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This is the Captain Speaking

Captain Creighton W. Cook



I continue with my theme "USS KEARSARGE and her mission". Previous columns, you will recall, have reviewed the submarine threat, including both strategic and tactical threats. This month I will commence review of the Navy's anti-submarine force, of which KEARSARGE is a part, and how this force counters the threat.

It can well be imagined that in order to counter such a diverse threat as previously described, a large and diverse force of anti-submarine units would be required. Such is the case. Each of the types of forces plays its own unique role in the offense and defense against submarines as determined by its own unique capabilities. There are inherent weaknesses of each type of force, but when all are present they are molded into a complete anti-submarine warfare system, with each system complementing the other. For that reason all are necessary if there is not to be a fatal weakness in our threat-countering posture.

In order to better understand the part played by KEARSARGE in the overall scheme, other forces must be discussed. At one end of the spectrum lies the attack carrier forces. They represent the Navy's offensive arm and each submarine sunk or damaged in port by the attack pilots, either directly or through mining, represents one less submarine for the anti-submarine forces to track, find and kill in the vast oceans. At the other end of the spectrum lies shore based detection, or intelligence collection systems designed to detect patrolling submarines. These systems have no offensive capability but must rely on other forces to locate and destroy any detected submarines. The forces of prime interest in this discussion, however, are those mobile forces with a detection, track and attack capability.

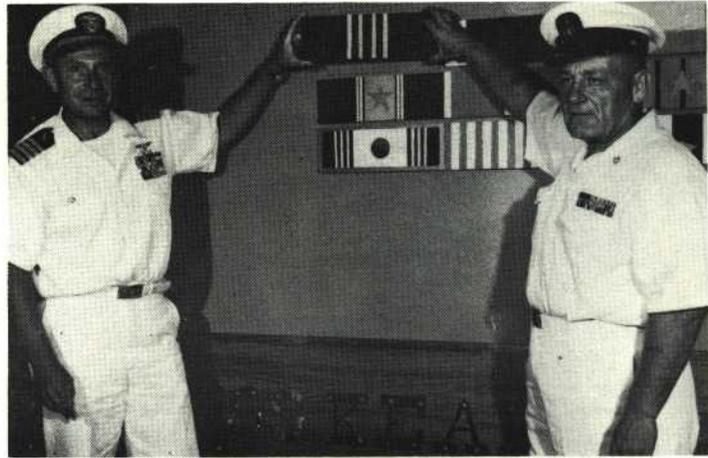
The first of these latter forces is our own anti-submarine, or killer submarines. They operate in the same medium as the enemy and, being covert, can operate in areas near the enemy's shores where overt forces perhaps could not operate. They are, however, as blind as their quarry. They may be hampered by communications difficulties, and are further limited by an "intercept speed" comparable to that of their adversary. Even though many of our killer submarines are nuclear propelled, they lack the strategic mobility and numbers to cope with the large numbers and wide spread deployment of the overall threat. Therefore, although they may carry the battle up to the coasts of the enemy, they will not provide the deterrence or capability to contain the threat without the other forces.

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YN3 Bowe B.
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Meritorious Unit Commendation



On the afternoon of July 29, 1968, Captain Creighton W. Cook, Commanding Officer of the USS KEARSARGE, announced that the "Mighty Kay" was to receive the third highest award given a United States Naval Unit.

Admiral T.H. Moorer, Chief of Naval Operations, speaking for the Secretary of the Navy, set forth the following citation:

"The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Unit Commendation to

USS Kearsarge

for service as set forth in the following citation:

For meritorious service while assigned to the Seventh Fleet and serving off the coast of North Vietnam and in the Sea of Japan during the periods 11 July to 11 December 1966 and 12 October 1967 to 28 March 1968. Providing outstanding command and control facilities for prosecution of all assigned missions and specially assigned tasks, USS KEARSARGE deployed into the Sea of Japan in August 1966 where she operated with Japanese and Korean naval units and thwarted aggressive harassment by foreign naval units. KEARSARGE also conducted operations with United Kingdom, Australian, and Chinese ships, and provided support to the President of the United States during visits to Manila and Kuala Lumpur. During the 1967 deployment, KEARSARGE, her air group, and destroyers in company demonstrated superior capability in maintaining contact with high-speed, conventional submarines in the open ocean on two occasions while developing new and unique tracking techniques. While in the Gulf of Tonkin, KEARSARGE displayed superior readiness by continuing around-the-clock aircraft operations without mishap during the

northeast monsoon season. She also provided exemplary Surface-Subsurface Surveillance; gunfire spotting for cruisers and destroyers; search and rescue support; daily mail, personnel and priority cargo transfers; and responsive medical evacuation. The officers and men of KEARSARGE made a most significant contribution to United States efforts in Southeast Asia. Their courage, skill, adaptiveness and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

All personnel attached to and serving on board USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33) during the above designated periods, or any part thereof, are hereby authorized to wear the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon."

(Signed) For the Secretary,
T.H. Moorer
Admiral, United States Navy
Chief of Naval Operations

The most unique aspect of this citation lies in the fact that the "Mighty Kay" is the first and only anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier operating in the Pacific or Atlantic Fleets to receive the award. This achievement is another prime example of the proud heritage embodied in the motto of the USS KEARSARGE: IN OMNIBUS PINNACULUM or, if your Latin is a trifle rusty, IN ALL THINGS THE BEST.

XO Arriving!

COMMANDER ALFRED N. FOWLER REPORTED TO THE USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33) ON JULY 26, 1968, TO BECOME THE NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER. HIS MANY DUTIES, BESIDES BEING AN AIDE TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, ARE MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE MORALE, DISCIPLINE, TRAINING, WELFARE, WORK, EXERCISES, SAFETY, RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE COMMAND.

Commander Fowler began his Navy career in 1948 as an ensign and a student aviator at the flight training school at Pensacola, Florida. He has stated that aviation has always been a great thrill since his youth, and he has remained involved with flying throughout his career. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Operations from Parks College of Aeronautical Technology of St. Louis University, is a private pilot and a licensed aircraft and engine mechanic. He also holds an Aerological Engineering degree, and a Master of Science degree in International Affairs.

Commander Fowler taught shipboard navigation at Tulane University and has been the executive officer and commanding officer of patrol squadrons. He is married and has four children, a son, starting his third year at Annapolis, and three daughters.

Q. After graduating from high school in 1944, you were called to active duty in the Army Air Corps. When you left the Army and graduated from school, why did you choose the Navy as a career?

A. Aviation has always been my love. When I finished college, there were not many opportunities that enabled me to get into flying. The Navy offered me a wonderful opportunity to fly, so I took it and ended up making a career of the Navy. I've never regretted it, it's been a great life.

Q. Even though you have been on the ship a short time, what goals do you have for the ship and for the men of the ship?

A. I would like to have the outstanding performance of the ship to continue, with its mission record, safety record, and the accomplishments of the KEARSARGE operational task. Under this broad area, I would like for every man to have a recognized path of advancement, regardless of whether he is a first term, career man, or a short timer. Along with the path of Navy advancement there should be personal improvement and expansion of skills, with education and training remaining predominant. The Navy is too dynamic and demanding for the people in it to stand still.

Q. You see many problems in your job that many others do not. What are they and what can be done to alleviate these problems?

A. One of the broadest problems the Navy has is the breakdown of 'passing the word'. With the ten per cent turnover that we have every month, the experienced personnel sometimes do not take the time to explain the jobs and duties



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FUN, FOOD,

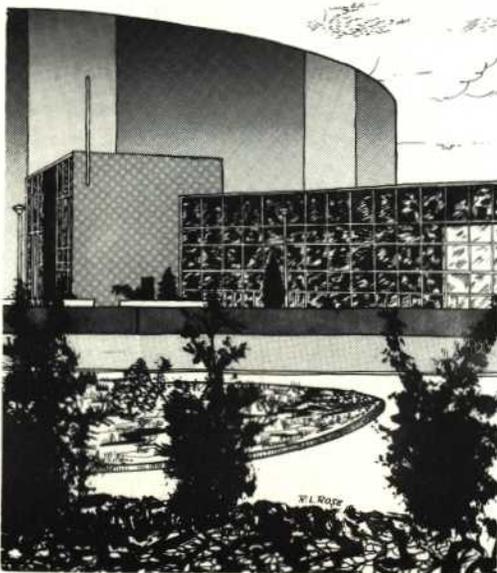
Nothing helps one to relax from the hard work and the everyday humdrum of a yard period like a ship's party. The KEARSARGE threw just that on June 17 and 18 -- two nights so all could go. The dinner dance was an overwhelming success and those two nights will never be forgotten.

The theme of the party was "Spring" and thanks to the able help of SN Robert Rose and the decoration committee under the leadership of Lt. Benson, coupled with the contributions of Universal Studios, the ballroom at the Long Beach Arena was decked out with flowers, artificial bugs, and statues of Greek goddesses. The room was accented by brightly colored streamers and subdued light with a psychedelic effect to it.

Thanks to the antics of comedians Esther Sutherland, and the hilarious Bob Hart and Dolores team, the crowds were kept in a constant state of laughter. The guests danced to the sounds of the Harmonaires and everyone got out on the floor if only to show off their beautiful dates. Dinner was served and everyone partook of the free beer while it lasted. The ASW GROUP FIVE band played dinner music during the delicious meal.

On the last night, as the festivities drew to a close, Captain Creighton W. Cook cut the traditional Navy cake to commemorate the occasion. The officers and crew alike hope that the next ship's party will be as successful and as much fun.

and...?



Crow's Nest

The yard period is nearly accomplished, the Patchwork Symphony is almost over. That persistent tintinnabulation, that metallic Song of Songs, that peculiar arrangement of chippinghammers, pneumatic tools and industrious deckcrawlers which go into the making of this periodic, cacophonious score of onomatopoeia is slowly banging to its welcome finale. Some surgery was required and a few organ transplants were in order, but apparently nothing too critical. In the wake, on the surface, a new face is emerging, clearer features and firmer jowls, so to speak. But however dear to us the massive masterpiece has become, it is now in the concluding coda and we must move on to a couple of more familiar old fugues: ORI and ORE. (Actually these are precursory preludes to a more major work known as Tonkin Gulf.) Now there is the task of becoming sailors once again; doing the stuff we hired on for.

In a few more months we will be swinging into a sparkling new refurbished saddle and trying to complete the same old race (the duration of which will be decided by the voters in November.) The couple of months prior to deployment to Yankee Station will be involved with Sea Trials, Carquals, Engineering drills, and, possibly, even a couple of GQ's. It's been a long time and perhaps the routine has become a little vague. Let us refresh our memory. GQ's, certainly, fire drills, D.C. lectures, a hundred various watches, gunshoots, Air Defense drills, UNREPS and real working parties, and, once in a while, Oscar (that dummy in a seaman suit) is tossed overboard to activate a man-overboard drill. And chow lines? Familiarize yourself with Hangar Bay Three, that's where the maitre de confirms your reservation.

Now if some of you think this sounds like a busy time and maybe a little uncomfortable, remember the guys in Viet Nam--that isn't exactly a stately pleasure dome over there, by no means. ... and Kubla heard from far/Ancstral voices prophesying war!



The voice of complaint is a congenital talent and a Navy heirloom, but try to keep it at a minimum. After all, the cruise does have its good side. There are beautiful and fascinating ports to be visited, extra money to be made, and, above all, a war that must be fought. The Navy is an indispensable part of that war effort. In fact, it is a Navy without which victory is impossible.



TERRY TAKES TOURNEY



Terry Sullivan and Mr. Jack Armstrong compare scores.

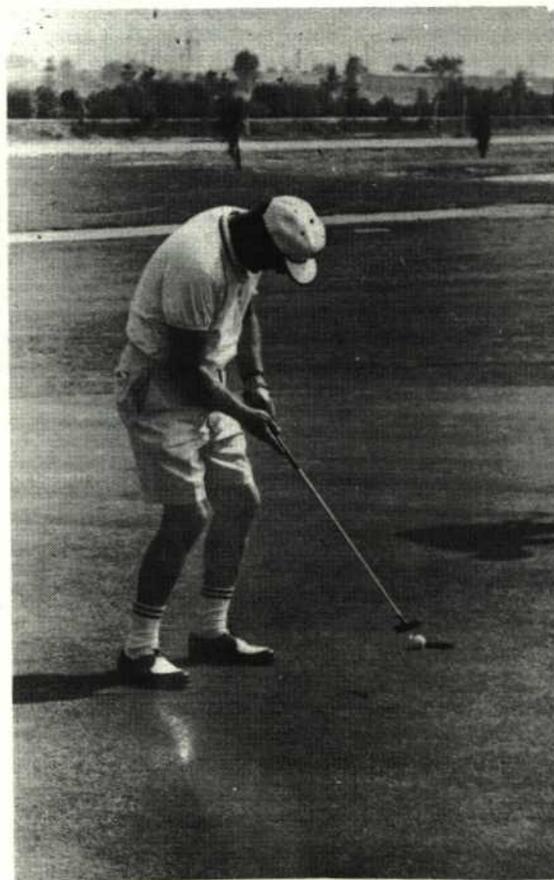
Los Alamitos Golf Course (by now familiar terrain to KEARSARGE golfers) was the site of the KEARSARGE golf team's latest tournament. The tournament was played July 18, 1968, with the Long Beach Navy League contingent.

Winners in the partners best ball division were KEARSARGE's DK2 Terry Sullivan and Mr. Jack Armstrong with a best ball total of 76. Sullivan also won the longest drive category with a blast of 295 yards on the ninth hole; Airman Apprentice Tom Olsen was a close second with a drive of 290 yards on the 16th.

In other categories the winners were as follows; Low Gross, CDR Jack Clayton and Mr. Lawson with scores of 85; Low Net, CDR Roger Miller and Mr. Jack Winn with scores of 76. Sullivan and Armstrong also had 85's for the day.

In 'Closest to the Hole' competition it lines up like this: Captain P.F. Hunter within 55 feet on the 6th., Tom Olsen within 30 on the 12th., SH3 John Williams within 20 on the 8th., and Mr. Lawson dropped his ball within three feet on the 15th.

Captain Creighton W. Cook distributed awards to the winners.



Unidentified Navy Leaguer sinks ball.



SOFTBALL TEAM FINISHES WITH 10-4 MARK

It was the last inning of their opening game. KEARSARGE Wildcats had spotted their opponent, USS HORNET, a 7-1 lead. In approximately the time it takes to deal a bridge hand, KEARSARGE cashed in seven runs to stun HORNET 8-7.

KEARSARGE capitalized on four errors and three hits to turn the game around. And so it was throughout the season. KEARSARGE, buttressed by some timely hitting and parlaying breaks into runs, rambled to a 10-4 regular season mark.

Chief Warrant Officer Jim Garner, officer-in-charge and coach of the team, relied primarily on Boilerman First Class Art Killian to hurl KEARSARGE through the regular season, and into the Eleventh Naval District Northern Area Softball Championship Tournament. Killian didn't pitch in the tournament, and KEARSARGE was eliminated in its third outing, losing 8-6 to USS SOMMERS.

KEARSARGE began tournament play by hammering USS TRUXTON 11-4. Storekeeper Third Class Pete Gormsem and Photographic Intelligenceman Third Class Wayne Dees keyed the victory by rapping two hits each. One of Gormsem's hits was a solo home run in the third inning. Seaman Ken Wright also scored three runs during the rout.

KEARSARGE wasn't so fortunate in its next matchup. COMINPAC shaded the Wildcats 5-4, despite three hits apiece

by Lieutenant Bob Looney and Dees. In its last tourney appearance, KEARSARGE fell behind early when 'SOMMERS scored seven runs in the second inning. KEARSARGE had taken a 2-0 lead in the first.

Dees, who supplied much of the punch during the tournament, led the club at the plate over the season with a .400 average. Wright batted .318 and Killian posted six wins without a loss. That was the glossiest mark among the pitchers.

Other team members included Seaman Norman Woolfork, Chief Warrant Officer Daryll Bourret, pitchers; Seaman Ray Camitsch, Fireman Louis Loporto, Airman John LeBlanc, Seaman James Kurtz, outfielders; Seaman Dennis Clipper, second base; Fireman Dexter McKinney, shortstop; and Boilerman Third Class Richard Gregoire, first base.

KEARSARGE competed in a 10-team league, which consisted of ships homeported in Long Beach, NAS Los Alamitos, and COMINPAC. KEARSARGE also played local teams from Long Beach, but these games weren't tabulated in the season record. To give you an idea of the competition in the league, Los Alamitos fielded a club which included an All-Navy pitcher and two All-District outfielders. Just as a footnote, Los Alamitos won both the league title and the district tournament.

KEARSARGE KEGGLERS NEAR END OF INTRA-SHIP COMPETITION

"Lanes eight through 18 begin your bowling... Good luck and good bowling."

These words have become familiar to many KEARSARGE men each Monday afternoon at the Long Beach Naval Station Bowling Center.

As with other sports activities, the bowling league is a development of the ship's welfare and recreation program. The KEARSARGE intramural bowling league is made up of 12 teams representing nearly every department on KEARSARGE.

Currently in the 13th week of the 15-week season, several teams are vying for the top spot in the standings. Among them are the first class mess, the photographer's mates, the aerographers, and S-3 Division.

Seldom does a shipboard sailor find himself able to participate in a weekly sports program, due to days spent at sea. The past several weeks have been a most relaxing and enjoyable change of pace for KEARSARGE bowling fans.

"Good luck and good bowling."

YARD

"BIRD"

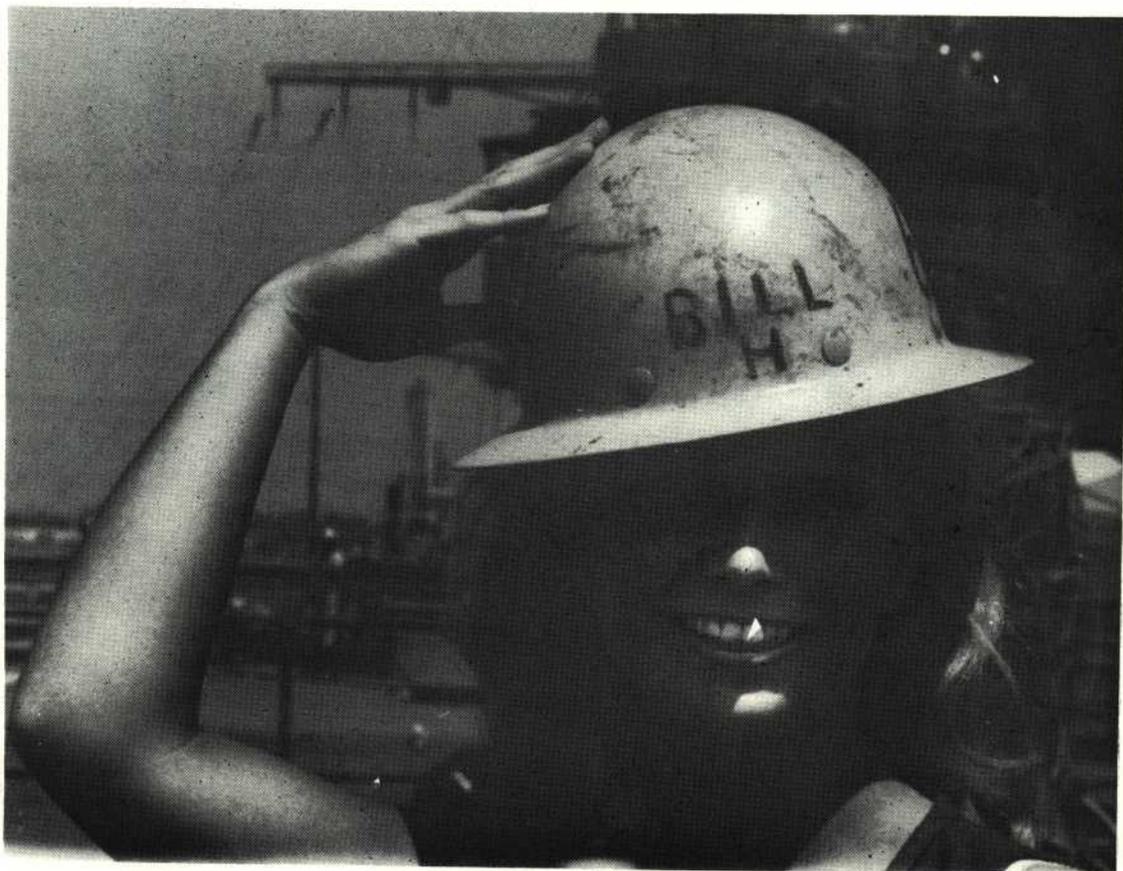
ROXANNE MCNICHOL IS THIS BROWN-EYED, blonde-haired beauty's name. She is 23 years old and a part time model, born in Nyack, New York. Four months ago she moved to Los Angeles to pursue her career. This Swedish-Italian sweetheart has a figure that measures 35-23-36 and believe it or not is a qualified bartender. Roxanne likes to ride horses, and spends a lot of her time on the beaches. She is quite an accomplished dancer, and her taste in music ranges from classical to modern jazz. If only all yardbirds were like this!





'WE HAVE A CONTACT. BEARING....'

IF THE HAT FITS, WEAR IT!

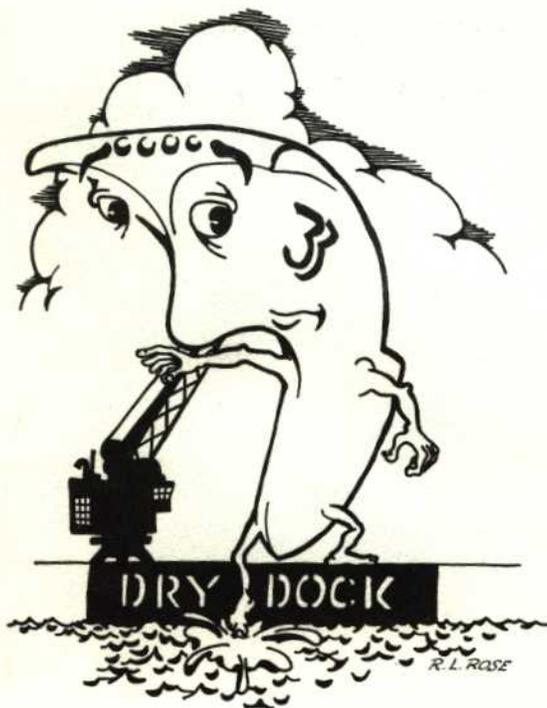




SWABBIES, SWABBIES EVERYWHERE.



'I HAVE THE DECK AND THE CONN.'



Leatherneck laurels

by Gary L. Pember LCpl



During the month of July the Marine detachment carried out combat training exercises aboard the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton, California. The unit traversed from Long Beach Naval Shipyard via motor caravan with full combat gear and set up a defensive perimeter a GP-20 India area, Camp Pendleton, one of its many training areas. Three days of tactical combat patrols and defensive maneuvers proved out the training and battle readiness of the USMC afloat.

WELCOME ABOARD

In the month of July the MarDet USS KEARSARGE welcomed aboard new and badly needed personnel. Those reporting to our command were: 1stSgt G.P. Casey, SSgt J.Y. Taienao, PFC's T.L. Bohmont, R.G. Pike, and G.L. Scott. Welcome additions to our proud unit.

TRANSFERRED

Transferred during July were LCpl's P.J. Haster and J.W. Osterbeck to the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY to carry on the proud tradition of the sea-going Marine.

On their way to the 5th Marine Div., at Camp Pendleton for further training and future combat duty with WestPac ground forces in Viet Nam are two valuable men. LCpl D.J. Spatafore and PFC W. Andora left to serve with a fine outfit overseas.

Of course we were sorry to see these people leave but their replacements will be equally fine, we feel sure.

CHANGE!

Chaplain Harvey L. Lilly, LCDR

CHANGE! CHANGE! CHANGE! The personality of the KEARSARGE is changing. The shipyard doctors have gone inside to take out all the old and unusable parts, and in some cases have performed actual transplants. The shipyard's beauty technicians, along with the ship's crew are in the process of taking off all the fingernail and toenail polish and are putting in its place more paint and mascara with a little eye shadow.

In the area of personnel, faces that once were, are no more. In their places are new ones. Most of the department heads and the executive officer have felt the force of change. From top to bottom orders are effecting changes for the officers and men of the KEARSARGE. Chaplain Lilly, the Protestant Chaplain, has been aboard for two months. Father Callahan was relieved by Father John Glenn. Another area of change is in the marital status of many crew members. According to current figures about 20 members of the "Mighty Kay" are getting married each month.

CHANGE! CHANGE! CHANGE! The KEARSARGE is the scene of change, but if a great change is to be made in human affairs, the minds of men will have to be fitted to it. The Bible is filled with encouragements and prescriptions relative to changes that will bring about good people-to-people relationships. Things such as: Go the second mile....When you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me....Go and do likewise..... Love thy neighbor....Be the leaven that will influence the whole lump....Be renewed by the Spirit of God.

Jesus was talking about change that has no depth when he spoke of the white-washing of the tombs and at the same time leaving them filled with old bones. KEARSARGE will not be KEARSARGE because of all its new and repaired equipment, for the face lifting job will lie in its people.

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

CATHOLIC MASS

Daily..... 1100 - 1130
Sunday..... 1130 - 1200

PROTESTANT DIVINE WORSHIP

Daily..... 1215 - 1300
Sunday..... 1000 - 1300

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he performs to the new inexperienced man and this causes a breakdown in operational capabilities. This breakdown occurs because a key man is missing, or because more senior personnel do not give their attention to the new man. Another problem is that of not taking advantage of the many benefits the Navy provides. The services which are provided for the Navy man and his family can help overcome problems and otherwise enable the sailor to stay out of trouble. The ship's doctors, chaplain's office, division officers, personnel office, Navy Relief, and the Red Cross are all able to help a person with whatever question or potential problem he might have. It is better to go to one of these groups than to take matters into his own hands, for many times it can involve more trouble. Idleness and discontent are eradicated by having the built-in demand and challenge of a competent job and allowing the person to rise to the opportunity of doing his job and doing it well. At the same time there must be success in the all hands job of 'passing the word'. This leads to a happy, busy ship and happy personnel.

Q. Do you think we will have a 'happy' ship with four section duty?

A. Yes, because the crew understands that certain commitments must be met for the ship to meet operational readiness dates. The only way this can be accomplished is to go into the four sections.

Q. What are some of your thoughts on rate and advancement?

A. No person on the ship should be an E-2 longer than six months. If he is, then he is probably lacking in discipline, a sense of responsibility and motivation. Those people with college degrees should take advantage of their skills and apply themselves with vigor in the most demanding tasks they can find, and push forward for their goals.

Q. What differences have you seen occur since you have entered the Navy?

A. There is more value placed on the individual now than there was 20 years ago. More interest and a higher price tag are placed on the human qualities of the individual, his selection, his training, and his retention. The pressures of economy and cost-effectiveness are much greater than they used to be. The tools of management in the Navy have become more complex, with the advent of computer technology, sophisticated weapons and nuclear power. Yet the basic ingredient is the same as it was 20 years ago, the human element of the Navy. This is where the focus still remains and the emphasis grows, for without the human aspect, the Navy could not function to be the great organization that it is, has been in the past and will continue to be.

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We also have Navy patrol aircraft as a part of our anti-submarine system. These wide ranging self-contained ASW platforms represent a system as different from World War II patrol planes as the nuclear submarine is different from the World War II submarine. These aircraft can range over thousands of square miles of ocean as they search for submarines with their electronic,

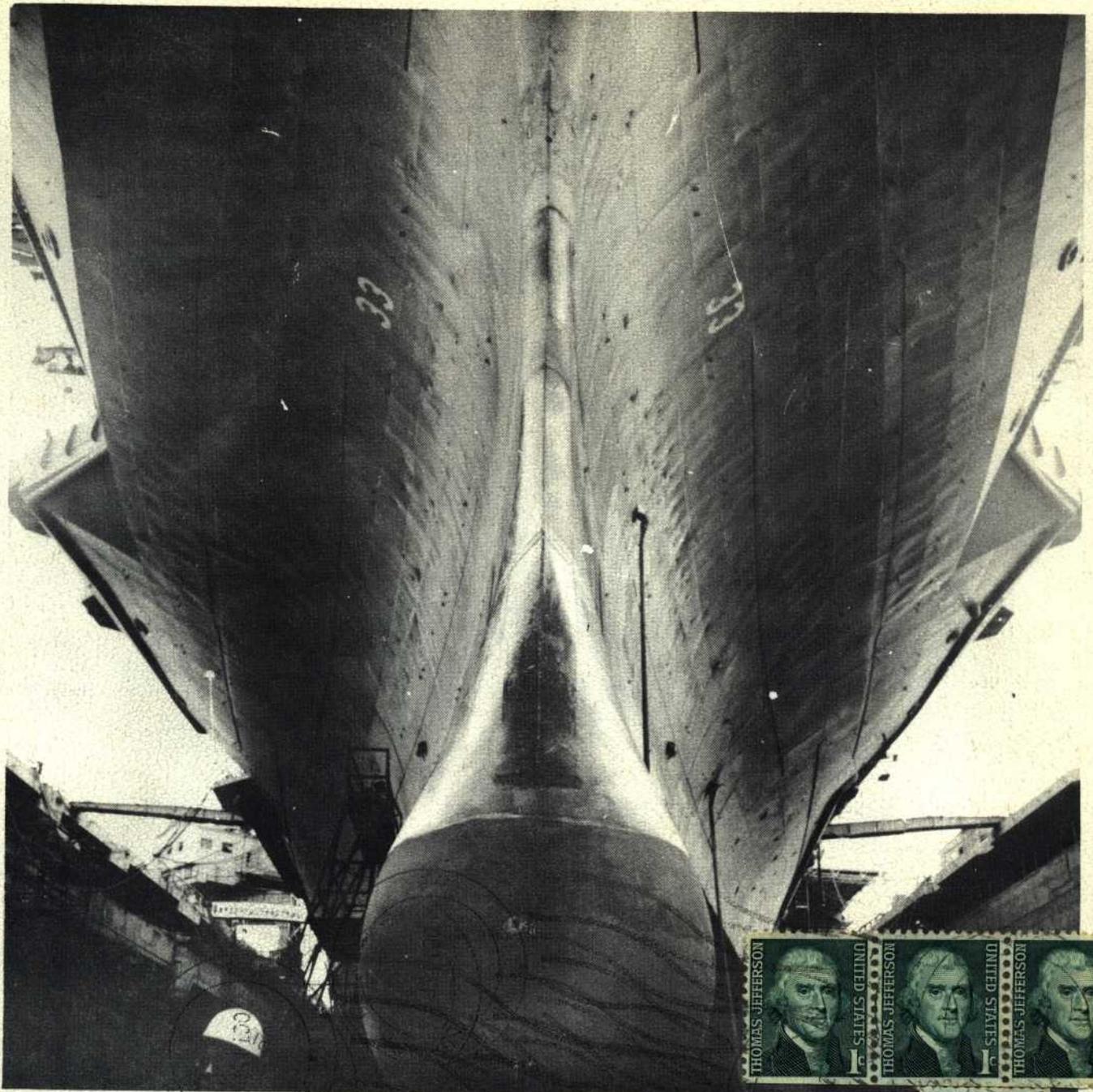
sonic and magnetic detection equipment, or sensors. They also carry airborne torpedos and other weapons with which to kill any submarine found. Their speed and range provide the mobility necessary to go where the threat exists and provide a rapid response to the detection of a target by other means.

It would seem that this patrol aircraft system should fill the gap between the capabilities of the shore based, intelligence collecting systems and the killer submarine. However, this is not the case. Consequently I will discuss certain limitations inherent in this latter anti-submarine warfare weapons system next month, as I introduce the key role played by KEARSARGE.

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| SK3 | McKenzie A. |
| AK2 | Minerva J. |
| ABH2 | Macklin F. |
| ABH3 | McCutcheon D. |
| BM2 | Michaletz D. |
| ABH3 | Moffitt W. |
| GMG2 | Pitzer J. |
| ABF2 | Palmatary D. |
| ABE3 | Puga F. |
| DP2 | Rausch J. |
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