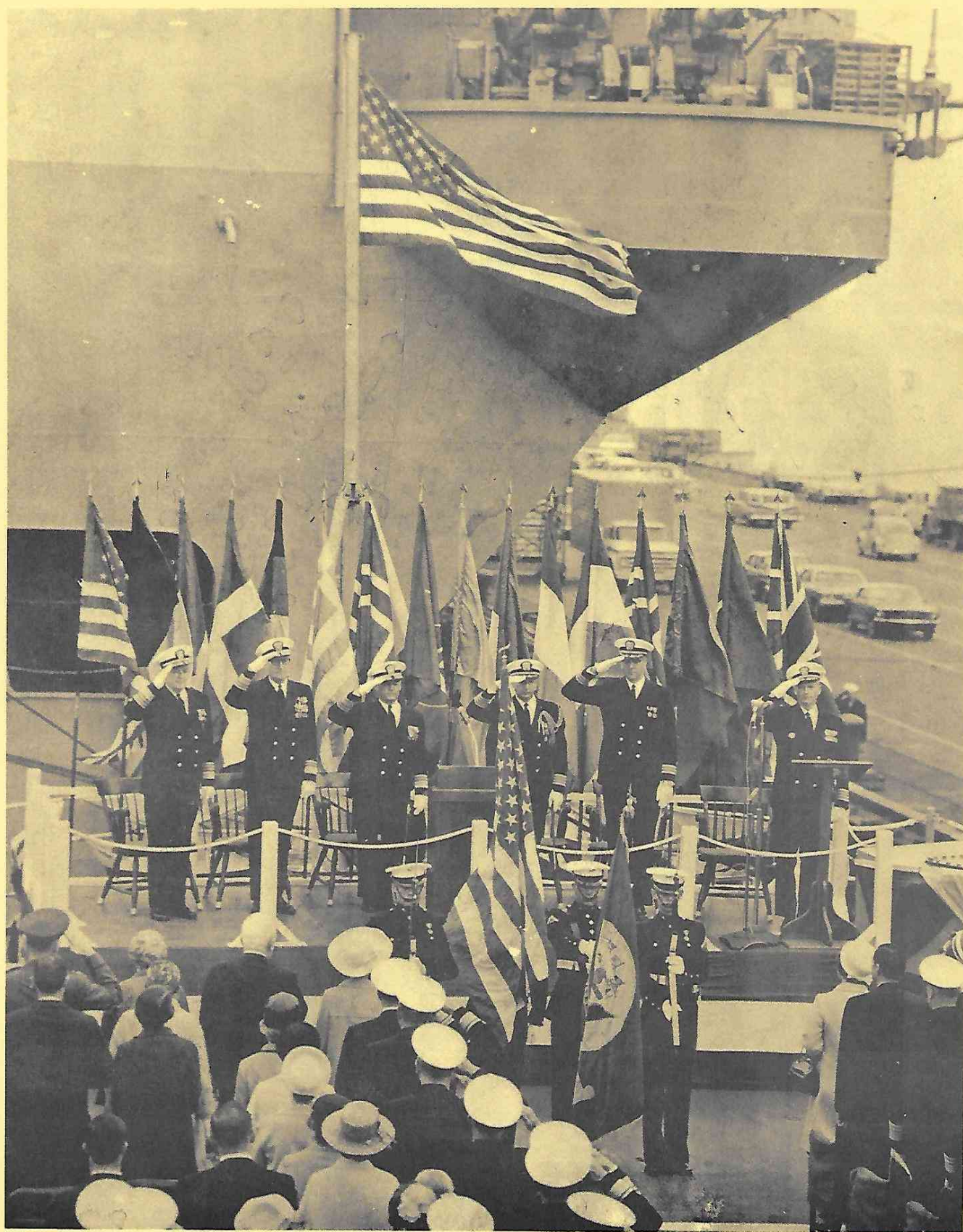


THE SPRINGFIELD RIFLE





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VICE ADMIRALS CHANGE JOBS

The first step in two Atlantic Fleet command changes and a Bureau of Personnel command change took place aboard the Springfield April 3.

Vice Admiral Charles K. Duncan, turned-over his Second Fleet and NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic commands to Vice Admiral Benedict J. Semmes, Jr.

The second change between the Admirals was held April 5, as Admiral Duncan assumed the duties of the Chief of Naval Personnel which had previously been held by his predecessor.

Admiral Duncan, who became Commander Second Fleet last May, was previously Commander Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet. For this duty he received the Legion of Merit. Admiral Duncan and his staff have just returned from the Caribbean where he conducted the largest Atlantic Fleet exercise to be held since late 1966.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., in April 1913, Admiral Semmes graduated from the Naval Academy in 1934 and served his first tour of duty aboard the battleship Mississippi. He was stationed in the USS Wasp in September 1942 when a Japanese submarine torpedoed and sunk her in the Coral Sea.

In the summer of 1944, Admiral Semmes took command of the destroyer Picking which he commanded until V-J Day. It was during this period that he received the Navy Cross and the Bronze Star medal with the Combat "V" for heroism in combat.

Other sea commands include the destroyer Ault, the destroyer tender Shenandoah, a period as the Commander of the Middle East Force in the Indian Ocean/Persian Gulf area, and more recently, as Commander of the Cruiser-Destroyer Force in the Atlantic. Shore assignments included a tour with the Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Germany and several tours at the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Admiral Semmes is married to the former Katharine Ainsworth, of Charleston, S. C. She is the daughter of the late Vice Admiral W. L. Ainsworth, one time Commandant of the Fifth Naval District.



This is the Captain Speaking

Heavy printing schedules in the Print Shop have made it necessary to delay publication of the RIFLE, but in the interim a new format has been developed which I am pleased to inaugurate with this issue. I think it is a great improvement.

Since the last issue so much has happened in SPRINGFIELD! With the start of the new year there has been no question that the full and complete Flagship spirit has been recaptured. As always, this has been accomplished only through a lot of hard work by all hands.

In February the brief but demanding few days under the professional eyes of the Fleet Training Group at Guantanamo Bay probably did more for the ship than any other single event in the last year. I was particularly satisfied to learn that the training group observers mentioned, without exception, that the spirit and desire to learn in SPRINGFIELD was exceptional.

The next big event, of course, was the Fleet Exercise "Rugby Match" which kept us at sea most of March. It had been over a year since SPRINGFIELD had operated with a fleet unit in a major exercise. The earlier Guantanamo training was a great help and everyone quickly learned the need and value of close teamwork in their simulated war-time environment. The entire ship really got a workout ---- from Signal Bridge to Main Radio, from Bridge to Engine Room and Fireroom, from Lookouts to CIC, from guns to missiles, and from fueling to rearming. By the end of the exercise all the ships involved and particularly all of us in SPRINGFIELD felt a new confidence in our ability to function efficiently in the fleet.



The big event in April, of course, was the Change of Command which saw Vice Admiral B. J. Semmes, Jr. relieve Vice Admiral C. K. Duncan as Commander U. S. Second Fleet. We extend wishes and good luck to Admiral Duncan in his new billet as Chief of Naval Personnel and to Admiral Semmes we offer a warm welcome. I also want to make special mention of the outstanding appearance of the ship for the ceremony! A hearty "Well Done" goes to our deck force. Never has SPRINGFIELD looked smarter!

It is now time to take a look at the future once again. Our next at sea period brings a special challenge, for we will receive an Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). This will be held the first week in May following a port visit to New York City. The ORI is the most important inspection a ship receives during its training cycle and is designed to determine the actual battle readiness of the ship. With the Guantanamo training behind us and with the great experience in "Rugby Match", I feel we are as ready as possible for the test.

During the last week in May, the ship will receive an annual Administrative/Material inspection... another very important feature of the competitive year. Again I look forward to this with great confidence.

Following a restricted availability during the month of May, SPRINGFIELD is scheduled to participate in another fleet exercise. During this period we will have 13 midshipmen first class and 107 third class embarked.

As you can see, the future will be more demanding than the past few months. Let's get going!

In closing I want to congratulate our "Rifleman of the Month" for January, February and March. You will find a special feature on these outstanding petty officers in this issue.

How does a Springfielder react to emergency situations? This is what we wanted to find out when Springfield steamed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The following is my personal account of how this shake-down cruise in GITMO affected me.

Springfield's "Best" Put to the Test

by JO3 R.H. Stanowski

I'll have to admit I wasn't exactly prepared for the smoke bomb that went off outside my office door. Nor was I expecting one of the inspectors from the training group when he slung the door open and screamed, "You've got a Class "Alpha " fire on your hands."

Great! Just great!

I grabbed a simulated CO₂ bottle and tried to extinguish the simulated blaze, that is, until the inspector told me it was out of control.

But I knew exactly what to do: call DC Central.

Quickly I ran for the phone and accidentally tripped on a fire hose.

This fleet-of-foot maneuvering started a different day for me. I tried to pick myself up, but the inspector said I was dead, (simulated of course)...so someone else made the call to DC Central.

"Dead?" I stated. "How can I help if I'm dead?"

"Look," said the inspector "Either we play by my rules, or not at all."

He wrote something in his little black book. "By the way," he continued, "what number do you dial in case of fire?"

"Will you let me live if I tell you?" I pleaded.

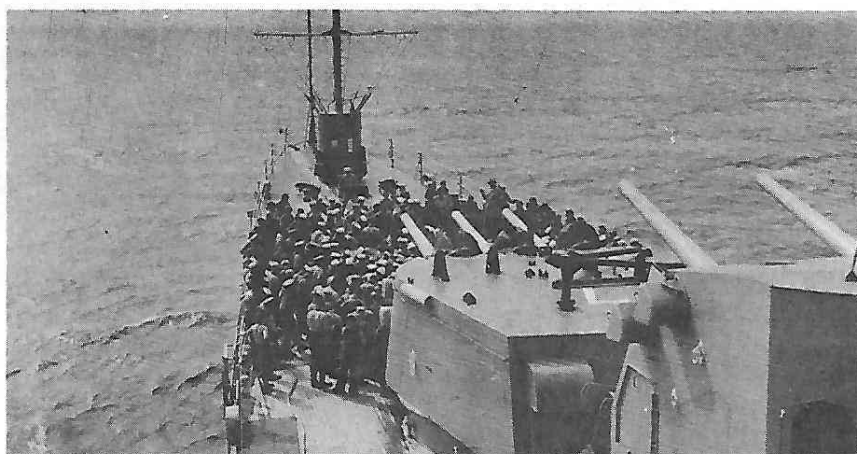
Again he wrote something in his little black book. I decided I'd better tell him.

"211" was my brilliant reply.

He again wrote something in his little book.

"Oh, Egad, No!! Horrible thoughts began to race through my mind! Was I right? Was I wrong? Maybe I said it backwards?

The inspector faced me with a



FASTEN-UP FOR SAFETY---In abandon ship drills like this one, we learned what to do about problems which might occur should we have to really go over the side.



MAN OVERBOARD---Oscar, the ship's mascot, takes a swim during a man overboard drill. Quick action on the part of the whaleboat crew can mean the difference for survival.

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stern look in his eye, and said, "That's right."

Suddenly the butterflies stopped floating around in my stomach... a new feeling of success entered my system. It sure was nice to be a part of a winning team.

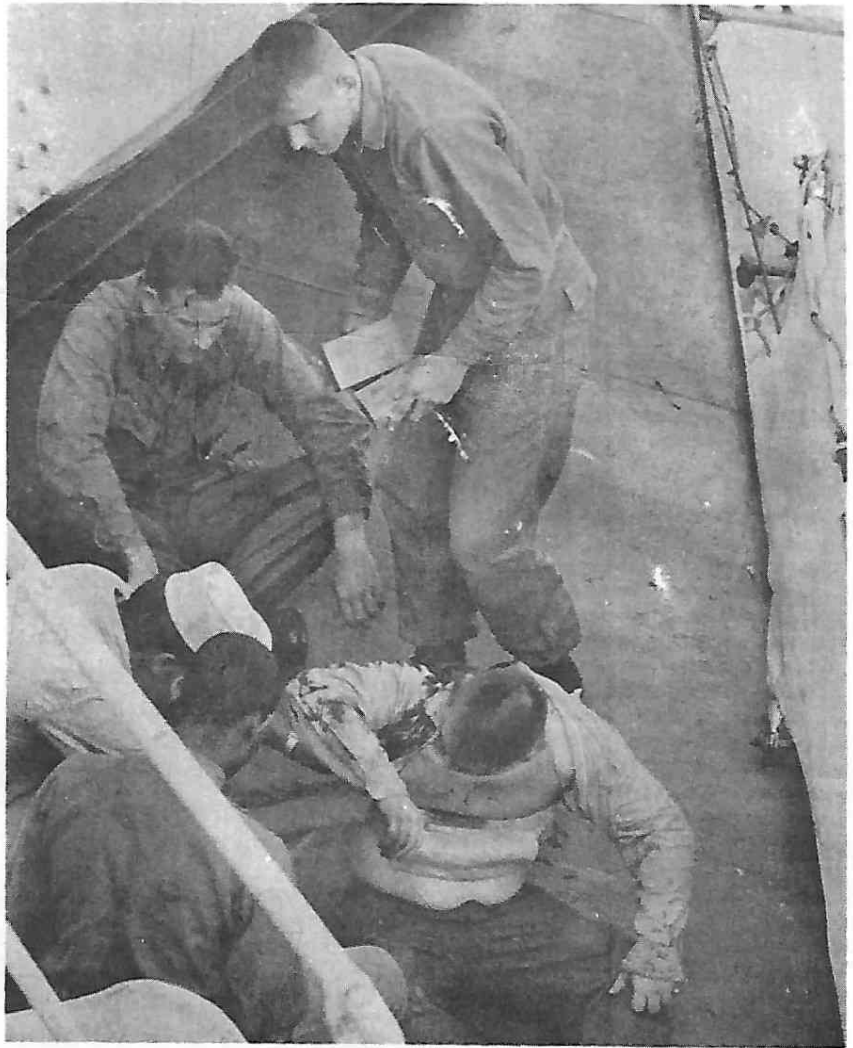
Several weeks of intensive training had been crammed into only four short days. When these days were past there were plenty of tired but proud Springfielders in this Springfield town.

But the work was over for awhile.

On Saturday morning when liberty call was announced, these same feeble bodies, somehow found renewed strength and were able to spend some time at the clubs, on the beaches and in the rented fishing boats at Gitmo base.

But Monday was another day. Just like college, "final exams" were in the making... and as usual, Springfielders performed better than any other ship could in this short period.

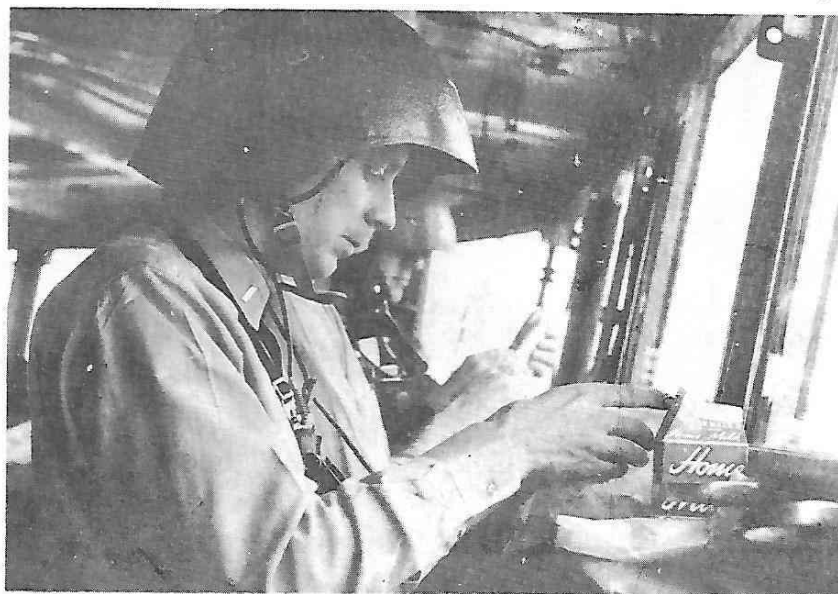
At last it was all over... the grades had been submitted... the next stop was Norfolk.



CORPSMAN! CORPSMAN!-----HN
Poole receives immediate first aid for simulated "wound". Many incidents like this occurred while in Gitmo.

LT2 Vallie and BT2 Colburn record messages from DC Central on the Damage Control Status Board.

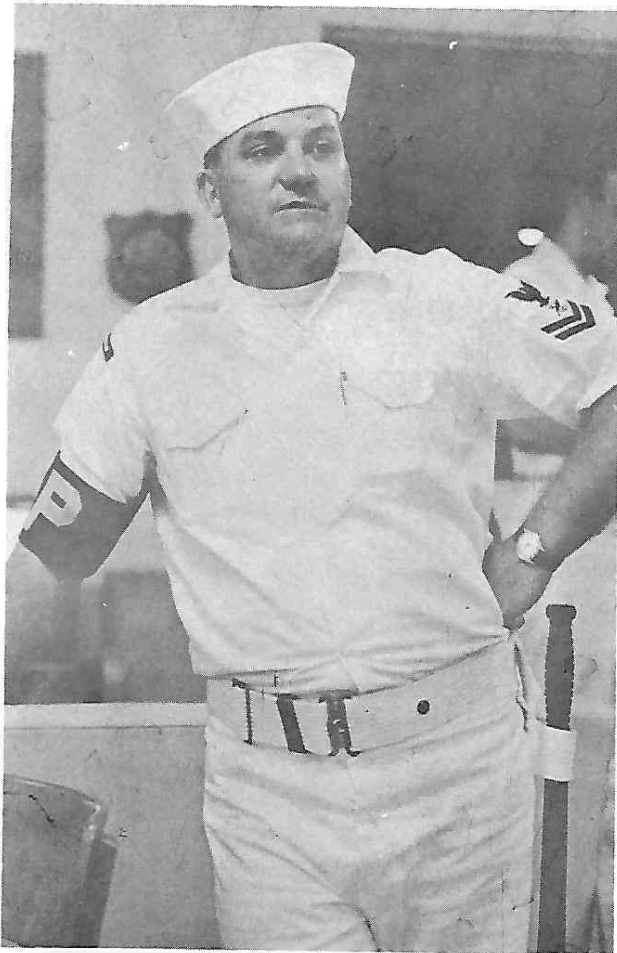
BATTLE MESSING --- Lt (jg) Mc-Murray enjoys a tasty repast for lunch during general quarters. The food wasn't bad, but you couldn't say much for the atmosphere.



HAPPY HOUR---After the work is done, an occasional get-together on the mess decks can brighten the spirits. Master Chief Long and two musicians from the Second Fleet Band entertained with a little Country Western Music.

SWEET SIXTEEN?---During a vigorous training cruise very little spare time is available. Still, the Marine Detachment was able to celebrate their first sergeant's birthday.





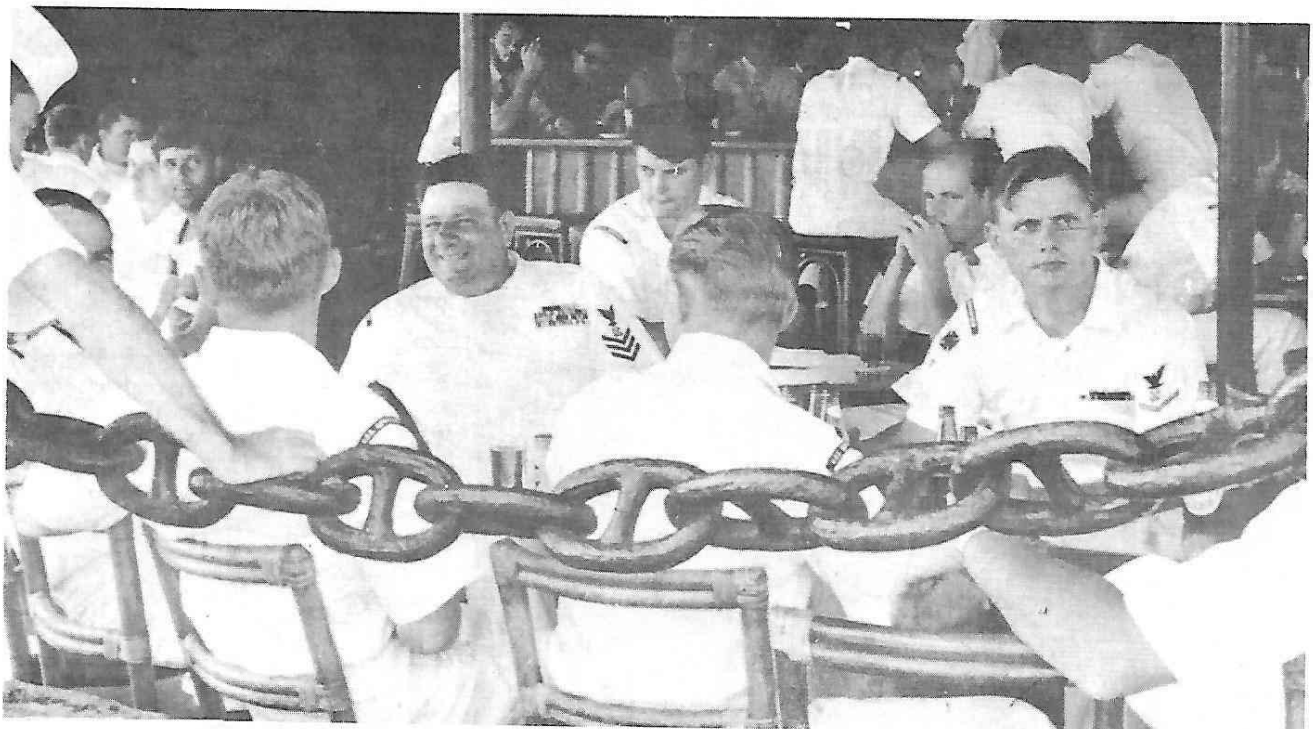
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Mmmmmmm-GOOD --- G.A. Wright (left) and M.H. Matthews, enjoy a much needed hamburger while relaxing in the USO at St. Thomas.



Hays Picked Best of Finest For Feb. '68

William N. Hays, RM2, was chosen as the outstanding "Rifleman" for February.

Chosen by a selection board comprised of eight senior enlisted men, Hays was picked as the "best" of ten nominees. Other competitors were individually nominated by their re-

spective departments.

As being chosen the "best" aboard the Navy's "finest" guided missile cruiser, Hays was presented a ship's plaque and received a \$50 check for outstanding appearance and military standards. Hays will also be awarded an extra weekend liberty to be taken



at his discretion within a three month period.

When asked how he felt about being chosen as the ship's "best", he said: "I take a great amount of pride in being selected as the Rifleman of the Month."

This native of Latrobe, Penn., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Hays of 610 Walnut St., Latrobe.

A graduate of Latrobe High School, Hays is a veteran of eight years in the Air Force. He joined the Navy in March 1967.

Being selected as the best is not new to Hays. While in the Air Force and serving at San Antonio, Texas and with the 6952nd Security Group Edinburgh, Scotland, he was selected as the command's outstanding "Non-Commissioned Officer" on two occasions. This award was given quarterly.

Write for the Rifle

All Springfield dependents are urged to participate in the next edition of the RIFLE. Here is what you do:

Any story, humorous or otherwise, must be typed double spaced and turned in to the ship's Public Affairs Office.

The deadline for the next RIFLE will be July 1, 1968.

BM1 TAKES MARCH HONORS

Boatswain's Mate First Class Bobby G. Baker was selected as the "Rifleman of the Month" for March.

Petty Officer Baker has two letters of commendation from previous commands to his credit, as well as the one received for winning these honors.

For outstanding participation in Operation Teamwork (a SEATO exercise) he received a Letter of Commendation from the commanding officer of the USS Cook (APD-130).

He also received a Letter of Commendation from the commanding of-

ficer of the USS Weiss (APD-135) who rated his work as "Excellent" in the areas of deck seamanship, surf seamanship, boat control, boat operations and amphibious battle problem.

First Class Boatswain's Mate Baker wears the Good Conduct Medal, Antarctic Expeditionary Medal and the National Defense medal.

Baker was chosen for the March "Rifleman of the Month" in recognition of his outstanding work as Leading Petty Officer of the ship's Boatswain's locker.

A native of Pampa, Texas, Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Baker of 417 Ward St., Pampa, Tex.



Career Counselor Says ...

Many of you who are going out, are heading for an imaginary heaven of civilian life without ever having faced the problem of making a living outside the Navy.

For instance, what must you earn to equal the real wage of a career Petty Officer? Do you see the full extent of your Navy income in contrast to what you will receive from private industry? Have you thought about what you will actually have "left in your pocket" when you have paid all expenses for subsistence, living accommodation, Social Security, annuity toward retirement, insurance and income tax?

Have you compared the value of a guaranteed Navy job against the ever present worry that you may be "laid-off" or employed only part time? Or the value of a 30-day vacation with pay, as compared to the normal maximum two weeks in civilian employment?

FACTS OF LIFE

Insurance companies operate on a life expectancy of 67 years but the average retirement age for a Navy man is between 37 and 40.

As an example of what you are passing up by leaving the Navy, let us suppose you entered the Navy at the age of 17. If you transferred to the Fleet Reserve as a CPO with 20-years service you would be only 37 and would start drawing over \$200 a month for the remainder of your life. As a civilian you start drawing Social Security at age 65. Between age 37 and 65 you would draw more than \$60 thousand in retirement money and be young enough to embark on a second career.

Think about IT. The decision is YOURS to make.

DOCTOR PERFORMS TWO APPENDECTOMIES WITHIN 13 DAYS

One would never expect to see the headline "Doctor Performs Two Appendectomies Within 13 Days" splashed across the front page of a commercial newspaper.

The reason... most people consider an appendectomy as a simple operation which involves little risk. Since hundreds of appendices are removed daily, why should there be any significance of two such operations in a span of 13 days?

Perhaps the following will throw more light on the operating table:

Marine Lance Corporal Barry P. Rhodes, reported to sick bay with sharp and shooting pains in his side. The doctor made a careful diagnosis then promptly ordered an appendectomy. Thirteen days later, Seaman Dennis E. Helton, came to sick bay with similar complaints. Helton was admitted to the operating room and was returned to the ward, less one appendix.

The operations were not performed in a hospital with its spacious surgery rooms, lavish accommodations, teams of nurses and elaborate equipment, but rather on a warship during fleet exercises in the Caribbean.

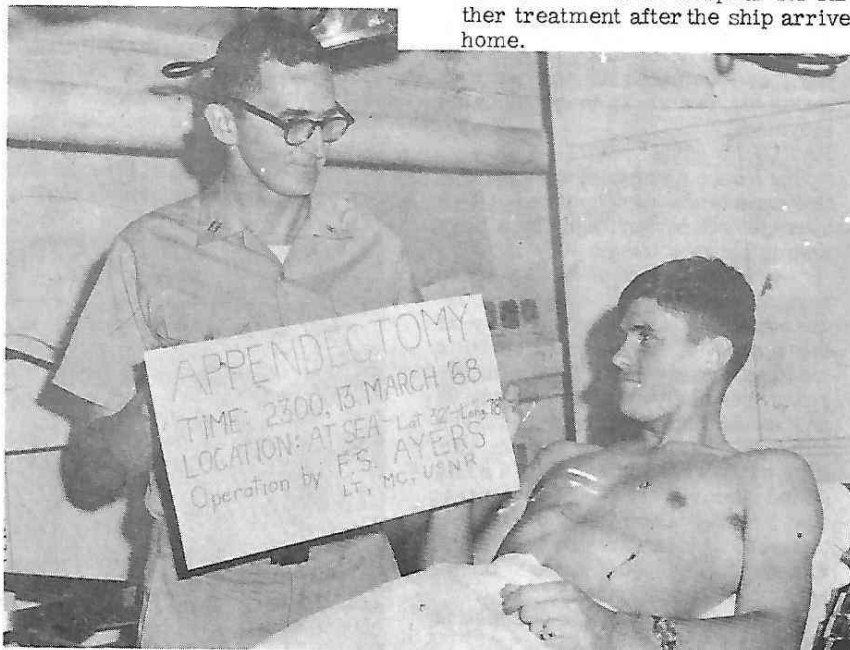
Although Springfield facilitates all the equipment and qualified personnel necessary to perform major operations, there are difficulties not otherwise experienced in a shore based hospital. In addition to the limited space available, (a 10 X 12 foot operation room), the tossing and pitching of the ship on high seas accounts for increased risks in major surgery.

The first patient, Rhodes, was admitted to the operating room at 11 p. m. March 13. After his release from the operation, Rhodes spent a little over a week in post operative care under medical supervision. He said he received "great" hospitality and medical attention from the hardworking staff.

While Rhodes was on his way to recovery, preparations were being made to perform the second appendectomy.

The second patient was operated on 13 days after the Marine, thus establishing a new record aboard Springfield... two appendectomies during a single cruise.

Helton was transferred to the Portsmouth Naval Hospital for further treatment after the ship arrived home.



The Good Word

Chaplain E. N. Sire

A portion of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" is recorded in the fifth chapter of St. Matthew. Most of us know it as "The Beatitudes." Familiarity with these old stately phrases in our Bible sometimes tends to dull our appreciation of their insight into the meaning of life. A modern translator of the Bible J. B. Phillips, rephrases these words of Jesus in language that gives them fresh meaning for our day.

"Happy are those who realize their spiritual poverty; they have already entered the kingdom of Heaven."

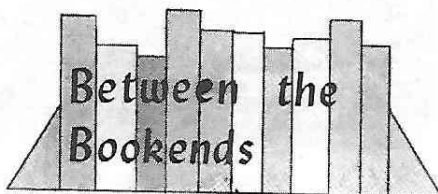
"Happy are those who bear their share of the world's pain. In the long run they will know more happiness than those who avoid it."

"Happy are those who accept life and their own limitations; they will find more life than anybody."

"Happy are those who are ready to make allowances and to forgive; they will know the love of God."

"Happy are those who are real in their thoughts and feelings; in the end they will see God."

"Happy are those who help others to live together; they will be known to be doing God's work."



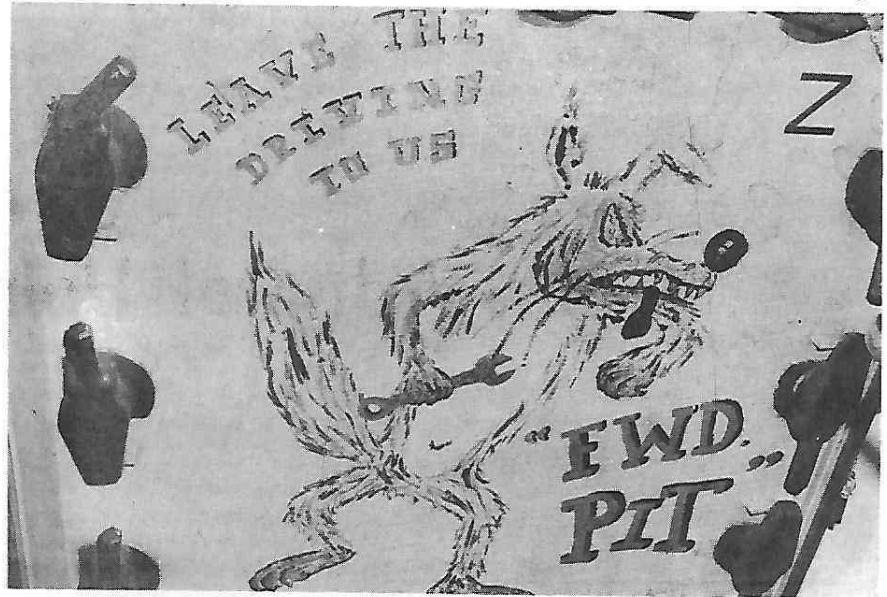
EXERCISE HOODWINK by Maurice Proctor.

One of Proctor's fast-moving stories, a superb study of how the police get their man and how Exercise Hoodwink, a most ingenious mantrap, finally helped break up the Costello mob.

THE ENGLISH by David Frost and Anthony Jay.

The picture of Great Britain has suddenly changed. For years they have impressed other nations with their reserve, their effortless superiority and their massive sense of propriety and responsibility. The sudden change occurred and now there is the picture of a young man with long hair, very little reserve, and no sense of propriety or responsibility whatever.

Almost overnight the stately homes of England were replaced by



ENGINEER ROOM ARTWORK

These exquisite murals are located on the hatches of the Forward Engine-room (above) and the After Engine-room (below). They are open for viewing any time. So if you're in the mood for a little culture, stop by one of the engineer rooms... It's well worth the trip.



the discotheques of swinging London.

David Frost and Anthony Jay give a deep insight to what has happened to the English.

HOUSE OF BONDAGE by Ernest Cole.

This is one of those rare books that can change the way we think by revealing the truth of which we were unaware. The House of Bondage is the dwelling place of the black people of South Africa, whose bitter

life is one of the tragedies of our century.

Ernest Cole has lived the tragedy as an inmate of the House for most of his 27 years.

A remarkably gifted photographer and an eloquent spokesman, he has recently exiled himself to expose the harsh realities of his homeland today.

From his unique vantage point, Cole sees every aspect of South Africa's degradation with a searching eye and a passionate heart.

☆☆☆ Admiral Holmes Officiates



VADM Duncan reads his departing orders.



Admiral Holmes welcomes VADM



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Semmes to the Atlantic Fleet.



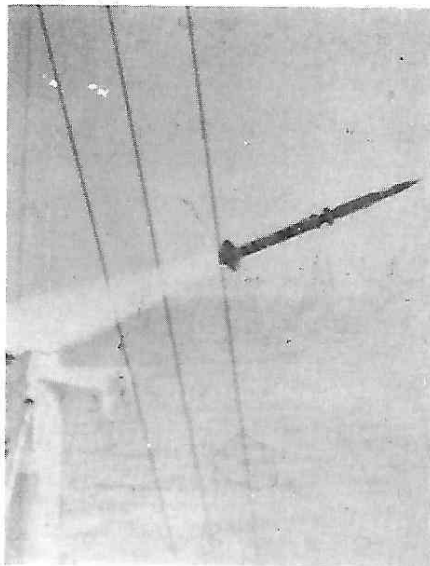
VADM Semmes takes command of Second Fleet.



their wives.



VADM Duncan takes his flag from Master Chief Porter.



BIRDS AWAY! -- Springfield's Terrier missile bolts-off its launcher in deadly pursuit of the "enemy" during operation

"RUGBY MATCH"

The fleet exercise "Rugby Match", like the highly competitive English sport, required a great deal of coordination, teamwork, and mutual respect toward the opponent.

The opponent in this case was a fleet of "enemy" ships known as the "Orange Fleet", made up from the operation. These two forces worked in a combined effort to reach the highest combat readiness attainable.

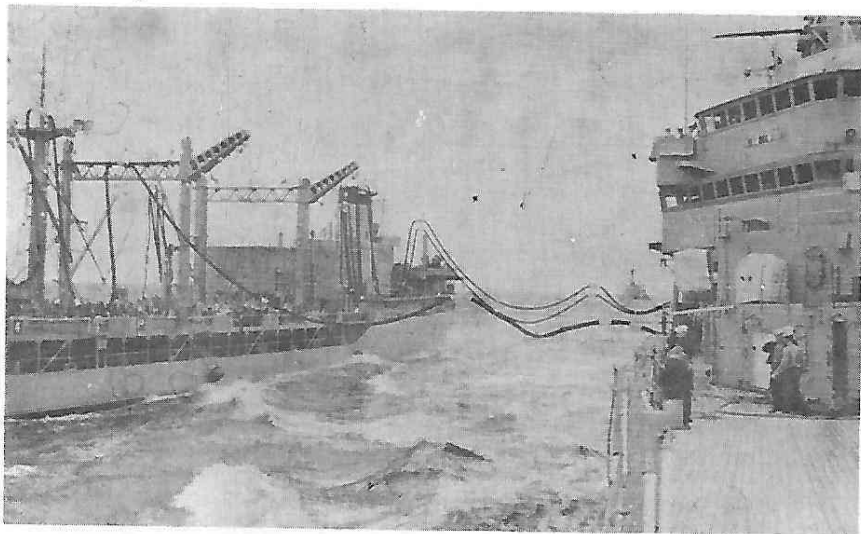
For twenty grueling days and nights (with the exception of a well-deserved two days in the Virgin Islands) Springfield steamed continuously under war-time conditions. Personnel with the dual responsibility of standing Condition III watches and finishing their assigned jobs found the days were long and hard but never faltered.

Other necessary functions which made a Springfielder's day seem longer were General Quarters drills, abandon ship drills, highlining, refueling, rearming, replenishment, and gun and missile firings.

Springfield's big gun power was put to the test in a target field of an endless span of water while radars circled in a desperate search of the sky and surface for the "enemy". Upon detection, the huge guns whirled into position; range and bearing would be checked; and a simulated shoot would determine the fate of a menacing opponent. During these exercises Springfield destroyed several ships and "enemy" aircraft while sonar's early detection elim-



OH, NOT AGAIN---For SN R. C. Hill and many other sailors the OBA became a part of everyday life during the training cruise.



UP AND OVER---One of the frequent operations in the fleet is refueling. This is one of several refuelings Springfield received while deployed on the 20-day training cruise.



ATTENTION TO PORT---Admiral Ephraim P. Holmes, CINCLANT and SACLANI, visited Springfield country during Operation Rugby Match. While aboard, the admiral visited CIC. Commander Second Fleet. Vice Admiral Charles K. Duncan accompanied Admiral Holmes.

inated the threat of two approaching submarines.

Just prior to visiting St. Thomas Springfield swung her bow in the direction of Roosevelt Roads and proceeded on for a series of missile firings.

The training received during the cruise was invaluable to each Springfieldman. It made all more aware of the personal role each man plays and how his shipmates work together to form the greatest fighting team ever aboard the Navy's "finest" guided missile cruiser.



THE FIRST COMES ABOARD---This is the first mail for Springfielders since Rugby Match started... There was no trouble obtaining a working party for this particular job.



AHOY DOWN BELOW --- Needed parts arrive aboard for the missile director during Rugby Match. This did the trick well.



STASH ALL MAIL---!



TAKE FIVE---SN Dennis Rymanowski reads "mail from home".

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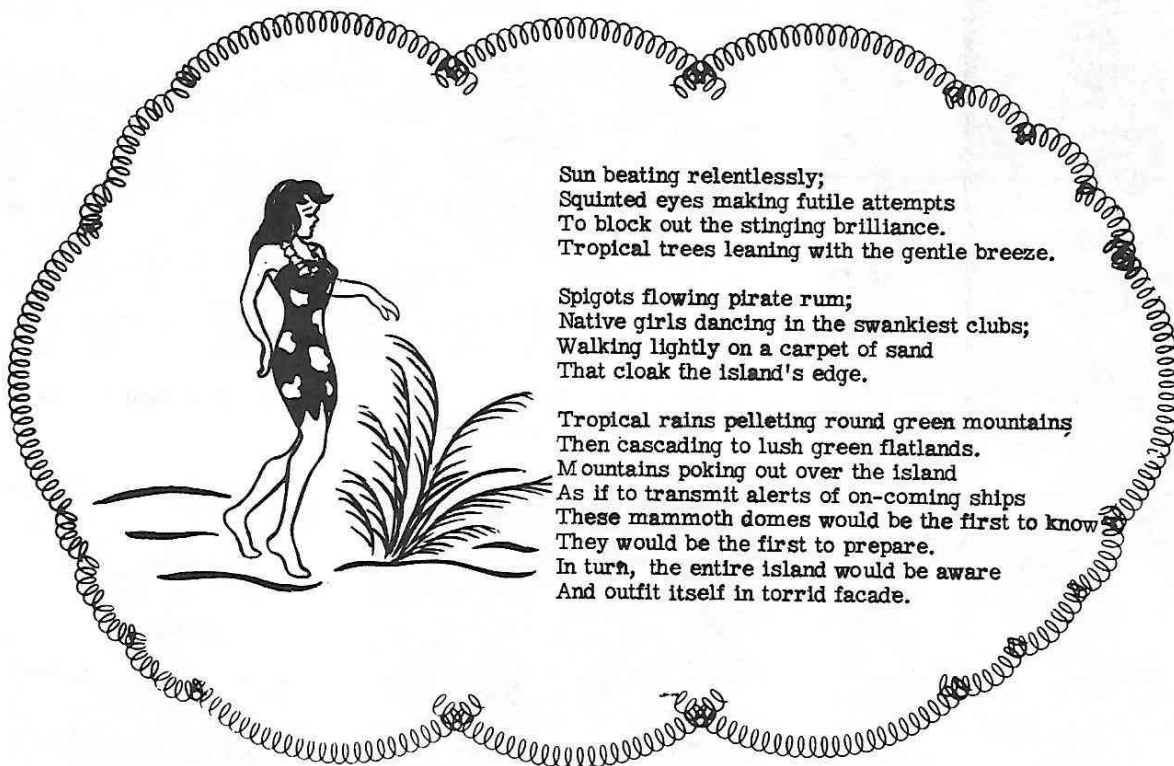
by JO3 P.R. Douville

The ship rested motionless on the clear blue of the Caribbean. The anchor's flukes had knifed into the bottom of the sea preventing the 15,000 ton warship from drifting inland toward the inviting island of St. Thomas.

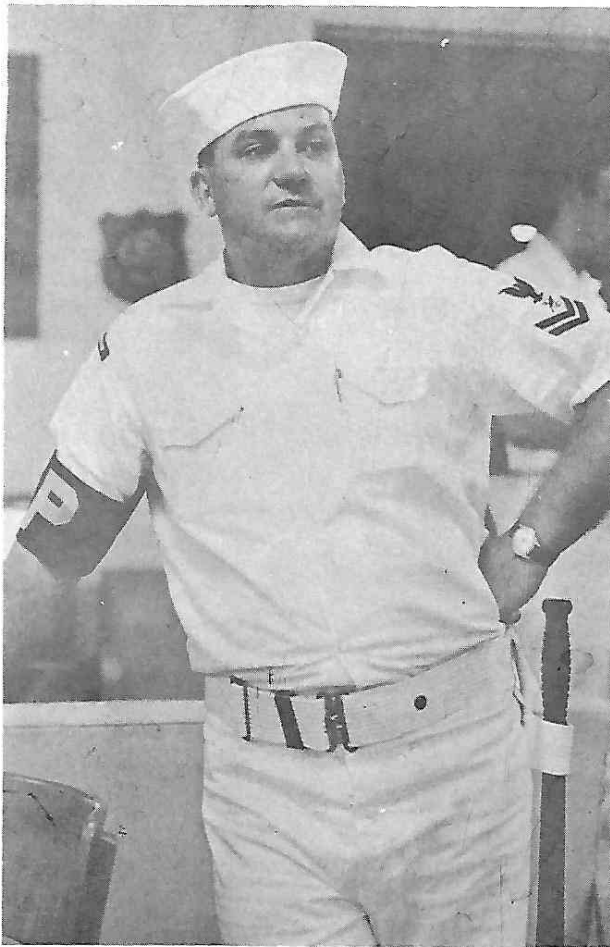
There would be no General Quarters tonight. No one would have to man his Condition III station --- the enemy would not launch an attack. For 17 difficult days Springfielders had undergone rigorous fleet training but now it was over for a short time.

Low muffled voices of sailors in their berthing compartments indicated a strange tenseness in Springfield town. It wasn't a tenseness of fear or uneasiness of waiting for an unexpected alarm, but rather one of knowingly awaiting a different and exciting experience. The voices were solemn, then excited. Soon there was laughing which died down to sporadic whispering and finally.....SLEEP.

Tired men, resting from a trying 17 days of drills, work, and more drills, let their minds wander off to a fairy tale vision of the first liberty port since leaving Norfolk, Va. --- That of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.



There would never be a time when St. Thomas would be caught by surprise. There would never be a time when St. Thomas would fail to captivate you in tropical charm and island beauty.



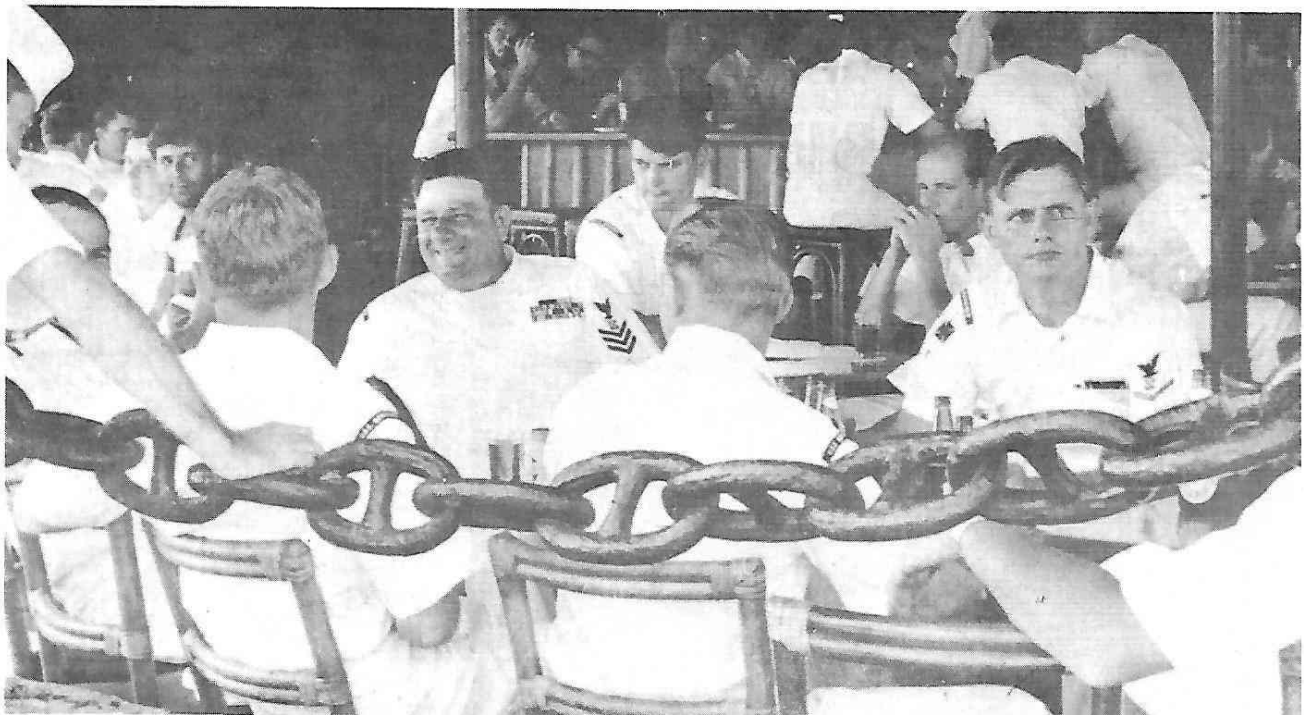
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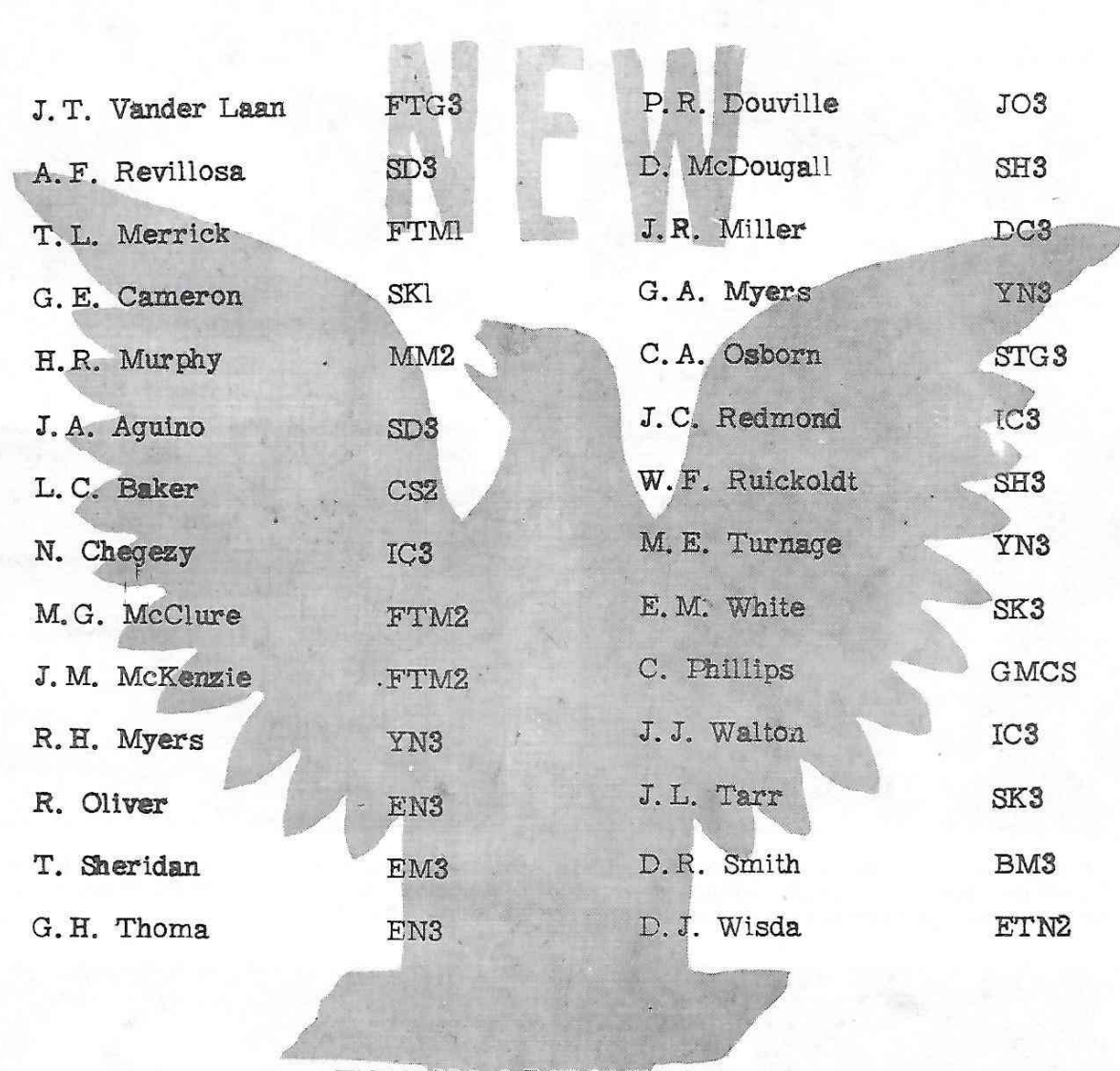


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G. H. Thoma	EN3	D. J. Wisda	ETN2

REENLISTMENTS

23 JAN.	H. N. Hicock	ETC
20 FEB.	T. L. Rainwater	JO1
8 MAR.	M. H. Matthews	YN1
17 MAR.	W. T. Stapp	BT3
19 MAR.	D. J. Hadfield	HM1
22 MAR.	S. P. Skandamis	RM1
28 MAR.	J. L. Norkus	MM1

What's new in the Barber Shop?



KEEP IT CLEAN ---- SN E. C. Deao insures cleanliness by brushing out the clippers after each haircut.

Behind each chair in the ship's Barber Shop stands a curious-looking piece of equipment. At first glance, it appears to be a midget robot with extremely long tentacle-like arms. Its hands are hair clippers.

The midget robot is actually a unique machine called the Clipper-Vac and is being used in barber shops across the country.

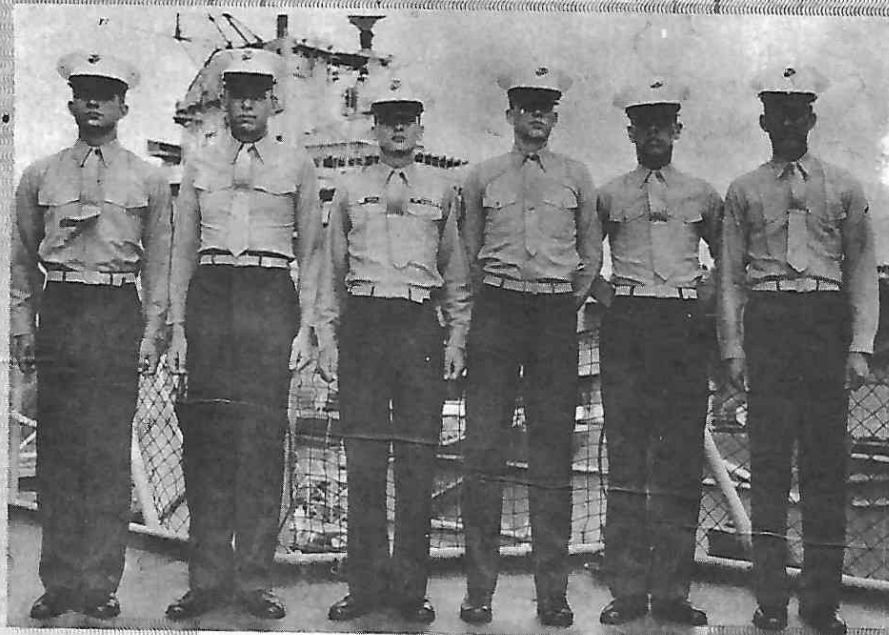
Its tentacles are vacuum hoses that draw the cut hair into disposable bags housed in the Clipper-Vac's base. The bags provide a maximum amount of sanitation.

This ingenious machine which stands four feet tall is an invaluable labor and time-saving device. Instead of the usual field day after each haircut, the disposable bags are simply discarded after the working day.

About seventy-five heads of hair are cut each day in the ship's Barber Shop ---- and now with no fuss, no muss, no mess.



HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW --- SH3 Alkire demonstrates the usefulness of Clipper-Vac.



SPRINGFIELD MARINES ADVANCE --- Climbing up in rank were from left to right: K. J. Palgut, Sgt (meritorious); D. A. Blanton, Sgt; G. N. Grasso, Cpl; C. S. Michael, Cpl; R. W. Hunt, L/Cpl; and R. A. Thermen, L. Cpl.

Springfield Rolls Out the Red Carpet For...



ANITA BRYANT---and her family, as they are welcomed aboard by VADM Duncan at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



CONGRESSMAN BLACKBURN---from Georgia and his family when they visited Springfield Country. While on board the "finest", Congressman Blackburn met fellow "Georgians" and was given a tour of the ship.



5,000 VISITORS---who passed over the brow in the two days Springfield spent in Fort Lauderdale.



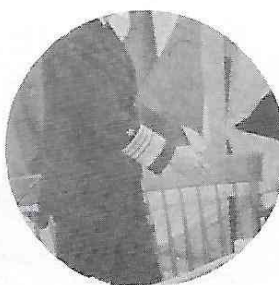
FORT LEE SOLDIERS---during a tour of Springfield on Jan. 27. PNT John D. Moll joins PVT Dick Unkle in a fine Italian style dinner of spaghetti and pizza.

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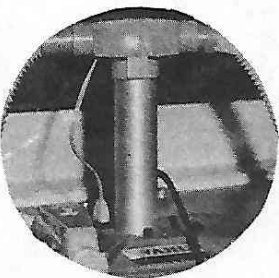
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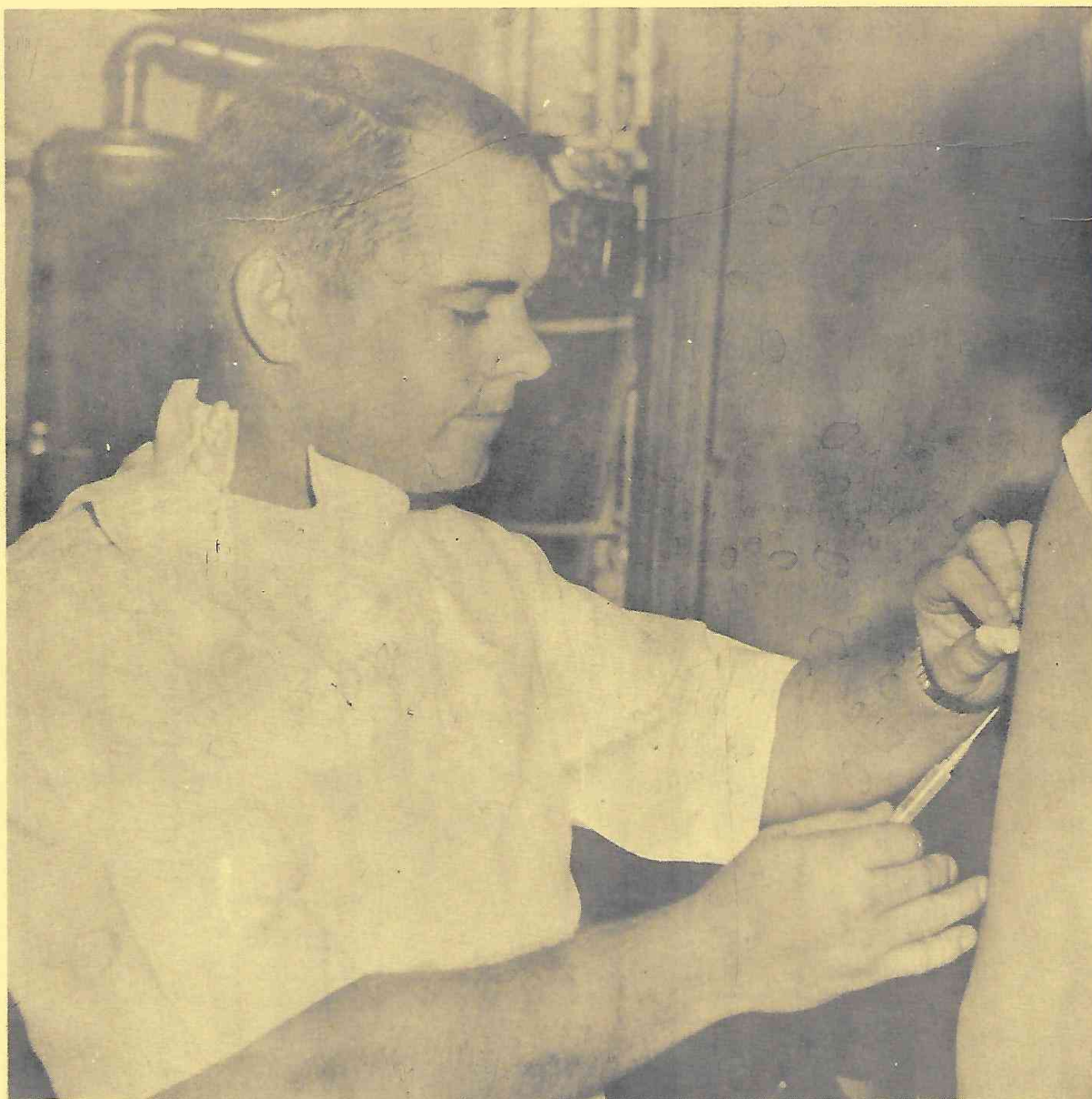
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January marked the beginning of Springfield's first "Rifleman of the Month" award.

This award, first of many to come, was presented to Delzene E. Goodsell, First Class Hospital Corpsman.

For his outstanding professional ability, military performance and personal appearance, Captain Herbert H. Ries, Commanding Officer, presented him with a ship's plaque, a \$50 check, and congratulated him on becoming Springfield's first "Rifleman of the Month".

