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Officers, Enlisted Are Promoted

New Stripes For Nine Men

CDR. Gerald W. Cox's recent appointment to his present rank with an effective date of December 1, 1967 was a fitting conclusion to an outstanding year of promotions for Galeta personnel. Special Operations Officer, LT. Paul B. Welborn Jr., also received his new stripes as of January 1, 1968.

Seven men represent the February 16, increment of enlisted advancements. Frederick L. Barinka, Richard W. Cable, Joseph Nappi, Frank L. Shaw, Gary A. Stokes, Arlyn R. Trauernicht and Jack T. Wisuri all sewed on third class crow's.

As a result of the August exams 87 men were promoted for a banner 85% of those who participated.



ADVANCING - Earning their Third Class crow's in the February 16, 1968 advancement increment are (kneeling l to r) CT3 Joseph Nappi, CT3 Gary A. Stokes and CT3 Frank L. Shaw, (standing l to r) CT3 Arlyn R. Trauernicht, CT3 Frederick L. Barinka and CT3 Richard W. Cable. Not pictured is CT3 Jack T. Wisuri. (PHOTO BY CT3 CHET CHILDS)



LT. Paul B. Welborn Jr., is shown having his bars pinned on by CDR. Gerald W. Cox.

Wally Wins Contest

Raymond L. Wallace, PN1 was the recipient of the ten dollar gift certificate in the "Name the Newspaper" contest as the judging committee picked "The Cross-Roads" to flag the Galeta Island station newspaper.

Why? - The 'Cross-Roads'

BY LARRY M. GEIGER
Cross-Roads Editor

The Cross-Roads is a significant name for our station newspaper. Panama has long been known as the cross-roads of the world for trade and commerce, even our Armed Forces serving in Panama reflect a cross-section of the men from all over the U. S. with Galeta Island being no exception.

The newspaper will be a monthly publication printed during the middle of each month. While the editorial work is done by the Cross-Roads staff, the actual printing is done in conjunction with the Army at Fort Gulick. In yet another way the Cross-Roads fits its name as a joint Army-Navy operation.

The content of the Cross-Roads is primarily by and for the personnel of the command. It is designed to be a permanent record of the lives of the men at Galeta Island. Every day something happens that affects and involves the lives of the men and their families stationed here.

The Cross-Roads is our newspaper, let us make it our tradition.

Thank's

The Cross-Roads wishes to extend a Thank you to the 8th Special Forces, 9th PSYOP Bn., for their technical assistance in the production of the newspaper. A special thanks is extended to Sp5 Jack Van Hise, Sp4 Nick Valencia, Sp4 Ed Ott and PFC Andy Provo for their help in the design, setting and production of this first edition.

ON BOARD

NOTES FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER
CDR. GERALD W. COX



CROSS ROADS marks a first at the station, and it is intended to serve us all as a source of local news and information. I am especially grateful to CTSN L. M. Geiger for assuming the difficult task as editor and to the officers and men of the Eighth Special Forces (Airborne) and its "PSY-WAR" unit for the help and material assistance they have provided to give our station a smooth, professional looking paper.

The station has some of the characteristics of a small town apart from its size and relative isolation. It gives each of us an opportunity to know one another better than would be possible at a larger station or community. This is fortunate because it is possible to know people as neighbors, co-workers, and shipmates without simply cataloging them into broad, meaningless groups such as "CT's," "civilians," or "GENSER" types.

We are all part of the "in-group" here whether one happens to live in the barracks, in public housing or off-station. I hope we will continue to appreciate the advantages this gives us in continuing to keep this a closely-knit station with good spirit.

The CROSS-ROADS will help in this by passing the word and keeping its readers informed of station developments and growth. To this end, we should all assist and support the paper and its staff in submitting items of interest meeting press deadlines, and in considering ways in which CROSS-ROADS can be made even better.

'Girl Scouting Builds Character'

Girl Scouting is an organization devoted to the betterment of the community, by teaching the women of tomorrow how to live, work and in general get along with one another.

"Scouting builds character while teaching girls valuable skills and lessons that they will need later in life." The Canal Zone Girl Scout Council is "proud that the Galeta Island Naval Facility, and the wives of the men stationed here, recognize a need and respon to it."

There are two troops which are sponsored by the facility. One is a Brownie Troop (#64) for girls ages seven and eight, led by Mrs. J. Heape and Mrs. Richard Knight. The other is a Junior Troop for girls nine to eleven (#28) which is led by Mrs. Jack Baker and Mrs. Richard Graham.

The Brownies are currently working on craft ideas, while the Junior Troop's immediate activities include working on the Cyclist Badge and with the assistance of Mrs. Nelson Neihardt, a troop committee member,

striving for their Sewing Badge as well.

Mrs. Eugene Madeline is the Neighborhood Chairman of the Scout organization and can be contacted for information at P702. Both Troops sponsored by this Activity meet in the topside section of the CPO Lounge.

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THE LOG LINE

BY "WALLY"

Dedicated to the support of NavSec-Gru's - Due to the fine effort of BUC Hodgson, EMC Brown, EM2 Flack, and DC3 McSherley the new Special Services Woodworking Shop is almost completed - "Mac" DC3 McSherley brought his new Dutch bride, Elsa, to Panama to reside - "Doc" HM1 Harrington re-uped for 4 in DEC. - "Big Jim" Clark ordered a dozen grass skirts as part of his new wardrobe for his forthcoming tour of duty on the USS GOLSBOROUGH DDG-20 home ported in Pearl, Hawaii - "Oley but Goody" PC2 Mike Olson re-orted in from Morocco to relieve the "Sailor of the Year, Cha Cha" PC3 Jurak who is going to Norfolk in FEB. for duty on the USS ALSTED AF-48 - Warm Welcome to SKC and Mrs. Strube reporting in Jan. as relief for prospective civilian (ret) SKC "Clint" Simmons.

Ex-SP "Johnny" EN1 Strong arrived from Key West along with new bride Sandra - The "Jeff" SK3 Wolfe's (Mrs. in Kentucky) are expecting in MAR and Papa Wolf plans to be there if possible - "Butch" SK2 Eisley became an expert on "off the highway driving" and plans to give lessons after he breaks in "Fred Allen" PNSN Dickenson, prospective typing instructor) on the "El Marino" books - Football potential "Big Bobby" CSSA Habel is on crutches resulting from early un-sked spring practice - Stay away from Sick Bay as "Doc" HM2 Brucker and "Doc" Harrington gave each other Typhoid shots and both have sore arms. Adios

Challenge, Loser Pays

BY CHET CHILDS
Section 3

All hands in Section Three are in full support of their column. And to prove this, we challenge Section Four to a soft-ball game. The place will be the Navy ball diamond - the time: after your midwatch, preferably in the afternoon. And the date will be announced in next month's column. Needless to say the losers pick up the tab for beer.

During the month of February, Section Three will lose able Services of Robert Hudoba. Bob will be leaving on February 9th for an

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Hello Better Half

BY MRS. JAMES ABIBA
President, Galeta Navy Wives' Club

Do you feel the woman's place is in the home? So do we! We realize the responsibility of every wife and mother regarding the moral, civic and educational development of our families. And in an effort to encourage and inform the Navy Wives of how they can better perform these tasks we would like to request your permission to invite your wife to attend one of our meetings.

Navy Wives Club of America is an international organization with clubs in the United States and many overseas bases. The wives of enlisted Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard men are eligible to join. We are very proud of our National Scholarship Foundation which awards annually ten scholarships to dependents of enlisted personnel.

Our reputation is up to you. We feel that by better informing you as to our goals, motivations and desires that a mutual understanding will prevail. After reading this we hope (and pray) that you will encourage your wife to inquire into our fine organization. We need your support in order to do the job we are meant to do, that is, to be the Navy wives' own service organization providing them with a friend when in need—who has the same type of life in common with them. Won't you give us your vote of confidence? May we look forward to the pleasure of meeting your wife? We are awaiting the chance to welcome her.

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extensive trip to most of the major countries of South America. Also, in the month of August, the supervisor of 'Three' Matmen, Allan James of Dalles, Oregon will be taking a trip down the aisle with his wife to be Cheryl DeRaps of Marargita.

HEARD AROUND THE SECTION

"Apracadabra" Apodaca was heard singing "Gloria" while leaving the base.

Mention "Come 7 or 11" to Ed "The POOH" Phipps and watch a light in his eye.

Was it the "Bear" seen accompanying a mini-skirted brunette across the the football field?

Local TV Stars

Destined for Bigger Things

BY GEORGE KELLY
11th Division

It might be said that the 11th Division fills the bill this season for the most popular TV shows. Beginning with Section One we have "The Mighty Thor", disguised as a green olive and assistant supervisor John Thrower. Assisting the Mighty Thor in efforts to keep Section One on top is "Wonder Boy", Anthony Allison. One of the co-stars, Darrel Ward, has recently been traded to the 13th Division for a screen test. Among the crew is "Biggy Rat", George Kelly, who will soon be playing in the snow while on leave.

"Thugs Watch Out!"

BY LESTER ERNEST
Section Two

The Section Two Gud Guys start the column this month with a challenge to the Section Three Thugs to the athletic event of their choice. How 'bout it troops? Make it easy on yourselves, as you may or may not know, we played the Station Softball team last year and gave them the best game of the season. They managed to squeak out a win by the score of 8 to 7.

To the new arrivals into the section we offer a hearty Welcome Aboard! Steve Grooms, and Dennis Greig, both CT2 come to Sunny Galeta from NCS Philippines. Steve and his wife Vicki and son Steve Jr. hail from Rockingham, North Carolina. Dennis calls New Orleans (the land of Fat Tuesday), La. his home town.

The "T-Birds" have picked up a new Supe in CT3 Bobby Mitchell. Mitch comes to us from Section one. Welcome to the Gud Guys, Mitch.

Tony Iaccarino just returned from thirty big days of leave in the States, and while there he talked himself into a tax deduction. Yep, Tony popped the question and now he is the newest Brown Bagger in the section. Tony's wife, Jenny, remained in the states and according to Tony, is anxiously awaiting his return when discharged from the Navy.

Immediately following Thor is the "Adventures of Birdman", starring William Hager of Section Two. Bill is still recovering from his walk to Portabelo made in attempt to match the pioneers of Section One. Members of Section One completed the walk from Portete to Portabelo in five and a half hours. Bill and his crew out walked them by about six miles. However Section One claims the real proof of the expedition was in camping out in a fort overnight.

Not to be forgotten is an old program which Galeta has been running for years, "Bus Ride". Bus Ride offers a chance for all to star in a random discussion of the of the adventures of their Naval careers. Bus Ride sponsored by 409 Cleaner is a fifteen minute program transmitted live on the way to the Galeta studios. Next month we will review a program in detail.

Scouts Assist Water Rescue

Performing a service to the community as well as training young men water rescue and safety is the purpose of the new Emergency Service Program initiated by SSGT Raymond Underkofler for the "Ship 9", Atlantic side, Coco Solo Sea Scouts.

The Emergency Service Program is designed to train young men and place them on an on-call basis to be ready to assist in rescue in the case of a water mishap. "This service is like no other in the area," related SSGT Underkofler, "and will be good training for the boys in the world of safe boating." At present there are six qualified divers to assist in this training and in the rescue missions.

The Sea Scouts are sponsored by Galeta and use the 50-foot boat the "MerryArk" for their excursions. Young men from the ages of 14 to 20 are eligible to join. The weekly meetings are on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Scout Shack, Building 8, Pier 1, Coco Solo.

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AAIC Softball Champs

Vikings Capture Second Straight League Title

BY CTC DONALD McPHERSON

On 27 January the Vikings captured their second straight AAIC unit level softball championship by downing A Company, 8th Special Forces Group, 4-1.

Lead by the one hit pitching of Tex Matthys and the golden glove of Charlie Richey, the sailors from Galeta dominated action throughout the contest. Matthys pitched 6 innings of perfect ball before allowing a line single to the lead-off batter in the 7th, A Company's only runner. An error by the Viking center fielder allowed the Army to score their lone run. Richey, playing outstanding defensive ball, made three successive great fielding plays in the sixth inning to preserve Matthys almost perfect game.

The Navy had at least one man on base in every inning. Despite their hardy attack on Army pitching, the Tars were unable to score until the fifth inning. In the fifth the Navy scored four times on a walk to Murphy, singles by Kozack, Dawes and Lee. The Navy threatened in the sixth and seventh but were unable to score.

second half race for the Cup we placed fourth in the standings with 562 1/2 points although first place was ours had someone entered the cross country events.

Navy 26-0

Now that the new year has arrived once again we will compete against the Army teams in these events in our bid for the coveted Cup. Our Softball team currently has an outstanding record of 26-0.

So come on all you swab jockeys, lets get out for these events and support your teams - - either as a participator or as a spectator.

More later...



MVP MATTHYS

The Galeta Vikings Softball Team voted Tex Matthys, Most Valuable Player of the 1967-68 season.

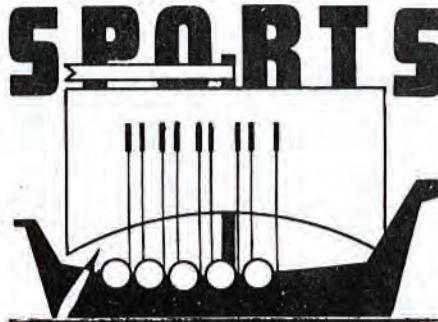
Tex finished the season with a 7-0 record while pitching 4 shutouts and allowing only 3 earned runs. "My season was outstanding and I wish that I could have many more like it", exclaimed Tex while being carried off the field after the final game.



Tex Matthys

Hailing from Wharton Texas, Matthys played ball in High School but did not begin to pitch until he joined the navy. Tex is planning on being transferred in May so this was his last season as a Viking. When asked what he felt was in store for the team next season he replied, "the team will have to start rebuilding itself because of all of the men being transferred".

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From The Stands

BY CTC GARY McGLOTHLIN
Athletic Program Coordinator

As most of you are aware we participate in the Atlantic Side Army Varsity Sports Program (AAIC) for the Commanders Cup.

The Commanders Cup is awarded twice per year on a point basis. The first half Commanders Cup is awarded for tennis, softball, bowling and basketball. The second half Cup's events include flag football, volley ball, cross country and swimming.

Last Season

Last year we placed second in the standings in the first half scoring 725 points against Hdqtrs AAIC who finished with 775. In the



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