

**THE SPRINGFIELD
RIFLE**







THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING

As this issue of the Rifle goes to press, SPRINGFIELD has nearly completed her first deployment as Flagship for Commander Second Fleet. The cruise has been an interesting one and there are a number of things that I wish to recall.

I think the most significant item without question was the outstanding missile firing which took place on the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range shortly after we left Norfolk. Never before had SPRINGFIELD fired so many successful missiles. I cannot begin to express my pride in the dedication of so many of our missileers whose hard work for so many weeks made this success possible. The long, often frustrating, hours that were needed to restore the missile battery to an operational level were simply fantastic. I repeat the "Well Done" which Vice Admiral Duncan passed to our missileers.

With the successful missile shoot and some very encouraging work on the shore bombardment range, the cruise to Europe was off to a good start and the "shaking down" in our new role has continued. The steady progress in all departments has been most encouraging. As we have learned, the role of Flagship is not an easy one, but, again, SPRINGFIELD and her sailors have met the challenge.

The port visits have been interesting and the ship has hosted hundreds of visitors. The fine manner in which visitors were received by our tour guides was the subject of comment by many of those who were aboard. My special thanks to those who played host so well.

As the cruise nears its end, we look ahead to future operations and a busy inport schedule. Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the future will be the opportunity to be at sea as a part of a Task Group — the first fleet operation SPRINGFIELD has had in nearly a year. Bring in the new challenge!

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COVER

Big Ben

INSIDE COVER

These are the "Freebooters",
SPRINGFIELD's own soccer team.
More about them on page 13.

St. Thomas... island of the sun

Photos by Rudy Stanowski

Our first stop after leaving Norfolk and before starting out on our North Atlantic cruise was to St. Thomas, the most populated part of the Virgin Islands.

While we only had two days to spend in St. Thomas, the liberty schedule provided a chance for everyone to enjoy this beautiful island.

The recreation facilities of St. Thomas were nothing short of "outstanding". The beautiful, sandy beaches and warm climate made swimming a must. For the skin-diving enthusiast, swim fins, masks and snorkels were available from the ship's athletic gear locker.

In the short time we spent in St. Thomas, many sailors managed to get a good suntan, or at least a good burn.

We left St. Thomas with only one regret: that we did not stay longer.



ABOVE: The most popular beach of St. Thomas is here at Morning Star. A SPRINGFIELDer, with arm extended over the net, spikes volley ball into the sand for a point.



LEFT: Rugged mountains slope down to the encompassing beaches. These beaches are enjoyed year-round due to the steady 80 degree temperature and dry climate.

Career Counselor Says ...

The Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) is a college training program for outstanding Petty Officers on active duty which leads to appointment to commissioned grade and a career as an unrestricted line officer of the U. S. Navy. Potential for a successful career as a commissioned officer is the primary consideration in the processing, interviewing, recommendation and selection of candidates.

NESEP is an uninterrupted 4-year college education program, including summer sessions,

leads to a Baccalaureate degree in the major fields of study approved by the Chief of Naval Personnel. Upon receipt of a Baccalaureate degree, individuals will be ordered to Officer Candidate Training, and upon successful completion thereof, if otherwise qualified, shall be commissioned in the unrestricted line of the regular Navy.

In practically every case, officers commissioned via NESEP may expect immediate assignment to 3 or 4 years of sea duty with the operating forces in the capacity of an unrestricted line officer.

At an appropriate time subsequent to commissioning, each former NESEP student will be considered for graduate education. Commissioned graduates of this program must serve on active duty for a minimum period of 9 months for each 6 months of education, or fraction thereof, computed from date of original commission and date of reporting to preparatory school, but in no case shall this period of active duty be less than 4 years.

The Chief of Naval Personnel states that he's got the money if you have the time!

New 'Ge-dunk' Opens For Business

Photo by Paul Farmer

On 27 September, after several weeks of work by S-3 Division, the new "Ge-dunk" store was opened.

A line started forming almost an hour before the scheduled "Grand Opening" because many of us were able to view the supply of stock many days before the store opened.

Our photographer was on the scene as the first customer, BT3 A.D. Letendre, bought his first carton of cigarettes from the new store.

The new Ge-dunk is operated and maintained by SN O.L. Shipp, of S-3 Division.



A Visit to England

Photos by Paul Douville



Overlooking the Thames River are ICFN N.S. Chegezy, EMFN E.F. Camenzind, EMFN C.A. Butterworth III. The Houses of Parliament, a stately monument to Britain's pageantry and royalty, stands in the background.

On 29 September, after eight days at sea, SPRINGFIELD arrived at Portsmouth, England. Those who had been on SPRINGFIELD last time she was here in February, knew what was waiting for them.

The quaint beauty and peaceful atmosphere of Portsmouth provided relaxing and entertaining liberty for the men of SPRINGFIELD as they toured the city.

It is here that the famous author Charles Dickens was born. His home still stands and still attracts tourists all year long.

Another interesting sight of Portsmouth is the H.M.S. VICTORY, the 200-year-old battleship in which Admiral Nelson died. It has

been almost completely renovated and is kept in constant repair by the shipyard in Portsmouth.

The combination of "48s", and free busses provided by the Royal Navy made it very difficult to turn down the opportunity to visit London. The bus ride took our sailors through the beautiful countryside between the two cities of Portsmouth and London. England's landscape has a striking variety ---- lush green fields, peaceful rivers and lakes, secluded glens and impressive rolling hills.

After 3 1/2 hours on the road, the busses finally arrived at Buckingham Palace at 1130 just before the Changing of the Guard took

place.

Later in the afternoon, the bus tour ended and we were on our own in this gigantic metropolis.

With cameras slung over their shoulders, SPRINGFIELD men explored the city to witness some of the sights they had heard about since childhood ---- London Bridge, Big Ben, and Westminster Abbey to mention a few. Such places as the Tower of London and Madam Tussaud's, the most famous wax museum in the world, were high on the list of sights to see.

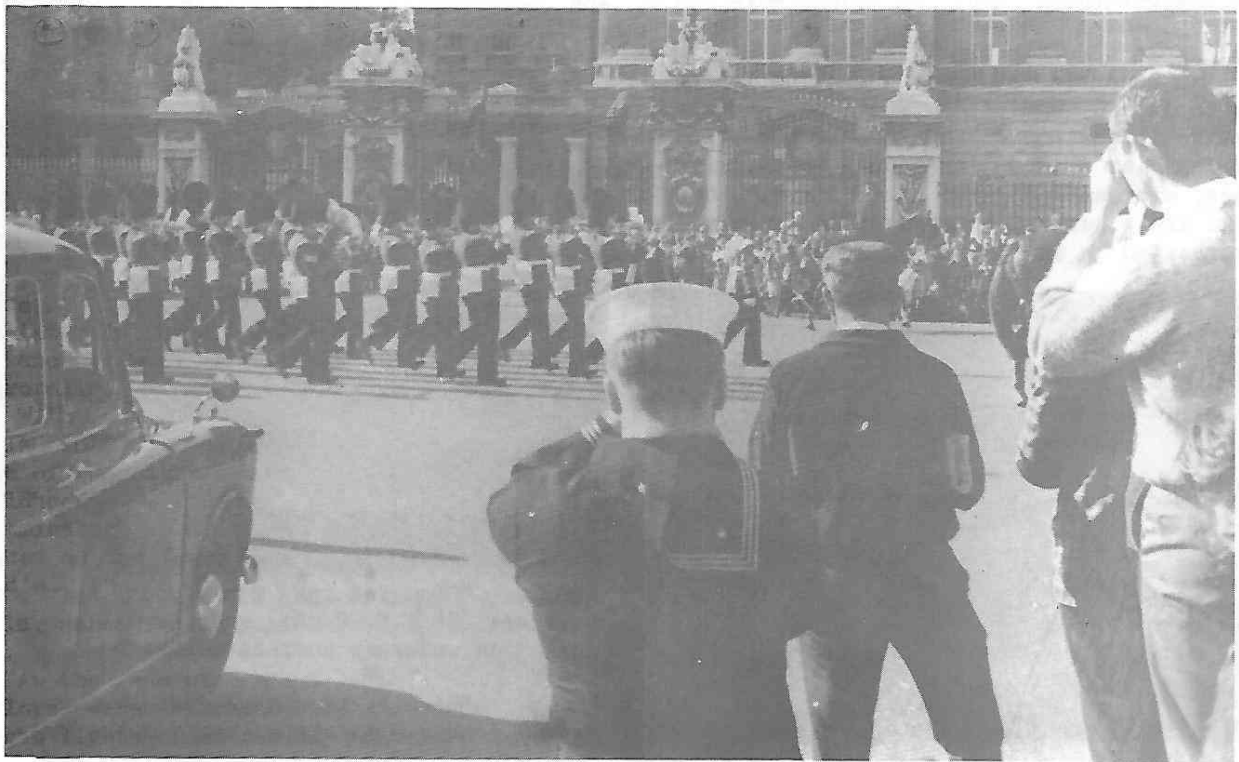
At the end of the sightseeing day, many sailors were attracted like moths to the bright lights of Piccadilly Circus. Piccadilly can be compared to New York's Times Square for theaters, and is known the world over for the orchestral performances held there.

On October 5th, the Flagship bid a fond farewell to many new friends, and began making her way to Amsterdam.



While in Portsmouth, one of the local merchants came aboard SPRINGFIELD with Scottish woolens, some of which were modeled by this attractive young lady.

BELOW: Hundreds of people come to Buckingham Palace every day to observe the colorful ceremony of the Changing of the Guard.



"OI" the nerve center division

Photos by Rudy Stanowski

A workday world of darkness, pierced only by the harsh glare of radar repeaters or the eye-tiring dimness of plotting boards make up the day for the men of OI Division.

The Radar Gang is responsible for manning the Combat Information Center (CIC), the complex nerve center of a fighting ship. A vital facility, deep in the protective innards of the ship, CIC is a place to make someone other than a Radarman think he was suddenly dropped into the middle of a science-fiction movie.

Blips, beeps, buzzes, bells and a written and spoken language different than any other, are all well known to the men of CIC.

When first coming into OI Division, a man begins his education anew. He starts by learning to write all over again -- backwards! His new alphabet has symbols he has never seen before, representing words he has never heard.

This brings him to learning a new language, using words like skunk, bogey, fade, splash, CAP, bird, spook, beetle and many others which can be equally confusing to the inexperienced man. No single word has a simple meaning and the use of a wrong word could cost the ship its life.

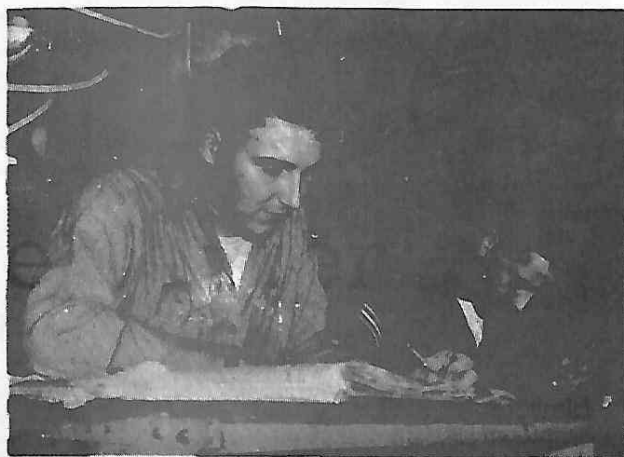
New concepts of motion must be learned, new tools and equipment must be mastered. Electronic equipment and electronics theory are familiar friends; cathodes, grids, micro-waves, microseconds and pulse forming networks are a part of everyday life and must be deep seated in an OI man's knowledge.



Plotting surface contacts on maneuvering board is RD3 R.P. Graves. The plotting determines the course, speed and CPA (closest point of approach) of other ships.

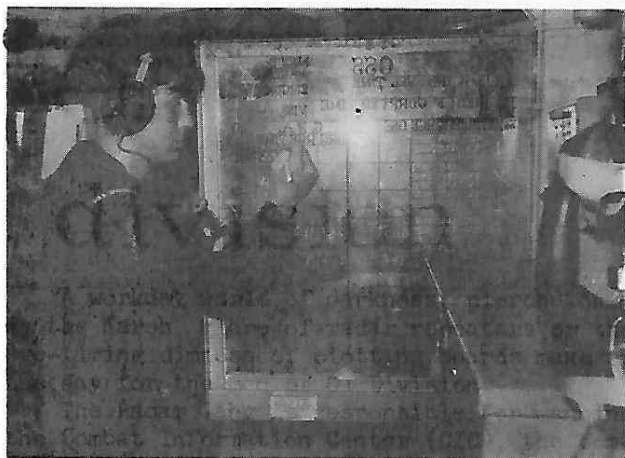
Navigation must be learned, as well as rules of the road, aircraft characteristics and performance data, missile capabilities, and much more.

The 60-odd officers and men who are involved directly with Combat rotate from job



ABOVE: "Breaking in" period for Radarman strikers SN G.P. Coyne and SN J.R. Nappi during an underway surface watch.

LEFT: RDSA T.A. Lane marks information received from CIC on status board on the bridge.



to job. This rotation provides a vital safeguard in that each station can be manned in case of casualty.

The four major responsibilities of CIC are to collect information from radar scopes, telephones and radio receivers, to display this information on status and plotting boards, to evaluate it, and then to disseminate their conclusions to the bridge, weapons control, Flag Plot and to other ships.

The men of CIC must be alert for any number of things to happen; their activities, phraseology--all of which bewilder the stranger--are essential for the practical functioning of the "Eyes and Ears of the Ship."



One of the main functions of CIC is controlling aircraft against enemy planes. RD2 W.J. Windau takes information from Radar Control Officer Scope and communicates over the radio telephone.



ABOVE: During a regular underway surface watch RD2 K.M. Rivard is plotting surface contacts. In the background, RD3 W.D. Zintel is manning the surface search repeater.

BELOW: RD3 L.A. Nelson is tracking simulated enemy aircraft on bogey plotter.



Flagship Visits Amsterdam

Photos by G. A. Wright and T. F. Greene Jr.

SPRINGFIELD sailors eagerly awaited our port-of-call visit to Holland. As SPRINGFIELD pulled through the famous Netherlands locks, she rendered a 21-gun salute and was received with similar honors from cannons on the shore. Tugboats guided the huge man-o-war down the canalized Amstel river where she moored for five days.

Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands and a chief port, was situated on the other side of the river. The U-boats were shuttling every hour from the ship to allow each man an opportunity to witness this charming city.

Amsterdam's charm lies mainly in its unique blending of medieval quarters, famous



Amsterdam is often called "The Venice of the North".



These elderly fishermen in traditional Dutch clothing are a common sight along the waterfront of small villages.

canals and pleasant residential districts. 17th century red brick houses with high, pointed gables and the splendid elm and linden trees that line the canals provided a scenic passageway for touring ferry boats and small barges. There are over 50 miles of canals that subdivide the country into 70 islands connected by 500 bridges.

The free bus and train services courteously offered to SPRINGFIELD sailors during our visit, encouraged the men to embark on personal sight-seeing tours of the many features that Holland has to offer. Among these were the

enormous breweries of Heinekens and Amstels, the thriving diamond industry and on down to window-shopping items.

Traveling down narrow waterways rather than the more conventional methods of taxi cabs, streetcars or cruising on the vastness of the Atlantic Ocean was a refreshing change. Other welcomed diversions were visits to museums, dining in excellent Dutch restaurants specializing in Indonesian meals prepared to perfection, sampling the wide selection of Holland cheeses, sizing a pair of wooden shoes and marveling at the simple flatness of Holland's terrain.

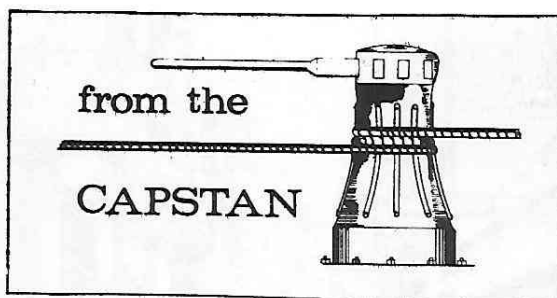
Amsterdam was certainly a port of different variety.



A busy street of downtown Amsterdam.



The native costumes with awkward wooden shoes especially appeal to the curiosity. SH3 D.M. Swisher is talking to one of the local people.



NOTE: "On Sunday morning at sea in the old Navy, after quarters and should the weather permit, all hands assembled on the quarterdeck for Divine Services. The Chaplain, in his clerical vestments stood forward of the capstan which was covered with the national flag and served as the pulpit." This column is the Chaplain's pulpit for the printed word.

Many centuries ago, the Roman philosopher and statesman, Cicero, observed what he called the six mistakes of man. As you read them ask

yourself if your own maturing process is helping you to profit by similar mistakes:

1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because you cannot do it.
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.
5. Neglecting development of the mind, and the habit of reading and studying.
6. Attempting to compel others to believe and think as you do.

Although we may say pessimistically that human nature has not changed since Cicero's day, we may also say optimistically that individuals do change. We may hide behind the excuse that we are just another lump of "human nature" or we may hopefully look for some signs of character growth in our own personalities.

The latter alternative makes better sense, and is also more satisfying.

SPRINGFIELD Scores "Satisfactory" On Missile Shoot

Story by Ensign M. F. Maas

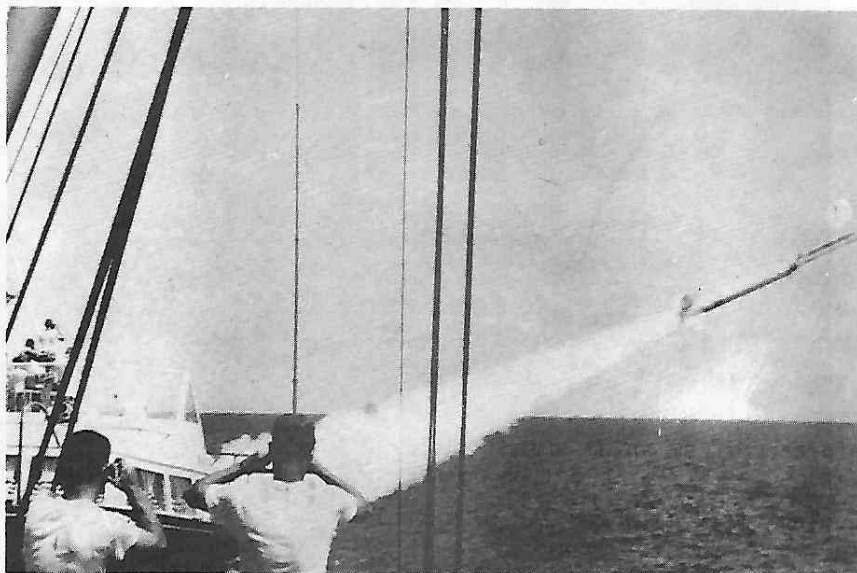
Photo by G. A. Wright

On 18 and 20 September, at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range, USS SPRINGFIELD conducted 6 Terrier missile firings. All of these were live missiles, equipped with telemetering packages to monitor the various flight functions and to relay this information back to our shipboard telemetering gear, as well as to that of the Weapons Range.

The target for each of these shots was the Firebee, a small unmanned jet aircraft flying at approximately 500 knots and at altitudes up to 45,000 feet.

On each of the shots, the missile passed within lethal range of the target with five out of the six shots being scored as "successful".

This fine score is testimony to the hard work of Fox and GM Divisions during our modified refresher training.



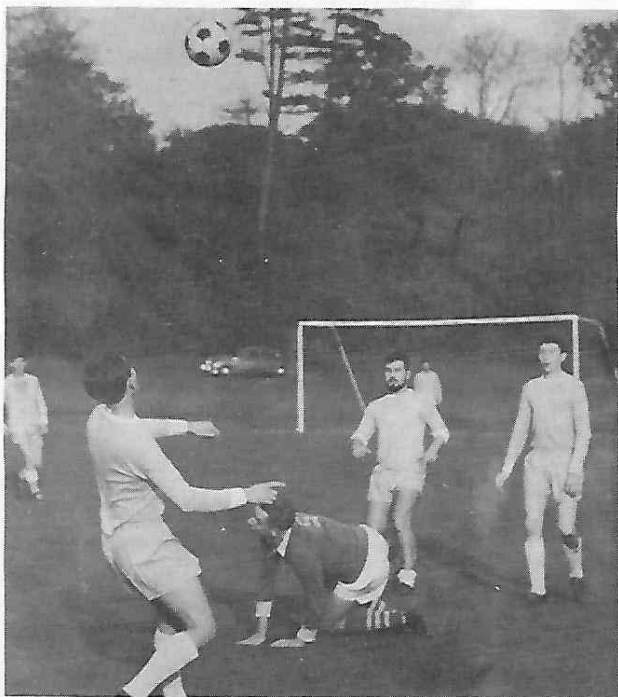
Freebooters Lose Games, But Win Friends

22 officers and men make up SPRINGFIELD's "Freebooters" soccer team. The team has 14 different divisions represented with several openings available for interested candidates.

During this cruise, our team has played four games. In Portsmouth, England we went on the field against HMS DRYAD and HMS VICTORY. Two additional games were played in Lisbon, Portugal. The first game in Lisbon was against the German Air Force and the second against the Portuguese Navy.

It is a sad fact but true that over the last four games, the team has yet to gain a single victory in competition with superior European teams. However, this fact has in no way diminished the spirit of the team.

FN Rademaker of B Division speaks for the whole team when he says we will continue to excel in exhibiting good sportsmanship and gaining new friends in any game in which we have the opportunity to play.



German Air Force player performs tricky maneuver by reflecting soccer ball off his forehead.

Story by Ensign M. C. Beard, Jr.

Photos by Rudy Stanowski



A moment too late for right guard YN3 R.A. Goyette in his attempt to oustride opponent to gain possession of the ball.



ENS M.C. Beard, Jr. and FN William Olsen have a pre-competition chat with German officers that came to observe the play.



FN "Pancho" Rademaker lunges forward to protect the Freebooters' goal.

SAY AGAIN PLEASE?

Photos by Rudy Stanowski



I WEIGHED YOUR PROPOSAL ON THE METHOD OF CONCOCTING "SOO-GEE" WITH MUCH DELIBERATION AND CONCERN. IT IS A RATHER RUDIMENTARY COMPOSITE BUT IF IT CAN BE APPLIED WITH EFFICACIOUSNESS BY THE SHIP'S CONCIERGES, THEN I SURMISE THE UTILIZATION OF THE FORMULA IS IN ORDER. MAY I ENTREAT YOU TO USE A MIXTURE OF EMULSIFIED HEXACHLORETHANE TO SUBSTITUTE THE ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID OF YOUR FORMULA. THIS SHOULD BRING SATISFACTORY RESULTS.



WHAT'S SO FUNNY ABOUT GETTING A SHOE LACE CAUGHT IN A CHAIN?



I'M TELLING YOU...THIS IS NOT THE SHIP'S STORE!



....AND IF THAT DON'T WORK, WE'LL GO DOWN AND BREAK OUT THE C-RATIONS.



NO GE-DUNK ABOARD DURING MY WATCH!

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Mr. Lamparski provides background for each personality from childhood to prominence; then he tells what has happened to them since.

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In words that weave history into art, the author has created a book about the coming of the Civil War that is at once a broad canvas and a revealing close-up.

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WYATT'S HURRICANE

By Desmond Bagley

On a lush Caribbean island, a group of four men and two women find themselves caught between a hurricane and a revolution.

Meteorologist David Wyatt knew the hurricane would hit. The West Indian natives were never wrong when they began tying down their roofs, regardless of what his tracking instruments showed.

What Wyatt couldn't foresee was the tumultuous conjunction of forces -- both natural and man-made -- that was about to make "Mabel" his personal hurricane, one that would sweep him either to death or glory.

It came just as the island rebel leader, unaware of the hurricane's approach, was massing his forces in the mountains for an attack on the city below. As wind and war neared each other, Wyatt became the one person who could save the island from destruction, the inhabitants from death.

To accomplish this task, Wyatt must meet a two-fold onslaught in a near-fatal race against time and terror. Wyatt's Hurricane... a tale of imaginative adventure and suspense.



Well, we don't USUALLY allow visitors after 1600..."

NAVY NEWS

WATCH YOUR CHECK WRITING

The Navy is cracking down on sea service personnel and dependents who write bad checks in the commissary or Navy Exchange.

The new policies are expected to make check cashing easier and faster for those who are honest.

According to a notice from the Chief of Naval Personnel, reports of worthless checks are to be submitted to the writer's commanding officer within five working days.

If an officer or his dependent cashes a second worthless check, a report will be made by the CO to the Chief of Naval Personnel.

The CO will screen offenses by enlisted personnel and dependents. The penalty may extend to discharge from the service if the charge is serious enough. Retired members may lose their exchange and commissary privileges.

Because of a few dishonest or careless people, all military families are subjected to a jaundiced eye in service towns. Some of the more common violations include writing a bad check through negligence; post dating checks (when funds will be deposited in time); writing checks on unauthorized or closed accounts, or when the writer knows there are insufficient funds.

The Navy's policy on worthless checks is quite clear: their issuance is not acceptable and extremely serious.

Watch your check writing closely. Don't take a chance on jeopardizing your privileges or your career.

NEW JERSEY SHIPMATES SOUGHT

The American Battleship Association is conducting a world-wide search for officers and men who saw duty aboard the USS NEW JERSEY (BB-62) anytime from her commissioning in 1943 until she was mothballed in the 50's.

The purpose of the search is to get a current roster of names and addresses of former crewmembers in order to keep them informed about the recent decision by the Defense Department to re-activate the famed battlewagon for Vietnam duty.

If you saw duty aboard the NEW JERSEY or know of anyone who did, contact: David C. Graham, Chairman, American Battleship Association, P.O. Box 11247, San Diego, California 92111.

MARINE PLAYS CORPSMAN

Stories of Navy Corpsmen saving the lives of Marines are commonplace. But how about the story of the Marine saving the corpsman's life by performing a tracheotomy using a ballpoint pen and a dog tag chain?

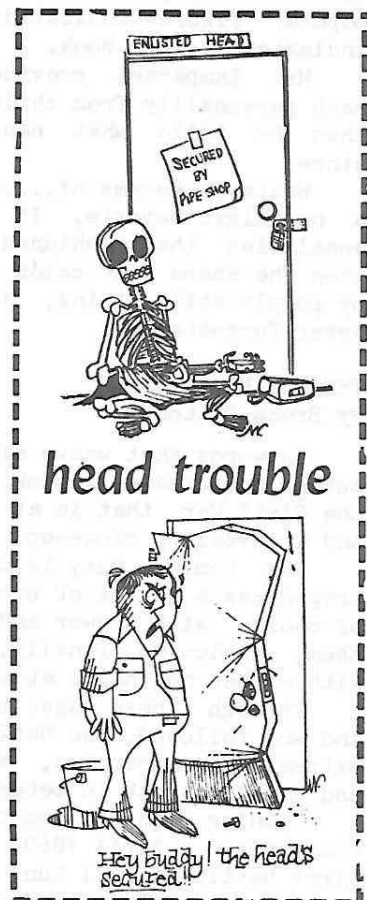
This is just what happened when shrapnel from a booby-trapped 250-pound bomb blocked a corpsman's windpipe during heavy fighting with Viet Cong.

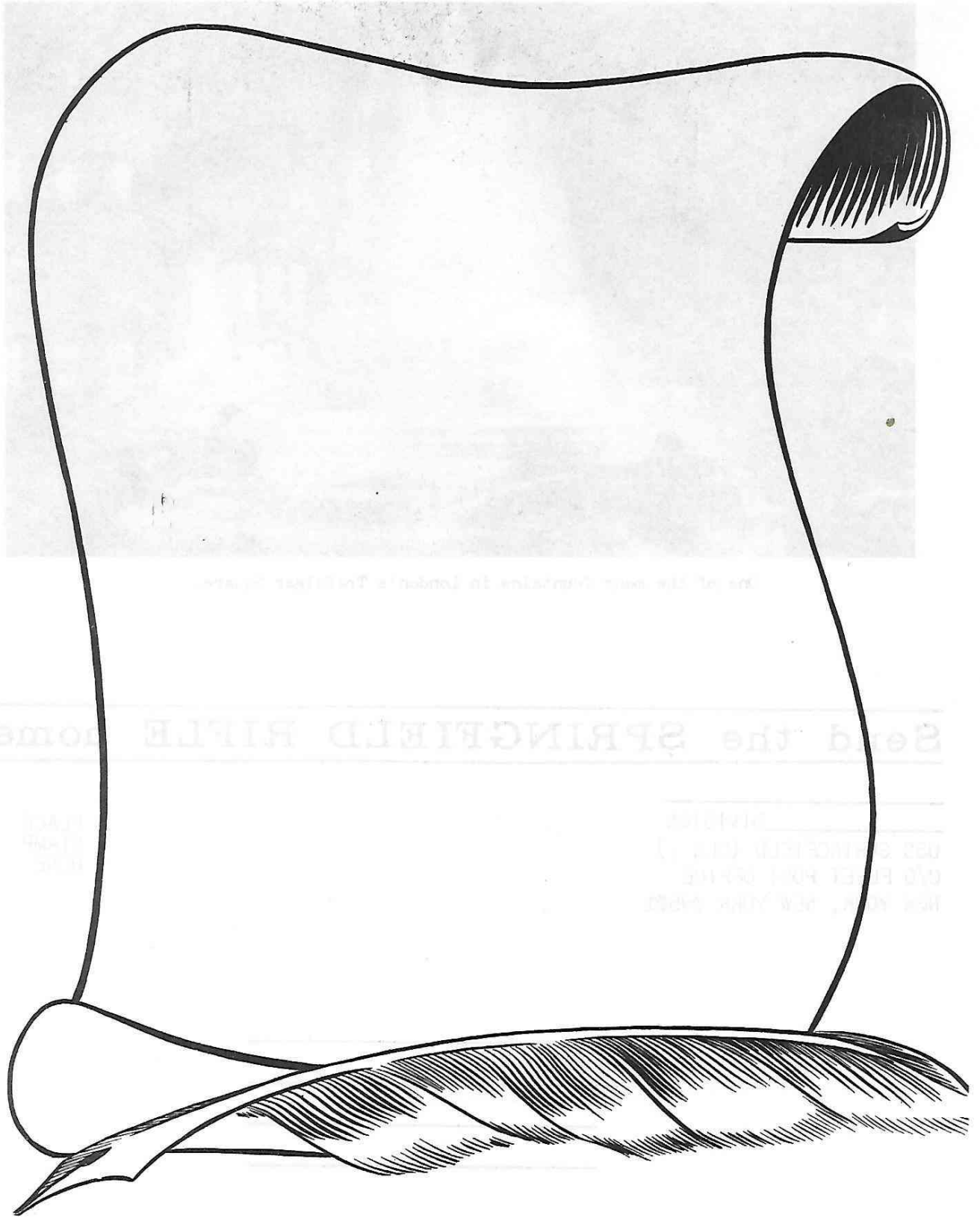
Sergeant Daniel J. Landry said he heard an explosion and dived for cover. When he looked up, all he could see was a cloud of black smoke.

Although wounded in the leg and neck, Landry ran into the blast area and found his platoon sergeant dead and several Marines knocked out by the blast.

"Doc (the corpsman) had serious head wounds and had stopped breathing," Landry said, "I cut his throat and placed a plastic tube in his windpipe and held it in place with the chain."

Landry was presented the Silver Star Medal on July 27 for his life-saving actions and disregard for the danger to his own life.







One of the many fountains in London's Trafalgar Square.

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