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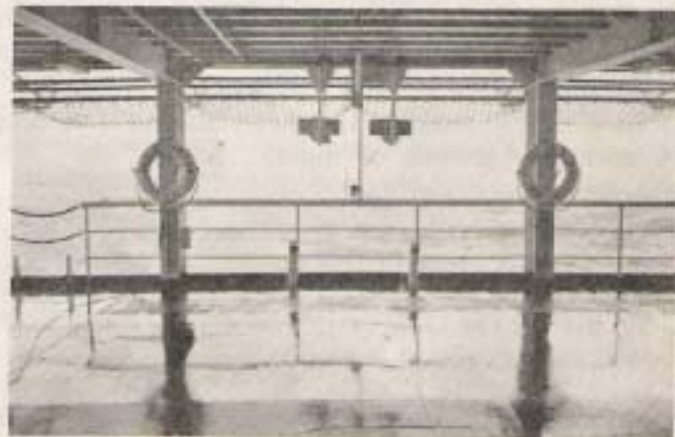
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Chaplain's Corner

Togetherness is an Art!

For most of us, the most difficult part of the deployment is not the long hours, or even the sea sickness, but the fact that more than 1100 people are suddenly crowded together in a space that really isn't very large. Whether we want to read a book, mourn for a relative of whose death we just learned, or simply get away from the noise of the music for awhile, there's no where to be alone.

Unfortunately, living closely together is one of the realities of life in the Navy when ships deploy. Each person on board can make either a positive or negative contribution to the living conditions aboard ship. What we say and do can make things pleasant or unpleasant for those around us. A lot of the ways we can make things more pleasant are plain common sense, and most of them are very familiar.

1. Count to 10 (20 maybe). As people get by on less sleep, and the weather gets hot, especially when we get to work in Diego Garcia, tempers get short. An immediate angry response only leads to another angry response. Sometimes silence is the wisest answer.

2. Unsolicited advice is rarely appreciated. You might know a "better way" to do something, but there are ways of offering advice that are guaranteed to make some one angry. Are you really trying to be helpful, or just being important? Try offering an extra hand instead of an extra word, sometime. It often works well.

3. Be considerate of others, especially with noise. There's so much constant noise aboard ship that tape players and horsing around maybe more than someone else can tolerate, especially in and around berthing areas. How about turning off the noise or music and see what happens. You might even hear yourself think.

4. Be concerned about the appearance of the ship, of your berthing area and yourself. If we don't pay attention to keeping our spaces clean and properly stowed, it will quickly get to the point where every one just gives up. Then the deployment will be a long 4½ months.

In the few months I've been aboard I've seen a tremendous growth of morale. Some "old timers"

aboard tell me they've never seen more people work together so hard to accomplish so much in such a short time as we've seen in a long time. We have the chance of becoming something unique in today's Navy: a tender with a crew aboard comprised of shipmates and not just a work force which puts in its time each day and then scatters. With a little concern for each other we can even learn to live "together".

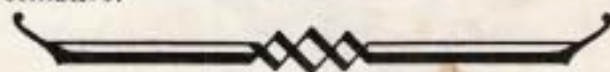
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The SPEAR POINTS Staff welcomes and encourages any input from the crew to be edited, reviewed and printed in future issues. Any human interest stories, special events or something original like poetry will be accepted. Please keep articles short, clear and informative.



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From The Captain

These past two weeks have been eventful as L. Y. SPEAR has commenced its first deployment since commissioning. The coming weeks will offer each of us new experiences and adventures. In a few short days we have transitioned from a non-sea-going ship to veterans of an attache and Mediterranean crossing. We look forward to our coming port visit to Alexandria, Egypt - one of the oldest cities in the world. We will have the opportunity to visit the Pyramids and the Sphinx and experience a strange and different culture.

It is important, as visitors to Egypt and representatives of the United States, that each of us act responsibly and with respect toward Egyptian people and their customs. Because you see vast differences between their way of life and what we are use to seeing at home does not entitle us to be critical or to look down at their way of life. The Arab people are very talented and many things in our way of life have been helped by the contributions of the early Egyptians.

Past U.S. Navy ships visiting Alexandria have thoroughly enjoyed their visits. The local citizens have been friendly and have warmly welcomed the crews. I strongly encourage each person to take one of the scheduled tours. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and we should make the most of it.

Islamic countries have certain customs and standards about which they feel very strong. One has to do with taking of drugs and alcohol which is taboo to most true followers of Islam. While the vast majority of the true believers do not take or associate with drugs and alcohol, these items are readily available throughout the Middle East. Alcohol is served for the benefit of tourists and drugs are additionally available since much of the worlds supply is grown and processed in Islamic countries. With alcohol, its' use by tourists is accepted but they "expect" you to maintain control of yourself and your demeanor. If you misbehave or cause trouble while intoxicated, the police and judicial authorities will take summary, prompt and harsh action; much worse than what you might expect in the states. Possession and trafficking of drugs is similarly frowned upon and even more harshly treated. The person selling you drugs is very happy to take your money for his drugs; but he also may be an informant (most are), who will turn around and report you to the police for which he gets a reward and you get arrested. There are over three hundred U.S. citizens in prison in Islamic countries - most were caught with drugs. One young lady was recently released after four years in a Turkish jail for possession of hashish.

My recommendation to each of you is to enjoy Egypt, see the many wondrous sights, learn their customs, and do not break any law. I assure you our visit to Alexandria can be most enjoyable and one you will relish and talk about for years to come.



SAFETY

Safety is a much used word that many people ignore. In an industrial area, everyone must think of safety at all times. There are so many hazards existing in industrial areas that a safety violation can cause death, dismemberment or disabling injuries in a few seconds. For example - a sailor needs to mount a bracket on a bulkhead. He drills a hole in the bulkhead, puts in a bolt and mounts the bracket. Simple, right? That sailor is wrong - possibly "dead" wrong if he didn't check the other side of that bulkhead first. What happens if he drills into an energized electrical cable? Or into another sailor leaning against that bulkhead; or into a container of gasoline or other flammable material? Did he ensure the drill he used was electrically safe? When was it last safety checked? Did he use goggles or safety glasses when operating that drill?

The sailor at the grinding wheel may also have potential problems with the grinder. What can happen if he is grinding a soft metal such as aluminum? That wheel can "load" and suddenly break from the accumulation of aluminum which builds upon the grinding wheel. If that happens, the wheel breaks apart, and could fly into the face of the operator, cutting him severely. Does that grinding wheel have a protection hood and peripheral guard? Is the operator wearing a face mask or goggles? Is he properly supervised? Does he know what metal he is grinding?

Other "killers" are electrical wires that are frayed, and improper use of chemicals and equipment. Welding and cutting can produce severe burns. These operations can also start fires and emit toxic fumes. Personnel are injured at an alarming rate by high compression spray painting and grease guns. Working in unusual areas such as in a void space, over the side of a ship, or working aloft, require that safety be foremost in the minds of the personnel involved and their supervisors. The improper use of hand tools can cost the use of an eye, a finger or hand, or cause considerable discomfort. If a safety hazard exists, talk to your supervisor or your safety officer. Do something! Don't ignore an obvious safety hazard, there are enough hidden ones.

"CCTV PRESENTS!!"

You're two hundred miles from the nearest television station and you're still watching the "MUPPETS"! How? L. Y. SPEAR is now proud to announce the installation of a new "Site 1A-1 Ships Information and Television Entertainment System". Located on the 04 level under the direct supervision of Communication Division, CCTV has numerous broadcasting capabilities. Site 1A-1 is equipped to utilize slides, two 16MM film projectors, two Betamax cassette recorders, with audio facilities using 8-track cartridges. Site 1A-1 is also capable of broadcasting live on scene with the help of a portable Hitachi color camera. All of the broadcasting equipment can be remotely controlled from the Site 1A-1 control panel which is equipped with three television monitoring screens.

Site 1A-1 system is highly complex, in constant need of preventive maintenance and detailed adjustments. Assuming the responsibility for ensuring maximum efficiency and all necessary repairs on the Site 1A-1 System is IC2 Dan SMALT, who just recently transferred to CR Division from R-3. Having previous experience with television systems at his last command, USS INDEPENDENCE, IC2 SMALT is extremely knowledgeable in interior communications. He has definitely earned the title "Executive Producer" and "Director" of WLYS CH.2. All personnel involved with CCTV, such as the news and sports team, do so on a voluntary basis. Without their efforts and co-operation from the crew L. Y. SPEAR CCTV would not be possible.

L. Y. SPEAR'S acquisition of the Site 1A-1 System is one of great fortune. In comparison with past CCTV productions, Site 1A-1 is a large step toward advancing Closed Circuit Television on board SPEAR!





HEALTH HINTS!

On our port visits one must remember that we are entering into countries that have customs and cultures much different than ours. What might be acceptable to us may not be acceptable to them and vice versa. This includes everything from the way you say hello to the way you eat. Speaking of eating, be careful! The practice of sanitation in Egypt is much below our standards of living. For instance, meat that is sold on the street usually hasn't been refrigerated and been handled by many human hands. The bad thing about this is that bacteria has a very good chance of growing on non-refrigerated meat. If you must eat the meat make sure it is extremely hot and well cooked. This doesn't end with the meat though, the water is generally considered to be contaminated with micro organisms that live in human feces. These organisms can make you very sick with excessive vomiting and diarrhea. Also the vegetables are grown in human feces (a very effective but - unclean - fertilizer) or commonly called night soil.

In so many words, it is medically recommended that you don't eat or drink anything in Alexandria, Egypt that is pro-urred off of the ship. These reports were supplied to the ship from Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit No.2 in Norfolk. They in turn receive these reports from ships that have recently transited these areas. So be sure to have a good meal before touring these areas or departing the ship in Alexandria.



R 5 UPCLOSE

R-5 division is the Radiological Controls Division on board the Spear. The division is comprised of 11 Nuclear Trained Officers and Petty Officers, 3 Radiac Calibration Technicians and 9 non-nuclear personnel of various rates.

R-5 division works long hours in providing services to tended submarines and some surface craft. Some of the routine services include Radiac calibration, gage calibration, pure water, and receiving radioactive waste materials from tended units.

The primary function of the division is to oversee nuclear repair work on submarines with respect to Radiological Controls. It is their job to insure that radiation exposure is minimized and radioactive material is kept under control. R-5 division played a key role during a recent highly technical steam generator inspection on the USS FLYINGFISH (SSN673). Through their untiring efforts the job went extremely smooth with no problems and was finished in record time.

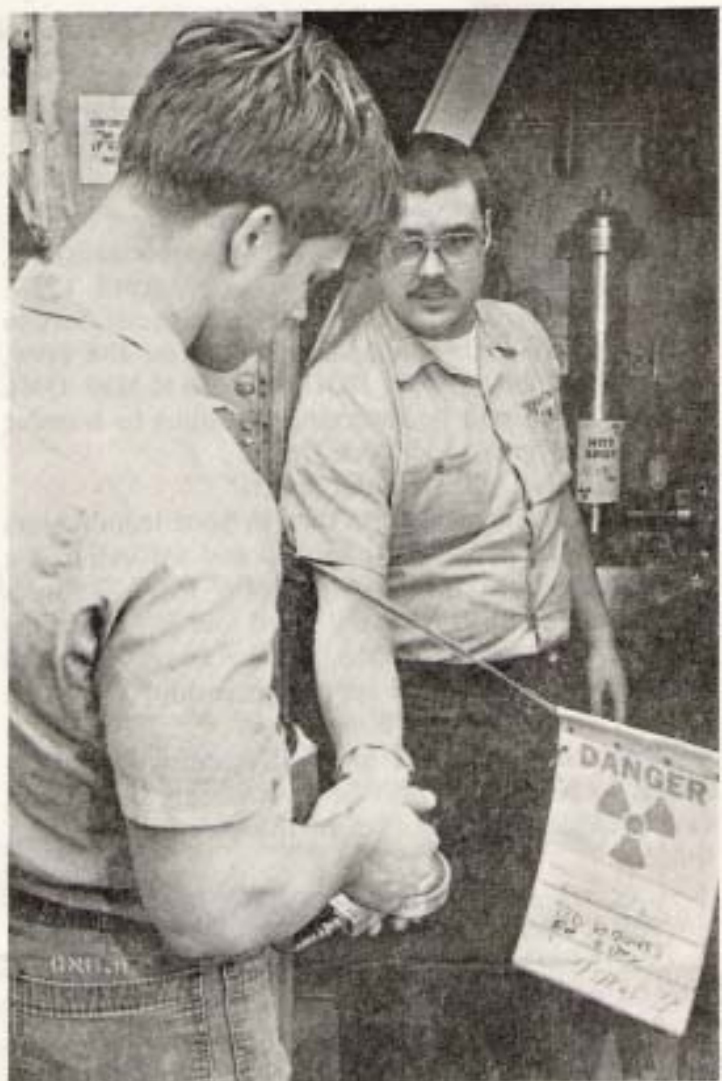
R-5 division spends a great deal of their time in training to maintain a high level of expertise. On the average the division participates in two November Emergency Drills, conducts two lectures, one seminar and one major evolution (PET Tank hookup, waste packing, etc.) per week.

R-5 division (as well as the rest of the ship) was recently examined by COMSUBLANT and CSS-6 in a Radiological Controls Practices Evolution. The examination was successfully passed with a definite improvement overall noted by the board members. Much credit goes to the crew of the Spear for their cooperation during this exam.

The division is headed by Lt COX, the Radiological Controls Officer. He keeps the "zoomies" under control. ENS HIGGINS is the R-5 Division Officer who ramrods the day to day activities both in servicing submarines and maintaining the equipment of the Nuclear Support Facilities in operation. The backbone of the division of course are the petty officers and men who do the work. MM1 TRAUTMAN is the LPO of shop 94A (RADCON). He is the principle assistant in running the day to day routine. ET2 MALLOY is the LPO of the Radiac Calibration Facility (Shop 67F). She supervises the the calibration and repair of all Radiacs for the L.Y. SPEAR and tended submarines.

Other key individuals are: MM1 STEIN (94A Work Center Supervisor), MM1 COX (Training Officer) and MM1 HISE (Leading Engineering Laboratory Technician).

And a special thanks to Lt COX for preparing this article for The Spear Points.



SPECIAL SERVICES

"Athletic Gear Locker"

The athletic gear locker now has a new assistant, SKSN LUND, who checked aboard on 3 April 1980. He will be working directly for the Special Services Officer, LTJG BURKE, and to serve you the crew. He will be relieving QM1 DOUGWILLO in May. QM1 DOUGWILLO will be returning to Conus to transfer to Fleet Reserve. Good Luck Doug!

"Intramural Sports"

All divisions/departments turn in your team rosters for intramural sports in volleyball and softball to the athletic gear locker 1-9-1-A by 1 May 1980. We have the Captains Cup trophy on board and it will be displayed shortly. This trophy will be awarded to the best department/division for sportmanship!

"Bingo"

Bingo will be started and will continue until we return to Norfolk. It will be on a weekly basis, with cash prizes. Watch the Plan of the Day for date and times.

"Gym Equipment"

We have a lot of new exercise equipment on board at this time. It will be installed in the MK 14 shop. Stop by and stay in shape by exercising.

"Athletic Equipment"

1. Before leaving Norfolk we purchased additional fishing gear, softball equipment, footballs, volleyballs, tackle gear. All gear that will be checked out must be returned within 3 days.

2. All uniforms and athletic gear that is out, "must" be returned.

3. Athletic gear locker will be open during normal working hours. Ext. is 389!

"COMSUBLANT Big Boy Award!"

It's now official, the USS L. Y. SPEAR has won COMSUBLANT Sportmanship Award for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to the crew for making this possible!

"Volunteers Needed!"

We need people to volunteer their time and effort to make our entire program work. The following people have already volunteered.

IC2 SAMSON - Chess

EM3 BURNETT - Boxing

HM2 BLACK - Volleyball

EN2 BERRY - Fishing

LT KNUTSON - Wrestling

RM1 DRAK - Bowling

We need people for football, horseshoes, basketball, weightlifting, darts, etc. Contact the athletic gear locker if you want to help out.

"Suggestions"

If you have any suggestions on how we can serve you more effectively, contact the athletic gear locker at Ext. 389 or LTJG BURKE at ext. 285.

"Games"

Did your berthing compartment get any games from the athletic gear locker?? A note was run in the POD and word was passed over the IMC, we still have a few games left to check out.

"Basketball"

A basketball net has been installed on the Helo Deck for your recreation! When calmer seas arrive, be sure to utilize the facility in preparation for challenging other teams upon our arrival in the Indian Ocean.

SHIPS STORE!

While underway the ships store hours are 0900 to 1600 and 1800 to 2000. We will be closed for chow between 1030 and 1130. Bear with us during the times we must close for emergencies such as repairing and/or replacing toppled merchandise and windows. Some items are very hard to keep in stock. We are trying to keep up with your demands but with ever increasing needs our work load has also increased. This sometimes causes us to fall a couple of days behind. Things you need to make sure you have while we are at sea include. . . laundry bags, markers, and pens; an extra lock just in case, and shoe polish. Also plan ahead on batteries; we run out very quickly. For a limited time we will have cricket lighters and butane fluid. However, these items are no longer approved for ship board use. When we run out we will not be reordering.

DRUG ABUSE! MRC DENNY SPEAKS OUT!!

Drug abuse occurs whenever a person takes a drug in an attempt to "influence" his or her mind or body to escape reality. The professional care by a doctor relies on the knowledge of the correct drug to use in treatment. The abuser could very well self destruct through the experimentation of drugs of which he or she has very little knowledge. The end result of drug abuse could be death. The term "users or losers" has never made more sense than in today's society. We can save lives if we help to eliminate drug abuse. Let's pull together!

R. DENNY, MRC, USN
Drug & Alcohol Counselor

EGYPT

Geography: Located in the northeastern corner of the African continent, Egypt is bounded by the Mediterranean Sea, Libya, Sudan, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Suez, and the State of Israel. Only about 26,000 square kilometers of the 999,730 square kilometers in the country are cultivated. These lie along the nation's great waterway, the Nile.

People: In a population of 40 million, 92% follow the Sunni sect of the Muslim religion; Coptic Christianity is followed by most of the remainder. Ethnic groups among the citizens include Egyptians, Copts, Bedouins, and Nubians, with Arabic as a common language. **Capital is Cairo** (5.8 million); other cities are Alexandria (2.6 million) and Giza (900,000).

Government: The Constitution provides for a strong executive with authority vested in a popularly elected President who appoints the Prime Minister and Cabinet. President Anwar Sadat began his second 6-year term in October



1976. The 360-member People's Assembly has representatives from the four major parties in it: extreme leftists and rightists are not permitted to run for office.

Economy: Gross National Product estimated at \$12 billion, but per capita income only averages \$280. Products are textiles, tobacco, chemicals.

Brief History: With a continuous recorded history of 5,000 years, Egypt has had periods of strength and weakness. A united kingdom from about 3200 B.C. until conquered by Alexander

the Great in 333 B.C., it was under foreign domination until 1922 when King Fuad took the throne. The British retained extensive powers in the government as well as a military presence in the Suez Canal Zone; the canal itself was built in 1859-69 by the French. Gamal Nasser and military officers overthrew King Faruk in 1952 and ruled until his death in 1970; he was replaced as President by Anwar Sadat, a leader who has worked for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

Play It Again "SAM"

On March 25th of this year RM1 WINSLOW, of Communication Division, gave "Uncle SAM" another six years! After serving at various commands such as USNS Neptune, USS Desoto CTY, USS Pocono, USS Vulcan, and Recruiting duty in New York, Petty Officer WINSLOW reported aboard L. Y. SPEAR June 1977. The re-enlistment ceremony was held at the Headquarters, Commander In Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, by Captain Clinton W. TAYLOR, Executive Assistant to CINCLANTFLT. CAPT. TAYLOR was at one time Commanding Officer of USS Vulcan and had the pleasure of re-enlisting Petty Officer WINSLOW, then a crew member of Vulcan, six years ago in May 1974. It was indeed an honor for RM1 WINSLOW to be re-enlisted by CAPT. TAYLOR whom he considered a personal friend, and it also gave him the chance to congratulate CAPT. TAYLOR on his selection to Admiral.

Re-enlisting for the last time under the guard III program for NTCC Guam, Petty Officer WINSLOW will retire upon completing his last six years. Mrs. WINSLOW who was actively involved on L. Y. SPEAR as the OMBUDSMAN would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to the crew and their dependents:

To The Crew and Dependents of L. Y. SPEAR - -

" As I reflect on the past two years as your Ombudsman, I remember some beautiful moments and experiences that will be very special to me in the year to come. You are a very special and unique group of people, and you differ from any other ship in the fleet. To those of you that I have met and helped, I hope the experience has been as beneficial to you as it has been for me.

To those of you that I have not met and helped, the loss has been mine. I wanted to meet each and everyone of you. The crew and their dependents are a great asset to the command. Each and every one of you contribute to the effectiveness of the ship. Go that extra mile! It benefits everyone. To my successor I bequeath a marvelous group of people and I hope someday you will reflect on your experiences as an Ombudsman just as I am doing now.

I wish each of you making this deployment, a safe and memorable journey. Be proud of who and what you are. Represent "L. Y. SPEAR" in a proud manner.

To those wives, husbands, parents, friends staying behind, I wish new experiences to help fill your days apart. This is the time to do some things you have wanted to do for a long time ie., go back to school, get a job, etc. and it will help pass the time for you.

Above all, remember each day SPEAR is gone will bring her one day closer to coming home! Remember, one day at a time and you will get thru this deployment. Dependents, call your Ombudsman, they are here to help you. They can only help if you ask them. Crew, advise your dependents that Ombudsman are as close as the telephone. They want to help in any way they can. Again, my sincere thanks for your confidence in sharing your experiences and problems with me. The pleasure has been mine! I wish you GOD speed, and a safe journey, "fair winds and following seas".

Sincerely,
Elizabeth (Stormy) WINSLOW
Outgoing Ombudsman



I COULD HAVE SWORN THAT WAS WELDED!!!

FLIGHT QUARTERS!!!



SPEARS' FIRST HELO LANDING



TRANSFER...

We would like to take this moment to say goodbye and good luck to HM1 Cato BATTLE, who transferred to the USS EISENHOWER on 28 March. Being a crew member of SPEAR for two years, HM1 BATTLE saw many changes come to light. After serving most of his 16 year career with Marine detachments such as Camp Lejune, Camp Pendelton, Okinawa, Naval Hospital Philadelphia and the 2nd Batt. 5th Marines in Vietnam where he was wounded by Vietnamese gunfire, he was then transferred to Naval Hospital Portsmouth. HM1 BATTLE proved to be a knowledgeable and valuable asset to the Medical Dept. on board SPEAR, taking with him the experience gained during his tour to the USS EISENHOWER we again wish you well. Go get'em Cato!

-- LOST --

One LDO (Limited Duty Officer) ring with initials RLH inside. Stone is purple in color. Last seen in 02 level officers head, forward of the Command Conference Room. If you have any information concerning the whereabouts of this ring, please contact Ensign Rich HIGGENS in Radcon, Ext. 431. A reward is being offered for the return of the ring.

Slim Down and Live!

L. Y. SPEAR now has a shipshape/overeaters anonymous program on board. This program is for those persons who sincerely want to reduce and stay slim. This is not a diet club! We offer a tailored three sided program for a continued weight loss. All you need is the desire to lose weight. Watch for us in the POD!

ICC Lou WIGGENS
Ext. 505



Can you guess who this "Lady Officer" is? In case you didn't guess the last baby picture, it was the face of none other than LTJG BURKE!, CR Division Officer. Be sure to catch the next issue of SPEAR POINTS!!!



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