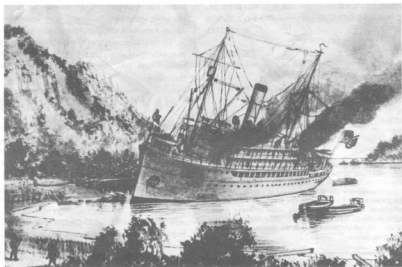


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THANKSGIVING DAY MESSAGE

Thanksgiving Day is one of our nation's richest and most meaningful traditions — it is a time to pause and reflect upon the numerous blessings we enjoy as Americans.

We can give special thanks that our work helps to keep our country strong and free; that our democratic way of life endures and our families are safe; and that our nation continues to produce responsible and dedicated men to serve as our comrades-in-arms, aiding us in the defense of all these blessings.

Many of you will be unable to celebrate this Thanksgiving Day at home with your families because of the important duties you must perform. Be assured that your efforts are not going unnoticed. Because you are standing watch your fellow Americans can enjoy the holiday in peace.

To the officers and men of the Atlantic Submarine Force, especially those who must relinquish the joys of sharing this holiday with their families, I extend my warmest and sincere thanks.

VADM R. L. J. Long, USN

NAVY WIVES CLUB NEWS

By: Jane Jago

The regular meeting of NWCA No. 247 was held on 7 November. At present the wives are being kept working on stocking, decorations, and toys which will be on sale at the Christmas Bazaar on 1 December at the YMCA. Some of the hand-icrafts are absolutely adorable.

The Halloween Masquerade Dance was great fun in spite of the special circumstances under which it was held (the ship being on alert). The ingenuity of the costumes was unbelievable. "Many thanks" go to Captain Kelly and Commander Hubbell for their encouragement, and to Commander Wilson and NAVACTS for permission to hold the dance in the EM Club and for their willingness to help. Also, a special "thank you" to Commander and Mrs. Owens, whose aid was invaluable.

Prizes for the funniest costumes were won by Barbara Martineau as a duck, and Roy Ryan as a bearded lady. Those awarded prizes for most original costume were Anita Ryan as a Martian and Mike Hartke as a black sheep. Prizes for best all-around costume were won by Brenda Kodash as a devil and Artie Kuhn as a monk. Congratulations to each of these winners!

The Childrens' Masquerade Party also was very successful. Almost 200 children were present, and all received a generous supply of apples, sweets, and what-have-you. "Thank you" to all the patient, hardworking mothers who helped that day!



LEGAL CHECKUP PROGRAM

By: LCDR J. A. Roach, JAGC, USN

Do you have a will? Does your wife have a will? Did you get married, obtain a divorce or separation, or acquire an additional child within the past 12 months? Answers to questions such as these may indicate that you have a potential legal problem. It may not seem like a big problem now, but if the right circumstances arise, it could mean disaster — if not for you for your loved ones.

How do you know if you have a potential legal problem? Simply complete the Legal Affairs Questionnaire originated by the Judge Advocate General and which will soon be distributed locally. This questionnaire is designed to give you a comprehensive view of your own legal situation by asking pointed questions in such key areas as residence, taxes, wills, automobile insurance, and indebtedness.

This Legal Affairs Questionnaire is part of the Navy Legal Checkup Program, which is designed to insure that all persons have the opportunity annually to review their personal legal affairs and to obtain necessary advice and counseling from a Navy Legal Assistance Officer. Each Navy member should complete a Legal Affairs Questionnaire.

After completing the questionnaire, members themselves decide whether or not to seek the advice and counsel of a Navy lawyer. Persons with a "wrong" answer on the questionnaire should contact the Squadron Legal Office (Canopus extension 216 or 416) for an appointment to meet with a Navy Legal Assistance Officer.

Becoming aware of the present status of your legal affairs is not the only advantage of the Legal checkup Program. It also affords the opportunity to put your legal and personal affairs in order while learning of the existence of legal assistance. This legal aid has been one of the many benefits Navy people and their dependents have been enjoying since 1943.

Most people will need the help of a lawyer at least once in their lives. When Navy people or their dependents need help, 774 Navy lawyers serving on active duty will be there to advise and to assist. Now is the time for everyone to put his/her legal house in order.

SEPTEMBER SAILOR-OF-THE-MONTH



MM2 BOBBIE LEE DYER

MM2 Bobbie Lee Dyer, of R-2 Division, has been selected as Canopus' September Sailor-of-the-Month. MM2 Dyer is assigned to the Outside Machine Shop where he performs repair and maintenance of main engines, ball valves, shafts and propellers.

According to CWO3 Tompkins, R 2 Division Officer, Dyer is truly a dedicated and professional sailor. He has proven himself invaluable to shop 38A, the USS Canopus, and the U.S. Navy.

Petty Officer Dyer and his wife Marguerite are formerly from Seattle, Washington and presently they reside in Dunoon.



Captain Brooke presents Petty Officer Dyer the Canopus plaque while Mrs. Dyer happily endorses the presentation.

HUMAN RELATIONS CORNER

By: EN1 A.D. Tullis

We at the Human Relations Corner would like to explain our individual responsibilities in the drug abuse and alcohol program. The program consists of various roles, which include: drug abuse educational specialist, Navy drug abuse counselor, drug abuse program advisor, exemption representatives, and drug exemption coordinator.

In the past there has been some misconception concerning the responsibility of the drug abuse educational specialist, and the Navy drug abuse counselor aboard Canopus. We should attempt to enlighten the misconceptions.

First, let's look at the drug abuse educational specialist. His role is to work in the educational phase only. He assists commands in development, implementation and revising drug and alcohol abuse programs. He does not work in identification or rehabilitation phases of the program. If a person is seeking help in drug abuse, the DAES can be useful in making a referral, but no one should disclose drug usage to him, but instead should seek information leading to the correct resource. EN1 A. D. Tullis is the Drug Abuse Educational Specialist (DAES), and he can be contacted at the Human Relations Corner, Canopus telephone extension 527.

In the case of the drug abuse counselor for Canopus, he assists those individuals on the exemption program or who have been identified for drug abuse by other means. The Drug Counselor, like the DAES, is not able to grant exemption; he also has the necessary information leading to the correct resource, HT2 A. W. Rognlien is the Navy Drug Abuse Counselor, and he can also be contacted at the Human Relations Corner.

Taking a look into the future, firm plans are made for drug abuse educational workshops in conjunction with the UPWARD seminars. These workshops are intended to provide the individual a better understanding of another of the Navy's "people" programs.

The following personnel are authorized to grant exemption for voluntary disclosure of drug abuse: ETC Touhill; Ext. 973; Navigation Repair. EN1 Weaver; Ext. 266; R-3. Further information may be obtained from these representatives or from BUPERSNOTE 6710.



"On 21 September 1973 EN1 Lee C. Newton re-enlisted on board USS LOS ALAMOS. LCDR W. E. Owen congratulates P. O. Newton as Mrs. Newton looks proudly on. P. O. Newton will be leaving the LOS ALAMOS in December for the USS VULCAN (AR-5) in Norfolk."



"On 17 October 1973 EMC Arnold G. Blanchard re-enlisted on board USS LOS ALAMOS. LCDR W. E. Owen administered the re-enlistment oath with Mrs. Blanchard in attendance." *Continued on Page 9, Column 2*



"No sir, I'm not gonna re-up. The recruiter told me they'd send me abroad and I never got mine."

HOW'S YOUR WEIGHT

In defense of the overweight young man, fat-unlike hair-cannot be clipped away at one short setting. It's easy talk, but dieting means less frequent long settings, some mental and physical discomfort, and a lot of hard work! The new weight control standards have been so well publicized that if you are over your weight allowance, you probably know it. However, if you're not sure what the standards are, check with the Medical Department.

Excess weight will affect your health-both mentally and physically. Sure you've heard it, but doctors and life insurance companies have compiled some very grim statistics. Evidence has convinced life insurance companies, who are in business for one reason-to make money, that overweight (obese) people are higher insurance risks. But medical doctors are in business to maintain and improve your health.

People don't get fat in one day. It happens so slowly that at first only clothes and scales register your weight gain. People who don't have a weight problem will not sympathize with you. They nag and joke; their sympathy is reserved for people trying to quit smoking or drinking. But foodaholics, just like alcoholics, are not cured until they want to be.

Excess body fat is a serious detriment to health, longevity, and stamina (and your military appearance). Looking sharp in uniform should be a matter of personal pride, and if an overweight condition causes you to present an unsuitable appearance, it's time you heeded some advice on weight reduction and control. Discuss the problem with a Medical Officer. If you're already on the mandatory weight control program, then pay close attention to what the medics recommend.

The Chief of Naval Personnel is launching an obesity control program to trim Navy waistslines and promote a more weight-conscious Navy. A forthcoming change to BUPERS Manual will require commands to screen all personnel within 60 days of their birthdays to determine if they are within specified height and weight standards. Where appropriate, a report of obesity will be submitted to the Bureau of Naval Personnel that will become part of your Bureau service record. Need more be said? Your assignments, your promotions, and even your retention may be in jeopardy if an overweight condition exists.

Okay! Okay! So everyone's been nagging you - your family, your friends, your commander, your friendly ship's newspaper - now, even Uncle Sam might be after you. Now is the time to protect and improve both your career and your life.

You can't hide forever, and sometimes you can't even hide!

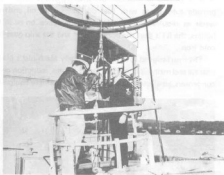
GUARANTEED ASSIGNMENT RETENTION DETAILING PROGRAM

By: EMC C. Statts

Guaranteed Assignment Retention Detailing Program (GUARD) has alot to offer eligible personnel. The Guard Program was established to insure direct contact between personnel and their detailers. The program started with two ratings (FT & GM) and now includes approximately 45 different ratings.

When you are within 6 to 10 months of your EAOS (including extensions), and have between 4 and 10 years of service, you should receive a letter from your detailer offering you one of the choices on your Duty Preference Sheet (NAVPERS 1306). This guaranteed duty assignment is additional incentive for reenlistment. All personnel should insure their 1306 (dream sheet) is accurate to receive the duty assignment that is in accordance with their desires.

The Guard Program is just another one of the fine programs the Navy has to offer it's personnel who choose to make the Navy a career. If you qualify or are interested and have not received notification from your detailer check with your career counselor today.



CWO 3 Smeltzer, W-4 Division Officer, administers the oath to TM2 Bright.

Torpedoman's Mate Second Class T. M. Bright, assigned to W-4 Division, reenlisted for 6 years on 18 October. At Bright's request, the ceremony was performed on the maintenance platform suspended from the Port Missile Crane, ten feet above the missile plug deck.

Petty Officer Bright receives a \$10,000 bonus and guaranteed reassignment on board USS Canopus.



M & B DIVISION

By: DM2 K. R. Ellis/DM3 L. Pickerd

The men assigned to M&B Division operate the machinery in the fireroom and engineroom, the nucleus of a busy ship. Many of the services we utilize daily and take for granted are the product of the long hours of diligent performance by the Boilermen and Machinist's Mates of M&B Division.

Co-operation is the key to the success of M&B Division. Each division performs part of the main steam cycle, operating equipment, performing maintenance on their equipment, and standing watches 24 hours.

The men assigned to B Division, mostly Boilermen, operate and maintain all of the Canopus fireroom machinery. They are responsible for the boilers, economizers, main feed pumps, DA tank and related auxiliary equipment. The BT's manufacture steam, store fresh water and feed water, and stores the diesel fuel used for Canopus and submarines. The BT's have a special name for the persons qualified to test oil and feed water, they are called "oil Kings". B Division is responsible for the 200,000 plus gallons of fuel oil stored on Canopus. The BT's transfer this fuel oil from storage area to storage area to maintain the stability of the ship. They provide submarines with fuel oil, hydraulic oil, and fresh water as required. To perform maintenance on or in the boilers, the BT's shut the boilers down and the ship goes into cold iron.

The men assigned to M Division, mostly Machinist's Mates, operate and maintain the propulsion turbines, reduction gears, condensers, air ejectors and miscellaneous auxiliary equipment



Working on a fire and bilge pump are: (from l to r) FA L. L. Abba; MM2 J. W. Fisher; MM3 R. L. Patterson; and MM3 K. Pellegrini all from M Division.

such as pumps and evaporators. The MM's manufacture fresh water, feed water, and power that E Division converts into normal electrical current. They operate the main steam



Standing watch in the fireroom at the Main Control Board are: BT2 D. W. Kashorek (left) and BT3 H. E. Robinson.

propulsion turbine which turns the propeller. Underway the MM's control the speed of the ship at the main throttle board.

The water we drink, cook with, shower with, and sometimes fight fires with, the steam for heat, for the galley, for the laundry, and the steam that turns the turbines that manufacture power for electricity, all this is the result of close



MMC A. Smith checks machinery readings in the engine room with FA W. V. Tangi.

co-operation between M&B Division. The ability of Canopus to perform her mission is dependent upon the fireroom and engine room, and their co-operation and performance as an integral part of her central core.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

By: SSGT W. E. Malsch/DM2 K. R. Ellis

The Marine Corps Detachment on Canopus celebrated the 198th birthday of the United States Marine Corps with a Birthday Ball and traditional ceremony on 9 November, at Queens Hall, Dunoon.

The ceremony included a twenty minute narration on the history of the Marine Corps, presented by Lance Corporal Rylander Lynch and PFC Bruce Weslow. Captain R. C. Oates, Commanding Officer Marine Detachment, and guest of honor, Captain A. L. Kelln, Commander Submarine Squadron FOURTEEN, marched to the stage through a corridor of 14 Marines, and to the music of "Anchors Away". The

oldest Marine on board, SSGT Robert F. Easterling, the Detachment Gunnery Sergeant, and to the youngest Marine present, PFC Steven R. Janvier.

After the conclusion of the formal ceremonies the guest



Marine Corps Birthday Cake was piped into the auditorium by a piper from the 1st of the 52nd Lowland Volunteer's of Glasgow, and escorted by Marine's Lance Corporal Pooser and PFC Bollenbacher. Preceding the cake cutting ceremony Captain Oates addressed the 320 Guest. In his commentary, Captain Oates noted that although the Marine Birthday Ball is a traditional celebration, it is also a means by which the Marine Detachment can thank the many Navy and civilian personnel for their help and assistance extended the Marine Detachment over the past year. He then read the Commandant Marine Corps message and introduced the guest of honor Commodore Kelln.

The Commodore made his remarks and read the President of the United States message honoring the Marine Corps Birthday.

The band played "Auld Lang Sien" as Captain Oats cut the cake. The first piece of the cake was presented to the



were invited to dance to the music provided by the Whistledief Band. In addition to the guest of honor, other noted guest were Captain W. A. Brooks, Commanding Officer, USS Canopus, Provost Dickerson, members of the 15th Parachute Battalion.



Indications were that this was the best Marine Corps Birthday Ball held to date.

CANOPUS BIRTHDAY

By: DM2 Kenneth R. Ellis/Lt1 J. Allison

The Canopus celebrated her Seventh Birthday, and the Marine Corps Detachment celebrated the 198th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps in ceremonies held on the forward mess decks on 12 November 1973.



Captain Brooks addressing a standing room only filled mess-decks. The Captain commended the crew for their efforts over the past months.

Captain Walter A. Brooks, Commanding Officer, USS Canopus, addressed the many members of the crew who filled the forward mess decks to capacity. Captain Brooks spoke of the first Canopus (AS-9), and of her outstanding perfor-



Captain Oates expressed thanks to the Canopus crew during the combined Canopus and Marine Corps Birthday celebration on 12 November.

mance and the heroism of her crew. The crew of the present Canopus was commended for their efforts and work as an important part of the United States first line of defense.

YNCS E. St. Pierre, the oldest Canopus crew member, and SA M. Detwieler, the youngest crew member shared the cake cutting honors. MTC Flynn, ENC Valdez, and HTC Peterson, all Canopus plank owners received the first pieces of the cake.

Captain R. C. Oates, Commanding Officer Marine Detachment, expressed his thanks to the crew for their considerable efforts, willingness, and co-operation extended the men of the Canopus' Marine Detachment. Speaking for the Marine Detachment, Captain Oates expressed their pride in serving on a ship of distinction.



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SSGT W. Malsch performed the cake cutting honors for the Marine's 198th anniversary. SSGT E. Easterling the oldest Marine, and PFC S. Janvier the youngest Marine received the first pieces.

Captain Brooks headed a long line as the serving of the cake began and the ceremonies closed.

WANTED: AUTHORS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, AND ARTISTS

The Helmsman is accepting material for publication. Any person who is interested in writing, photography, or drawing should contact the Helmsman editor or a member of the Helmsman staff at the USS Canopus Drafting Shop, ext. 556 for information.

Articles, drawings and photograph may be sent to the Drafting Shop (Attn: Helmsman) for consideration.

This is an opportunity for interested personnel to expand and share their talents.

HOUSING ALLOWANCE INCREASED

The Housing Allowance Index for the Holy Loch area recently changed from 120 to 125 for enlisted persons, while for the first time officers were assigned an Index of 110. This change in the Index is reflected in the new Housing Allowances which became effective 2 November 1973 for the Holy Loch area. (See chart)

Overseas housing allowances for U.S. Armed Forces personnel are based on a formula which compares the average actual cost of the local economy housing experienced by personnel in each area with the average BAO received by these personnel. The result is an allowance expressed as a percentage of the BAO in multiples of 5% beginning with an Index of 105. Thus, an overseas duty station or area with an Index of 105 is determined to be a location at which the average actual expenditure for local economy housing is 105% of the average BAO received by members assigned to that area.

To ensure that the Housing Allowance reflects accurate, up-to-date local economy expenditures, it is required that a "Housing Cost Data Sheet" be completed and submitted by each Armed Forces member who, upon authorization, resides in overseas local economy housing. This data sheet, or survey, is to be completed yearly during June and July. It must be an accurate record of all housing-associated costs, including, but not limited to, utilities; TV taxes; maintenance; required services and repairs; purchase of necessary household items, such as transformers, wardrobes, garden tools; and any other related costs.

In June and July 1972, a housing survey was hastily conducted among U.S. Navymen in the Holy Loch area. Resulting from the survey, Holy Loch enlisted men were granted a Housing Allowance Index of 120, while officers were not granted an Index. During the next annual survey, in June and July 1973, intensive and concerted effort was employed to ensure that it reflected the most accurate costs of private rental housing possible. Several persons devoted many hours ensuring that everyone eligible received, completed, and returned the survey; then each survey was double-checked for accuracy—some surveys were even returned for more complete information (such as obvious omissions, e.g. electricity bills). Finally, the surveys were forwarded to higher authorities.

As a result of additional time and effort taken in completing the 1973 Housing Survey, a more accurate picture of our rental housing costs was reflected and resulted in an increase in our Housing Allowance. Another survey will be conducted in June and July 1974 to substantiate the current index. So, keep records of all costs associated with your

rental housing for next year's survey. The survey will then be much easier to complete, and it will more accurately reflect your actual costs of rental housing.

Housing Allowance Index		
Pay Grade	Member with Dependents	
	(Old Rate)	(New Rate)
E-9	\$1.25	\$1.55
E-8	1.15	1.45
E-7	1.10	1.35
E-6	1.00	1.25
E-5	.90	1.15
E-4	.80	1.00

Date line 24 Oct. 1862—"Sailors on horseback"—a landing party from USS BARON DE KALB, Captain Winslow, debarked at Hopefield, Arkansas, to engage a small Confederate scouting party. Mounting horses which were procured, as Captain Winslow reported, "by impressment," the BARON DE KALB sailors engaged in a 9-mile running fight which ended with the capture of the Confederate party.



"On 21 September 1973 the Commanding Officer, USS LOS ALAMOS, had the pleasure of Awarding the Meritorious service Medal to ENCM Charles F. Rollins, Jr. Master Chief Rollins was cited for outstanding meritorious service as Site Maintenance Supervisor, Naval Support Facility, Thurmont, Maryland from June 1969 to June 1973. ENCM Rollins was responsible for the preventive maintenance program to communications equipment used by the office and staff of the President.

ENCM Rollins will finish his Naval career on board USS LOS ALAMOS as he is retiring next June."

THE PETTY OFFICER'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

By: FTCS J. W. Parli
Senior Enlisted Advisor

Management is the process of setting up the environment for the completion of a given mission. This means to secure the necessary tools, money, equipment, men and etc.. To further understand the managerial task, the management process is broken down into five specific functions. Those being planning, organizing, co-ordinating, directing and controlling.

Planning—Planning is the process of selecting and developing the best course of action to accomplish an objective. Many factors affect the planning situation. Basically, they consist of two types—external and internal. External factors includes other organizations, directives from higher authority, weather, world situation and etc.. Internal factors are ship policies, workers, procedures, working hours and etc..

Organizing—Organizing is the process of determining and establishing structure, procedures and resource requirements for a selected course of action. The basic fundamentals of organization fall under four categories:

Unit of Command; Each individual must know to whom he is responsible and whom he directs, and authority to direct an individual must be limited to one person (this is in respect to the man's job not his military life).

Span of Control; The number of subordinates assigned to the direction of one person must be limited in the exercise of control. Distance and time must be considered in the exercise of control.

Logical Assignment; Functions of subordinates must not overlap, must be specific and clear cut, and each function of an organization must be assigned specifically to an individual.

Delegation of Authority; Responsibilities assigned to an individual must carry with them the necessary authority required to complete that task.

Co-ordinating — Co-ordinating is the process of communicating with elements both outside and inside of the supervisor's jurisdiction to secure their co-operation. The essentials of co-ordinating is to determine whether and to what extent operations influence or are influenced by external and internal activities. When other activities are involved, communicate with them to inform or to get information, to secure understanding of common purpose, to secure agreement or active aid when required.

Directing — Directing is the process of implementing the plan and using the organized resources in actual operations to achieve the established objectives.

Controlling — Controlling is the process of determining whether or not actual operation is proceeding as desired, or as planned.

BRING SANTA TO THE DUNCLUTHA ORPHANAGE "GIVE"

By: DTC Paul Robinson

Every year during the holiday season, the personnel of the Holy Loch complex and Site One hold a Christmas party for the children at the Dunclutha orphanage. This year the committee members are: Devey Zahn; Arthur Bruning; Mark Fleming; Kerry Verderber; and Aaron King. Donation boxes have been placed at strategic areas on board Canopus and Los Alamos. The money collected in these boxes will be used to purchase Christmas gifts and needed articles for the children.

The need of the children at Dunclutha Orphanage is great, but the resources are few. If the children of Dunclutha orphanage are to have a joyful holiday season, the personnel attached to Site One and their dependents will have to give with much generosity to those less fortunate than themselves.

Holy Loch personnel have played Santa to Dunclutha since the establishment of the American Holy Loch base. All personnel having free time they would like to use helping the Dunclutha orphanage committee arranging the Christmas party contact Chief Robinson at Canopus ext. 637. This is a chance to share not only your time and money, but share a part of yourself, giving love, friendship, and creating happiness for seventy six orphaned children.



"I think your layout man has the wrong idea."

Courtesy ALL HANDS

SPECIAL SERVICES NEWS

By: YN3 Ottman

For all of you new comers to the Holy Loch area, CSS-14 Special Services is located on Canopus just below the after' gee-dunk, comp. 3-90-3-A. Our interest is to extend many services for the Holy Loch personnel. The sports program is extensive with softball, football. We are currently sponsoring the Intranural Volleyball League. This league, consisting of eleven teams, is half-way thru the season with many exciting games still to come.

Our tour programs have made a lot of our Holy Loch personnel great adventurers, with tours to Copenhagen, Paris, Rome, Barcelons, and Geneva etc. Just recently, a tour group visited the beautiful city of Amsterdam where they enjoyed a splendid four days touring the city. In the futrue, there will be a tour group going to Copenhagen, on 25th-28th January 1974. Forty people will stay at the Hotel Mercur, which was so popular during last years simillar visit. For a better tour, tour with your Special Services.

Our biggest benefit to you is the free information we can offer; flight information for Europe and to the USA, train and ferry schedules, what to do, what to see, where to go in the United Kingdom, rock concerts, and places of interest. We have received many new travel books on Scotland and England, so come down an see us. You may find some interesting information that may help you enjoy your tour of duty in Scotland.

NAVY POLICEMEN

The first group of sailors in the Master-at-Arms, or "Navy Policemen," rating has graduated from special training. The twelve new M-A's — as they'll be known — have spent all of September and part of October studying law enforcement and security techniques at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Navy people in the M-A rating will be assigned on a regular sea-shore rotation system.

At sea, they'll usually be attached to large combatants, and, among other duties, they'll work in the training and organization of shore patrols. The new Master-at-Arms rating is available for lateral conversion from any other rating for E-6's and above. Candidates with previous expreience in police work are particularly desired.

'DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES'

By: YN3 J. C. Doyle

Lance Corporal Jon M. Thompson and Lance Corporal Jesse J. Cook, both of Canopus' Marine Detachment, have graduated from the U. S. Army's 8th Infantry Division Airborne School at Weisbaden, Germany. Both men were honored



Lance Corporal
Jon M. Thompson

as "Distinguished Graduates" — Corporal Thompson in June 1973 and Corporal Cook in July 1973. These men were recognized for their exceptional achievements, skill, appearance, motivation, and bearing. The majority of students at this school are from U. S. Army units throughout Germany.



Lance Corporal
Jesse J. Cook

However, Canopus' Marine Detachment has been fortunate in having six marines complete the school to date. A three-week course, the school consists of classroom, ground training, and finally, jump training.

Although neither a submersible nor a combatant ship, CANOPUS is an indispensable element of the Navy's fleet ballistic missile weapons system. CANOPUS (AS 34), like her predecessor (AS 9), is named for the second brightest star in the heavens. The star Canopus is a supergiant and cannot be seen above a certain latitude. Activities of some early civilizations were oriented on the position where CANOPUS arose above the horizon. Like these early civilizations, the Navy's missile weapons systems also focus upon CANOPUS, the ship. Yet the CANOPUS emblem symbolizes her defensive and protecting functions in contrast to the aggressive cutting edge of a combatant vessel.



The Greek Ship and its star cluster in the center represent the Argo Navis constellation in which the star CANOPUS resides. Flying through space to the right is the POLARIS missile. The large star connecting the shield and scroll at the bottom is CANOPUS. It guides the Greek Ship and the POLARIS missile, insuring accomplishment of their missions. The smiling DOLPHINS above symbolize our primary mission to cheerfully tend our undersea brood. The crossed rifles, encircled, recall the heroic stand of the embattled crew of CANOPUS (AS 9) on Bataan. The scroll's motto below pledges our readiness to serve in a determined, professional performance.

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