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HAMMERHEAD ARRIVING

The USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN663) returned to Norfolk on Monday 7 December after operating for several weeks under the ice-covered seas of the Arctic Ocean.

HAMMERHEAD's primary mission was to demonstrate the capabilities of a 637 Class nuclear attack submarine in the autumn Arctic environment. HAMMERHEAD also collected various scientific, oceanographic, and bathymetric data on the waters of the Arctic Basin.

In the course of her research, HAMMERHEAD surfaced many times in small open water or ice-covered polynyas. A highlight of the cruise was HAMMERHEAD's surfacing at the geographic North Pole on 20 November 1970. This marked the first time a submarine has completed a Fall season mission to the North Pole. In addition, HAMMERHEAD became the first Norfolk-based submarine to reach the Pole.

Presently HAMMERHEAD is moored at Des/Sub Piers where she is undergoing an availability period. During this time many of her 13 officers and 93 enlisted men will enjoy reunions with their families. HAMMERHEAD is expected to remain in Norfolk until mid-January when she will once again embark on another mission for the Fleet.



SANTA CLAUS 'hitches a ride from the North Pole



Doing Their Thing

FROM THE CABIN

PORT



In this rapidly changing Navy of ours it seems that about three quarters of our people understand and approve of what the new Chief of Naval Operations is trying to do for naval personnel - the remainder either do not understand his concept or do not agree with it. I think it relevant and pertinent for me to give you my views.

It should be understood that Admiral ZUMWALT is trying to treat every member of our Navy as a mature man. He is trying to see that the American sailor is given every right of a free citizen of the United States that does not conflict with the accomplishment of the Navy mission. He knows that some small percentage of people will abuse the privileges they are given - but he sees no reason why the rest of the Navy should be penalized because of those few. Admiral ZUMWALT has not taken away any of the prerogatives of the Commanding Officer to take administrative or disciplinary corrective action. In my view he has done exactly the opposite - he has given every echelon of the chain of command - from the most junior petty officer on up to him - the opportunity to exhibit true leadership. He has done this by his personal example and courage in forging new paths and he has done it by superseding many of the regulations which restrict our initiative.

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STARBOARD



In any community, be it a Navy ship, a school, a local neighborhood, or a family, the effectiveness with which the individuals act, particularly when a common goal is desirable is directly dependent on the effectiveness with which they interact. Fundamental to any successful interaction is communications in its broadest sense. A communication, according to WEBSTER, is "a giving and receiving of information." The operative word here is receiving. To be effective, communications must embody the entire process, because if the information is not received in such a manner that the intended recipient understands what the sender is trying to express, there has not been any communication.

In a Navy ship, the establishment and maintenance of an effective path of communications is absolutely vital to the effective accomplishment of the ship's mission. The standard ship's organization provides a convenient tool which can make communications effective - the chain of command. It must be noted, however, that the chain of command can only be an effective tool for communications if it is used. If it isn't used, some other method must be employed. If an individual needs information, and it is not made available through established channels of communication, he will seek the information

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CHIEF RICE RETIRES

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On December 8, 1970 Senior Chief Torpedoman Raymond A. RICE was retired onboard the USS SEA LEOPARD (SS483), after 21 years of service. The ceremonies included remarks by SEA LEOPARD'S C.O. CDR.G.B. RIEFLER, a formal inspection of the crew by Chief RICE, and the traditional "PIPING OVER THE SIDE"
 During his career Chief RICE has served onboard four different submarines before reporting to SEA LEOPARD in May of 1968. He had the distinction of being SEA LEOPARD'S "COB", and was also a qualified Chief of the Watch, in port and underway. "WELL DONE" CHIEF RICE.

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 I would like to make it crystal clear that I fully support the letter and spirit of the programs being pursued by the CNO and I expect each officer and man in Submarine Squadron SIX to do likewise as long as he is accepting his paycheck.

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 through such channels as are responsive- whether or not they are capable of providing him correct information. This need for information may only be important to the individual who feels that need; regardless, if he feels the need, he will seek whatever source he can develop. The chain of command is the proper source; if it fails to respond, he becomes prey to rumor, and in the long haul, is then exposed to sources which may provide him needless worry.

The key to effective communications in a Navy organization was well phrased by the first Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy: "Does the man at the bottom of the chain understand what he is doing and why he is doing it?" Chief Black went on to observe that "We must have a chain of command from top to bottom, but even more important, we must have a channel of communication and understanding." Since the one exists, it should be the vehicle which carries the other. Effective communications are necessary to effective functioning; then it is incumbent on everyone to continually improve his performance in this regard. Ask yourself: "Am I making sure that the information I have which I know is needed by others is getting to them? Am I taking the necessary steps to insure that I recognize the other individual's need for information and satisfying that need? Communications is an all hands effort; it requires positive action by every individual and success in executing our mission depends on it.

DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting news to this publication is the 15th of each month. Therefore, if you want news from your division or special interest stories to be included in the paper for that month, please have it in the Chaplain's Office at least two or three days before the deadline.

USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS 36) SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY
 CONFERENCE ROOM (2-62-4-Q)

Protestant Services0930
 Holy Communion is the first Sunday of every month.
 Catholic Mass1030

FOOD SERVICE



Salads being made in the Spud Locker



SK2 ROBINSON and CS1 HAWKINS post daily issues

A 12 to 14 hour day is the rule instead of the exception; working under pressure to meet an unyielding schedule is an everyday occurrence; and trying to please a whole crew is your only goal. . . these situations would be a strain on anyone but to the men of Food Services Division this is a daily routine.

For the men who have never served in S-2 Division and even for those who have, few realize the complexities of feeding 1100 men daily.

Most people think that the major portion of the work is done in the galley and on the mess decks. But-in fact-no meals would ever be served unless the vast amount of paperwork necessary to handle an operation of this size were accomplished.

Within the confines of the S-2 office, it is determined what foods are needed and in what amounts it should be ordered. Also, it is here that must be decided how to prepare appetizing yet nutritional meals on a budget of \$1.55 per man per day.

Once these decisions have been made, the food is ordered in appropriate amounts. Once it reaches SPEAR, these supplies are stored until ready for use.

It is at this point that the galley is ready to take over. Following the daily menu as set by the Food Services Officer, a coordinated effort begins to prepare three meals a day.

A typical day might run like this: the bakers will get up at 2:00 A.M. to make sure that there is plenty of fresh pastry for breakfast. Once this is done they start

DIVISION OF THE MONTH

preparing all of the bakery goods that will be needed for the noon and evening meals. The same applies in the galley, spud locker, and the butcher shop except that these men do not have to be on the job until 6:00 A.M. . While the watch section is making and serving breakfast the next meal is well on its way to being done. To stand by the galley and look at the activities going on inside it seems an unorganized affair, but every man knows his job and the job always gets done.

There is also another vital factor involved in the successful operation of the crews' mess - the messmen. These are non-rated men who are assigned by their divisions to work on the mess decks for a three month period. Although they don't really cook, they are invaluable in performing all of the really "necessary" tasks without which the mess could not operate. They wash dishes, clean tables, scrub decks, bring up supplies, and on occasion help the cooks. It's not an enviable job but it is certainly one of the most important.

Food Service Division is commanded by Lieutenant Junior Grade Kevin C. DOLAN. Senior Commissaryman is CSCS Theodore J. WALSDORF. S-2 is manned by 7 First Class, 3 Second Class, and 5 Third Class Petty Officers, plus 59 strikers and messmen.

Perhaps the best way to describe Food Service Division would be to imagine SPEAR out to sea. If something happened to immobilize S-2 where would you be?



Daily "breakouts" arriving



Galley Crew Prepares Lunch



Mr. DOLAN and Chief WALSDORF sample salad bar

SHIPS PARTY



PHOTOGRAPHIC MONTAGE -- D. JENKINS, PH2
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SUBS OF CSS6



SIRAGO

The first impression one gets when he goes aboard the USS SIRAGO (SS 485) is that this is definitely not the place for the person who suffers from claustrophobia. SIRAGO, like all submarines, is "compact" to the point where simple movement becomes an exercise in ingenuity. When a sailor wakes up in the morning the first thing he might see is a torpedo because his rack may rest directly over or under one; also the crew of sixty has to eat in shifts because there is not enough room for everyone to eat at once. Even worse than this is that when the boat is deployed (sometimes for two months without coming in) personal services such as laundry, disbursing services etc. cease because there is just no room aboard an attack sub for anything but the necessities. It is said throughout the Navy that sub-sailors are a special breed with a sense of pride

unique unto themselves and considering the inconveniences they tolerate yet would not trade, this must be so.

The SIRAGO was commissioned on 13 August 1945 at the U.S. Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Her first three years of service were spent out of New London, Conn. as a member of Submarine Squadron EIGHT. In 1948 she went through a modernization and conversion period and was reassigned to her present duties as a member of Squadron SIX. During this time she has participated in numerous deployments to the Mediterranean as a unit of the U.S. SIXTH Fleet and rounded Cape Horn with the UNITAS Task Force. In the past year SIRAGO has completed extended deployments to the Mediterranean and the Caribbean, participated in an extended NATO ASW exercise in the North Atlantic and visited the U. S. Naval

Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Also, SIRAGO is the present holder of the Battle Efficiency Award in Submarine Division SIXTY - ONE.

Last August SIRAGO celebrated her Silver Anniversary. Attending the ceremonies were her first Commanding Officer, Rear Admiral Frederick J. HARLFINGER now Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Intelligence. Also participating was Mrs. L. Mendel RIVERS sponsor of the SIRAGO.

SIRAGO is commanded by Lieutenant Commander Clyde H. SHAFFER with LCDR Ingolf N. KILAND Jr. serving as Executive Officer. The Chief of the Boat is ENCS(SS) William M. HESS. Altogether SIRAGO has a complement of 9 officers and 60 enlisted men.

Although SIRAGO is an old boat she more than does her share. As one seaman put it, "We're always going out" and that's the way it should be with submarines.

WARRIORS ON THE MOVE

After 6 games the rest of the Forces Afloat League know that the L. Y. SPEAR WARRIORS are for real. With a record of 4 and 2 through the New Years' break the WARRIORS are setting their sights on both the playoffs and first place.

The first game of the season was a convincing win over SERVON 8 by a lopsided score of 68-47. The next game against COM2NDFLT was another rout, this time by a 54-32 score. In both of these games, the WARRIORS showed a high-powered offense to go along with a tight defense.

But alas, into each gym some rain must fall and the WARRIORS were dealt their first defeat of the year by the USS AMPHION by a score of 56-51. Bad luck fell once again, this time when the WARRIORS lost their second straight game by 5 points; the final was 58-53 in favor of the USS DIAMOND HEAD. It was a see-saw battle all the way with the result decided in the last few minutes of play.

It was here that Coach WILLIS and the WARRIORS got lucky. Just before the DIAMOND HEAD game the WARRIORS added two players to the team and the results were obvious.

Coming from the ORION were two veterans who helped to steady the team. At 6'2" is Jerry RICHMOND who at one time starred for SUBLANT. RICHMOND can either play at guard or forward and this makes him the perfect player in the three guard, two forward system which the WARRIORS use. In his first two games, RICHMOND has averaged 22 points and has helped to steady the team.

Also checking in from the ORION is the "little man" - 5'6" guard Willie WATSON. Although he's only played three games, he has become the "quarterback" of the club. He moves the ball on offense setting up plays and is a tough man to move against when the other team has possession.

With these two new-comers, plus consistent performances

by MROZ (21 points per game); and MOLTIMORE and ROBINSON (15 points each per game); plus a good bench, the WARRIORS got into the winning habit again in their last two games. In both contests the WARRIORS blew their opponents off the court. Against the GRAMPUS, the WARRIORS coasted to their easiest victory of the year-80-39. It was a team effort with everyone seeing action and it gave the bench some valuable floor time. Although the score was a little closer against the NEOSHO - 60 to 38 - there was never any doubt as to the outcome.

Now with the holidays just around the corner, the WARRIORS will take a much welcomed CHRISTMAS break. But it is certain that the members of the team will devote many hours on the court to make themselves ready for their next encounter and keep their winning streak going.

--OM2 J. JOHNSON

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