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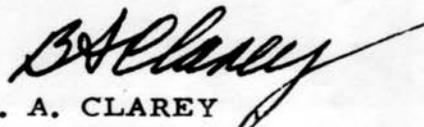


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Last August 22nd in Oslo, Norway, it was my very sincere pleasure and great honor to assume the duties of Commander SECOND Fleet, Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic, and Commander Joint Task Force 122. Much has occurred since that date. We have planned and participated in a major Fleet Exercise (LANT-FLEX 66), a major Joint Exercise (CLOVE HITCH III), visited many interesting ports, and made many new and lasting friends for the Navy and the United States.

I have been indeed fortunate in having had the USS NEWPORT NEWS as my flagship. It is a fine ship with an outstanding captain and crew. I have shared with pride the many achievements which you of the flagship have accomplished.

As I am sure most of you know by now, orders detaching me as Commander SECOND Fleet on 19 May have arrived. I am looking forward to my next assignment in Washington, D. C. However, as we in the Navy well know, each move means leaving behind many memorable experiences and friends. This move is certainly no exception. Both Mrs. Clarey and I will long remember our very satisfying experiences with the SECOND Fleet and my flagship NEWPORT NEWS, reputed to be the most beautiful ship in the Navy today, during the past nine months, and we hope that our paths will cross again in the not-too-distant future. Please accept my appreciation for the many kindnesses and all the wonderful help you have afforded me as Commander SECOND Fleet. My very best wishes for smooth sailing ahead.



B. A. CLAREY
Vice Admiral U. S. Navy
Commander SECOND Fleet
Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic
Commander Joint Task Force 122

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE by CAPT Lindsay C. McCarty

During the recent exercise CLOVE HITCH III, I could sense a new spirit of professionalism in NEWPORT NEWS. This is hard to substantiate by specific instances or evolutions during the exercise, but it just was apparent. The ship worked hard in all departments with the major burden being in Communications; yet the expertise was across the board—engineering, operations, supply, weapons. It was a coordinated effort, in a smart and clean ship, which produces a high degree of operational proficiency. This is the way I want it to be and continued effort must be directed that way.

I believe a good part of the credit for our performance must go to the petty officers of the ship, the new ones and the old ones. Special emphasis must be placed, however, on the new petty officers. We were aided by a new and vigorous group, with the effective date for advancement being mid-April for many of our men who earned petty officer status in the winter examinations. These new petty officers accepted their responsibilities well; and their enthusiasm, as well as the increased number of men in authority, made for a better shipboard organization. I urge you to start now to study in earnest for the next examinations. We need more leaders aboard to meet anticipated transfers; and we must help ourselves. It is not fair to the rest of the Atlantic Fleet for us to expect outside help in assignment of all new petty officers; we must continue to train our own to supplement the inflow of normal transfers.

It seems, too, that this spirit of professionalism to which I refer is a reflection of the high standards and personal professionalism of our SECOND Fleet Commander, Vice Admiral Bernard A. Clarey. This is his Flagship, and he has always had a keen interest in its performance and in the people of all ranks and rates who make the ship what it is. During my six months in command, the Admiral has provided invaluable guidance and support to me; and indeed on almost a daily basis, we discussed some facet of the ship or its crew. As you know, CLOVE HITCH III was his final Fleet exercise as Commander of the SECOND Fleet; he proceeds to even more important responsibilities in the Pentagon. I like to believe that the fine work of our officers and crew during CLOVE HITCH, was, to a degree, a farewell tribute to the Admiral. He will be missed on his Flag Bridge, and I know I speak for all NEWPORT NEWS Men in wishing him smooth sailing ahead.



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Moral Side of the . . . NEWS

by Chaplain Walter "J" Schwartz, USN

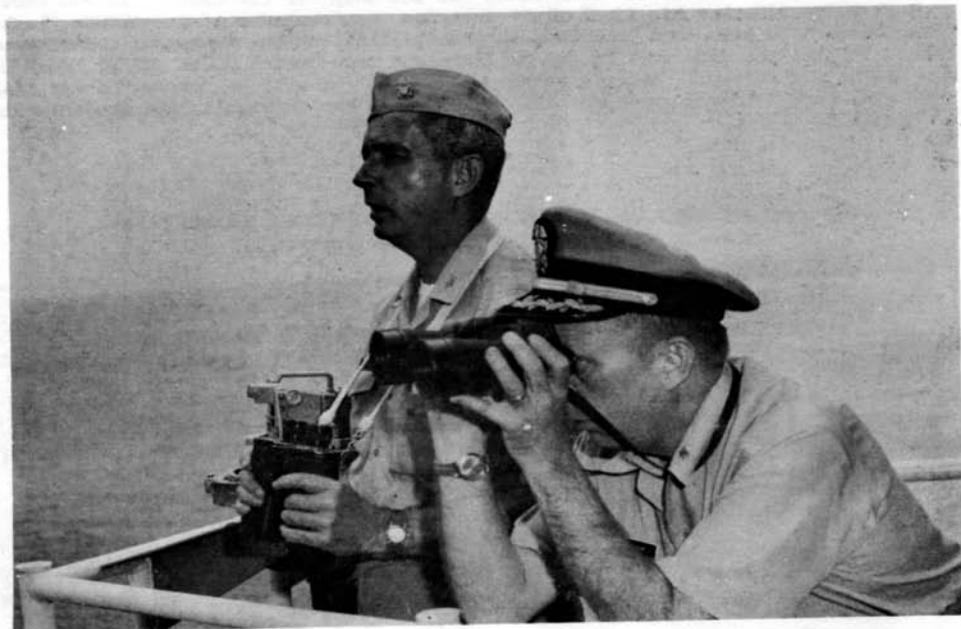
For four solid weeks, it had been pouring rain outside the cave of a prehistoric couple. The cave dweller turned to his wife and said, "Explain it anyway you like, but I say that we never had atmospheric disturbances like this until those new scientists started fooling around with bows and arrows."

Man has always felt it important to "explain" new events as they appear on history's pages. But sometimes we need to take a fresh look at a very obvious point. For instance, Richard Carrington, in "A Guide to Earth History," makes this startling observation: "Let us imagine that, by some magic, the whole of earth's history could be compressed into a single year of 365 days. On this scale the first eight months would be devoted to the most primitive of creatures. No

mammals would appear until the second week in December."

Using this time scale, man as we know him would strut onto the stage at approximately 2345 on 31 December. The age of written history would occupy little more than the final sixty seconds on the clock.

Sixty seconds out of a full year may not seem too "significant" and man will always be startled, as was the prehistoric couple, with the new bows and arrows of the future, but we can live our portion of that minute in the knowledge that this is still very much God's world. He is its author and creator, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

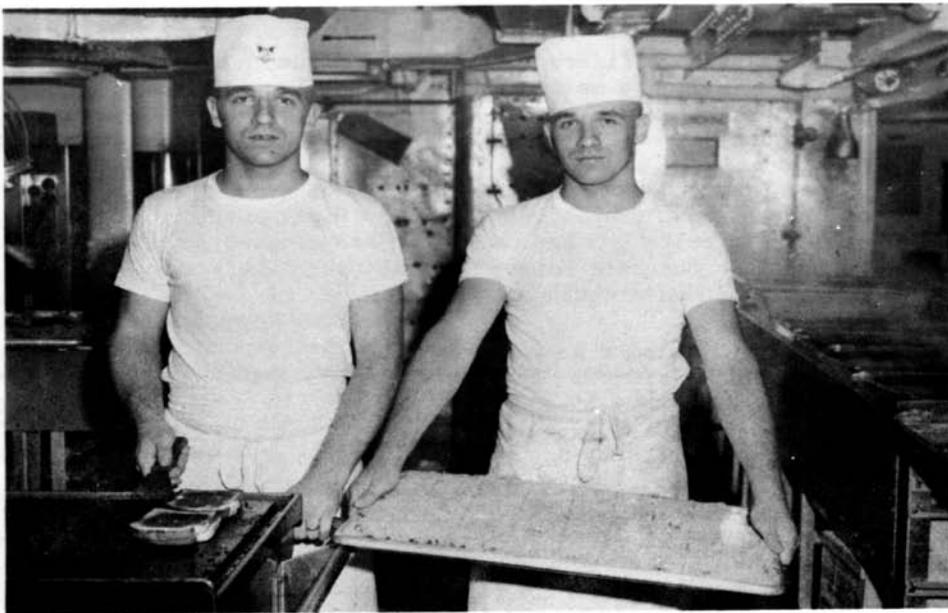


CAPTAIN McCARTY and Commander Ruxton observe CLOVE HITCH III activities from the bridge area.

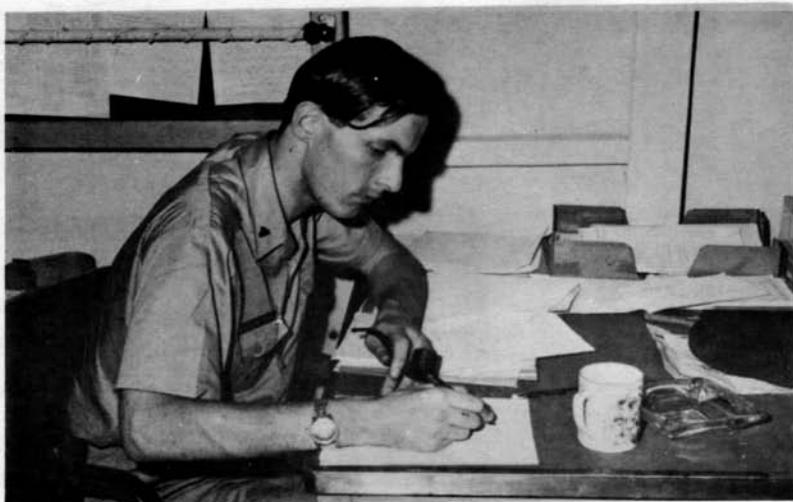


LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON, LIKE NAVY--The Simmons family of Columbia, South Carolina, is represented by two generations aboard NEWPORT NEWS. Father CS1 James, Senior, serves as a galley watch captain, and SA James, Junior, is a member of 7th Division.

All In The Family



AT YOUR SERVICE: Twin brothers Paul (left) and John Enlow of Springfield, Maryland, serve their fellow Newport Newsmen as representatives of Food Service. CS3 Paul works in the crew's galley and SN John in the bake shop.



LT GATHORNE LORIMER DRUMMOND-WARD-GOUGH, Newport News' Fire-control Officer, puts in extra hours behind his desk in the Weapons Office.

A Bit Of Britain



One of the most valuable officers on board Newport News comes from a most unlikely source; Parthshire, Scotland, as a matter of fact, by way of Britannia Royal Naval College.

Gathorne Lorimer Drummond-Ward Gough is 25-years-old, has his own teapot, eats marmite and gentlemen's relish, has a bowler hat, umbrella, Sherlock Holmes pipe and a flat in London's southwest end.

Lt Gough is serving aboard Newport News to inaugurate a pilot program that someday, hopefully, will have 15 Royal Navy officers serving aboard U.S. ships while their American counterparts occupy billets on British vessels.

Lt Gough, "Gay" to his many friends, is one of the most popular members of the Wardroom. Few officers will forget his seeing his first baseball game on

the Wardroom television. Mickey Mantle of the Yankees had just smashed a towering home run. After the applause had subsided Gay's voice was heard to say "Ah, I say, too bad. Out of bounds."

What does Lt Gough miss most about the Royal Navy? "Ah, perhaps having my glass of port or brandy after dinner." Although he doesn't mention it, one source of regret must be the loss of the foot-long Edwardian beard which he reported aboard with. In an excess of reverse stuffiness, the powers that be decided that the beard must go.

What are his feelings about the U.S. Navy? "I think it is amazing that you have your young sailors for only four years. (British enlistment is 12 years) They do such a professional job. This tour has been most enjoyable for me, a pleasure."

The feeling is mutual.



LT GOUGH INSPECTS switchboard diagrams in Forward Plot as FTC Harold Goad and FTG2 Kim Kier look on.



LCDR RALPH F. DOE, Newport News' Weapons Officer, discusses gunfire strategy with LT Gough.



VICE ADMIRAL Bernard A. Clarey, Commander SECOND Fleet, snips the ribbon officially opening NEWPORT NEWS' modernized soda fountain as Captain McCarty lends a hand.

THE NEW LOOK

Newport News has taken on a New Look in the last few months.

The eye catching areas are: the ship's store, soda fountain, and barber shop.

Hours of thought, planning, and work have gone into the beautification of these spaces and as all will say, it really looks great. With the small space for each area, the work done has greatly enhanced the appearance and made more space available to the patrons. Now ease of selection, window shopping, and the lot can be enjoyed by all in the 'New Look.'

The entire cost of the project is near the figure of \$13,000, and was financed through a loan which will be repaid through profits over the next three year period. Increases in sales are already noticed with the expansion of hours in the ship's store and "gee-dunk" during April so the drain on the ships rec-fund will be small.

The metal paneling, the overhead's low and streamlined appearance, the 'back yard look' of a patio's brick front on the soda fountain area, make for speedier service and an enjoyable atmosphere for all.

For after hours, many have found the new vending machines salvation for getting those candy bars and cigarettes and also they take some of the drain off the rush hour lines.

Plans for more of the 'New Look' are still in the process of being worked on. From a barber's pole for the official look, to air conditioners--the work goes on.

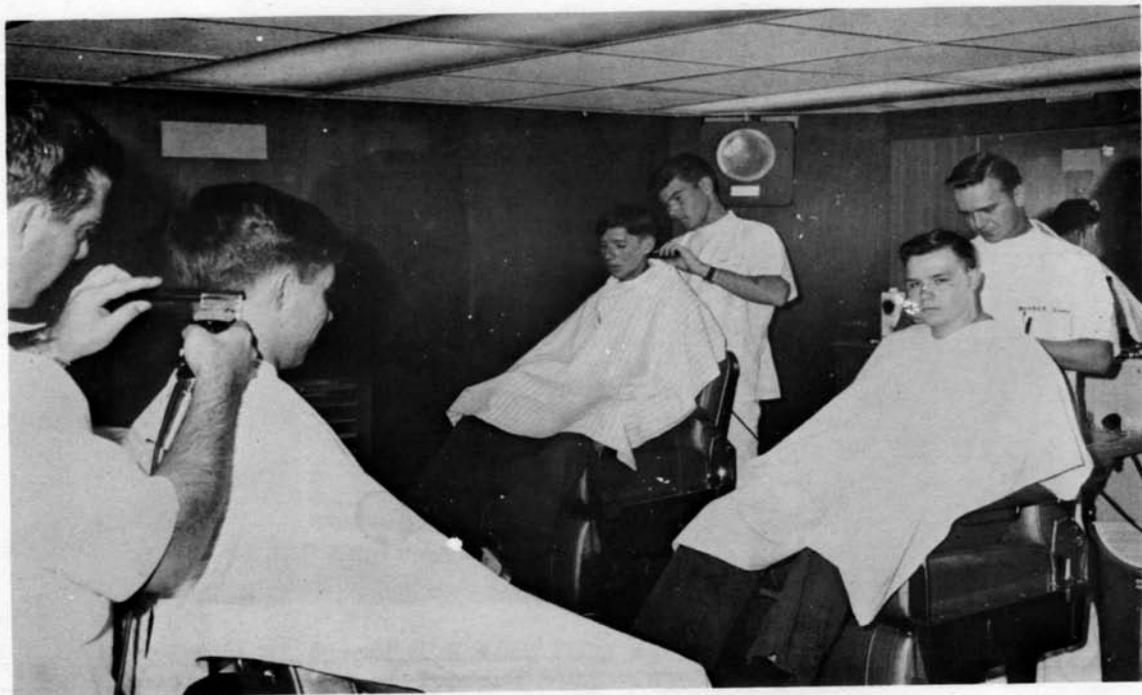
An exceptional note of thanks for the effort they expended in the working on the entire project are: SH1 Frank Borroughs, who directed the project, SN Larry Johnson and SN Donnay Sovia who put the plans to a reality.



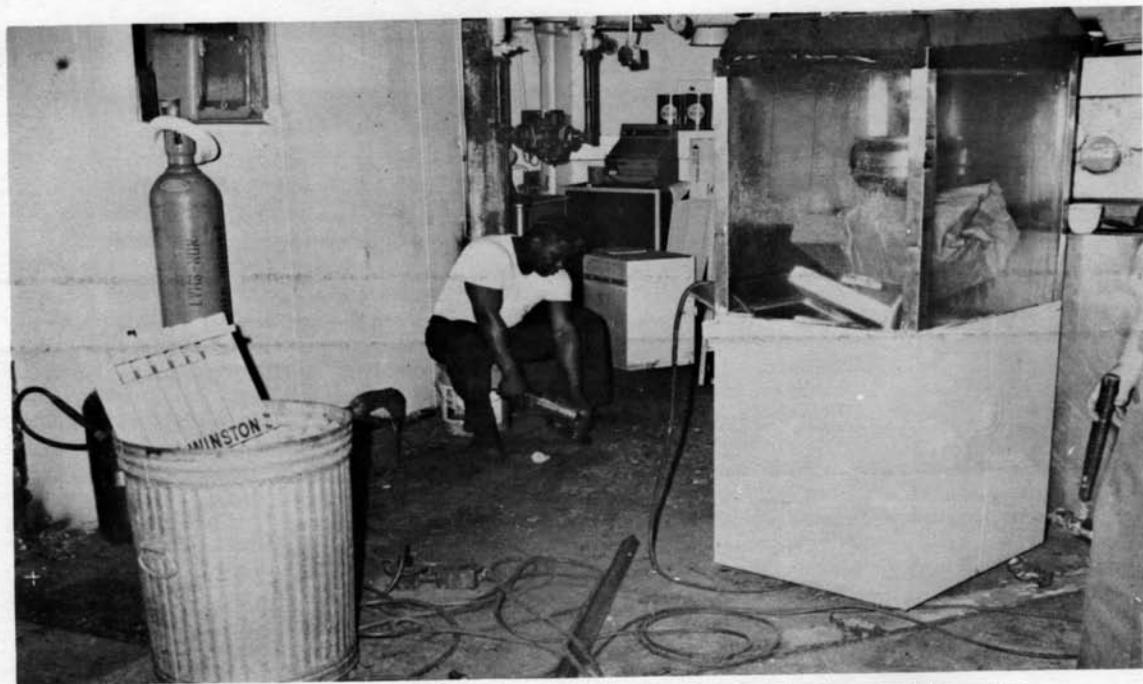
VICE ADMIRAL Clarey assists LCDR Dale R. Mummert in opening the renovated ship's store. LCDR Mummert is Supply Officer.



SH1 JOHNSON is one of the first customers to shop in the remodeled ship's store.



BUSINESS is brisk in the refurbished brew's barber shop. The surroundings are pleasant that getting a haircut is almost fun.



A LOT of hard work went into all the improvements around the ship. This is the soda fountain before it was completed.

DIVISION OF THE MONTH



OI DIVISION OFFICER, LTJG Benjamin Dickinson, and RDL Gerald Mlachak conduct an air intercept on radar scopes in CIC, as RDGS William Miller and phone-talker SN James Nutschig observe their progress.

OI Division

OI Division, one of the ship's largest, is one of four divisions in the Operations Department. "Ops" is responsible for the collection, display, evaluation and dissemination of intelligence useful to the command. To accomplish this important mission OI musters—Radarmen—Aerographers (weathermen who work in the SECOND Fleet meteorological office—and Ops office Yeomen.

The Radarmen of OI stand watches in three primary areas; Commanding Officers Tactical Plot (COTP), Electronics Countermeasures (ECM), and Combat Information Center (CIC).

COTP is what is known as the 'surface picture.' Information on surface ships, low flying aircraft in the immediate vicinity and visible (on radar) weather (low rain clouds) is constantly fed to Command from COTP.

Ships are tracked and their courses and speeds plotted and relayed to the bridge. COTP recommends course and speed to the Officer of the Deck if a collision situation exists.

Voice circuits in COTP maintain communications with other ships. In formation, NEWPORT NEWS may be assigned the responsibility for the coordinating of the collection of intelligence from the other ships in company. This task falls to the watchstanders in COTP.

ECM is responsible for collecting and identifying radar frequency emissions from aircraft, shore installations and other ships. This job requires highly trained men to operate the sensitive and sophisticated equipment.

CIC maintains the "Air" picture—tracking, challenging, coordinating and controlling aircraft. To be an air con-



The Radarmen

troller alone requires six weeks of special schooling. OI takes justifiable pride in its air intercept controller team led by Senior Chief Radarman Miller, the air intercept control supervisor. Air controllers are LTJG Dickinson (OI Division Officer), LTJG Rayden, Chief Radarman Richardson and Radarman First Class Mlachak.

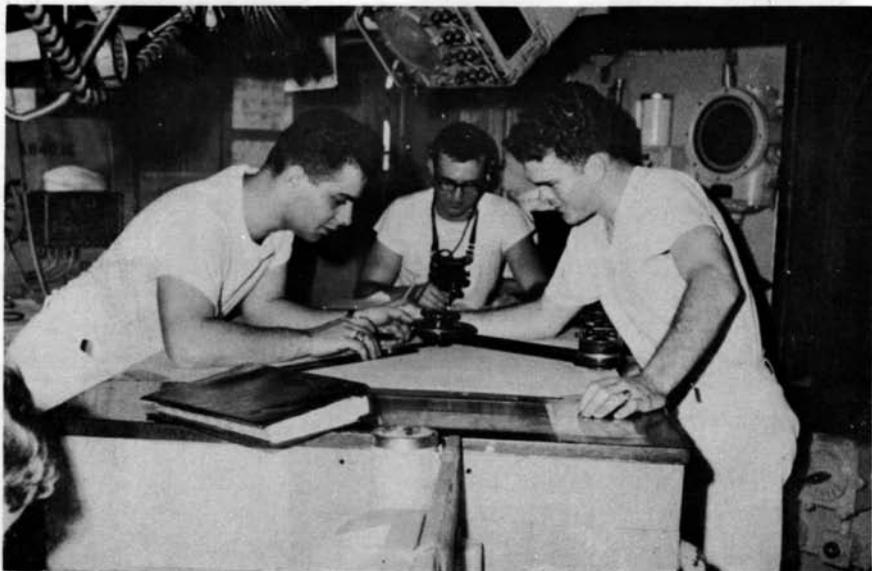
No division on the ship 'turns to' more vigorously than OI for training while in port. Weekly, OI personnel attend various schools in the Norfolk, area for individual and team training. Two items indicate the results: during

our last Administrative Inspection OI received a perfect 100% for its training procedures; and on 16 April, 11 men of OI were advanced in, or to, petty officer grade. They were: RDC Richardson, RD2 Martiniz, RD2 Vetillo, RD2 Lauraitis, RD3 Tute, RD3 Stohon, RD3 Lambert, RD3 Kern, RD3 Daugherty, RD3 Turner, and RD3 Hansen.

A young division, averaging 21-years-old, OI does not always work in the limelight. Without the men of OI and Operations, however, the ship would be robbed of its electronic "eyes" and "ears" and would be virtually unable to function.



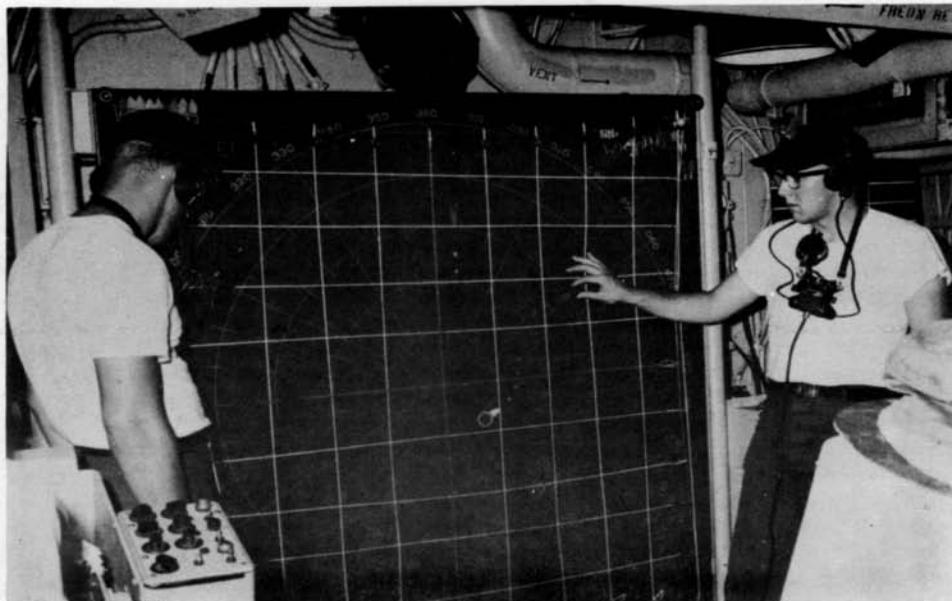
Our Hidden Eyes



RD2 Joseph Vetillo and RD3 Roger Turner (right) plot surface contacts on the Dead Reckoning Tracer (DRT). In the background SN Robert Hohmann monitors a radio net.



RDI RICHARD WRIGHT conducts scope-watching in COTP.



SN LARRY WILEY plots an air picture display in CIC.

Clove Hitch III



CLOVE HITCH III was a joint operation of all the Armed Services. Working in Flag Plot were Chief Master Sergeant Gilbert A. Virgil, USAF; Specialist Four Lewis F. Glick, USA; Lance Corporal Kevin Roberts, USMC, and Seaman Thomas Kerr, USN.

"So Happy Together," go the words of a popular tune, and this could have easily been the theme song for Clove Hitch III, a joint amphibious and airborne training exercise recently conducted in the Caribbean by units representing the Navy, Army, Air Force and Marine Corps.

"Cooperation" was the watchword of Clove Hitch III, and nowhere was this more evident than aboard Newport News, **Flagship** for Vice Admiral Bernard A. Clarey, Commander of Joint Task Force 122. During the exercise, Newport News hosted aboard the staff of JTF 122, which included 60 officers and enlisted men representing the Army, Air Force and

Marine Corps. These "land lubbers" readily adjusted to sea life and made valuable contributions to the success of the exercise.

Clove Hitch III involved a series of joint maneuvers designed to combat a hypothetical enemy that had saturated the mythical country of "Antillia" in the Caribbean. For operational purposes Antillia included the eastern portion of Puerto Rico as well as the neighboring islands of Vieques and Culebra.

The exercise commenced on April 8th when units of the U. S. Second Fleet began operations in the waters surrounding Antillia. The highlight of Clove Hitch



Refueling At Sea----- A Routine

III came on the morning of April 22nd when elements representing all of the four participating armed services conducted D-Day maneuvers and initiated a joint assault on Antillia. Second Fleet ships bombarded the shores preceding beach landing by Marine units and an air drop of over 1800 airborne troops.

Clove Hitch III was conducted in a cold war/limited war environment and provided a means to improve or confirm existing procedures in joint operations. The entire exercise was under the direction of Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Commander in Chief Atlantic, from his headquarters in Norfolk. The on-scene com-



mander, Vice Admiral Clarey, supervised and coordinated Clove Hitch III in his role as Commander of JTF 122.

Approximately 70 Second Fleet participated in the exercise, which provided practical experience for all units in surveillance, blockade and anti-sea infiltration operations. Clove Hitch III also provided SECOND Fleet ships the opportunity to participate in many maneuvers not usually possible in smaller exercises. These included live firings at actual submarines using exercise weapons and numerous scheduled and unscheduled anti-raider exercises.

Following ten days of rigorous drilling in her role as command ship, NEWPORT NEWS had the opportunity to drop anchor off the island of St. Thomas for two days of well-deserved liberty. Although many Newport Newsmen went ashore to take advantage of the island's tropical offerings, a good percentage of the crew remained on board during the St. Thomas visit in order to make up some of the many hours of sleep lost as a result of the demanding Condition III watches required by Clove Hitch III.

It was not an easy exercise. Many Newport Newsmen--in particular those in communications--were compelled to work under constant pressure in simulation of actual war-time conditions. However, and most importantly, it was a rewarding exercise because NEWPORT NEWS, as well as the other participating units, emerged from Clove Hitch III knowing they had come closer to three vital military requirements---preparedness, flexibility, and cooperation.

Task



AN ARMY augmentee samples some good Navy food as a Marine buddy joins him.



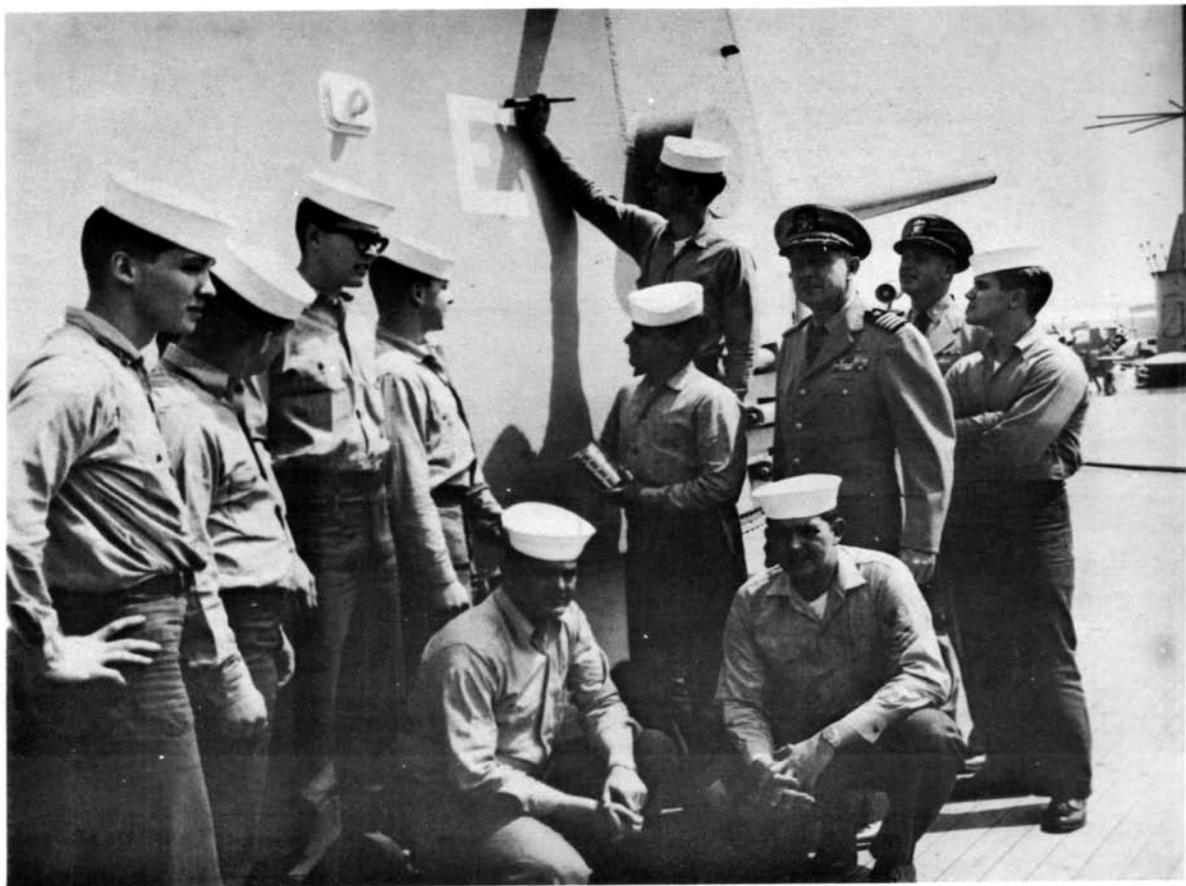
THE AIR FORCE, Navy, Marines and Army prepare to go ashore in St. Thomas demonstrating how large a joint operation Clove Hitch III was.



VICE ADMIRAL Bernard A. Clarey, Commander SECOND Fleet, greets Rear Admiral C. Edwin Bell, Commander Amphibious Group FOUR.



SH3 CHARLES A. TYE presses a Clove Hitch III augmentee's uniform in the ship's dry cleaning plant.



CAPTAIN McCARTY supervises the painting of an "E" on Turret One of the Main Battery as the gun crew observes.

Getting the 'E'

USS Newport News Weapons Department was the recipient of the Navy's coveted "E" for Excellence in competitive gunnery exercises held in the Atlantic Fleet during the past fiscal year.

The world's largest heavy cruiser, with the only rapid-firing guns in the U. S. Navy today, walked off with a total of 7 "E's".

Turrets No.1 and No.2, five-inch

mounts 51, 53, 55, 56, and three-inch mount 37 received "E's" for their outstanding accuracy in past exercises in which gunnery speed and precision are the determining factors.

The Commander of the Cruiser Destroyer Force, Atlantic, passed on the good news this past month, an in turn the ship now proudly wears the big "E" on each of the above turrets and mounts.

I Gotta Crow



ALLEN, Joseph	GMG3
ANTIL, Ronald	GMG3
BERG, John	FTG3
BOEHL, Helmut	DC3
BRAHMER, Gary	SFP3
BROWN, Glenn	GMG3
BROWN, Richard	SFP3
CHALUPKA, Michael	ETR3
CHITWOOD, Bobby	CS3
CIKOVIC, Chris	SFP3
CLUTE, James	QM3
COCCO, Thomas	GMG3
COKER, Guy	IC2
COMPTON, Richard	FTG2
CONYERS, William	QM3
CRANE, Fred	BT3
CRAWFORD, James	DC3
DAUGHERTY, James	RD3
DAVIS, Roy	CS3
DUNCAN, Robert	SH3
DUNN, William	BM3
ELLIOTT, William	EM2
ERVIN, Thomas	GMG3
FEIST, Alton	EM2
FISHER, Grover	SF2
FLIBOTTE, Donald	SFP3
FORD, Thomas	IC3
FOX, Louis	BT3
FREITAS, Roger	GMG3
GREENE, Leroy	SH3
GUNDERSON, David	QM3
HACKMAN, Matthew	SFM2
HANSON, John	RD3
HILL, Gary	SH3
HOLLAND, Michael	HM2
HOLT, Paul	BML
INKROTE, David	GMG3
JEWELL, Philip	PNL
JORDAN, David	ETR3
KALKA, Thomas	BT3
KERN, Ralph	RD3
KERN, Raymond	ENC
KIER, Kim	FTG2
KINDLE, Richard	GMG3
KRUCHKOWSKI, Jeff	BT3
LABRECK, Michael	GMG3
LAMBERT, Joseph	RD3
LATCHAW, Barry	MM3
LATSKO, Andrew	GMG3
LAURAITIS, Thomas	RD2
LONG, Dennis	AG3
MARTIN, Terrence	BM3
MARTINEZ, Joseph	RD2

McGUIRE, Ernest	DT3
MEINKE, Arthur	GMG3
METOYER, Fernandez	BT3
MOORE, Thomas	ETR2
PENTECOST, Steven	EN3
PETREA, James	EN3
PHIPPS, Michael	QM3
RICHARDSON, George	RDC
RUSSELL, Bruce	BM3
SANFORD, Daniel	FTG3
SAWYER, James	FTG3
SCHICKEL, George	IC3
SERBESKU, John	BT3
SEXTON, Stephen	ETN3
SIMMONS, James	CS1
STOHON, Frank	RD3
SULLIVAN, Bobby	CS3
SWEET, Tommie	SFM3
TATE, William	RD3
TURNER, Roger	RD3
TYE, Charles	SH3
VETILLO, Joseph	RD2
WHALEN, John	BT3
WILLIAMS, Mark	DC3

YAKSCOE, Joseph	BM3
YODER, Jefferson	MM3
YOUNG, Rodger	BT3
PEGRAM, Earl	FTG2
SEELIGER, William	RM2
ALSAGER, Richard	DC3
PRENGER, Paul	ETN3
AVERSON, Richard	DC3
BARGER, Anthony	SFP3
BEMIS, Allan	MM3
GONZALEZ, Ponciano	FTG3
LYON, Royal	IC2
MEADOWS, Kenneth	SFP3
STEURER, R. C.	FTG3
GIGLIO, Tony	ETR2
HILTON, Thomas	GMG2
LECLAIR, William	DM3
KUNZE, Lee	ETN3
SHEPARD, William	YN3

ONWARD



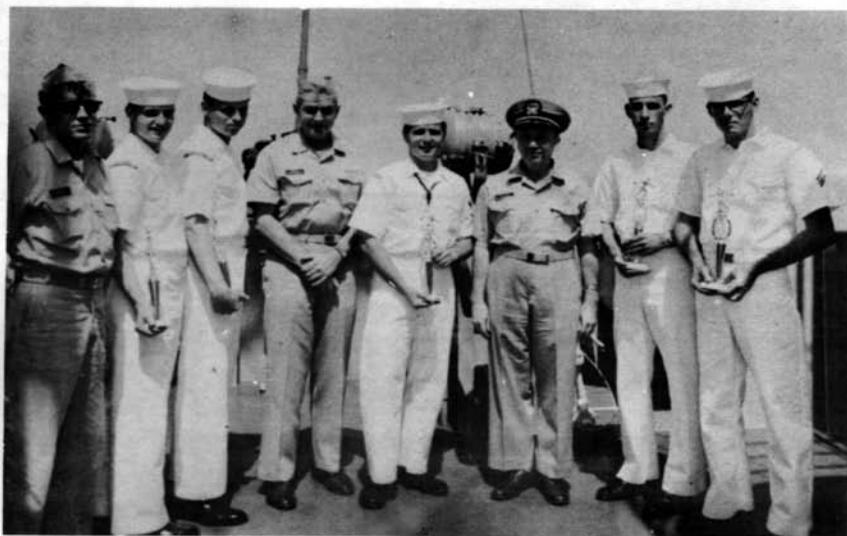
CS1 ZANE WATTS is congratulated by Captain McCarty following his reenlistment.



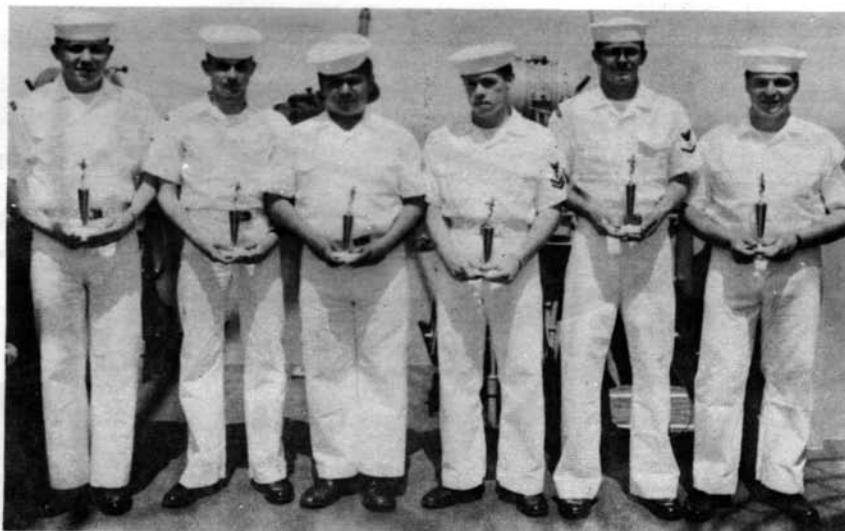
FAREWELL

LTJG JOHN C. LEHMAN departs NEWPORT NEWS after a year's service aboard the flagship.

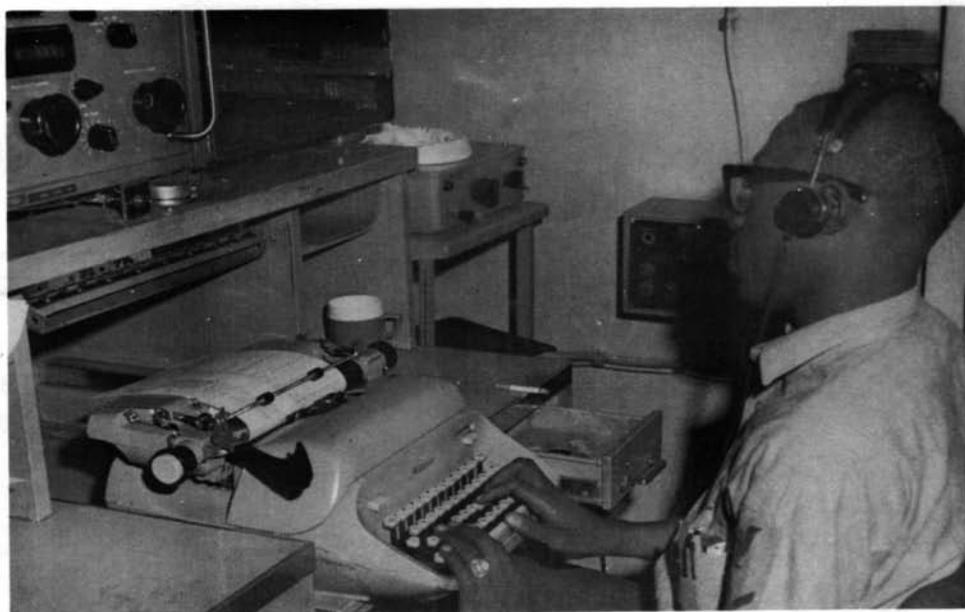
Top Keglers



THE SENSATIONAL Side Cleaners recently captured the NEWPORT NEWS team bowling championship for the 1967 season. The victors were awarded their trophies by Captain McCarty and Commander Ruxton. Side Cleaners Division Officer, LTJG J. P. Mudd, stands to the left of the winning team which includes (from left) SN Jeff Kleve, SN Donald Anderson, BML Gus Mavronicles, SN Bill Mauney and SN Larry Mauney.



RUNNERSUP in the intra-ship bowling competition are the Fox Division team which includes (from left) SN J. E. Smith, Jr.; FTG2 G. S. Neihsel; FTGSN J. Mata, Jr., FTG2 J. R. Pawlowicz; FTG3 D. L. Bain, and SN L. D. Opperman.



RADIO CHAMP—RM2 James L. Williams copies a message in Radio I. Williams recently finished on top in the COM-CRUESFLOT FOUR eliminations in the NATO Naval Communications Competition. Williams' field is CW (telegraph) receiving.

