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Nine Men Cited for Special Awards

BY LARRY M. GEIGER
CROSS ROADS, Editor

Standing in formation on the deck of the new gymnasium, nine men were cited during the September Inspection,

CWO 4 Howard LaFave, CTC Gary McGlothlin, CTC Scottie Allen, and CT1 Frederick Hamilton were awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for their participation in Project Clarinet Bullseye. CT1 Stephen Roberts received his Good Conduct Medal, second award and SA Gerald Brock was presented his USAFI GED certificate after completion of a 7 week course held at Fort Davis.

A new, special "Captain's Award for Achievement", to provide recognition to personnel who have made outstanding contributions to the welfare of the command was awarded to BM2 Virgil Capps, SN Tommy Rollo and SN Jerry Smith.

Petty Officer Capps received the award for the work done on the Pistol Range and the special services 15 foot Boat. Seamen Rollo and Smith earned their awards for single handily painting the gym, thereby saving the command money and manhours.

The results of what these men have done will be seen for a long time at this command.



New Officers Installed

Lighting the flame of office is Mrs. Phyllis Geiger as she is installed as President of the Navy Wives' Club in a ceremony held on September 11th at the Fort Davis NCO Club.

Attending the Navy Wives' installation and

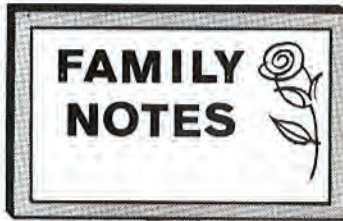
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Section Three Football Poll

BY CTSN ROGER PENSKE

With football season just around the corner, Section 3 has placed their beer mugs on the shelf and donned their pads for another exciting year. This years offensive team consists of center L. Tillotson, tackles D. Padilla, and "Stump" Peck, guards: B. Yelk, "Breakers" McLoughlin, lonesome ends: "Hands" DeWitz and "Mouse" McBride, halfbacks "Speed" Bradbury, "Short" Whittier, fullback "Hulk" Rowe, wingback T. Eagle and calling the signals "Legs" Landkammer. At defence are linemen, "Fear-some Foursome" Seal, linebackers, "Bronc" Andrus, E, Phipps, M. Mulenbruch, cornerbacks M. Corrigan, "Skate" Bernier R. Jahn, safetymen "Crash" Ebert, C. Childs, C. See-gers. This years coach is CTC "Vince" Dowell. Water boys are "High Life" Miller and Clet "Bud" Weiser.

Section 3 wishes to the rest of the teams the best of luck.



BY MRS. GRACIE HOLLEYMAN

Hi There! What's new, what's happening and what events are going to take place in Coco Solo? This column is for dependents and all their little ones with their cute and sometimes "unorthodox" sayings- events- sports- activities, and any pictures of every day life.

Please assist my feeble efforts for the next month by telephoning Coco Solo 257 to report where the best - silly - newsworthy-interesting- unusual, dependent pictures can be taken so I may be present to present YOUR part of our life here in Panama to our base and the families scheduled for the future.

Lets all give forth every effort to make this home a "Pleasant and Interesting place to live as our Home Away From Home."

NAVY WIVES' INSTALLATION

dinner were CDR and Mrs. G. W. Cox and LCDR and Mrs. E. W. Guffey (club sponsors).

Other officers installed that evening were: Mrs. Linda Harris, vice president, Mrs. Shiela Packer, treasurer, Mrs. Pam Bradbury, parliamentarian, Mrs. Judy Kwiatkowski, recording secretary, Mrs. Sally Abiba, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Marty Penske, chaplain.

The New LOG LINE

BY SNEAKY SNOOP

You have had a month to guess my name, but to date you have lost the game.... So here's my story of Logistics glory.....

Hot tip has it that CTSN Daw has had his dungarees bleached by his wife. Did you hear that PN1 Beucher and Pn3 Dickensen ran out of gas on their way to the Bohio. It was a long walk. Heard from a reliable source that EN1 Packer can't find his pants on Saturday mornings to go cycling. Is that so Shiela? Speaking of Packers, congratulations are in order for their new son David Ordale. Sorry to hear that PN2 Wagoner has developed back trouble "since" his arrival from TAD. "The speedy" trip to Santa Clara by PNC Wallace, PC2 Olson and PN3 Dickensen must have been a real smash, right Ollie. Beware jungle, SK1 Eisley and his car, the Black Bomber, is back on the road. Did you know that CT2 Conner's spring has sprung, on his car that is. Wonder whose painted what? Have you seen SN Rollo's and Smith's dungarees lately. Hear Security is asking time off for good behavior now that the PHIBRON'S gone. Until again.

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Navy Day Ball

The Annual Navy Day Ball will be held the weekend of 27 October in the new station gym. Food and refreshments will be served. Make your plans to attend.

LT Metzger, Wife and Daughter, Arrived on the CRISTOBAL from Fort Meade

Arriving on the SS CRISTOBAL with his wife, Euphon and daughter, Alyson, LT John Metzger assumed the duties of Head, Operations Department from LT Paul Welborn.

Mr. Metzger, a graduate of Colby College, Waterville, Maine, was commissioned on November 20, 1959. His previous assignments include Naval Intelligence School, Wash-

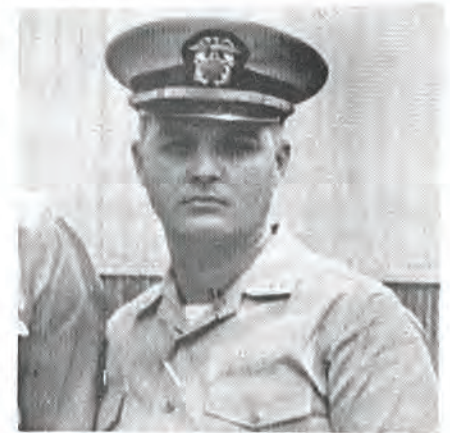


MR. METZGER & FAMILY

ington, D. C., Language School, Washington, D.C., Heavy Attack Squadron Eleven, Kami Seya, Japan, and most recently Fort Meade, serving on the staff of Assistant Commander, Naval Security Group Command.

Mr. Metzger expressed his expectations of an interesting and satisfying tour at Galeta.

The CROSS-ROADS wishes to extend a WELCOME ABOARD to LT Metzger and family.



MR. WELBORN

LT Welborn Departs Galeta

LT Welborn departed the activity on 15 September enroute to the USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14) as the prospective OIC of the detachment.

Mr. Welborn reported to Galeta in November 1966 and he served as Head of the Special Operations and Communications Divisions, and as Head of the Department upon the departure of LT Albright last month.

Previous assignments include SECGRU duty at Quonset Point, R. I., Boston, Mass., and schools at Monterey, California and Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. Welborn was a consistent booster of the varsity sports program. He was a member of the flag football team last year and he played in the 1967 Canal Zone version of the Classic Army - Navy game, "Iguana Bowl."

The CROSS-ROADS wishes Mr. Welborn Good Luck, God Speed, and keep your head down!

Educational Opportunities

ADCOP Program

The Associate Degree Completion Program (ADCOP) offers an opportunity for highly motivated career petty officers to pursue a full time course of instruction in junior college which leads to an associate of science or arts degree in various vocational - technical fields.

ADCOP classes convene in September and February each year at the following junior colleges: Mount San Antonio College, Walnut California, Palomar College, San Marcos, California; and Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, Florida.

In general, to be eligible to apply for ADCOP, you must be a U. S. Citizen, petty officer 2nd

class or above in the Regular Navy and have completed at least one regular enlistment. Must have completed at least 7 years of continuous active naval service as of 1 November of the fiscal year. You must be a high school graduate or three years of high school and a USAFI GED with a combination of Navy Class "A", "B" and "C" schools totaling at least 24 weeks of classroom training, or Navy Class "A" or "B" school and at least 6 transferable college credits. A clear record for the past 2 years (court martials), and no more than 2 C.O.NJP

Deadline for Special request chit is 1 March 1969.

The right to vote is part of your American heritage. Take advantage of it during this national election year.

New Programs at the "Y"

BY MR. CHARLES PAYNE

The Armed Services YMCA of Cristobal announces many new programs for military personnel, as well as members of the Canal Zone and Panamanian communities.

Instruction for guitar commenced 17 September, but interested persons can still register.

Skin and Scuba Diving will begin on next Tuesday, 24 September. Classes will be held at Fort Davis Pool on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Register at the YMCA.

A new term of instruction in English and Spanish will start on the first of October.

Judo classes are in session at the Cristobal Junior-Senior High School, and new entrants may register at any time at the YMCA.

For the single servicemen the three weekly dances on Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday continue, with the ROGUES scheduled to blast off tomorrow night. A moonlight cruise on Gatun Lake is set for Sunday, 6 October from 5 to 9 p.m. The ROGUES will be aboard the Las Cruces launch for that party also.

The "ENDLESS CHAINS" will pound out their music for Saturday night's "PSY-CHEDELIC SOLACE" on 19 October. October 30th's "HALLOWEEN HAUNT" will be livened up by the "WHAT FOR" combo.

A Public Interest Program, "From Near to Far East" will be presented at the "Y" on Tuesday, 15 October.

Watch for another course in "Securities and Investments" in the near future.

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

"The Filthy Few", (pure soul) and Section Two

BY CT2 BOB BRADLEY

Here we are, the month of August gone and September slipping away.

Welcome back Chief Gary McGlothlin. Gary and his family are back from leave in CONUS. We hear it's a real thrill to travel with the little ones Chief!

On September 2nd, we had our section party. Starting the day found us boarding the SS CRISTOBAL to bid CT1 Ernest a "Bon Voyage", then to the bohio for broiled steaks and lots of good BOOZE.

In September, CT3 Rich Cable will be leaving us for Morocco, Bill "Birdman" Hager and Tony Iccarino will be off to their homes. Following in October will be Ken "Shorty"

Laramore.

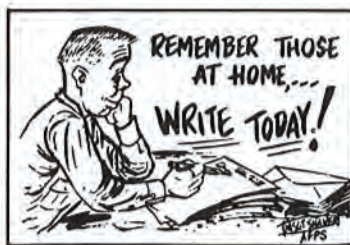
A hardy welcome goes to CTSN Harris and Knies who join our "T-Birds".

We have a new group in the section. "The Filthy Few", Laramore, Wother- spoon, Anderson and Bradley's "paper band" is pure soul and out of sight...

Congratulations go to Joe Vanderworken and his new bride upon their marriage.

Yours truly will be enjoying a visit in the land of 6.2 beer to see his wife and son this month.

Fear not 131, CT3 Laramore will be supervisor while I am away, you are in good hands (I hope) AR for now and off to Tucumen.



And How to Queries Four

BY CT2 JIM SHEFFIELD

September has been a month of movement for our good section. New in our clan is "wild" Bill Harris, now asst supervisor of 11 Division. Returning from 30 days up north are Gene Kirk and Rich Hebble.

Leaving in the near future is Frank "Indy" Shaw. Rumor says Frank is entering bus racing back home. With seven more men leaving us, with orders anywhere from Midway to Morocco, there is wonder who will be left to read this column from our section.

Various questions have popped up due to recent orders: Ralph Price wants to know how to keep a tan on Adak. Mike Fattig wants to know how to stay cool in the desert sun. Bill Murphy wonders how to live with yourself on an island. And then Bill Cosgrove wonders if ships ever make it to Chepo.

Anyone have the answers? To these men we bid farewell and welcome their replacements.

Section One's Generation

BY CT2 GEORGE KELLY

Riding the Galeta Island Special to the eve watch is getting to be quite an adventure for Section One. Almost all watch standers have assigned seats. If one is caught outside of his assigned seat the harassment can last the entire ride.

In addition to assigned seats many of the boys in Section One have personality nick names. From the T-Birds we have Francis Jennings more commonly known as "Rodent", and alias "Goph". Another delightful personality from Division 132 is David Samson known as "Chief".

Two sparkling boys from I Branch are Raymond Sawyer (Parvo) and Leon Stephens (Swamp). One of the most distinguished men in the R Branch spaces is Steve Nelson (LumberJack) who soon will be chopping pine trees for X Division in Winter Harbor, Maine. Steve gave up smoking so he could hack the long winter ahead. Of course, no section is complete

without a "well rounded" O Brancher and for Section One that would be Frank Casavant known as "Fat Frog".

Many of these fellows set out to pioneer the Island of Taboga last break. "Rodent" said the highlight of the trip was Sam the Parrot. Ray Sawyer found the island secluded but nice because it wasn't commercialized. Dennis Grieg found the wine better than in Boquete.

Things are looking good for September, David Samson goes under 300 days, Gary Stokes gets out, and another trip is planned to Taboga.

Navy Exchange News Notice

The Navy Exchange will officially open its Toyland the 23rd of September in Quarters "Q". A wide variety of merchandise covering all age groups will be available with new items supplementing our initial stock until Santa arrives.

A convenient lay-away plan has been arranged by the Exchange Officer, LT Donald Block, of Rodman, to facilitate early purchases and "easy on the pocket book" payments.

The hours of operation will be from 1300 til 1700 week-days and 1000 to 1300 Saturdays until customer demands require longer hours.

BUY EARLY AND BE SURE

Calendar for School Year 1968-69

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| Schools Open (For Teachers) | |
| Classes Begin | |
| Labor Day Holiday | |
| End of First Elementary Marking Period | |
| End of Mid-Semester (Secondary and College) | ..... |
| Panama Independence Day Holiday (November 3) | ..... |
| Veterans Day Holiday | ..... |
| End of Second Elementary Marking Period | ..... |
| Thanksgiving Holidays | ..... |
| Christmas Holidays | ..... |
| End of Third Elementary Marking Period | ..... |
| End of Semester (Secondary and College) | ..... |
| End of Fourth Elementary Marking Period | ..... |
| Washington's Birthday Holiday (February 22) | ..... |
| End of Mid-Semester (Secondary and College) | ..... |
| Easter Holidays | ..... |
| End of Fifth Elementary Marking Period | ..... |
| Commencement—College | |
| Commencement—High Schools | |
| Last Day of School | |

Elementary Schools

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| August 23, 1968 (Fri.) |
| August 27, 1968 (Tues.) |
| September 2, 1968 (Mon.) |
| October 4, 1968 (Fri.) |
| November 4, 1968 (Mon.) |
| November 11, 1968 (Mon.) |
| November 15, 1968 (Fri.) |
| November 28, 1968 (Thurs.) |
| through December 1, 1968 (Sun.) |
| December 21, 1968 (Sat.) |
| through January 1, 1969 (Wed.) |
| January 10, 1969 (Fri.) |
| February 20, 1969 (Thurs.) |
| February 21, 1969 (Fri.) |
| March 29, 1969 (Sat.) |
| through April 6, 1969 (Sun.) |
| April 11, 1969 (Fri.) |
| May 22, 1969 (Thurs.) |

Secondary Schools and College

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| August 23, 1968 (Fri.) |
| August 27, 1968 (Tues.) |
| September 2, 1968 (Mon.) |
| October 26, 1968 (Sat.) |
| November 4, 1968 (Mon.) |
| November 11, 1968 (Mon.) |
| November 28, 1968 (Thurs.) |
| through December 1, 1968 (Sun.) |
| December 21, 1968 (Sat.) |
| through January 1, 1969 (Wed.) |
| January 11, 1969 (Sat.) |
| February 21, 1969 (Fri.) |
| March 15, 1969 (Sat.) |
| March 29, 1969 (Sat.) |
| through April 6, 1969 (Sun.) |
| May 20, 1969 (Tues.) |
| May 21, 1969 (Wed.) |
| May 22, 1969 (Thurs.) |

End of Sixth Elementary Marking Period: End of Semester (Secondary and College); Report Cards Issued.

Parson to Person

BY CHAPLAIN JAMES K. SOLOMON

He finished the race. They said it couldn't be done. A frail, club footed young senior entered the contest along with 12 strong high school boys. The gun fired, and the group sprinted down the track. Many fell out before they reached the finish line. But the club-footed boy ran all the way and crossed the finish line.

How shall we play the game of Life? It must be in the power of God. Fight the fight of faith. So run that you may obtain the prize by discipline, direction and determination.

Lay aside every weight that would handicap you in the race of life. Endure to the end. Let's in his name. Jesus said, "deny self, take up the cross, and follow him."



CT2 Richard Lomonte recently reenlisted for orders to Edzell, Scotland and VRB. Enroute to Scotland he will attend an advanced school at Pensacola, Florida.



PLAYING IN THE MUD - The Galeta "Mudders" challenged the men of the USS WALDO COUNTY (LST 1163) to a flag football game. The final score, "Mudders" 66, Waldo County 6.

OFF the Kickstand



BY ENS. R. FRIEDRICHSEN

Who says this is the rainy season? Ask some of the local cycle riders. Sunday, 8 September, Galeta was the scene of a trials event sponsored by the Isthmian Motorcycle Association.

The trials courses were set up across from the Tropic Test Center on Galeta road by EN1 Packer, CT2 Brazeal and CT3 Clark with the help of some other cycle club members. Unfortunately, the rains came the night before the event and turned an already difficult course into a true challenge to men and machines. Spirits undampened by the adverse

weather and mud, a good turnout of both riders and spectators appeared for the event.

A timed hill run was held before the race and some of the assaults were quite comical, including a new maneuver developed especially for this event by EN1 Packer. After failing to make the hill on the first attempt, he slid down and did two complete pirouettes before gaining the proper trajectory.

Despite the soggy conditions a good time was had by all. The Isthmian Motorcycle Assn. wishes to express its thanks to Galeta for hosting the event and for the fine cooperation of all those concerned.

The Federal Post Card Application form is your key to absentee voting. Ask your personnel office about it.



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