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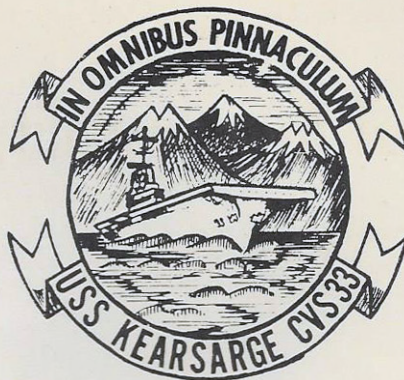
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SWEDES VISIT KAY





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Our Cover

Swedish Navy Cadets Carl Gustafdjack (L) and Guy Hornfeldt (C) exchange sea stories with Mark Merwick on *KEARSARGE*'s flight deck.

The Swedes, part of a much larger group which visited Kay, are serving in a training status on board the Swedish ship *ALVSNABBEN*.

KEARSARGE was host to the Swedes during their port call to Long Beach January 22-27.

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Personal Responsibility

Key To Total

Military Efficiency

American servicemen have a proud heritage, one that includes, above all things, individual responsibility. This means not simply accepting responsibility for a mistake, but, more importantly, taking the responsibility to do things which need doing the right way.

How often, even in an operation involving hundreds of men, is it possible to point out a few individuals who have had some special bearing on the completion of the mission?

These few men accept the job given them, whether it is a combat mission or swabbing the decks, as *their* responsibility. They don't shrug the problem off with the excuse they are just part of the crowd. They take the attitude that at least part of the job is theirs and no one else's. Then they go ahead and do it.

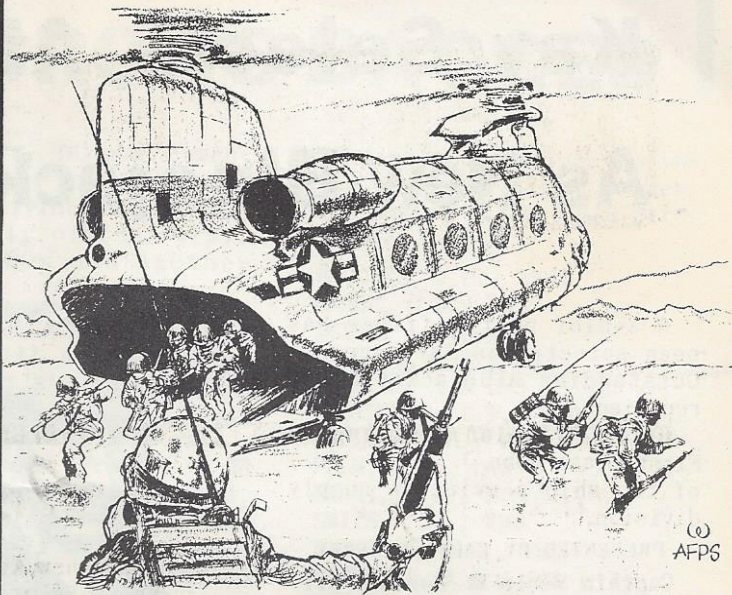
Individual responsibility is the key to the success of any mission. It is also the mark of the man who will get ahead—who will make a leader. The Navyman who accepts responsibility for his own actions and duties develops into the man who can accept it for others. He is the man his leaders trust and the man who can make an organization click.

Responsibility goes right down the line. It is part of human relations for one man's actions to have an effect on other men.

A Special Forces advisor serving with a Republic of Viet-Nam unit in the jungle is carrying a heavy weight of individual responsibility. So is the supply clerk who processes an order for a new pair of boots for the advisor. So is the military doctor in the United States who treats the advisor's son and the mail clerk who sticks that one extra letter — a letter telling the advisor that his son is better — into a bag headed for the Far East.

The individual is the key — the key to winning wars on waste, unit inspections or the struggle to preserve freedom. Each Navyman must make the effort and take the responsibility to help determine the success of his mission.

The "RESPONSIBLE" Individual ...



... Backbone of a Successful Mission !

Kay Sailors Match Quota In Blood Drive

KEARSARGE became the first ship in the fleet to match its Red Cross blood donating quota since the first of July, 1965.

The carrier's crew had been asked to contribute 174 units of blood January 21, but instead, Kay's men responded gallantly with 270 units.

CERTIFICATE PRESENTED

The ARC Regional Office representing the Los Angeles-Orange Counties Blood Program, presented to Captain M.M. Hershey a Certificate of Appreciation for the unprecedented donations.

How the donors may benefit from their contributions will be reviewed in the March KEARSAGA.

Kay Selects AK1 As New Bluejacket

A senior petty officer has been selected as Kay's newest Outstanding Bluejacket Award recipient.

He is Aviation Storekeeper First Class John J. Sitar, Jr., of the ship's aviation supply division.

PRESENTED BY CAPT. HERSHEY

Captain Merle M. Hershey presented Sitar with a certificate of merit and a \$50 U.S. savings bond during ceremonies January 14 on the flight deck. Sitar will hold the coveted title until the beginning of the fourth quarter of 1966 when a new KEARSARGE sailor will be chosen.



J. J. SITAR, JR., AK1

Sitar was selected for the award on the basis of his dedication to duty, military appearance and overall leadership capabilities as a Navy petty officer. He is also being considered for an advancement into the warrant officer ranks.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sitar of 394 Owen St., Swoyerville, Pa., the bluejacket was graduated in June 1956 from St. Nicholas High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Ten days later he joined the Navy and in March 1965, reported for duty on board KEARSARGE. His job involves the receiving, storing and issuing of aircraft parts in support of squadron air groups embarked in the carrier.

Sitar is married to the former Miss Dora Jean Saguid of Aiea, Hawaii. They have five children, two boys and three girls, and live in Seal Beach, Calif.

"Every leader in every walk of life knows . . . that the leader must share with others the task of deciding what to do, or else he finds he is not a leader but a loner."—Under Secretary of State George W. Ball.



Kay sailors arrive by bus at Holiday Hill Ski Lodge.

Physical Fitness On The Slopes

The CR Division ventured out-of-doors last month to commune for a day with Mother Nature instead of with other ships.

Actually, the occasion was two fold -- a few hours of recreation coupled with meeting certain requirements established within the division's JFK physical fitness program.

That may sound a little un-inviting at first, but who would turn down a sunny day atop a mountain...skiing?

This rather choice idea was developed by CR's Division Officer, Lt(jg) G.M. Gates. Through negotiating with the managers of Holiday Hill, winter sports area 80 miles northeast of L.A., he was able to offer his men a low-cost day on the slopes for \$6 per

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Ltjg G.M. Gates finds a canine friend called Bernadine,

Chances For Advancement

Nearly everyone aboard KEARSARGE is aware that advancement exams took place this month, but many are uncertain as to their chances of being advanced as a result of the tests.

The January issue of ALL HANDS magazine contained the following table which is based on all available statistics. The percentage is given in code numbers and here is what they mean.

Code 1: Excellent. Between 70 and 100 per cent of those

13 CROWS BAGGED

The February 16 advancement in rating list for KEARSARGE shows 13 individuals who will don the petty officer crow, while two POs add another chevron.

J.D. McMorris of Weapons Department will join the first class boatswain's mate ranks;

taking the exam will be rated.

Code 2: Good. From 40 to 70 per cent will be advanced.

Code 3: Fair. Between 15 and 40 per cent will be advanced.

Code 4: Poor. Less than 15 per cent will be advanced.

P.D. Martin of Operations becomes a second class yeoman. Those making third class petty officer are:

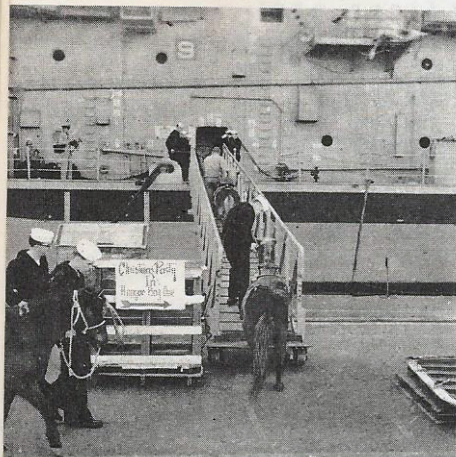
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PALM, J.M., DK3
SMART, L.A., RD3
SMITH, L.D., TM3
THOMPSON, L.G., TM3
WESTCOTT, R.J., IC3
WHIPPLE, R.H., MM3

Rating	Advancement To Pay Grade			
	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7
ABE	1	2	4	4
ABF	2	3	4	3
ABH	3	2	1	3
AC	1	4	4	4
ADJ	1	2	2	2
ADR	4	4	4	4
AE	1	4	4	4
AG	1	4	4	4
AK	2	4	4	4
AME	1	2	4	4
AMH	1	4	4	4
AMS	1	3	4	4
AO	1	3	4	4
AQ			1	3
AQB	1	1		
AQF	1	1		
AT			4	4
ATN	1	3		
ATR	1	1		
AX	1	1	1	1
AZ	3	1	1	2
BM	3	2	1	1
BR			1	4
BT	1	1	4	3
BU			1	3
BUM	1	1		
BUL	1	1		
BUR	1	1		
CE			4	4
CEP	1	1		
CES	2	1		
CET	1	1		
CEW	1	1		
CM			2	4
CMA and CMH	1	1		
CS	1	3	2	2

Rating	Advancement To Pay Grade			
	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7
CT	1	1	1	1
CYN	1			
DC	1	1	2	4
DK	2	3	3	4
DM	2	1	3	4
DS	1	1	1	1
DT	3	3	4	4
EA			1	1
EAD	1	1		
EAS	1	1		
EM	1	2	2	2
EN	1	1	2	3
EO			2	3
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EON	1	1		
ET			1	1
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ETR	1	1		
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MR	2	2	1	4
MT	4	4	4	1
MU	1	2	3	1

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	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7
OM	1	2	3	2
PC	1	4	4	4
PH	1	1	3	4
PM	1	1	1	2
PN	2	3	3	3
PR	1	4	4	4
PT	1	1	1	2
QM	1	1	2	2
RD	1	1	4	4
RM	1	1	2	2
SD	3	2	2	3
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SFM	1	2		
SFP	1	1		
SH			3	4
SHB	1	3		
SHC	3	3		
SHL	3	3		
SHS	1	1		
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TD	1	4	4	4
TM	1	3	4	4
UT			3	3
UTA	1	1		
UTB	1	2		
UTP	1	1		
UTW	1	1		
YN	1	2	3	3

Santa Visits Kay



Ponies, harnessed together to form a circle, provided a special treat to children of Navymen on board the *KEARSARGE* at the ship's annual Christmas Party December 22. The party, which began about 2 p.m., was held in the Kay's hangar bay.

Attended by approximately 500 Navymen and their families, the party setting was resplendently decorated including a glittering tree.

SAINT NICHOLAS PAYS A VISIT

The moment the children were waiting for came when Santa Claus, played by Seaman Apprentice B. O. Richards of Montgomery, Ky., slid down a specially constructed chimney and made his appearance. He chatted with guests as he distributed gifts to each child.

Refreshments, prepared by the cooks on board the carrier, were plentiful.

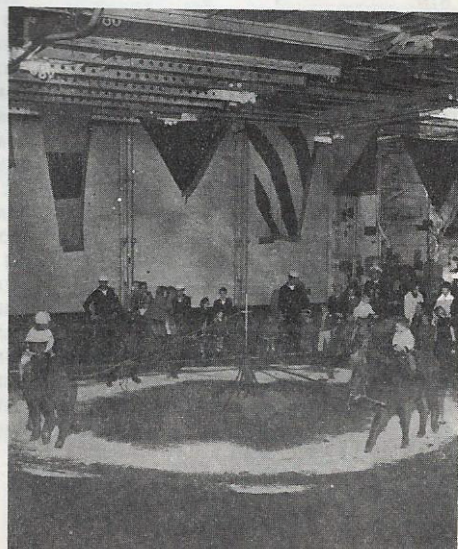
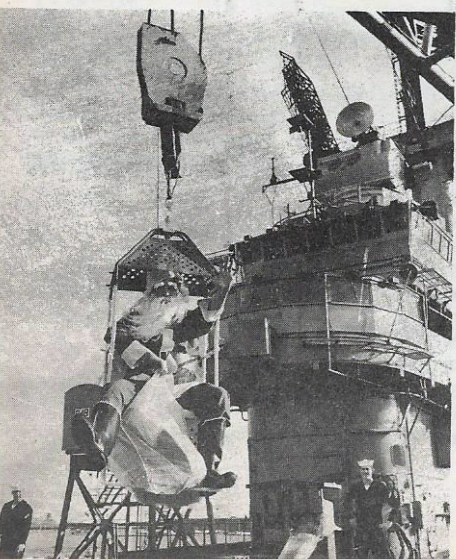
ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY GUESTS AND KAY SAILORS

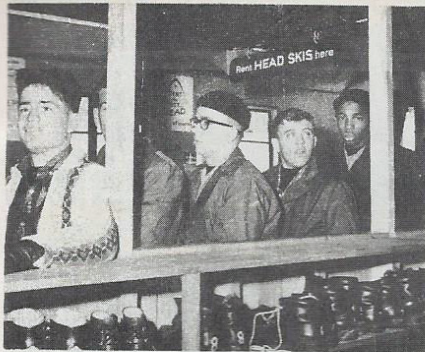
Entertainment was provided by a duet featuring Debbie Nevins and Dolly Arons of Los Angeles; Jack Arons, father of Dolly and a professional novelty entertainer; Barry Cole, a magician; and the Trips, *KEARSARGE*'s own instrumental group.

COMASWGRU FIVE ADDRESSES GUESTS

Rear Admiral Eli T. Reich, the Commander of Antisubmarine Warfare Group FIVE, addressed guests and wished them a merry holiday season. Captain Merle M. Hershey, Kay's skipper, and Captain Luther W. S. Laubach, the ship's Executive Officer, were also present to meet the many guests.

At approximately 4 p.m. - smiles in abundance and arms filled with toys - children and parents departed the carrier.





Sailors rent skis then.....

SLOPES

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man. This price included the rental of skis, boots and poles. The package also covered an hour's ski instruction and entitled the men to use the area ski tows.

In the Holiday Hill Lodge, they were fitted with boots and skis and soon were blazing the snow. Many discovered that the sport wasn't as easy as it appears, but after a few lessons by lodge instructors and Kay's own skier, Lt(jg) Ed Hatter, they soon learned, or at least managed to look graceful as they tumbled down the hill side.

At day's end, spirits were still high as the men boarded the bus and sang their way back to the carrier.

Was the venture a success?

Ask any of the CR boys. They will tell you there's no better way to perform your JFKs.



The bluejackets hit the slopes!

This Is The Captain Speaking



CAPTAIN M. M. HERSHEY

I know a man who, when faced with a difficult problem says, "Thank Heaven, another opportunity to excel". At times I am sure he says this with tongue in cheek, and occasionally I suspect he is discouraged and really would be quite satisfied to let someone else to have this opportunity to excel. Yet he knows that if he regards difficult problems as challenges and as opportunities to show others how well these tasks can be accomplished, he has the best chance of success.

1966 is little more than a month old, and for many of us this short period has been a time of a new realization. For some, it has only proven frustrating and disappointing and they have found that the New Year's resolutions were too large an undertaking. Others, however, have set their new aims high and have taken positive steps toward the achievement of their goals.

THAT EXTRA EFFORT — SUCCESS OR FAILURE

It is not possible to predict when we in *KEARSARGE* may be called upon to give that extra effort which may make the difference between success and failure in our country's military activities, but we know it could be soon. We are all aware that aside from our duties here in *KEARSARGE*, we may be asked to serve in any number of capacities or places.

RESIST DISCOURAGEMENT

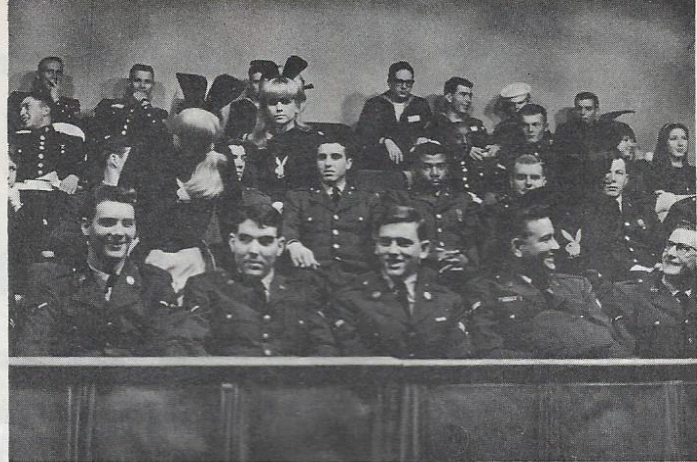
Every week new men leave to serve in Viet-Nam and each of us should take a moment to reflect upon whether we are mentally prepared for new challenges we may encounter, either here in the ship, or elsewhere. A very important thing we can do to achieve this readiness of mind and spirit is to *resist discouragement*. If we find that we have arrived at a block in the achievement of our goals, it may be necessary to set new goals.

1966 — AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT

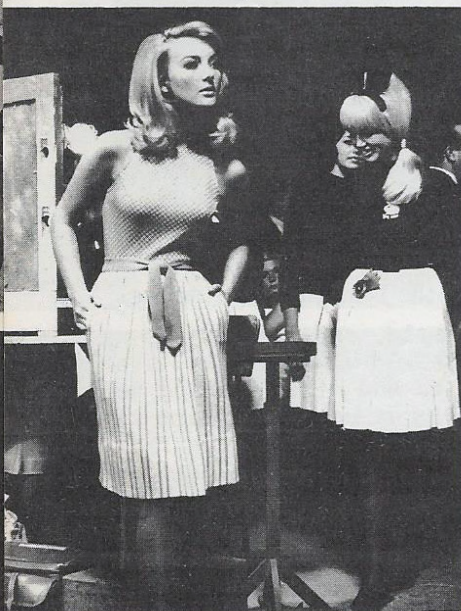
Whatever the cost, it is imperative that we continue to look ahead to 1966 as an opportunity for achievement, another opportunity to excel. I sincerely believe that the men of *KEARSARGE* will seize this opportunity and will meet their responsibilities to themselves and to their country in 1966.



DONNA "BEVERLY HILLBILLIES" DOUGLAS



PARTICIPATING ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL



BARBARA BOUCHET

SALLY BLAIR

Thirteen KEARSARGE crew members recently had the privilege of participating in a Hollywood salute to the men in Viet Nam. It was a star-spangled, one and one half hour television show taped as the first program for the newly formed Armed Forces Television Network in Viet Nam.

Witnessing the spectacular were approximately 50 members from all branches of the Armed Forces.

The tribute, organized and produced by KTLA-TV's Johnny Grant, represented the combined efforts of the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service and 150 studio technicians and entertainment personalities.

Grant and Bob "USO" Hope, familiar veterans to our military personnel overseas, introduced the show. It will be transmitted to the men in the



KAY'S RAINEY AND SMITH (R) WITH KATHY NOLAN AND FRIENDS.

Far East via a converted DC-3 aircraft especially equipped for this operation.

Among the many stars donating their time and talents for the program were the Lancers, a popular vocal group, singing an original tribute to the "Men of the Green Beret."

Actress Yvette Mimieux, a former USO trouper, offered to return to Viet Nam. "I'd like to go into the jungles and wear a green beret," she said with a coy smile.

The carrier's sailors and Marines participating are: Danial A. Alexander, ADJ3; John L. Ashbey, PH2; Frank S. Rainey, SN; Irving B. Beach, SA; Hans F. Sievers, ICFN; George M. Brautigan, DKSNI; Nelson P. Johnston, DKSNI; CPL's Monte C. Fish, Charles L. Vandyke, Robert A. McKinney; LCPL's Bryce W. Cool, Rodney J. Baker, and Stephen H. Smith.



JACKIE AND GAYLE



There is usually only a skeleton crew which remains on board a Navy ship in port for a Saturday night. More than 50 percent of those whose homes are not in the area usually find their way into town for a few hours of liberty, striving to become better acquainted with the community and its citizens. Sometimes these men are successful. But more often than not, their ventures prove unsuccessful and neither they nor the community benefits from the visit.

This common problem is faced by nearly every young man who is a stranger in his own land, far from friendly surroundings and friendly acquaintances.

COOPERATION NEEDED

It needn't begin this way, however. Not when naval commands and community leaders work together as they are doing in the cities neighboring the Long Beach Naval Base.

Endeavors to strengthen community and naval relations are jointly being undertaken here, particularly between the USS KEARSARGE and the civic

organizations, colleges and universities of those cities whose visitors often are crewmembers from the ship.

The initial event organized by these leaders was sponsored by the carrier's crew.

In behalf of the crew, Capt. Merle M. Hershey, invited over 300 students from Santa Monica City College and Palos Verdes' Mary Mount College to a dance which bore a unique nautical theme surpassing by all measures the guest's imagination. It was held in the hangar bay of the 894-ft. flattop.



Planning the social circle, subsequent to the evening of January 29th, required little effort on behalf of the KEARSARGE. The faculty members, as well as the students of both Santa Monica and Mary Mount, an all-girl Catholic institution, were elated with the idea and accepted the invitations enthusiastically.

Word of the dance spread rapidly through the ranks of SMCC's all-girl drill team, the Coronettes. They volunteered 15 of their 80-member corps to perform as part of the evening's entertainment.

Said one member, "They told us there would be at least 500 sailors--and, well--just tell a woman..."

To ensure an impartial attendance, 50 men students from Santa Monica and their dates accompanied the 150 unescorted coeds in college buses to the ship.

Nearly 100 of the 280 girls who live on campus at Mary Mount accepted the invitation.

The day of the dance was a busy one. Signal flags and pennants were hoisted as decorations in the ship's forward hangar bay, while the carrier's bakers turned out over 3,000 donuts and artistically decorated a 50-pound cake--spelling a welcome to the guests.

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STUDENTS from Santa Monica City College board KEARSARGE, where they met the ship's bluejackets and enjoyed an evening of dancing in the carrier's hangar bay.

A Swing

Two hours before the start of the dance, the students arrived for the evening meal. The ship's officer and bluejacket escorts

After the meal, they toured the ship and rode an aircraft elevator to the deck where air operations are conducted.

In the meantime, the buses from the mainland were arriving. The ship's crew formed a line to board the buses, each taking a turn to ride.

Visiting the carrier was a new experience for many of them. And, for many of them, it was a source of amazement as they stepped onto the ship.

Even Laura Lee Bryant, a sophomore, was impressed by the nautical scheme. She had previously



the dance's planning coordinator said that the (KEARSARGE) men went to the dance,' she said. 'I had seen the

hardly believe this is the same place.

Two bands provided music for the dance. A professional combo from Los Angeles and the Trips. Their musical variety included waltz.

The dance actually began at 8 p.m. that night, organized tours of the ship. Students wishing to get a breath of fresh air went to the magnitude of the "dance."

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ARSARGE's other two hangar bays
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"I can appreciate the work
in order to set up for the
hangar bay before, but I can
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and KEARSARGE's own combo,
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or to satisfy their curiosity
hall".



Night Landing Mishap Captured On Film

By Marc Whetstone, J01

A 20-year-old Navy photographer, experimenting in taking time exposures of carrier aircraft landings at night, has produced a unique photograph which has received the praises of his overseers.

On board *KEARSARGE* the night of December 12, Barry L. Kleckner, photographer's mate third class from Rochester, N.Y., had set up his Speed Graphic camera on the ship's superstructure. He directed its view finder toward the fantail and adjusted the timing in hopes of capturing on film a series of weird patterns left by jet aircraft lights and exhaust flames as the planes approached the flight deck for landings. Little did he know his lens would be witness to an aircraft landing mishap.

Kleckner's plan was to inter-

mittenly expose the aircraft approaches on his high-speed Royal Pan film until five planes had touched down, or for about five minutes. When he opened his lens for the first time, his film recorded two jets numbered 510 and 511, setting on the deck just below the platform on which he was shooting. The pilots were awaiting their

Appearing to be witnessing his own mishap landing is the pilot of plane 510. Photographer's time exposure caught both planes sitting on deck waiting to be launched before accident happened.



B. L. KLECKNER, PH3

signals to launch. During the second and third approaches, the two planes remained on their stations, as they did on the fourth approach which the photographer exposed.

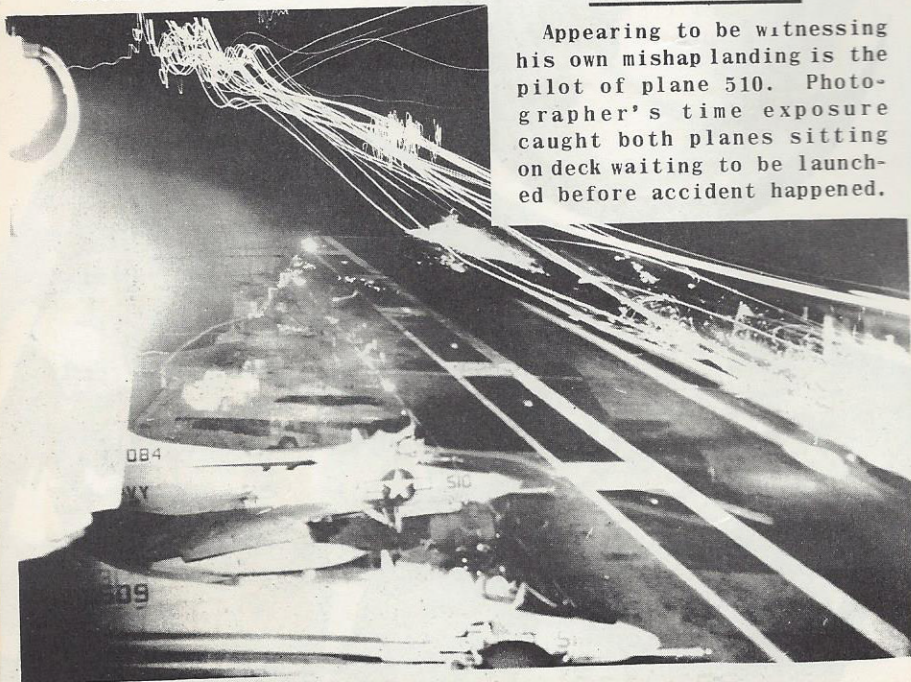
Shortly after the plane making the fourth approach landed, the pilots swung their planes onto *KEARSARGE's* catapults and were quickly launched into the darkness of the night, with 510 as the lead aircraft.

JUST ONE MORE

In the meantime, Kleckner opened his lens once more, catching the fifth approach and landing of a swift jet aircraft. This, he thought to himself, should tell the story he was seeking. But, instead of shutting down his lens, he decided to wait for one more approach—a decision which, unknowingly to him, would develop his experiment into a topic of command discussion.

The A4's jet engine sent out a screaming whine as the 510's pilot aimed its nose toward the angled deck. When he leveled the jet's wings for the final leg of the flight, Kleckner opened his camera's lens and watched attentively.

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Leatherneck laurels

By PFC A.A. GRANT, IV

With only a month of 1966 behind us, we of the KEARSARGE Marine Detachment are already in the midst of personnel changes as well as involved with M-1 rifle and .45 pistol requalifications.

From our annual rifle requalification -- which is practiced throughout and is unique to the Marine Corps -- eight men will go to Camp Pendleton, Calif., to attend a two-week course.

At the course, the Marines will spend their first week in "dry firing," which lets the man work his body until it is loose enough to assume the cramped positions that insure better firing.

The men during the second week on the firing line, make the necessary sight changes for "zeroing-in."

The fifth day of firing, the man's score is officially recorded, making or breaking him as a Marine rifleman.

.45 pistol qualifications will be shot at Long Beach Naval Station's pistol range, with Marines practicing fan-firing and dry-firing before the week of qualification.

Due to the requalifications, our Detachment's man power for sports activities has dwindled, save for the efforts of five Marines who are squaring away the ship's basketball team -- LCpls Richard Jerrett and Herb Linder, Cpl. Ozeal Lee, and PFCs William Gatherright and Melvin Walker.



Padre's Parlayance

Peace Walk

By Cdr. C.M. Lawler, USMC

On New Year's Day, 1953, a woman started on foot from Los Angeles to New York. Her purpose was to present a peace petition to the United Nations.

She travelled for a year, averaging about 25 miles a day. She detoured on her trek to touch the Mexican and Canadian borders. Finally, after a 5,000-mile transcontinental walk, she arrived in New York. She said, "I intend to be a wanderer on the face of the earth until mankind has learned the way of peace."

You don't have to the country to the ary of peace. More Jesus Christ gave a earth that can be put enough people can be good will that they principles into their and deeds, and apply as they can reach,

experience that precious peace for which all men yearn.

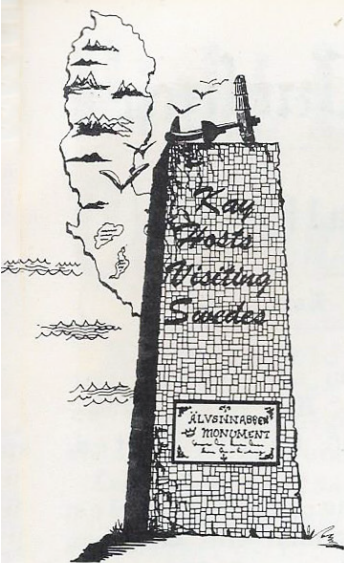


walk from one end of other to be a mission--than 1,900 years ago, formula for peace on to work anywhere. When found who are of such bring these divine own thoughts, words it to the world as far then will mankind experience that precious peace for which all men yearn.

There is something that you can do today in your home or office, in your shop, on your ship or anywhere else that will clearly show you are determined to be a zealous apostle of peace. "On earth peace to men of good will." (Luke 2:14)

"No one of us was born with a sense of patriotism, of selflessness, of dedication to principle, of moral courage. These invaluable traits are acquired... they are practiced and stressed during our entire educational process—in the homes, in the churches, in the schools and in the armed services." — General Wallace M. Greene Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps.





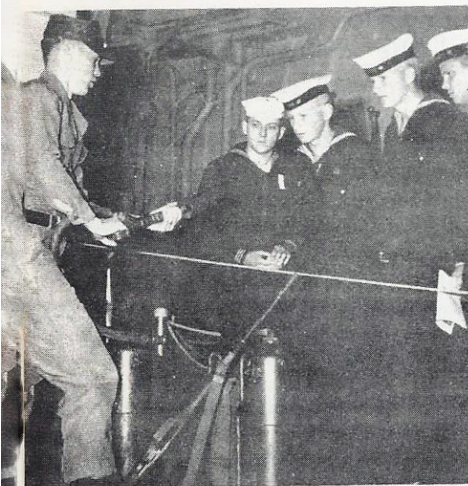
CAPT Hershey confers with ALVSNABBEN CO, CAPT Rydstrom (R).

KEARSARGE played host to the Swedish Navy training ship H. Sw. M.S. ALVSNABBEN January 22-27.

Captain M. M. Hershey, Kay's Commanding Officer, was at pier-side as the ALVSNABBEN moored at the Naval Base, and met the Swedish ship's captain, Nils Rydstrom.

Various tours, including Disneyland, Marineland and motion picture studios, and several dances and receptions were set up for the visiting Swedes. They were also given the opportunity to visit with their fellow mariners of the KEARSARGE during tours of the carrier.

Carrying a complement of forty officers, 100 midshipmen and 150 men, the ALVSNABBEN will make two port calls in the Caribbean next month, San Juan, Puerto Rico and St. Croix, Virgin Island, and then sail to New York to complete her cruise to the Western Hemisphere.



CPL Bob McKinney talks with visitors at Marine exhibit.

MASTER Chief Neil Jones explains flightdeck Ops to Swede CP0s.



MMIs D.D. Henkle and J.E. Morgan give tour in KAY's Main Control.

Kleckner Photo

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"Suddenly," recalls the carrier photographer, "there appeared a loud explosion. I saw the jet reel over to the left and flounder momentarily like a wounded sparrow and thought for sure it was going over the side. But, instead, it straightened out and shot forward down the angle deck and was again airborne."

The mishap sheared both the plane's main landing gears and resulted in breaking off the last foot of the aircraft's stall hook, the latter of which enables a pilot to make arrested carrier landings. Unable to set down on KEARSARGE, the pilot was directed to fly to a nearby air station in accompaniment with his wingman where an uneventful landing was executed on a strip of foam spread on the runway. He was reported uninjured.

BACK TO THE LAB

The initial excitement over, Kleckner dismantled his camera equipment and proceeded to the ship's photo lab to process his experimental film. In the time exposures, a bright burst of light on the fantail. The print made from the negative wasn't tack sharp, but there was no mistaking he had recorded the incident. Unique, not only in recording a night landing mishap, but also through the art of time exposure, the photograph shows the pilot as if witnessing his own landing.

REPERCUSSIONS

The photographer showed his photograph to the ship's Operations Officer who in turn brought it to the attention of Captain M.M. Hershey, Kay's

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Answer Man

As might be expected, the Variable Reenlistment Bonus Program (VRB), which became effective the first of this year, aroused much comment from those Navymen affected and many not directly affected by it.

Basically, VRB pertains to personnel E-3 and above in 25 critical rates who are either entering into their first reenlistment or extending an enlistment which constitutes a reenlistment bonus.

KEARSAGA's roving reporters sought reactions from both sides during the first week that the variable bonus went into effect.

The first man interviewed was Vincent J. Lorenzen, AE2, MAA. He said "I think it will hurt other rates, and is likely to cause envy. I am an ex-sonarman myself and I believe that many may become dissatisfied due to the fact they will wish to change rates and won't be able to do so. I think bonuses should be equal for all rates."



LORENZEN

T. E. Keen, PR1, of Career Counseling, believes the program is... "a good thing, basically. Already, several men have come into this office for information and told me they would



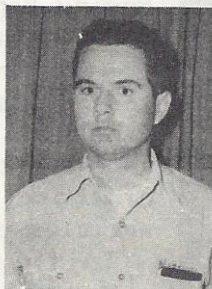
KEEN

be shipping over as a result of the bonus. However, since low pay is a main gripe, a general pay raise might be better than the variable bonus."

Chief Leo J. Doherty, Jr. of OE Division says, "It is a step in the right direction, but it should not be the only criterion for shipping over. A man should think in terms of self-improvement opportunities such as NAVCAD, NESEP, and USAFI. I believe the variable bonus is essentially fair due to the longer training necessary for some rates and although we need all rates, there are some personnel that must be kept due to shortages. I believe the variable bonus serves this purpose."



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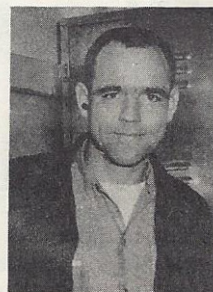
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the bonus has definitely been a factor in my consideration of reenlistment. I also feel that the extra money will help to ease the tension felt by the

The Kearsaga is your paper. If you have material you consider newsworthy to the crew, be sure to let us know at PI0.

serviceman and his family when going overseas"

D. E. Weaver, BM1, expressed his opinion that.. "As far I'm concerned, the bonus should be for all rates. Let's face it. The best way to keep men is to offer them more money. The Navy needs all the men in different rates and if it wants to go forward and not backward, it must keep all of its personnel."



WEAVER

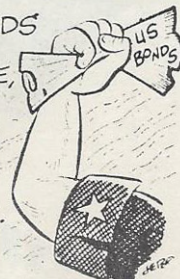
The consensus of opinion seems to be that the variable bonus is a welcome improvement, but the general feeling is that other benefits are hoped for.

Kleckner

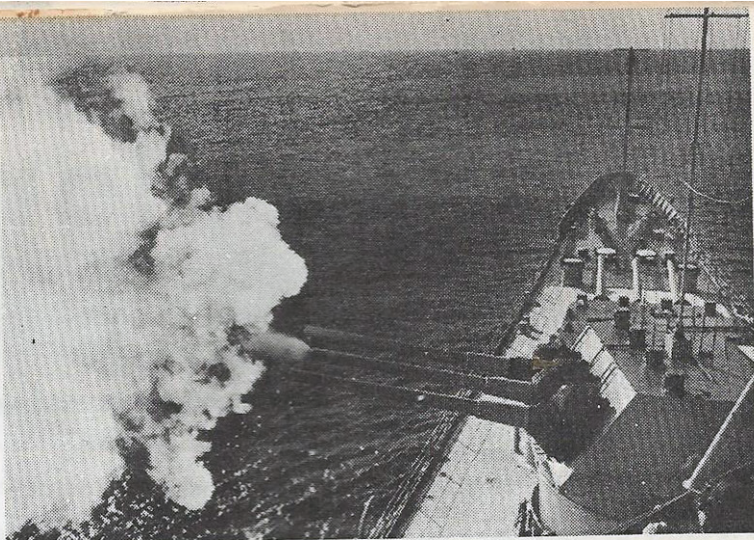
Commanding Officer. The Captain personally congratulated Kleckner on his achievement, informing him that the picture would become a part of the official report. He also lauded the sailor for his interest in grasping more knowledge of photography and encouraged him to continue his experiments with equal success.

Rhymes of the Times

BUYING BONDS
WE ALL
WILL KEEP
STRONG
AND FREE.
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The Navy's Challenging Role:



Eight-inchers on USS CANBERRA (CAG 2) smash Viet Cong shore installations during a fire support mission off Viet Nam.

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Just before the December issue of Kearsaga came off the press, Kay's Roving Reporter took a sampling of opinions about the ship's newspaper.

With thousands of bluejackets serving ashore and on ships off the embattled Republic of Viet Nam, it came as no surprise that a majority of those interviewed wanted more articles on that war.

In this issue the Editor has attempted to provide a little more insight into the Navy's challenging role in Viet Nam.

Moving through the swirling mists created by the last launch, USS MIDWAY (CVA-41) flight deck crewmen go about hooking up the bridles to launch another F8 Crusader into action over Viet Nam.



Marines from the Seventh Fleet Amphibious Assault Force wade ashore from their landing craft. They hit the beach near Binh Tinh, 25 miles south of Da Nang, joining with the Republic of Viet Nam Army in a search and destroy mission.



Deaths of U.S. military personnel in Viet Nam resulting from actions by hostile forces from 1961-1965 total 1,620, according to DOD figures.

The highest death rate recorded during 1965 was 469 in November.

Total U.S. deaths resulting from actions by hostile forces from Jan. 1, 1961-Jan. 3, 1966 were: killed, 1,329; died of wounds, 101; died while missing, 211; died while detained, 2. Additionally, 467 deaths were recorded from non-hostile actions during the five-year period.

A Marine helicopter from HMM-261, with its crew chief harnessed and lowered into the five-foot surf, rescues two Marines caught in an undertow near Da Nang while swimming. They were on an air-inflated mattress, which the 'copter towed ashore.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Land measure
- 5-Music: as written
- 8-Soaks up
- 12-Female student
- 13-Torrid
- 14-Ireland
- 15-Finish
- 16-Ventilated
- 18-Meadow
- 19-Rupees (abbr.)
- 20-Gratuities
- 21-Near
- 23-Liquid measure (abbr.)
- 24-Caudal appendages
- 26-Macaw
- 28-Stories
- 29-Hasten
- 30-Skill
- 32-Wife of Geraint
- 33-Small bird
- 34-Butter substitute (colloq.)
- 35-Greek letter
- 36-Edible fish
- 37-Imitation
- 38-District in London
- 40-Compassion
- 41-Solicitor at law (abbr.)
- 43-A continent (abbr.)
- 44-Sailors (colloq.)
- 45-Parent (colloq.)
- 47-Afternoon party
- 49-Floats in air
- 51-Swiss river
- 52-Ill at ease
- 55-Flying mammals
- 56-Fellow of the Statistical Society (abbr.)
- 57-Wagers

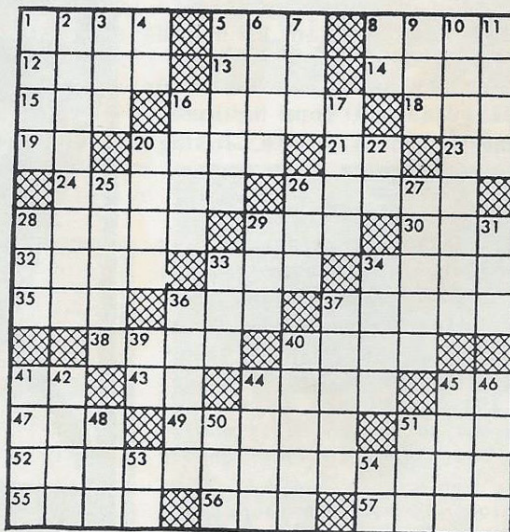
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- 1-Genus of maples
- 2-Continual

- 3-Communist
- 4-Man's nickname
- 5-Vessels
- 6-Rocky hills
- 7-Devoured
- 8-Compass point
- 9-Lubricate
- 10-Makes ready
- 11-Chair
- 16-Is ill
- 17-Challenge
- 20-Bound
- 22-Symbol for tantalum
- 25-Assumed name
- 26-River island
- 27-Revive
- 28-Golf mound
- 29-Concealed
- 31-Pedal digit
- 33-Also
- 34-Grain (pl.)
- 36-Gorge
- 37-Initial
- 39-Preposition

- 40-Young salmon (pl.)
- 41-Blunt end
- 42-Girl's name
- 44-Resort in New Mexico
- 45-Beer ingredient
- 46-War god
- 48-Perform
- 50-Away!
- 51-Man's nickname
- 53-Bone
- 54-Hebrew month

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SPORTS QUIZ

1. How many drivers have scored consecutive victories in the Indianapolis 500 auto races?
2. When were spiked shoes first used at a track meet in the United States?
3. For what minor league team did Sandy Koufax pitch before joining the Dodgers?
4. How many home runs has Willie Mays hit in 17 World Series games?
5. What baseball team has been involved in all four National League pennant playoffs, losing three and winning one?

ANSWERS

1. Only three. They are Wilbur Shaw, 1939-40; Mauri Rose, 1947-48; and Bill Vukovich, 1953-54. William Curtis introduced spikes during the first American indoor meet in New York in 1886.
 2. None. Koufax joined the Dodgers off the campus of the University of Cincinnati for the 1955 season.
 3. The "Say Hey" kid has never hit a round-tripper in three World Series.
 4. The Dodgers hold the record as "pennant playoffers".



ANN-MARGRET



SPORTS



Kay Downs Defiance In 11ND Hardcourt Tilt



Bill Shine (far right) steps out to break the tape as victor.

Shine Sprints Ahead To Win 100-Meet

Kay's flight deck became a cinder track (minus cinders) on Monday, January 31, and Tuesday, February 2, when some of the more fleet-footed crew members competed in a one hundred yard dash.

The finals, held on Tuesday, saw Bill Shine, of 2nd Division, speed to the tape to win the crown. His time was 10.4 seconds. Right on his heels was Mack McGee, of 3rd Division, who finished second in 10.5, and Bill Baxter, of the Marine Detachment, who stopped the clock at 10.6. Sam Slack, E Division, came in fourth at 10.8, and Don Dawson of X Division was disqualified.

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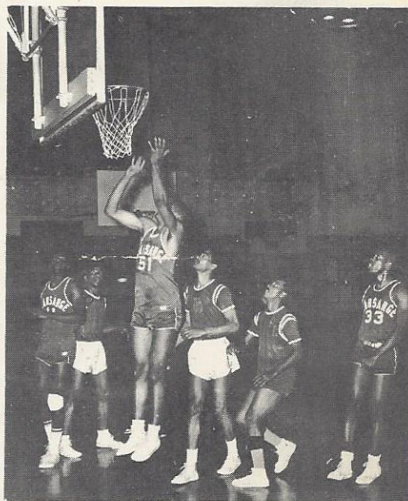
Starter Jack W. Rose, track coach at Long Beach State College, and Ken Schwoerer, sports publicity director of that school were on hand as Shine was presented with a trophy for his efforts.

KEARSARGE's basketball team defeated the team from the USS *POINT DEFIANCE* 47-42 in a game played at the Long Beach Naval Station base gym on January 12. Captained by Thomas Sutton of B Division, the Kay five came on strong to sweep the first half 30-16. In the second half, *POINT DEFIANCE* rallied, but was unable to overtake *KEARSARGE*.

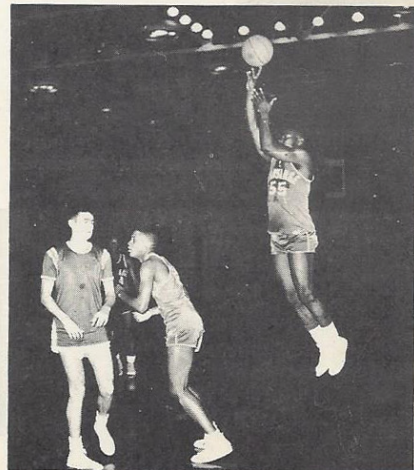
High scorer for the game was Donald Means of D Division with five field goals and two free throws for a total of twelve. Other two-figure players were Ozeal Lee with ten points and Herbert Linder with eleven, both of the Marine Detachment.

Led by the coaching of Lt(jg) James W. Brownlow, this victory gave the team a five-for-five record so far this season.

USS *KEARSARGE*'s basketball team was defeated by the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station five in the third day of the 11ND Northern Area Tourney, 73-60. This loss eliminated Kay from the running toward an All-Navy berth.



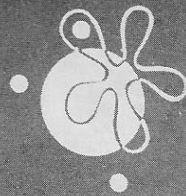
Tension is evident as *KEARSARGE* and *DEFIANCE* lock in combat.



Taking to the air to score for *KEARSARGE* is Tom Sutton.

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