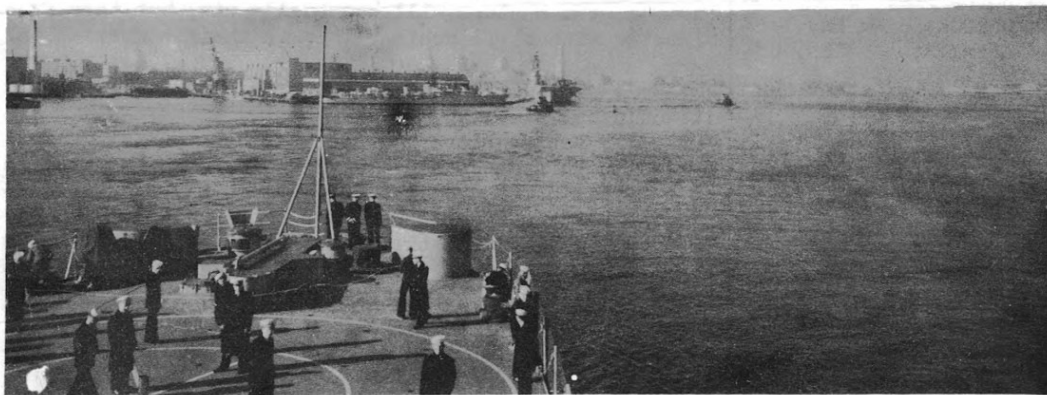


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SHIP LEAVES U.S. FOR MED



Officers and crew bade farewell to the ship's homeport of Boston. It was the last time SPRINGFIELD would see the States for two years. It's new homeport will be Villefranche, France. (More photos on page 5)



The ship's bow was engulfed by high seas during its crossing of the stormy Atlantic. Many of the uninitiated became "ol salts" during the rough passage. The SPRINGFIELD was underway for the Mediterranean to assume the important job of flagship for Commander SIXTH Fleet.

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Rhymes of the Times

WORDS of WISDOM

by Chaplain MacNeill
WINTER CRUISE EVENT



The Place: Within sickbay of SPRINGFIELD

The Scene: Two persistent germs, TOXIC I and TOXIC II have managed to crash through the almost impregnable shield of the "SANITATION BARRIER" of SPRINGFIELD'S SICKBAY. They are "at large" within the cranium of one SPRINGFIELD patient. They know SPRINGFIELD's germ hunters will eventually win, but they face disaster without flinching. This is their conversation:

TOXIC I: This fellow's head isn't as empty as I thought it would be!

TOXIC II: Lets explore and see what he uses his head for?

TOXIC I: This space says "Daydreaming", and here's the note he has written; let's see what it says. "Why doesn't the petty officer I work for stop pulling my chain?"

TOXIC II: Well, I got the dope on this fellow. He needs constant supervision. He can never do anything without being told. Let's get out of this space!

TOXIC I: Here's a room saying, "reading and study"-ah, a scholar; humans call these people "eggheads". Will you dig those stacks of comic books?

TOXIC II: Do you know I don't think this fellow has ever heard about the new crew's lounge and the two thousand volume library they have on this ship. Let's get out of this space! Shall we continue the zone inspection?

TOXIC I: This space says, "top secret". No wonder he put that sign on there. This space isn't fit to be looked into.

TOXIC II: Shall we infect him now or shall we move on?

TOXIC I: Let's keep looking. Well, this is better. Here is a receipt. One dollar to United Givers Fund, Boston, Mass., one dollar to the Navy Relief, one dollar to Red Cross. Here's something about helping a shipmate. Say, I don't believe he is really a candidate for the young reformatory set. Let's not infect him, but give him another chance.

TOXIC II: Yes, with these wonder drugs, it's becoming a drain on me to infect humans, and do you know Christmas is only about a week away.

TOXIC I: That's right, 25 December is nearly here. Perhaps those magic moments of Christmas may be held motionless in those spaces and there may be more hope than ever dreamed or thought of, TOXIC II. What do you say?

TOXIC II: Outstanding!

Two American ladies in Paris were chatting. One said: "I've been here more than a week now, and I haven't gone to the Louvre."

The other replied: "I haven't either. It must be the water."

Sign on a Philadelphia church: "Come in and have your faith lifted."

That you can't fool all of the people all of the time, but if you leave them alone a great many of them will fool themselves.



The men of the editorial staff of this paper wish to extend a very prosperous, hardy and joyous holiday season greeting to the officers and men of the U.S.S. SPRINGFIELD.

For many personnel on board, it will be their first Christmas away from home. But if all hands remembered the reason we are here, we would realize the people of all freedom loving nations are depending on us to make this and future holiday seasons joyous and "peaceful" for all.

Remember it is better to give than receive, and what a better gift is there than freedom.

In this instance, you are giving a small amount compared to what you will have in sea-sons to follow.

CNO SENDS GREETINGS

Christmas is a joyous season—the cherished and sacred celebration of the Christ-child's birth. The warmth and fellowship which unite all men of good will on this happy occasion should also serve to reinforce the spirit of peace in freedom which His birth heralded.

The men and women of the Naval Service share this proud heritage of freedom. Their out-standing efforts through-out the world amply demonstrate our nation's firm conviction to preserve and safeguard the privilege of liberty and justice which our ancestors won for

ed happiness and safety.

Wherever you are this Christmas season, the Navy and your countrymen are proud of you. May I extend my best wishes to each of you and to your wonderful families for a Merry Christmas and a most Happy, successful New Year.

(Admiral Arleigh Burke)



SANTA'S HELPER—Bedecked in traditional Santa Claus garb, shapely Penny Edwards would be a welcome present under any Christmas tree.



NEWS FROM 'X' DIVISION

Offices in Admin. Department show quite an improvement in their appearance since two months ago. The Captain's and Personnel Office had a face lifting and have really improved their working conditions as well as appearance, as a result.

The print shop, under the supervision of "Ike" Eitner, (as his shipmates fondly refer to him) has added quite a few pieces of new equipment in the last few weeks. As soon as everything gets organized, we will be able to boast we have the best print shop in the 6th Fleet---bar none..

The photo lab will claim the sharpest looking space aboard ship when they complete their remodeling job.

The photo lab and print shop personnel will go TAD to the Flag on the 15th. To all of you from the personnel of "X" Division, its been great having with us as part of the division. Lots of luck in your new assignment.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

Did you know, in the month of November 1960, our personnel office transferred 166 men; received and processed the records of 135 new men reporting on board for duty, and processed over 600 sets of leave papers. All this work

and other routine work required 1215 entries to be made in the personnel diary. This fact gave this month's diary the distinction of being the largest ever typed on the SPRINGFIELD since going back in commission.

On the 9th and 10th of Dec., the personnel office staff entered over 600 enlisted evaluation marks in service records.

If anyone is interested in the amount of work involved in accomplishing these jobs, ask anyone of the PNs. You will probably receive a yawn rather than an answer.

I think this is explanation enough, don't you?

The personnel office staff deserves a "hearty well done" for an outstanding job during the months of Nov. and Dec., 1960.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW PO's

We in the executive staff, who for one reason or another, did not take the examination for advancement in rating this last time, would like to take



ADM. ANDERSON arrived on the 13th to inspect his new flagship

this opportunity to say "congratulations" to all our new petty officers in Admin. Department.

CREWS LOUNGE

I know you have seen our new crew's lounge where Chaplain McNiell and Richardson, SN, have spent long hard hours getting it set up for the enjoyment of the crew.

If you have, then you will agree it is one of the finest crew's lounges you have ever seen.

PIO OFFICE FINDS A HOME

We are glad to see the PIO office finally found themselves a new home. After three, or four moves, they were beginning to feel like nomads. It is beginning to look like they are settled once and for all.



WHAT A PACKAGE?—It is doubtful if St. Nick will leave many packages as inviting as TV starlet Linda Lombard on Christmas morning, but at least it's a nice thought.

I love the Christmas tide, and yet,
I notice this, each year I live,
I always like the gifts I get.
But how I love the gifts I give!

—Carolyn Wells

I think that I shall never see
A billboard lovely as a tree
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall
I'll never see a tree at all.

Song of the Open Road

Why Waste Money On Christmas Junk

ONLY so many shopping days left until Christmas—you'll be seeing a lot of that admonition as the holiday countdown begins. It's a useful reminder, particularly if it reduces the stampede of "last minute" buying when so many people rush out to pay good money for so many things so many other people can't use and don't want.

Unfortunately, service people—especially those overseas—often fall easy victim to merchants with glittering but shoddy stocks—grotesque curios, gaudily-painted kimonos, spurious folk art. They think the folks at home will find them glamorous, forgetting that even the smaller department stores nowadays feature a variety of gifts from abroad.

Granted that if a man shoots his bankroll on such stuff in a heady spirit of Christmas giving, his good intentions will be appreciated. But how much better all around to shop with care, choosing useful gifts of good quality that are reasonably priced—gifts that will remind those receiving them of the giver's thoughtfulness the year round instead of ending up in the attic after Jan. 1.

It's well to remember also that friends and relatives at home may deplore a serviceman's Christmas extravagance even though they'll never let him know it. Each year, in thousands of homes, mothers and sisters and sweethearts shake their heads ruefully on Dec. 25, saying, "Oh, it was sweet of Johnny and I know he meant well, but he should not have spent the money—"

If you're really stumped in the matter of Christmas shopping ("Ma already has that, Dad got one last year—") there's always one gift that's guaranteed to please — a Savings Bond. It's the ultimate in thoughtfulness; it doesn't get broken in transit, and it doesn't depreciate with time—in fact it gets better and better. Also, it marks the giver as a man of common sense. (AFPS)



LONG STEMMED BEAUTY — Daintily perched on a hat check stand, curvaceous Gayla Graves strikes a tantalizing pose. Not only beautiful, Miss Graves is also a talented dance instructor for Warner Bros.

Fourth Division

Fourth Division has had some changes take place in the supervisory echelon, recently.

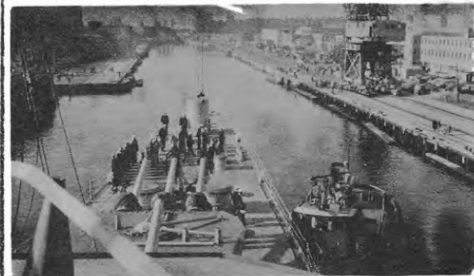
The first change occurred when E. W. Cudworth, BML, replaced L.L. Balkcom as the division P.O.

Balkcom had the division since the ship came from Quincy to Boston. He took over the mess cook Master-at-Arms job.

Cudworth was the P.O. in charge of side-cleaners for about month before taking over the 4th Division.

Another change took place when ENS S.R. Shores-tein became OS Div. Officer, and ENS Ross assumed the responsibilities of the 4th Division.

SHIP DEPARTS BOSTON



Tug shoves bow out of drydock



Friends, loved ones bid goodbye



Ship leaves wake and Boston behind

RECENT ARRIVALS...

Welcome Aboard

A Division: William C. Sweat, FA; Lewis G. Somershoe, MR3; Garry A. Stone, EN3; Vincent Galati, MRFN; Richard L. Boyer, MM3..
H-D Division: Y.G. Jacobson, LCDR-M
D.Q. Berquist, HM2; E.B. Hoffman, HM2
X Division: R. E. Hilliard, YN1

TRAINING & EDUCATION Reports

FOREIGN LANGUAGE Program

Springfield sailors are being afforded the opportunity to multiply many times the enjoyment and profit they will receive from our current tour of duty in the Med. Yet many of them seem either unaware of or uninterested in this opportunity. Of course, the profit cannot be measured solely in terms of dollars and cents, although there are monetary benefits to be realized by those who take advantage of this opportunity; by far the greater part of the profit in this case, however, must be measured in terms of a much more valid currency than dollars and cents: in terms of increased enjoyment, new friendships, broader personal experience and deeper understanding. These are the profits which stand to be realized by every SPRINGFIELD sailor.

Every SPRINGFIELD sailor, that is, who will take the trouble to spend a few minutes each evening, between dinner and the movies, to learn some French phrases. These phrases will be of great help in getting around the country which is going to be our host for the next two years. Learning them has been made very easy by means of small phrase books and spoken language tapes which follow the books. All you have to do is mimic the sounds of the speaker on the tapes; after a few times you will have mastered the phrases and be able to express yourself in French just as you would in English.

Why bother? Two years is a long time. It is a long time. It isn't as though we were going to be there for only a few months. Imagine operating in and out of Boston for two years without being able to speak the language of the local inhabitants.

"Why should I bother to learn French? Everybody over there speaks English." This simply isn't true. True, many of the people do speak English, but they can be put into two classes:

- (1) Those of the better educated and widely traveled classes;
- (2) Those who can make money by being able to speak English.

It is this latter class whom are out to take a sailor for everything they can get, whether their product is "love", companionship, liquor, souvenirs, other wares, or taxi rides. They are the prostitutes, the "B-girls", bartenders, dishonest merchants, cab drivers. No wonder so many sailors leave foreign port with a bad taste in their mouth, and the impression that all the foreigners want is to take us for all they can get. They fail to realize the bad taste is all their own fault, because they haven't taken the trouble to learn the foreigners' language, and therefore, the only people they can meet are those who can speak English, people who are out to take their money. They also fail to remember there are equal numbers of this kind of scum in Boston or any other U. S. port. Anyone basing an opinion of the U.S. on these waterfront gyp-artists would get a pretty warped picture, just as an American sailor, basing his opinion of a foreign country on the people he meets who can speak English, doesn't get a true picture, nor enjoy himself half as much, as if he took the trouble to learn the foreigners' language. He doesn't have to speak it like a native: a few easily learned phrases will suffice as a starter. The rest is easy. You'll be amazed how appreciative our hosts will be of any attempt to speak their language and how willing they're to befriend and help us, once the initial language barrier is broken down.

Then there's the argument the language of love is international, and therefore, one doesn't need to learn foreign languages. While it would be foolish to deny that the language of love can be understood by everyone, it would be equally foolish to deny that a bit of intelligent communication beyond grunts and groans could be a help to making love—for example: *je t'aime*, "I love you".

French phrase books have been distributed to divisions and should be available to every man aboard. There are two kinds of books: "language guides" and "phrase books". The tapes which will be played every evening are meant to be used with the "language guides". The "phrase books" are more complete but do not follow the tapes exactly. Other language programs will be set up as we visit other countries, and a USAFI group study course in Spoken French may be offered if there is sufficient interest.

Xmas Bonus Given by EM Benefit Assn.

Washington (AFPS) — The Armed Forces Enlisted Personnel Benefit Assn. (AFEPBA), at its third annual meeting, declared a \$45-per-member Christmas dividend. It also announced its membership climbed 40 per cent during the last fiscal year.

A non-profit organization offering group life insurance, the AFEPBA was reviewed by the Department of Defense and has approval to enroll members throughout the Armed Forces.

Each member is covered by a \$10,000 life insurance policy for death from any cause anywhere in the world. The policies, according to the association, are underwritten by one of the largest life insurance companies in the United States.

All enlisted personnel on active duty for a period longer than six months are eligible to join the association. Applications for membership and other information can be obtained by writing AFEPBA, Warner Bldg., Washington 4, D.C.

MARINE DETACHMENT

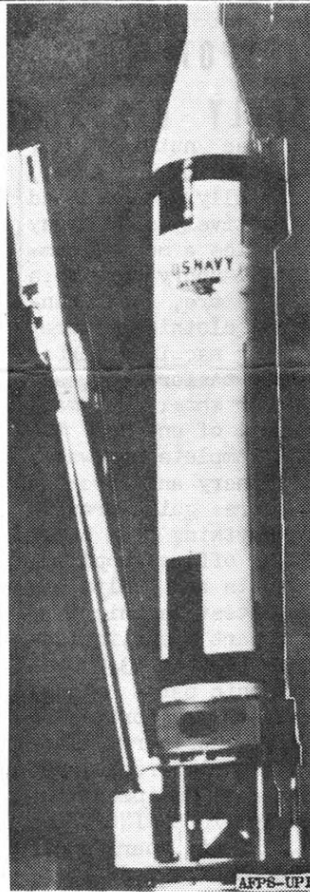
The Marine detachment attached to the USS SPRINGFIELD CLG-7 was actuated February 24th 1960. It was comprised of Marines from the USS WASP CVS-18, USS BOSTON CAG-1, and recent graduates from sea school Portsmouth, Va.

From February 1960 to June of 1960, the detachment was billeted at the Frazier barracks, Boston Naval Shipyard. During that period, the men were indoctrinated in the ways and beliefs of a sharp Marine fighting outfit. They stood honors and ceremonies several times and spent a month at Fort Devens, Mass. requalifying with the rifle and were instructed in infantry combat training.

In June 1960, the detachment reported aboard ship and at once became active in readying it for commissioning on July 2nd, 1960. Since then, they have done their utmost to make this ship a sharp fighting force. At the same time, they have taken all necessary measures to assure they will be ready for the assignment as the Marine detachment to the Sixth Fleet Flagship.

Congratulations to the following named men on their promotion to Lance Corporal:

R.Y. Carpenter, B. Cunningham, J.J. Del Pizzo, R.C. Hite, K.W. King, R.K. Potter, I.E. Smith Jr., F. R. Spears, D.L. Stonbraker, H.J. Weiss, D.L. Yingling.



BIGGEST POLARIS YET — The first of the Navy's new longer range Polaris missiles stands on a launching pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla., moments before firing. The missile was sent on a 1,600 mile flight down the Atlantic range for the longest trip in 50 Polaris shots. The new missile is 2½ feet longer and more powerful than models now aboard nuclear submarines.

Rhymes of the Times



OE DIVISION

Two men in OE Division recently added new members to their households. Robert Martini, ET2, and his wife Barbera, named the child Catherine Ann. Both mother and baby are doing fine. This is their second child, the first being a boy, Robert Jr., who is two and a half years old. The Martini family reside in South Salem, New York. Billy Davis, ETR3, also, became a father on the fifth of December. His wife, Ruby, had a 7 pound baby boy at the Chelsea Navy Hospital. Mrs. Davis and the child are both doing nicely. They have not chosen a name yet, because of the ship departing from Boston on the 4th. This is the 3rd child for the Davis' who reside in Quincy, Mass.

How's Your Know How?

1. What is hypersonic speed?
2. How much water is used daily in the United States? How much is available?
3. Who was the only child of a President to be born in the White House?
4. What was the only Indian tribe which could boast a syllabic writing system?
5. How did F.B.I. agents get the nickname of "G-Men"?

(Answers to Quiz)

1. Five times or more the speed of sound.
2. Of about 515 billion gallons available daily, we use some 312 billion.
3. Esther Cleveland.
4. The Cherokee.
5. From the outcry of the hoodlum "Machine Gun" Kelly: "Don't shoot G-Man!"

Rifle SPOTLIGHTS

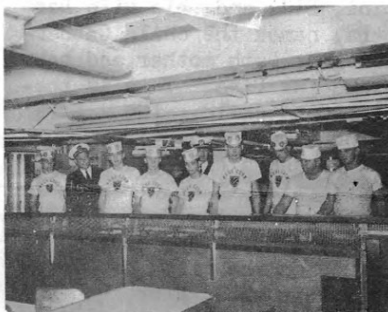
SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

Three nutritionally balanced meals a day, tastefully prepared and attractively served; pay day twice a month; complete laundry service; a ships store, soda fountain, clothing store, vending machines, barber shops, tailor shop, and cobbler shop; plus management of one of the most complete hardware, stationery and specialty stores going-providing anything from paint, tools, office supplies, and nuts and bolts to the latest technical repair part items, including more than 13,000 electronic parts alone, ready to support the hull, machinery, electrical, electronic, and ordnance equipment installed in SPRINGFIELD.

This is your Supply Department: Gedunk, electronic tubes, half-soles, fried chicken, perfume, lira, francs, or pesetas--you name it --we have it-- or we'll get it!

In accomplishing the above, and the many other tasks assigned to the SPRINGFIELD Supply Department, under LCDR L. W. REESE (SC) USN, fulfills its mission, of providing these services to the ship and the men who serve in her.

The departments aim is to maintain SPRINGFIELD at the highest peak of operating, and fighting efficiency.



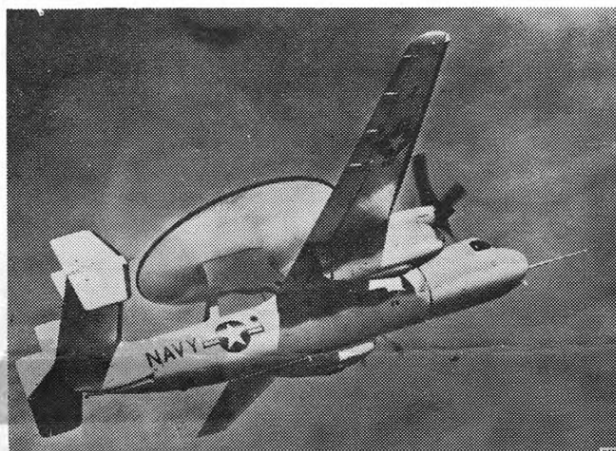
2ND DIVISION

The 2nd Division has recently acquired a few new men. For some of them, this is their first chance to serve aboard a ship.

These men will be working in a division that plays an important part in the upkeep of the SPRINGFIELD. On the outside, they cover the ship from Fr. 38 to 70, and anyone who has ever worked on the deck of a Flagship knows this is no small job.

H & D DIVISION

In round one of a two round bout H-D Division administered 3,395 shots, which included small pox vaccination, typhoid, typhus, and tetanus. Round 2 included polio, influenza, yellow-fever, and cholera, will be larger. Don't be too shocked when a dental tech. sees you soon...



NEW EARLY-WARNING CRAFT—The Navy's newest early warning and intercept control plane, the W2F-1 Hawkeye, sports a revolving rotodome atop its fuselage. The dome houses antennae for the craft's radar and can be raised or lowered. Carrying a crew of five, the turboprop Hawkeye will be used in teams to give early warning protection to seagoing task forces.

QUIZ

(AFPS Weekly Feature)

1. How many National League batting titles has Cub outfielder Richie Ashburn won?
2. Can you name the Boston Celtic cager who was the only NBA player to make more than 90 per cent of his foul shots last season?
3. What nickname is Pittsburgh Pirate infielder Don Hoak known by?
4. In what year did Don Larson no-hit the Dodgers?
5. Only two National League hitters ever hit 40 or more home runs for five consecutive seasons. Ralph Kiner did it with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Who is the other player?

(Answers to Quiz)

1. He won two crowns, one in 1955; the other in '58.
2. Bill Sharmann.
3. Hoak is nicknamed "Tiger."
4. In 1956.
5. Duke Snider of the Dodgers.

The first grade class had been studying a picture of a fire engine complete with firemen and a dog. The children fell to discussing the dog's duties. One said: "They use him to keep the crowds back." Another thought: "He's just for good luck." The discussion ended when little Johnny piped: "They use the dog to find the fire plug!"

Rifle EDITORIAL

This newspaper represents the first try on the part of your Public Information Staff to bring you a full scale SPRINGFIELD newspaper of your own. The "Springfield Rifle" will be a monthly paper and will be published as such.

For the benefit of those division who for any reason did not enjoy coverage in this issue, division news is submitted by direct reporters. Some divisions didn't submit news, as they probably have no reporter. If such is the case in your division, inform your division officer and he will either ask for volunteers or appoint someone.

Any item of interest, which any of the officers feel should appear in the paper, may be submitted to LTJG McVay.

One thing we can't overemphasize is "THIS IS YOUR PAPER" and as such, should be what you want. Work through your divisional reporters in submitting your material, and if it is appropriate, and space allows, we will print it.

OI DIVISION

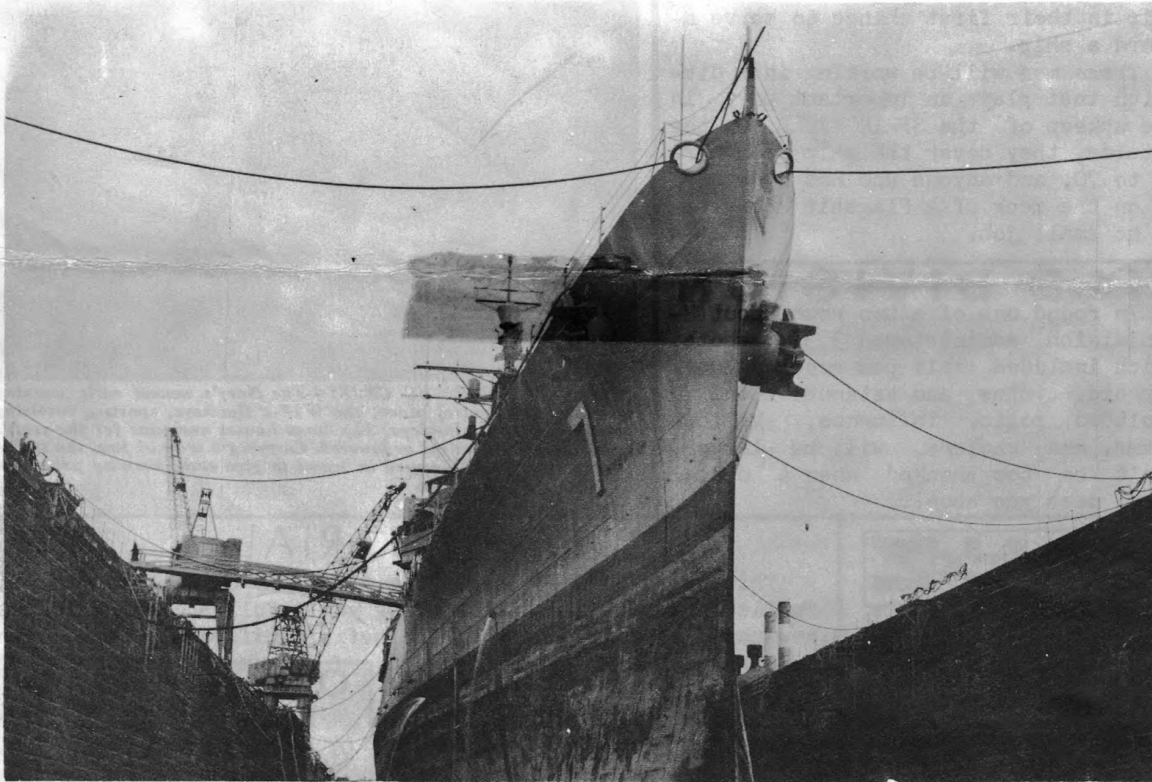
Season's Greetings—from OI Division to one and all.

As we approach Christmas, we find the Christmas committee in OI Division starting to come up with ideas on decoration. In fact, a few of them have already started to do a little decorating.

The committee is headed by Robert L. Peck, RD1 and is comprised of: William R. Reed, RD2, David Swanski, RD3, Grady T. Rainey, RD3, Robert G. Patric SN, and Jimmy Mayes, RDSA.

Everyone has big expectations of this group and consequently are looking forward to a joyous Christmas.

SHIP DRYDOCKED BEFORE LEAVING



One of the mightiest cruisers on the high seas never had it so calm, as she sits in dry-dock at the Boston Naval Shipyard. SPRINGFIELD entered the South Boston Annex dry-dock No.3 around 1200 on 3 Dec. 1960. The necessary repairs were completed on her propeller, and the big 7 was soon underway to join the Sixth Fleet in the Med. This entire operation was completed in less than 24 hours...And they said it couldn't be done.

SEND THE RIFLE HOME