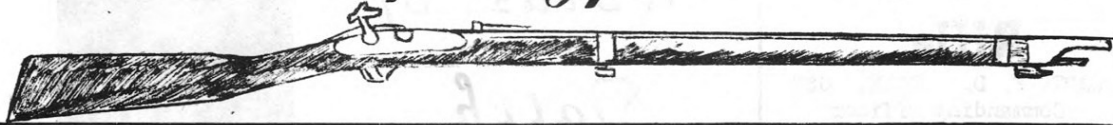


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17 March - The Day of the Irish



What's Irish About The SPRINGFIELD?

There are many things indicative of that spunky nationality which hails from a "little piece of heaven" located west of England. Some of the connotations attached to the Irish involve everything from leprechauns to St. Patrick himself.

High stepping dances, a delightful brogue, and a knack with "blarney" are characteristics typical of the Irish. But probably the most typical characteristic is their reputation as being "always ready for a fight". If you don't take my word for it, just tell an Irishman that "Mother Macree" is an old Italian folk song and see what happens.

It is in this latter characteristic that we may well say the SPRINGFIELD is like the Irish. Always ready to fight if need be, the SPRINGFIELD with her missiles is like the Irishman with his shillelagh.

Just as St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland, traveled through the country settling disputes and converting the inhabitants, so the SPRINGFIELD mission is to settle disputes should they arise, and through goodwill strive to convert those with communist tendencies to a freedom loving way of life.

Just as the SPRINGFIELD's hull number is a symbol of good luck so is the shamrock a symbol of the Luck of the Irish. In many ways it may well be said there is plenty that is Irish about the SPRINGFIELD.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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Words of Faith

by Chaplain M. S. Ernstmeier



NOT GOOD IF DETACHED

Have you ever seen a coupon or ticket lettered with these words: "Not good if detached?" How often that is true!

One time at an agricultural college an interesting experiment was made to record the force created by a growing plant--in this instance a squash. At different stages of its growth this garden squash exerted a lifting power that developed progressively from 60 to 500 pounds, and eventually to 3000 pounds. Most wonderful of all, this tremendous power was conveyed to the squash from the nourishment of the earth through a succulent little vine so fragile and slender that you could easily crush it between the thumb and the fingers of your hand. Here it was true, "Not good if detached."

At the end of the First World War, Lawrence of Arabia brought several native Arabs to the Paris Peace Conference. They were filled with wonderment at the things they saw, but nothing intrigued them quite as much as the running water in their hotel rooms. When the time came to leave Paris, Lawrence found them in the act of removing the faucets, believing that armed with such magic instruments they might have water at will in their native Arabia. Lawrence had great difficulty in explaining to the natives that the faucets were "Not good if detached!"

These incidents tend to focus thought upon a single truth: No one can really be happy or satisfied with life who severs his connections with God by neglecting to worship or to follow Him. Our Lord said, "Without Me ye can do nothing." Here also, it is true, "Not good if detached."

A worried mother took her daughter in hand and warned her that she just might lose her fiance if she continued treating him so rudely.

"Oh, don't worry, mother," said the girl. "Greg knows I'm just ribbing him."

"That's all well and good," replied the mother, "but there's a thin line between ribbing and needling, and you don't want to begin needling a man until after the marriage is all sewed up."

(Wall Street Journal)

GM Division

by W. T. Richards, SN

GM Division temporarily lost two men; McNeill R.H., GM3 and Bowden, H. N., SN. Both men were selected on the basis of their excellent records and past performances, to be returned to the States where they will attend the 10-week course at the gunner's mate school at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Upon completion of the school, McNeill and Bowden will return to the SPRINGFIELD and rejoin the division. Good luck and smooth sailing. See you when you get back.

GM Division, aside from losing two men temporarily, has also gained two others. LTJG Rogers joined us from the Des Moines along with Gallagher, R.A. Jr., who just successfully completed the very difficult thirty-four week course at the guided missilemen school in Dam Neck, Virginia. Welcome aboard mates!

Congratulations are truly in order for ENS. Reppert who it seems is setting quite a pace pro motion wise.

Ensign Reppert, who just a few short weeks ago, was better known to most as WOI Reppert, has recently acquired the rank of Ensign. In the very near future, he plans to add another $\frac{1}{4}$ " gold stripe to take him up the "ladder of success" to LTJG.

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BLOOD, BOGIES, BUGLES

Now there's tales been told, some new, some old
of a Task Force that's numbered Six Zero.
Of carriers old and pilots bold,
who are wearing the title of hero.

Now please get me straight, the Bird Boys are great.
Their Bird Farm is far from a loser.
But I take off my hat, and lay out the mat,
to the CIC Boys in a cruiser.

They are not nearly as big, or as fancy a rig,
as the best of the Carrier Force.
And they don't make big news, with their Non-Flying Crews,
like a pilot of jets does of course.

But we're all here to say, in our own little way,
though we might not always enjoy her,
our CIC Crowd is really quite proud,
of our over grown Tin Can---THE CRUISER.

"What was the last?" "They're coming too fast!"
"The Airdales have got the war won!"
"Mid Watch tonight?" "The spooks are all right,
Nine Corpen break speed Twenty One."

"My gadget is bent, the message was sent!"
"There's a bogie that's closing astern."
"CIC manned and ready, I am your Freddie!"
"Bridge, Combat, recommend a Left Turn."

"Control is now Fed." "Has Port Section been fed?"
"Get that speed right or you'll be in hack!"
"Quick! Look at that raid!" "But now it's a fade."
"Belay that, it's now coming back."

"Plot the sun on that board!" "The coffee is poured."
"Cross that circuit with Weapons again!"
"That racket is neat, my gadget is sweet."
"Another Splash, that gives us Ten!"

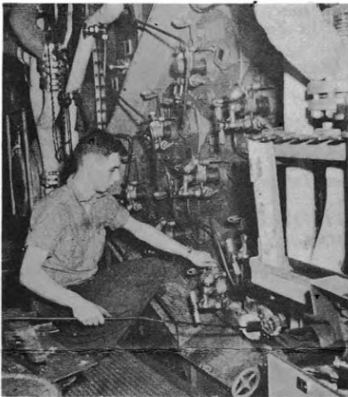
And that's only a start of the really rough part.
That Cruisers must play in the fleet.
I could tell much more, but I don't want to bore;
I'd be wasting my time, and I'm beat.

For Flat Tops are a Beaut, and the Fly Boys are cute.
And Together make news well worth reading.
But they too will admit, that it helps just a bit,
TO KNOW THAT A CRUISER IS LEADING.



How come he gets leave and we don't

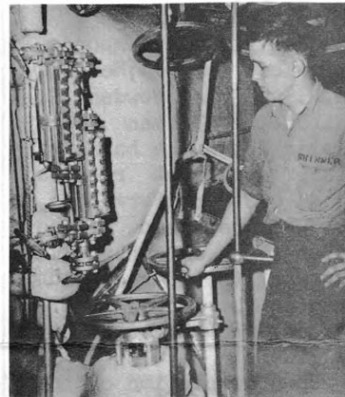
Rifle Spotlights..B-Division



MCKINNEY, FM, lighting fires under Number 1 boiler with torch.



ARDLE, FN, changing burners on Number 2 boiler.



SKINNER, FN, checking water level in Number 2 boiler.

Watertight doors 3-61-2 and 3-85-1 -- thru these doors pass the best snipes in this man's Navy. These doors lead to the Forward and Aft Fire Rooms. The B Division leaders are: Chief WINNIE (Training and Administrative), Chief MCINTYRE (Forward Fire Room), Chief GARCIA (Aft Fire Room), Chief DEAN (Repair), HOMA, BT1, (Oil King), and ODOM, MM2, (Generators). The management consists of LTJG BRYSON, ENS HEIDTMANN and CWO EDWARDS.

B Division, the largest on board, consists of 25 petty officers and 53 non-rated men. Their job is to operate and maintain the ship's boilers, ship's service generators and all associated fire room equipment. They are also responsible for the proper stowage of all fuel and water. There are over 80 pieces of main and auxiliary equipment in the fire rooms alone. There are also hundreds of valves and miles of piping to maintain.

B Division personnel are on watch 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The normal watch in a fireroom consists of the top watch, a burnerman, a checkman, a pumpman, a phone talker, and a messenger. The top watch is responsible for the proper operation of the boiler and is capable of restoring casualties with the minimum danger to personnel and equipment. The generator watch has an equal responsibility for the proper operation of the ship's service generators which supply the ship with light and power.

Hat's off to this portion of the best Engineering Department in the fleet.



BARNWELL, MM3, generator watch, opening throttle valve on Number 2 ship service turbo-generator.



STRAWSER, FN, passing word to Main Engine Control over the 3JV circuit.



GEE, BT2, operating blower throttle while watching air pressure on gauge board.

X Division

by F. D. Buck, PNI

Public Information Office (PIO)

We in "X" Division along with the rest of the crew appreciate and enjoy the ship's monthly newspaper (SPRINGFIELD RIFLE), the Daily Press while we are at sea, brochures we get each time we arrive in a new port and many other services rendered by our PIO. Few of us understand the importance of PIO and have a tendency to take it for granted.

Countless times you will hear the old timers say, "We never had a PIO office in the old Navy, and we won both wars." Not only is this not true but it implies an ignorance of the current world situation.

We are fighting a different type of war--- "COLD WAR". Perhaps the most important weapon of a cold war is the written word. This is evidenced by the propaganda machine operated by the communists and the tremendous affect it can have on the peoples of the world.

One of the main missions of the SPRINGFIELD is to promote GOODWILL with our foreign friends, and a big part of this is accomplished through information, pictures and demonstrations. One example is the missile demonstrations held in the ports we visit in that country's language.

Another job of PIO is keeping the crew informed and up to date on world events--whether at sea or in port. This is accomplished by the Daily Press while we are at sea, and by making arrangements to insure American newspapers are on board while in port.

Without a PIO aboard life would be very dull on the SPRINGFIELD, and our GOODWILL program would be far from the success it is. LTJG McVay Bob Holsapple, Jim Orrock and Jim Kmyta have done an outstanding job and deserve recognition. I

hope this article gives you some idea of the importance our PIO plays--not only morale wise for the crew, but also in fulfillment of the mission of this ship.

Welcome Aboard ENS Peden and Gillis, YNSN

Mr. Peden, our new Personnel Officer, came to us from the DES MOINES relieving Mr. Porter. Gillis, YNSN, reported on board from the LITTLE ROCK and is presently working in the T&E office; he has taken over Renzelmann's job since he left. Welcome aboard, and welcome to "X" Division; we hope you enjoy your cruise on board.

Bon Voyage Renzelman

"Renzi", as we all knew him in "X" Division, left the SPRINGFIELD and the Navy last Friday, 10 March, and is on his way home. We will all miss Renzi, and wish him a successful career on the outside. BON VOYAGE ship mate.

OE Division

by F. G. Wilson, ET2

Three lucky members of OE Division are spending a couple of months in the good old USA while attending Class C schools.

C.R. WILLIAMS, ETN3 is spending six weeks at Norfolk, Va. He is attending KW-37 school.

C.D. BURFORD, ETR3 is at radar school in Treasure Island, California.

The last lucky lad is A.L. MINER, ETN3, who is going to transmitter school at Great Lakes, Illinois.



SOME PASSENGER — Shapely blonde TV actress Jane Burghart makes a striking pose after jetting to New York City from Los Angeles.

Easter Sunday



2 April 1961

"And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?' And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them 'Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid him.'" Mark 16:1-16

"Christian faith", the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr says, "stands or falls on the proposition that a character named Jesus, in a particular place at a particular time in history, is more than a man in history but is a revelation of the mystery of self, and of the ultimate-mystery of existence."

Or, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

But is the Resurrection to be regarded as confirmation of God and what he claimed to be: an integral part of history; or is there a more proximate reason why we celebrate Easter?

The miracle of Easter is the way we can find life and victory over death. We may have denied and cursed like Peter. We may have betrayed and despaired like Judas. We may have feared and fled like the other disciples. We may have simply ignored or forgotten our God. But When the clear message and promise of immortality cuts through the fog of human pride and reasoning, we can say with doubting Thomas: "My Lord and my God." The historical proof of victory over the grave becomes our assurance of life eternal when He promised, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

It is very symbolic that this promise of immortality and life after death should be proclaimed at springtime. Winterized foliage now bursts into buds and bloom. As these dead tones of winter become alive with the brilliant colors of the cherryblossom, the azalea, the red bud, and the forsythia, so we too are reminded that we can find eternal and triumphant living with God. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.





CARLA NETS \$700: Thus far, in the drive to send the little crippled girl Carla Melchert to college, \$700 has been generously given by the SPRINGFIELD sailors.

The drive began with the many posters found through out the ship depicting Carla and her path to college. Donations were given on a divisional level, and the response was wonderful.

With the first actual drive so successful, the long range plan to send Carla to college is quite attainable. Numerous ideas are being considered as to how the funds should be raised, and the committee, made up of ten members and headed by LTJG J. T. SHERRILL, is selecting the best ones.

The sum of \$700 does not include the amount collected this payday at the end of the payline. However, the crew will be kept informed constantly regarding the entire progress of the drive, either through the Daily Press or the Rifle.

Above Carla is holding one of the dolls sent to her by the 4th Division.

A weary shopper, laden with packages, returned to her car just in time to see it pull away from the curb and dash off at high speed. Dropping her bundles, she fumbled in her purse, found the stub of a pencil, and wrote hurriedly on the outside of a package. Then she hurried away to find a policeman and report that a thief had stolen her car. "But," she added proudly, "I've got his license number right here!"

(Janice London)

Captain Boyle Scheduled To Leave

Captain Francis D. Boyle is scheduled to be relieved at the change of command ceremony to be held 25 March 1961.

Certainly, Captain Boyle will have some fond remembrances as he
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E - Division by G.E. Schliffet, EM2

March, the month of changeable weather was also the month for an administration change in E Division. LTJG BRYSON, Electrical Officer who has been with the division since precommissioning, went to B Division, and Mr. Jensen, after serving as Electrical Material Officer, became the ship's Electrical Officer.

The division had several additions-- Ensign Williams from the DES MOINES, who assumed the duties of Electrical Material Officer; Chief Lewis, ICC, our leading interior communications mate; George, EM2, who will be in charge of the distribution circuits;

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GM Division (Continued from Page 3)

Aside from gaining his newly appointed position he also became the proud father of a bouncing baby boy.

Congratulations, Mr. Reppert.

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A woman when launching her first ship was a little nervous. She turned to the shipyard manager, standing beside her, and asked: "How hard do I have to hit it to knock it into the water?"
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Flag News

General missions and functions of the staff of Commander Sixth Fleet were explained in the last issue of the RIFLE. In this issue we will describe the Flag Office--the staff unit which SPRINGFIELD personnel normally will have the most contact.

As central administrative office of the staff the Flag Office is also administrative hub of the Sixth Fleet. Its main function is the preparation, dissemination, receipt and processing of correspondence dealing with the operation and administration of the Fleet.

Fifteen enlisted men and two officers keep things moving in the office. They include the Flag Secretary, and the Assistant Flag Secretary who also serves as Flag Division Officer. One of the three chief yeoman is the Admiral's writer who handles all personal mail for Commander Sixth Fleet.

The volume of NATO and national correspondence handled by the office is immense, with literally tons of material processed during a year. During the first two months of 1961, for example, the office received and processed more than 2,000 pieces of incoming correspondence. It also, prepared and mailed more than 500 other pieces, with a total distribution in excess of 4,000.

Partly because of the variety of operations in the Mediterranean, the Flag Office files are probably the most complete and varied of any U.S. command in the Med.

IN MISSOURI, a woman driver, caught speeding, humored the court into an acquittal by explaining she had just bought a \$40 hat and wanted to get it home before it went out of style.

In addition to standard Navy files, it has NATO material, and material from every type and area commander, other U.S. fleets, and from all Mediterranean shore activities.

There are two annexes which adjoin the office. One is the personnel office, which is responsible for maintaining service records for about 175 enlisted men and 38 officers. The other is the classified mail section which is responsible for the security of operation orders and plans, war plans, special operating instructions and similar material. The SPRINGFIELD post office no doubt will verify that this section handles a greater volume of official registered mail than all the rest of the ship combined.

Next month we will visit the Operations Department for a look at its activities in coordinating the 30,000 men, 50 ships and more than 200 aircraft of the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

IN NORTH DAKOTA, a man accused of impersonating a Federal agent got out of trouble by explaining that the "F.B.I." after his name stood for "Full Blooded Indian."



GOLDEN GODDESS—Shapely TV actress Barbara Wilkens models a sequin dress inspired by Hong Kong fashion designers. The form-fitting ensemble of gold comes complete with matching shoes.

Weekends are a time of rest. For too many they are the beginning of permanent rest because more persons are killed in automobile accidents on weekends than any other time of the week.

Sports ★ ★ ★ Roundup

During our stay in the Mediterranean thus far SPRINGFIELD athletic teams have reached an 8 and seven mark in sporting events.

The season started with SPRINGFIELD taking a trouncing, in a basketball game with a Casablanca team, by a score of 49-28.

The "blue jackets" were outclassed through the entire game. It was a poor showing, however it was their first game. Only time would tell if the new 6th Fleet flagship could boast of their athletes.

Time did tell, for the SPRINGFIELD five entered Malaga, Spain with a can do spirit to take both contests by scores of 29-24 and 33-25.

In Barcelona they ran against much more rugged competition when the opposition loaded up their squad with Spanish Olympic stars.

In the last of the 3 games, our boys pulled a 55-43 upset.

In Palma, SPRINGFIELD showed their real ability downing the Spaniards with a flourish of deadly shooting, from both the fore and back court positions. The 45-23, 58-56 and 45-16 scores alone are sufficient to show our basketball team "can do".

The SPRINGFIELD soccer team, it could be said, is a victim of lack of



Top row L to R: Duncan, J.S., SN; LTJG Marriott, LTJG Dettrick Hacking, FN; Schreiber, Cpl.
Bottom row L to R: Kellogg, A.R., DC3; Hagaman, SN; Vajay, FA Cromwell, G.M., SN; Williamson, SM2.



Top row L to R: Redmond, SPFN; Bishop, MMFN; Gist, SN; Helmig, MMFN; ENS Weeks. Bottom row: Gardner, RDSN; Ebert, GS2; Campaign, EM3; Vaden, SN.

experience. They were rather heavily defeated in Rota, Malaga, Barcelona and Palma.

SPRINGFIELD diamond heroes blasted their way to a 14-3 victory over the U.S. Air Force in Palma, in the only softball game.

The swimming team scored a moral victory while in Barcelona by splitting the events.

Barcelona again loaded their team with Spanish Olympic stars.

QUIZ

(AFPS Weekly Feature)

1. Babe Ruth appeared in 10 World Series. In how many All-Star games did the Hall-of-Famer play?
2. In what year did Bobby Avila win the American League batting crown?
3. In tennis, what does the term "love" mean?
4. In football, what is the penalty for a personal foul?
5. If a professional boxer weighs 133 pounds in what classification does he fight?

(Answers to Quiz)

1. Only two. The All-Star Games didn't start until 1933.
2. 1954.
3. No score, zero.
4. 15 yards.
5. Lightweight.

Captain To Leave*(Continued from Page 7)*

looks back to 27 January 1960 when he reported aboard.

He has led us through commissioning, completion of conversion, fitting our shakedown, post shakedown availability, and deployment to the Mediterranean. What's more, all of the rigorous work associated with placing a ship in commission was done under the pressure of a deadline.

Reflect the pressure under which we worked; then double it and you will have some idea of the pressure under which the Captain must have labored.

But here we are Sixth Fleet flagship, just as we were scheduled to be. And now Captain BOYLE is scheduled to move on to another challenge.

He is going to work For CNO at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. We would like to take this opportunity to wish the Captain "Good Luck" and the same success he enjoyed while acting in the capacity of Captain of the U.S.S. SPRINGFIELD (CLG-7)



ANOTHER FIRST...Springfield answers Russia's challenge for first man into space. Shown is midget "crewmember" on Terrier missile.

E Division*(Continued from Page 7)*

and a new man, Anger, IC striker. WELCOME ABOARD

The division can feel proud for their "outstanding" at the last captains inspection,--- WELL DONE, let's do it again.

We of the division and the ship are fortunate in that there have been no personnel casualties caused from electrical machinery.

Let's not be disallusioned and become careless... Obey all Safety Precautions.. And any time you are in doubt about electrical equipment or machinery call 355--we are there 24 hours a day to serve you. Remember working together is the Navy way

Doctor: "How is that child who swallowed the 50 cent piece?"
Nurse: "No change yet, Doctor."

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