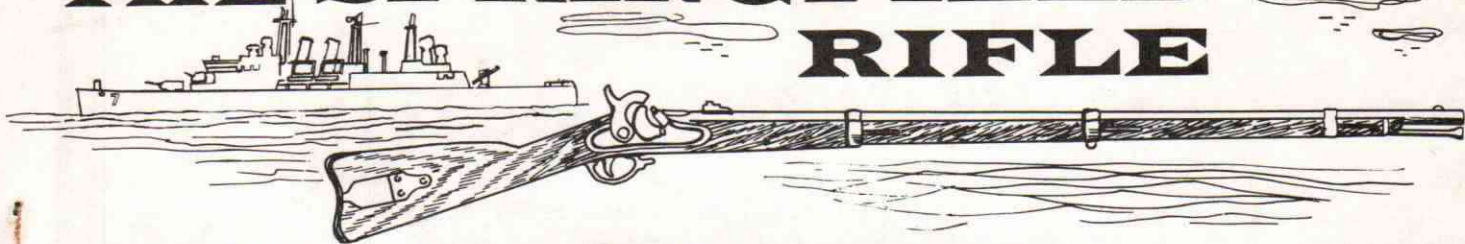


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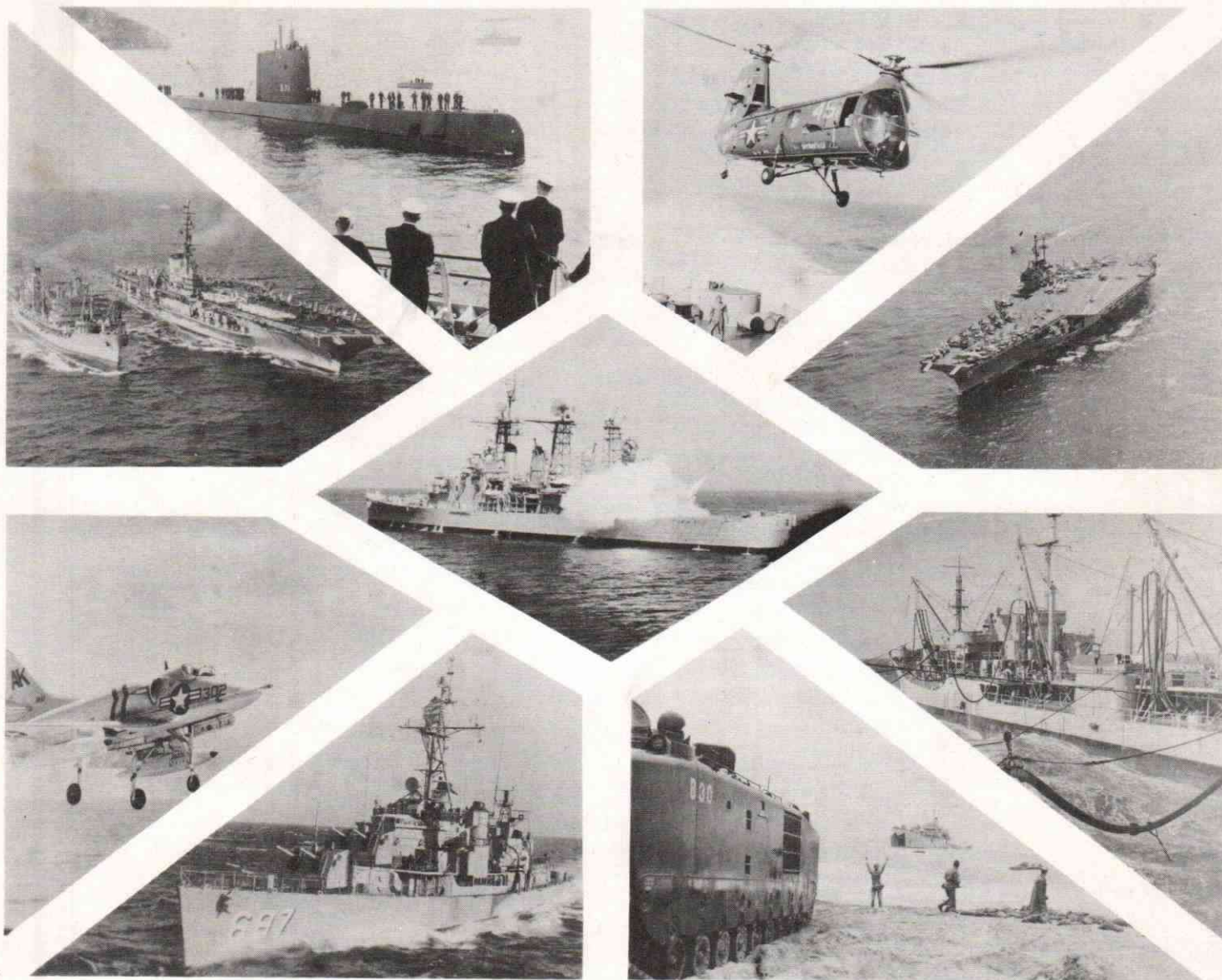


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U.S. Navy—Freedom's Guardian



The United States Navy celebrates its 185th anniversary on 27 October. One of the mightiest fleets of our Navy is shown above--the U.S. Sixth Fleet. It stands for "Power for Peace" as part of the U.S. Navy--"Freedom's Guardian". (story on pg. 3)

Editorial Page

This is the third of a series of articles concerning personnel I have come in contact with on the beaches of the various ports, especially on the O2 level in Villefranche. Like my first two articles the following does not pertain to all who lead, but only a very few whose actions give us all a poorer reputation.

For example: the man who is always explaining to his inferiors to maintain a proper appearance both uniform and conduct wise. Yet this same "leader of men" can be seen staggering, with his civilian clothes or uniform array, from one bulkhead to another in the narrow passages of the O2 level in Villefranche.

He was in perfect form when he received permission from the OOD to leave the ship, but soon after he looks as though he should have stayed in the "Bum Boat" that brought him ashore.

Walk into a cafe and there he is being taken by every "B" girl in the establishment. Can he drink? Sure, he guzzles it as if it was going out of style.

Does he act like a gentleman or refrain from using foul language? Well, if he does, where did some of the people of his hangout pick up their profane English vocabulary?

Sure teach them our language, but not the words Webster hasn't even heard.

Does he make himself comfortable? Yes, he'll unbutton his shirt to show off his manly chest, then fall asleep in a corner.

Is this man a leader because he shows his leadership during duty hours? Not in my book, because his leadership ability has been questioned the previous night on the beach. Is he respected? Again I say no for the same reason. Should he be followed? If I intended to go to hell and back I'd follow him, but I don't intend to, and he shouldn't expect me to.

In the past I have seen them strut their cunningness hiding behind their office instead of being proud of it. They have even gone so far as using their status to make trouble instead of stopping it. They have a perfect right to be cocky, but not in the manner I've mentioned. Handle men, sure it's their job, but let us see how they handle themselves first.

It is up to all of us who pay to put a stop now to the actions of these few. If we don't, we will all suffer more in the future as the Navy's leadership slowly disintegrates. (THE EDITOR)

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

QUES: I have a complects cuz peeples tell me I spel wrong. I am ascarded to rite ledders cuz I feel inadagate. What shud I do? It is affectin my so-shul life.

ANS: I appreesheate yur problem.

"Genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains."
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NAVY CELEBRATES 185th BIRTHDAY

October 27 is Navy Day, the birthday of our 185 year-old Navy. The Navy, from its humble beginning in 1776, has become the largest, seagoing force in the world.

It is interesting to observe the marked continuity of naval tradition in the six generations since its outset. Let us take John Paul Jones, often referred to as "the father of our Navy".

Jones took part in several gallant actions in the early stages of the Revolutionary War off the coast of North America.

In an effort to divert the British naval forces and relieve the pressure on General Washington's sea supplies, Jones planned raids on the coasts of England proper.

He outfitted a small squadron and put to sea to intercept a fleet of British merchantmen. By the time he reached the British all but two of his ships had deserted.

The battle, which began at sunset and lasted for four hours, was not only the most brilliant sea fight of the war, but one of the most remarkable single ship actions in history.

The superior guns of the British began taking their toll almost immediately, and it was all Jones could do to bring his ship along - side

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PERSONALITY PERSONIFIED—Old Jack Frost will no doubt do a double take when he discovers this month's calendar gal is wearing a bathing suit in November. Truth of the matter is, however, gracious Bobbie Dwyer is perched on a log at sunny Miami Beach, Fla.

How's Your Know How?

1. What is the meaning of "cave canum"?
2. Who were the first people to carve on wood and print from it?
3. What is a chaparral?
4. What is an ephemeral insect?
5. A ring stamped 18K. contains how much gold?

(Answers to Quiz)

1. Beware of the dog.
2. The Chinese.
3. It is a dense thicket of shrubs or dwarf trees.
4. One that is short-lived.
5. Eighteen 24ths or 75 per cent; the rest is an alloy.

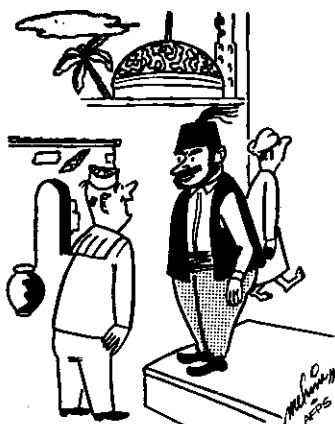
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T&E NEWS

by John Glista

Personnel who participated in the October SN/FN examinations were probably very amazed when handed the exam. These new examinations have been distributed to all commands by the Naval Examining Center in a booklet form containing 450 questions for each rate, 300 professional and 150 military. Each booklet can be divided into a series of nine different examinations, but due to the size of this command a series of three is sufficient. These examinations will be revised approximately every two years and forwarded to all commands. The questions were obtained from the newly revised Seaman and Fireman booklets; there are an ample supply in the T & E Office. It is advised that personnel who have not procured a booklet, should do so before the next scheduled examination.



"I DON'T REMEMBER YOUR NAME, BUT YOUR FEZ IS FAMILIAR."

Man-to-Man by Capt Noel



General Order 21 lists "good management practices" as one of the three major aspects of Naval leadership. How well do we follow good management practices in the SPRINGFIELD? Are there internal reports and forms which are of little value and should be eliminated? Are men standing watches that could be combined with others to save manpower yet accomplish the same purpose? Are there short cuts and improved procedures that could be used to save manhours in maintenance, cleaning, administration, personnel record keeping, supply and similar activities?

We are short of manpower at the present time, since we are under our peacetime allowance which is, in itself an austere level of manning. Knowing that the Navy is building new ships (that require more men than the old ships being replaced) and realizing that ships are being recommissioned, we can see that personnel shortages will probably get worse. The best way to meet this problem is to learn how to do our jobs with fewer people without sacrificing combat readiness or smart appearance.

We can all think of ways of saving manhours but remember the underlined phrase above. SPRINGFIELD standards are high and our goals must be not only to maintain them but to improve, where possible, our combat readiness and smart performance and appearance.

If this sounds impossible reflect a minute upon the limitless resources of the human spirit. There are no laws, such as those of the conservation of matter, which govern human activity. We are not internal combustion engines that can produce only the power inherent in the fuel that feeds the engine. Men who are well led and well motivated, who know their objectives and go about their jobs with skill and intelligence can do anything they set their minds and hearts to accomplish.

This, then, is the challenge to all of you, officers, petty officers, leading seamen and firemen--all of us, in fact. Let us cast a fresh look upon our activities--and ask ourselves the question: how can we get this done more easily and efficiently while maintaining combat readiness, appearance and top notch performance?



A.R. Ferrell, SN, of the Boat Division, checks the bottom of a utility boat.



W. Wakefield, SN, uses a little elbow grease in polishing one of the ship's trucks.



L.J. Gardner, SN, of the Boat Division, paints one of the ship's utility boats.

Rifle Spotlights the Deck Force

There is no other group of men on board ship that deserves more recognition or praise than the deck force.

Although the deck force is made up of many divisions they work well together. They have a very important job aboard and without them it would be impossible to operate successfully.

The hours these men work are not banker's hours by a long shot. When the ship highlines what division is there? Yes, you are right, the deck force. Many times we refuel at night, and the deck force once again plays a major role. As anyone knows the appearance of a ship before pulling into port is very important. The deck force once again is responsible for the upkeep of most of the spaces aboard. When a ship looks sharp in appearance, it is usually sharp in performance, and in all other respects.

The crew of the SPRINGFIELD owes the deck force a congratulation and a "Well Done" for the fine job they have done in the past, the present and the job we know they will continue to do in the future.

Next month we will spotlight more of the numerous jobs for which our deck force is responsible.



J. Ruvo, BM1, shows new comer to the ship, M.T. Yeary, SA, a few helpful knots.



J.B. Chadwick, SN, of the Boat Division, pours paint and C.E. Coey, SN, mixes.



J.M. Wilson, SN, of 3rd Division, is shown painting one of the boat davits.



G.S. Richter, FTL, holds a boy on his lap, as others attending the affair pose happily.



The Mayor of Mandra gives his welcoming speech while villagers and CDR Douglas look on.



C.W. Cromwell holds unconcerned child while others at the party smile for the cameraman.

SPRINGFIELD ADOPTS GREEK VILLAGE

Over 200 Springfield Blue Jackets and about 5,000 residents of the small village of Mandra, Greece brought the People-to-People Program into full swing, when the ambassadors in blue were invited to the village for a gala celebration on 21, September.

In a small ceremony prior to the feast, CDR B. T. Douglas, the ship's Executive Officer, placed a wreath on the War Memorial in the village center.

White hats were given to the kids in return for souvenirs from the village.

The most eminent guest to attend the festival was the retired Greek Admiral Andrew Sakalarious, born and raised in Mandra and who is a past defense minister.

The festivities were highlighted with a variety of dance music presented by the Sixth Fleet Band.

A large plaque symbolizing the Parthenon and peace was presented to the ship by the town's people. On the following day the ship donated chemistry and physics equipment for the village school in a return ceremony aboard ship.



M. D. Piemontes, SH1, smiles while being surrounded by girls from the village.



C.W. Cromwell, BM2, gives young boy a white hat for remembrance of the U.S. Navy.



CDR Douglas presents the Mayor of Mandra with a ship's plaque on board the SPRINGFIELD.

U.N. DAY

Sixteen years prior to the 24th of October, the United Nations' organization was founded.

Upon the basis of proposals submitted by China the United Nations Conference, an international organization which convened at San Francisco, Calif. on April 25, 1945, drafted the charter of the United Nations. It was signed at the conclusion of the conference on June 26 and entered into force October 24, 1945, when the above mentioned states and France, and a majority of the other 46 signatories had deposited their ratifications.

The primary objective is the maintenance of international peace and security. The organization also dedicated itself to the development of friendly relations among nations, based on the principle of equal rights and self-determinations of peoples; to the achievement of international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and to serving as a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

The United Nations has six principal organs: the general assembly, the security council, the economic and social council, the trusteeship council, the international court of justice and secretariat.

Words of Faith

by Chaplin Peter R. McPhee



"Happy is he who has thy discipline." Psalm 94:12

Perhaps the two words "happy" and "discipline" never go together in a modern man's mind, because they seem so opposed to each other. We associate "discipline" with fettered liberties and quelled self expression. In an emancipated generation like ours it is not a very popular word.

The King James version of the Psalm used the word "chesten" which conveys the idea of arbitrary punishment. The word "discipline" as used here in reality conveys the idea of the normal process of moral life the development of tempered will power through struggle and self-mastery that makes possible a harmony of development which is the only true basis for happiness.

In human experience we can readily see evidence that the undisciplined are the most unhappy. It is only by restraining the demands of impulse in the service of an orderly sensitiveness to the whole gaunt of life that we can assure happiness.

Without discipline a person develops infantile paralysis in his personality, an atrophy of what ought to be adult powers of rationality, under the chaos of childish whims. In modern American life there is a great temptation to rob childhood of its rightful heritage of discipline as an indispensable foundation for happiness.

It is even more important in adult life that we practice control over impulses--our happiness requires it.

There is much controversy over the importance of the United Nations, and if it is accomplishing its purpose.

Let us look back at Korea. Under the U. N., communist aggression was halted after a long and hectic campaign. There the U. N. forces gained

nothing geographically, but they forced the aggressor back to their side of the famed 38th parallel.

In more recent matters the U. N. is holding back rebel forces in the Congo and Laos, who are trying in vain to over-throw the government.

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USO PRESENTS SPOTLIGHT REVUE

X DIVISION



The USO show "Spotlight Revue" is scheduled to board the ship in Villefranche, France on 24 October 1961. The show will again be an afternoon one.

The show combines the talents of three husband and wife teams, along with one bachelor, to produce a show for the Mediterranean USO circuit which will run for seven weeks.

Bonnie and Van Atkins, the first husband and wife team, sing and clown in an act praised by reviewers in major cities across the United States.

Al DeLage and Margaret, the second team, conspire together to make the hand quicker than the eye. They promise (and deliver) more than a trick a minute, and they feature one effect known as "the mystery of the vanishing girl".

Jackie and Danny Kent, the third pair, make with the music, but Jackie sets the tempo. She has the changes of costume, the voice to sing and the drums to pace the show for the whole period on stage.

Lyle Weaver is the unattached member of the company. He has worked largely in hotel supper clubs. He plays the piano and accordion.

All the performers have appeared in famous clubs and shows in the past, including the Latin Quarter and many others.

All of X Division would like to congratulate the following men in the division for successfully advancing in rate. John GLISTA is to be advanced to PN2, Robert E. LESLIE to YN2, and Richard WONDERS to PCSN.

This month X Division would like to spotlight the Post Office. These men have more friends than any office or division on board ship. For everyone learns to know the mail man. Of course everyone likes to receive mail from home, and they are always asking the Postal Clerks, "When are we going to have mail call?"

Many people on board ship have the idea the Postal Clerks have a racket, well they don't. The rest of the division knows, because we understand the work and the odd hours these guys work. They must enjoy their work, because it's not as big a racket as people think.

Our thanks for the guys from the Post Office for their efficient and speedy service, when mail arrives. Keep up the good work; remember your job means a great deal to the morale of the crew.

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Recruit: "How many successful parachute jumps must a paratrooper make before he graduates?"

Sergeant: "All of them."

Sports ★ ★ ★

Roundup



(AFPS Weekly Feature)

BOB POISSOIT of Presidio of San Francisco, who lettered in baseball, basketball and football during his collegiate days at the universities of Kansas and Texas, shot a 199 out of a possible 200 in the carbine qualification test. . . . Two of the mainstays of this year's grid edition of MCRD San Diego are end **John Lee** and a hard-running fullback named **Perry Rodrigue**. Lee has five years of service ball experience behind him and a stint at Georgia Tech. Rodrigue played college ball at Southeast Louisiana. . . . The next gridiron meeting between Army and the Air Force Academy is slated for Nov. 2, 1963. The first and last time the two sister academies met, in 1959, resulted in a 13-13 tie. . . . New Mexico U. fullback **Tom Arciniega**, who was named to several all-opponent teams, is now stationed at Ft. Dix, N. Y., and lugging the pigskin for the Burros. . . . Naval Academy grid end **Greg Mather**, of whom coach **Wayne Hadin** said, "There won't be a better end in the East this fall," is the son of Hollywood movie and TV actor, **John Mather**. . . . Head grid mentor **Ed Havel** of NAS Pensacola, Fla. has the pleasant chore of determining which of his most game-tested vets he should play. To name a few, he has four players from the 1960 Quantico Marines service championship squad: **Bob Marshall**, **Mason Rose**, **Steve Meuris** and **Howard Caughron**. Also, a starter from last season's Air Force Academy team, **Jim Kerr**, plus guard **Jan Powell**, who has been on the All-Navy list for three years in the past.

WEST POINT, traditionally a bread and butter football team, pounded Boston U. for 249 yards on the ground while holding its opponent to a mere eight yards gained on the turf. . . . Former Ft. Lee, Va. hardcourt star **Bo Roberson**, who was a runnerup in the 1960 Olympic broad jump, has inked a contract with the San Diego Chargers of the American Football League. . . . It is interesting to note that Babe Ruth was 32 when he swatted 60 homers and Maris, who belted his 61st in the Yankees' final regular season contest, is just 27. . . . Art Donovan, the All-Pro lineman of the Baltimore Colts, tips the scales at a mean 265 pounds. He once weighed 309 and ate 28 hot dogs during a single sitting. . . . **Johnny Orsino**, rookie catcher for the Giants, has been drafted for Army duty. . . . All-Navy end **Luke Harrell** and 230-pound guard **Howard Ferguson**, an All-Sea Service player while playing for the Norfolk Tars, now playing for NTC Newport, R. I.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK—Boston hurler **Tracy Stallard** will long be remembered for pitching the ball that **Roger Maris** clobbered for his 61st homer of the season. When asked how he felt, Stallard said, "He hit a heluva pitch for that home run. You've got to give him all the credit in the world."



(AFPS Weekly Feature)

1. Can you name the major league hurler who holds the all-time record for pitching the most innings without issuing a base on balls?
2. Only one major leaguer ever hit 312 triples during his playing career. Name him.
3. When was the first million dollar fight gate fought?
4. What does the sports term "boxing-up" mean?
5. If a baseball game is forfeited, what is the score?

(Answers to Quiz)

1. Christy Mathewson, formerly with the N. Y. Giants, with 68 consecutive innings without allowing a pass.
2. Wahoo Sam Crawford of the Detroit Tigers.
3. In 1921, when Jack Dempsey knocked out Georges Carpentier.
4. In basketball, a foul in which a player in possession of the ball is guarded between two opponents and is unable to make a successful pass or make a goal.
5. The team that forfeits the game loses 9-0.

On 1 October the **SPRINGFIELD** began their interdivisional softball tournament while the ship was in Rhodes, Greece.

From the looks of some of the scores of the games played, they were not exactly pitching duels. It seems most of the games were slug-fests.

In the first round of play, F-1 Division defeated 1st Division by a score of 12-11. In other games played GM Division slaughtered OE Division by a score of 28-3. OI Division proved to be too much power for 5th Division by defeating them 16-5. Fox Division out-slugged S-1 & S-4 Divisions 25-15. A Division defeated S-3 Division by a score of 20-11.

Errors plagued M Division, as X Division beat them by a score of 38-27. H&D whipped R Division 18-16.

Games forfeited were: CT & OS Divisions over 3rd Division; OL to 4th Division; S-2 Division to the Marine Detachment; and N Division over E Division.

Teams that were idle included 2nd Division and OR Division, and S-5 Division and B Division.

In the second round of play, the Marine Detachment defeated Fox Division by a score of 16-8 to reach the semi-finals.

Tournament play will resume in Villefranche.



AFPS-WVV

SEA MAIDEN—Lovely Mikki Jamison, an 18-year-old beauty from Spokane, Wash., radiates happiness as she poses on a Warner Bros.' lot in Hollywood. She's just signed a seven-year contract with the studio.

NAVY DAY

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the British frigate. Soon a one-sided battle began.

As the English captain had thought Jones was losing, he hailed out asking him to surrender. Captain Pearson then heard Jones reply over the roar of battle, as the Americans boarded his ship. The challenging answer was, "I have not yet begun to fight!" Jones then captured and took command of the defeated British ship, *Serapis*.

Such is the tradition and courage of the United States Navy of today. From the beginning of the Second World War the Pacific Fleet was almost demolished, but the United States Navy was not about to give up. They started just about from scratch to come back and sink the Imperial Japanese Navy.

Remember you are a Navy man, part of the largest seagoing force in the world. When you were sworn in and donned your uniform for the first time, you became part of a great tradition. All the brave men who have

served before you, and those who will follow you will make up an unbreakable chain of courage and devotion to duty that should make you proud to wear the Navy blue.

The United States Navy is responsible for maintaining control of the seas, and is a ready force on watch at home and abroad, capable of strong action to preserve the peace or of instant offensive action to win in war.

It is upon the maintenance of this control that our country's glorious future depends; the United States Navy exists to make it so.

UNITED NATIONS

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It has been through this organization and its members, like that of the late Dag Hammarskjold who was known as the greatest of freedom fighters, that the world of today has not been destroyed by the forces of war.

So perhaps the United Nations' organization has accomplished nothing for the world except to maintain it from destruction.

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