hart, just happened to be in the presence of the Executive Officer. In the second place, the very title of his article "From The Bat Cave", doesn't appear to be in order. It is a known fact that more 'old bats' hang out at the CPO Club than anywhere within a hundred miles of Rota. A word of warning!! The first person showing this article to Lois Lane will definitely have a bad run of luck, starting immediately after my release from Dr. Lowry's 'Haven For The Disabled'.

The new CPO Officers, as of 1 Dec. are:

President ----- Gress SPCM
 Sec'y ----- Beach SKC
 Treas. ----- Wilson EMC
 Mess Caterer ----- Campbell TMC

Let me sum up the issue in this manner, the president is doing a good

Helmsman Wins Award

The HELMSMAN staff proudly announces the receipt of a Chief of Information Merit Award for the Third Quarter 1966. We were selected as one of 26 winners from over 500 ship and station newspapers by a panel of journalists, newsmen and public affairs officers. Our thanks go out to CHINFO for the award and to all our contributors without which there would be no HELMSMAN.

job and Wilson must be buying a new Volkswagen because he sure takes our money. Campbell is in charge of everything in sight, especially the food. Beach would be a very good secretary if he could get to the meetings on time, then again he doesn't have legs like 'Wilt the Stilt' so maybe that's why he is always late.

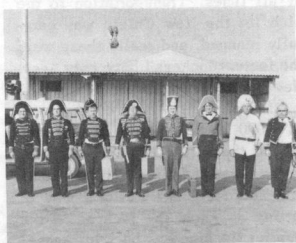
Into the realm of Chiefs, we have two men who were initiated on 16 Dec. 1966. The initiation, held in behalf of Raum FTC and Hower MTC, was a huge success as Captain Barrett, Captain Eaton, and Commander Scoggins I'm sure, will agree. The Master at Arms Force for the occasion were dressed in 16th Century Spanish uni forms, complete with sabers and were in complete charge at all times. Transportation to the club for the New Chiefs was carefully planned, and really these were the fastest donkeys I have ever seen. Never before have I seen a burro with a full race cam. A final comment --- At 2000 each evening the silence around the CPO Club is interrupted by the sound of falling money. I guess this is just Chief Fuller's way of letting us know the jackpot on the Quarter Machine has been hit again!

Adios,
 Tom Watkins FTBC

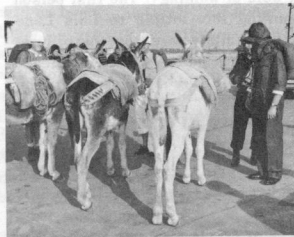
CHIEFS INITIATION



CAPTAIN EATON smiles but HOWER, MTC, left, and RAUM, right, look somewhat apprehensive at the advancement ceremony the morning of 16 December. The pictures following depict the reason for that apprehension.



The Judge and Jury await our new chiefs at the foot of the brow

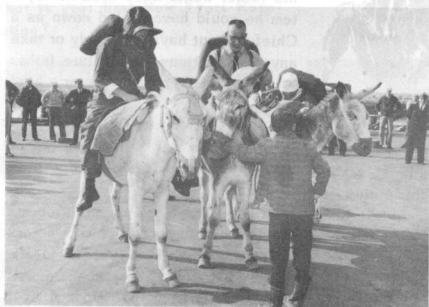


Transportation arranged by COM-DONKLANT



Chief - meet Genevieve, your mount for the day

SPANISH STYLE



Mount up men



The Asses rest



Looking ahead - 2 miles to go



The Arraignment



Presenting the case



Crime and Punishment

SEA BREEZE

M DIVISION
 "The Caduceus"

Several personnel changes have taken place in the Medical Department since our arrival in Rota. We wish good health and smooth sailing to THOMPSON HMCS and HOUSEMAN who took the cruise back to the States aboard the Holland. At the same time we welcome to the aches and pains department Yamell HM2 and Shedelbower HM3. We also welcome aboard Dr. Urbanc LCDR MC and Fickle HMCS who represent CSS-16. Edgerton HMC (DV) has replaced Calkins HM2 (DV) in the Scuba Locker.

The Medical Department of the CANOPUS joined the Station Hospital in a night of Christmas Cheer at the Skyroom in Rota on the 16th of December. A good time was had by all until the morning after that is.

We would again like to pass along our thanks to all the men who on 2 occasions gave their blood to help a CANOPUS dependent.

Did you know that one of the ingredients in the common APC is dangerous to your health if taken over a prolonged period. BUMED has warned that continuously taking APC's may result in permanent damage to the Kidneys.

In closing a Medical reminder: "Know your First Aid for sometime, somewhere your friend's life may be in your hands or your life in his."

R-3 DIVISION

Chief Hall of R-3 has done it again. Congratulations on becoming a father again. His second child and second girl. He had anticipated a boy but received word from production management (Mrs. H. Maxine Hall) of Hall Industries Ltd. that he had obviously slipped on the Job Cat. No. on his call down sheet turned in last April. Chief Hall says he will correct this next call down sheet and up the priority. It was also noted that



sequence number 7 of the work order called for passing out cigars. When confronted as to what the status of this sequence was he said it had been coded 13 and cancelled out. In order to correct this oversight, however; he wrote out an auxiliary job order to the Ships Store for a box of cigars. Still it was noted that the cigars he was passing out were of various brands, probably some of the ones he had collected approximately 2 weeks earlier while congratulating everyone he could locate on making their rate. Of course Hall's explanation was that he had purchased more than one box of cigars being the generous type.

Hall said he was planning on programming the A.D.P. system to select types of personalities, names, and etc. for the future citizens of this brave new world. He also added if his father would have used his system he could have called down as a Chief without having to study or take any examinations. If a future father wants to have a millionaire or a hero for a son all he needs to do is get the right Job Cat. No. He also said, however; it may take the fun out of being people and leaving every thing to chance.

R-3, Lead Division, reports status on locker club heat. Motors are on order! Now it's up to Mr. Sears & Roebuck on when we will have heat in the club. Upon arrival of the motors our technicians will be right on the job.

Our congratulations go to R. D. Miller who just made First Class. The 12th First Class in R-3 Division.

R-3 has another career designated man, EM3 A. B. Oman, who just shipped over for another 6 years. A \$5400 bonus in store for this man.



Mrs. Blanche R. Slank, wife of MM1 R. M. Slank, belatedly accepts her Starlighter certificate from Captain Eaton. Mrs. Slank was admitted to the order of Starlighters in September 1966 for her contributions to the CANOPUS Wives Club and other community services.

"CANOPUS DISBURSING FUNCTIONS TO UNDERGO MAJOR CHANGES"

By **LTJG S.F. PLOCK**
Disbursing Officer

Commencing New Years Day, 1967, The CANOPUS Disbursing Office will be open every Sunday for the sale of slightly worn pesetas at reduced prices. This service will be available to all members and their dependents, and the first one hundred customers will receive an autographed copy of Batman and Robin's latest epic: "How To Be A Crime Fighter For Fun and Profit". Don't delay! This book has been riding the crest of the best seller lists for months, and we only have 100 copies remaining in our Disbursing safe.

Remember our Disbursing Office Motto:
'NIGHT OR DAY, WE HATE TO PAY!!!!'

This announcement somehow or other was mixed in our mail with news from the "BAT CAVE" - Can it be true - What say you Mr. Plock? It seems to we viewers that the gauntlet has been thrown.
(See December BAT CAVE news.)

A LETTER OF THANKS

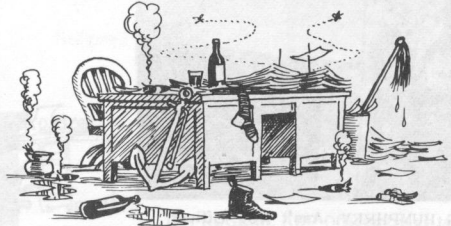
I would like to give my thanks to the personnel of the ship for the beautiful flowers sent to my sister who is in the hospital as a result of an automobile accident 2 November.

I would also like to thank them for the flowers they sent to my mother's funeral. She was killed in the same accident.

I would like to give special appreciation to the men of R-3 Division for their help in my time of need.

Thank you very much,
E. L. MC REYNOLDS

AS - 9 News



From the desk of Captain Johnson

Many supposed that I would finally settle near the sea - naturally, they supposed. I haven't, yet. I have seen too much of it, like the old sailor in the three-masted barque "Guy C. Goss", who, when he turned into his bunk, took good care that no sea air could come in and hit him. The sea is no favorite with those who are only too familiar with her moods - most of them diabolical. I dislike being labelled as a "lover of the sea" - who can love a "loved one" who does not even tender her victims a first chance? Perhaps Yeng Tze, that philosopher who antedated Confucius, was thinking of the sea when he wrote that ancient proverb so Chinese in its nature, "Even no choice is a choice".

My love is not the sea, but the story and history symbolized by the notes of struggle and escape. My love is not the sea, but the spirit of man in conflict with that cruel and treacherous element. Ships I love and shall always love, but the sea - no. Not that I have ever abused the sea, or talked of her with aversion - too much of my daily bread has been earned from her. I accept her as one has to accept all the inscrutable remorselessness of Nature. It has always been man's job to confront Nature with a loyal and steady heart and this manifestation is - The Ship.

The note above is from Captain W. C. Johnson, SC, USN, (Ret.), EX-AS-9 Supply Officer.

tints depicting his trials and tribulations.

Captain Johnson is a AS-9 survivor who, during his hospitalization after his liberation from a Japanese P.O.W. Camp, made a number of sepi

We are pleased to announce that beginning next month we should be able to run pictures of these along with narratives by Captain Johnson.

Thank you much for the contribution Captain!



DRIVER OF THE MONTH
or birds to beware of

This month we feature the "One Eyed Nighthawk". He ignores his burned out headlamp and looks very much like a single beam cycle.



"IF WE DON'T GET OUT OF THIS DESERT PRETTY SOON HONEY, WE'LL BOTH GO NUTS!"

Division of Automatic Data Processing



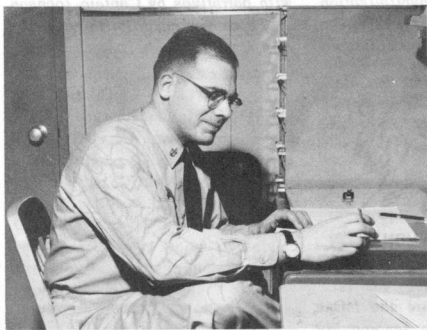
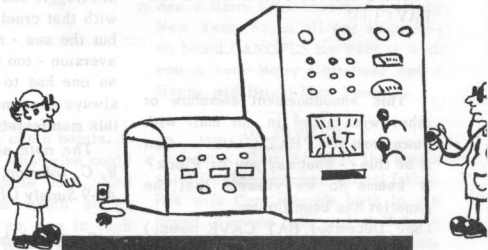
LTJG HUMPHREY, Ass't ADP Officer contemplating bigger and better things for the Fastrand Drum Memory



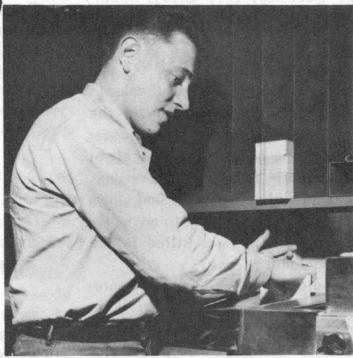
R. RISMILLER MA1 making chart for computer program



BILL MAHONEY MA3 running a test on the Fastrand Control Unit

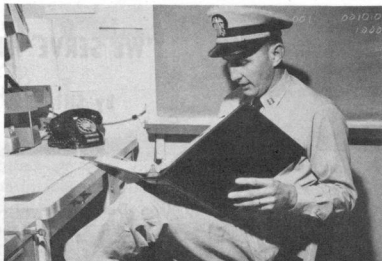


CHIEF GARRETT checking over a listing before release

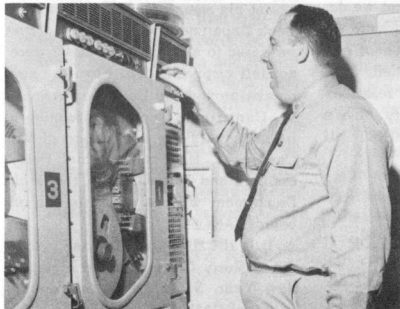


WALT WALTON SN operating the IBM Card Sorting Machine

the Month ta Processing



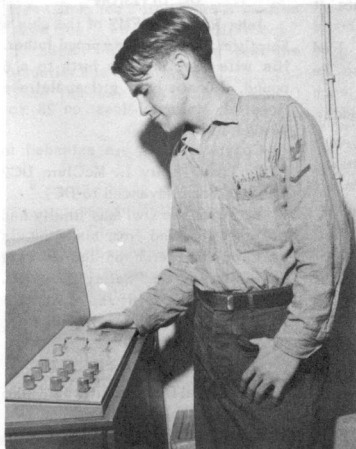
LT. ROGERS, ADP Officer, trying to find the lost "Bit"



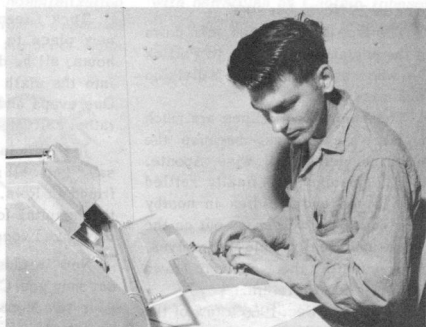
CHIEF GERRY PECK reading the 1240 Magnetic Tape Transport for a job



ROY SMOCK MA3 setting up the 1004 Central Processor for a listing



HARRY "THE HAT" YAGLE setting up the 1232 Optical Scanner for a run



JIMMIE BOTTOMS doing a card punching job on the 534 Key Punch



"WE SERVE WITH HONOR"

By SH1 G. L. Campbell

Tradition, Valor and Victory are the Navy's heritage from the past. To these may be added Dedication, Discipline and Vigilance as the Watchwords of the present and the future. At home or on distant stations we serve with pride, confident in the respect of our country, our shipmates and our families. Our responsibilities sober us, our adversities strengthen us. Service to God and Country is our special privilege.

To the above words could be added "never have our opportunities and our responsibilities been greater". As we go into 1967, the start of a new year, our opportunities abound not only to see Spain and how the

Spanish people live, work, and play but to convey to them the American way of life, ever conscious that we as American Navy men are their guests. Our responsibilities are not only to serve our country to the best of our ability in the work that we do, but also to find and employ more efficient and economical ways of getting the tasks accomplished. Furthering Spanish-American relations is also our responsibility. Let's make 1967 a CANOPUS FIRST all year long!

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

SEA BREEZE

M DIVISION

We of M Division would like to extend our condolences to Finnerty MM1 and family in the passing of Finnerty's mother last month.

Congratulations are out to Lusk MM2 and Marquardt MM3 for shipping over on 25 November 1966.

The face that has been seen down in the engineroom belongs to Patrick FA, who was transferred to M division from mess duty.

The engineroom snipes are much happier these days, because the brown baggers (Slank, Wise, Aponte, and Marquardt) have finally settled their wives and children in nearby Chipiona. Now we can go out on the beach and really enjoy ourselves, without fearing these grouchy brown baggers when we return.

Thursday 8 Dec. 1966 a few of the Snipes got a little workout. They moved two 750 pound salt water strainers from the machine shop to

the engineroom, via chain hoists. It was a long haul but what else could be done, our muscle man, Red O'Halloran was on watch so he couldn't pick them up, one in each hand, and carry them down the ladder.

Tuck Green has found himself a new place to skate during working hours, all he does is squirm himself into the sixth effect of our number One evaps and goes to sleep. Get's rather salty doesn't it Tuck?

Joe Dicciardello would like to say "get well soon" to his little girl friend in Rota. It seems Angie is in the hospital for a tonsil job on her over sized vocal passage.

Now in closing we would like to say may your Christmas be merry and your New Year be happy, but remember to drive carefully because the Chipiona Freeway Ain't what it should be.

SEA BREEZE

DECK

DEPARTMENT



The Deck Department doesn't really have much to say this month. LT L. E. Smith was relieved by LT H. Cartwright as First Lieutenant.

Mr. Smith was one who was always on his toes and ready to advise and assist his men. I speak for the entire Deck Department when I say that we were sad to see him go, but we were not left empty handed. From the sea breeze around the Deck Department, Mr. Cartwright is noted for running a fit ship. With the assistance of Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Ganey, Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers, the Deck Department will carry on its job on board CANOPUS.

It is the time again to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So to all our shipmates on board CANOPUS we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Bright New Year.

DC DIVISION

John R. Carr, SFM2 of the ship's Shipfitter Shop became a proud father. His wife Carolin gave birth to a 6 pound, 8 ounce baby girl at Melrose Hospital, Melrose, Mass. on 28 November 1966 at 1830.

Congratulations are extended to "Big Time" Jerry L. McClure DC2 who has been advanced to DC1.

The wise 'ole Owl' has finally had the cast removed from his wing, is back on his perch on the drawing board, writing the "Safety Bulletin". Would you believe the LAW OF AVERAGES caught up with him?

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

The Dental Department would like to welcome aboard Bill Swartout DA, who flew in from the west coast to relieve, R. L. Smith DN. Smith will be getting out of the Navy soon. Sorry to see you go SuperTech.

The Roving Reporter



What is your first New Years Resolution?

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

T'was the night before Christmas, and all through Supply, not an SK was stirring - not blinking an eye.

But Ho! what manner of noise was that?

It must be the men from way down in SAT.

Yes, their stockings are hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that Bat-A-Claus soon would be there.

It was three in the morning and they weren't in their beds,

'cause visions of peanut butter danced in their heads.

Then! three decks up there arose such a clatter,

They tuned in their Squawk Box to check on the matter.

They went back to work and said "Oh What The Heck!"

It's only Reindeer on the Ship's Missile Deck,

Then out in the passageway, there came such a noise,

that the hair stood up on the necks of our boys.

They knew that when they opened the door,

in would dash Bat-A-Claus with goodies galore.

But alas, as they gathered around for their fun,

in jumped a bubblehead with another PRI One!

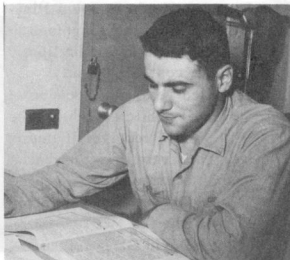
by:
Emery (nee "Little Jimmie")
Flunt.

NAVY MEN ASHORE in South Vietnam number more than 22,000, some 6,000 of them Seabees at work on airfields and base facilities. Another 3,000 consist of doctors, dentists, chaplains and hospital corpsmen serving with the Marine Corps.



SK3 JOHN GELTSCH

"Stay out of Rota and see other parts of Spain."



SN LAUREL GIAMBRA

"Spend more time doing what I didn't do last year."



SA MARK KNOX

"To give up what I tried to give up last year but didn't."



L/CPL JAMES COTHAM

"To be a better Marine."



LTJG CLAPPER

"To be a better citizen."



EMFN STANFORD CLANTON

"To make it better than last year."



Dear Salty Sam..

Has the Comptroller of the Navy issued a new instruction requiring messcooks to pay for the chow they serve?

McDonald, RS Div.

I can't believe you are having trouble getting enough to eat on board CANOPUS--Mr. Baird kindly take note.

Salty Sam..

As every avid Playboy reader knows, anyone acquiring a lifetime subscription to the magazine has the first issue delivered by a Playboy Bunny. A recent issue depicted such an event in Vietnam, where a Company purchased such a subscription for one of its officers. I have no idea how much a lifetime membership would cost, but it would seem that if it were possible to create some type

Salty Sam Sez

of pool for the purpose of receiving one for the Ship's library, that we would have no trouble in raising the needed amount and also have a little left over. Since it would be a tremendous boost to morale to see a Playboy Bunny walk up the gangplank of the CANOPUS, and since the library pays out the cost of a yearly subscription each year, and because of the possible publicity which the CANOPUS would receive, it seems like there are very few drawbacks and several advantages to such an idea. Does Salty Sam think that such an idea might be feasible?

David G. Martineau, SN

I think it's great--all we need now is a volunteer to take a mortar fragment in the stomach like the officer in Vietnam did--any volunteers for this project?

Dear Salty

What are the chances of getting the Groom and Clean Mermaid aboard again or perhaps a Spanish substitute?

A. N. Fuscoe HM1

Things must be bad here--one reader wants a bunny--another wants a mermaid--anybody for girls?



sion shortly. Velte IM1 of the Fleet Mechanical Calibration Laboratory is getting married in January. His fiancée, Miss Cecilia Madden, will be flying to Rota to be married in the Base Chapel. The big question in the Mechanical Lab is how is he going to explain why it takes him an hour and a half to get home after liberty starts, since it takes him that long to get ready. I guess he'll just have to start practicing.

RT welcomes a new man in the Division. Rico, OM2 was transferred from R-2 Division. He is assigned to the Fleet Mechanical Calibration Laboratory. Rico was advanced to OM2 on 16 December. Congratulations.

We have two new representatives for the division to insure that RT is heard from and recognized. Stonecipher, MR1 is the new Divisional Representative on the Recreation Committee, replacing Nace ET1. We all know that it is going to be a difficult job to try and replace Nace but we are sure "Stoney" will give it a good try. Hofer ST1 is the new First Class Mess Representative.

SEA BREEZE

RT DIVISION

RT Division lost one of their bowlers that helped keep them up in the standings. Hester ETCS was transferred to the Fleet Reserve. Chief Hester was in charge of the Fleet Electronic Calibration Laboratory at the time of Commissioning and set the lab up. Later he was the Assistant Division Officer. A farewell party was held in Chief Hester's honor at the Stoneciphers in Puerto. Unfortunately your reporter had the duty that night and was unable to attend but by looking at the division the next morning at quarters the party had to be a success. Word has

it though that the host doesn't really know how good it was as he went to "sleep" during the evening. RT Division would like to take this opportunity to wish Chief Hester a lot of luck and would like to say it has been an enjoyable experience having you for a shipmate.

Gress, SPCM has relieved Hester as Assistant Division Officer and we are sure he will do the same fine job as Chief Hester. Gress comes to us from RC Division.

It looks like we are going to have another "brown-bagger" in the divi-

OPERATION UNITAS VII, training exercise involving about 50 ships, 15 air squadrons, and 1,500 Navy personnel of U.S. and seven South American countries, has ended after 14 weeks. Operation included ASW, gunnery, convoy escort and anti-air warfare training.

From the Bat Cave

By "Bass Killer" Hern



COMMISSIONING CEREMONY — Commissioning pennant of the USS Sanctuary is run up the mainmast placing her on active duty. The hospital ship was activated in New Orleans, La.

Anybody recognize the man hoisting the Commissioning pennant? That's our own Ex-Canopus sailor PEEK, SM2.

CRITICS CORNER by Edgar Allen Hern

BOOK REVIEWS. "The Bobsey Twins at Blue Lake", by Snidley Whiplash. A vicious novel of greed and intrigue involving the racy, international jet-set. Against the picturesque background setting of Blue Lake, the Bobsey Twins are caught in a whirlwind adventure and mystery that even their crafty little minds cannot fathom. Not recommended for children under three years of age. Other novels by Mr. Whiplash: "The Bobsey Twins Return to Blue Lake", "The Bobsey Twins Swear Off Blue Lake", "The Bobsey Twins Dam Up Blue Lake", "Blue Lake Visits The Bobsey Twins", and other exciting novels.

"Come Back Little Sheba" by Moe Sheba. A child's, fanciful, modern day fairytale. This novel is essentially a remake of "Alice in Wonderland"; but, in Alice's place, we have "Sheba", a seven foot, 40 year old extrister . It should make for a delightful change-of-pace in bedtime story telling. Other children's novels by Moe Sheba: "Get Lost, Little Sheba", and "Little Sheba Came Back . . . Damn it!"

MOVIES: "The Caine Mutiny", by Fletcher Christian. This is a hot-off-the-camera Navy training film, giving detailed instruction in the following areas: Mutiny, Sedition, and general clandestine operations and military disorder. A 'must' flick for all established liberty risks.

"The Grapes of Wrath", directed by Pedro Domecq. This is the touching story of a disconsolate bodega worker who has been barred from the annual, spring-time wine-stomping festivities because he has athletes' foot.

In order to avoid complete ostracism, our bodega-barrred hero (Jose Manuel Joaquin Fernando Felipe Antonio Y Coggins) is forced to skulk about the Jerez black market in search of Welch's unsweetened grape juice for leg make-up. Filmed entirely on location in the colorful Miami bar, No wino should miss this picture.

"El Cid". A lively, lyrical, musical extravaganza about the life of a submarine tender Executive Officer and his devoted men. The leading role was planned for Howard Keel, but Wally Cox and his booming voice finally won out. A few of the never-before heard of tunes in this musical: "Way Down Upon The Pascagoula River", "Captain Stay Away From My Door", "Nobody Knows The Staff Officers I've Seen", "I've Got Those End of Refit Blues", and a galaxy of other hits.

News on the Local Scene:

A band of troubadors from the CANOPUS recently went Christmas Caroling through-out the countryside. The minstrels; Lassiter, Moore, Carnicle, Flynn, Fisher, and Wiles had a particularly delightful time serenading the CNA admin building with that old favorite - "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"! (It should

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NAVY QUIZ

- Of the seven original astronauts, how many wear naval aviator's wings?
 2 3 4 5
- In 1932 the Navy commissioned the ZR-1, the world's first helium-filled rigid airship. She was 680 feet long and 79 feet in diameter. This airship made many successful flights until 1925 when she crashed in the storm over Ohio. Which airship was it?
 Akron Shenandoah
 Macon Los Angeles
- The designer-pilot developed the first amphibious biplane with retractable landing gear in 1926. His name became synonymous with the "amphibian" in the navy. Who was he?
 Glenn Martin Leroy Grumman
 Igor Sikorsky Grover Loening

NAVY QUIZ ANSWERS

- (3) Grover Loening
 (2) Shenandoah
 (1) 4

Help stem the gold flow. Buy American-made products. Shop at your Exchange Service.

DECEMBER REENLISTMENTS



Taking the reenlistment oath on 1 December are left, BMC NEIGHBORS; right, SH1 SHAW; and center, TN AMARILLOS. All were awarded Canopus Plaques during the reenlistment ceremony in the Commanding Officers Cabin.

Cross - Currents Continued

clusion of the Psalmist. Develop a faith that is strong and sure. Learn to rely upon God for guidance and wisdom and then travel the road with confidence and stability. At every corner, that is where we use our faith, no man knows what a new year will bring, but every man may know that God is there. The future is not to be dreaded, we should even be thankful that it is uncertain. Usually, wonderful surprises lie ahead and God will never disappoint those who have faith.

As we stand on the threshold of a new year we will have memories, especially of the mistakes we have made. This is good, for one reason only - so that we will not make the same mistakes again. The wrong that we do, and the evil we sow does make and leave a mark but this should be the foundation for new approaches and stepping stones to a better future. Tennyson wrote, "The old order changeth, yielding place to the new." Now is the time to forget what is past and build what is new by replacing some old ideas with new and better ones; replace wrong attitudes with bright new feelings; lay aside wrong ambitions and purposes and develop positive efforts for greater success and accomplishment.

How about Church attendance? This would be a great time to begin the habit of steady participation each week so as to develop that sure faith that produces the confidence needed to turn every corner with precision and success.

Bat Cave Continued

be noted that their singing is now confined to the shipboard area - - - It seems they weren't wearing ties in front of the Admin building! The Knaves!!)

Christmas is the big news at this time of the year, and unusual Christmas presents give a welcome lift to low spirits. O'neil, SK3 has received a gross of gaily-colored ASCOTS from Rota shore patrol. Chief Peck got an autographed picture of Kate Smith. McGrath SK3, had a copy of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in his stocking. LTjg Humphrey found an IBM 360 under his tree. The Commanding Officer had a surprise on Christmas morning - - - A blank incident list! LCDR Flach received a years supply of Vitalis. Fisher SK3, is still wondering why he got those two empty cashew nut cans?! Carnicle and Flynt were surprised on Christmas morn with lifetime membership cards to the Spanish Chapter of AA.

The New Year means resolutions, and the BAT-CAVE resolves to refit only MSO's and Fleet Tugs.

The Executive Officer resolves to catch fish in the New Year (and Lt. Hern had better resolve to help him!!)

Even the Disbursing Officer has made a resolution to hold accurate and timely paydays this year.

That's it from the BAT-CAVE! Happy New Year, Luther - - - You Bum!!

Special Event

A SUBRON 16 Art Show will be held on board CANOPUS 15 January 1967. Entries are being accepted in almost any category including oils, watercolors, ceramics, leathercraft, models, hobbies, collections, scientific exhibits and woodworking. The deadline for entries is 10 January. No entry fees are required, all material will be returned and entries will be age grouped for judging.

Contact SK1 SHUEY at extension 227, ET1 NACE at extension 958, or DT1 SUMNER at extension 637, for further information.

X DIVISION

"X" Division would like to take this opportunity to welcome the three new families that joined CANOPUS this last month, first came Mrs. Barbara MARTINEAU, wife of SN MARTINEAU of the Personnel Office. Second came Mrs. Vivian GILLESPIE, wife of PC2 GILLESPIE of the Post Office, and their two daughters. Last to arrive in Rota was Mrs. Ann HERRICK, wife of YN1 HERRICK of the Captain's Office, and their three sons. Hope that their tour in Spain will be a very enjoyable one.

January Mystery Man



Do you know this man? He is a Canopus Officer, some 23 years older now than when the picture was taken.

To see what he looks like today see page 16



SOCCER

This sport is very probably the most popular sport in the world, and very definitely ranks as the most popular sport in Spain. In fact, the Spanish team Real Madrid, is internationally famous for its play and is considered by most to be the best team in Europe. Towns and cities, large and small, are represented by one or more teams and competition is keen among the teams in the various leagues throughout Spain. Soccer does not yet enjoy the popularity in the U.S.A. as it does in other countries, but this should be no excuse for those of us in Spain not to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to learn more about this game and indeed participate to the fullest. Last year, the USS HOLLAND team was organized too late in the season to play many games but did play one game with the Humbert & William Bodega Team which proved to be a memorable experience. For example,

DEADLINE ANNOUNCED FOR DOLPHIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Claire Lowrance, wife of Vice Admiral V. L. Lowrance and director of the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, has announced March 15 as the deadline for applications in the 1967 Dolphin Scholarship competition.

Scholarships are awarded to selected students who are sons or daughters (natural, adopted, or stepchild) of members, or former members, (officer or enlisted) of the Submarine Forces and in the U. S. Navy, living or deceased.

Time required in the Submarine Force is waived if the member dies while on active duty in the Submarine Force.

Scholarships are awarded based upon recommendations of an impartial evaluation committee which makes recommendations to the Foundation after screening all applications. This committee is composed of individuals qualified in educational matters. In the past, the board has been filled by civilian educators in the Training Division of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Recommendations of the Evaluation Committee are based upon scholastic proficiency, character, all-around ability, and financial need.

Twenty-eight students have received the renewable \$500 scholarships to the colleges or universities of their choice since the Foundation was established in 1960.

Early submission of applications will insure their full consideration for an award.

S P O R T S

our Spanish hosts exhibited the generosity for which they are famous by presenting each member of the HOLLAND Squad with small bottle of wine at a pre-game Ceremony. What say we get up a CANOPUS soccer team? ! Senor Balsa, Spanish National, working as interpreter Translator for the Security Dept. on the Naval Station, who is himself an outstanding soccer player, has offered to coach a CANOPUS team if one is organized. All those interested submit names to LT(jg) GIBBONS at extension 216. Its an opportunity for improving our relationship with our Spanish hosts so let's not miss out.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

In the near future, a ship's intramural basketball league will be organized. All divisions wishing to be represented and all persons interested in refereeing should contact LT(jg) GIBBONS (Ext. 216). Persons playing in Varsity Basket-

ball Competition are excluded from participating in this League. People playing in the Naval Station Intramural League, (Teams from the CANOPUS in such league are: The CANOPUS Engineers, CANOPUS Marine Detachment, and the CANOPUS Celtics), will be permitted to play also in the Ship's League. Further information concerning this league will be forthcoming in the POD and HELMSMAN.

SPORT QUIZ

1. In 1965 Sam Snead had his best prize winning year so far in the Pro Golf Circuit. How much prize money did he get?
2. Where is the Shortest Basketball Court in the National Basketball Association located?
3. William Knox of Philadelphia is listed by Bowling Historians as the First Man ever to roll 300 with pins hidden behind a screen until the ball was delivered. What year?

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SEA BREEZE

W-2 DIVISION

Some of the most comical things on board the Canopus can be found back on the 01 level in the general area of the Fire Control Shop. Each morning you can find Chief Unruh trying desperately to work his way over to the coffee pot from behind a stack of ADP printouts. Then you can relax for awhile and listen to Bonow FTG1, the Supply P.O., while he bangs on his typewriter and speaks a few chosen words about his collateral duty, and supply in general. On Monday mornings you can see the bloodshot eyes and notice a smile of relief come over Mr. Davies' face when the muster sheet is turned in and he knows everyone is home again. To some of the men in the division Monday morning is a very trying affair. These men come to quarters looking like refugees from some SKID-ROW Mission Home. This liberty is great, so I have been told. Most any morning you can see Cella FTB2 working on his clock with a twelve pound sledge hammer. Cella is also planning a trip to New Jersey in about five months and everyone in the division is looking forward to a few days of peace and quiet. The most widely read book in the division is, Basic Handtools, and rightly so, There is something about knives that these technicians just do not understand. I'm sure the Safety Officer will be glad to know that no one in W-2 Division has suffered any casualty that a band aid wouldn't cure. Not one broken bone in the whole division. What do you think of that record, Mr. Arms?

S-4 DIVISION

"I, the Green Dollar, from S-4, and my infamous brood of Bucks, extend a hearty Bravo Zulu to our partner in crime, Batman, for his most recent caper. Actually, the Winged Warmonger and his zoo have accumu-

Shipmate of the Month



Miss Uto Stone, 21 year old Berlin born fashion and advertising model. This shapely (36-22-35) maedchen is "climbing the ladder of success!"

ANSWERS

3. 1919.
2. Madison Square Garden.
1. More than \$37,000.

lated enough votes to capture the 1966 "BFABEH Award" (Best Friend a Boat Ever Had). Bruce Wayne's Boobs (I mean his men) received, along with the trophy, which was festooned with frolicking dolphins, two tickets each to the Submariner's Christmas Ball. Incidentally, the man of the office that was the runner-up in the contest received four tickets each to the ball. Our "Cavemen" won hands down because of their newest service to the alongside boats; Mr. Hern personally serves hot toast and coffee to submarine personnel that have business in SAT early in the morning, a really out-going people-to-people program".

Mystery Man

LT. A. L. Clark



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