



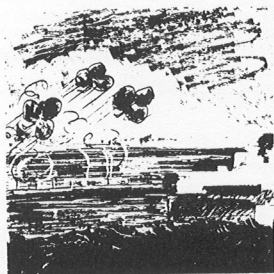
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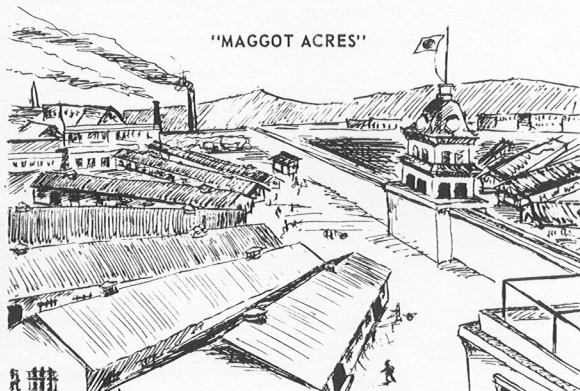
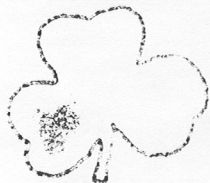


## UFO SIGHTING

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Shown above is the only available picture of strange phenomena sighted by several CANOPUS personnel last year at this time. Observers reported three emerald green objects moving at great speed through the sky over Rota on the morning of Saint Patrick's Day.

Witnesses also told of strange voices from the sky, and an Irish member of the investigating board believes the language to have been Gaelic, sung to the tune of "The Wearing of the Green."



*Our old friend, Captain Johnson, has come back into the fold as a "HELMSMAN" contributor. He previously told us the AS-9 story and we have persuaded him to continue the story after his capture. As he titled it:*

FOR ONE OLD CANOPIAN, DURANCE VILE COMMENCES

After the fall of Corregidor on May 7, we lined up in Queen's Tunnel and prepared to meet our captors. They were not long in arriving and pulled up to the front of the tunnel with a couple of tanks and several captured reconnaissance wagons. We were in ranks along the sides of the tunnel with the senior officers towards the mouth opening and as the Japanese came in there were some salute exchanges, then the Japanese began to come along the lines, sullenly glaring at each one of us in turn -- the mere fact that Corregidor and Bataan had held out longer than any other Allied bastion in the Far East had not improved their dispositions one whit. It was here that I learned the true meaning of the command "Kiotsuke!", which, freely translated, means, "Attention, shut up, keep quiet, don't even breathe, hurry up and wait." One of the Nipponese officers queried an officer attached to the staff of the now defunct 16th Naval District -- as luck would have it, he was one of the most voluble and verbose individuals that we had on the Rock. After listening to his yack for several minutes, the Japanese officer disgustedly yelled, "Burr", which is the equivalent to "Bull" to the uninitiated. Even in that sad situation, I nearly laughed.

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## COMMAND COLUMN

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink.

Captain, U. S. Navy



OMCS Sylar  
is congratulated by  
Captain Trueblood on a  
four year reenlistment

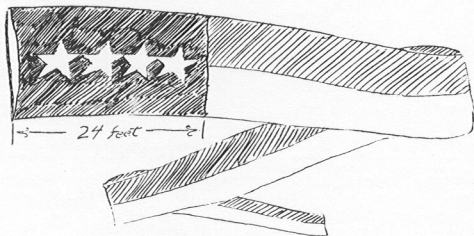


Congratulations to  
BMCS Casart and ETCS  
Nicodemus on four and  
six year reenlistments

## THE HELMSMAN

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Some of you men may have visited the bridge area recently and noticed the Quartermaster gang half buried in red and white bunting being pushed through a tired sewing machine. For the information of the younger men, they are making a Homeward Bound Pennant. The use of the "homeward bound" pennant is traditional in that a ship which has been on duty in foreign waters outside the continental limits of the United States continuously for a period of one year or more flies the "homeward bound" pennant upon getting underway to proceed to a port in the United States.

The pennant is blue next to the hoist, and the remainder is red and white. In the blue portion is placed one white star for the first year in foreign waters, and an additional star for each additional six months. The overall length of the pennant is one foot for each officer and man on the ship who has been outside the continental limits in excess of one year.

Upon arrival in the United States, the pennant is divided equally among all officers and men of the ship's company.

Be sure and get your souvenir when we get back home.

# CROSS CURRENTS

"The uniform is beautiful!"  
"The cross is beautiful!"

These were among the first words spoken by the PUEBLO Crew when they met Navy Chaplain Marvin E. Snyder, Jr., at the base camp near Panmunjon on the day of their release, Dec. 23, 1968. Most of the men expressed their joy at seeing the chaplain with a broad smile; some were moved to tears. They described the release as a "miracle." It was "an answer to our prayers." "This is a happy day. We are going back to our wonderful country."

Commander Snyder, a Protestant chaplain, and Lieutenant Commander Edward A. Hamilton, a Catholic chaplain, were part of the Escort Team which met the PUEBLO Crew upon release and stayed with them until they were admitted to the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California.

The chaplains have given me a thrilling account of the religious experiences of these men, and have reported that, almost to the man, Protestant and Catholic crew members during the confinement had moved in the direction of a deeper religious commitment, greater faith, and habitual prayer life. Their morale, patriotism, and their respect for their commanding officer and loyalty to one another were an inspiration. This is a report of some of their religious experiences.

One of the PUEBLO Lay Leaders, (a person who assists his command in religious ministrations), LT. Stephen Harris, told how he had given up efforts to have worship services before the capture of the PUEBLO, since never more than two showed up. But as one man said of his captivity, "All we had left was religion."

Some of the men said their memories of Sunday School days were dim, but they worked together to come up with a reasonably accurate list of the books of the Bible. Such familiar Scriptures as the 23rd Psalm were written out and shared. One mentioned that he had trouble remembering the Ten Commandments, but with help came up with them. It seems everyone prayed openly before one another, although they had to avoid being seen in acts of worship by their captors.



*James W. Eekles*

Lieutenant, U. S. Navy  
Chaplain Corps

This is a report on the religious experiences of the crew of the PUEBLO, written by Chaplain James Kelly, the Chief of Navy Chaplains.

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# CROSS CURRENTS

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They had no Bibles or religious materials. No worship services were permitted. They were told, "The Russians shot God down with a rocket!"

They were reprimanded for thanking God for their food (potato soup, rice, and turnips). They were told, "These are the gifts of the Korean people." One man, when called out of the mess hall for saying grace, said, "I was thanking God for His blessings." He was informed, "This is a mess hall, not a church. You can't pray here." When one man made a wooden cross for his room it was kicked about by the guards, he reported, then later taken away from him.

Everyone seemed to be asking about a worship service following their release. An Army Jewish Rabbi was made available to the two Jewish members of the PUEBLO Crew. Protestant Divine Services were conducted by Chaplain Snyder and a Catholic Mass by Chaplain Hamilton at the 121st Army Hospital at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively, on the day of the release. Almost every man attended and some must have attended both services. One or two were involved in medical procedures and were not present.

Perhaps the religious experiences of the PUEBLO Crew during the long eleven months of their captivity can be summed up by saying that every effort to take away their faith in God only caused them to move in the direction of God. Every effort to subvert their faith only caused them to re-affirm it. I am certain that the men of the PUEBLO would want to give full credit for this to Almighty God.

POEM thomas e. preston

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the stallion of time gallops  
 through green fields  
 turning them brown as he passes  
 and the men  
     dead faces  
 futility reflected in every gesture  
 try to rope him but he laughs--mockingly  
 in the faces of those  
     who stumble  
         and fall  
 stone dead behind him

# MEDICAL

## NOTES

Research in these past few years has established a number of medical facts regarding your health and smoking: [1] A casual relationship has been established between lung cancer and several cancer-causing compounds found in cigarette smoke. [2] The risk of athrosclerotic heart disease (hardening of the arteries) is higher in smokers than in non-smokers. [3] Many smokers suffer from some sort of bronchial irritation.

It is the third situation with which we are concerned in this article. It is this illness which is most common and the one receiving the least attention.

Your breathing system is like the bottom portion of a tree with the windpipe being the trunk, the main bronchi representing two large root branches, bronchioles the small roots, and the spongy lung surrounding the "roots" like soil. The entire system consists of hollow tubes, lined with several layers of cells (supportive tissue, hair-like projections called cilia, and many secretory glands).



# MEDICAL

Tobacco smoke is a mixture of many compounds; some are gases and others are particles. Many of these are poisonous to the linings of the windpipe, bronchi, and the bronchioles. The more one smokes, the longer the linings of the air passageways will be exposed to these toxic materials.

Two very important parts of the respiratory system are ciliae and secretory glands. These glands secrete a thick fluid which acts like the sticky surface of a sheet of fly paper. This fluid is mucus, and its purpose is to trap dirt and other particles which enter the airways. The hair-like cilia move in a constant waving motion upward. They act like a conveyor belt, carrying matter trapped in mucus up the bronchial tree.

In the case of the heavy smoker, damage becomes so extensive that much of the respiratory lining is killed or damaged, and can only be replaced very slowly. Thus, no cilia are available to carry the mucus and trapped particles of matter up the bronchial tree. The dirt particles and mucous matter collect in the ends of the smaller



bronchioles and cause further irritation of the bronchial lining. The cough mechanism is stimulated in an effort to bring up this residue of mucus and particles, and results in what is commonly known as the "smoker's cough."

Most smokers have this condition to some degree. In some cases the problem gradually worsens, developing into chronic bronchitis (hacking cough, chest pains, difficulty in breathing). In others there is no such development, or a very gradual one. Then there are those who develop an extremely serious condition called emphysema.

At the end of every bronchiole there are millions of tiny chambers in which carbon dioxide-oxygen transfer with the blood takes place. The walls of these chambers are very elastic (somewhat like the inner tube in a tire). With constant irritation, the walls sometimes become quite brittle and fibrous, and finally collapse.

# MYSTERY MAN OF THE MONTH

As more and more of these little chambers collapse, less and less surface area is available for oxygen-carbon dioxide exchange. Coupled with this is the increased stimulation of mucus-secreting cells, due to the irritation from deposited material. As the fibrous condition makes it harder and harder to expel air or cough up foreign material, an ugly cycle develops.

In short, a person who dies of emphysema literally suffocates because the toxic products in tobacco smoke damaged his breathing apparatus to such an extent that it can no longer supply the body with the oxygen that it requires. If you're a heavy smoker, this may happen to you! Why take chances?

**Answer to Mystery Man  
of the Month  
in April Issue**

by  
CWO2 ROBERT M. GALINDO



The question has been asked time and again; "Why do we have to investigate all of the automobile accidents involving CANOPUS personnel?" The answer is, "for protection." Now comes the follow-up; "Whose protection?" and that's easy to answer—"for all concerned."

Section 0204 g Navy Regulations states that the Chief of Naval Operations "shall require such inspections and investigations as may be necessary to determine and satisfactorily maintain the military efficiency and discipline of the Naval Establishment and the material condition of the Operating of the Navy."

This literally means that every incident or event that results in damage to or loss of property, or death, disease or injury to personnel, either requires investigation or is specifically exempted therefrom.

Normally, the officer in command of the unit or activity concerned has the primary responsibility to initiate an investigation.

In every auto accident involving a service member, there must be a determination of misconduct and line of duty. This determination is made under specific rules to see if the member was conducting himself properly in his role as a representative of the Navy.

Now here is where everything starts making sense. In any given case, the determination may have a profound effect upon the serviceman or his dependents, and may involve considerable expense to the United States. The determination of misconduct and line of duty is used to ascertain eligibility for physical disability benefits, leave accrual, and the decision of whether or not lost time need be made up. (A finding of misconduct may require that the member extend his enlistment to cover time during which he was unable to perform his duties.



## MARINE DETACHMENT

by SGT.

OWEN U. BARTEL

Captain Keith's family moved to the States during January to establish residence until time to join us in Bremerton.

Promotions are always a happy subject, and the lucky one this time is PFC Gilbert, a Lance Corporal by the time this article appears. Cpl. Jenkins received his first award of the Good Conduct Medal, and Sgt. Bartel received his third, in recognition of not getting caught for three years.

On 14 Feb 1969, Colonel D. H. Brooks, USMC, the Force Marine Officer, CINCUSNAVEUR, paid a visit to this command. Col. Brooks, as Senior Marine Officer in Europe, had expressed a desire to visit Marine commands in Spain.

Now that Detachment Gunnery Sergeant, SSgt Hemingway, has relocated his family in California, all of the Marine "brown baggers" have temporarily turned in their bags and are living free of family strain. When the Canopus reaches the yards, there should be an addition to the Hemingway family. We wish Mrs. Hemingway a good trip, and look forward to seeing another smiling face on the Marine Detachment rolls.

## THE SEA LAWYER

In cases involving a death, the investigation is furnished to the Veteran's Administration, for their own determination as to the survivors' eligibility for benefits. It is a reassuring thought that, in the absence of any clear and convincing evidence to the contrary, a fatal injury is considered to have been incurred in the line of duty.

Motor vehicle accidents are probably the greatest single source of misconduct or line of duty investigations. With the great emphasis on safe driving both within the service and in civilian life, persons are held to a higher standard when behind a wheel than anywhere else.

Whatever the reason for this emphasis, the net result is that the reviewing authority (in some cases the commanding officer) demands a more thorough investigation of automobile accidents than is generally the case in misconduct-line of duty investigations, and will have the report reinvestigated until all question is eliminated.



**TMC J. C.  
KEELING  
TAKES  
FOUR MORE**



**SD3 MANUEL  
PADUA MABANTA  
REENLISTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO STEWARD  
CHIEF TRINIDAD EVANGELISTA**

## SUBRON 16

Six months of dedication came to a close as the CSS-16 varsity basketball squad ended their season in Rota Naval Base Intramural tournament competition on 12 March, eliminated by NavCommSta 69-65.

The story of an entire season was repeated, as the locals went down to defeat in a rousing affair. The CANOPUS five opened in the tourney action on 10 March, and were defeated in double overtime by VQ-2 Squadron 86-84 on a short jumper at the buzzer.

That placed SubRon in the loser's bracket the next evening. With elimination hanging overhead, they bounced back to drub Fleet Weather Central 79-58, as James Prather led the attack with 23 points. Then came the loss to NavCommSta the following evening, and the season that began with practice sessions last September was over.

Coach  
Dr. Robert Tarkany

Assisted by  
Dr. Thomas Paonessa  
SK2 Charles Pangburn

Team Members  
James Prather  
Eddie Lawrence

Larry Gross  
Toby Trammell  
Mike Hindman  
Willie Goodman  
Brian O'Donnell  
Rich Sproul

## BASKETBALL

Spearheaded by the dazzling shooting and floor leadership of Roy "Zip" Reisinger, Third Division captured the year-ending Canopus Intramural League basketball championship by defeating X-Division 74-66 on the evening of 27 February at the David Farragut High School Gymnasium.

Reisinger was named Outstanding Player of the tournament by vote of league officials following the title-clinching victory. It was the third consecutive championship captured by an intramural team from Deck Department. They were victorious in intramural slow-pitch softball in September, and in touch football in December.

The Third Division hoop win over X-Division climaxed three nights (24-27 Feb.) of action at the high school, seeing six other divisional teams fall by the wayside in single elimination competition.

Eastern Conference champion S-1 Division was upset in overtime 50-49 by DC Division in the tourney's initial contest Monday evening. The winner's attack was led by Harvey Bell with 17 points to his credit, including the game's final basket. His teammate, Tom Reed, also made 17 points, while Doug Fichtel led the losing team with 21 points.

X-Division's first tourney win occurred as they handily defeated W-1 Division 56-39 with Ron Rooks pumping in 17 points, although W-1's Mike Korda led all scorers with 20. X-Division and W-1 Division were the second and third place winners respectively in the Eastern Conference.

The final two encounters Monday featured the Western Conference teams, as Third Division whipped B&M Division 78-28 and W-2 dumped S-6 65-46.

Reisinger led all scorers with 21 points while Gus Guedes chipped in 17 points and Ric Flores 15 for the victors.

W-2 overcame a slow first half to salt away their victory over S-6 in the nightcap. The Weapons five led by only 30-29 at halftime, but came on strong in the second half, with three of their starters finishing in double figures.

CANOPUS INTRAMURAL  
TOURNAMENT



THE WINNERS WITH EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER W. J. KRAUS

In the tourney's semi-final games on Wednesday, X-Division overcame DC 85-67 to reach the finals, while Third Division belted W-2 90-64 to set them against X in the final round.

Sharpshooting guards Rooks and Ken Beaulieu paced the X win with 22 points apiece while Bell tallied 24 points in a losing effort. This game was decided early by the excellent outside shooting of X-Division as they took a 44-31 lead into the lockerroom at halftime.

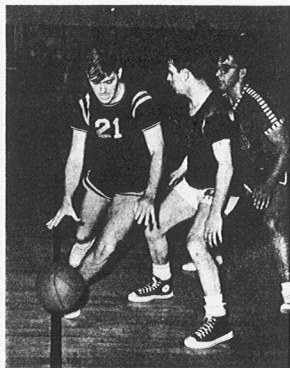
Third Division got its fast-break offense rolling after a slow start that saw them trailing W-2 after the game's opening six minutes. Then Reisinger began to gather baskets in clusters to end with 37 points, Flores added 23, and Tim Waters controlled the boards as the boatswains won handily.

The last evening of action was furious from the beginning, as W-2 and DC went into overtime in the tourney's consolation game, before W-2 won 71-68. Eric Baker's 24 points paced the winners, while Reed totalled 22 for DC.

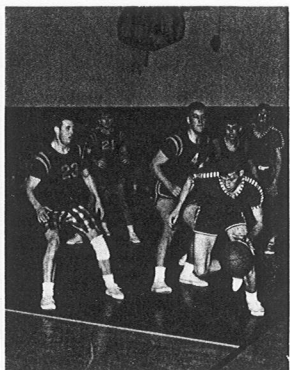
In the title contest, X-Division had Beaulieu and Rooks from the outside and a valiant assist from CWO Doug Wyatt, who had 16 points and caused havoc on the backboards before fouling out late in the second half, but Third Division had Reisinger, with a hot hand, bombing for 33 points to lead the way to the title. Waters added 15 points, while Guedes and Flores chipped in 10 points apiece. Captain Jack Molchan's rebounding was a key factor in the winners' running their fast break effectively.

The tournament closed six weeks of Canopus Intramural League competition that involved ten divisions.

## TITLE GAME PHOTOS



DICK SUNDSTROM USES  
TEAMMATE'S SCREEN  
AGAINST 3rd DIVISION



FAST BREAK BY 3rd  
DIVISION'S TIM WATERS





SN SCHNEIDER



LISON JONES



LISON VANDERWERF

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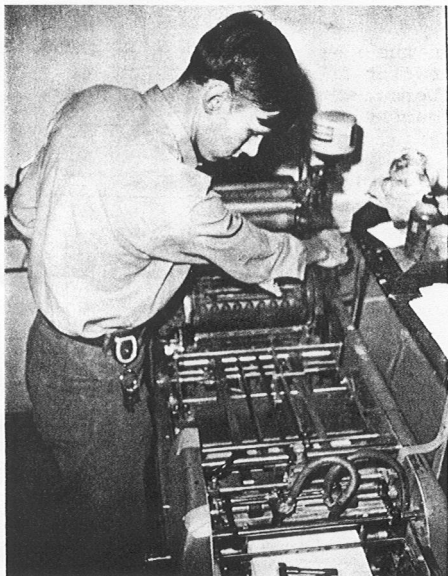
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L13 WHEELER COMPOS





## SAFETY PHOTO OF THE MONTH

DIVISION  
OF THE  
MONTH

ING A STICK OF TYPE

LII CHARLES HILL COULD USE A SET OF  
EARPHONES...THIS SHOP IS LOUD!

# R-3

## DIVISION

A pair of newly arrived sonarmen from the Advanced Anti-submarine Warfare School in San Diego, California, have crashed the fraternity of EM's and IC's (plus one PM) in R-3 Division. STS3 Dave Ward and STS3 Jim Davis, both recent graduates of an extensive, two year course in electronics and the latest in sonar equipment and techniques, were immediately given assignments to the Sound and Vibration Shop (X63).

Davis and Ward have joined EM3 Eric "Flea" Sanford, EM2 Stan Clanton, and Shop Supervisor EM1 Terry L. Gray. "This unexpected addition of manpower created a slight problem of overcrowding at the Shop 63 bench. After careful deliberation behind closed doors, Assistant Division Officer IC Chief William R. Sytar dealt shrewdly with the matter by "giving" the then "short-on-hands, long-on-talent" Rubber and Plastics Shop one utility-man, otherwise known as Eric Sanford. No R&P Technicians changed hands in this deal, but undisclosed amounts of cumshaw are rumored.

Queried on the recent, sudden switch in personnel, veteran R&P Shopper, Ed Marshall, had this to say:

Well now, if the Flea is willing to put in some long hours and hard work, and I mean hard work, little buddy, and at the same time stay squared away, I'm telling you he's welcome in my shop just any old day of the week. Remember now, we in the Rubber Shop have a reputation to uphold. I feel us guys in the Rubber Shop can safely say, without any fear of contradiction, whatsoever, that we do the most work, have the best morale, and make the best coffee in the whole division -- in the whole ship, for that matter...

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — An increase in Social Security deductions, from 4.4 to 4.8 per cent on the first \$7,800 annual wages, takes place this year. This is an increase of 2/5ths of one per cent or two cents on each \$5 earnings. The maximum deduction will be \$374.40 per year and the new rates will remain in effect through 1970.

The increase in Social Security payments is part of a programmed increase established by 1967 amendments.



## Second Division

IM2 Thomas Conner reported aboard from Washington, D. C. last month to continue diving duties with the CANOPUS team! Recently two of our men were relieved from messcook duty - now they get to see the light! SA G.F. Pettine and SA G. E. Allphin would rather serve as sailors than as "housewives."

Speaking of sailors, word was received, after the return of a certain ship from Portugal, that a few "old salts" got seasick on the ride to and from Lisbon. We don't know what to believe, since Doc Edgerton was also aboard!

We are all excited (isn't everyone?) about going back to the States after spending a while in Spain. Remember the saying, "To each his own?" Europe is certainly enchanting, but America the Beautiful is "our own" after all!

-SN A. La Porta-



## R-2 DIVISION NEWS



by MR2 Tom GRAY

Here we come again, back with our monthly report on some of the everyday events of R-2 Division. To give a quick run-down, we had only two men leaving the division. As an IM Shop honor guard waved from the 01 level, IM3 Rasinski floated over the horizon aboard the AF-52. By this time, a new man has joined the ranks of CivLant. MR2 Jadin recently left as a civilian, to spend a while in Denmark. Good luck in the future, men!

We want to welcome MR2 Sevde aboard. He recently reported from the USS Orion.

While we're on the subject of recent arrivals, congratulatory cigars go to both MR3 Robinson, father of a baby girl, and MR2 DeMarco, whose wife presented him with a son.

The OM spaces have been very busy lately, with OM3 Ernest being elected president of the Rota Rodeo Association, and OM3 Brady and OM1 Silliman TAD to Naples! The Arena

has been rebuilt, and you can expect the rodeos to begin at the end of March. Work is proceeding rapidly in Naples as well, though rumor (from a red-head OM, not to mention any names) has it that all they've been doing is chasing Italian women and drinking wine! As may be expected, they show an admirable devotion to their "job."

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## DAMAGE CONTROL DIVISION

BY SN GEORGE SZIRBI

If anyone has any intentions of shipping over, just come up to Damage Control Central (the number 2 Shipping Over Office) because SFC R. Murray finally has received orders and will become a Career Counsellor in New York. It is quite obvious that DC Division is well aware of Chief Murray's new profession, because it seems as though everyone is staying in the shops where they're supposed to work now.

SFC Hyder is upset about Chief Murray's prompt receipt of orders, even if Chief Murray does constantly borrow cigarettes from him.

Our new Administrative Assistant in DC will be SFP2 S. Philbrook. It seems that Steve hung around Central too often, as now he's saddled with another job. He'll enjoy working with such ambitious and well-liked men as W01 Saunders (Division Officer and number one athlete of DC), SFC Hyder (Leading Chief of the division), DC1 G. Clay (CANOPUS Training Petty Officer), and SN G. Szirbik (yeoman, phone talker, phone answerer, coffee runner, etc. of the division). Szirbik is also a short-timer, and DC is looking for an eligible man who likes plenty of variety in his job.

SFM3 Zahnd was all smiles and refreshed as he returned from 30 days leave in England and Scotland. I suppose the reason for his cheerful disposition is that he is happy to be back with his group (The ANCHORMEN) and making all kinds of dough again, right Phil?

Our division still manages to hang on in the sports world. It's impossible to say at this writing where we will be tomorrow, but there's still a chance for us to grab that trophy. New Coach W01 Saunders says we still put up a good fight

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# S-1

## NOTES

The S-1 Divisional highlight continues to be in sports, as the basketball team fast approaches the eastern division playoffs in a first place tie with X Division.

"Elgin" McManaman was named to the eastern all-stars, who were headed by coach "Allie" Sherman, from RETRO. The S-1 bowling team, thanks to dedication like that displayed by members such as Mr. Hildebrand, who cut short his leave so he wouldn't miss a week's bowling, is in contention for a first place trophy.

The 'Group-of-the-Month Award' goes to Group One, who managed to consume 43 quarts of 409 and 10 gallons of paint in Storeroom Maintainance this February! We'll soon be able to dial Group One direct at Storeroom 52. Their telephone is being installed with a tentative extension of 213.

Special mention for the Retrograde Team, which is burning the 1900 oil in Storeroom 53. At last count, the RETRO boys had a mere 17,000 retrogrades before our arrival in Charles



## CANOPUS' 85th REFIT

A minor divisional reorganization has moved Dennis Javins to the transit shed, Paul Strapac to the issue team, Rich Sproul to S-2 Division Commissary Records, and Bill Brandenburg to the Retrograde team.

Honorable Mentions Awards this month go to Mickey Pauline and R.L. Deese, the former for not receiving any letters in 37 consecutive mailcalls, and the latter for being exceptionally short in Spain.

## S-5 DIVISION by SK2 G.A. FARQUHAR

Things have really been jumping in S-5 spaces lately. Our Division Officer, LCDR DeMayo, left his desk in the corner at Stock Control for one in the Office of Naval Material at Washington, D.C. We wish him luck in his new position, and hope his new staff is half as good as we are! LT Lynch moved from SAT to Stock Control, to take over as Division Officer, and WO-1 Dowell came from Food Service to take control of SAT.

A new suit of khaki and three crowns appeared after January advancement time. Congratulations to Chief

## S-5 DIVISION CONTINUED

Jones, SK2 Speelman, SK2 Bishop, and SK3 Foerster.

While we're on that subject of congratulations, they're also in order for SK2 Harry Wiles, who added twin girls to his family. Good luck, Harry. With four women, you need it!

SK1 Frank Walls returned to the Canopus from an extended vacation in Philadelphia, Torrejon, and Wiesbaden. Frank says he likes the Navy, but he doesn't care much for the hospitals! Welcome back to the rat race!

Chief Kerrigan will be leaving soon for a long-awaited assignment to shore duty at ADCOM, USNTC, Great Lakes, Illinois. The Chief has been in SAT since his arrival here in Spain, and has done an outstanding job. We wish him a good tour at Great Lakes.

The Fiscal Branch of the Supply Department recently left S-4 for S-5. SK2 Farquhar and SK3 Bess say that the change was a traumatic experience, but that they are slowly adjusting.

A bowling ball just recently arrived from the States for SK1 Killingsworth. He will take this opportunity to thank the Postal Service-bowling balls being heavy and all, a six-month wait isn't too bad.

LCDR Easley recently reported aboard out of NAVSHIPYD, Long Beach. He is to serve as Overhaul Planning Coordinator for Supply Department. We're glad to have him aboard and hope he will enjoy his tour on the Canopus.

Haiku  
Silence

Lone footprint on a  
beach sea washes over it  
leaving only sunset



A LONG WAY — President-elect Nixon is shown here as a World War II Navy Lieutenant Commander.

## RT DIVISION

Although tradition plays a large role in governing the policies which govern our lives here, ET1 Jerry Hogan, ET1 Dave Comer, and a few cohorts in RS Division teamed up on 1 February and provided us with a party that was a party, not just a "social drink together."

With the music provided by the ANCHORMEN, the entertainment by Mr. Eubank, Mr. Turner, Mr. De Nardi, and Mr. Mc Cleer, and the catering performed by talented divisional personnel, games, contests, dining, dancing drinking and listening blended together to furnish us with one of our most enjoyable get-togethers yet. Well done, guys!

## by OM2 RAWN

Our representatives to the CANOPUS Intramural Bowling League, the GUNDECKERS, have been pushing their bid for seventh place, only to find themselves unable to climb out of the cellar! Maybe next week?

We had only one new arrival this month. IMSA Doug Buenger came from IM"A" school, and now spends his working hours in the mechanical calibration lab. Welcome aboard, Doug!

With so many "brown baggers" in the division losing their wives in the great exodus to the States, we should have a lot more news next month. How about it guys, are you going to show us what you're made of?

## A DIVISION NEWS

EN2 G. B. SUOMALA

The O2N2 gang would like to welcome MM1 J. J. Coser, from the USS Fox, (DLG 33), operating out of San Diego. He has recently completed a compressed gas school in Portsmouth, Virginia. His wife, Nancy, and a two year old son, Mark, are waiting in Saint Louis for the Canopus' transfer to Bremerton. It's not quite like the Destroyer Navy, is it, Joe?

Mr. Cook, our division officer, took a timely leave - he left the morning the O2N2 gang made "tea" in the coffee pot. Nice try, gang!

A-Division's hydraulic shop will bid farewell to several of their best men in the coming months. Chief Burkett will be staying in sunny Spain, aboard the Holland, and the division wishes a lot of luck to him and his family. On arrival in Charleston, J. W. Frasier will be going to EN "C" school in Great Lakes. Last month we "lost" A. W. Starnes to CivLant and P.J. Schultz will follow him at the end of March. Good luck, out in the "cold, cruel world," men!

Reliable sources say that the AC/R shop is looking for work. One of the men in the shop has been heard muttering slogans like "When there's trouble, to get it fixed, pick up the phone and dial 456," and, "If you're cold, and need steam heat, AC/R service is hard to beat!" Wonder what Chief Mariano has to say? AC/R is losing EN3 Ferraro, who is on his way to "Philly" to become a civilian. We want to wish him the best of luck.

The Systems shop is keeping busy setting up oil test facilities in the small boat refueling pump room. The responsibility for oil tests on various divisional equipment rests on them, as well as the job of keeping up high pressure air compressors and piping throughout the ship.

A-Division will be losing three of its chiefs when the ship leaves for the States. They are ENCM Kiss, "A" Division's leading chief, ENC Mariano, of the AC/R shop, and ENC Burkett of Hydraulics. The best of luck to all three, and to MMC Cook, as well. As the only chief left in the division, he's going to need some luck!

## MEN WANTED FOR THE NAVY!



All able-bodied men not in the employment of the Army, will be enlisted into the Navy upon application at the Naval Rendezvous, on Craven Street, next door to the Printing Office.

H. K. DAVENPORT,  
Com'r. & Senior Naval Officer.  
New Bern, N. C.,  
Nov. 2d, 1863.

## X-DIVISION

Seems like only a couple of months ago that X Division congratulated Deck on the football championship, as we finished second. Well, history has repeated itself.

Basketball followed a fine season with the final quiet game going (along with the championship!) to 3rd Division, 74-66. We also extend congratulations to the officer corps, for their fine performance in the playoffs. W. D. Wyatt, (who also is to be congratulated for his promotion to WO-2), Mr. Acosta, and a last-minute addition in the form of a card-carrying member of Phi Kappa Theta, Mr. M. J. Schildwachter, are especially to be thanked for some outstanding games.

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Congratulations  
 CWO-2 WYATT

## OPS-NAV HAPPENINGS

As this edition of "Haps-of-Ops" goes to press, we note with regret the transfer for separation of RM3 Roy P. Kimsey, one of the most talented fellers in the division.

Ole' Kimsey really could play that guitar! (not to mention being one durn good radioman!) RML Jerry Burghout has taken a TAD transfer to the Holland. He's certain to have her radio gear "fivers" and ready to relieve in no time. In fact, don't be very surprised if you spot Jer on the open bridge of the Holland as she rounds the breakwater, helping the skipper to bring her in!

To "positivate," we welcome to Operations Department RM3 Gary A. Steinbach and RM3 John T. Shingara, both reporting to us from the newly decommissioned USS Alcore (AK-259). A rumor to the effect that their departure was the cause of the

Alcore's decommissioning has no basis in fact, capable and versatile though they be. 'Round about the same time, RMSN Timothy T. "Tex" Erskine moseyed over the brow, fresh from Code School at Norfolk.

On 29 January, the "Canopus Can-do Communicators" mustered in the Pilot House to be commended for their "...leadership, technical ability and devotion to duty..." The framed commendations, signed by COMSUBRON-16 were presented to each member of the radio team by the Commanding Officer. (I told you we would find that "E" message!)

For a parting shot, the hot topics around the coffee mess seem to be: WHO-is getting transferred to the USS Holland? WHAT-will we CYN's do now? WHERE-are my teeth? WHEN-do we eat, and WHY-me?!

ETN2 BUSH-----

## R-2 from 13

Almost any night, on passing through the machine shop, you can notice clusters of men huddled next to open hatches, hooks poised for action! Among the hardy group are MR2 Therrien, MR3 Joyce, MR2 Gray, MRFN Rogers, MRFN Bohland, and anyone else who happens to be passing through! As for the "catch," we display a photograph of a certain "fish" on the bulletin board, if anyone cares to look!

The IM Shop was the scene of a mass field day recently. We hear that even IM2 Quigley was in the overhead!

It should be known that X-38 and X-40 are working as hard as usual-so hard, in fact, that FN Chabola had trouble staying in his rack. It could have been a lot worse, if he had anything but a bottom rack!

That's about all we have for now, but next time the Helmsman goes to press, the Holland will be sitting alongside the pier, giving us something to write about!



## X-DIVISION

Larry Lathrop, Ronnie Rocks, and Kenny Beaulieu played a fine game all year, and deserve to be drafted when they get out. (by the pros, that is!) Who could forget the bench, with all those faces, staring at the coach, wondering what he was doing: Sunny Sundstrom, "the Scar," Ron Wenzel, Tom Cook, C. G. Turner, C. Turner (those tingling fingers), Eric Hess, and last of all, winner of five dollars and numerous awards, "the Claw," Paul Tisdale.

The season finally ended, and we never did settle a contract with that dynamic duo, Chiefs Fritz and Gahl. Maybe next year they will be out there with that other fine chief of the division, Chief Garcia. A veritable lion on the court, his presence was missed by all concerned. Our apologies for not putting his name on the roster.

The officials also enjoyed a hot campaign for votes. The finest of the bunch was Mario Monti, who conducted a whistle-stopping tour of that high school gym. May he live in the memories of many.

A final note by way of advice for this month-remember: if you can do it with a pencil, you can do it with a bowling ball!

## CABLE LOAN SERVICE

WASHINGTON (NAVNEWS)...Fast, dependable, low-cost credit became a reality for naval personnel in the Mediterranean area when the Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) put its Cable Loan Service into operation recently.

The Cable Loan Service is available to NFCU members at the Navy Exchange outlets at Rota, Spain and Naples, Italy. The service provides a rapid means of financing U.S. manufactured automobiles and other "high cost" items purchased through overseas exchanges.

To draw a loan under the new system the NFCU representative at either of the exchanges at Rota and Naples is contacted and a request for an application is made. Once the application is in the representative's hands it takes only 24 hours to get the application approved and to have the check ready. If the transaction is being completed by mail the check will be in the mail within the 24-hour period but the mail may delay the delivery.

The NFCU lends money at the rate of four-fifths of one percent per month on the unpaid balance of all members. This is a simple annual interest of 9.6 percent. Loans up to \$2,500 may be granted on a signature alone. If the member is able to produce sufficient collateral he may be granted a loan of up to \$10,000. Applications may be requested by phone, mail or wire. Processing will be done via direct line with NFCU, Washington, D.C.

At the present time plans are underway to have similar facilities in the Pacific area.

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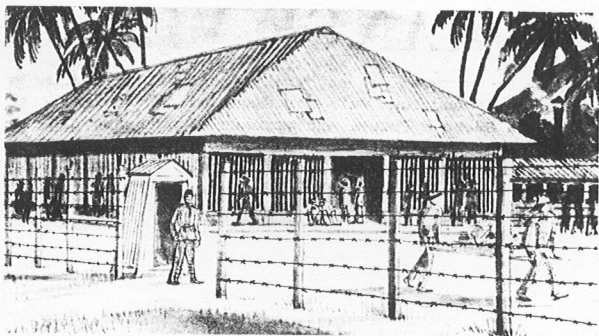
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# DURANCE VILE

Captain Johnson USN (ret.)



From the desk of Captain Johnson



Finally, upon the pleading and recommendation of General Wainwright we were moved up to Bottomside, where we were assigned sleeping space in the old Barrio Marketplace building. This was a corrugated iron-roofed structure which had been built many years before as a spot where the Philipinos employed on Corregidor could conduct a market with the merchants who came out from Manila. We repaired the shell holes in the roof and dug latrines in the former parking area. It was still going to be used for "parking" but of a different type. It was from the effluvia of these latrine pits that the building received its sobriquet "Maggot Acres". Several of the prisoners, weak from dysentery, fainted and fell into these latrines, during night visits thereto, and were drowned. We found their legs sticking up out of the mire the next day, and pulled them out, making an attempt to clean them up before we sent them out with the burial details. This was one detail that always had plenty of work to keep it busy. It was here in "Maggot Acres" that we established a common cook house, after a fashion, which was inestimably better than the individual efforts that were in vogue down in the old "Ninety-Second Garage". Anyway, the feeding improved, but the weather didn't. Even with our repair efforts, the roof leaked prodigiously, and lucky were those who had managed to cart a rubber poncho away with them. I had one I pulled from a dead Marine up on Watertank Hill, knowing full well that he wouldn't miss it. I only hope that he would know, in some small way, how I enjoyed having it and how I blessed him for it. I was at least dry in most spots during the night downpours. I managed to find some moldy white flour in a bombed-out warehouse during my stay at "Maggot Acres", so I bummed some peanut oil from our jailers and made a batch of doughnuts - wow! They were like case-hardened Kenter Shackles and made the most lethal weapons when thrown at someone in the dark - but their extreme durability interfered with proper digestion.

## DC NEWS from 13

(and has a slight nose fracture from putting one up himself, right, Hartfield?) When SFM2 Fitts gets out of Sick Bay with his twisted ankle, he will most likely agree with Mr. Saunders about putting up a good fight in basketball.

A fine job was done by our two division carpenters, DC2 G. Brillon and DC3 R. Seay, on the bar which was presented to Captain Simms on his departure from CANOPUS.

Capt J.

# DURANCE VILE...

We were allowed to gather up such of our gear as we could carry and then were moved out of our former residence in Queen's Tunnel and marched down to the old sea-plane hangar area known locally as "Ninety-Second Garage". The Japanese newsreelmen were making shots of us as we were herded down the dusty, corpse-strewn road to show the minions back home how the white supremacy was being laid low in the mud.

I imagine it was just about like Andersonville in its balmiest days, complete with stink and flies. I managed to link up with a Marine major by the name of Mathiesen and between us we erected a quite respectable "bayhay" with some of the junk lying around the hangar flat and which had been blown from the old building. With some judicious weaving of nipa, palay-grass, and bohuca, we made it fairly water tight in view of the torrential rains which were almost upon us with the arrival of the monsoon season. A distinct problem was water, the only source for about 11,000 men being an old Spanish well near the hangar. The water was brackish and covered with scum, but we relished it. The Japanese posted armed guards on it and only let us get to it about three hours a day. This necessitated the prisoners lining up for hours, many falling down in their tracks from thirst and heat exhaustion. A couple of our people tried to get water out of that well out-of-hours and the guards shot them both, leaving the bodies there for two days as an object lesson. Some of the prisoners who were quartered near the beach went balmy from drinking sea water.

Then death began to rear its ugly, fleshless head amongst us. Many were in poor physical shape due to the months of short rations and they were the first to go under these conditions. There was no place to bury them except up on the sides of the bowl-like valley encompassing our bivouac area and that was where we placed them. The only trouble with this was the rain. It came in such gully washer torrents that it flooded the dead out of their area and washed them down amongst all of us living along with the effluvia of the latrines also. Death was everywhere since many of the fallen had not been cleaned up after the last assaults on the Rock and they were making their presence known, too. We were on burial detail every day. I found several of my old CANOPUS shipmates and put them in the mass graves with a heavy heart, thinking of the old carefree days on the Asiatic Station. The conditions were so bad that in order to get any work done, we had to urinate in our handkerchiefs and tie them over our noses to try and combat that foul smell.

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## R-3 from 12

The Sound Shop was the scene of another switchover this month. Sonarman Davis wasted no time getting down to brass tacks, as he succeeded EML Hans P. Schobel as Training Petty Officer. Stepping down after a fine three month stint, Schobel expressed keen interest in getting back into the swing of things out in his old Repair Electric Shop (X51). Schobel returns to his former position on a supervisory staff headed by EMC Robert M. Wilson, and including EML William J. Works, EML Joseph Ray, and EML Robert M. Miller.

That's about it for R-3 Division this month. We would like to leave you with a little challenge, however - bet we see the Holland first!