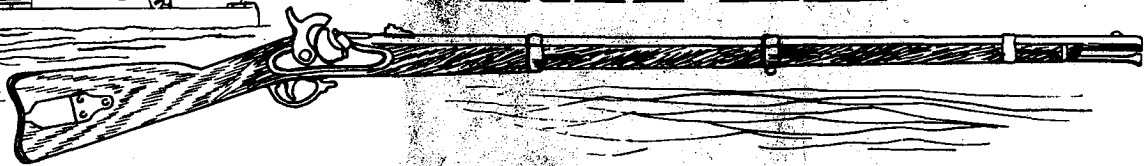
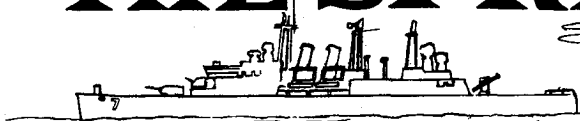


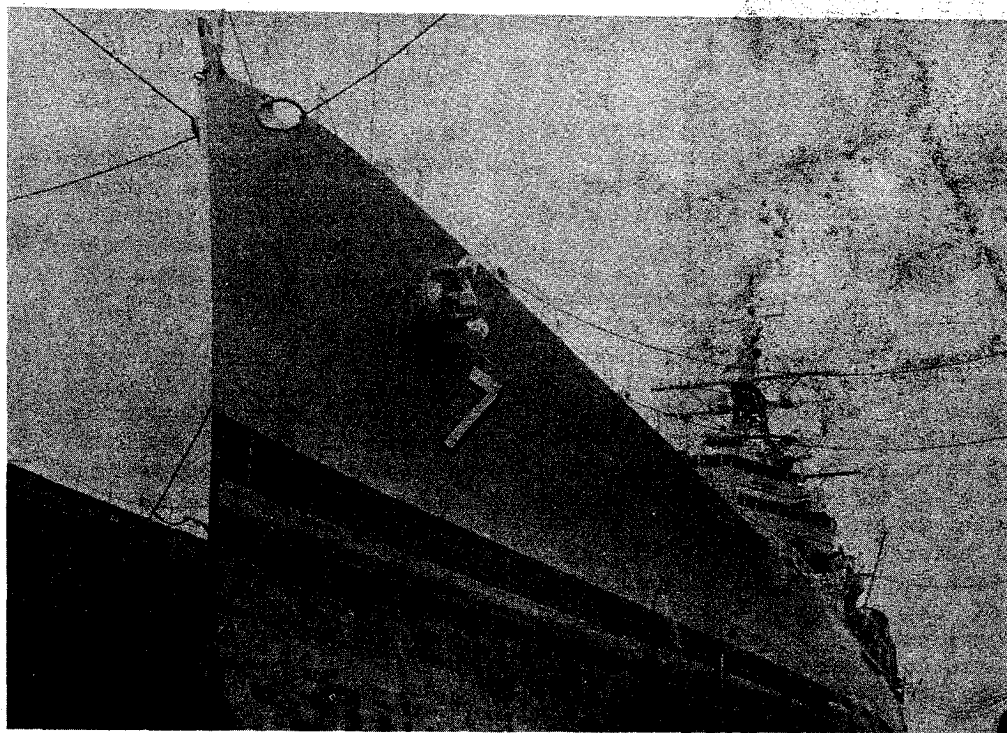
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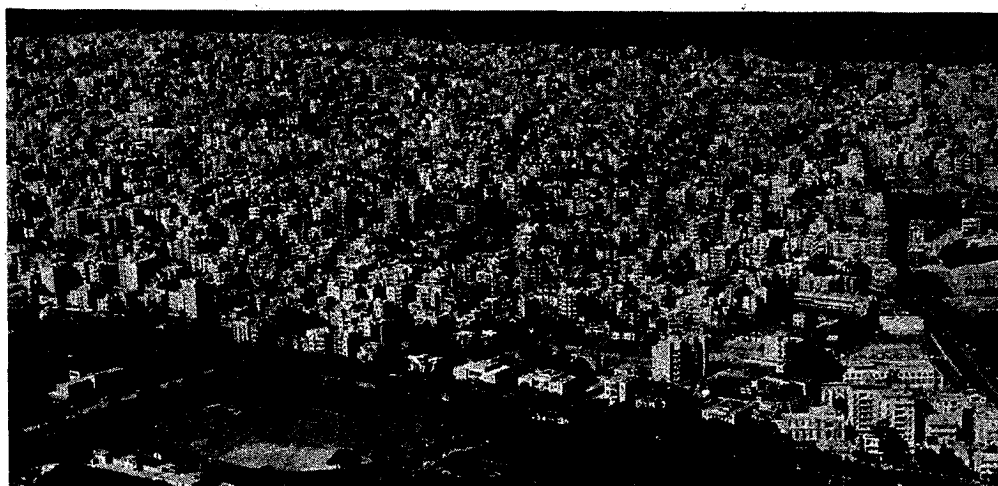
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# Editorial



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Things which were considered science fiction twenty years ago, we in the Navy often see and pass off as common place; guided missiles, computers, aircraft which fly more than twice the speed of sound and nuclear powered ships, to mention just a few.

We are recipients of a heritage and tradition plus a tremendous task which has been handed down through the years by Navy men who were proud of what they were doing, and as a result have done an outstanding job. Although our Navy of today has had to change to keep up with the fast moving modern world its objective remains the same.

As an example, the largest ship in the world, the USS ENTERPRISE, joined the Sixth Fleet. This ship is an engineering feat surpassed by no other nation, a giant nuclear powered ship with eight atomic reactors. However the first ENTERPRISE which sailed in the Mediterranean in 1884 and carried only 195 men had to a great extent the same job as this modern nuclear powered aircraft carrier ENTERPRISE which carries over 4,000 men. This job is, essentially, being ready and available when needed to give aid and confidence to those who need it or to unleash our matchless strength in the name of Peace if it becomes necessary. Our modern "science fiction" Navy is playing a vital role in projects from deep under the ocean's surface to the unexplored areas of outer space. Each one of us can take pride in knowing we are part of this Navy which is carrying on a great tradition and doing an ever expanding job which is helping build the future of our country.

## Editors Note

October will be the month for the Fall SPRINGFIELD sweetheart contest. If you have a picture of a girlfriend or acquaintance which you think would make a good SPRINGFIELD sweetheart drop it off at the Public Information Office prior to 5 October.

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## Drydock Set for Toulon

For the first time in twenty-two months the SPRINGFIELD will get a rest and have a chance to get caught up on work that could not be finished because of operational commitments.

On 29 September the ship will enter the French Navy drydock at Toulon for about three weeks of work. This will be the first chance since just prior to her deployment to the Mediterranean in December 1960 that she will be able to do many jobs that could not be completed at the same time as meeting operational requirements. This period plus the tender period in Naples replaces the Eastern swing scheduled for that time.

When the ship was converted to a guided missile cruiser, its engineering plant built in 1944 was left virtually untouched, and it is a credit to the men who work in those spaces that they have been able to keep the plant running so well. Now they will have a breather from ordinary operations, but a full schedule of work to be done. Assisting the ship's force will be two shifts of Frenchmen each working ten hours a day. The rest of the ship will also have a great deal to do in the way of painting, chipping and general maintenance.

Liberty will remain in three sections. However greater leeway will be given in the wearing of dungarees. Attempts are being made to provide bus transportation to help those who want to travel the hundred miles back to Villefranche on the weekend.

During this time Commander Sixth Fleet will fly his flag from the USS BOSTON and will rejoin SPRINGFIELD in Villefranche on 23 October.

# XO Selected for Captain

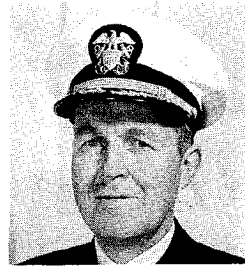


Commander B. T. Douglas, and two Staff officers, Commander H. F. McCue and Commander A.F. Newell, both of Flag Intelligence have been selected for Captain.

Commander Douglas of Baraboo, Winconsin has been a Navy man since 1941 when he enrolled in the Naval Aviation Cadet program. He saw action during World War II when he participated in strikes against Okinawa and the Japanese islands, and was partly responsible for the sinking of the Japanese battleship YAMATO.

Before coming to the SPRINGFIELD on August 1, 1961, Commander Douglas saw duty on the USS BATAAN (CVL-29), the USS BOXER (CVS-21), the MARQUETTE (AKA-95), the USS DUNCAN (DDR-874) and was Commanding Officer of the USS HENDERSON (DD-785).

Commander McCue, an aviator, is a holder of the Navy Cross, Commander Newell is a newcomer to COMSIXTHFLT and the SPRINGFIELD having just finished a tour of duty with CINCUSNAVEUR in London.



# THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING

For twenty months SPRINGFIELD has cruised the waters of the Sixth Fleet area and met all operational commitments as flagship of the Fleet Commander. With regret I have had to submit a casualty report to the effect that our readiness is effected until our rudder can be repaired. We have watched the operations of the rudder closely these past few months - its clearances have increased steadily and in the past month at an accelerated rate. COMSIXTHFLT has now arranged for repairs in the French naval base at Toulon where we will proceed about 1 October. Prior to this we will have a period of tender work with the USS CASCADE at Naples.

For both of these periods of work we turn from the busy operations of the Sixth Fleet to a period where we must concentrate on the maintenance and repairs to the ship. Most ships of the Sixth Fleet have such periods on the East Coast for a few weeks before and again after deployment. It is up to us to make the most of this opportunity and get as much done as possible to improve the material condition of SPRINGFIELD. This will not just be a task for the engineering department; it will be a task for all departments. We will have assistance on the big jobs from the French workers and from the shops on board CASCADE, but equally as important as the big tasks will be the opportunity to catch up on ship's work and ship's force job orders. During the few visits to "Ville" this summer we have had good liberty hours after busy weeks at sea. In the maintenance period liberty will be on a normal inport basis with full working days and early liberty on weekends.

And so during the next few weeks when we are separated from the Fleet routine which we know, let's make every effort to insure that the time is put to best use to get all possible ship's force work done. With this goal we can report back to the Fleet next month "ready for sea"!

## It is Your Duty to Vote

This November the citizens of the United States will go to the polls to elect representatives to their local, state, and national governments. For this privilege, our citizens have been fighting since our independence.

All too often, though, Americans do not vote. They will fight for the right to vote and for the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution, but they just won't

vote. The reasons for not voting are usually clear but the logic behind them is faulty. Citizens will not vote because they feel that their separate votes cannot make any difference; because the candidates are basically alike and the vote will not change America's destiny; because any but Presidential elections are too much trouble to bother with, etc.

But it is the individual vote that wins the election; The candidates meet some issues with the same basic

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## Words of Faith

by Chaplain

Peter R. McPhee

"Try to show yourself worthy of God's approval, as a laborer who need not be ashamed, driving a straight furrow, in your proclamation of the truth."

2 Timothy 2:15

Many years ago, the Reverend Washington Gladden, whose ministry emphasized the social gospel, wrote what he called "The (Christian) Worker's Pledge."

"One thing I am resolved upon: I will not be a sponge or a parasite. I will give an honest equivalent for what I get. I want no man's money for which I have not rendered a full return. I want no wages that I have not earned. If I work for any man or any company or any institution, I will render in full, ample, generous service. If I work for the city or the state or the nation, I will give my best thought, my best effort, my most conscientious and efficient endeavor. No man, no body of men shall ever be made poor by their dealings with me. If I can give a little more than I get every time, in that shall be my happiness. The great Commonwealth of human society shall not be the loser through me. I will take good care to put into the common fund more than I take out."

Although Paul and Washington Gladden are not talking about exactly the same thing--since Paul emphasizes the work of those who teach and preach the Gospel--Washington Gladden has caught the spirit of the New Testament in our work relationships. We should prove ourselves, as Christians, worthy of our pay. That requires that we render service commensurate with our obligation. It also calls for looking upon our work as a contribution to the common good. And we can never do this if we give begrudgingly of ourselves and our time to the task at hand.

But let us never be satisfied to please man alone, rather let us work to satisfy the highest and best within us--let us strive for God's approval.

## 23 Good Conduct Medals Awarded

Good Conduct awards were given to 23 SPRINGFIELD men during a ceremony 27 August while the SPRINGFIELD visited Ajaccio, Corsica.

The meritorious masts were held aboard ship by Captain J. R. Wadleigh who stated during the ceremony, "It is seldom I have the op-

portunity to hold this kind of mast but with great pleasure I present these awards."

In order to receive the Good Conduct Award one must have completed 4 years of active duty with no mark less than 3.0 in professional performance, leadership, adaptability, military appearance and behavior. It is men such as these that are a credit to the Naval service, and our country. Congratulations to all those who received this award.

## Carla Fund Nears Goal

Over a year ago SPRINGFIELD sailors promised a little girl who was stricken with polio they would raise a trust fund for her totaling \$5,000. This fund which is intended for her college education has slowly risen to the point where it is now only \$700 less than the goal originally set by the Carla Melchert Committee.

Carla, who resides in Appleton, Wisconsin, has been given added courage by SPRINGFIELD personnel--courage needed to sustain her future which at one time was very doubtful.

When stricken at the age of six, she almost simultaneously had to fight off measles and other diseases which attacked the child when she had little resistance to battle them.

With remarkable courage and will she managed to recover, but it was still feared she would never walk again. But with the help of her parents, friends, and the Polio Foundation, Carla is now walking with the use of crutches. She manages to participate in local school classes with a direct radio and telephone receiver between her home and the various classrooms of the school.

With the added assurance that she will one day enter college, her grades have become exceptionally high.

The man primarily responsible for the establishment of Carla's trust fund is Ted Cudsworth BMC, a former SPRINGFIELD shipmate who presented the child a check for \$1,700.

A sailor's promise has become for Carla a dream that will cost each man on board about \$.50 to fulfill.

# NATO and the Sixth Fleet

At the end of World War II when the Western democracies had withdrawn or demolished the greatest part of their military forces, the Communists kept some five million men under arms. The Soviets soon embarked on a program of expansion that gave every indication that the Communists were bent on world conquest.

On April 4, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty was signed by the United States, and 11 other countries (later Greece, Turkey and the Federal Republic of Germany also signed) with peace and security as primary goals. In signing the NATO Charter these 15 nations undertook to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilization of their peoples. NATO is built on the principle of collective defense --an attack on one of the countries shall be considered an attack against them all.

Proof that this belief is effective is the fact that since the signing of the NATO Charter, not one inch of territory has been lost to Communism in the NATO area. Prior to 1949 the Communists had gobbled up land at the rate of 220,000 acres a day.

The Sixth Fleet has an important role in the 'collective defense' of the NATO organization. Although we usually think of the Sixth Fleet as being owned and operated by and for the United States, much of the Fleet has a dual mission. The striking force of the Fleet, for instance, is already embarked for assignment to NATO in event of a war in-

volving the members of NATO.

The Fleet Commander, Vice Admiral David L. McDonald, clarifies his dual position in the United States - NATO defense organizations by saying that he "wears two hats." As Commander of the Sixth Fleet, Vice Admiral McDonald is under the command of CONCUSNAVEUR, and when he is wearing his NATO "hat" he becomes Commander Naval Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe. He will then report to Commander Allied Forces, Southern Europe, Admiral James S. Russell, USN. Admiral Russell's abbreviated title is CINCSOUTH, and under his command are all the naval, air and land forces assigned by the various NATO countries to defend Southern Europe.

To help him plan for his NATO duties, Vice Admiral McDonald has a second Staff based at Naples, in addition to the Sixth Fleet Staff embarked in the SPRINGFIELD. This NATO Staff is headed by Rear Admiral Hennagan the Deputy Commander, Naval Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe, or DEPCOM-STRIKFORSOUTH.

It is the Deputy Commander who prepares plans for training exercise and coordinates them with other NATO commands. Just as our own national forces are constantly training, so do the forces assigned to NATO conduct training exercise in order that they may carry out their mission of providing defense against aggression.

Radio-electronic Transmission by B. W. Griffith; How to Build Electronic Equipment, J. R. Johnson; White

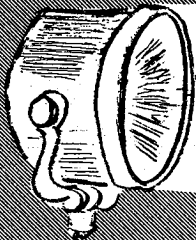
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## NEW BOOKS

The following is a list of new books received in the library. At present the library aboard SPRINGFIELD has over 1800 books. The names of new books received will be published in the SPRINGFIELD RIFLE in forthcoming issues.





# DENTAL

August 22nd marked the 50th anniversary of the United States Navy Dental Corps. It has grown from 30 acting assistant dental surgeons authorized in 1912 to 1,900 dental officers, assisted by 4,700 dental technicians. Today the Dental Corps is a leading factor in maintaining the good health of the men in the Navy.

The ever growing Navy entering the nuclear and space age has set forth new challenges and problems with which the Dental Corps has had to keep pace. Higher levels of health have become imperative with the complexities of the new Navy. Also with the Medicare program passed in 1956, 130,000 dependents at overseas bases were added to the job. This period of growth for the Navy has also caused a broadening in the educational development of the dental technicians. Thus after 50 years of steady progress the United States Naval Dental Corps has become a world-wide leader in the profession of dentistry.

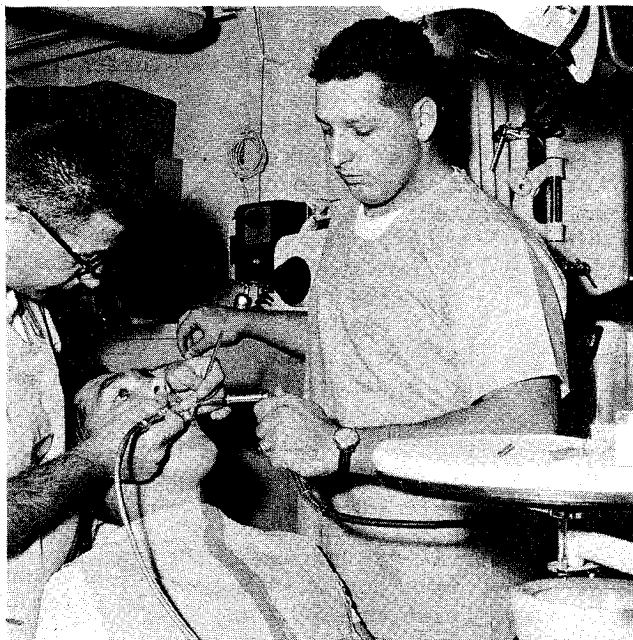
The prevention of dental and oral disease is of prime importance to the Dental Corps. Much the same as preventative maintenance aboard a ship, the goal of the Dental Corps is to give treatment and advice to keep disease at a minimum. Indicative of this, our Dental Department under the leadership of Dr. B. E. Pines assisted by a dental technician



and a striker reduced the number of teeth lost. Evidence of this is the one third reduction in extractions, with the subsequent restoration of these teeth, during the past

6 months.

Some of the most modern equipment is available such as the new high-speed air turbine drill. An electronic timer and a new radiation shield for the x-ray equipment have been installed to reduce radiation exposure for the protection of the Dentist, technicians and the patients. In addition to many other types of up-to-date equipment our Dental Department is capable of all dental operations except construction of prosthetic appliances for the replacement of lost teeth.



An average of 200 new patients are taken care of during a month with 800 procedures or processes including emergency care of sailors from other ships, dependents and personnel from NSA, at Villefranche. While Springfield was in Rhodes, 22 Coast Guardsmen and dependents from the Voice of America ship stationed there were treated.

Fifty years of research by the Navy plus a lot of work is just a small part of the task. All the modern equipment, if it were not for the Doctors and dental technicians would be useless and because of this tremendous task being done by the Dental Department it has moved into the Spotlight for the month of September.

# August Cruise Activities



Ajaccio, Corsica the birthplace of Napoleon provided a wonderful weekend of liberty for SPRINGFIELD sailors during a recent visit.



Fisherman mend and make their nets in the quiet hours of the evening. Many of the people of Ajaccio make their livelihood fishing.



Sixth Fleet Marines prepare to hit the beach in Sardinia during a five day training exercise. Both "over the beach" and vertical envelopment type assaults were used.



NO PLACE TO BE STANDING STILL--- Sixth Fleet Marines making an assault move across the waste land of Sardinia.

# Ship Selects Sailor For

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Frank Ranelli, a graduate of the University of Alabama, is the Sailor of the Month for September. The 24-year-old Blue Jacket who represented the Administrative Department was Selected by the Board of Senior Chief Petty Officers for his outstanding achievements as a Navyman and a goodwill ambassador.

Ranelli, who resides in Birmingham, Ala., played the drums for various jazz and dance bands throughout the state in order to pay expenses while attending school at Alabama University.

After this he applied for the September class at OCS. Upon receiving notice that the quota had been filled for the class he immediately joined the Reserve with the realization that he would have been called into a rival service. With a mind for travel, Ranelli volunteered for active duty and soon found himself headed for a Navy Training Center.

His music background became an advantage upon entering basic training at Great Lakes when he was chosen to play in the Recruit Band. In March 1962 Ranelli boarded the SPRINGFIELD and was assigned to the Legal Office.

Through hard work and study he received the highest grade in the July seaman-examination and his excellent qualities and his show of responsibility has made him fine petty officer material.

Ranelli's qualities were further expressed by the legal office petty officer when he personally submitted a special request to the Executive Officer for a permanent over-night and civilian clothes pass for his striker. The request, submitted while Ranelli was on leave, was granted.

Ranelli's fine character traits and efficiency have earned him the respect of his shipmates and superior officers.

The following article was Captain Wadleigh's article in last month's RIFLE. Due to a request by Commander Sixth Fleet, who felt it extremely appropriate we are running the article again.

I would like each of you in this fine ship to ask yourself two questions. First, am I financially solvent and in the black? Next, if I have debts, am I meeting the payments as required? If the answer to both of these is not "yes" the chances are that you have been in conference with your division officer, the legal officer, possibly the Executive Officer on how to get rid of the debt or debts you have contracted.

One of the greatest institutions of your present day is "easy credit". Our whole economy is based on it and I would suspect that it is used proportionately for more in the civilian world than in our own military Naval communities. In the United States hundreds of thousands of people make a living as a result of this "easy credit" way of life. With the prevalence of ways and means of "easy credit" it behooves each of us to do some careful financial planning before buying on credit. That automobile you are waiting to buy when you return home - that set of encyclopedias that some salesman has talked you into buying - even the use of a "credit card" for traveling - all these require planning ahead. Ask yourself the question, "If I buy this object on the credit terms, can I lay

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aside enough each month from my pay to meet the terms of the contract?" Think this over carefully. Is the item worth enough to you so that a good part of your pay will never be seen on payday?

Indebtedness is caused 99% of the time by failing to plan and failing to think. The vendors of all sorts of material are looking for you - they'll advertise easy terms - we in the service with the prospect of steady salaries are good risks. It behooves us then to be wary and to plan. Think over the professed "deal" and be sure that you can meet the payments - be sure that six months from now you will still consider you made a good investment as the payments continue. P.T. Barnum's statement that "One is born every minute" is never more true than today. By a little forethought and planning of our finances, we in SPRINGFIELD could reduce the numbers of Barnum's customers.

## Friendship Letter

The following is an excerpt taken from a letter written to Admiral McDonald as a result of the SPRINGFIELD's visit to Elba, by an American citizen living there.

By now the memory of Elba has probably dimmed, but Elba has not forgotten your visit. You have become an enduring legend, created -- not by the grand and awesome SPRINGFIELD, nor an apparently superior breed of officers -- but by your men. They are the lustrous ones being told about in shops,

## VOTING (cont'd from page 3)

policies but obviously there is often wide choice but other guiding policies and many details can be partisan and personal; to state that any election is not important doesn't even deserve discussion. But most important, all failure of the electorate to vote, particularly for such reasons as stated above suggests that democracy in practice does not work and that a significant percentage of the electorate doesn't deserve the vote.

That is one very important reason why it is our duty as well as our right to vote.

Therefore, when it comes time to vote in November, those of us who are eligible should be ready.

Because requirements and procedures for voting are different for the various states, LTJG Blair in the Weapons Department has been assigned to inform citizens of voting age how they can obtain ballots and what state contests will be held this fall. Do not hesitate to see him.

from farm to farm, and during school recesses, the invariable words being "those sympathetic, kind, tender-hearted American sailors!"

This stems from the party your men gave aboard for a cross-section of Portoferraio school children who were taken around on an eye-popping expedition and then exposed to a buffet as sumptuous as a wedding-feast. As one lad (quoted repeatedly) puts it: "Nearer than uncles those American sailors! They cut the meat for the littlest ones! Not once did they frown, or laugh, at us ordinary children. Even when I went back for a fourth helping of ice cream they gave it as generously as the first!"

## Ship's Opens Bowling League in Monaco

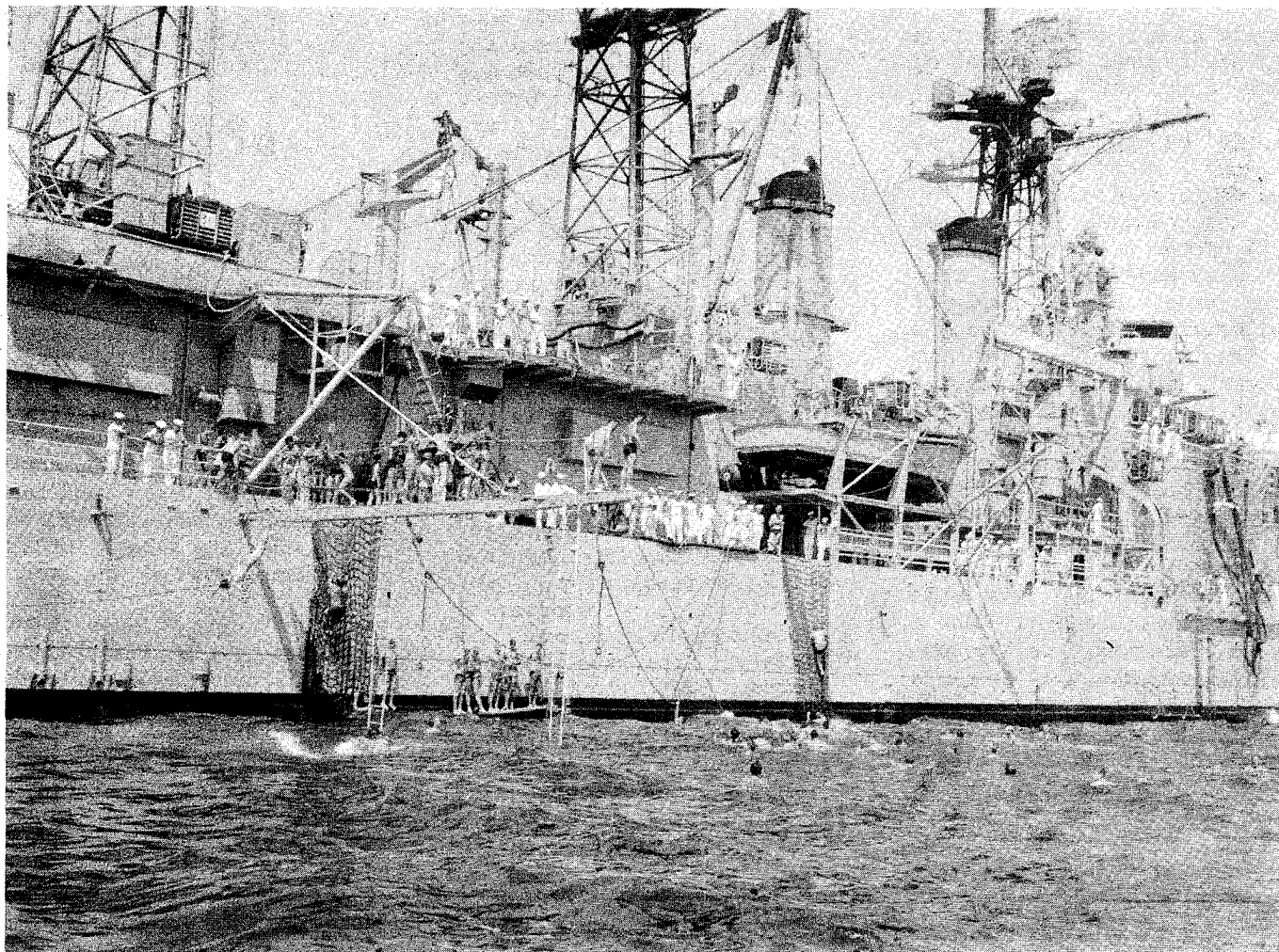
Springfield bowlers, under the direction of Lt. Fred Jonasz, have recently organized a bowling league. This league, perhaps the first seafaring league to be formed by a Navy ship, consists of 12 teams and has acquired the use of the Monte Carlo Bowling Alleys under the management of Mr. Iman Fattah.

Four bowling lanes have been set aside for league competition in order for each team to be given the opportunity of bowling at least three times every inport period. Mr. Fattah, an honorary Vice President of the league has cut the usual per game price 50% for league competitors and 40% for other SPRINGFIELD personnel and their dependents who wish to bowl independently.

Because bowling is known as an American sport many tourists who attend the games enjoy the competitive spirit of the bowlers and simultaneously gain a more distinct knowledge of how the game is played.

The bowlers themselves are in need of moral support from their divisions, and all are invited to attend the games which will be announced in the Plan of the Day. For variation from the usual night on the beach the bowling club offers an excellent atmosphere with its spacious bar and dining facilities included with the bowling itself.

# SWIM CALL



EVERY ONE OUT OF THE POOL---- With boat booms swung out SPRINGFIELD has a brief stop in her steaming schedule while sailors enjoy a cool refreshing swim-call during a hot summer afternoon in Pollensa Bay

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