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Coco Solo Annex to become Part of Galeta

BY LTJG JOHN HEATH



GMGC R. G. Taylor, Coco Solo Annex Security CPO, will depart Panama on 28 June for a new duty station located on the other side of the world. Chief Taylor will attend a thirteen week Counter Insurgency School in California prior to reporting to the Naval Advisory Group, Saigon, South Vietnam, for duty. Mrs. Taylor and son, Rodney, plan to call Brunswick, Georgia, home during the Chief's stay in Vietnam.

The culmination of more than a year of planning is expected to occur in the near future, when the Coco Solo Annex officially becomes part of the U. S. Naval Security Group Activity, Galeta Island. July 1st is currently set for the anticipated transfer of the facilities and personnel of the annex, which have been under the control of Naval Station Rodman since the deactivation of Coco Solo Naval Air Station about ten years ago.

Detailed discussions are still underway regarding specifics of the transfer, both at the local level and between Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet and Commander, Naval Communications Command, as the major claimants for Rodman and Galeta, respectively. At the present time, however, it is anticipated that all of the land, the buildings, the utilities, and the other structures which comprise the annex will be transferred, along with the civilian billets for the Rodman Public

Works field office at Coco Solo and the military billets for the security personnel stationed here. It is also expected that operation and maintenance funds in excess of \$200,000 will be transferred for fiscal year 1969.

Barracks Improvement

BY LTJG JOHN HEATH

Three improvement projects which will do much toward creating better living conditions for bachelor personnel at Galeta, are currently moving off the drawing boards of the Caribbean Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command at San Juan, P. R. Before the end of the present fiscal year, it is expected that construction contracts will be awarded for expansion of the barracks, Building 1139, and for general repairs and roof alterations to Buildings 1107, 1108, and 1139. By August 1968, the third project, for the installation of vinyl floor tile throughout the barracks and mess hall, will be ready for award.

The planned expansion of barracks facilities in Building 1139 provide living spaces for 18 additional men, alleviating somewhat the problem of overcrowded bachelor housing. The expansion will encompass the open portion of the first deck adjacent to the present berthing area, and is expected to be ready for occupancy within three or four months.



CT2 Noel BRAZEAL is being congratulated by CDR G. W. COX upon his first reenlistment. Petty Officer Brazeal reenlisted for six years on May 16, for VRB and an "ET" school program.

The Navy Wives Club will be having their monthly club social, sponsored by Phyllis Geiger and Helen Houghton, June 18th. It is to be held in the club meeting room at 7.30 P. M. A representative of Casa Chuchia will be showing linens and Avon products. A cordial invitation is extended to all women who wish to attend.

ON BOARD

NOTES FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER



BY CDR. G. W. COX

This month marks the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the U. S. Naval Security Group Activity Galeta Island. Although there have been earlier Navy outfits performing similar tasks on the Atlantic side since 1925, these units had always been a part of some larger station. The first of these was located at Toro Point near the breakwater at Fort Sherman reservation. That unit was moved to what is now the old operations site at Galeta Island in 1952, and for a number of years, it was a subordinate part of the Naval Communications Station Balboa. By SECNAV Notice ten years ago, the present station was established as a separate shore activity of the Navy under an Officer in Charge.

Since that time, the station has undergone considerable change. It has increased nearly tenfold in size- its antiquated equipment and limited mission have been totally replaced- and, new, sophisticated facilities and capabilities have been added. As noted elsewhere in this issue, this growth in size and responsibilities has not yet stopped for it now appears highly probable that all of Cocco Solo Annex will soon be transferred to Galeta. During the past decade, the station's contributions and assistance to the local communities have increased as well, and Galeta has assumed an increasingly active role in activities on the Atlantic side and in the Republic of Panama.

Our station's efforts in support of the fleet and national requirements continue to be significant and vital to the security of the free world, and I am sure the station will continue to grow in stature both in meeting its operation mission and in its contributions to community progress and welfare.

THE CROSSROADS

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We often think of meek individuals as the Casper Milquetoast type of personality. Or we may think there is no chance for the meek in a world like ours.

The Biblical meaning and background of this word is certainly different from the common meaning. The Scriptures say, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth". The word meek has the background of a wild horse being tamed and under control. A meek man then, is one who has his life under the control of God.

The happiest are those who are truly humble, merciful and have their lives under the "control of God". This person gives a cup of milk to the mouth of a man who is sick. He has reverence for the name of God. His purpose in life is not clouded by appeals to pride but directed toward serving others. This life requires strength, ability, and purpose. These are the "meek" ones who enjoy the earth.

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THE LOG LINE

Dedicated to the support of NAV-SECGRU's - After missing the May issue due to a mild management labor misunderstanding the Log Line is resumed. So Long and Good Luck to GMGC R. G. and Mrs. Katie TAYLOR (Vietnam), BMC Joe and Mrs. Sally WYATT (Newport), and SK2 Jeff WOLFE (Guam). Warm welcome to BMC and Mrs. CHEANEY (Morocco) & three youngsters. A word to the wise, RMSN Rich LAMERE has been accepted as a Pan Canal Police Officer upon his release from the Navy in AUG - Stand by! Congrats Rich. Seems as if we have two "Jungle Jim" strikers, ENS Dave DE GRAAF and CS2 Gene MADELINE, ANTIQUES and TREASURE is their game and where they explore in the wilderness no one can name. Congratulations to CSSN "Jake" JACOBSEN and SN "Stores" BLAKE on their recent advancement to E-3 Just as proud as punch is YN1 "Armie" RIGSBEE now being seen driving all over the base his big brand new Special Services Truck. The "Bald Eagle" of Public Works - Mr. Mattia SPAGNA - seems to have found a new barber shop, the CPO Lounge! Seems with the "Poor Peoples March" and the "Presidential Election" fever in WASHDC at the same time they need help. The Skipper, CDR COX, is making a TAD reconnaissance run to DC this month and if things are as bad as expected he will OK the transfer of our XO, LCDR KING, to SecSta in July. SHC PIERCE (NavExch Mgr) lucked out again, while losing a pleasant assistant in Katie TAYLOR he succeeded in hiring Mrs. Daniel KWIATKOWSKI (Judy), another stunner. The Log Line Editor, in his new role as Career Counselor, has been falsely accused of being a part-time Jewish Chaplain when Chaplain SOLOMON is not here. Although the Chaplain's office is used-it is for counseling so please fellows save the hearts and flowers for the real chaplain. The shuffle of the year took place on 24 May, 'O' Club Mgr LTJG John HEATH & "CPO" Club Mgr: EMC BROWN moved the "O" club guests, musicians and instruments (including a piano) to the CPO Club- a fine time they all had.Adios Wally

Navy Wives' News

BY LINDA COFFEY

Racked brains, constantly busy phones, sore feet, hammered thumbs and painted clothes signify that the Navy Wives Club members have been busy.

In the past few weeks we have carried out successfully all plans and projects. These projects range from rummage, book and bake sales to purchasing school supplies for the village of New Providence from a coffee for Newcomers to installing an air conditioner.

The members' interest in the club are as diverse as the enumerable patterns of a kaleidoscope. These varied interests have proved a success in creating enthusiasm in the club. They have also stimulated in each member an appreciation for the other person and their own individuality.

Each and every detail that goes into the club is important. The rummage and book sale held last month promoted an active interest for Sally Abiba and Linda Harris. The bake sale encouraged competition between Pam Bradberry, Helen Houghton and Linda Coffey. Also, our monthly social, given by Mrs. Nancy Cox and Mrs. Betty King, provided wonderful entertainment and a personal knowledge of the San Blas Indians, their customs and beliefs.

It is through these varied activities that we hope to draw more women into our organization. After all, we are all Navy wives and it is through a co-operative Navy Wives Club that we can and should band together.



When the pins stopped flying at the annual AAIC bowling tournament in the Ft. Gulick Bowling Center on May 12th the winners of the Doubles Competition were PN2 Lennie Wagoner (644) and PNC Raymond D. Wallace (536). Presenting the men with their trophies is LTC A. A. Smith, Executive Officer, AAIC.



BOZARTH WINS - CT1 J. A. Bozarth captured first place honors in the Galeta Island Special Services Golf Tournament held recently at Ft. Davis. Second and third places went to CT3 R. D. Arnold and CT3 A. L. Allison, respectively. Officiating at the awards ceremony are CDR G. W. COX and CTC G. McGlothlin, Athletic Sports Coordinator.



Cristobal Y.M.C.A. Welcomes Military

BY MR. CHARLES PAYNE
YMCA Program Director

All military personnel and their dependents are cordially invited to participate in the wide range of activities offered at the Armed Services YMCA, located on Bolivar Avenue in Cristobal.

For the single serviceman a regular schedule of social activities is highlighted by three weekly dances - Wednesdays at 7-30 p.m. finds "Casual Clash" with the latest in recorded music. Saturday nights' "Psychedelic Solace" at 8 p.m. features local popular bands, including the Rogues, the Scorpions, the Bell-tones and others. "Caribbean Capers" on Sunday at 7 p.m. emphasizes "java talk" with disco dancing. YMCA hostesses are in attendance and refreshments are served at all functions.

Beach parties, picnics, tours and a Moonlight Cruise on the Gatun Lake are just a few of the many social events planned for the future.

The YMCA educational program includes year round classes in English, Spanish and shorthand. A new three-month semester is scheduled to commence on August first.

"Public Interest" programs are presented often. A recent "Retirement In Florida" offering was well received. "Drugs in the Canal Zone", a bare revelation of the dangers involved in LSD and other drugs was given by Dr. B.K. Levin, Quarantine Officer, on June 10th.

Numismatist will enjoy the Cristobal Coin Club which meets twice monthly. Auctions, swaps, door prizes and lectures are regular features.

A "Military Couple's Club" is in the process of organization with the initial meeting to be held on Monday, June 17th at 7-30 p.m. Ideas for activities include dances trips to the San Blas Islands, Tours of the Canal and the Festival of the Black Christ in Portobello.

The YMCA facilities include an excellent Gift Shop where ruanas, molas, wacas and many other novel items can be purchased at reasonable prices.

Chess and Ping Pong Clubs meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and ballerinas practice every Tuesday and Saturday.

Recent arrivals in the Canal would enjoy the Newcomer's Club which meets the fourth Thursday every month.

An excellent restaurant and beauty shop are available in the "Y", featuring the "best foods", and "best hairstyles" in town.

Budding female speakers can practice their art at the monthly meeting of the International Toastmistresses every third Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Instruction in the sport of judo includes a ladies morning class and a coed adult evening class.

A nationally reorganized certification course in the sport of skin and scuba diving will commence in the near future.

Groups may arrange for use of the YMCA building facilities by calling the Program Director, Chuck Payne, at 3-2163 or 3-2164.

Keep alert and alive - join in the "Y's" activities today - all in air conditioned comfort.



July 3, 1968



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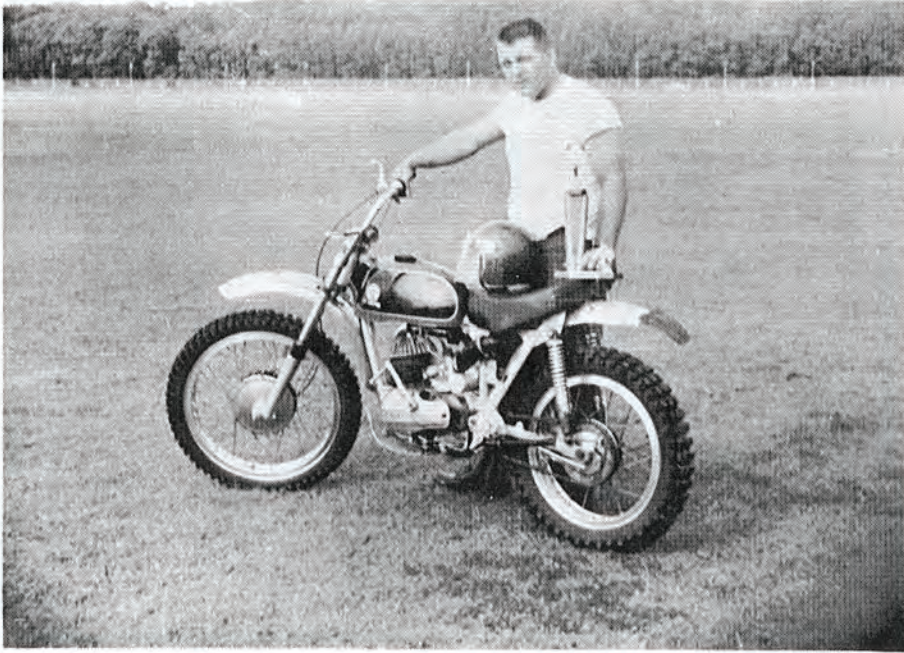
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TICKETS PURCHASED FROM REC. COMM.

MEMBERS UNTIL JUNE 23, 1968

Dance Band

Free Drinks



ENI Jerry Packer took first place in the Isthmian Motorcycle Assc. sponsored TT Scramble held in Chilbre, R. P. Packer won the event riding his 250 cc Bultaco.



FLOWER DISPLAY — Model wearing flowers is Elizabeth Jordan who recently made her debut as Playmate of the Month. The part-Cherokee Miss is an avid equestrienne.

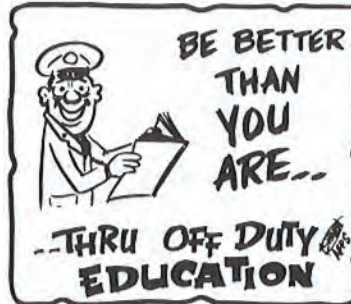
SPORTS QUIZ

(AFNB Feature)

1. Who has been named commissioner of the newly-formed American Basketball Association?
2. What is the Madison Square Garden record basketball score for a college game?
3. How many left-handers have played shortstop in the major leagues?

ANSWERS

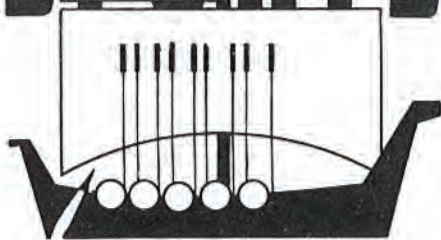
1. George Mikan, former Minneapolis Lakers' star.
2. A 122-59 victory by NYU over Syracuse in 1961. It is also an NYU scoring record.
3. Only four, all before 1900. They were Bill Greenwood, Bill Hulien, Irving Ray and George Van Haltren.



FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE - Messrs Thomas Holder and Antonio Taylor received Outstanding Performance Certificates. Both men are employed as Messmen in the Station Galley.



SPORTS



OFF the Kickstand

BY ENS ROBERT L. FRIEDRICHSEN

Motorcycles can be a great source of recreation as well as a very practical means of transportation. In the hands of a competent rider who exercises good common sense, they are reliable and safe. Unfortunately, a few riders who have not used common sense have given motorcycles and motorcyclists a bad name and a very negative public image. The stereotyped motorcycle rider is the "Hell's Angel" with his black leather jacket and eagle on his back, going from town to town, ravaging countryside. The other 98% of the motorcycle enthusiasts go unnoticed. Well organized clubs holding sanctioned events, stressing safety and "good clean fun", never seem to make the news.

We are fortunate here to have such liberal regulations for motorcycles. The rules that exist are merely simple safety precautions to protect the rider from serious injury in the event of a fall. Adhering to these rules is a small price to pay for the privilege of riding and it is up to those of us sincerely interested in motorcycling, whether for sport or transportation to protect this privilege.

If you own a motorcycle or are considering buying one, you might look into joining the ISTHMIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION, a club made up of cycle enthusiasts from both the Atlantic and Pacific sides. They sponsor a wide variety of competition events as well as safety programs, motorcycle shows, trail rides, and social functions. For further information contact Ens. Friedrichsen, EN1 Packer, CT2 Brazeal, or CTSN Rogers.

From The Stands

BY CTC GARY McGLOTHLIN

Congratulations to CT1 Jim Bozarth on winning the station golf tournament. Jim defeated Arnold and Allison in the 36 hole play-off at Fort Davis. Arnold placed second and Allison placed third.

The AAIC Handicap golf tournament will be played 6-7 and 13-14 July. Each team is limited to five players. If you are interested in being a member of Galeta's team notify YN1 Ribzgee at Special Services no later than 20 June. You must be a member of the Ft. Davis Club to be eligible.

Basketball season officially gets underway at Ft. Davis Gym on 17 June. Navy plays SA# the first game at 1815. All you fans come out and support your team. Coach Savoie says he could use some more players also, due to watch-standing schedules.

In the recently completed AAIC unit level bowling competition the doubles team of Wallace and Wagoner took first place honors with a fine 1200 total. Wagoner also took high series honors with an outstanding 664 series, and placed second in all events with a 2232 - 12 games total. The Vikings team placed second bringing home 200 commanders cup points. AAIC won the team event.

The following weekend, a six game roll-off was held at Howard AFB against six men from the Pacific side to determine the team members for the Stingrays in PAF bowling competition. Wagoner, Powers and Aker rolled their way to 2nd, 4th & 5th place finishes respectively. Wallace was the first alternate.

PAF competition was completed with Al Powers bringing home the only trophy for the Galeta bowlers. Al had a fine 660 series to win the high series award. Lennie Wagoner placed third in singles, just 29 pins out of first place. The Stingrays


team effort resulted in fifth place finish for the Navy team.

Final commanders cup standings are not yet available due to football season not being completed. The Vikings finished with a 6 win + 5 loss record. Maybe enough for a 4th place tie. The CROSS-ROADS will publish the final cup standings next month.

TEN PIN CORNER

BY RICH COFFEY

After bowling seven weeks with a position night out of the way, the race is still fairly close. The E.S. Waid Post no. 2 (formally the "Sand Fleas") are still occupying first place with a 25-7 record. Teams 2 & 3 are tied for the second place slot with a 18-4 record. The fourth place tie goes to teams 5 (Garborfs) and team 6 with a 16-16 record. Fotographia Tommy Little (4) is in sixth place all by its lonesome (but not out of the race) with a 15-17 record. Teams 1 & 8 are fairly consistent in the standings bringing up seventh and eighth places respectively. The high average category remains the same with PN2 Lennie Wagoner leading with a 196 average. CT3 Al Powers remains in second place with a 185 and CTC Dwayne Olson in third with a 182. High game (handicap) still belongs to CT1 Les Ernest with a hard to beat 275 game. CT2 "Chip" Seegers has taken over second place with a 259, knocking PC2 Mike Olson to third with a 258 game. There has been a small change in high series handicap standings. Mike Olson still has the lead with a romping 705, with PN3 Fred Dickenson moving into second with a 675 series. CT1 Les Ernest had a 665 series to take over the third place slot. Will see you next issue for more exciting news from the Ten Pin Corner.



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