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Chaplain's Corner

UNDERWAY, READING HOME

One of the best nights of my two and a half months at Diego Garcia was the arrival of the USS AKA on that gray July Sunday. It meant that we were really going home.

Now that we've been underway for over a week, we've initiated another group of sleep polygraphs into the ranks of Neptune's Row, and we've encountered a variety of weather conditions. Soon we'll be through the West Canal and to the West.

For many of us, thoughts of home occupy most of our time. Some of our diplomats are "old salts" who have made many deployments, but many of us are making home after our first major deployment. What's it going to be like? How will the family be? Is it going to seem strange? Lots of questions!

None of those questions can be answered fully before we get home. But here are some things to think about.

Things change and things remain the same. The wife who was pregnant when we left may no longer be pregnant. She may be holding a new son or daughter. Other small children may be walking or talking. That ten year old son or daughter may have grown three inches. A wife new to Norfolk in January now knows her way around and you still haven't found out where things are yet.

There are major and minor changes, for you and your family have been living and changing during the past five months. So expect some changes when you get home. But don't panic, and don't assume the worst. Some changes, when we adjust to them, are positive. Look forward to your return home, but be relaxed. It will take time to get to know your family and friends again. Invest some days and weeks to simply talk and listen. Spend time with your family, that's the best gift you can bring yourself, and don't expect things to be exactly the same as they were on 21 March. Homecoming can be a meaningful and beautiful time, if you want it to be.

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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 feature interest stories, special events or something original the points will be accepted. Please keep articles short, clear and informative.



From The Captain

It is good to be at sea and heading home. Everyone can take pride in his and her individual accomplishments and hard work as well as in the overall outstanding performance L.Y. SPHAR has done. Our record and reputation are great. I think the many doubters in the Pacific Fleet that worried whether we could do as well as a destroyer tender, have found we can move even more jobs - better than they can!

It has been a pleasure to see how we have developed our talents, qualified ourselves and accepted every challenge successfully. The crew of AAS was inspired by our professionalism and competence, but when you think about it we were just like them here and a half month ago.

As we head home with total stops in Athens and Balise, I would like to see L.Y. SPHAR be cheered up and spread up to rightly show to all who deal with us, the success we have earned.



DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE THAT THING WITH YOU EVERYWHERE?

FAVORITE TOMBSTONE



1000 MARS-CALLS PLACE

Since our departure to Diego Garcia about midnight on board the Spirit and several people from neighboring ships, have taken advantage of our Mars Call operations. Prior to the first call placed under way 23 April 1980, there had never been a need for this service. It has brought considerable peace of mind to know that if need be, we can call almost all the way around the world to check on our loved ones. Thanks to the efforts of HSI BRAS and all the people up in the Radio Transmitter room, those calls were made possible.

On 1 JULY 1980, local Diego Garcia time 1840 and Norfolk time 0818 the 1000th Mars call was placed by TRON MANNY WHITE to his wife "MANNY".

The call was handled by American Operator MR. BILL SEMITROCK who has done an outstanding job assisting us with connecting our calls home. THANK YOU MR. SEMITROCK!

MANNY'S call was placed through Luke Wray, Florida, and it took one minute to reach the connection.



IF HE MUST GO

When across the distance of morning, his
 leeching sail is hoisted.
 All I can do is anxiously wait and heed his fabled
 word.

She leaves his gentle hand from me,
 But I know I can manage what must be.

In my heart I carry the memories of love,
 Knowing somehow he will return, with guidance
 from above.

I'll be here when this tale is done,
 My love for him can be taken by none.

The years will pass, but leaving me will never cease,
 He goes for all these left behind, to help bring
 peace.

Watching her take me aboard, into her salty world,
 I stand alone as before,
 As his ship sails forward into the arms of the
 raging sea once more.

BY SUSAN STREET



To show trying these away from the former front,
 Here you may thought about your dog and wondered
 how your best friend is doing without you. . .

Dear Tracy,

I miss you while you are gone. Mommy takes good
 care of me but I wish you were here. I have a good
 time playing with Tracy and walking in Mommy's
 garden. It is fun to walk between the tomatoes and
 pepper plants and look through the fence at Jerry
 and Eric but she tells me to be a good girl and walk
 on the grass. She even got mad at me for digging in
 the flower bed. I think it's fun to dig.

I got a hot cat. Now I look pretty. Mommy says
 I look beautiful and I wiggle all over when she says
 that. I will be four years old the 7th of June and
 Tracy will be twelve years old the 10th of June. We
 will have a party and Mommy will give us doggie
 biscuits and a treat. Would you like to come to our
 party?

We have a pet animal that walks on the fence. He
 is such a smarty little thing, swimming along. I don't
 even look at him. My pet happy bird is still living
 by the water spout. I like that little happy bird.
 He plays a game with me. He won't let me catch him
 though.

Tracy says Tracy is bad when she opens the gate
 with her nose. She likes to go out first and walk
 around. My nose isn't long enough to reach through
 the gate like Tracy's. May be you will take me for
 a walk when you come home. I like to go walking.

Tracy Hines. I Love You!



LADY



... AND GET YOUR EARS UP-OUT OF YOUR
 COLLAR!



Health Hints

CALLING IT QUIT

WHEN THINKING ABOUT QUITTING . . .

- *List all the reasons why you want to quit. Every night before going to bed, repeat one of the reasons 10 times.
- *Decide positively that you want to quit. Try to avoid negative thoughts about how difficult it might be.
- *Develop strong personal reasons in addition to your health and obligations to others. For example, think of all the time you waste taking cigarette breaks, making out to buy a pack, looking for a light etc.
- *Set a target date for quitting - perhaps a special day like your birthday, your anniversary, a holiday. If you smoke heavily at work, quit during your vacation. Make the date sacred, and don't let anything change it.
- *Begin to condition yourself physically - start a regular exercise regimen, drink more fluids, get plenty of rest and avoid fatigue.

CUT DOWN THE NUMBER OF CIGARETTES YOU SMOKE . . .

- *Smoke only half of each cigarette.
- *Each day, postpone lighting your first cigarette one hour.
- *Decide you will smoke only during cold or warm hours of the day.
- *Decide beforehand how many cigarettes you'll smoke during the day. For each additional smoke, give a dollar to your favorite charity.
- *Don't smoke when you first experience a craving. Wait several minutes, and during this time, change your activity or talk to someone.
- *Stop buying cigarettes by the carton. Wait until one pack is empty before buying another.
- *Stop carrying cigarettes with you at home and at work. Make them difficult to get to.

SOMETIMES IT MAKES YOU WONDER WHEN . . .

- *You wake up just in time to hear "Save the Miss Lane!"
- *There's no one in the Control Room!
- *The Chief orders at you.
- *You tell good old someone told you "It's Saturday and complete work day."
- *You wake up after a nice long nap while lying in the sun and realize that you forgot to put lotion on and that the NORTH MATES are painting, up wind.
- *You put your clothes tray down to go get bag lunch, forget where you put your tray and you really don't care.
- *You've been staring all day, and Chief is still writing at you.
- *You've got the first empty chair you ever had in months and there's no M.A.A. and someone in the eye-thru air-tube chair too.
- *Someone tells you the stupid little someone you thought you got a good deal on, and you own \$10.00.
- *The Captain says "We are going to come out and see liberty heads again."
- *The one known's what happened to all the work you did last night on duty.
- *Your top player "loses" your favorite tape.
- *Your best friend tells you to watch ANITA BRITANT would want her own treatment!



LOOKS LIKE MISS GAY IS BELO GPE. BOSS AGAIN TODAY.



R-1C UP CLOSE

On August 1, 1980 we will no longer have an R-1C. The laundry, supporter and pattern shops will be a part of R-1c and structural shop will join the crews of R-1a. While the four shops were as a whole NLC ERAND headed them in their Division Office.

The structural shop, 11-A consisting of thirteen EEOs does fabrication of any shape or size section, a variety of deck work and anything from a strainer to a cabinet as long as it is 16 gauge of aluminum or stainless steel structural. All of this can either be TIG welded, spot welded or gas drilled together or a combination of two or all three. The structural shop along with supporter and pattern shops not only tend submarines and what ever happens to be along side but does a great deal of work on the SPAR, both at sea and in port.

The supporter shop, 64-A, another shop of EEOs, has thirteen men and one woman. They can be expected to do anything from mousing the powder on bulkheads, tile on decks, to repairs in tanks and drawers. The most taxing job of year heading for the SPAR boats and on occasional boat from a surface vessel along side, are also treated. The shop is additionally credited for the output of shape tanks used in procedures.



The pattern makers, 194-C, with a total of eight MIA men and machine patterners with a detailed assembly to be used as models for the founders. With a twenty inch "A" wheel behind them they have a very small choice of duty positions. The molders and pattern makers share the "V" wheel.

The founders, 21-A, has a total of nine molders. The three has only about two hundred and fifty MIA. On board the MIA, all the MIA, in addition to making metal and pouring it in the sand, also make the metal. They must add certain alloys to get the needed specifications.

Working with all types of metal, some up to a maximum of 100 pounds of weight and temperatures ranging from 200° to 2500° F. They can be found pouring anything from a plaque to a projectile.

SPARK POINTS would like to thank 21-C for their work as a division, and wish them luck in their new division.





THE SHIP'S LAMENT

Now each of us from time to time, has gazed at the sea and watched the steamships pulling out, to keep the country free. And most of us have read books, or heard busy tales about the men who sail these ships, through lightning, wind and sea, but there is a place within each ship, that legend fails to reach.

It is down below the waterline. It takes a living hell, a hot metal living hell, that waters call the "HOLE". It houses engines run by steam, that make the hull go round. A place of fire, noise and heat, that heats your spirits down. Where boilers like a hellish beast, with blood of soapy steam, are of maddled pain without remorse, are nightmares in a dream.

Where those that from the first row, is like a living death. That any minute would with soot, scrape and stink you out. Where furnaces scorch the tortured steel, alone and hot in hell, as colored from above sometimes, they answer every bell. The men who keep the first lit, and make the engines run, are strangers to the world of night and rarely see the sun.

They have no time for man nor god, no leisure for love. Their spirit pays no living thing, the tribute of a love. For there is not much man can do, that those men have not done. Beyond the dark, deep in the hole, to make the engines run. And every hour of every day, they keep the watch in hell for if the ship ever fail, their ship's a useless shell.

When the ships come to land a war, upon the angry sea, the men below get grimly made, at what their fate might be. They are looked in below like men long doomed, who hear no battle cry. It is well assumed that if they are hit, the men below will die. For every day is a war down there, when the grapes all read "RED". No hundred pounds of loaded steam, can kill you empty dead.

So if you ever write these men, or try to tell their tale, the very words would make you heat, a fire furnace's wall. And people as a general rule, don't fear of men of need as little is heard about the place, that waters call the hole. But I can sing about the place, and try to make you see, the tortured life of men down there, because one of them is me.

I have seen those great hulk's light, in water heated air, to keep their ship alive and tight, though no one knows they are there. And then they will light for you - oh, all mankind and no more, until the boilers mightily heat and burnish hellish men. So when you see a ship pull out, to meet a war like foe. Remember finally if you can, "THE MEN WHO SAIL BEHIND"

ARTHUR UNKNOWN



FROM THE COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

How to tell a witness from a liar.

- A witness says, "He's first out."
A liar says "Nobody knows."
- A witness makes a mistake and says, "I was wrong."
A liar makes a mistake and says, "It wasn't my fault."
- A witness goes through a problem.
A liar tries to go around it, and never gets paid it.
- A witness tries to learn from those who are superior to him.
A liar tries to out-do those who are superior to him.
- A witness says, "There ought to be a better way."
A liar says, "That's the way it's always been done."
- A witness talks about what he will do to win.
A liar talks about what he will do if he wins.
- A witness lives in today.
A liar lives in the future or in the past.

SUBMITTED BY
BRI EDDY
CAREER COUNSELLOR



— MILITARY INSTALLATIONS —

In the Athens, Greece area there are six military installations. These include COMBINED INT Athens, Staff Liaison Office (SLAO), a Naval Communications Station, or Sea State (about 20 miles southeast of Athens), Transportation Terminal at Piraeus and the 300th Airborne Group at Eleftheria and the 4th Helicopter Landing at Eleftheria, about ten miles southeast of downtown Athens.

You might want to remember the numbers for Shore Patrol in case you get lost or into a situation you can't get out of. Shore Patrol Headquarters is located at Piraeus Bay, phone numbers are 942-2400 and 942-8000.

— SHOPPING —

Next steps getting of Athens is up at Eleftheria Port. From there buses or cabs can be taken to Athens, Piraeus, the "Oldtown" and NEO Chalki, or to the beaches south of Athens. From Eleftheria buses can be taken to the exchange and currency stores or to the local shopping areas. It is recommended that you visit the smaller local shops and handle with the programs. Street merchants and Flea Markets (Koussarakis) are found through out the city of Athens.

— EXCHANGING MONEY —

To exchange American dollars for Greek drachmas, which are divided into 100 lepta, you should use the exchange service on the ship. There are approximately 50 drachmas to the U.S. dollar.

There are notes of 1, 2, 5, and 20 drachmas and 10, 20, and 50 lepta, and Bank Notes of 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 drachmas. If you choose to exchange your American money abroad, your best bet will be the "Candia" money exchange unit's usually located at Eleftheria Port. There are eight main banks in Athens, however the rate of exchange for American money will be slightly higher there.

Take along your American money in small denominations. If you run out of drachmas, this money will come in handy as you won't have to exchange ten and twenties to make a small purchase and end up with the difference in drachmas.

LIBERTY IN..... ATHENS GREECE

NOTES

1. There is no known black-marketing of currency in Greece.
2. It is recommended that all local merchandise and services be paid for in Greek currency.
3. U.S. currency is used exclusively at the currency exchange, Post Office and all other businesses operated by the U.S. military forces.
4. Do not confuse lepta with drachmas, because 1 lepta is 1/100th of one drachma.

— ATHENS —

The city of Athens is dominated at the center by the Acropolis, around which it was built. The ruins of it's magnificent marble temples, glowing in the bright sun or moon light, can provide your thoughts to drift back thousands of years. The beauty of the 2,000 year old Parthenon, the Erechtheion with it's famous Porch of Maidens, and many other ancient ruins through out Greece are seen by countless tourist eyes. Don't miss your opportunity to see the place where democracy was born.

Athens is the Capital of Greece and the heart of a rapidly growing nation. The poet Pindarus described it as "a diamond in the ring of the world." In the Athens, Piraeus area, live more than 2,000,000 of Greece's 9,000,000 inhabitants. Piraeus, the port of Athens, is the largest port in the eastern Mediterranean. It is known for the Greek shipping industry, third largest in the world in total tonnage.

— NIGHT LIFE —

Nightlife activity radiates from Constitution Square, "Syntagma" in Greek, located between the Acropolis and the high rising peak of Lycabettus. Around the area gather the young people of Greece and many tourists. Clubs, shops and many lively spots are located within the immediate area of Constitution Square.

Most clubs do not open until 10:00 and dinner is served, accompanied by live music and dancing. Beer, drinks, or coffee meals and dancing are also included.

The use of, selling or distribution of drugs is very firm is strictly prohibited throughout Greece. The Greek people do not drink until they become intoxicated, this is considered a form of insanity. So they will not look favorably upon you if you drink with much ease. When in a Greek drink that is made with alcohol and it is not recommended that you buy more than one drink.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Greek people are very proud of their national heritage. They often ask personal questions about your family and work. This is not considered offensive; they are simply trying to show interest in a stranger's life.

When you play host to a Greek you may find the bill has been paid for by your "guest". In a Greek home, one is customarily offered coffee, wine and preserves. This should not be refused. Custom states that the water should be drunk first, the preserves next and the spoon placed in the water glass, and the coffee drunk at leisure.

Most Greek people take politics seriously and tend to agree of their views. It is important that you realize that politically, Greece and Turkey are at odds.

Landmarks are to be found in most squares in Athens. Though like the street names they are not very well marked. So ask for directions.

Usually all shops are closed for "MERIA" from about 1:00 to 2:00.

In Greece the man is the head of the household and his family commands his deepest loyalty and affection. The single Greek girl is still under close supervision from her family.

For more information about Greece check with 1421 Hudson Street in Detroit or come by the Spear Point Newspaper Office.



THE PARTHENON AT THE ACROPOLIS
IN ATHENS

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IF EVERYONE WE MADE A MISTAKE IN LIFE WE HAD TO RETURN TO INFANCY TO BEGIN AGAIN. JUST THINK HOW MUCH YOU WOULD MISS NEVER REACHING PUBERTY!



SPEAR EXPLORER HER CHALLENGE

Since our departure from Norfolk, you don't have to be told "a lot has happened." The USS L. T. SPEAR has taken on the challenge of being remote and totally independent in her never ending job of submarine support.

If you would look deep into her hull and further you would find something more. We have ventured a lot further than our planned Virginia Island cruise. The SPEAR has taken on her first western Shoalwater, an experience no one will forget. We have covered the Atlantic, the West, the Indian Ocean and the East Coast and various Port Calls. Now we begin our final destination. . . . HOME!

We, the crew of the April through August 1968 Cruise, have done what none of our predecessors here had the chance to do. This accomplishment was made possible only by each of SPEAR'S personnel. We should be proud that we have had a part in such an important mission and the growing of SPEAR'S stepping capabilities.

Our long awaited return to Port 21 is just around the corner and it's now if MR. LAWRENCE YORK SPEAR could be there, he would be, with his head held high and his heart full of the pride that each of us share, in welcome welcome.

When you step off the bow and look back to see the SPEAR at some again, remember she could not have succeeded in all that we have undertaken in these past months, without you far-awa.

HTI GENTLE VOICE  
REPORTER

## CAPTAIN'S CUP COMPETITION

## SPECIAL SERVICES NOTE

In the past few weeks, we have had many sporting events held here. Participants in these tournaments are entered in the competition to win the Captain's Cup Award for their division. The standings to date are as follows: Communications is first with eighty eight points, Weapons takes second place with a total of seventy-two points, and S-1 has fifty-two points. In order to collect points for your division, you must get total participation from everyone in your waste space. There is competition in all areas, not just football or tennis. So if you just can't get excited about hitting a ball around the court, try the darts, backgammon, or bridge ones. There is something to strike almost everyone's interest.

Thus far we have had tournaments in the following events, darts, poolbill, volleyball, basketball, tennis, track, tennis, and football. On the way back to the ball tournaments are planned in backgammon, cribbage, poolbill, tennis, basketball, chess and possibly bridge. The best twenty-four people to sign up will be eligible to participate.

If you are wondering how points are counted, your division receives ten points for participation, the bonus points are awarded for occupying first place, three points each to the second place winner and two points can be gained by being third. In your six participation is more than half the field won.

Results of previous competitions showed S-1 (W-1) taking first in the Golf Tournament, second place went to ETC (W-1), and W-1 (W-1) was third. S-1 and S-2 made an outstanding showing to capture first place in softball.

In the Volleyball Tournament, S-1 (W-1) won first place, second place went to S-1 (W-1) and S-2 (W-1) won third place. ETC (W-1) took first place in basketball, going second place to S-1 (W-1) and third to S-2 (W-1). Bowling competition ended with THE BOB holding first place. ETC (W-1) took second place and S-1 (W-1) took third place in tennis.

For those who had the empty floor was a two-mile run, with S-1 (W-1) winning first place. Basketball second place went to ETC (W-1) and S-1 (W-1) was third. In the highly competitive Tennis Tournament, first place was taken by LTC BURKE, second place went to W-1 (W-1), and third place was earned by ETC (W-1).

Keep your ear open to the P.O.D. for scheduled times and places for upcoming tournaments. Remember participating is the only way to win or come out and try your skill.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Activity, Team Leader at extension 349.

CHARS LOCKETT

BY S-1 (W-1)



OBOS AND ENOS

Likely gift for this puzzle for it has everything from stars to clouds in rows. Over 100 words in all can be found hidden, diagonally, horizontally, and vertically. For this puzzle where the prize will be a special mystery gift! To be eligible you must make a list of the words you find and put it in alphabetical order and submit it to me no later than day's knock-off 18 July. The person finding the most words will win the prize. Contact me at extension number 434 or 5th division office.

\*\*\*THE WINNER OF THE LAST CONTEST\*\*  
CONGRATULATIONS TO BING CROSS!  
FINDING A TOTAL OF 147 WORDS

RWTELLONEEPETELANCAT  
OASTAMBONETLILACHGAA  
SLALATKDEPILFLABDEN  
ETHELNONIGDSTOFAORME  
FUECLEUETHINKMSECRBOO  
IODEREEERWIOEMATEMRN  
WEACABCEETEMPERNAUN  
SDLEMOIOAARAUILCYOE  
ERANDORPWTDCENEGAL  
BROMANIEEMIEDEKETHER  
IEOBECCOARELDIGVEST  
ETDEACDECDARTENTREST  
EADABNWFCCULTOTLEBLE  
KLEIRENYLEVILUFAIRAI  
ABDUCTRADELBOWBONCU  
LEABYFREGOSTERARCTO

# 27 DAYS AND A WAKE UP



## SEND SPEAR POINTS HOME !

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TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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