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'THE IN CROWD'



After the advancement ceremony on April 16th, where more than 200 CANOPUS men were advanced, the crew enjoyed a presentation of "The In Crowd". This group is presently touring Europe and is sponsored by the U.S.O.

More than 600 men were on hand on the helo deck as the group of two men and four girls sang such well

known songs as: That's Life; You're Just to Good to be True; Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band; and many many more.

The group members, from left to right, were Zona Kennedy from Washington, D.C.; Cathy Carhart from Long Branch, New Jersey; Robert Yellin from New York City; Richard Sullivan; Dianne Carhart; and Jeanie Rule from Middletown, New York.

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COMMAND COLUMN



by

Captain H. J. Trueblood

The meaningful and memorable rewards of a professional military career are few. The letter printed below is one of these rare rewards. It speaks for itself.

"Dear Captain Trueblood,

As I depart the CANOPUS for CONUS and discharge from the United States Navy I find myself compelled to leave a few words about the men and officers of your fine command.

My tour here has been short, but, I assure you, a memorable one. Never in my career have I been associated with a number of men and officers as dedicated, nor as proud of their work and their jobs as you have aboard the CANOPUS. This not only includes those personnel in ---- Department, but the entire complement.

CANOPUS has a brilliant record and Her name is well known throughout the Navy. The ingredients necessary for this high measure of success and accomplishment - your officers and men - seem to deny themselves the use of the word "impossible" as is evident daily in seemingly routine jobs, not only on FBM submarines, but on destroyers, fleet submarines and other types of vessels as well.

I especially wish to commend ---- as I have never served under a finer Division Officer in my career. Only

Cross — Currents

By

Chaplain F. E. Whitaker

MY CHURCH

"Before I was born 'My Church' gave to my parents ideas of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

In helpless infancy 'My Church' joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ and in baptizing me in His name.

'My Church' enriched my child-

hood through his expert handling and guidance of ---- Division has it continued to set the lead pace in ---- shops throughout our Polaris Navy. Also, the men of the division deserve special thanks for their devotion and dedication to their assignments. On several occasions men from one shop would volunteer to assist men in another phase of the shop with the work-load, making the individual work-load lighter and keeping outstanding relations among themselves. They are fine sailors, both professionally and militarily. It has indeed been a pleasure to have been one of them.

I cannot help but feel a bit of sadness in leaving CANOPUS, as I feel I am still a part of your fine ship. I have learned a great deal from my tour here, leaving much wiser then when I came across the brow. It is only due to strong personal commitments that I must leave.

In closing I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the men and officers of your ship for making this, my last tour of duty, a remarkable and memorable experience. You have a proud ship at your command, Captain, a truly remarkable ship.

Very Respectfully,

-----, U.S. Navy'



hood with the romance and religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideas of life, the truths 'My Church' taught become radiant, insistant, and inescapable.

In the stress and storm of adolescence 'My Church' heard the surge of my soul and She guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love 'My church' taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; She sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, 'My Church' drew me to the friend of all the weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, 'My Church' has believed in me and wondrously She has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have become the children dearer to me than life itself and 'My Church' is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean Christly living.

'My Church' calls me to Her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her do for me. In this place in which I live, I will help Her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith".

The above testimony was written originally by Dr. William Boddy, and could be the witness of any person who places himself in the fellowship of the Church.

Regular attendance at Divine Services will help any person to grow this same deep conviction and testimony.

SEA BREEZE

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SECOND DIVISION

Second Division's leadership has changed hands this month in various ways. BMC Frechette has assumed the duties as our new Chief while BM1 Holmquist has become our new leading petty officer. On April 16th, BM3 Dennis and BM3 Walker became the proud members of the Petty Officer Fleet. Now, Second Division has just about the most responsible group aboard --- wouldn't you say?

BMSN Barowski and BMSN Pelouquin, who have just returned from leave, will sew on their "crows" in August and September respectively.

Second Division would like to salute BMC Diaz, who was transferred to Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico, for the rigorous training and leadership that he instilled in the Division. The same can be said of BM1 Behling who was transferred to the Naval Station at San Diego, California. We would like to say, "Thanks Boats", for bailing us out of many jams. Without Behling's leadership, many of us would not have "seen the light".



AND THAT'S MY
FINAL WORD...FOR
THE TIME BEING.."

S-5 PAPER MILL REPORT

The Stock Control office in the past few months has seen quite a few new faces and then again there are the old faces, but they are the minority. The month of April saw our old leader SKC Snyder depart for Maine which made way for our new leader SK1 Jones to sing his way into the vacant position. Jones sings all day long, and after a few choruses he asks us in the office, that whoever doesn't like his singing "stand up!" The only person left not standing is; You guessed it!

On the new arrival list to the division is SK1 Killingsworth, who by the way is large enough to be our division life raft; SK1 Dodaro, whose name is pronounced in error as "Dodo".

The month of April saw SK1 Gobeille sew on his third chevron along with SK3 Bishop and SK3 Reardon tacking on their first ones. Congratulations Men!

The golf course is the setting for some of our division members almost every day and SK1 Boots, SK3 Davis, and SK1 Jones can rarely be seen due to the high rough, but we are out there, even though we look like a lost safan! Our division officer LCdr DeMayo is on the links often, but he claims that the golf course is more like he is on the beach, for he is always in the sand traps.

Our training PO, SK2 Ibera, has so many lectures planned that the conference room is almost one of our spaces. So if you have a problem to discuss at Stock Control and no one is around, then remember this "We're in training".

On the departure list is SK2 Halpin who has orders to Scotia, N.Y., and it couldn't be any farther from the water. His conscience is bothering him so much that he turned in his old salty dungs and bought new ones. Best of Luck, Hal.

Regulations Changed on
Out-of-Bounds Passes

Washington, D.C.

Officers and career petty officers don't need out-of-bounds passes any more. They may leave the command area when on liberty without getting special permission from their commanding officers.

The regulation was changed because it was considered inconsistent with the dependability expected of officers and senior petty officers. It was recommended by the recently established Retention Plans and Program Division (Pers A5) in the Bureau of Personnel. (NAVNEWS)

SEA BREEZE



MARINE DETACHMENT

With a smile on his face and an aching body, the sailor spoke to the Marine, "I made it, see you next quarter". And so the Marine Detachment once again completed administering the Navy Minimum Physical Achievement Test.

The need for manpower in Viet Nam has lowered the minimum time requirement on station for personnel attached to detachments afloat to one year; that is if they volunteer for a tour with WestPac, Ground Force. Three members of this Detachment, Pfc DENNIS, Pfc RUSSO, and Pfc WILKINSON have cheerfully volunteered. Soon they shall be in the land of opportunity for promotion (something which is a rare moment here), and enjoying a Marine's favorite past time. R&R in such places as Australia, Thailand, Japan, and locally in Viet Nam at such places as Khe Sahn, Da Nang, or the DMZ. What a picture it makes when you see the "Amphibious Monster" (Marine) with his buddy and partner, the M-16, sitting watching the shells come in.

Toti's Career Corner



Christmas in July!?! Sounds crazy doesn't it, but it is very true. If you will just read the rest of my article you will see what I mean by the statement I made.

As of July 1st, we will get a 6.9% much needed pay raise, but also as of July 1st any man that reenlists for the first time and is in any of the 45 rates that get VRB will know the meaning of what I said.

There are 20 rates in the multiple IV. They are as follows: QM, DC, RM, RD, ST, MM, EN, FT, AQ, ET, AT, AX, DS, EM, IC, BT, SF, DP, PT, and CT.

Multiple III has 8 rates. They are: SM, GMG, GMT, MR, TM, OM, AE, and AO. Multiple II has 11 rates: MT, IM, DK, BU, EA, EO, SW, CE, UT, CM, and some HM's.

Multiple I has 6 rates. They are: AM, PM, AG, AC, SK, and last but not least the most important rate in the Navy (in my opinion that is) the CS.

I wish all rates in the Navy were in the Multiple IV of the VRB, but the Navy just doesn't see it my way. Want to know what an E-4 with over 2 years on VRB would get? -- A cool \$7,155.00.

Sounds good but just think if an E-5 with over 2 years (and we have lots of E-5's with just 2 years on CANOPUS) reenlists he would get \$8,361.00. Sure gives a man something to think about doesn't it?

We have a nice mess hall here on CANOPUS, but I am sure a lot of men on the ship wonder what the Cap-

tain's mess is like. If you want to find out, I can fix that up for you also.

On July 2nd, the Captain is going to have several of the CANOPUS crewmembers up to his cabin for a short get-together and I am told lots of money will change hands at that time, (no it's not going to be a crap game). As the Captain is talking to this select number of men we can put the bite on him for a cup of coffee and some pastries. All any member of the crew has to do to be invited is to see me at my office (2-52-6) and I will start the ball rolling. Oh yes, any man that I send up to beat the Captain out of a cup of coffee will have to be ready to just say two words -- "I Do" and also put his name on a reenlistment contract.

So you think that is a high price for just one cup of coffee. Stop and think about it for awhile. If you walked into the Personnel Office of a large civilian company and told the office manager: "I want to work for you for the next six years but first you must pay me a cash bonus of several thousand dollars", 99 out of 100 managers would think you were some kind of a nut. He would walk you to the door and say: "Don't call us, we'll call you".

I think before any man starts to reenlist he should sit down and talk it over. Don't let the VRB money be the only reason that makes you want to reenlist. First a man should want to be a part of the Navy. If he decides that Navy life is what he wants, then a man should stay in the Navy. A man that ships only for the money is not the man the Navy would like to have. But if a man wants to make the Navy his career, we will welcome him.

Please stop by my office if you have a question that I might help you with. The Career Counselor's job is not just reenlisting men in the Navy but also letting a man know what benefits he has coming to him, questions on schools, going up for rate, or changing to another rate. I will be glad to go over it with you.

Stay with the winning team
"GO NAVY"

Sea Breeze

R-3 DIVISION NEWS

R-3 has had two EM's move into the wonderland of six section duty as Gamer and Schobel made the advance to first class.

The khaki hat has been donned by STC Hoffer and ICC Bourne. A well done to our "wet behind the ears" Chiefs.

Adding a chevron to their crowns are IC2 Urban, EM2 Bean, EM2 Clanton, and EM2 Wallace.

April 16th saw eight firemen fly up the ladder of success to third class as Butera, Jenson, Cegledi, Humphrey, and Marshall sewed on their crowns. Making the grade as IC3's were Kuder, Sampson, and Fritz.

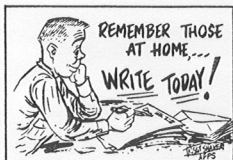
Supply PO IC3 Hoagland is busy finishing his short-timer's calender. IC3 Kuder is learning the tricks of the trade as Hoagland's replacement.

Our Division Officer, Lt Helm, has had such great success as defense attorney that the Navy has decided to put him on its side. Mr. Helm is now the new legal officer for CANOPUS.

WO1 Jordan is to become our new division officer.

EMCS White leaves in July for the USS Davis. He will be missed by EM3 "Huey" Marshall.

EM2 Wallace is bound stateside and the USS Orion next month.



Editorial

The following editorial is taken from the February 9, 1968 NavNews Newsletter written by Lt Paul Conners.

Washington, D.C. It's not a dirty word to a young Marine sitting in the mud near the DMZ.

It's not a dirty word to a fighter pilot floating in the Gulf of Tonkin waiting to be rescued.

It's not a dirty word to the young widow with three children whose husband lies in Arlington National Cemetery.

It's not a dirty word to people who compile dictionaries — who define patriotism with words like "love and loyal or zealous support of one's own country".

Patriotism is what makes our country strong. It provides cohesiveness to an amalgamation of people unlike that of any other country in the world. It provides the substance through which the lives, hopes, and desires of all American citizens are fulfilled.

Then why do so many Americans seem ashamed of the word? Why do so many of them apologize for their country in speeches, written articles, and through dubious demonstrations? Why do they hide the word and the ideals of patriotism? Why do they call patriotism "an archaic expression of nationalism"?

What is there in this word that frightens these people?

Nathan Hale didn't apologize for his country as he was about to be hanged. Why should you apologize because loving your country gives you a feeling of satisfaction?

We're proud of being called patriots. It labels us as loyal defenders of our country and its ideals. It's a good thing to have this feeling. It helps you to hold your head up high. It makes your country beautiful and you can feel this beauty. It makes you a better citizen. And if you are a better citizen, your country has to be the ultimate beneficiary.

Let's tell people about patriotism. They'll understand. They might even get to like the idea --- all of them.



Captain William E. Sims, USN, Commander Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN, presents Lieutenant Commander George Smith, Assistant Repair Officer, with a Commendation for his outstanding contributions to the SSBN Refit program. LCdr Smith, after three years with the CANOPUS, has departed for duty in the Charleston Naval Shipyard.

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A DIVISION

On April 16th two men in "A" gang put away their white hats and plunk on their khaki. They are MMC Slank and ENC Mariano. Congratulations Chiefs!

Three men in the division were advanced to Second Class: EN2 Malloy, EN2 Maynard, and MM2 Sauerwein.

Third Class seemed to be the order of the day in "A" Division. Men advanced to EN3 were: Bondeson, Carver, O'Connor, Payton, Simmons, Erickson, Stames, and advanced to MM3 were Schultz and Methena. Congratulations Men!

On March 29th, Charles Brock reenlisted under the SCORE program. He will be going to ET "A" school at Great Lakes. Good Luck, Skip!

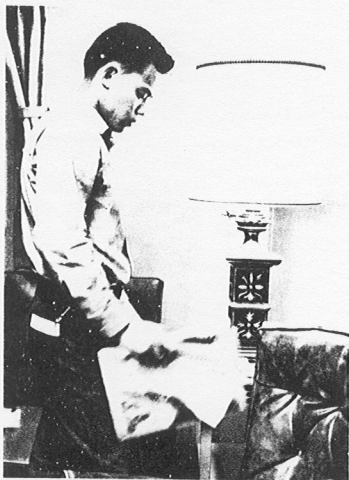
"A" gang bids farewell to Jim Carver. He was transferred to the USS Saratoga (CVA 60). The SARATOGA is now in the dry dock at Philadelphia. Best Wishes Jim!

'A' Division Sports Notes

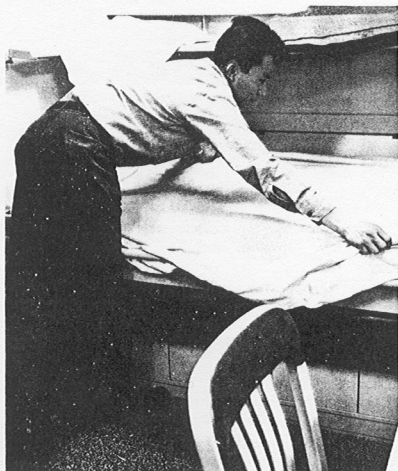
"A" gang drubbed "X" Division 9-7, the same "X" Division team that swamped the "Old Men" the night before. Look Out Chiefs, the Indians are Coming!

"A" Division's ball team, under the expert guidance of Bob Baldy, will take on all challengers in "slow-pitch" softball anytime, any place.

MMC Cook, boss of the O2N2 group, captured the first place trophy of the Rota Men's Handicap Tournament. He rolled a 681 handicap series. What are you going to do with all the money, Chief?!



SD3 Dungca straightens the magazine and newspapers in the Wardroom lounge.

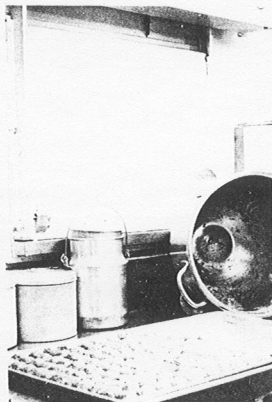


TN Reyes prepares the bunk in just one of the many CANOPUS staterooms.

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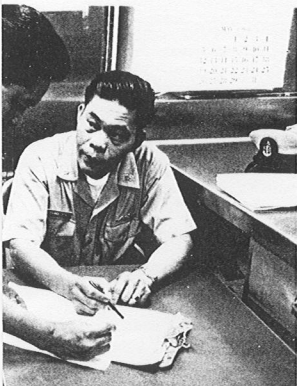
SD2 Toribio and SDC Evangelista (the coming week.



Anyone for a Maban

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(Cabin Mess) check the daily menu for



ta Swedish meatball???

Not everyone is engaged in food preparation as is evident by TN Penalta.



SD2 Amarillas prepares food in the copper of the Wardroom Mess.

Rear-Admiral Manuel Gonzalez y Ramos-Izquierdo, Commander Naval Base, Rota, Spain, as guest speaker at the Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN 1968 Birthday Ball held on April 20th, delivered a remarkably appropriate and effective talk which revealed a unique appreciation of, and insight into, Submarine service.

His remarks were an inspiration to all those present.

In recognition of his sincere congratulations as well as the friendship and hospitality enjoyed by all submariners and their dependents here in Spain, his remarks are reprinted below.

Good Evening

Buenas Noches,

S.A.R. Infante de Orleans y Borbon

Consul de los Estados Unidos de America en Sevilla, Mr. Nolan,

Alcalde de la Ciudad de Rota, Sr. Mana,

Alcalde de la Ciudad del Puerto de Santa María, Sr. Portillo,

Captain Sims,

Captain Mather,

Captain Trueblood,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished Guests.

On this occasion, in which we are celebrating the Sixty-Eight Birthday anniversary of the United States Submarine Service, I beg all you, be so kind as to permit me to express, as a sailor, a surface sailor, my modest point of view in relation to the handling of a Submarine and qualification for the men of her crew.

Of all of the various types of vessels plying the oceans of the world, I think that the submarine is one of the most unusual. She is propelled by propellers, uses a rudder, and is manned by seamen; but beyond that, she differs in almost every respect from conventional ships.

The handling of a submarine is so different from that of a normal ship that officers are sent to an extensive course at the submarine school before they are assigned to submarines for duty. To qualify for submarines and especially to qualify for command of a submarine, an officer must serve for an extended period on these boats and meet very rigid requirements because mistakes in handling the submarines, could mean a critical risk to all hands. So for this reason, in the submarine service, the greatest emphasis is placed on very good shiphandling.

The submarine lives in a three - dimensional world and the surface craft only in two. The hull of a submarine must be completely closed and strengthened to withstand the pressure of the depths. Additional control surfaces have to be added. Normal steam power plants are unacceptable for under-water work and only power plants which do not require a supply of fresh air are acceptable for running completely submerged. Making a ship habitable, operable, and efficient with those restrictions, obviously requires the most radical departures from normal ship design.

Ladies and Gentlemen

To these qualified - enduring men serving in the U.S. Navy, Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN, and to their families, who here at the Naval Station Rota, tonight are celebrating this Sixty-Eight Birthday anniversary, with my greatest pleasure and feeling, I wish to express at this happy opportunity my best and very friendly congratulations. And at the same time, let me express a desire for all them. For more achievements and accomplishments. And nothing more, ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for your attention.

COMPUTER CORNER

By Bud Goode

Who's going to win the National and American League pennant races this year? Can Boston repeat in the American League? And will Pittsburgh's purchase of pitcher Jim Bunning help their hard hitting batters to the championship 'n '68?

Computer Corner poured the 1967 batting and pitching statistics

Computer Corner is a AFPS regular weekly. Comments are requested as to whether we should continue it regularly.

into the electronic evaluator to measure the strengths and weaknesses of the teams, and estimated the effect this season's trades will have on their offense, defense, and final standings:

AMERICAN	1967			Estimated 1968			
	Runs	Runs	Ratio	Runs	Ratio	FINAL	
Detroit	683	587	1.16	700	560	1.25	1
Minnesota	671	590	1.14	670	570	1.17	2
Boston	722	614	1.17	700	650	1.07	3
Chicago	531	491	1.08	575	500	1.15	3
Baltimore	654	592	1.10	670	590	1.13	4
California	567	587	.97	575	575	1.00	6
Cleveland	559	613	.91	560	600	.94	7
Washington	550	637	.87	550	640	.86	8
New York	522	621	.84	530	610	.86	8
Oakland	533	660	.81	540	670	.80	10
NATIONAL LEAGUE							
St. Louis	695	557	1.25	690	560	1.23	1
San Francisco	652	551	1.18	640	540	1.18	2
Cincinnati	604	563	1.07	630	560	1.13	3
Chicago	702	624	1.12	710	610	1.12	4
Pittsburgh	679	693	.98	680	610	1.11	5
Philadelphia	612	581	1.05	600	600	1.00	6
Atlanta	631	640	.99	620	640	.97	8
Los Angeles	519	595	.87	560	560	1.00	6
Houston	626	742	.85	630	740	.85	9
New York	498	672	.74	500	670	.77	10

The ratio of Runs to Opponent Runs is almost a perfect measure of a team's offensive-defensive ability because it includes batting, pitching and fielding.

To win a pennant it takes a R/OR ratio of about 1.20. St. Louis was ten games ahead of the pack in '67 with a 1.25 R/OR ratio. But American League champ, Boston, squeaked by with a modest 1.17 R/OR ratio only one game ahead of Detroit and Minnesota.

Detroit looks to be the most improved team in 1968. If the Tiger's coach, Johnny Sain, can continue to add strength to his pitching staff they will have the best balanced offense and defense in the league and end up with the pennant.

Minnesota has an equally well balanced batting-pitching staff, and if injuries should dog the Tigers, the Twins will become the obvious favorite.

Boston does not look to repeat. With serious injuries to Conigliaro (potential loss of 30 runs or more) and with Jim Lonborg's leg still to be proven, Boston must be debited on both runs and opponent's runs.

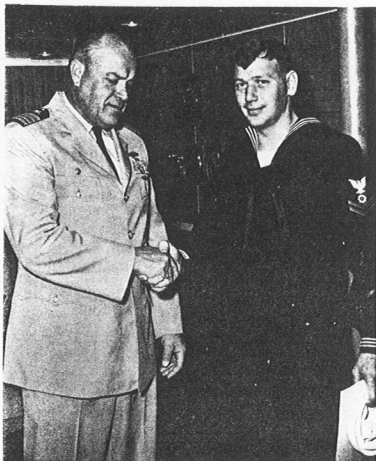
The Chicago White Sox, by far the class of the league in pitching, have finally added some punch to their attack. If the Sox score 45 additional runs in '68 they will be in contention. They need at least 75 more runs to bring their R/OR ratio up to the required 1.20 mark.

In the National League St. Louis looks to repeat. Their well balanced batting and pitching staff remain unchanged, and if they remain free of injuries should come in with 1.23 R/OR winning ratio.

San Francisco, Cincinnati and Chicago could be dogging the Cardinal's steps. Chicago is the team with the most potential. On an ever improving Adolfo Phillips, and the added punch of Lou Johnson, the Cubs could add 40-50 runs to their league leading offense and again seriously threaten for the pennant.

Pittsburgh's purchase of Jim Bunning, who will represent some 20 per cent of their pitching staff this season, is a do or die effort —yet it still does not look to increase their R/OR ratio beyond a 1.11—not enough to win.

Boswell Re - ups



Commodore Sims congratulates EN2 Jimmie Boswell, USN upon his reenlisting the first time for a period of six years. Boswell reenlisted on March 13, 1968 under "that wonderful" VRB program. Boswell insists that the majority of his VRB is going into "that wonderful" 10% Savings Program -- better think about it all you young men who are climbing the ladder so rapidly.

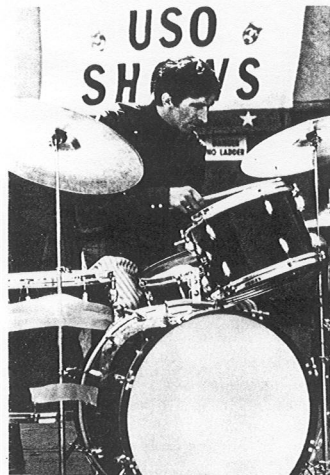
Do You Have a Military Clause?

Washington, D.C.

Summer is moving time for many sea service families. Some of them will buy houses at their new stations; most will rent. Those who rent should be sure that the lease contains a "military clause".

The military clause permits a serviceman to terminate his lease if he should receive orders transferring him from the area. Without the clause he could end up paying rent on a place he no longer occupies.

Landlords near military installations usually include the clause in their lease agreements, but don't depend on it. If the clause is not there in black and white, insist that it be included or don't sign the lease.



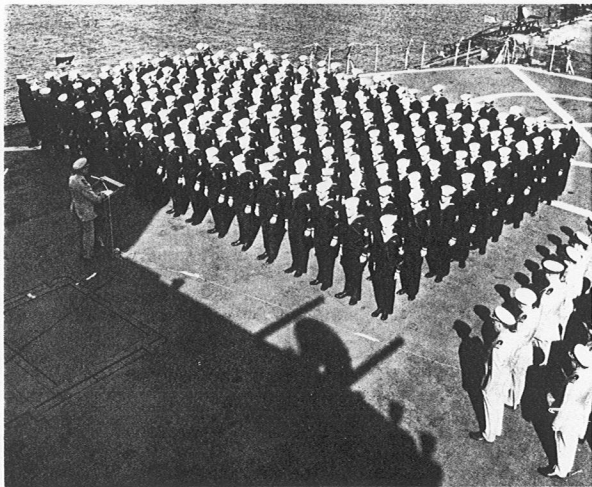
ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Navy Art Reproductions

Now available through the Special Order desk at the Ship's Store are color print reproductions of original paintings currently in the Navy Art Collection.

Eighteen prints, measuring 22" x 28" and suitable for framing, are priced at 98¢ each. Among the portrait prints available are scenes like Destroyer Man; Refueling at Sea; On Deck, USS Roosevelt with the 6th Fleet; and Hook Down, Wheels Down.

The Navy Publications and Printing Service has taken pains to reproduce these lithographs so that their quality is almost a perfect match to the original paintings. A Navyman, who saw both originals and reproductions in a side-by-side comparison, said, "These copies are really first class".



On April 16th, Captain Trueblood presented advancement certificates to more than 200 CANOPUS men. This represented about 17% of the crew.

The Captain and advancement party later met on the mess decks for a cake cutting in honor of the occasion.

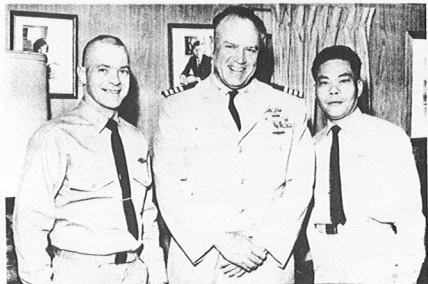
A "Well Done" to all and may the "Helmsman" staff wish you the same luck and success on your next exam.

CANOPUS was not alone in having advancement ceremonies April 16th, as members of Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN (left photo) Yeoman Bookman and Steward Evangelista were advanced to Chief.

Also advanced in April (right photo left to right) were EN3 Cherbst; VN2 Atchi son; YN3 Thompson; YN2 Tram-

mell; BM2 Boyd; BM1 Cooke; and BM2 Hochstetler.

A side note about Boatswain's Mate Cooke. He was married on May 11th, to the former JoAnn Kaldi. Seems to be a good year until July when he leaves for duty in Viet Nam. Congratulations to Cooke on both counts and to the rest of ComSubRon SIXTEEN for their advancements.



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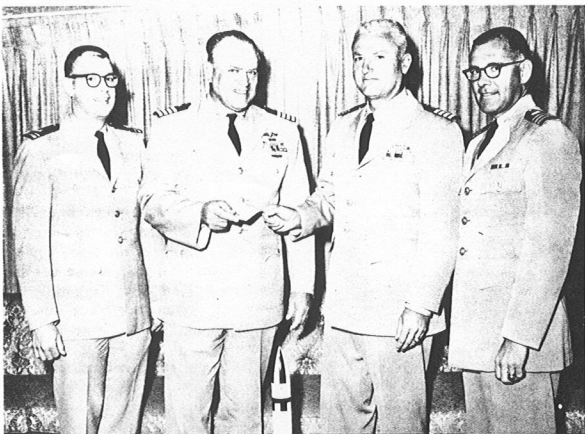
Advancements: Wow have we had our share: in April Jim (Bubblehead) Murdock was advanced to MM1, Donny Cook, Gary Goodin, Bobby Bockus, Bruce Palmer, and Bob Kretzmer, all made MM2 (Cheaper by the dozen). Gary Patrick and Mike Jefferys made MM3. Congrats to you all who were lucky.

Many new faces have appeared in "the hole". They are MM1 Burhus, FN Palladini, FN Baril, FN Khaless, and FN Krupinski. They have replaced some old and dear shipmates who have departed CANOPUS for that cold cruel civilian world.

In July, Russ Demastus will be departing "the hole" for shore duty in Charleston, S.C. Somehow he managed to ditch his orders to the AO 109 in Norfolk. I sure wish I knew his secret.

In the "Helmsman Command Column", Captain Trueblood commended the men of the engineroom for the "the speed and facility with which the engineroom answered all bells". This job takes the cooperation of all hands on watch in the engineroom and fireroom but the biggest responsibility lies in the hands of the throttleman. He is responsible for the actual speed changes and the length of time it takes to answer a bell. The engineroom throttlemen include: MM2 Demastus, MM2 Marquardt, MM2 Rennerfeldt, and MM3 Belemonte. Tony Belemonte is the newest of our throttlemen. He was initiated into the royal realm of lead-foots on our last underway period and will replace Demastus when he leaves for shore duty.

The 11 day wonders of M&B Division under the management of BTC Boone have proved that they are ready to give a good fight to all or any softball teams interested. By the way, the wonders rode roughshod over Lt. Cook's "A" Division team by winning 10 to 4. It was the wonders first practice game and Mr. Rhodes was the most surprised of all.



Captain Trueblood, Commanding Officer, USS Canopus presents Captain William E. Sims, Commander Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN with a \$22,407.81 check for the combined Welfare and Recreation fund. This represents CANOPUS Ship's Store profits for the four months ending February 29th. Gross sales of \$202,861.61 during the period set a record high for SUB-LANT Tenders. Commander Howe, Jr. Supply Officer, and Ltjg McIntyre, Ship's Store Officer look on.

SEA BREEZE

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This month we extend a belated welcome to three new men in our department, QMCS Continelli, RM1 Burghout, and RM2 Borgen. Have a happy tour men. We would also like to extend our happy congrats to all the men advanced on April 16th Ship over!!!

A word of warning to all ye gents who consider yourselves experts in the world of sports; especially M.D.K. J.P.S. is heavy and may in the future design to accept another wager, but only if a certain dead-beat finally comes through!

Continuing further in the world of sports, after a few minor initial setbacks, "Reckers Raiders" are off and running again. The Raiders took a third consecutive victory recently. The first of which was over the "Old Folks" who seem to be running out of steam even though the

season hasn't officially started. Then of course the second victory. (We forgot who we played). Finally; an outstanding "Raiders" defensive effort contributed to a solid victory over "B" Division. Although these are still only practice games, the start of the slow pitch season is almost at hand and it looks like the defending champs have hit their stride. Yes! The "Raiders" are again the team to beat!!!

A couple of important newsworthy items: ET1 and Mrs. Jones are happy again since they found their "Black Pussy Cat". For awhile it looked like the tragedy of the year. We would like to congratulate RMC and Mrs. Recker. Their cat gave birth to four bouncing little kittens.

