

REUNION: Is all set for Yorktown as previously advertised. Enclosed is a colored registration form you need to complete and send back as soon as possible. Also note the schedule of events enclosed which includes a tour of the old Minewarfae School and the Naval Mine Warfare Engineering Activity. They will have a display of mines and other items of interest.

DUES: If you have not yet sent them in please do, we need you and your dues. It is not necessary to be a member of the Association of Minemen to attend the reunion but you must be a paid up member to participate in the business meetings and vote on matters coming before the membership. At this meeting in August we will elect two new members to the Board of Directors plus vote on previously proposed changes to the Constitution and By Laws as reported in the last newsletter.

HISTORY BOOK: Enclosed is a copy of the order blank for the history book. Everyone should have received a separate flyer a while ago with all the details. Orders are starting to come in and we are processing them as we receive them. Any member of the association is welcome to send in their biography and pictures including Minemen that did a tour and returned to civilian life, government employees, etc. Families of departed members are encouraged to submit material on their spouse. We will be glad to help anyone get their material together. Those of you that have been out for some time can look up your DD-214 for starters. It is not necessary to send in material to purchase books and you do not have to purchase a book to have you biography and photo included in the book. COMOMAG is planning to purchase some books for their command library. We have also received an order from Denmark and Japan from two of our overseas members. There will be examples of other organization history books on display at the reunion for you to inspect. They are first class books!!

SCHOLARSHIPS: There were **no** requests for applications as of this newsletter. We have available two \$500.00 scholarships and will add another \$500.00 at this reunion. Scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of our members.

ADVERTISING: None signed up as of this newsletter. We have had one company inquire about an ad next newsletter. You people out there in business can pick up some inexpensive advertising in this newsletter that currently goes out to more than 1250 addresses.

GRADUATIONS: We only received information on one. William B. "Billy" Mehard, son of Emma Jane and Bill Mehard of Hanahan, SC, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Medical University of South Carolina on May 18, 1990. On July 2 he began a four year radiology residency at Washington University's Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology in St. Louis Missouri. **CONGRATULATIONS DR. BILLY !** Send us your graduation information and we will print as much as we can (should be all received).

THANK YOU TO RADM MATHIS, Commander Mine Warfare Command Charleston. While on business in Europe this past May Radm Mathis was kind enough to take with him and present to Cdr Jorgen Lorenzen, RDN (RET) the Honorary Mineman plaque from the association. The presentation took place in the American Embassy, Copenhagen. We have two polaroid pictures of the event from Radm Mathis and plan to have copies at the reunion for Cdr Lorenzen who has said he will attend.

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ODDS & ENDS/HERE & THERE: Was in Panama City Florida recently and saw ZOC Chuhay and Frank Martin. Zoc plans to be at the reunion and Frank will try and make it. Zoc is looking good after his by pass surgery. Frank is back working at the Naval Coastal Systems Center. His son is still moving up in baseball, although he did suffer a minor injury that will keep him out the rest of the season. ** The family of Joe Glowa have donated to the mine museum most of Joe's Navy memorabilia, including old photos going back to WWII and a MINEPAC plaque. Thanks to the family for remembering us. *** We received some good photos from MN1 McKevitt showing assembly of some mines MK 52 on board the USS Nimitz CVN 68 in April 1980. We can use them in the history book along with the information he provided as to why they were there. *** Bill Landers from Tennessee sent us some snaps of an old Mine Mk 6 on display on Boston Commons in Boston Mas. Part of the inscription on the plaque reads "PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF BOSTON THROUGH THE NORTH SEA MINE FORCE ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 26, 1921" Any members in the Boston area that has some time to spare could go down there and try and get the entire inscription. Some additional shots would be appreciated also, the day Bill was there it was bad weather. *** Thanks to Andy Anderson in Livingston Texas for the copy of the Class Album for class graduating September 18, 1943 Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of the Graduating Address and photo which was in the Class Album. ***Thanks to John Lawton in Long Beach for sending us two command seals for the museum, one is from Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Pacific and the other Mobile Mine Assembly Group Detachment One. ***Thanks to Steve Scharschan for sending us the notice about Wally Richards passing away. And also for the 8MM film of some Mk 6 mine tests he participated in. *** Special thanks to someone at Great Lakes that sent Mike Carr a copy of OP 1673A German Underwater Ordnance Mines dated 14 June 1946. It contains a wealth of information including photos of the first dip needle mechanisms. *** The 2nd reunion of the USS Mayo (DD 422), USS Laub (DD 613) and USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD 823) will be held at the Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows, IL September 28-30, 1990. Contact BMC O.C. Ayers, USN (RET) 424 Ridgeland Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126 (708) 832-2387 for additional details.

REUNION CAMPSITE INFO: NWS Yorktown Travel Camps, Special Services, Yorktown VA 23691-5000 (804) 887-4741, reservation required, 10 camper spaces with hookups, sewage dump station. *** Cheatham Annex Naval Supply Center, Recreation Services, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8792 (804) 887-7224, 10 camper spaces with hookups, sewage dump station, laundry, NO PETS. *** Special Services Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, VA 23690.

YORKTOWN PHOTO REQUEST: The Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center (old minewarfare school) has requested we ask our members to bring or send old photos of the school back when it was the mine warfare school. We know many of you have some and we hope you will share them with us. We have already received some great shots from Cdr Lorenzen in Denmark.

We recently received a letter from Rear Admiral Hiroshi Ikawa, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, (RET) that sent in his dues for several years and to let us know he is now retired. He is hoping to come back to the United States in the near future and he sends his best regards to the Association of Minemen and wishes us a great reunion.

REUNION SPEAKER: Radm Mathis has accepted our invitation to be our guest of honor and speaker at the reunion. Also invited are the C.O. of NWS Yorktown, C.O. of CGRTC Yorktown and the OINC of NMWEA, Yorktown.

Received a nice handwritten letter from Captain Spofford with information about the Mineman rating. Will have it typed and available at the reunion.

Mncm

Adams Roger A
Fross Albert

MnCS

Harman Benjim
Lewis Charles
Mcclain Mark
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Radke Maurice
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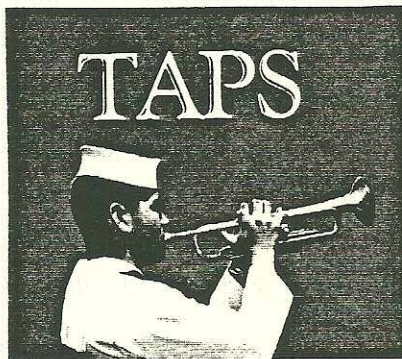
CONGRATULATION TO ROGER ADAMS ON BEING SELECTED TO BE
THE NEXT COMMAND MASTER CHIEF AT COMOMAG. ROGER ALSO
WAS SELECTED AS MINEMAN OF THE YEAR A FEW YEARS BACK. **WELL DONE ROGER !!**

a n d h e r e a r e o t h e r c o n g r a t u l a t i o n s

- * To **Dick Schommer** who retired as the Mine Warfare Command Force Master Chief on January 31, 1990. Both Radm Tobin and Radm Mathis were at his retirement ceremony. Dick was our President for the past six years and we appreciate his leadership during that time. Now that he is retired and has lots of free time on his hands we will try and put him to work.
- * To **John Muessig** who retired as the Command Master Chief at the Mine Warfare Inspection Group on March 30, 1990. The speaker at John's retirement was our own Lcdr Will Dixon who gave an outstanding review of John's career.
- * To **Jack Smoot** (belated with apologies) who retired last year on May 20, 1989 at NWS Yorktown. At the same ceremony he was also relieved as Commanding Officer Momag Reserve Unit 1006. Jack retired after **42 years** active duty and reserve service. Jack was instrumental in the organization of the reserve Momags which today are held up as an example of the right way to organize and utilize the reserves.
- * To **Frank Whipple** who retired at Momag Unit 11 May 31, 1989 after 20 years active duty. He and his family will stay in Charleston.
- * To **Lee Ostrander** who recently retired from Momag Unit One in Long Beach. He is now living in Duluth, MN. Guess he will get to see a lot of snow that he missed in sunny California.
- * To **CW04 John Coers** who recently retired from Comamag. John said that he is going to loaf while his wife supports him in the manner to which all sailors become accustomed.
- * To **all other retirees** that we may have left out only because we were not aware of their retirement.

**OUR GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO ALL OF YOU THAT HELPED MAKE THE MINEMAN
RATING WHAT IT IS TODAY # # THE GREATEST !!**

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS: To MNCM Mike Carr, one of our members who has relieved Dick Schommer as the Mine Warfare Command Force Master Chief. We are looking forward to working with Mike the next couple of years.



ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN

Since our last newsletter the following members and friends have passed away:

MNC George Metcalf	Oak Harbor, WA 08/04/89
Lt. Wallace "Wally" Richards	Washington State Early 1990
MNC John J. Minster	05/27/90
George Boone	Oceanside, CA 05/29/90
CDR James Dillon USNR(RET)	Burlington, VT 05/05/90

Moose Wheelock called to let us know that George Metcalf had passed away. We understand George came down with pneumonia in March 1989 and suffered cardiac arrest in August 1989.

Steve Scharschan wrote us to tell us of Wally Richards passing away. Wally was an AO LDO stationed at NMEF Yorktown in the FL department back some time ago. He helped resolve many aircraft/mine compatibility problems.

Roland Brown in Yorktown called us to tell us of the passing of John Minster. John had been an instructor at the Mine Warfare School, Yorktown in 1942. He died of cancer.

Julia Boone, George's wife, wrote us to tell us her husband had passed away after a long illness.

We received a note recently advising us of Cdr Dillon passing away.

The Association of Minemen extend sincere sympathy and support to the families and friends of our departed members and friends.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SIXTEENTH ANNUAL

ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN REUNION

17-19 AUGUST, 1990

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17 August 1990	1600-2300	Early Bird, Welcome Reception
	1630	Board of Directors Meeting
18 August 1990	1000-1130	Open House Tour - Naval Mine Warfare Engineering Activity
	1200-1300	Tour - US Coast Guard Reserve Training Center Yorktown, VA - Prior home of Naval Schools Mine Warfare - 1941 to December 1958
	1400-1600	General Membership Meeting
Saturday Evening		Banquet/Dinner Meeting - Omni Hotel
	1800-1930	Cocktails (no host)
	1930-2400	Dinner
19 August 1990	1200-1700	Picnic - Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, VA (Wright Circle)

Swedes fire on suspected intruder

Swedish submarine hunters detonated underwater mines and fired anti-submarine grenades from a helicopter while chasing a suspected foreign submarine in the archipelago southeast of Stockholm at the end of last month.

There was no immediate evidence of any hit and the search was being continued, said defence staff officials.

However, the bulk of this neutral country's anti-submarine forces were not available because crews are cut to a minimum during winter when strategic coastal areas are

SWEDEN

BY JOHAN RAPP

STOCKHOLM

usually under ice. However, this year most of the Baltic Sea has remained open.

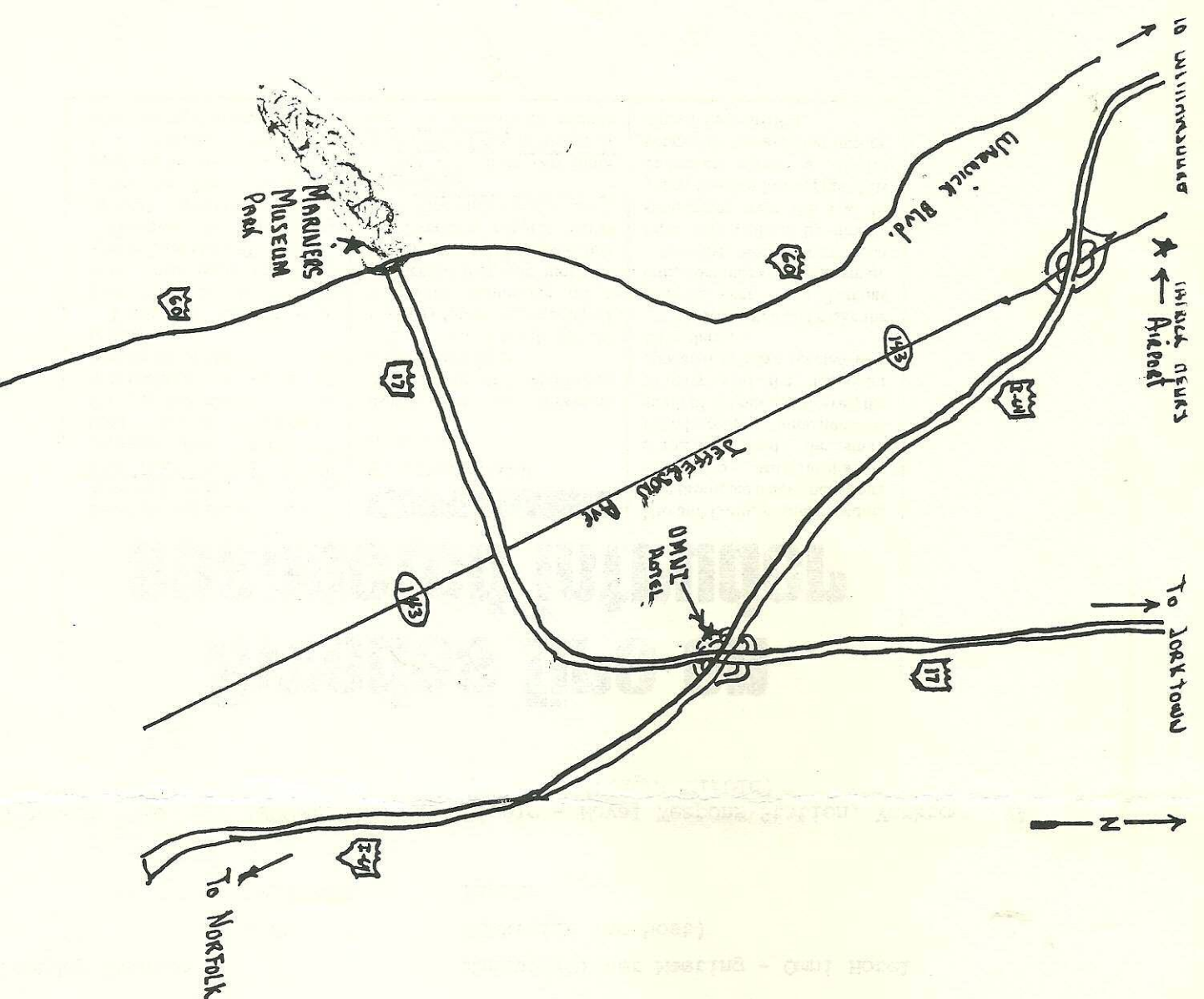
The hunt started on 24 February following a reading of a passing submarine on a submerged magnetic indicator at Mailsten, outside Musko, one of Sweden's biggest naval bases. One mine was detonated, officials said.

Four days later two more mines were fired, northeast of the base, between the islands

Uto and Orno. A sonar reading also prompted a navy helicopter to drop anti-submarine grenades outside the small island-group Gunnarstenarne, south of the base. However, the military said the helicopter appeared to have reacted to a false alarm.

"We shoot first and make the analysis later," said Thomas Gur, a defence staff spokesman.

Swedish waters have been repeatedly violated by foreign submarines over the last 10 years. Sweden has upgraded its defences since a Soviet submarine ran aground outside a naval base in 1981.



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\$50.00 plus tax

GRADUATION ADDRESS

Today you officers and men go forth from this School to take your places as experts in the field of Mine Warfare, alongside hundreds of former graduates who are now facing our enemies on the battle grounds of the entire world. Some of you will head East and some will head West and some of you will remain along our own home shores, but no matter where you go, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to defeat our enemies.

Yes, we are a nation at war. Against us, our enemies wage total war, war not only against our armed forces, but also against our women and children, war against all which we have struggled for years to attain.

You cannot all hope to jump into the spectacular type of duty immediately and some of you will wonder whether or not you are contributing anything to our war effort. To you I can only say that sooner or later you will surely have your opportunity to come face to face with the countless millions who have banded together to wipe out all civilization except such as they may sanction.

To be properly equipped to go into combat, you have to possess many qualities. As I have just said, you know the fundamentals of mine warfare, but that is not enough, you must have the desire to fight. Not necessarily the desire to kill, but instead a desire to fight to keep from becoming a slave, and above all else a desire to fight because you are a real red-blooded American and you are not going to allow any country or countries to dictate to you. Ours is a free country, we have shed much blood to make it free and we are prepared to shed much more to keep it free.

While here at this School, you have lived on a very historic spot. Adjoining the School are the battlegrounds of Yorktown, where we won the final battle in our fight for independence. Actually traversing the School grounds are the trenches where our forefathers fought, bled and died that we might live in freedom. Yes, freedom rings from every nook and corner of these historic grounds, but remember, that freedom, like all precious things, must be safely guarded.

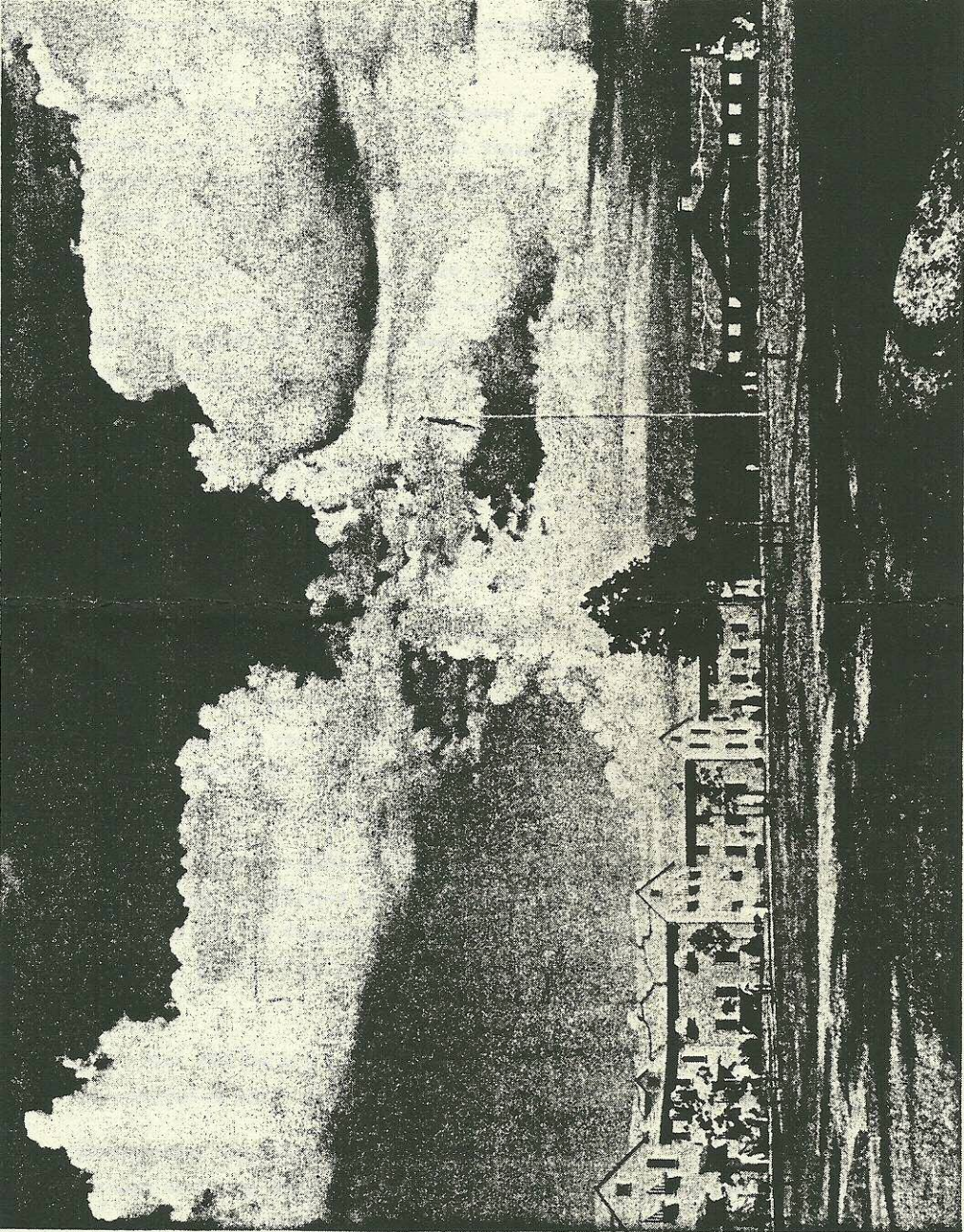
You officers and men are leaving here to do your part toward guarding our freedom. You are the ones our country will depend upon to sweep away the enemy's mines and provide safe channels through which our countless vessels can flow in an ever-increasing stream. You are the ones who will go forth in ships or descend from the skies to lay mines against the enemy.

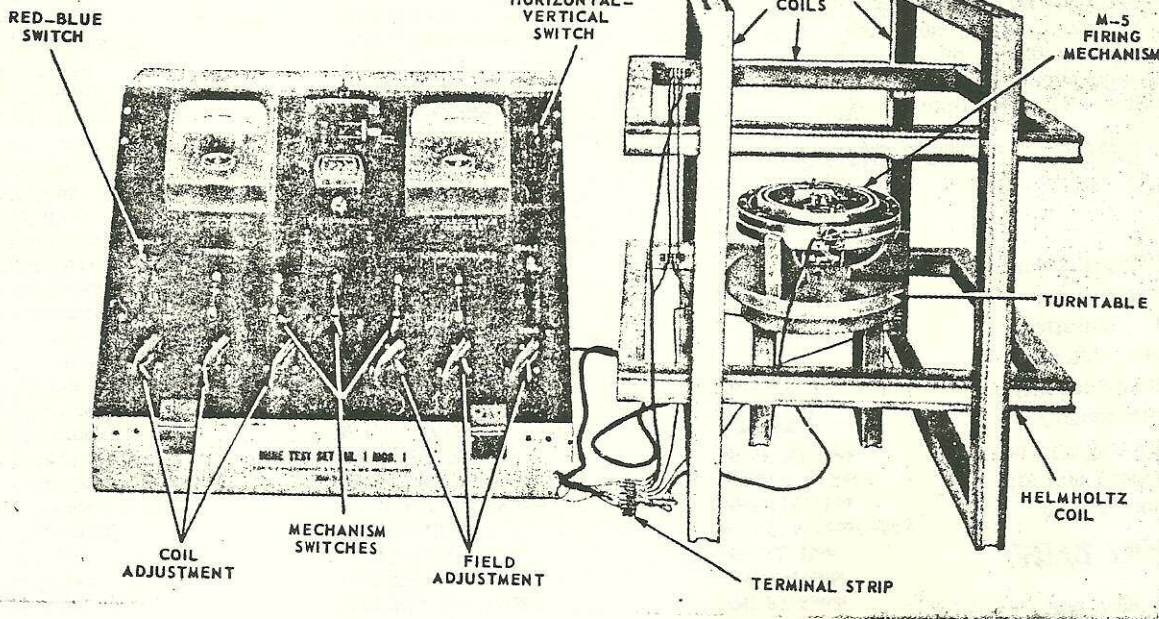
Yours is a great task, in you has been placed a trust. I know you well enough to say that you are well qualified to perform the duties which have been assigned to you. You will exert your utmost efforts so that when the final day of victory arrives, you can swell with pride at the part you played in insuring the right of man to live in peace - to have a free say in his government - and to worship as he chooses.

Yours is a great responsibility, but you will succeed.

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A. V. Ashbrook
A. V. ASHBROOK,
Captain, U.S.N.,
Commanding.





M-5 firing mechanism undergoing magnetic tests.

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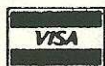
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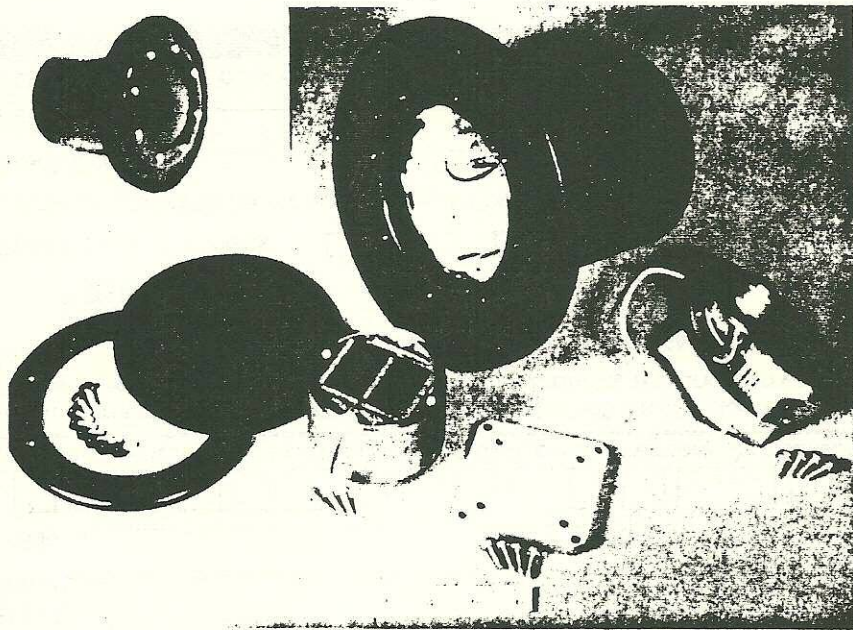
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MOMAG Unit 11

Navy Achievement Medal

MN1 J.T. Totuszynski
MN3 J. Casteel
Letter of Appreciation
MNC C. Dickey
MNC K. Empie
MN1 C. Bench
MN1 G.C. Dearing
MN1 D. Draine
MN1 P. Rappley
MN1 T. Stratton
MN1 J.J. Gordon
MN1 D.M. Houston
MN1 J.T. Totuszynski
MN2 B. Billingsley
MN2 T. Cammack
MN2 S. Goodman
MN2 M. Gonzales
MN2 K. Lane
MN2 R.D. Roderick
MN2 M. Slater
MN2 P. Smith
MN2 P.S. Stockman
MN2 C.M. Sabel
MN2 G.D. Troutt
MN3 F. Adornay
MN3 B. Allston
MN3 D. Blakeman
MN3 J. Casteel
MN3 R. Choate
MN3 G.K. Christmas
MN3 P. Curry
MN3 S. Davis
MN3 M. Despres
MN3 E.J. Hako

MN3 C. Harvey
MN3 R.Y. Henton
MN3 K.S. Jones
MN3 K. King
MN3 C.A. Kowalski
MN3 W. Lowery
MN3 A. Murphy
MN3 R. Sample
MN3 W.A. Scheikofsky
MN3 Y. Simpson
MN3 J. Sullivan
YN3 W. Williams
MNSN M.C. Brandenburg
MNSN D.E. Carter
MNSN D.E. Fox
MNSN J. Gibson
MNSN D.M. McCutcheon
MNSN D.W. Reed
MNSA A. Gray
MNSA J. Leonard
MNSA B.J. Sack
Letter of Commendation
SKC G. Galloway
MNC R. Wedrow
MN1 D. Gainous
MN1 J. Gordon
MN1 D. Houston
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MN2 B. Crenshaw
MN2 C. Humbard
MN2 K. Knudsen
MN2 R. Pendergrass
MN2 C. Sabel
MN2 G. Troutt
MN2 T. Williams
SK2 A. Wright
MN3 A. Alt
MN3 C. Gehrke
MN3 J. Wilbanks

MNSN S. Buchanan
MNSN A. Edwards
MNSN M.C. Brandenburg
Senior Sailor of the Quarter
MN2 R. Pendergrass
Junior Sailor of the Quarter
MN3 R.A. Choate
Good Conduct Award
MN2 P.J. Smith
Advancements
MN1 J.L. Holt
MN3 W.A. Scheikofsky
MNSN D.C. Fox
MNSN D.W. Reed
MNSN B.J. Sack
Frockings
MN3 E.J. Hako
MN3 Y.M. Simpson

Navy Achievement Medal

CWO3 Dale J. Renninger
EMC(SW) Ronald E. Wike
DCC(SW) Dexter J. Vance
ETC(SW) David J. Daniel
IC1 Robert C. McInnis
Sailor of the Year
MN1 Henry C. Lindley III ✓
Instructor of the Year
MN1 Bonnie C. Mosley ✓

MN2 Doerr

MN2 Dennis J. Doerr reenlisted for four years in a ceremony held at COMNAVBASE on May 7.

Administering the oath of reenlistment was Rear Adm. Stanley E. Bump, Commander, Naval Base Charleston.

Doerr is assigned to the Naval Station Brig.

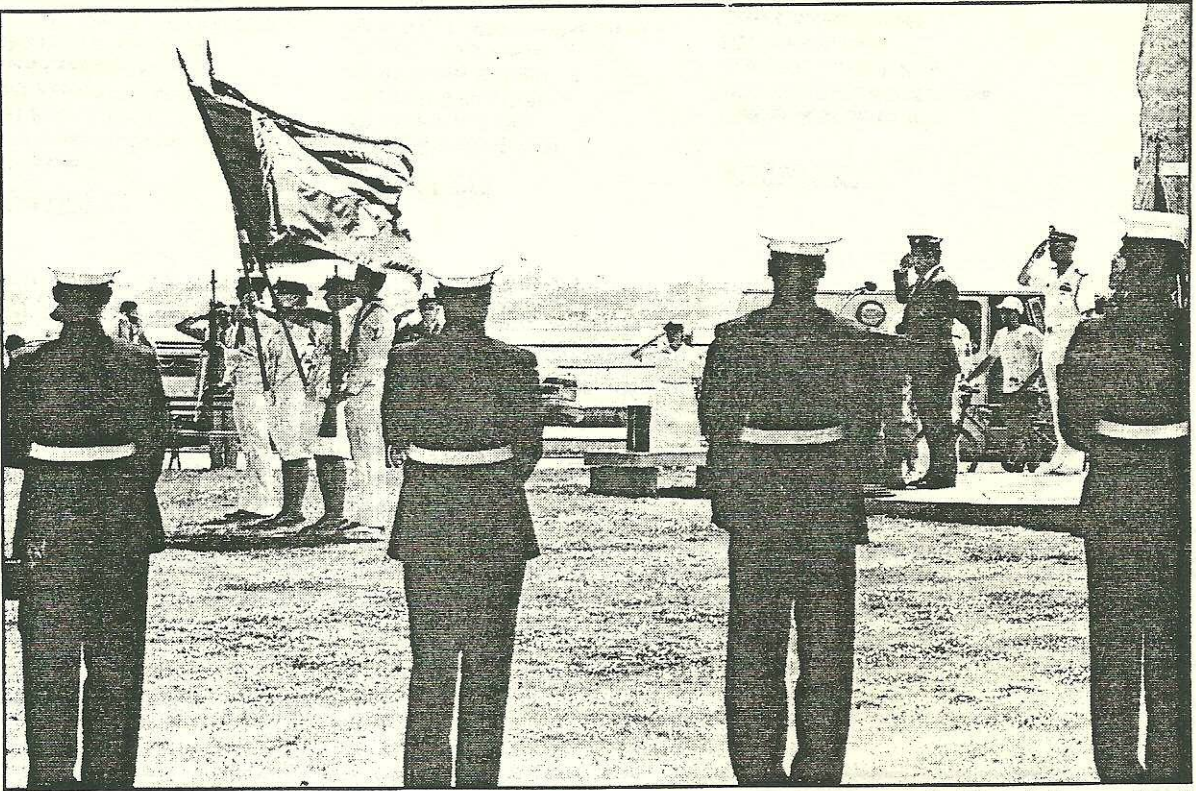
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Distinguished Instructor
DC1 Larry L. Peterson
HT2 Johnny Ramsey
Good Conduct Award
SK3 John D. Moultrie (1st)
STG2 Dennis J. Lord (1st)
DS2 William T. Beechwood (2nd)
MN1 Columbus Lee (3rd)
MN1 Jerry L. Williams (3rd)
Instructor of the Month
MN2 Keith D. Taylor
Sailor of the Month
MN1 Jack P. Cantrell
Master Training Specialist
HT1 Grant P. Mizner
MN1 Henry C. Lindley
EMC Ronald E. Wike
MMCS(SS) Johnny E. Smith
Navy Achievement Medal
ETC(SW) Hannie D. Milling
ET2 Alison P. Guillory
MMC George M. Hutchinson

Sailor of the Month
MNSA Rhonda M. Bello
Sailor of the Quarter
RM2 Yvonne D. Kitchen
Navy Achievement Medal
ETC(SW) Hannie D. Milling
MN1 James A. Kirsch
EN1(SW) John J. Toye
ET1(SW) Perry C. Galloway
ET2 Alison P. Guillory
Letter of Commendation
STG2 Dennis J. Lord
Letter of Appreciation
IC1 LaChristina Brown

Mine group lauded

CWO4 David P. Pisle, commanding officer of Mobile Mine Assembly Group Detachment 906 in Washington, has been awarded the "Mine Site Excellence Award." The award is presented annually to the Naval Reserve MOMAG unit that best exemplifies the professional standards of the MOMAG community.



Staff Photo by Cameron Yarnell

Hobson memorial service

The 176 men aboard the destroyer minesweeper Hobson, which sank in the mid-Atlantic April 26, 1952, were remembered Sunday at a memorial service at White Point Garden in Charleston. The address was given by Capt. Robin T. White, U.S. Navy chief of staff at the Charleston Naval Base. Wreaths were placed by the Hobson Memorial Society; L. Mendel Rivers Branch 50 of the Fleet

Reserve Association; Association of Minemen; American Legion, Post 166; Sons of Legionnaires, Post 166; and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5091. The Hobson Monument was dedicated April 25, 1954, and memorial services have been held at the park in succeeding years on the Sunday nearest the anniversary of the ship's sinking.

The color guard in the above photo is from MOMAG UNIT ELEVEN here in Charleston. Members of this crack unit are MN2 Coleen Sable, MN3 Perry Curry, MN3 Jody Wilbanks and MNSN Andrea Edwards. Also participating in the ceremony from COMOMAG were MN1 Lemuel Smith and MNSA Beverly Swinner who laid the Association of Minemen wreath at the base of the monument. They also escorted representatives from the other veterans organizations that laid wreaths. This is an annual memorial service that we and the local Fleet Reserve Association assist the USS Hobson Memorial Society in conducting. It is not widely known, but a Mineman Third Class George Swan lost his life when the USS Hobson was sunk. His name is inscribed on the monument along with the names of 175 other men that perished in the tragic accident.

NEWS FLASH: Gunner Roy Schardin recently had a heart attack and had a double by-pass operation. He is at home recuperating and expects to be at the reunion in August.

Women of MOMAG Unit 11 prove themselves in once-male rate

by Michael Baugh
Bow Hook editor

While the Navy nursing corps celebrates its 82nd anniversary this month, the women at Mobile Mine Assembly Group Unit 11 are building their own traditions in a field that's only been open to women since 1975.

The mineman rate is flat-out physical. The days are spent refurbishing practice mines and involves welding, spray painting, electronics and fork lifts, among other things. Out of 74 sailors stationed at MOMAG Unit 11, 17 of them, or 22 percent, are female. That's a big stride considering that 15 years ago it was 100 percent male. It's also a percentage that will possibly be growing.

"We expect that number to go up. Our goal is forty percent of the mine force being female

by 1992, even though that may be reduced," said Lt. Homer Reagan, officer-in-charge of MOMAG Unit 11. "But, even though I feel we definitely have the best women in the Navy, we don't have males or females here, we have sailors.

"They may feel like they have an extra challenge by coming into a long-time, male-dominated field, but they aren't scared to do anything I ask of them," he added. "Our production deck is a proving ground for all sailors."

While the women of MOMAG Unit 11 feel that they are treated as equals, they agree that coming into a male-dominated field is something of a challenge.

MN3 Yulandraul Simpson became a mineman, she said, because it dealt with "a lot of electrical work." Now in her third year of service, she said attitudes and expectations have changed.

"I figured it would be tough

because of chauvinistic men in the rate, like it would be a stumbling block," she said. "But attitudes have changed a lot. The woman's role in the mine force has changed dramatically, but that has been systematic, not forced. People realized that women could play a vital part in the mission."

Another sailor at MOMAG entered the mine force in a more roundabout way. MN3 Sandra Davis, another three-year veteran, said she originally intended to be an aerographer's mate but took an immediate opening to Mineman "A" School. Davis said she did not know at the time that the rating was open to women for only a short time; she also never thought she would be working with so many mechanical implements.

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"I found out when I got here that some men had an attitude like we had to earn their respect," she said. "But we get the same pay so we're supposed to do the same job. It has changed, though, and now some of them feel that a girl can do a better job."

MNSN Andrea Edwards said she looked for shore duty and, when the recruiters offered up mineman, she went for it. Not

only is it a tough job, Edwards noted, but "it's a chance to get physical as opposed to a traditional female job; it's not stereotypical."

MN2 Colleen Sabel, a 10-year veteran of the mine force, agrees about the demands of the work.

"To be honest, the idea of working with explosives appealed to me as exciting work, as opposed to working behind a desk.

It's also fast-paced and everyday there's something new. There's more and more females coming into the rate since we proved we can handle it and (that) it's not just a guy's job."

How do the parents of these tradition-breaking women feel?

"Dad was pretty proud of it," Sabel said. "Mom just said 'honey, be careful.'"

MN1 Mosley named Instructor of the Year for FMWTC

MN1 Bonnie C. Mosley has been named 1990 Instructor of the Year for Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center, Charleston. She is assigned as an instructor for Mineman "A" School.

Raised in Auburn, Calif., Mosley first entered the Navy in 1977, serving aboard Mobile Mine Assembly groups in California, Guam and South Carolina. Mosley left the Navy in 1980 to start a family and reenlisted in 1983.

Her awards include the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, and Expert Pistol Medal.

In addition, Mosley was named as a master training specialist by Commander, Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, in November 1989, and is designated a Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center distinguished instructor for Mineman "A" School.

Mosley is active in the parent-teacher organization at College Park Elementary School, Girl Scouts of America, and Boy Scouts of America. In addition, she teaches CPR for the American Heart Association through the military training network, and teaches aerobics at the NRFC.

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Advancement

MN3 Jennifer L. Doerr
OS1 Eddie D. Neely
RM1 Kenneth D. Rudolph
Good Conduct Award
MN2 Keith D. Taylor (2nd)
BTC(SW) Kerry L. McKiven (3rd)
BTC(SW) James E. Coggins (3rd)
BMC(SW) Frank G. Sollitto (3rd)
Letter of Commendation
MN1 Bonnie C. Mosley
Instructor of the Month
MSC Emil E. Broman

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HT1 Robert A. Smith
MM2(SS) Billy J. Cady
HTR2 Wesley E. Bright
Good Conduct Award
MN1 Jerry L. Williams (3rd award)
Instructor of the Month
MS1(SS) Michael D. Carter
Sailor of the Month
MN3 Jennifer L. Doerr

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RMC(SW) Gerald A. Roby
FC1 Kevin B. Davis
Good Conduct Awards
BM1(SW) Ronnie Ford
MN1 Robert C. Meyer
MN2 Ronald D. Powell
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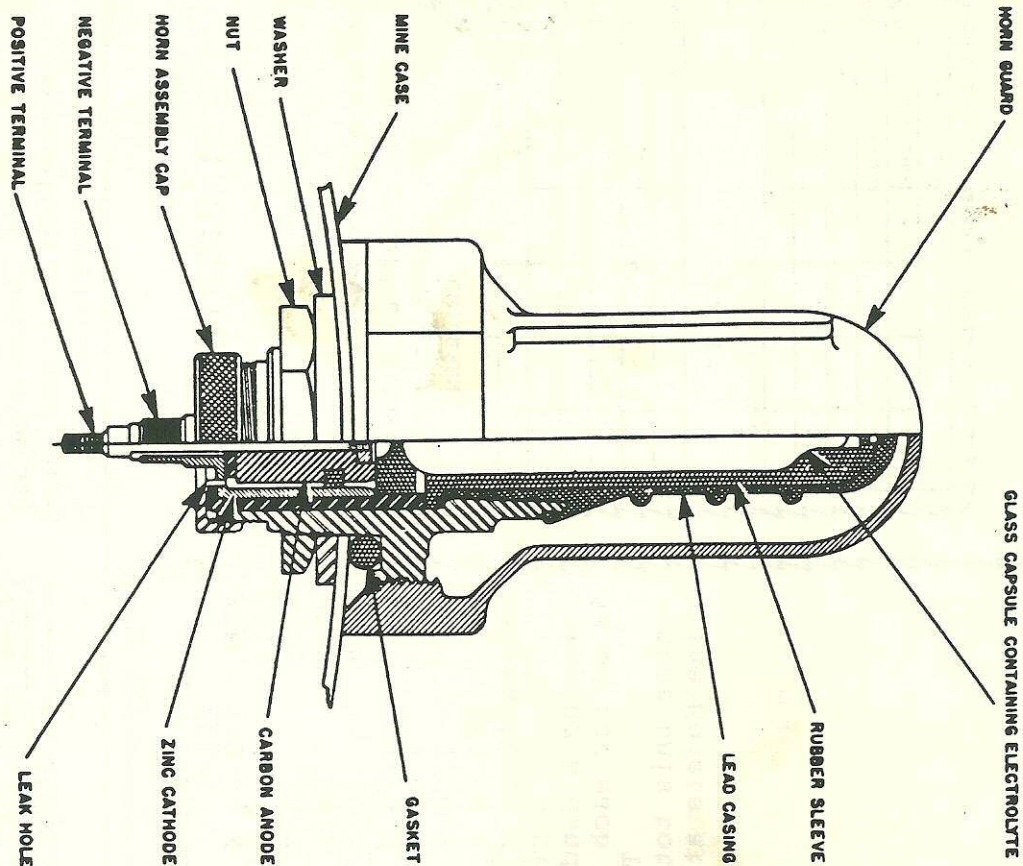
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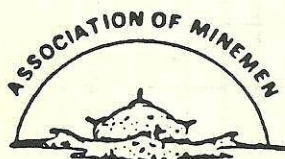


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