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## NEW XO ARRIVED 24 JULY, LCDR KING TO D. C.



LCDR E. W. GUFFEY

LCDR E. W. GUFFEY will relieve LCDR E. S. KING as Executive Officer this month. Mr. Guffey began his naval career as a radioman and served in a number of ships before being assigned to the U. S. Embassy in Copenhagen. After that tour he transferred to the Naval Security Group and had tours in Japan and Morocco, where he was commissioned. His duty as an officer has been equally varied and includes assignments in Adak, Language School, England, and Ft. Meade. His most recent achievement was his earning his Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Maryland in May 1968.

Mr. Guffey is married, and he and Mrs. Guffey have three children: one son in the Naval Security Group one in the Army, and, one attending college in CONUS. Mrs. Guffey will be arriving in the near future to join her husband.



LCDR E. S. KING

LCDR E. S. KING and family will depart Panama on 31 July via the SS CRISTOBAL. After a short leave, he will report to the Naval Security Group Command Headquarters, Washington, D. C. for duty.

A memorial fund has been established by CONSUBLANT to commemorate the crew of the SCORPION. Our command was requested to assist in this educational assistance to the dependent children of the crew. COMNAVSO/COMFIFTEEN will be coordinator of the fund drive. LTJG DE GRAAF has been appointed the coordinating officer for our activity.

Any person wishing to contribute to this fund must do so before 31 July 1968. Checks should be made payable to the SCORPION MEMORIAL, care of Dolphin Scholarship Foundation.

### *Mitchell Named*

### *Sailor of the Quarter*

On July 12, 1968 CT2 Jeffrey D. MITCHELL was the recipient of the station's Sailor of the Quarter Award awarded him by CDR G. W. COX at Personnel Inspection that day.

Jeff who hails from Zanesville Ohio began his tour here at Galeta in March of 1967. He is joined by his wife, Sandy, who also comes from his home town. Before joining the Navy, Jeff was a Liberal Arts student at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Upon completion of recruit training he was assigned to the USS LLOYD THOMAS (DD764) and also NAVCOM-TRACEN, Panama, Florida for training in the Communications Technician field.



J. D. MITCHELL receives his citation from CDR G. W. COX.

Editor's note:  
Special FOURTH of JULY issue.  
See pages 4, 5, & 6 for picture story.



## Classified Status

BY AL HOLLEYMAN

I see effective 1 July 1968 all sponsors are required to submit a Petition to Classify Status of Alien Relative for Issuance of Immigrant Visa to the Immigration and Naturalization section in behalf of each alien, Western Hemisphere-born.

I was gonna try to classify Gracie but she kept sharpenin' her Tom-a-hawk and explained to me that her folks were there to meet the Mayflower and it was probably me that would have to be classified. Oh well, seein' as how it has to go through Mexico from Panama to get to the U.S., I don't think I'll have enough time to do to get one. Anyhow, it looks like the Sand Fleas are gonna eat me up and I won't need one.

Well it seems that everybody had a good time at the 4th of July party held on the 3rd, a good many of us had trouble making the eve watch the next day, so it must have been a blast, good thing the next day was a holiday 'cause some of the day workers didn't look so good either.

## THE CROSSROADS

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## Gud Guys' Challenge Stands Firm

BY CT2 M. T. LEE

Alas! Section Two at long last received a scoop watch from section four in Special Operations-131. That is big news! Thank you Supervision Section 4-131.

Section Two lost a few of its "Gud Guys" recently. Most noticeably; CT3 Joe GRASSO (retired to civilian life), CT2 Jim RICHARDSON (transferred to section 3), CT3 Bruce MITCHELL (transferred to section 1), CT3 Mike FATTIG (transferred to section 4).

Section Two gained some personnel too! The most recent applicants for the title of "Gud Guys" are: CTSN John BROOKOVER, CTSN Tim SPURR, CTSN Steve ROGERS, and CT2 Marty MC CANN - all four fresh from school in PNCLA. CT2 Jim ANDRUS (from Marietta, Washington) CT2 Rich COFFEY (transferred from section 3). CT2 Mark SIMONS (transferred from section 1), CT3 Robert SEROKA (transferred from section 4), and CTSN Joe VANDERWERKEN (transferred from section 3).

Section Two expected losses in the near future are: CTSN Fred (short) ROGERS, CT2 Charlie RICHEY, CT3 Mike MATTES. All are expected to return to the evils of civilian life.

Section Two continues to stand behind our standing challenge. We (I say we because I presume I can include myself—maybe they don't want me on the team) will challenge anyone to any sport anytime (that is if we are not on watch; our Division Officer would frown upon our engaging in athletics on his time!)

For lack of something else worthwhile to say and also because this column is only supposed to be so long and I have already gone over that limit I depart until the same time next month.



## MISFITS' MEANDERINGS

CT3 Gene "the road went the wrong way" KIRK stole the show at Section Four's Bohio party. The highpoint of his act being an aerial parking display. CT3 DAWES is looking for a Schwinn for his roomy ..Ring number two had the Magicians, CT3 Bob ALLEND and CT2 Rick LOMONTE with their disappearing shirt act. And ring number three had Sandy MITCHELL rescuing an acquaintance from the very grasp of evil.

Section Four recently resolved with the arrival of CTSA John MC LOUGHLIN and CTSA John PURCELL.. John has already completed the "star gazing course" offered by CTC Moe "Snowman" GALLA.

CT3 DAWES back from an enjoyable leave in Never Never Land brings news of great joy concerning a young Washington lass.. CT2 Terry CULLEY has also reupped with the Misfits after a leisurely

Two weeks on the golf course. "The Poppers" are making it big with their new platter "Baby I'm A Rich Man Now". The Poolers consist of CT2 Rusty MITCHELL, CT2 Rick LOMONTE, CT2 Jim SHEFFIELD and CT3 Sherwood "Poo" EDWARDS.

The words out that the Misfit's Mat Crew have been a great artistic success with their counterparts in Section Three.

Summer is here, and with Section Four, brings baseball conversation around the pool. Summer has also brought "The Satan Slaves" in the form of CT2 Bob GREENWOOD and CT3 Sam "Teddy Bear" MOWERY.

The Misfit's regretfully give up CT3 Bob SEROKA to section Two and welcome CT3 Mike FATTIG back to his old section.

In closing the Misfits happily avail themselves to the athletic prowess of the "Gud Guys".



## RADM Cook to Command NAVSECGRUCOM



Effective 1 July 1968, the Naval Security Group was disestablished as an entity of the Naval Communications Command and was activated as the Naval Security Group Command (NAVSECGRUCOM), reporting directly to CNO (Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, Communications).

The title of Director, NAVSECGRU was changed to Commander, NAVSECGRU, and the incumbent, Rear Admiral Ralph E. COOK, was promoted to his present rank on that date also.

RADM COOK sent the following message, in part, to all Security Group activities.

"Today I have assumed command of the Naval Security Group Command which was activated 1 July 1968. The Naval Security Group Command comprises a headquarters and assigned shore (field) activities "SECNAV, in directing the activation of a Naval Security Group Command signaled the end of an era and the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Navy operations.

"I am justly proud of being the first commander of NAVSECGRUCOM. I shall devote all my energies to making a success of our new organization. While so doing, I derive great satisfaction from the knowledge that I have your loyalty and support."

## Educational Opportunities

### Warrant Officer 68

BY CTSN BILL DAW

Warrant officers form a category between enlisted personnel and commissioned officers.

Enlisted members of the Regular Navy in pay grades E-6 through E-9 may apply for the Warrant Officer Program. If a petty officer, first class, he must have so served for at least one full year computed to 1 October 1968.

Minimum age is 23 and the maximum age is 31 as of 1 July 1968. Personnel must have completed (as of 1 July 1968) at least 6 years but not more than 14 years of active naval service. All personnel must be high school graduates or possess the service accepted equivalent (USAFI GED), and be recommended by their Commanding Officer. Personnel who are selected for promotion to warrant officer must pass

a physical examination. NO applicant may have any record of conviction from a military courts-martial or civil court other than minor traffic violations since 1 July 1966. All eligible applicants are required to take the Officer Selection Battery examination on 15 November 1968. (A list of study materials may be obtained from your Training Officer) First class petty officers who are candidates for warrant officer must also complete all performance tests practical factors, training courses, and service schools as required for the next higher rate and must successfully compete in the Navy-wide examination for E-7 on 15 August 1968.

Interested personnel should submit their application by special request to the Training Officer.

## LOG LINE

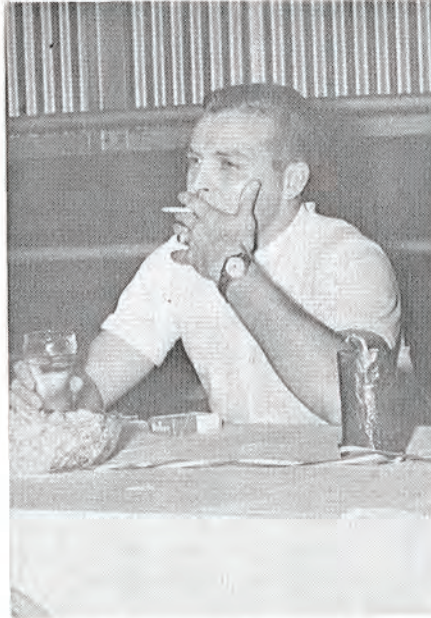
BY WALLY

A visit to the local Coco Solo Zoo (Monkey & Coatimondi) might prove enjoyable but check first with the animal trainer (Bring'em back alive) BUC "Buck" HODGSON. From his new plush office on the 2nd floor of the Admin bldg. the Safety Officer (LTJG John HEATH) is planning new operational procedures for the Bohio Merry-go-round and as a constant reminder he has a nice big cast on his broken hand resulting from a little accident. The Pers/SpecSvc/Legal/EduServ/Voting/Housing/Training/Sea Scouts Officer, Mr. Dave DE GRAAF is congratulated for his recent promotion to full LTJG. The new BULL ENS, Bob FRIEDRICHSEN, is currently making a name for himself as an outstanding cyclist. The XO, LCDR Ed KING, performed his newly assigned collateral duty (Snake Removal Officer) effectively a couple weeks ago when the USAF crash crew killed an 8 foot Boa Constrictor next to sick bay. SK1 "Butch" EISLEY seems to have started a new fad of "trail blazing" in the jungle, with what else of course, his car! The GOOD BAD, and UGLY (PN3 DICKENSON/PC2 OLSON/CSSN HABEL) invaded Panama City in late June without the Gray Hornet(61 Corvair), they took the choo choo train. After a stint as Watch Capt/Asst Watch Capt, CSSN "Jake" JACOBSEN now has shifted to nite cook/baker. Congratulations to SN "Mack the Crooner" ALLEN on making Seaman. SK3 ALBERT gave everyone a break and had a new cast put on his arm, seems they couldn't X-ray through all that ink on the old one. The new pleasant personality behind the counter at the Navy Exchange is Mrs. Larry GEIGER (Phyllis). A star was born in June when PC2 Mike "The Stripper" OLSON helped the ladies of the USO show in a song & dance routine. He was aided in his effort by the renowned M.C. of the Isthmus - LT Rick ALBRIGHT. Welcome aboard To SKSA ROSS from San Diego. Adios til next month. ...Wally

U.S. Savings bonds are a stable, safe investment for all.



# REMEMBER THE 4TH



**LT WELBORN** calm contemplation of events.

**LCDR KING** receives his prize from the ticket drawing. A Tennis Racket!



**FREE DRINKS** were enjoyed by all!!



...and good food too! **LT ALBRIGHT** gets in line for his share..



The CROSS-ROADS wishes to express  
its thanks for the photos by  
CT1 Johnny Newberry & CT2 Bruce Mitchell



Chief Wendell Midyette was the Emcee of the evening and his wife Nancy met each person at the door as they entered the dance hall at the Cristobal Skyroom.



"Anchors Aweigh..." Our boys in the parade at Coco Solo.



The 8th Special Forces participated in many of the activities during the day.

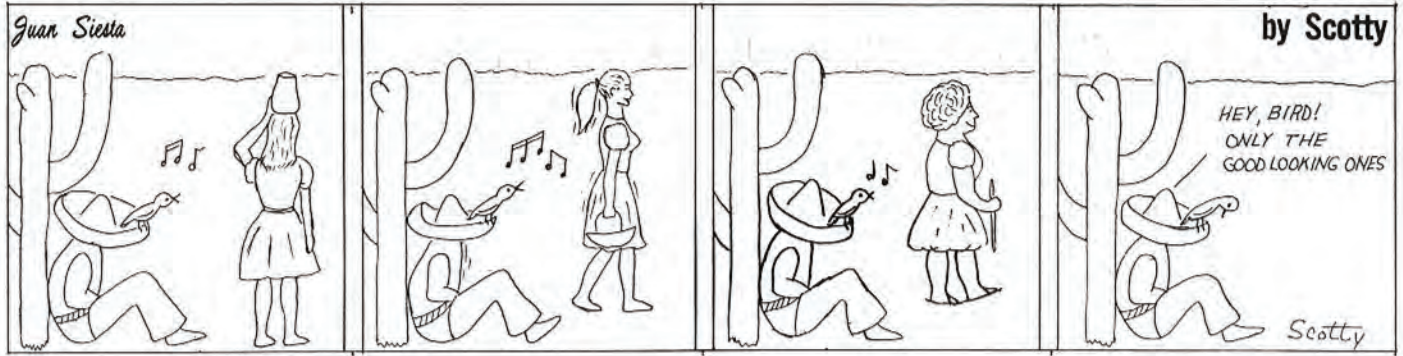


Everybody enjoyed the evening and began talking about what would happen the next day. Some just sat and smiled.



ENS FRIEDRICHSEN and the Honor Guard.





LTJG David A. DE GRAAF is smiling with happiness while his wife pins on his newly promoted rank after having watched him sign his papers just minutes before.

## Photo Lab Gets New Equipment

The station Photo-Lab, located across from the Ham Shack in the Special Services building, is open on a 24 hour basis to all Galeta Island personnel. The only prerequisite for the use of this facility is to be checked out by either CT1 Johnny Newberry or CT3 Bruce Mitchell, on the various photo processes.

At the present the Lab's facilities, are limited, but do include a Durst 609 Enlarger, with the hope in the projected future to acquire more equipment. All chemicals and equipment needed for processing 35mm, 120mm and 126mm black and white negatives and prints are furnished by Special Services. Paper can be purchased from Kodak stores in Colon.

No color prints or negatives can be processed in the lab at present.

## Bambeck To Relieve Barton

CWO Donald H. BAMBECK upon reporting to Galeta from the USS VALDEZ (T-AG 169) will relieve CWO Robert J. BARTON later this month as Facilities Officer. Upon reporting to Galeta CDR G. W. COX awarded him his next higher grade of CWO-2 which he had earned while on leave from the VALDEZ. His naval career has included tours in Kamiseya Japan, Oahu, Hawaii, USNTC, Bainbridge, Karmursel, Turkey, Kodiak, Alaska, and Skaggs Island.. His wife, Mary and his son are joining him on his tour here at Galeta.

CWO Robert J. BARTON and family are scheduled to depart Panama on July 31st via the USS CRISTOBAL. After a short leave he will report to COMLANTCOM, Norfolk, Virginia for duty.

## Parson to Person

BY CHAPLAIN JAMES K. SOLOMON

LORD,  
make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is injury, pardon,  
Where there is doubt, faith,  
Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light and  
Where there is sadness, joy.

O, DIVINE MASTER,  
grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love,  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born  
to eternal life.

Francis of Assisi

CWO R. J. BARTON

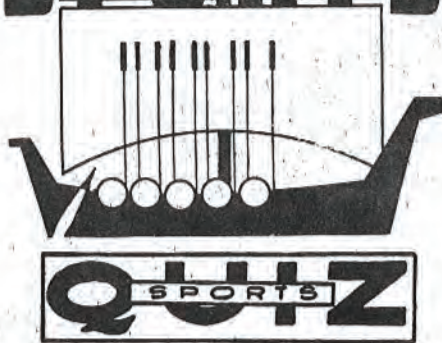


CWO D. H. BAMBECK





# SPORTS



(AFNB Feature)

1. What three National League players hit grand-slam home runs during the 1966 season?
2. Who is the only player in All-Star baseball history to be voted into three positions?
3. What team holds the major league record for one-run victories?
4. Who holds the women's record for swimming the English Channel?

### ANSWERS

1. Bob Aspromonte of the Astros; Bill Mazeroski of the Pirates; and Pitcher Tony Cloninger of the Braves.
2. Harmon Killebrew of Minnesota, who has started at first base, third base and left field in All-Star competition.
3. The 1910 Cincinnati Reds with 41 one-run victories.
4. Elaine Gray swam the distance in 10 hrs., 24 mins. on July 17 this year.

## TEN PIN CORNER

BY WALLY

Legion (#7) were the winners of the bowling league this past season. WAGONER had the high average of 190, while Mike OLSON had a high set (706 handicap), and Lester ERNEST had the high game of 275 (handicap). The banquet was held at the Surf Room of the Breakers Club last Friday (19 July 1968). See you again next year!



# From the Stands

BY CTC GARY MC GLOTHLIN

The first half year Commander's Cup competition has been completed. Hq. Co. AAIC took first place honors with Navy Galeta coming in second place just 47½ points away. The following is the boxscore of the first and second place units.

	AAIC	NAVY
TENNIS	225	175
SOFTBALL	162½	225
BOWLING	225	200
FLAG FOOT	225	150
-BALL		
TOTAL	797½	750

Position standing by sport for Galeta - Tennis-2nd place, Softball-1st place, Bowling-2nd place, Flag Football-4th place.

Our Vikings basketball team is having some trouble getting underway this year. The first half of the league competition is finished with Navy having won 1 game and

losing 4. The Coach, Ken Savoie, says better days are ahead and promises to have a much better showing the last half of the league. Steve Peterson, the Vikings' star has been nominated to play on the all star team. Results of the balloting however, are not available at the time of this writing. Good Luck Steve!

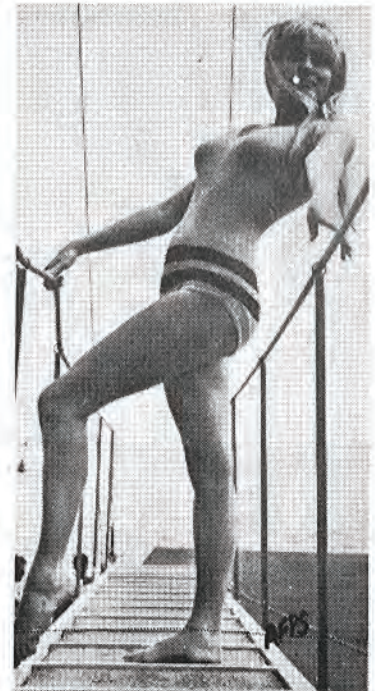
The AAIC Handicap Golf Tournament will be underway when this issue of the Cross-Roads is distributed. The tournament shall have started on the 13th. It is a 5-man team medal play competition being played at Ft. Davis. As of this writing team members names are not known, but we'll wish the prospective members smooth swings and long drives for the event.

## OFF the Kickstand

Due to the growing popularity of motorcycling on base, the CROSS-ROADS is publishing a monthly article on motorcycling and activities concerning the sport around our area.

Here are a few reminders for your benefit.

- (1) Never ride without a helmet and goggles.
- (2) Wear clothing that affords some protection i.e. long sleeved shirt or jacket.
- (3) Keep up the routine maintenance on your machine, particularly the braking and lighting systems.
- (4) Learn the limitations of your machine and yourself as a rider and don't exceed them.
- (5) Never ride after drinking.
- (6) Ride defensively, always expecting the unexpected.



**CZECH THIS** — Olinka Berova is one of the few actresses permitted to emerge regularly from behind the Iron Curtain. The 36-26-36 beauty appears in 20th Century-Fox's new production, "The Vengeance of She."

