

# THE CROSS ROADS

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**SETTING UP SHOP:** Getting the new Special Services woodworking shop ready for use is ENC Norman Gillis, EN1 Jerry Packer and DC3 Ronald McShirley.

## Four Galeta Women to Qualify as Water Safety Instructors

BY CTSN BILL DAW

Very few women ever under take the task of earning merit as a qualified National American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor. The roughest course offered by the Red Cross is now being attended by four women from Galeta Island.

Mrs. James Feeley, Mrs. Wendell Midyette, Mrs. Jackie Baker and Mrs. William Hodgson are the four proud women, who can boast they are on the road to being qualified Water Safety Instructors.

Under the instruction of Mrs. Polumbo and Mrs. Waimio, WSI Instructors at Gatun Pool, the ladies have completed their first phase of instruction. In the first phase they were taught the nine styles of swimming, which begin with the crawl and progress to the double trudgen crawl which is the most exhausting strokes of all to perform. They are required to know

all the strokes and be able to teach them with precision. After learning how to do these strokes they are required to teach the fellow members of their group. The main purpose of a Water Safety Instructor is to be able to accurately teach anyone how to swim. The practice of doing so with their colleagues prepares them for their outside assignments and new jobs.

Phase two, which the women have just begun, consists of a strenuous course in life-saving techniques. At the completion of this phase they are required to take an exhausting and very different test on their life-saving ability. They are required to save a drowning person using all the skill and knowledge they have gained through the course. Having passed successfully, they are awarded the title and responsibility of Water Safety Instructor. Good Luck Ladies.

## Woodshop Nears Completion

Special Services has announced that the long awaited woodworking shop is in the final stages of completion. Tools for the shop were purchased with funds from a BUPERS grant. Special Services contributed an additional \$270 for tools and supplies.

The facility was designed and layed out by BUC William L. Hodgson with the assistances of ENC Alman Brown, EN2 Raymond Flack, EN1 John Strong, EN1 Jerry Packer, ENC Norman Gillis and DC3 Ronald McShirley.

The shop contains a bench sander, bench grinder, bench drill press, two radial saws, a joiner, large disk sander, table saw, planer-molder, wood lathe, band saw, combination belt and disk sander and a jig saw. An air conditioner is yet to be installed.

Basic materials will be available through special services for use. Stocked will be such items as plywood, mahogany, screws, nails and glue. Other items such as different woods and materials can be ordered through special services.

Hours of operation and shop procedures will be promulgated in the near future.



**MAKING RATE** on March 16, 1968 are: (l to r) standing, T. Carpenter, L. Cuddeby, M. Corrigan, W. Hager, and T. Wotherspoon. Kneeling are: R. Kippax, C. Markle, S. Mowery and A. Powers.



# Parson to Person

**SUCCESS OR FAILURE IN LIFE?**  
BY CHAPLAIN JAMES K. SOLOMON

No one wants to be a failure in life. Every person wants to climb the ladder of success and reach the top in their business or profession. It is possible in our democratic country to become President. Abraham Lincoln, and many like him have come from obscurity to the halls of fame. They will be long remembered for their contributions to society and the welfare of their fellow men. As we examine the lives of great men, one factor is outstanding. These men knew no short cut to success. It meant hard work, sweat and tears. They were ready and willing to pay the price for success.

Your Record of Emergency Data is the most important page of your service record when it comes to personal information concerning your desires in the event you are killed or found missing. It may be changed anytime you desire simply by stopping in the Personnel Office to give new details and sign the forms.

Frequently overlooked are changes of address, births or deaths of immediate family, and civilian insurance policies,

We note also that success is not measured in dollars and cents, or popularity. Success is measured in terms of those who have given their lives in service for the progress of mankind. Can it be said of us that our lives have made a contribution for the advancement of society? Or do we think only of ourselves and our personal gains.

Listen to the words of the great teacher on success, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16,24-26)

## Educational Opportunities

BY CTCS WILLIAM C. HOGAN

The goal of the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) is to help members of the armed forces raise their educational level through a voluntary program of correspondence courses. The Institute offers more than 200 courses at pre-high school, high school, technical and college levels. In addition, 46 colleges and universities participate in USAFI's educational program by offering over 6000 college level courses. Personnel enrolling in their first USAFI technical, high school or college level course are required to pay a \$5.00 fee. As long as their progress is satisfactory, they may continue taking these courses free of charge. There is a separate fee for correspondence courses offered by colleges and universities participating in the program. For those people interested in furthering their education while in the service, this is a bargain that should not be overlooked. A catalog of courses is available in the Training Office. For further information, contact Chief HOGAN.

## THE LOG LINE

BY "WALLY"

Dedicated to the support of Nav-SecGru's - Latest scuttle butt has it that the orange juice Katie Taylor (Navy Exchange) drinks behind the counter might be a "screw driver". Should you notice the new white bottoms on the trees it's the work of BMC Wyatt's hosses (SA's Brock and Bednark). The new face in the crowd at the Navy Exchange is none other than the manager himself, SHC J. Pierce, arriving from the USS WARRINGTON DD-843. The bout of the month was "Doc" HM1 Harrington -vs- A Slight Pneumonia, Doc didn't win! BUC Hodgson's new novel is "Hole In One" written at the Fort Davis Links on Feb. 8. Anyone having a pair of non-slip (with ankle support) fishing shoes might be able to sell them to CS1 'Bil ly' Turbville. What, another PN1, yes "Gentleman" George Beucher reporting in from the Pentagon WashDC along with his pretty Scottish wife and three sons. The "Gray Homet" (61 Corvair) of PC2 "Oley but Goody" Olson can be seen making regular runs into Colon town, especially during Wee Morning hours, (not for mail either)! What, the LOG LINE editor became a father - yes but via the adoption/sponsorship route. Where were our track and field running stars (SK3's Wolfe, Albert and Marshall) in the AAIC when we needed them! Such a big blast was held at the Bohio for PC3 "Sailor of the Year" Charlie and CS1 "Big Bad" Jim on Feb. 23 that the electric lights in the whole area went out! A sad note - with the build up in Viet-Nam the tour of "Doc" HM2 Brucker was cut one year (Oct 68), he's an ole veteran. of the FMF and Viet-Nam. Emergency order to supply for more adding machine tape - seems head bookkeeper PNSN Dickenson and the books of the "El Marino" don't agree. Hey Mid-watchers and pastery lovers - are you eating more and enjoying it less, probably due to the recent promotion (not pay grade only status) of CSSA "Big Bobby" Habel to Ast Baker and Cook on the nite shift of the Galley. Til next month...Adios

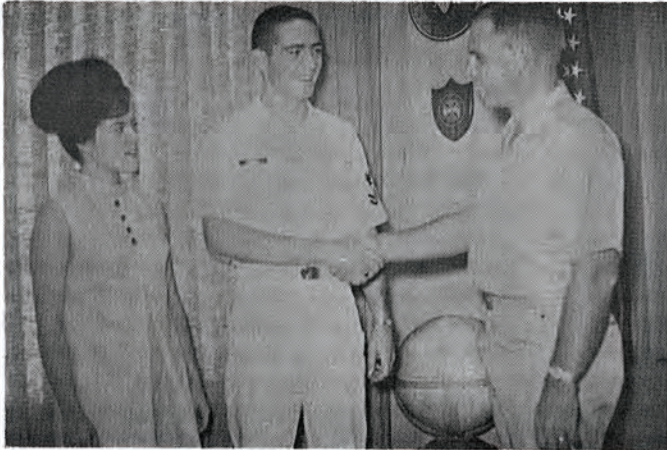
## THE CROSSROADS

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CT2 Pat Guckian being congratulated by CDR. G. W. Cox, as his wife looks on.



Being sworn back into the Navy by CDR. G. W. Cox, is Richard Nye.

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THIS IS THE TALE  
OF FOUR MEN FINE  
WHO THROUGH COMMON SENSE  
DECIDED TO RE-SIGN

THEY ALL FOUR WERE MARRIED  
AND WORE SECOND CLASS CROWS  
ON THEIR FIRST ENLISTMENT  
-- AND OUR STORY GOES

PAT GUCKIAN IS GOING TO SCOTLAND  
AND THE HIGHLANDS HE WILL SEE  
AND EVEN MAYBE GET A CHANCE  
TO SAVE SOME V,R,B,

THEN THERE IS THE STORY OF ONE  
DAVID M. BAXTER THE THIRD  
TO THE LAND OF HAWAII HE'S GOING  
AND THAT WAS HIS FIRST CHOICE  
WE HEARD

THERE WAS ONE MAN NAMED NYE  
WHO WILL SOON BE GOING TO SCHOOL  
TO STUDY THE GERMAN LANGUAGE  
AND FOLLOW THE GOLDEN RULE

TO SAY NOT THE LEAST. TONY ALLISON  
TO MAINE HE IS SHIPPING HIS GOODS  
WINTER HARBOR WE ARE TOLD IS A NICE PLACE  
BUT TO GO FROM THE JUNGLE TO WOODS

SO LISTEN YE MEN OF LITTLE, LITTLE FAITH,  
A NAVAL CAREER IS QUITE FINE  
MEDICAL BENEFITS, HOUSING, AND GOOD DUTY  
ARE YOURS IF YOU SHOULD RE-SIGN

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Signing his new reenlistment contract is Tony Allison.



Looking ahead after his reenlistment is David Baxter.



# Thugs to be Gud Guy Stompers

BY CHET CHILDS

Section Three's "Thugs" are more than pleased to accept the challenge from section two. The "Gud Guys" might very well be proficient at boast of past feats and at challenging, however, the the erroneously implied title of the "Thugs" will be changed at the outcome of the competition to the "Gud Guy Stompers". Baseball is the game of our choice and the place, the Navy ball diamond across from the barracks. March 18th is predicted to be a winner and an afternoon of ball commencing at one o'clock would be fine.

On February 25th, CT3 Jerry Kieras and CT3 Chet Childs left Tocumen Airport for a full day trip to a Choco indian village in the jungle wilderness of the Darien province. The mode of transportation used to reach the village was cyuca, which lasted nearly two hours. Comments ranged from "They sure don't look very wild" to "Wonder if those spears are tipped with poison". After several hours in the compound, the explorers loaded the boats for the return trip to the coastal town of Jaque and the return flight.

Heard around the Section

Pat Lockhart, CT3, has been noticeably happier since the arrival of his wife, Patricia and son Todd, who arrived in "Sunny Galeta" on the 3rd of March from Johnston, New York.

And going in the opposite direction are Robin and Scott Bradley, wife and son of CT3 Bob Bradley, returning to the States on March 26th. We all wish them a happy and safe journey. We also welcome Bob back to the barracks.

# Newcomers Club:

## Luncheon And Tours Planned

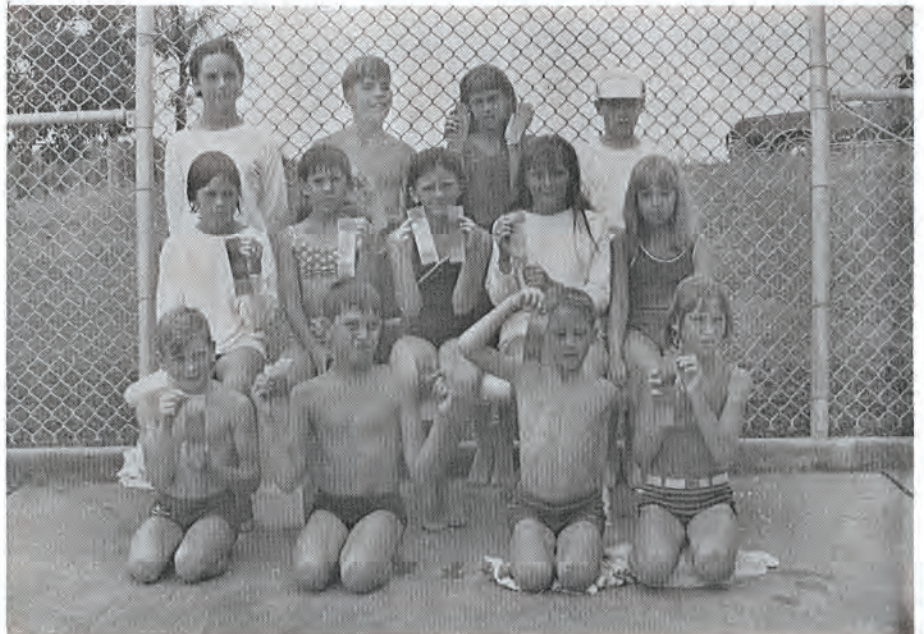
BY MRS. KAREN MADELINE

Are you a newcomer who has been on the Atlantic side of the Isthmus for less than a year? Would you like to meet other people who are also new and have the opportunity to learn about your new surroundings by tours and talks? Then you should consider a club which can offer you this and more - The Canal Zone Atlantic Side Newcomers Club.

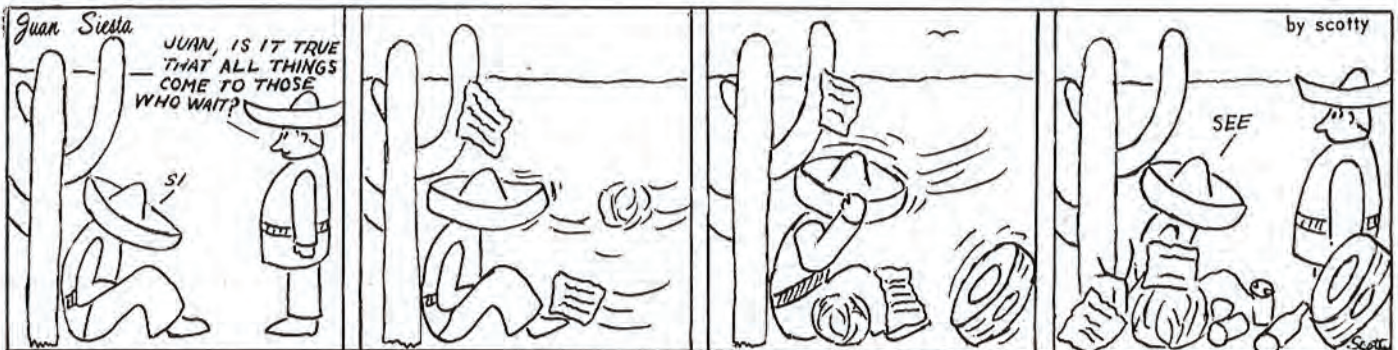
The March meeting will be held on March 28, 1968 at 1230 p.m. in

the Cristobal YMCA. This meeting is traditionally the time for the "Salad Luncheon", and this year will be no exception. Members are asked to bring their favorite salad and recipe. The tour scheduled for March is to the Governor's Mansion. The date is March 21, 1968 and the cost will be \$1.00 plus your lunch at the Tivoli. This tour will also include a partial tour of the Las Cruces.

SEE YOU THERE!



"PICTURES DON'T LIE" - From the faces on these children you can see that they worked hard for their awards. Thursday, February 22, 1968 was a day of achievement for these youngsters while participating in the George Washington Swim Meet held at the Gatun Pool. Galeta Island can boast seven first places, four second places, and four third place ribbons. From (l to r) standing - Darlene Baker, Chris Cox (2nd), Debbie Cox (2-1st), John Gillis; sitting - Virginia Rodgers (2-1st), Debbie Phillips (3rd), Shirley Midyette (3rd,2nd), Linda Hodgson (3rd), Pam Cox; kneeling Gary Hodgson (2nd), James Feeley (2-1st), Carey Phillips (2nd) Terry Phillips (1st,3rd).





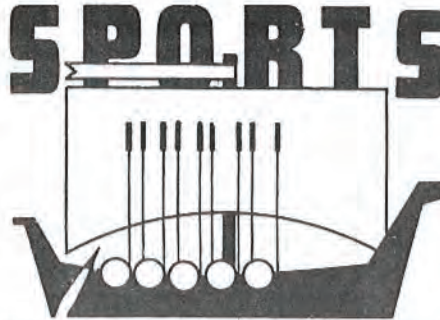
# From the Stands

BY CTC GARY MCGLOTHLIN  
Athletic Program Coordinator

The Galeta Vikings currently hold the number one position in the AAIC Commander's Cup standing, thanks to the fine effort of the softball team. The second event for the cup is now underway. Our tennis team is composed of four members- team captain Lockhart, David Tomasko, Bruce Burch, and Robert Greenwood. Competition commences March 2nd with the singles events. The tennis matches will be a single-elimination type of tournament. Good Luck to you men!

After the tennis, the next event on the agenda will be Flag Football. This year they have switched the Flag Football and Basketball seasons in order to eliminate the heavy rains (hopefully) during the football season. Coach McPherson says practice will start around the middle of March with the League tentatively scheduled to start around the middle of April. No firm dates on these as yet-look for them in the P.O.D.

An added sports attraction for all hands will be held on March 18 at the station softball field at 1300. The Section Three Thugs have accepted the challenge of the Section Two Gud Guys in a softball game. The leaders will buy the beer. Come on out and support your TEAM.



The command athletic director announces tentative plans for a summer Navy mens handicap bowling league beginning April 5. Margarita Lanes will be the place and Friday nites at 1830 the time. The number of teams, size of teams, and the length of the season will be contingent upon the amount of interested bowlers.

## Hodgson Slams 'Hole In One' On Davis Course

BUC William L. Hodgson has his claim to fame. Teeing off on the par 4, 250 yard, 14th hole of the Fort Davis Golf Course the Chief slammed with fortuitous luck his ball to the green and became the recipient of the Clubs' "Hole in



William Hodgson



AAIC TROPHIES - On February 15, 1968 the Galeta team received their AAIC Trophies for winning the 1967-68 Softball League Championship. Shown in the above picture are (l to r) standing, William Kozak, CTCM James Feeley, CDR G.W. Cox, Albert Powers, James Conners, COL. William Humphrey, (l to r) kneeling - Charles Richey, Ken Roby, Tex Matthys and Tommy Rollo.

One" trophy.

Playing in a threesome with YN1 Arnold Rigsbee and CTSN Conrad Markle on February 8, 1968, the Chief became the first person to capture the 14th hole. After teeing off with a driver from a blind valley to the green located behind two knolls, he walked to the green and looked for his ball. "I figured that the ball was on the green, but my caddie was down below and didn't see it." Then following a suggestion by YN1 Rigsbee that he check the cup, Hodgson walked over and muttered to himself "I couldn't believe it," he exclaimed as he went to gather the others to see the ball lie deep in the cup.

Chief Hodgson finished the game but only half heartedly and went home and with an 88 and a memorable day.

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## Ballesteros Awarded 2nd Purple Heart

Robert R. Ballesteros, PFC, USMC, was awarded on January 18, 1968 his second purple heart by COL. E. G. Glidden, Commanding Officer of the 15 ND Marine Barracks, for being wounded in action in Viet Nam.

PFC Ballesteros, attached to the Marine Security Attachment, Galeta Island, spent 14 months in Viet Nam serving with the 1st Battalion, 1st Division, 1st Marines. It was in Da Nang in October 1965 that he re-his first award for bullet wounds while he was an acting machine gunner. Then in February 1966 during Operation Double Eagle in Chu Lai, he was hit by a shrapnel mortar. "I was running across a rice patty to set up a machine gun placement in support of a nearby tank when a mortar blew and I was hit with shrapnel.

Ballesteros, undergoing surgery recently at the Coco Solo Hospital to have shrapnel fragments removed from his legs, left Viet Nam and reported to Camp Penelton to the 28th Marines as a Regimental School Instructor in weaponry, before being assigned to the Marine Barracks, Rodman, Canal Zone.

## LCDR & Mrs. King Aid in Carnival

LCDR and Mrs. E. S. King helped bury the fish on Shrove Tuesday and thus signalled the end of the carnival season.

The XO and his wife were the Navy representatives on the Atlantic side, Canal Zone, Carnival junta this year, and they put in many long hours in helping escort the queen candidates, planning and participating in the Panamanian carnival activities, and in helping to build good will and friendship between our country and Panama.

The Carnival is an exuberant pre-Lenten celebration common in Latin American nations and features dances, parades, the selection of carnival queens and princesses, and the other festivities. The Navy has taken an active role in the Atlantic side Festival, and LCDR and Mrs. King deserve a "Well done" for their fine job.

## AFTER THE SLAUGHTER

### Gud Guys to Give Thugs New Aprons

BY LESTER ERNEST

Let it be known that the Section Three Thugs came out from behind their mother's apron strings and accepted Section Two's challenge. Way to go Thugs we didn't think you had it in you.

The Thugs have decided to try their luck at a softball game. All hands are invited to see the Gud Guys slaughter the Thugs at 1.00pm

### Section 3 Training at El Marino says Section 4

WITH THE COZ

This month Section Four welcomes the return of a man who has done a great deal for the section in the past, including the important work that went into the Section Four Yearbook, which was dropped due to lack of interest. It is indeed an honor to welcome back Rich Hebble an asset to any section.

In reply to Section Three's rash challenge to a baseball game, we of section four accept, but under one circumstance. Namely that once Section Three is behind by more than twenty runs, they give up with honor and stick to drinking, a pasttime they are known to excel in. It would probably have been wiser for them to have challenged another section to a drinking contest with the loser paying for a baseball game. At any rate, the game will be played around the end of the month on a date to be announced.

Section Four wishes to give its formal thanks and farewell to our outstanding OWC CTC V. C. Ensley who is leaving next month for a tour of duty at Marietta, Washington. It is understood that the Chief is a bit upset because he will miss shooting at landcrabs, but is pleased with his orders none the less. Good Luck Chief.

at the station softball field March 18.

Section Two welcomes Lightning Bob Lambert into the section. Lightning comes to us from the day personnel.

Section Two will soon be loosing the services of Tex Matthys.. Tex is heading for the Land of the Big PX. Since Tex has a sore throat from telling everyone how short he is, we thought we would help him out through the mass media of the CROSSROADS.

Items which could probably be picked up cheap in Section Two are One 68' Alpine, 2wks old only 100,000 miles on it.

One 67' MGB GT, slightly bent only 14 wrecks.


One set of Spalding Executive Golf clubs (the owner can't find a bag for them).

One 67' Dodge the owner will give you fifty cents to take it away.

For info on the above proud owners just ask any of the Gud Guys.



INSTALLATION - Mrs. Fran Hutchings receives the symbol of office from Mrs. Sally Abiba, as she is installed as the new President of the Galeta Island Navy Wives' Club, while Mrs. G. W. Cox, the club sponsor, looks on. Other newly installed officers at the dinner, held at the Ft. Davis NCO Club on February 20, 1968 are Mrs. Violet Lee-Vice Pres., Linda Harris-Recording Secretary, Joann Ferroni-Corresponding Secretary, Sally Abiba-Treasurer, Kathy Baxter-Parliamentarian, and Frankie Ensley-Chaplin.



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