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CT2 LARRY MELLOH



CT2 TERRY TRINKO



CT2 GERALD SEAL

LT Albright Departs, LT Metzger Due In

HASTA LA VISTA, LT ALBRIGHT!!!

LT Richard Albright, USN, departed the station on August 10th enroute to the USS YORK COUNTY, (LST-1175) for duty as the Executive Officer.



LT. ALBRIGHT

While at Galeta, Mr. Albright served as Head, Operations Department. His previous assignments have included duty in Destroyers, service with the Fleet Support Activity in VietNam and Spanish Language School, Monterey California. Lt Albright is also a selectee for Post Graduate School which he plans to attend after his sea duty.

YORK COUNTY is no stranger to Coco Solo because she is assigned to Amphibious Forces, Atlantic Fleet. So very likely Mr. Albright will return again.

Lt Paul Welborn has temporarily assumed the duties of Head, Operations Department, pending the arrival of LT John Metzger in early September from Ft. Meade, Maryland.

Three Get \$21,283.00 V.R.B.

Schools and money were the predominant items listed in block 56 of the enlistment contracts of Communication Technicians Second Class Larry Melloh, Gerald Seal and Terry Trinko. The three men received a combined total of \$21,283.20 in V.R.B. bonuses.

Larry Melloh reenlisted for four years, VRB and requested Computer Programmer School.

Gerald Seal received the maximum VRB for his reenlistment of six years in addition to assignment to school.

Taking advantage of the Star Program, Terry Trinko signed for six years, VRB, and ET "B" school upon transfer from this command.

Bath House for Galeta Beach

BY LTJG JOHN HEATH

The latest addition to Galeta's recreation beach area is nearing completion as BUC Hodgson and DC2 Mc-Sherley apply the finishing touches to a conversion project at Bldg 6720. Formerly a standby generator plant, the structure has been remodeled for dressing and shower facilities, and is expected to be ready for use in the near future.

The conversion of the building to a bath house is the first increment of a long range self-help program which is intended to expand and improve recreational facilities for this activity.



CWO-4

CWO Howard LaFave was promoted to W-4 recently with an effective date of 1 July 1968. His wife, Gayle, and daughter, Connie, perform the honor of pinning on his new bars. Mr. LaFave is a veteran of 28 years Navy service. He and his family expect to depart Galeta in the near future for his last tour of duty prior to retirement.

ON BOARD



NOTES FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

BY CDR. G. W. COX

Election time USA is well underway in the United States. The primary elections have been completed, one major party has already held its convention and selected its candidates for the presidential race, and other conventions will soon be held. It's hard to catch the full flavor of the political fever when we are several thousand miles away, but even so, we can't escape the excitement and a good deal of the impact of the importance of politics to every citizen, no matter where he may be.

As Americans, we have a heritage of civic responsibility to fulfill. And much of our political history has been the story of the struggle to extend voting privileges to more and more of the people, to realize the present ideal of universal suffrage. It is the right and responsibility of every citizen who is eligible to vote to do so as wisely as they can. To say that "my vote won't make any difference" is to ignore the facts of recent history... if only several hundred people had voted differently in Illinois and New York during the 1960 elections, for example, Richard Nixon could have been elected. Close races in Congressional elections have occurred regularly in many states. Your vote does count, and it could be the deciding factor.

A small minority, some not even eligible to vote, argues that it finds no difference between the various parties and that it finds its members will simply "opt out". But this approach also ignores our political history. Shirking a citizen's responsibility doesn't solve a problem, for one thing... For another, although third parties have never won a national election, they have consistently aired pressing issues to such a degree that the major parties have adopted the issues and the solutions as their own and taken appropriate actions to be responsive to the needs of the electorate.

The political phenomenon of getting evolutionary change from sometimes near revolutionary conditions is one of the more significant reasons our nation has generally had political stability and great national strength.

Don't ignore YOUR opportunity to express your political choice. Make sure you check with the Voting Officer and send for your absentee ballot before its too late.



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The New LOG LINE

BY "SNEAKY SCOOP"

Rumor has it that one unidentified BMC was seen making a hasty exit from one of the cubes at the barracks. The reason for his haste was finally determined to be one two and a half foot stuffed alligator... Guess the Chief could have called Security The word is out that SK1 "Butch" Easley is in intensive jungle training on his new bicycle... Speaking of Supply, Chief Strube's S.O.S. was answered by economics and accounting specialist CTSN James E. Barnes.. Hope he can balance your books Chief... It has been noted that in the wee hours of the night the famed Grey Hornet has been seen going to town with only one occupant. Seems that El Bueno, (PN3 Dickensen) and El Fayo (CSSN Habel) have gone into semi-retirement from town..... Guess the only one who really knows is El Malo (PC2 Olson) who seems far

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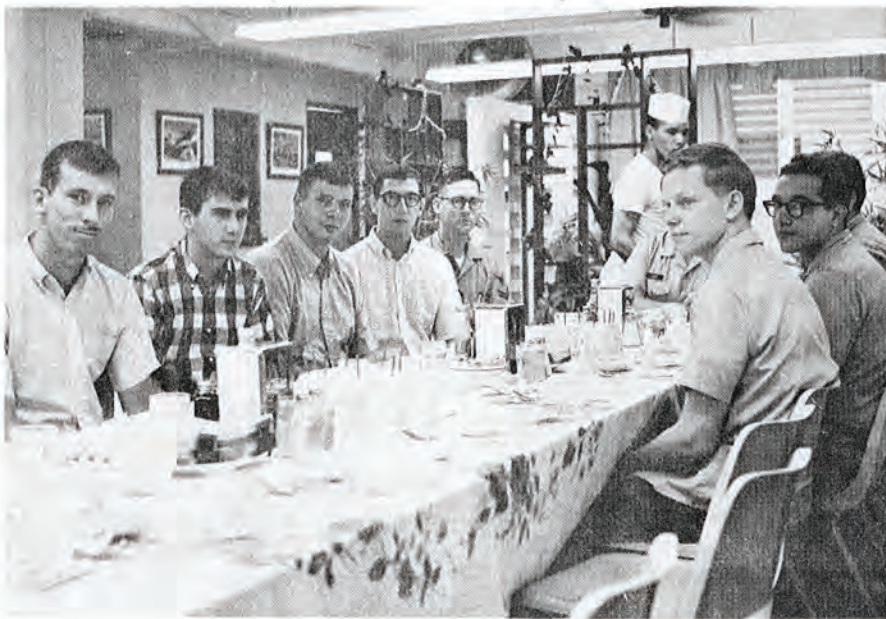
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AUGUST INSPECTION - Standing in formation, CTCS Jackie L. Baker and CT1 Alan Holleyman received the Navy Unit Commendation for their participation in Project Clarinet Bullseye and EN1 John R. Strong received his Good Conduct Medal, second award, from CDR. G. W. Cox.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY - The smiling faces above are seen enjoying their July Birthday Dinner provided by the Galley for barracks personnel. (l to r are) CT2 W. Cosgrove, CT3 J. Ebert, CTSN A. Walcott, CT2 F. Oliva, EM2 R. Flack, (hidden) CDR. G. W. Cox, (hidden) CT3 M. Fife, CT3 L. Stephens and CT3 J. Stevens.

The dinner is held on the last Thursday of each month, commencing at 1200. The meal is served family style and features steak-to-order with all of the trimmings, topped off with a birthday cake. Be sure to attend when your time of the year rolls around.

Section Four's Local Convention

BY CT2 WILLIAM COSGROVE

With elections coming up on the national scene back home, this month Section Four decided to hold its own elections here on base. The biggest event of the month, as voted by members of the section, was the painting of the City. The affair was lauded by all **except** a certain labor organization which feels that the only answer to its problems is a small riot. Voting continued with the election of two or three eleven division members as Treasure Hunters of the month. The prize being an old beat-up Rambler in "fair" condition. Other offices filled were: the "Here comes the Judge" award which went to a certain "T" brancher who had better not be caught doing it again; the "Drop in a Bucket" award went to an "R" brancher from Panama City. The "Cheap rear Fender" award was voted to a Mat man who received a license plate marked TEMP, as his prize. And last but not least five "O" branchers were given the "Promptness" award while a sixth is learning to walk. Tune in next month for the section four convention to nominate a candidate for President.



Cristobal Y.M.C.A.

BY Mr. CHARLES PAYNE

The Armed Services YMCA on Bolivar Avenue, Cristobal announces a new barrage of programs for all interested personnel of the Armed Forces, and communities of the Canal Zone and Panama.

The YMCA offers not only classes in five levels of English, three levels of Ballet, a ladies exercise class, guitar classes but

they have already started classes in Judo, held at the Cristobal High school for both men and women and a special class in "Social and Household" Spanish.

The Social Program includes the regular weekly dances on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, with special events like the Rogues band on August 24th a "Welcome Aboard" party,

on August 31st with the music by the Endless Chain a "Bon Voyage Fiesta" on September 7th with the Scorpions, a Moonlite Cruise on Sunday October 6th, and a Halloween Haunt on October 30th with the music by the "What For".

For further information on any of these programs call the YMCA at 3-2163.

The New LOG LINE

from retirement.... What's this about EN1 Strong's preference for night work? Hear he spends his nights working on generators..... Guess he can't wait to get his day started... I understand the Data Card specialist CT3 Paul Mullen is going to have to change his own data card now that his new wife, Rosemary is here... Guess YN3 "Skip Aker" will have to change too... His new wife, Karen has just arrived.. There's a rumor that PNC "Wally" Wallace is going to become an interviewer for a placement service upon retirement from the Navy.. Guess practice makes perfect.... Speaking of Chief Wallace, may I make a special thanks to him for the outstanding job he has done in writing "Log Line" in the past. I can only hope to do as well..... In closing I want to say "I may have missed you in this article, but you may be in my next, you know I could be your best friend... Until then, the Sneaky Snoop is snooping."



ENS. FRIEDRICHSEN



EN1 PACKER

OFF the

BY EN1 JERRY PACKER

Winning their second trophies of the Year were Ens R. Friedrichsen and EN1 J. Packer.

Both men received their trophies at the Chilbre Track when Mr. Friedrichsen placed second after a long duel with a bigger machine. Packer won the consolation trophy dash.

Word has it some more "gold" will be up on two

Kickstand

wheels as Mr. Welborn has ordered a 750cc Matchless.

We see a few bikes changing hands due to personnel receiving orders. Happy motoring to these new riders.

Be prepared to see in the near future an extensive safety program started on the base.. Also work has started on the Galeta Race Track. Stop out and see what YOU can do..

Parson to Person

Chaplain James K. Solomon recently completed the requirements for the Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) Degree from Luther Rice Seminary of Jacksonville, Florida.



CHAPLAIN SOLOMON

His thesis was the "Religious Patterns of the Cuna Indians with Cultural Aspects." Previous degrees earned by Chaplain Solomon are: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Cum Laude, Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) and Master of Theology (Th.M.).

The Chaplain is a Southern Baptist and serves as Naval Reserve Chaplain for the Atlantic Area, Area Missionary for the Canal Zone under the Mission Board of Southern Baptist, President of the Trustees of Baptist Seminary in Panama, and Pastor of the Baptist church in Margarita. He resides with his family in Gatun.

'Thugs' Now 'DownTowners'

BY CTSN ROGER PENSKE

The men of Section Three (alias the "Thugs", now the "DownTowners") can usually be found at their Broadway office, the Country (El Marino), or at a legionnaires' meeting. But during working hours, Section Three still remains and maintains an excellent working team despite changes in membership.

To some of the members who have felt our wonderful ranks we say so sorry and "Good Luck" in those other sections.

The lucky guys to join the "DownTowners" in the

past several weeks are CTC Allen, (our new OWC), CT2 Miller, CT3 Tillotson, CT2 Seal (after eight weeks in Section One) and seven new graduates from Pensacola. They are Seamen Peck, Yelk Hagan, Muhlenbruch, McGlothlin, and Penske and Walcott (Mutt and Jeff).

And so ends another chapter in the annals of the hard working? and socially conscientious Section Three. As Padilla would say leaving the old home, "Badia Badia Badia" THAT'S ALL FOLKS!!

Spotlited Sailor

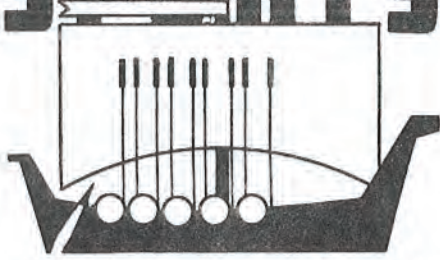


DESERT FLOWER — Dark-eyed Patty Duke is one of the lovely "desert flowers" found in the warm sun of Las Vegas.



Galeta's top crooner Mack Arthur Allen now is the star singing attraction of the local band "The Endless Chain". Thanks to CS2 R. Strawberry for the photo.

SPORTS



Pistol, Archery Range Open To Sportsmen

The Pistol Range, another new recreational facility at Galeta, is now open to personnel who are interested in qualifying with hand guns or just target shooting.

The range, started by CTC Porter and CTC Ensley, has recently been completed by BM2 Virgil Capps, Assistant Range Officer. The facility includes two covered shooting lines, one at 25 feet and another at 50 feet. A large storage locker and office are also provided for targets and flags.

Open for recreational shooting during working hours from 0900 to 1500 daily and personnel must be a qualified assistant range officer or insure that one is present on the firing line. For further information on becoming a assistant range officer contact BMC Cheany or BM2 Capps.

Later there will be a storage armory for privately owned hand guns and personnel will be able to check them out from Capps.

The pistol range is also available for archery practice when it is not in use for weapons.

Galeta

Intramural Sports

BY LT. PAUL WELBORN

Fast coming out of the planning stages is an Intramural Sports Program for Galeta personnel. This program is scheduled to encompass basketball, flag football, softball and volleyball as league sports. Pool, tennis, bowling, darts, pinochle and ping-pong will be tournament sports. The sports season will be run concurrently with the Army's sports program to allow a Galeta team to enter PAF sports.

Six teams are planned to compete in each sport with the Captain's Cup to be awarded on a semi-

annual basis to the team with the most accumulated points. Individual trophies are planned for all members of the winning team.

At present, referees are urgently needed. Anyone interested in becoming a referee should contact LT Welborn immediately. Classroom study and practical training is planned for those personnel who volunteer. Incidentally, there will be a hardhat team in all sports. This should offer some rather interesting games.



BM2 CAPPS



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