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Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

Thoughts From The Editor's Notebook

Christmas inport period Villefranche, finally here. Ever since that Christmas 1961--I was just a "boot" then--my new acquaintances were looking toward this Christmas. As seen from that distant time, the SPRINGFIELD, by December 1962, would look very "short," and even we, the boots, could identify with the SPRINGFIELD and feel "short" at the same time.

Last Christmas was pleasant enough, considering the setting was France and not home, that there was no hint of snow (in spite of an error in the Daily Press during the month of November), Santa Claus, etc. Père Noël (France's "Father Christmas") put in an appearance now and then, but St. Nick makes him look a bit undernourished and all too human. But SPRINGFIELD sailors like Villefranche (especially considering that the alternative involves long hours at sea) so few were complaining.

Now we have come full circle. Some of us will be going home, as they did last year, for leave; others have decided they're too "short" and can wait until our arrival in New York.

Arrival in New York! The road seems downhill from now on: a Western swing, probably an Eastern swing; spring will then be here, and the heights of Manhattan just over the horizon.

But enough reverie. After all, this is Christmas time. The other will be here in its time. Once more we can look forward (but not too long) to turkey, ham, etc. in abundance, to revolving "48's", and a few division parties.

"For brownbaggers", it will mean another memorable time with families. For the rest of us, it will be an excuse to buy that bottle of champagne, to get just a little too mellow. And, if one should take these words too seriously and find himself up before the Captain, he can always say, as Bob Cratchet explained to Mr. Scrooge, that Christmas comes but once a year. Then see what happens...

With the memories of Christmas past and joy of a Christmas present there is always the expectation of Christmas future, which will see many of us still together, while many others have come and gone.

But this is of no great concern, for the true Christmas is in the joy that it brings to each individual.

So, from the Rifle Staff, may we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and may each following one bring you even more happiness than the one before.

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U.S. Armed Forces Change Aircraft Desig.

To end the present confusion among the three services, the Navy, Army and Air Force, have finally agreed to a common system of aircraft designations. Since there has always been a certain amount of friction among them, each had to give up a little. As a result all U.S. military aircraft have been redesignated. When the initial shock wears off and all personnel concerned have learned these new designations, it will make for a more efficient and simple means of identifying aircraft. As it was before, all branches often flew the same model aircraft, but each had a different method of identifying these.

This new system will not affect the Navy names for aircraft, such as the Skyhawk, Vigilante, Demon, and others.

An example of this new redesignation system may be seen in our own helicopter, a former HUP-2, which under the new method is now a UH-25B. In this case the "U" stands for utility, the "H" for helicopter, the "25" for the model number and the "B" for the modification to number 25 helicopter.

Listed below are just a few of the 232 changes made in designations of aircraft that two or more services had in common.

Old Desig.		New Desig.
F8U-2	Crusader	F-8D
F3H-2N	Demon	F-3C
P2V-7	Neptune	P-2H
A3J-1	Vigilante	A-5A
A3D	Skywarrior	A-3A
FJ-4	Fury	F-1E
GV-1	Hercules	KC 130F

BUSY CHRISTMAS FOR SPRINGFIELD

The pre-Christmas week will be one of the busiest on the SPRINGFIELD yearly social calendar. From the 19th through the 25th, no less than eight separate events are scheduled for ship's personnel and their dependents.

First on the list is the annual dependents' children's Christmas party to be held at the USO in Nice on Wednesday, the 19th. There will be two separate parties: one at 1000 for all pre-school children and the other at 1400 for the rest. Arrangements have been made with the British-American school to permit all children to attend the party. Both parties will feature cartoons, refreshments, a visit by Santa Claus, and a gift for every child. The afternoon party will also have a professional entertainer, probably a magician. Because of the parking problem in the USO area, all persons are encouraged to take the bus which stops just a block away.

On the 21st the traveling USO show will be on board for their special hour-long presentation entitled "Eight on the Go" for shipboard personnel only. The group is composed of four men and four women, all professional entertainers. They left Chicago where most of them had been working in either stage shows or night clubs on 12 November for a twelve-week tour for all the Armed Forces personnel stationed in the Mediterranean area.

The program itself puts an emphasis on show tunes including selections from "Damn Yankees", "Pal Joey", "Boy Friend" and "Pajama Game" but also features pop songs and take-offs on current fads in the States among the more than twenty singing and dancing numbers. The feminine MC, Miss M. C. Boyer, is the only one of the troupe with any USO experience, but even 20 year-

old Miss Mary Ann Rose has eight years experience in acting and singing.

THREE DAYS IN NICE AREA

The tour is entirely paid for from voluntary contributions to the USO mainly through the Community Chest. "Eight on the Go" will be in the Nice area for three days from the 20th until the 23rd, and SPRINGFIELD wives and sweethearts will be able to see the show at the USO on Friday evening. The schedule is not fully firm yet, but Friday evening will probably be set aside for those who can not see it Saturday.

This year's annual party for orphans in the Nice area will be held on board ship on Saturday afternoon. About thirty children will be treated to lunch, cartoons, a tour of the ship, Christmas presents, and if sufficient funds are left from the Carla Melchert drive, they will be given a pair of new shoes.

USO GIRLS SING CAROLS

On Sunday evening about 1600, forty girls from the USO will circle the ship in a utility boat singing Christmas carols for those aboard. Then they will dine in the general mess and help put the finishing touches on the mess decks Christmas tree. They will leave the ship about 1830 to return to the USO.

A TELEPHONE CALL HOME

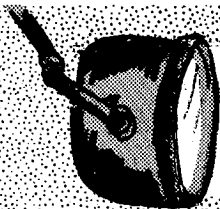
At the USO at 1900 there will be a special drawing. Every year the members of the Communications Workers of America Union donate almost \$20,000 so that servicemen overseas may call their families free during the Christmas season. This is the sixth annual drawing and is open to single men only. Immediately following the drawing which will be just for those persons there at the USO that night, the three to five-minute calls will be placed. They will reach the families about 1300 Eastern Standard time on Sunday. This was considered the best time to place the calls because an evening call in the States would have required the USO to be open until well after midnight. Anyone desiring to make a call should be in uniform or have a jumper with him so that appropriate photographs may be taken.



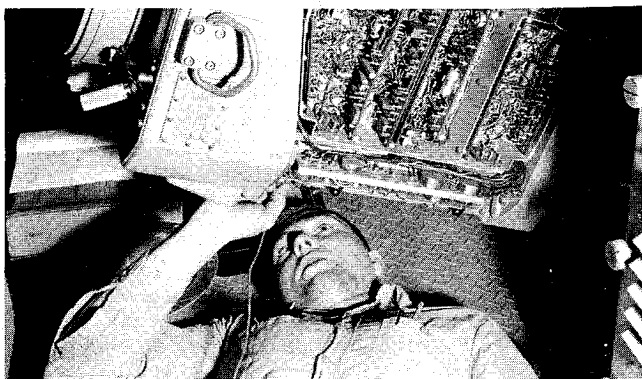
CAROLERS WANTED

The Chaplain is getting together a group of those interested in doing some caroling on Christmas Eve. The project is very informal, and dependents and friends are encouraged to join him. Persons interested contact Chaplain McPhee in stateroom 223 or leave their name in the crew's lounge.

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SPRINGFIELD'S DIVISION



SIMMONS, ETR3, PERFORMS AN INTRICATE OPERATION ON AN AN/SPA-33 RADAR SET.

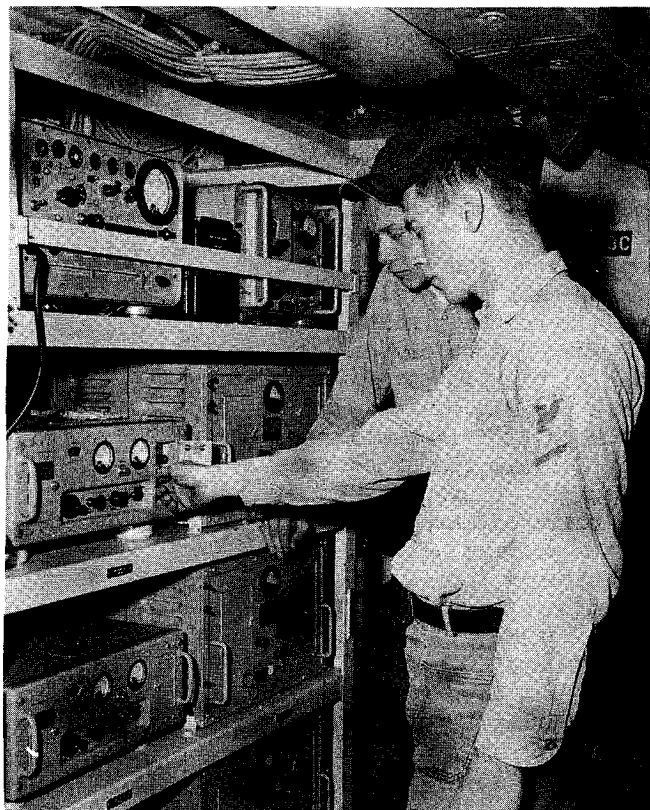
The 32 highly trained electronics technicians of OE Division have repaired everything from a pen-sized flashlight to the Mark 42 radar. They are possibly the most highly trained men aboard the ship, and are often returning to school for familiarization courses in the latest equipment. Though all the third and second class are either ETR's (radar repairmen) or ETN's (radio and communications repairmen), they often find themselves working on both radar and communications equipment and must know not only their job but quite a few others. In addition they must also know how to operate the radar sets as they are



HAGENMAIER, ETR3, TESTS A SIGNAL GENERATOR IN RADAR 5.



WHITE, SN, (l) AND BELL, SN, DISCUSS THE FINE POINTS OF RADAR.



ROSENQUIST, ETN3, (r) POINTS OUT THE DIFFICULT FEATURES OF THE UHG RECEIVER TO ANDRIS, SN.

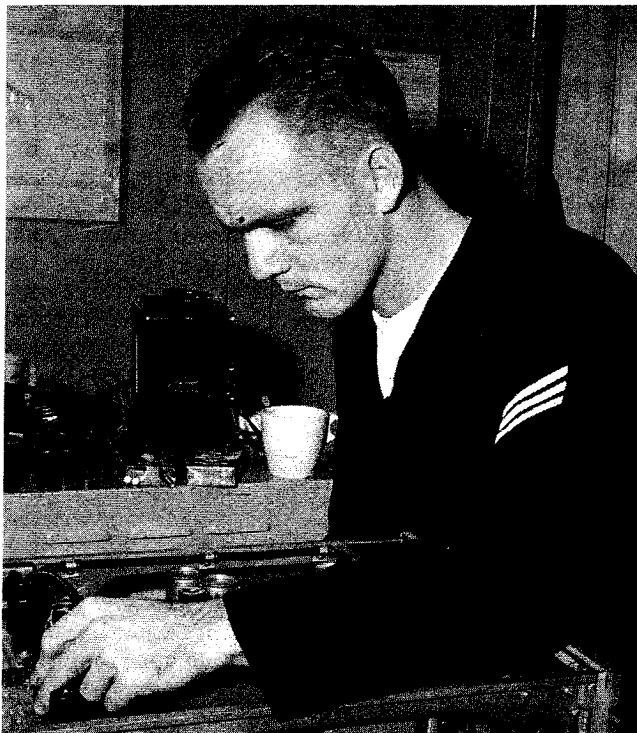
IN THE SPOTLIGHT



likely to be called upon at any time to stand condition watches on them.

In each compartment on the ship which contains radar or radio apparatus a number of these specialists are assigned for repair and maintenance. These include such important spaces as CIC, Radio Central and Radar 5. This is no small job as some of these spaces contain as many as 500 external switches alone, and over 1500 tubes, all of which must be in perfect running order if this mass of electrical equipment is to run smoothly. In order to keep each man up on all types of electrical equipment they are rotated every six months in order to enlarge each man's knowledge of his field.

Under the supervision of LTJG W.A. Ward, this division accomplishes an extremely important task as part of the Operations Department. Work is passed through Chief Electronics Technician Malm, in charge of radar repair, and Leeth ETL in charge of communica-



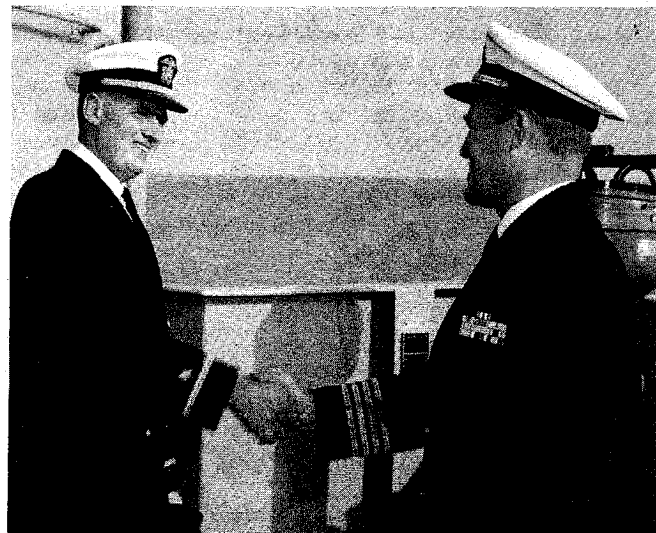
ANCIL, SN, REPLACES ONE OF THE MANY TUBES IN A RADIO RECEIVER.



BRADY, ET3, WORKS ON ONE OF THE MANY RECEIVERS REPAIRED IN THE ET SHOP.

tion repair, and is subject to their approval. LT E.C. Yoes, LTJG J.R. King, CWO3 D.F. Jacobs, and Mr. T.M. Kelley all furnish technical help to the ET's.

Thanks to the efforts of OE, the "eyes" and "ears" of the SPRINGFIELD are kept tuned and alert, as those of a fighting ship should be.



LTJG W. A. WARD, OE DIVISION OFFICER, RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS FROM CAPTAIN J. R. WADLEIGH FOR HIS PROMOTION.

' WE JOINED THE NAVY '

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer of the review served as liaison officer and technical advisor for "We Joined the Navy" when it was made aboard ship in May. He attended the world premiere in London with Commander Moorhead, Sixth Fleet Public Information Officer. The picture will be released in England the day after Christmas. It is currently planned to have a copy for use at the Villefranche theater for three performances the first import period after the New Year. Eventually the ship will be given a personal copy which will be retained on board.

As advertised, "We Joined the Navy" is very much a comedy. In cinemascope and Eastman color, it is the story of Lieutenant Commander Badger, Royal Navy, played by Kenneth More and his three midshipmen protégés who just can't manage to do things as the Navy wants them to do them.

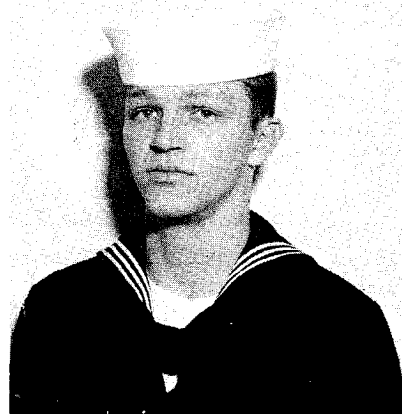
The situations follow rapidly one upon the other as Lieutenant Commander Badger continues to embarrass the Admirals by being right, is commended but also is shuttled from one command to another. Finally he is given the position of guiding young midshipmen, but manages to run aground there when some remarks he makes about the average intelligence of senior officers get back to a Member of Parliament and rebound badly for Badger and the boys in whom he has originally confided.

Volunteers are needed to go aboard an American ship (SPRINGFIELD alias STAINSVILLE) for summer training, and the four well-meaning but mis-directed heroes more or less volunteer to go. Before they set foot aboard, they encounter Admiral "Tiger" Ryan, admirably portrayed by Lloyd Nolan, and immediately they are in hot water again. In addition to the foibles of the boys and Lieutenant Commander Badger, the Admiral's not so lovable Doberman pinscher doesn't make life any easier for them. Nearly escaping court

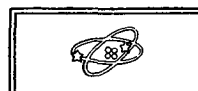
martial on three separate occasions, the boys reach a point of no-return on Shore Patrol where they cause more trouble than the men on liberty. All ends well after the fearsome foursome quells a threatening revolution. Joan O'Brien adds a touch of romance through her part as a Navy nurse assigned to the British-American Hospital in Villefranche during the days and Kenneth More during liberty hours. The time the company spent aboard was well represented in the film, and a number of people are clearly recognizable. Those two weeks were a minor interruption in the ship's work cycle but would have been much more so if the extravagant chorus girl scene had been shot on location rather than in the studio.

The camera work of Otto Heller and crew is excellent, and the well-paced direction of Miss Wendy Toye does not let the picture drag through the many situations that are connected by the theme of all the principal British players protecting themselves from one Admiral or another. John Howell's sets are very fine reproductions of the interior of the ship right down to the plates on the air-conditioners and mailbox in the wardroom.

The entire show pokes good-natured fun at both Navies. The movie was never intended to be profound, but it is highly recommended for an evening of laughs.



Springfield's Sailor For November



For his "Performance, conduct and off-duty efforts to further his knowledge in the Navy," Richard A. Zakrewski ETN3 of OE Division has been chosen as the November Sailor of the Month.

The son of Mrs. Eleanor A. Zakrewski, and native of St. Louis, Missouri, he has been on board the SPRINGFIELD since November of 1961. At present he is assigned to Radio Central for maintenance and repair of communications equipment. He has attended both the electronics Class "A" School at Great Lakes, and Class "C" ET School in Portsmouth, Virginia, and will go up for second class in the Navy-wide examinations in February.

His chief pastime is the study of firearms, and he is an avid sports fan as well as an excellent tennis player.

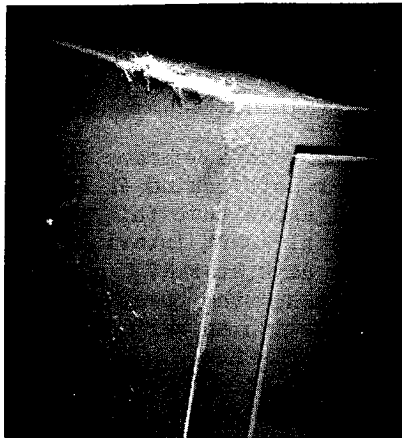
His devotion to duty and ability as an electronics technician has singled him out as a credit not only to himself but also to his ship and the U.S. Navy.

QU'EST-CE QUE C'EST?

This seemingly innocent little growth has chosen for home a filing cabinet in the dental office. Whatever "it" is, "it" was first noticed and caused alarm by its inexplicable presence and rapid growth about four months ago.

Then "it" went away. But of course, it returned. And it still does every month or so.

I didn't believe "its" story when I received a telephone call in the middle of

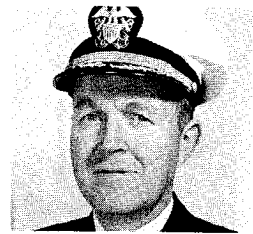


November from Dr. Pines, angling with me to come down and see for myself. But a journalist must run down any lead, however absurd it may seem, and I snatched up my pad.

Now I can say that I have seen "it." Make no mistake, "it" is.

Many have tried to explain the phenomenon; so far, none have been successful. But the good doctor is determined, since doctors are really scientists, to get to the bottom of this. Therefore, someone, anyone, please try to clear up this mystery. Penicillin and ultraviolet rays will not kill "it". We also know that "it" is not radioactive. Dr. Pines welcomes anyone at any time to investigate.

THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING



As I write this we are entering upon the great holiday season of the year, the Christmas-New Year period which throughout the world is celebrated in various ways. Basically for all of us in SPRINGFIELD we will be celebrating Christmas in truly American fashion. The more fortunate ones among us will be with families either ashore on the Riviera or at home on leave. Many others will be with friends they have met over here. Still another group will be on duty keeping SPRINGFIELD in the required state of readiness which we must maintain. To all of you and your families, wherever you will be, I send my sincere greetings for a pleasant Christmas and a joyful and rewarding New Year. Who among us does not look forward to what 1963 will bring?

With the foregoing as my holiday greetings I would include one word of caution. This holiday season--whether celebrated at home or overseas--is a season of good will and good cheer. It is also a season to be alert on the highways and byways where we may be traveling. In recent years our Navy has had more than its share of automobile accidents, most of which happen to those in the 17 to 24 year age group.

Operation DRIVESAFE, which has been proclaimed by the Secretary of the Navy, is the Navy's fight against reckless and careless driving. Each year there is a needless loss of lives and injuries to us in the Navy, as a result of motor accidents. At no time in the year more than in the forthcoming holiday season can DRIVESAFE be better emphasized. This applies here in France to those of us who operate motor vehicles, as well as those who will return home for leave and will be trying to cover the maximum distance in the short leave allowed. My request is: "Drive with vigilance, caution; and beware fatigue."

With the above in mind, once again all of you have my hearty wishes for a Merry Christmas 1962 and a Happy New Year 1963!

Farewell From H & D Div.

by Delaney White, HM2

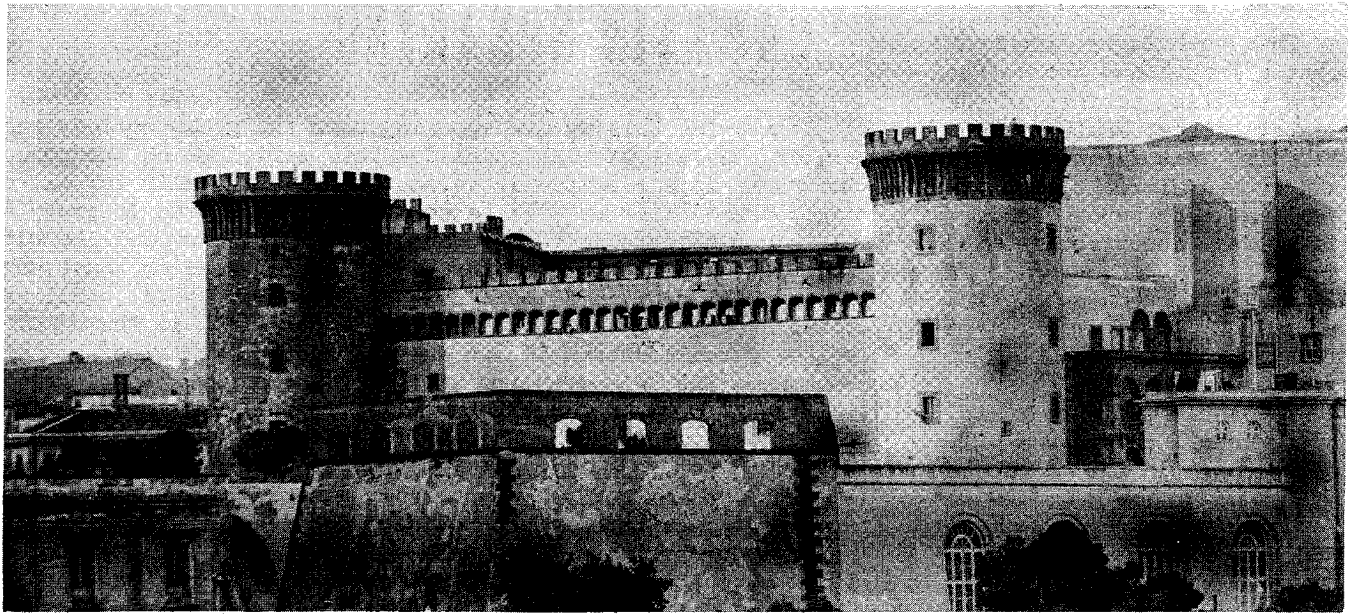
We bid farewell, and the best of everything to HM1 Hoffman, who has done a tremendous job in both the record office and the pharmacy. During the month of December, the division will "rid itself of its plankowners. They are HMCS Pelletier and HM2 White. While the Chief will be watching the "Middies" on the grid-iron at the Academy, White will be hunting bear in Williamsburg, Va. Dr. Wiley, HM2,

Valstead, and HM2 Snyder are expecting to depart in February of '63. The cruise was an experience of a lifetime. Two major phases were reactivation of the department and caring for ship and flag personnel through 179 cases of hepatitis, 628 cases of gastroenteritis, 1,112 cases of viral infections, not to forget the added burden of flight quarters.

Many thanks to the Supply department for their much-needed assistance.

Here is to all of you from all of us a very merry Christmas, and many blessings in the coming year.

Scenes of Malta



The climate of Malta was a welcome change from the cooler weather left behind in Villefranche, and most will agree that this small, colorful island was a pleasant interlude in an exhausting thirteen days at sea.

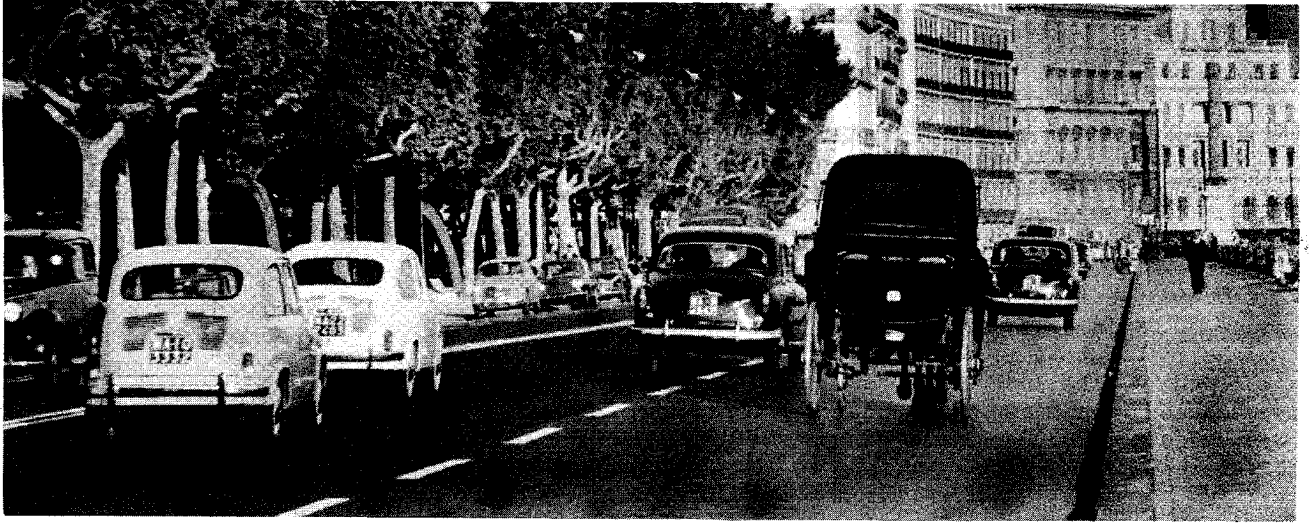
A traditional fortress, the bare, scarred walls of Fort St. Elmo with an air of pride and defiance towered high above the SPRINGFIELD as she pulled into Grand Harbor.

Liberty ashore was quite an experience, to say nothing of the confusion sometimes caused by the Maltese monetary unit. While perhaps the most disconcerting of all was that old British custom of driving on the left side of the road, which for most Americans takes some getting-used-to.

It was twenty days later when the SPRINGFIELD pulled into Naples, and sailors began



and of Naples



spreading out over the city. Many enjoyed the bowling alleys at the base, and others went on shopping sprees in the Navy Exchange. Though some of the scores at the bowling alley were just around the good golf mark, the morale was raised by this short stop.

The next day when the SPRINGFIELD stopped at Livorno, an invading force of sailors seemed to infiltrate the Army's Camp Darby in search of Christmas presents at the post exchange.

Many of the men took a tour to the cities of Pisa and Florence, the one famous for its leaning tower and cathedral, the other for uncountable art treasures.

It was, all in all, an enjoyable month, and certainly one we won't soon forget.



Words of Faith

by Chaplin Peter R. McPhee

"In those days a decree was issued by the Emperor Augustus for a general registration throughout the Roman world. This was the first registration of its kind; it took place when Quirinius was Governor of Syria. For this purpose everyone made his way to his own town; and so Joseph went up to Judaea from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to be registered at the city of David, called Bethlehem, because he was of the house of David by descent; and with him went Mary who was betrothed to him. She was pregnant, and while they were there the time came for her child to be born, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him round, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them to lodge in the house."

--THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

Perhaps it is wrong to stop at this verse in the passage of scripture. But to Christians this portion contains the essential message of Christmas. It is the story of the birth of both Christ and Christianity. It is also the beginning of the whole problem of the divine-human. Theologians have discussed and made statements concerning the person of Christ but all explanations seem inadequate to the devout. However, Christ's uniqueness is not dependent on theological explanations, but rather on historical facts and human experience. To those who know Him, He is not only an historical figure, but He is also a living influencing reality.

His true followers are reminded at Christmastide, that His world is one of peace and brotherhood, of charitable gifts and attitudes, and of service and understanding. In His world there is no room for discord, ill-will, malice, hatred, scorn, prejudice, or grudge holding.

During our travels in the Mediterranean we have a unique opportunity to be charitable and to activate the spirit of brotherhood, not only toward our shipmates but to the peoples we visit as well. I'm sure if each of us is determined to do something with our opportunities we could create much goodwill. This is the true spirit of Christmastide.



Captain J. R. Wadleigh holds informal inspection on newly appointed LTJGs. From l-r: R. A. Pirmann, R. M. Siefert, J.W. Novitski, L. N. Brown, J. C. Kirtland, and W. A. Ward.

XMAS WEEK

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On Christmas itself there will be a special menu prepared for the duty section and those not eating at home. The welfare and recreation committee has purchased a gift for each man on board, and these will be distributed through the departments prior to Christmas.

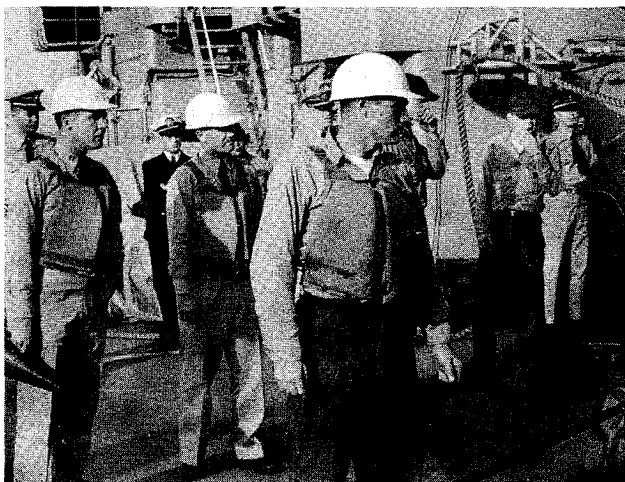
Besides all of this there are numerous division parties, private get-togethers, and a gala wardroom formal dance tentatively set for the 22nd at the Negresco Hotel. There is just one sad note in all this: poor Section I had the duty on Thanksgiving, and it will be holding down the fort on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve as well. The rest of the ship will be thinking of them--but probably not for too long as their minds will be on better things.

72 FLY HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



DAVID SERVICE, PNSN, WHO WORKED CONTINUALLY ON THE CHRISTMAS FLIGHT PROJECT, ADDS HIS NAME TO THE LIST OF 72 MEN WHO WILL FLY TO THE U.S. FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Seen At Refueling



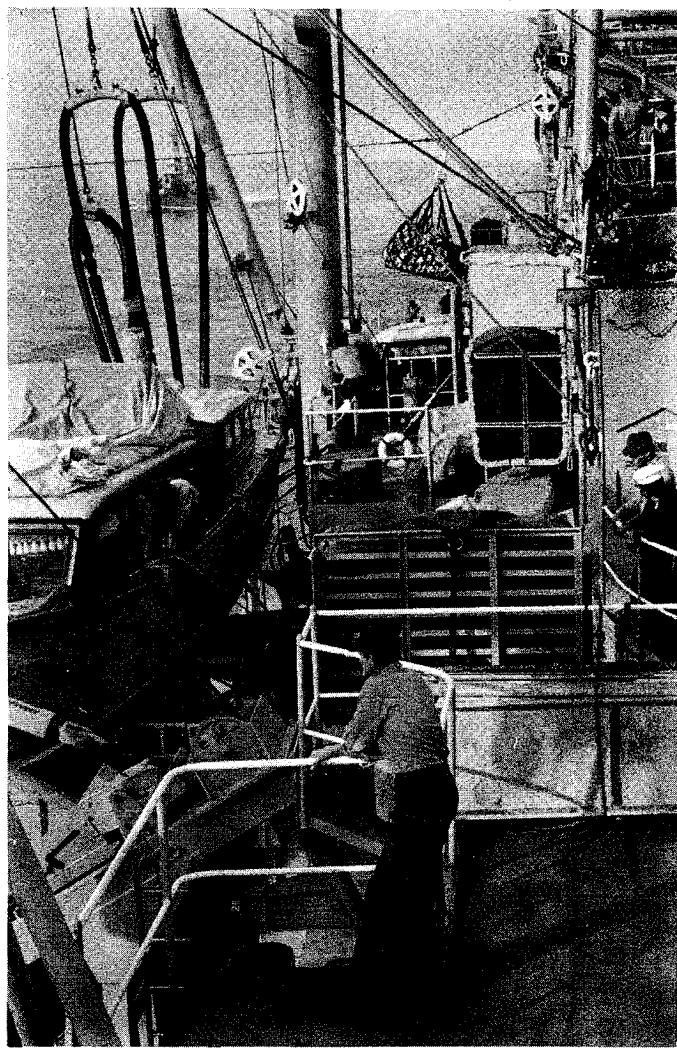
"WHAT, ME WORRY?"



"NO MORE DONALD DUCK, EITHER."

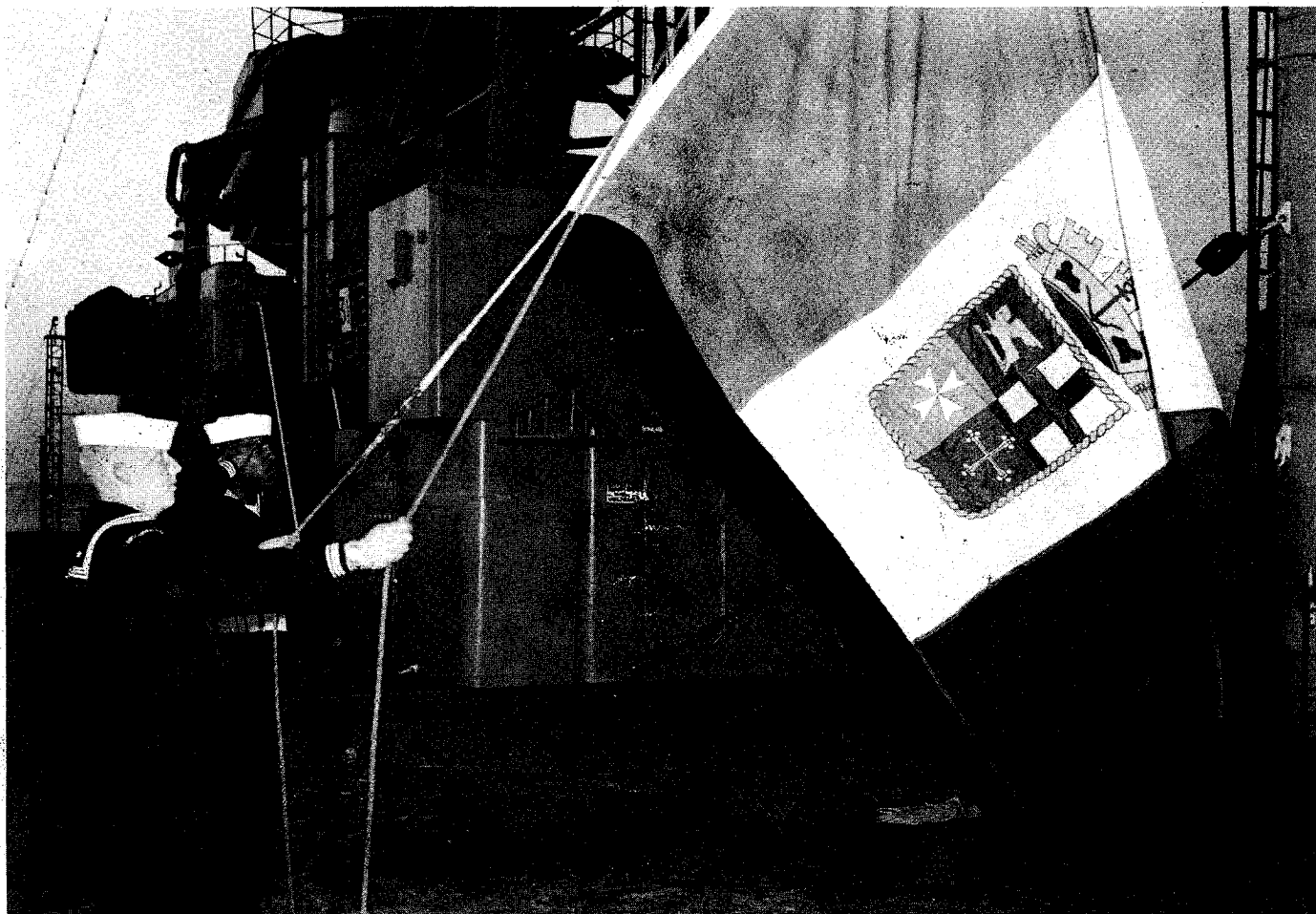


"WELL, I DIDN'T ORDER THE LACE PANTIES."



"NOW MAN ALL SIGHTSEEING STATIONS."

St. Barbara's Day In Livorno, Italy



E.A. Blanchard, SMSN, and E.L. Dixon, SN, haul down the Italian ensign which had been flying at the mainmast since morning colors in honor of St. Barbara's Day. The ceremony occurred while the ship was in Livorno, Italy, and was full dressed to celebrate the feast of the patron saints of the Italian Navy.

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