EASTERN SWING...
In the past, the editors of the SPRINGFIELD RIFLE have called for contributions for the newspaper with limited success. As originally planned, each division was asked to write an article once a month. Theoretically, the newspaper would keep up with personnel turnover, cover activities on board, and provide a medium for which topics of interest to the crew might be discussed.

After one month's success, information began to come in a haphazard manner, and then, for all practical purposes, ceased entirely except from a few faithful contributors. Most of these came to regard the whole effort as a bore.

Certainly it is a waste of time to try to write an article if there is no news. But should we assume that everything we do is so mundane that it isn't worth printing? If so, we should probably not make a career of the Navy.

After all, not just murder, catastrophe, fire and flood, and world relations make news.

Henceforth, the Rifle staff will not be asking for articles (though we will be delighted to take them), but we do want the news. You give us the facts and we will write the articles. We will be glad to cover any story if at all possible.

Then the Rifle will do more to fulfill the function for which it was set up: to be the ship's newspaper.

Of course, this is your newspaper, and we welcome all suggestions and (gasp!) criticism.

SOUVENIR MEDALS STRUCK FROM NAVY'S FIRST SHIP

Thousands of special copper medals, newly-minted from parts of the United States Frigate CONSTITUTION, now berthed in Baltimore, will provide lifetime free admission to the Navy's oldest vessel for the fortunate owners. Interested personnel who wish to acquire such a token may do so by contacting the PIO Office.

One of the reasons men choose the Navy to fulfill their service obligation over other services is the thrill of travel. This opportunity will present itself on our forthcoming tour of a number of historic ports in the eastern Mediterranean.

For many, this will be a return visit while for others it will be a new experience. But whatever the case, one's time should not be wasted in the waterfront areas.

If the expected clearances are granted, we will visit Beirut. From there, a limited number of personnel will be able to visit Jerusalem and other Biblical regions. Beirut, a cosmopolitan city with European and American quarters, offers a variety of amusements.

Dominating the city of Athens, another port of call, is the magnificent Acropolis crowned with its architectural masterpiece, the Parthenon.

The chief attraction to the visitor in Rhodes is the ancient city of the Knights of St. John with its formidable walls and winding, narrow streets, and its Medieval palaces.

(cont'd on page 4)
Man-to-Man
by Capt Noel

By the time you read this we will be enroute to the Eastern Mediterranean where we will visit Greece, Turkey and Lebanon. These are all countries poor in resources, rich in tradition and history, and intensely proud in spite of their poverty. More significantly, they are all extremely important to us politically and from a military point of view. Greece is a staunch ally as is Turkey; they are part of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and on their soil the Free World has military installations of real importance. Lebanon is not an ally but is one of the few Arab countries with which we have amiable relations.

In all these countries there is a political party, not in power, that looks for excuses to criticize the government. The Communists help these critics by damning the government for being friendly to the U.S. Here is where you come in. Suppose you are silly enough to get in a scuffle with a taxi driver or get drunk and disorderly in any fashion. Our enemies would be quick to splash such an incident over the front pages and thus make serious trouble for the government.

Except for those of you who are new to SPRINGFIELD this should be a familiar theme. Yet it is difficult to overemphasize the importance to our country of your perfect behavior ashore in these sensitive countries. Each of you is in a real sense an ambassador—by your smart appearance and good performance of duty ashore you can make friends for the United States. By the same token, in a few minutes of foolish behavior ashore you can do more harm than all our diplomats can make up for in years of effort. Last cruise to the Eastern Med. was a big success; SPRINGFIELD had a splendid record for behavior ashore in Athens and Istanbul. I’m sure we can do at least as well this time.

1. Who was the first person to fly across the Atlantic? When?
2. Who is called “The Liberator” in South America?
3. Of what country are Magyars natives?
4. During WWI what medals were awarded for distinguished military service by (a) the United States; (b) France; (c) Germany.
5. What was the first capital of New York State?

2. Simon Bolivar.
3. Hungary.
4. (a) the Distinguished Service Cross; (b) the Croix de Guerre; (c) the Iron Cross.
5. Kingston.

(Write your answer)
Words of Faith
by Chaplain Peter R. McPhee

"Then, when you fast, don't look like those miserable play actors! For they deliberately disfigure their faces so that people may see that they are fasting. Believe me, they have had all their reward. No, when you fast, brush your hair and wash your face so that nobody knows that you are fasting--let it be a secret between you and your Father." --Matt. 6:16-17.

This modern translation brings us a double lesson appropriate for this Lenten Season.

It is customary for many religious groups to deny themselves some pleasure during special holy days. Without fear of contradiction, we can say that if this self-denial is announced or talked about, it becomes an expression of pride or vanity and misses its true spiritual worth. This is what the Nazarene was trying to tell people of His day. To be a truly spiritual act it must be a genuine expression of one's desire to be in the right personal relationship to His God. It cannot be a show. The Lenten Season should be a time of spiritual preparation for the Easter message.

But the scripture has another lesson it can teach us. We will be in several ports during the season not only representing our Country and our families, but also representing our various churches. There will be no question about our physical appearance--the Navy will see to it we make a good appearance before we leave the ship. However, we can be like the "whited sepulchers" that Jesus speaks of elsewhere. Our actions can belie our appearance! We may be the only Americans many of those in whose lands we visit will ever see or perhaps meet. Some of us will cause them to make good or bad judgments on all Americans. Most tourists traveling in America are impressed with the large attendance at our churches. They have been led to believe we are a Christian nation. Let us reinforce their belief by our actions!

(Cont'd from page 2)

Izmir, Turkey, the ancient city of Smyrna, is full of ruins of classical antiquity. In its environs are the cities of Pergamon and Ephesus.

These are just a few of the highlights in some of the eastern ports we visit. Our eastern swing can be a very rewarding experience if we choose to make it so.

The Public Information Office will be printing brochures on the new ports and supplements for the old.

New Faces in MARDET
By Bryan Cunningham

The last week in Naples we welcomed on board thirteen new marines to replace the ones whose rotation of duty has required their return to the United States.

The new men came from many different fields in the Corps. May these men keep up the high standard of the detachment aboard the flagship.

Among the marines who left were five plank owners: King, Carpenter, Yingling, Stonebraker, Nickerson, and our former Commanding Officer, Captain John Paul Oliver. All these men will be remembered for their outstanding performance of duty which maintained the tradition of the Corps.

Using the words of Admiral Anderson after his final inspection of the honor guard prior to departing for his new position as Chief of Naval Operations, "You are the most outstanding honor guard I have ever seen in the Naval service."

It is felt that the new men under the new CO, Captain Wayne M. Willis, will maintain this same standard.

(Ed. note- Bryan Cunningham, who submitted this article, will be leaving the ship when we pull out of Villefranche. To him also, the best of luck.)
The question of the month is: How do you feel personally about having an E.M. Club in Villefranche, and do you think such a club would be successful?

J. A. BIRD, SF1

I think that an E.M. Club in Ville would be very nice. I'm sure the sailors of the SPRINGFIELD would support it. They support other clubs in the Mediterranean area.

PFC T.O. SMITH

I think it would be very nice to have an E.M. Club in Villefranche. And I think it would work out fine. It would keep lots of men off the 0-2 level.

LOUIS J. GARDNER, SN

I personally think that an E.M. Club in Ville is an outstanding idea for several reasons. It would put a stop to a lot of disputing which occurs on the beach. Also it would be a lot more economical for the enlisted man.

I know myself I would much rather go to an E.M. Club than to a bar and I imagine there are a lot of other men who would.

JOHN GLISTA, FN2

I believe the proposed E.M. Club in Villefranche would be an excellent idea because it would keep the bad behavior of the crew to a minimum and would be far more inexpensive than supporting the 0-2 level.

I think the E.M. Club would be a success because I believe there are many who think as I do.

D. ANDREWS, QM3

I think, in respect to the business people of Ville, it would hurt us if we take some of their business away. I think the individual who goes on the beach likes to go to the bar of his choice. Although I have nothing against E.M. Clubs, I just don't think it would work in Ville.
History of the Springfield Rifles
Part II

by CDR A. L. STELL

The manufacture of small arms began at Springfield in 1795 with 40 men. 445 muskets were turned out the first year. In 1810 the output at Springfield was 9170 muskets and 602 carbines. In 1819 the cost of labor per musket was $6.57, which together with the cost of material brought the total cost to $12.40 each. The output of this arsenal continued from 1811 to average about 1,000 per month. Twelve thousand muskets and 250 rifles were produced in 1819. This average was not materially changed until 1862, when it jumped to 102,400, and to 276,200 in 1864. The cost per gun in the latter year was $10.69. In 1865 the output dropped to 196,314, and the cost rose to $14.12 each. At the present time the Springfield Armory is the Government's sole arms manufacturing plant.

The original model for the first musket made by the United States Government was the French model of 1763, which was largely furnished by the French Government during the American Revolution. This style was known as the Charleville musket, and it was copied in almost exact detail. The subsequent models brought out by the French were also closely followed for many years. The model of 1763 is especially noted as having been mentioned in the contracts of 1798. A model of 1797 was sent over from France by the American ambassador as an example of fine workmanship, and on the recommendation of Eli Whitney, the improvements were later adopted in the United States guns. From the beginning of Government gun manufacture in the United States until the Krag system was adopted in 1892, the lines of the old Charleville musket are plainly visible.

X DIVISION

by James Yeager, SN

This month a number of X Division personnel are on leave. Fred Buck and Bill Luvender are on a tour of some of the European countries. Included on their itinerary are Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and even Ireland. On their return, they'll probably need a week's leave to recuperate.

Chief Hall, living up to the "brown-baggers" code, has taken advantage of the days enroute to Villefranche to regain some lost time with his family.

Dennis Byczynski and Armand Bedard went on leave the fifth of March. They are also going to Villefranche; reasons unknown...

If you have any business to conduct with one of our offices, do not be disturbed if any of our revelers don't seem quite up to par. They probably had a rough time.
"They" by LTJG A. B. Morrison

Somehow in our democracy the average American has introduced an anonymous figure into his life known as "they". This unknown person is always opposing what we know is best for ourselves and never seems to be in sympathy with the majority of our citizens. The "they" is treated as an omnipotent force which one has a moral duty to oppose lest it become too powerful. To go against "them", is simply following the right, the natural and the just.

Who is this mysterious "they" and where does it enter our lives? Generally speaking it is a refuge people take when an action of the government does not please them 100%. Thus, this minor hardship is imposed by "them", and so it is not subject to the same rules as if it were imposed by a member of one's own immediate circle.

Probably the best example of this is in the area of taxes. Every year there are thousands of Americans who try to see what they can get away with when filing their returns. These people are normally very honest in all their dealings, but somehow taxes which are decided by persons removed from their immediate surroundings, are no longer subject to the same moral scrutiny.

The basic concept which so many of us fail to realize is that taxes are not just thrust upon us. They are decided by the men and women we elect to run our country and are doing what they believe to be best for all of us. We have demonstrated our confidence in them by electing them to manage our affairs, and it is our moral as well as our legal obligation to follow these laws once they are enacted.

Another area a little closer to home in which this same morality is found is that of handling government property. Each day there are sailors who act as though the government owed them something beyond their regular salary and benefits, and attempt to take this in the form of small items of property which they appropriate for their use. The same thing is true in the area of wasting expendable items such as paper, pens, and masking tape, which always belongs to "them". The great fallacy in all of these arguments is that the individual must pay for these things in the end since all of these expenses must be covered by taxes that we all pay.

Once the beliefs of our legislatures have been made into laws, each person has a duty to see that he follows the letter and the spirit of the law. If a particular law is not just or is unnecessary, the method of doing something about it is in the voting booth. No man is above the law, and if one tries to act in this way he is committing a crime and hurting his country at the same time.

Tender Period

For nine days at Naples, the ship was in the midst of tender repairs. For some of us, the only evidences of this were a few Italian workmen and the inconvenience of having to take our laundry to the TIDewater, the tender assisting us.

For others, especially for those in the Engineering and Gunnery Departments, this inport period meant much work and little play. The "delights" of Naples were not for them.

In his report to COM-DESBLANT, the Captain evaluated the tender's performance as "outstanding" in every way. He described the attitude of TIDewater personnel as one of "we are here to help you."

170 work requests were submitted, and all were attended to but 3 which were cancelled with the SPRINGFIELD's approval.

The TIDewater's Supply Department readily provided material needed for our repairs.

In a limited amount of time, much was accomplished. The TIDewater, all SPRINGFIELD personnel involved, particularly the Engineering Department and the Gunnery Department, deserve an enthusiastic "well done."
REPLENISHMENT

This month's replenishment brought forth the usual moans and groans, but with the realization that replenishment exercises and materials are much needed to keep ships of the fleet as well as the men in operating condition.

For the first time since our deployment in the Mediterranean, we have captured for immortality pictures of this heroic effort.

Ship's highline detail stand by to receive replenishment material from the supply ship.

Using slides and rollers a working party sends the stores into the holds.

"I get weary and sick of trying..."
4th Division Takes Tournament

The high jumping, fast stepping sharpshooters of 4th Division broke loose to upset the squads of X Division, officers, and COMSIXTHFLT three nights running to capture the ship’s intramural basketball tournament during our last visit to Naples.

In all three games 4th Division lead the remarkable deck men 34-30 at the end of the third quarter, but their lead was soon shaved, and 4th Division went on to win easily 48-41.

The young boatswains dropped the officers, who were riding high after their pushover of OS Division the previous night, 46-38. Chester Good scored over 20 points for the victors with a Jerry West type jump shot.

COMSIXTHFLT managed to make a contest of the finals, but time ran out with 4th Division squeaking by the Flag Boys 35-33.

The deck men led by 13 points at half time, only to have SIXFLT strike back to diminish the lead to two points with 30 seconds left. Ronnie O’Neill BM3, then scored two foul shots to put the game on ice.

Pete Petterson was the high scorer for 4th Division in the tournament with an average of 14 points per game.

FT. BENNING, Ga., claims sport fame by having 20 former college players, including five pros and one semi-pro, attending the Infantry School. Such well-known gridsters in the play-for-pay ranks include Jim Houston of the Cleveland Browns, Bob Towns of the Boston Patriots and the Dallas Texans’ Danny House. Marine Maj. Richard A. Pape has been appointed Meet Director of the 1962 MCS Quantico, Va. Relays. Slated for April 13-14, more than 800 track stars are expected to compete. Relay officials have indicated that 22 colleges have already accepted invitations to enter the annual event...

The cage squad of MCRD San Diego, Calif., is being paced by former Miami of Ohio hardcourt Bob Miller. During the depot’s 24 wins against one defeat, Miller accounted for 369 counters, an average of 16.0 per tilt. In their 24 wins, the San Diego based Marine has gone over the 100 mark 11 times.

SHORT BURSTS—More than 100 Armed Forces leather slingers have entered the first annual Military District of Washington Invitation Boxing Tourney slated for Feb. 28 through March 3 at Ft. Myer, Va. Fights will be staged in each of the 10 Olympic weight levels. One-time Nevada welterweight Golden Glove fistic champ Abron Griffin is now serving with the 1st Cav. in Korea. . . . Armed Forces enlisted personnel will be admitted free to the San Francisco Giants baseball games scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons and any of the N. Y. Yankees’ home contests. . . . Jim “Mudcat” Grant, one of the Cleveland Indians’ top hurlers, and Bill Holsclaw, All-Southern Conference football player in 1958, are serving at Ft. Belvoir, Va. . . . Individual service boxing eliminations are being held to determine the boxers in each of the Olympic weight divisions to sling leather in the Interservice Championships at NTC Newport, R. I., April 18-20, this year. The Air Force is holding their tourney at Otis AFB, Mass., April 2-6. . . . Marine Bill Dundon of 1st MCRD Gardiner CI, N. Y., a veteran bobsled, competed in the British Bobbed Club World Team eliminations and rode in as a member of the winning four-man squad. The sleds reach speeds up to 100 m.p.h. and follow a twisting course that demands the utmost in balancing. This year Dundon plans on vying in the World Invitational Diamond Trophy race. . . . According to Russia’s official government newspaper Izvestia the game of “Beizbol” (baseball) is not an American created game, but had its origin in Russia. In an Associated Press article, Izvestia was quoted as relating to the Russian people that “a capacity crowd of 300,000 often jam Yankee Stadium (the stadium’s seating capacity is 67,000) to watch a game of ‘beizbol.’” The AP said the article hinted that the game was stolen from the Russians. Izvestia said, baseball is similar to the old Soviet game of Lapta played by “our grandfathers and great grandfathers.”
New Chief of Staff

By courtesy of Flag Public Information Office

Captain Frederic A. Chenault, USN, is scheduled to relieve Captain Henry S. Monroe, USN, as Chief of Staff for Commander Sixth Fleet on March 20.

The new Chief of Staff comes from duty as Commanding Officer of the guided missile light cruiser USS LITTLE ROCK.

Captain Monroe, who became Chief of Staff for Commander Sixth Fleet in November, 1960, has been selected for promotion to Rear Admiral. He will leave the Mediterranean shortly for Washington, D.C., where he will begin his new assignment as Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Naval Reserve.

Before taking command of the LITTLE ROCK Capt. Chenault served as Deputy Director of Special Projects Polaris Fleet Ballistic Missile Office, Navy Department. He also served as Executive Officer of the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake.

His previous commands at sea include the destroyer USS RUSH, and the attack cargo ship USS MATHEWS.

A 1936 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Capt. Chenault holds a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He was born in Jacksonville, Florida, where his mother, Mrs. Winnie R. Chenault, now makes her home. Capt. Chenault is married to the former Miss Catherine Fyfe, of Seneca Falls, New York. Capt. and Mrs. Chenault have two sons, David W. Chenault II, and John F. Chenault.

SEND THE RIFLE HOME

From: ___________________________________________
Division
USS SPRINGFIELD (CLG-7)
% Fleet Post Office
New York, New York

Place
Stamp
Here

To: ___________________________________________