

RAPIDFIRE

USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148)

**18th
Anniversary
Issue**



February 1967

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE by CAPT Lindsay C. McCarty

I believe by now that you, the men of NEWPORT NEWS, recognize the importance that I attach to dissemination of information by a Commanding Officer. At frequent intervals I pass the "word" to you in order that you can know what we are scheduled to do, how our performance is measuring up, and when applicable, the "why" behind certain requirements.

This form of communication from me however, is only one part of the dissemination of information that a ship needs. There must be a more extensive effort of all levels of responsibility within a ship's organization to insure that information from above is passed down.

Also information must be expanded at times by a subordinate to improve it's substance for those to whom it was intended. Then there is the cross-flow of information at department level, as well as the path upward of status reports to the senior echelon above. It is a veritable network with flow in all directions.

Nor do I want you to believe that my ideas concerning dissemination of information apply to items of general interest only. Rather it includes orders, operating instructions, and technical directives, among other things. It applies to the written as well as the spoken word.

By no means do my remarks in this column intend to establish or insure good internal communications in NEWPORT NEWS. I do hope, however, that they might make you aware of my feeling, and indeed my concern, for I know that we must improve our performance in this manner. And with our shortage of experienced people it makes the job more difficult for those at the Division Officer and Petty Officer level. I am optimistic that we can have a better informed and more knowledgeable ship's company. It will, however, take much emphasis and hard work on your part and mine.



THE RAPIDFIRE

USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148) FLAGSHIP FOR COMMANDER SECOND FLEET
Fleet Post Office, New York, New York 09501

COMMANDER SECOND FLEET
COMMANDING OFFICER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
EDITOR
ADVISOR
STAFF
PHOTOGRAPHERS

LITHOGRAPHERS

VICE ADMIRAL Bernard A. Clarey, USN
CAPTAIN Lindsay C. McCarty, USN
COMMANDER Robert T. Ruxton, Jr., USN
LIEUTENANT John C. Frederick, USNR
JO3 Jerry Bowles, USNR
JO1 Frank Castellucci, USN
SN David L. Block; SA Robert L. Mallory
PH2 Tom Ryals; PH3 Harry Doyle; SN
Richard Binner; SN Stanley Elwood
LIC Adrian Human; LI3 Thomas Hendricks;
SN Glen Sink; SN Wayne Mueller; SN
Darrell Marlett; SN Jerry Roan

THE RAPIDFIRE is published and printed monthly on board USS NEWPORT NEWS with non-appropriated funds and distributed free of charge to personnel of the USS NEWPORT NEWS in compliance with NAVEXOS P-35. All photographs appearing in this publication are official U.S. Navy photos, unless otherwise noted.

THE RAPIDFIRE is not an official Navy publication and its contents do not necessarily express the opinions of the Commanding Officer.

Moral Side of the . . . NEWS

by Chaplain Walter "J" Schwartz, USN

Take a few minutes of your time for a personal quiz. It concerns a quaint prayer which hangs outside the door of the rectory of the cathedral in Chester, England:

"Give me a good digestion, Lord
And also something to digest; -
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With some sense to keep it at best.
Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which seeing sin, is not appalled
But finds a way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh;
Don't let me whimper overmuch
About the fussy thing called "I."
Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some pleasure out of life
and pass it on to other folk."

At first reading, this prayer is surprising; common sense is not too common in prayers. Somehow we do not always expect God to be practical. We have a vague feeling that since we are likely to get lost in a theological haze as soon as we begin to deliberate about God, we think God himself must live in a haze.

If you read it again, the prayer becomes disconcerting. If these are common-sense requests which a child might make of a father, then it would seem that a "right-smart child" would put his mind to answering his own prayers. Fathers are so much more likely to help make a sled when the child is already at work collecting the hammer and nails--and getting the red paint handy.

At third reading, this prayer begins to turn in on the reader. It digs in. "Now, then," it seems to say, "square yourself away on this....and this...and this."

And if you would read it a fourth time, one might take a pencil in hand and check the phrases slowly. Self-grading can be an unhappy experience. Too proud to cheat and ashamed of the truth, one hopes the pencil point will break or the telephone ring before the grade is tallied up.

But there can also be a fifth reading. Having taken the quiz oneself, one may be permitted to call out the family. In a brave and gracious family--or among brave and gracious friends--it might even be permissible to exchange papers in order to recheck each other.

Perhaps the reason this prayer still hangs on a church door is because it can bear so many readings.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1967, NEWPORT NEWS celebrated her 18th birthday.

Old? Perhaps...when compared to the nuclear-powered or missile-equipped ships that comprise the Fleet's latest additions.

Obsolete? Definitely not!! NEWPORT NEWS is the most powerful conventionally armed heavy cruiser in history; and her modern communications systems enable her to serve effectively as flagship of the powerful SECOND Fleet.

Her 18 years of dedicated service have been filled abundantly with prideful experiences, and have given the ship a wealthy endowment of Naval heritage. For our ship's immeasurable contribution to her fleet and to her country, we Newport Newsmen can say with pride:

"Happy Birthday Newport News!"

DIVISION OF THE MONTH

M Division

Rapidfire salutes, as the Division of the Month, M Division. The men of M efficiently perform their duties which are vital to the successful completion of all of NEWPORT NEWS' missions. M Division's most obvious contribution is the operation and maintenance of the ship's four turbine driven main engines which have reliably propelled us from operation to operation. Chief Hall and

his men have, however, many other responsibilities which affect the entire ship and every man in her.

Taming live steam and making it work for him becomes a fascinating way of life for the dedicated machinist mate of M Division. The continual challenge of improving the operation of his machinery requires that each man in the division not only improve his mechanical ability but also study in order to better his knowledge of why his machinery performs as it does. The machinist mates take the steam produced by their shipmates in B Division, make it work for them and then condense it back to water and de-aerate it for reuse by the boilers. In the process, some of the machinery which they operate includes the eight steam turbines comprising the main engines (which produce 120,000 horsepower) and their reduction gear, three lubricating oil pumps per main engine; two condensate pumps, two main feed booster pumps, and a main circulating pump per engine room. In addition, they are responsible for the de-aerating feed tank in each space which removes oxygen from and preheats the feed water for the boilers. The machinist mates and electricians share responsibility for the ship's four turbogenerators which together produce 6 megawatts of electrical power.

Another facet of M Division's varied responsibilities is the distilling of sea water to produce fresh water. The men working under First Class Machinist Mate Smith produce more than 60,000 gallons of fresh water daily. They also operate the 100 psi low pressure air compressor which provides the air to operate the "bunny tubes," the presses in the laundry and tailor shop and the spray painting rig so liberally used throughout the ship. One of the Division's four 200 psi air compressors also belongs to Smith's evaporator men. This compressed air is used by all the gunner's mates to blow out their guns to remove the smoke from firing.

First Class Machinist Mates Nicholson (in charge of engine 1) and Heidt (in charge of engine 3) each have, in addition to all the other machinery, a 3000 psi high pressure air compressor to operate and maintain. These electric motor driven compressors provide air for the main battery counter-recoil system and for the emergency diesel generator air starting system. First Class Machinist Mate Haut (in charge of engine 4) and Second Class Machinist Mate Cornell (in charge of engine 2) each operate and maintain, in addition to all other machinery, a steam driven turbine driven fire and flushing pump capable of pumping 1000 gallons per minutes against a 150 psi head.

No man in NEWPORT NEWS could perform his job, no matter what it is, without the services of M Division. Says LTJG Facher, the Main Engines Officer, "M Division is the greatest." From driving the ship at 32 knots and making 60,000 gallons of fresh water a day to providing steam for the whistle and air for the message tubes, M Division never fails to get the job done quickly, efficiently and professionally. "Well done" to each of the hard working men in M Division, our Division of the Month.

M E N

In Action



FN BOWEN checks on the proper operation of number 3 turbo generator.



FN BELL sets up the "Christmas Tree" on the de-aerating feed tank for operation.



FN HUTCHINS (left) and **FN YAN-IESSA**, operate and maintain machinery in no. 2 engine room.

MM3 BAKER operates the throttle on no. 2 main engine.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Regina Maris



WHEN NEWPORT NEWS joined the fleet on January 29, 1949, the people of Newport News, Va., presented this 459-piece silver service to the ship named in their honor. Many of the people in the above photo are unidentifiable but Captain Roland Smoot is on the left, and Mrs. Homer L. Ferguson, in center.

NEWPORT NEWS celebrated her 18th birthday anchored off the sunny shores of Nassau, where the ship had gone for a four-day goodwill visit.

There was the traditional cake-cutting ceremony and the Commander Second Fleet Band was in rare form with dance band favorites from the '40s.

Several hundred crewmen gathered on the fantail to watch Commanding Officer, Lindsay C. McCarty and Executive Officer, Robert T. Ruxton cut the large, and elaborate birthday cake. They were assisted in this task by Boatswain's Mate First Class Grady Huff, the enlisted man who has served longest aboard NEWPORT NEWS, and Stewardman Pedro Riotoc, the newest addition to the ship's company.

NEWPORT NEWS was commissioned in the city for which she is named, Newport News, Virginia, on January 29, 1949. The ship soon had an appropriate motto—Regina Maris—Queen of the Sea.

Captain Roland Smoot was the first skipper to take the mighty "Queen" to

sea. At her commissioning, Captain Smoot pledged his ship to the role of "country policeman."

"...So that our children," he said "may ever play in our streets without fear of molestation; so that we villagers of this great country may come home from our daily tasks and always spend our evenings in peace and security."

The heavy cruiser's first tour of duty as flagship for Commander SECOND Fleet began during the fall of 1951 as she began participation in LANTFLEX 52, the largest fleet exercise since WWII. She became SECOND Fleet flagship again in early 1962 and has remained the flagship, except for brief yard periods, since that time.

NEWPORT NEWS has traveled throughout the world and performed a myriad of assignments. Her guns, the mightiest conventional firepower still in service, have never fired in anger. Captain Smoot's prophecy of a role as "country policeman" has been fulfilled.

NEWPORT NEWS VISITS NASSAU



Consul General to the Bahamas, Mr. Turner B. Shelton, pays a visit to VICE ADMIRAL Bernard A. Clarey.



VICE ADMIRAL Bernard A. Clarey presents encyclopedias to Lady Grey, wife of Bahamas governor.

Nassau—the fabled Bahamian haven—was the site of a recent four-day liberty stopover for Newport News. And to the officers and men of the Second Fleet flagship, the resort town truly lived up to its exotic reputation.

The major social event of the visit was the Forecastle Reception, which was held on board the flagship and hosted by Vice Admiral Bernard A. Clarey, Commander of the Second Fleet.

A second highlight of the four-day stay was a joint concert given by the Second Fleet Band and the Royal Bahamas Police Band on Sunday in Rawson Square, located in downtown Nassau.

A good will effort of the visit was participation in "Project Handclasp," a U. S. Navy program which provides assistance to underprivileged people in foreign nations. Vice Admiral Clarey presented two sets of encyclopedias to Lady Grey, wife of Bahama Islands Governor Sir Ralph Grey. Lady Grey will forward the encyclopedias to worthy charities on the islands.

Newport Newsmen cherished every minute of their liberty in Nassau, whether

soaking up the golden sun on Paradise Beach or enjoying the calypso music and exciting limbo dancers in one of the many colorful night spots.

However, it wasn't all smooth sailing; in fact, during two of the days Newport News was at anchor, the waters in the bay were too rough to permit the safe passage of liberty boats to and from the shore. Preventing what could have been a disappointing visit, Captain McCarty, after a period of difficult negotiation, managed to obtain the services of a large lighter which was able to navigate the choppy waters and provide a means of conveyance ashore, much to the great appreciation of the ship's personnel.

Was the visit of Newport News appreciated in Nassau? This question is perhaps best answered by a message to Captain McCarty from Mr. Turner B. Shelton, U.S. Consul General to the Bahamas. Mr. Shelton stated that the conduct of Newport Newsmen in Nassau was "exemplary," and he added: "Please accept my warmest appreciation and extend to all hands a particularly outstanding well done."



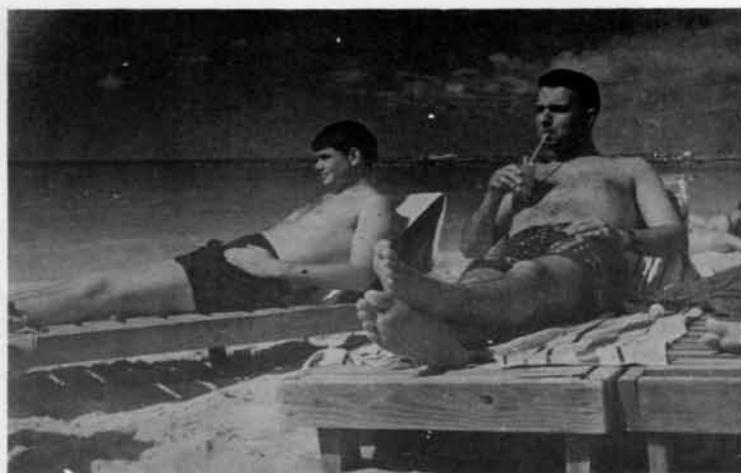
ON THE Newport Newsmen





BEACH!

Relax In Nassau



News Hosts SecNav Guests



Four Secretary of the Navy guests joined NEWPORT NEWS for the cruise to Nassau. From left: Mr. Arthur W. Greer; Mr. John a Nere, Sr.; CAPT Lindsay C. McCarty, CDR Robert T. Ruxton, Jr.; Mr. Larry McMurtry, and Mr. Milton M. Davis, Jr.

For Newport Newsmen, the four-day cruise from Norfolk to Nassau was a routine operation on the open seas. However, for four distinguished civilians who also made the journey as guests of the Secretary of the Navy, the cruise was a unique and highly exciting adventure.

Above decks, below decks, through every nook and cranny of Newport News, the guests explored and observed every facet of the ship's operations. Their tours led them from the forecandle to the fantail and from the O5 level signal bridge to the engineering spaces far below decks.

The men—Mr. Arthur W. Greer of Prospectville, Va.; Mr. Milton H. Davis of Huntington Valley, Pa.; and Mr. Jack Nere and Mr. Larry McMurtry, both of Fredericksburg, Va.—were accompanied and guided throughout the cruise by Ensign William Edwards, acting public affairs officer.

Aside from gaining extensive insights into Naval life, the SECNAV guests also got quite a physical workout. After a long day of climbing up and down ladders, Mr. Greer was overheard to exclaim that he would be down to "fighting"

weight within a week. But after sampling Newport News cooking, he retracted his statement.

It took Mr. McMurtry no time at all to conform to Navy standards. In fact, as each day went by his "nooners" lengthened by leaps and bounds. And Mr. Davis needed only a few hours of shipboard orientation to develop a strong attraction to the Executive Officer's chair on the bridge. Perhaps he was cut out for command at sea? His only other concern was that the Flag supply him daily with the Dow-Jones Averages.

Perhaps Mr. Nere would have made a good Ensign, because, no matter where the foursome went, be it a Flag briefing or a tour of the Weapons Department, our Jack could always be counted on to ask question after question on any and every topic to satisfy his desire to reap maximum benefit from the trip.

When Newport News dropped anchor in Nassau, the SECNAV guests were perhaps a little weary from their four-day adventure. But from the smiles on their faces you could tell that they didn't regret it one bit.

ONWARD & UPWARD



COMMANDING OFFICER Lindsay C. McCarty congratulates LT John W. Luksich on his appointment as Career Counseling Officer.

The new billet of Career Information Officer has been established aboard ship to assist enlisted personnel in obtaining various benefits for which they are eligible and to assist personnel in career planning. LT John LUKSICH, recently promoted, is filling this billet as of 5 January 1967.

Any man desiring information or assistance in applying for the various programs available, is urged to call LT LUKSICH at Ext. 912 and arrange for counseling. LT LUKSICH is available in Stateroom 203 during regular working hours in the evenings while at sea.

Two smiling new LTJGs are: John C. Lehman and Sydney P. Mudd.





CAPTAIN McCarty administers the oath to three men who reenlisted. From left: CAPT McCarty, CS2 Lewis G. Collins, BT3 Bernard T. Drafke, and SN William J. Kuler.



GMG1 Robert J. Caulfield "ships over."



GMG3 James B. Graves takes the oath.

NEWPORT NEWS ARTIST

Pursues art career in spare time...



SMSN William Fannin finds time to pursue his interest in art during his off-duty hours.

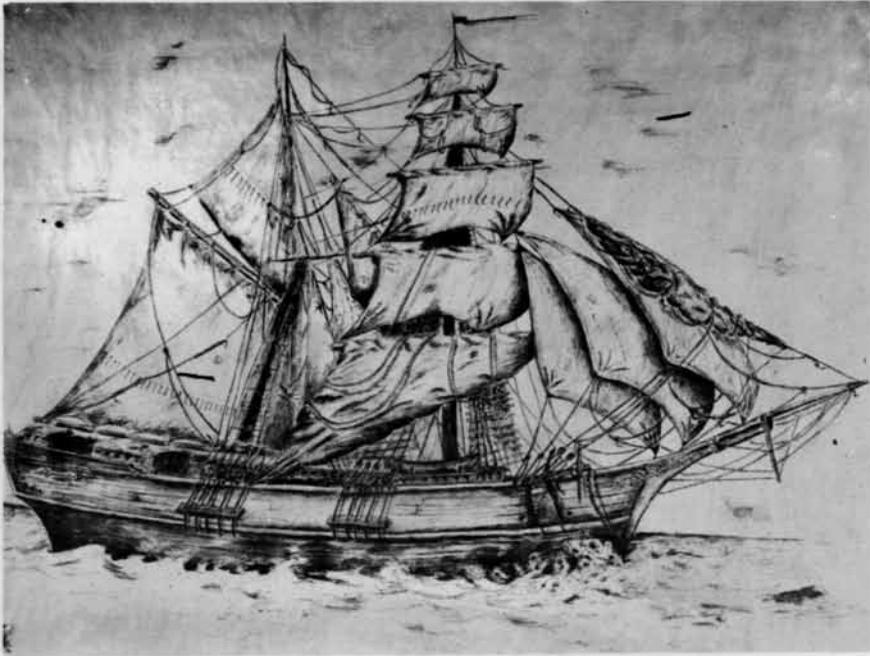
The drawings and sketches on these pages are the work of SMSN Bill Fannin, of Largo, Florida. Fannin's work is familiar to both the officers and men of the Newport News. The ship has purchased five drawings and sketches for the Wardroom and Crew's Lounge, and Bill is presently working on a large detailed painting of the Newport News for presentation to the ship.

Fannin grew up in Erie, Pennsylvania and moved to Florida in 1960, where he attended Largo Senior High. After graduation, Bill entered St. Petersburg Junior College and later transferred to the University of South Florida where he majored in art education.

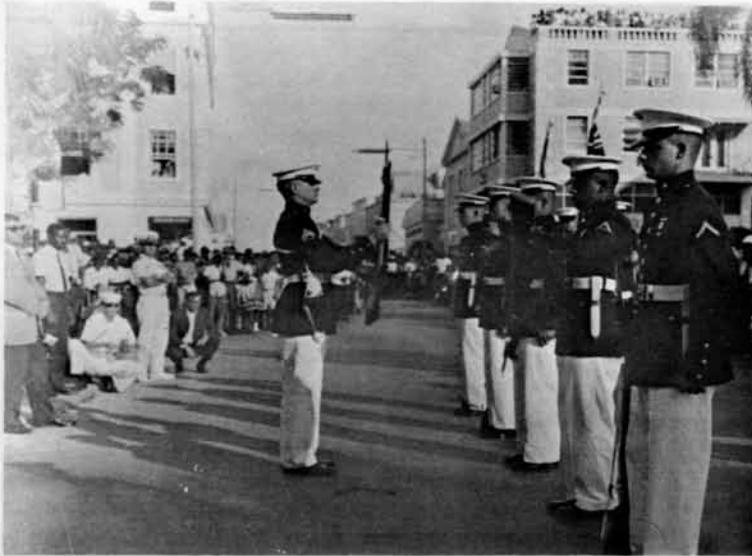
He payed his own way through 1½ years of college, working both as a free lance and a commercial artist. He entered the Regular Navy on January 17, 1966. Although he works as a signalman, Fannin still finds time in the evenings to pursue his interest in drawing.

After his tour of duty is over, Fannin plans to return to the University of South Florida, where he will seek a degree in art education. Bill has won many awards and cash prizes for his work and currently has a one man exhibition in his hometown. He enjoys contributing to the ship and is responsible for many of the Christmas decorations that adorned the Newport News during the Yuletide season.

NEWPORT NEWS ARTIST



Marine Drill Team & Second Fleet Band Entertain in Nassau



DRILL TEAM
MARCHING
- 2322 -





PLACE
STAMP
HERE

U.S.S. NEWPORT NEWS

CA-148

% F.P.O. NEW YORK, N.Y.

TO