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ComSubRon 18 Now On Board AS 34



Captain BARRETT salutes Commodore MOORE'S arrival. A new milestone in the history of AS-34 was achieved 24 June when Captain R. A. MOORE, Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN, and his staff moved on board CANOPUS to assume direction of our vital effort to keep the Polaris squadron in shape, on station, and schedule.

COMMAND COLUMN



Capt. John M. Barrett

On behalf of the officers and men of CANOPUS I would like to take the opportunity in this issue of the HELMSMAN to welcome aboard Commander Submarine Squadron Eighteen, Captain Raymond A. MOORE, U.S. Navy and the members of his staff. We would also like to welcome the officers and men of the U.S.S. VON STEUBEN (SSBN632), our first Polaris submarine to refit, and their Commanding Officers, Captain John P. WISE, U.S. Navy and Commander J.C. METZEL, Jr., U.S. Navy.

You will find that CANOPUS is a smart and efficient ship, proud of its growing reputation to do every task in a first-class manner and eager to get on with its primary mission of providing superior and efficient support to the Polaris submarines that constitute the keen edge of our nation's sea-based deterrent force. You will further find that we emphasize teamwork, cheerfulness and courtesy in carrying out our manifold daily tasks. We are proud to have you aboard and to have VON STEUBEN alongside for our first refit.

As all hands know we are moored at the Cooper River Replenishment site where the ship will stay until mid-September when we return to the Naval Station for a short time prior to departing for Rota on 24 September. We have now finished our construction and outfitting period, are in superb shape and should be proud of the fact that we are performing our primary mission almost 1 month ahead of our original schedule of 17

July. This is extremely unusual in these days of continual delays in new construction schedules.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend Lieutenant KARATKIEWICZ, Chief Engineman BURKETT, the members of "A" Division, R-1 and R-2 Division and all others who did such a superb job in repairing our number 2 elevator. Experienced officer personnel in the shipyard advised me it would have taken the shipyard six weeks to accomplish; we did it in two and did it right the first time.

I would also like to commend the Deck Department for the excellent manner in which we made our first Med Moor in an hour and a half. This was accomplished because of good planning and preparation and was done right the first time.

I would again like to emphasize SAFETY both on and off the ship. In a ship of this complexity with the wide range of tasks to be performed - and with the numbers of inexperienced personnel we have, there is a continuing and present danger of serious and even fatal accidents. All hands, but especially supervisory personnel, must be continually alert to see that safety procedures are adequate, established, understood and carried out. Off the ship and especially at this site it is merely a question of time until some member of our crew or their dependents are killed or seriously hurt for life in an automobile accident. Statistics from our predecessor show this. Don't let it be you. In particular don't drive when you have been drinking.

I would like to mention also that our new Commodore, who has been selected for promotion to Rear Admiral, will be relieved on the afternoon of 5 July by Captain George MORIN, U.S. Navy. Commodore MOORE will report to the National Military Command Center for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington in his first assignment as a Rear Admiral; Captain MORIN is coming from the staff of the Deputy Commander Submarine Force where he was Assistant Chief-of-Staff for Logistics. He also commanded the TRITON.

This will be the last issue of HELMSMAN under the able guidance of our very fine Chaplain, Lieutenant Commander Bey GRUNDER, who is departing for duty in a few weeks to Great Lakes. Chaplain GRUNDER,

has been a major contributor to such success as we have had in foming an efficient and happy crew. All of us regret his departure, we appreciate how much he has done and wish him and his very fine family smooth sailing.

**BUY
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BONDS**

Cross - currents

By Chaplain Bey G. Grunder

It doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian, but it does take all there is of him.

The Helmsman

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COMSUBRON 18

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Captain Welcomes Commodore



Captain John M. BARRETT discusses with Commodore Raymond A. MOORE, CSS18, the role that the CANOPUS will play in the squadron's operations.

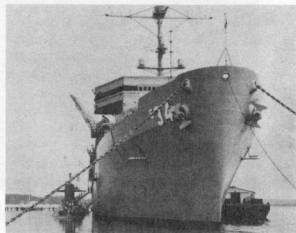
CANOPUS WELCOMES FIRST "BROOD"

Inheriting the support and maintenance function from USS SIMON LAKE, CANOPUS commences serving the Polaris submarines of Squadron EIGHTEEN. This is the fourth operational Polaris Submarine Squadron to have been established and the first to be based in the United States.

The squadron is composed of FBM submarines of the LAFAYETTE class, large as World War II cruisers and armed with Polaris A-3 missiles capable of striking any target on earth.

The primary mission of CANOPUS as part of Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN is to maintain these ships assigned in the maximum possible condition of readiness in order to assist Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, in providing combat-ready SSBNs.

First Refit



A Guest Editorial

Good Community Relations Requires Your Support

First Class Mess...

On a large ship it is extremely difficult to keep a crew enthusiastic about the ship and its functions. For an atmosphere of enthusiasm to exist there has to be a little competitive exercise now and then.

One of the more active members of the CANOPUS crew, Dick Shuey, SK1, has created considerable interest aboard this ship, and more especially, in the First Class Mess, in his statement that the Varsity Softball Team would take on all comers.

Strangely enough, the Mess organized a team under the coaching direction of Slank, MM1. One of the first names on the list of players representing the First Class Mess was Shuey, SK1, manager of the Varsity Softball team. One of the last was mine....

Many times in the past 8 months, since commissioning, the idea of "Community Spirit" has been brought out by Captain Barrett, Commander Scoggins, other officers, recreation committees, etc. I feel it is time for the whole crew to realize that it is as much the duty of the individual to aid in the community as it is the duty of the community to help the individual. We all appreciate city parks, Navy recreational areas such as "Short Stay", movies, snack shops, bus services, etc.

they take, this ship would leave this area in September, never to be forgotten. Many ships have made impressions on communities that are not too favorable, we don't want this.

However, thanks to the hard work of a few, the name of CANOPUS in Charleston will be associated with warmth, generosity, community backing and just plain "nice people".

Many of the First Class on this ship are contributing to the community of Charleston in ways that the average sailor neither realizes nor appreciates. To name only a few: Dixon, SF1, teaches Sunday School; Brown, ET1, is a Archery instructor and dealer; Shaw, SH1, manages a Little League team.

Presently several members of the Mess are involved in starting work on a "Teen Center" for Naval Dependents in the MenRiv-Hunley Park area. Lane, QM1, is heading the group which so far consists of the following people from the Mess: Shuey, SK1; Slank, MM1, and wife; Stonecipher, MR1, and wife; and Nace, ET1, with his wife.

It is interesting to note that none of the people working on the committee have teenage children. In fact, Slank, MM1, has no children at all, and I am too young to have any that old!

One point in closing. There exists a lack of attendance in the ship's Recreation meetings. After deployment, it is most imperative that the recreational facilities of this ship be at their best.

You, as a member of this crew have the duty to insure that you and your ideas are represented at these meetings. Make sure your division has a representative present at all meetings.

Submit all ideas for consideration. Every idea is thoroughly considered for its value. Remember, it's your job to see it is done.

N. E. Nace, ET1
PRESIDENT, First Class Mess



This brings me to the point of my dissertation. If all hands would attempt to put back as much spirt as

Shop of 1

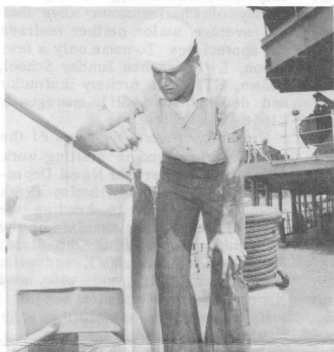
Deck



CASART, DC2, assists diver, GMT2, PEATTIE from the water after an inspection of docks.



Deck department mount off GTMO



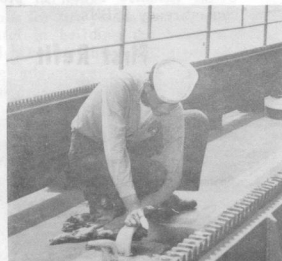
SYNDER, SN, takes one of many duties as he paints one of the chocks.



HOWARD, SN, I, cleans up after a day's work.



Cleaning the anchor chain is BURK, SN.



A prime job of 2nd Division is keepi

The Month

Force



personnel fire gun
Cuba.



Making a "clean sweep down" forward and aft, are FIVES, SN, RUSSEL, SN and HUSOM, SN.



HARRIS, SN, and MURDOCK, SN consider new ideas to "square away" their gear locker.



CASART, DC2, looks on as Chief ANGLIN (foreground) and PEATTIE, GMT2, boards the barge.



ing the boat deck in first-rate condition.



HARE, SN, paints a fender stand the easy way.

CANOPUS WIVES SLATE MEETING

The next meeting of the Canopus Wives Club will be at the Acey Ducey Club on the Naval Base Thursday 14 July at 0930.

The Wives Club, composed of wives of Canopus enlisted men, exists to make Navy life easier and more satisfying by sharing friendship, by pooling knowledge and experience, and by using group effort to lick problems that are too big for an individual.

Canopus wives have rendered valuable assistance on more than one occasion when members of our "family" needed help. Several wives are to be officially recognized for participation in community betterment projects.

Captain Barrett, who is planning to attend the next meeting, is highly pleased by the enthusiastic level of participation by the wives, and wishes to encourage every wife to take part.

Submarine Squadron 18

Submarine Squadron Eighteen was born in the battle-smoke that shrouded the Pacific in 1943. The first Squadron Commander was Vice Admiral (then Captain) Eliot H. Bryant, deceased, who broke his flag on USS DARTER (SS227). Many readers who used to watch the TV series "Silent Service" a number of years ago will remember Vice Admiral Bryant as the commentator of this exciting filmed history of submarine warfare. Rear Admiral (then Captain) Stanley P. Moseley next became Squadron Commander in January 1945 and flew his flag on USS ANGLER (SS240).

Both Vice Admiral Bryant and Rear Admiral Moseley were awarded the "Legion of Merit" for outstanding service during the period they commanded the squadron.

From New London, the squadron moved headquarters to Milne Bay, New Guinea early in 1944. After eight months they shifted to Perth, West Australia. In March 1945 they relocated in Pearl Harbor until war's end. The squadron moved to Japan for four months and then trekked back to New London where it was decommissioned.

CSS18 to be Relieved

On 5 July 1966, Captain Raymond A. Moore, Commander of Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN will be relieved by Captain George F. Morin. The change of command ceremony will take place on USS CANOPUS at 2:30 p. m.

Captain Moore will assume new duty on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D. C.

The new squadron commander, Captain Morin, is adding luster to an eventful Naval career which began when he was commissioned an Ensign on January 16, 1942.

During WWII, he served aboard the USS CREVALLE (SS291) in all officer's billets through Executive Officer. CREVALLE made seven war patrols and participated in the sinking of nine vessels, resulting in two Navy Unit Citations for the sub.

Among many duty assignments since WWII, Captain Morin has commanded USS CLAMAGORE (SS343) and USS TRITON (SSN586). He attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and the Navy Postgraduate School at Annapolis, Maryland.

Captain Morin served under the Deputy Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet as Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics prior to assuming command of Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN.

The Captain is married to the former Miss Hope Smith of Wyoming, Rhode Island, and the couple have two children, Mark and Gail.

He is the holder of three service stars, the Legion of Merit Award with the combat "V", and the Navy Unit Citation.

OFFICERS' WIVES MEET

On June 13, the Officers' wives met at Joan Barrett's home for their monthly coffee. Delicious refreshments were served by Frankie Smith, LaVon LeBoeuf and Rita Parish. An informative talk on Rota, Spain, was given by Lt(jg) Clapper, followed by a question and answer session. Lt(jg) Clapper's talk was greatly enjoyed and it is hoped that he will return, perhaps next month, as it is a possibility that many new questions will be thought of by then.

ACHURCH ADDRESSED MEETING

Following Lt(jg) Clapper's talk, Mr. William Achurch addressed the group. Mr. Achurch lived in Spain near Rota for ten years and was instrumental in building the base. He enjoyed his stay there and urged us to take advantage of our time in Spain by travelling as much as possible and getting to know some of the Spanish people. He showed the group some beautiful leather goods, games, etc., that he had purchased in Spain and give us information as to where they could be found.

NEXT MEETING SLATED

Our next meeting will be held on the second Monday of July.

by Mrs. John M. Barrett

The squadron numeral lay dormant until 1 August 1964 when Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN was commissioned as the fourth of the Polaris submarine squadrons and the first of its kind to be based within the continental limits of the United States.

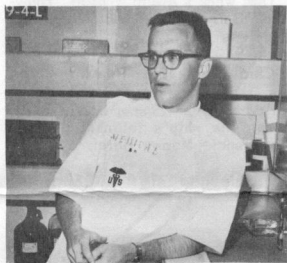
LITTLE LEAGUE STARTS SEASON



A tough looking team of Little Leaguers, sponsored by the big "C" is setting the pace for a successful season in the up-coming games.

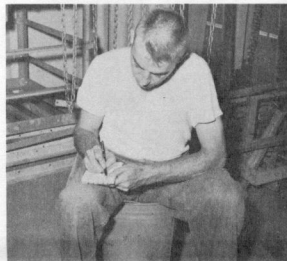
Question of the Month

What do you think of the NFL-AFL merger, and who do you think will win the first play-off game this season?



Mike OSTRANDER

This merger is good not only for the teams, but for all the fans, It will make the game a sport again, rather than a business of who can pay more.



John CALIFF

Greatest thing to happen in pro-football. N.F.L. will win the play-off.



Frank McGRATH

If they don't play inter-league games it will work out. The N.F.L. will win.



Phil OLSON

This will probably be one of the best things for pro-football. It will make football more interesting for the fans. N.F.L. will win.



Bey GRUNDER

Merger solves the ridiculous player draft problem. N.F.L. will win play-off this year, but next year is a toss-up.

East gets arrested

"Pappy" East, Molder First Class, was arrested on 2 June for speeding on the weather decks with his wheel barrow, so reports Master-at-Arms, Banks, PC1.

A witness, Taylor, OM1, also a Master-at-Arms, said that the man was recklessly steering his apparatus at a speed of nearly 2 miles an hour. It was carelessly filled below the minimum weight designed for its use.

Additional charges brought against this veteran wheel barrow operator were, driving without a license, and being too old to drive.

"Pappy" was fined 14 days CONVALESCENT LEAVE, restriction from the ship during this period, and was paroled from his "Usual" daily Hard Labor.

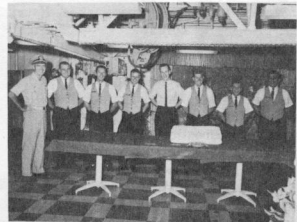
ANCHORMEN Combo

The Anchormen Combo played for our own ship's party last month, and there was loads of fun and dancing for everyone.

Lt. Suprenant, the Anchormen's Manager, sang a number with Darrell Lane, our group leader. At the end of what turned out to be an exciting evening, the Captain made a few announcements, and added a few fine comments on our behalf.

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We will still be performing at the Acey-Ducey Club every Sunday night from 8-11. Come on out and we will try to please you with our banging!



ANCHORMEN, celebrate first birthday

June 17 marked the Anchormen's first anniversary. The party held on the Mess Decks not only marked our first year of playing, but it was also Lane's birthday. Which one it is, he will not say, however, we do wish him a "Happy Birthday."

We are sorry to report that this party was also a Going-Away party for Chuck Smith, BT2, our bass player. Besides being a great performer, Chuck has a great sense of humor which has helped the group to stick together over the past year.

Captain Barrett and Lt. Suprenant were at the party. The Captain presented Chuck with a ship's plaque for his Outstanding performance in the past year, and told him to keep up the fine work on his next ship by starting another band there.

by James McKee, ENFN

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- The Last 100 Days* Toland
- The Proud Towers* Tuchman

Each year, out in space and under the sea, more and more science fiction predictions are coming true. In a recent science fiction book, there are some twenty stories welded in an ingenious framework, in which stories of other worlds meet in our same way of life.

In the book "The Illustrated Man" by Ray Bradbury, we find stories of love and inspiration on Mars; of madness and eternal rain on Venus, and of lonely death in space between worlds. It tells of the little villages of our own world where there are strange things that we never notice and strange beings that we never meet. As you meet the "Illustrated Man" you realize that today's fiction may be true tomorrow.

Librarian's Note: There seems to be quite a few comments on the distribution of the magazines in the library, especially Playboy. If your favorite magazine is missing, you can thank your shipmates!

Charles Murphy, SN
Ship's Librarian

SUMMER
TIME...



SAFETY TIME!

SEA BREEZE

W-4 Division News

Congratulations to Williams, R. E., MT2, on receiving his second GOOD CONDUCT Award.

Here come two career men! Skarp, MT3, and Mock, MT3, who will participate in the STAR Program.

Welcome aboard, Eagle, MTC, just reported aboard from the SIMON LAKE. Chief Eagle is the new Missile/Guidance Checkout shop supervisor.

by Lt(jg) H. Albright

RC Division

Mr Murrell said recently that Lt. Surprenant was quite a golfer. He (Lt. Surprenant) shoots in the low 80's, and if it gets any "cooler", he stays inside.

Prelim of Songs heard in Spain

"The Crowd at the Bullfight all cheered 'Ole' as the Bull ripped Hemando's Hideaway".

RC division challenged the big and mighty R-1 to a softball game and the challenge was accepted. R-1, however, has failed to carry through by setting date and place. How come??

 * Richard Retin #13 *
 * U.S.S. CANTON (AS-34) *
 * F.P.D., N.Y. *

S-1 Division News

Last week's LUTHER COGGIN Award went to Jantzer, SK3, for being recently married, then caught at the Laundromat doing his laundry by himself.

This week's award went to "Baby-face" Barry, SK3, for shaving with a bladeless razor.

Chief Storekeeper Beach had very few responses, recently, when he called away a 25-man working party during the ship's informal party at the Francis Marion Hotel.

Shipmate of the Month



Selected "Shipmate of the Month" for July, ANNETTE FUNICELLO, is enough to make any redblooded American get the "Surf Fever".

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