



# The DASHPOT



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT Robert Hart

Time has very nearly left me behind! June 1 is rapidly creeping up on me and I have been negligent in my obligation to create a DASH-POT note. That being said (or confessed), may I take this space to defend myself with my reason for my negligence?

Back in November we were invited by Connie's brother, Joe, and his wife, who reside in Wilmington, NC, to go to Israel for ten days. Of course we accepted but kept it a secret until Christmas to tell the children. So, on 29 April Connie and I drove to Wilmington and met the people from Joe's church, then off to Raleigh-Durham for a flight to JFK, then on to Tel Aviv. It was a trip we would recommend to anyone.

Our travels took us from the Northern end of the Sea of Galilee to the Southern end of the Dead Sea and from the Mediterranean on the West to the Jordan River in the East, and brings the entire Bible to life. Highlights of the trip were the re-affirmation of our marriage vows in the church at Cana, re-affirming our baptism in the Jordan River, and a communion service at the garden Tomb. We also walked the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. If you have the chance to go, do it by all means. It is an experience you will never forget.

We had free movement from the Israeli territory to the Palestinian (West Bank) territory, although we did have to pass through the established checkpoints. All checkpoints are manned by Israeli army personnel and each checkpoint is overlooked by a gun tower. There is a steel wall 30 feet high with razor wire and gun towers that extends for 755 Km. around the West Bank area.

I hope this finds you well, Connie had surgery on her left wrist on 5/16/08 to relieve pressure

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## 34TH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN REUNION, CHARLESTON, SC

**OCTOBER 10-12, 2008**

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A reminder, this years reunion will take place at the Town & Country Inn 2008 Savannah Highway Charleston, SC 29407. All functions will take place at this location. For room reservations call 1-800-334-6660 Group room rate \$99.00 plus 12.5% per day per room. Mention our Group Code (MINEME) when making reservations. The price is good for three days prior to and three days after. Cut off day for group rate is 12 Sep 08.

Friday 10 OCT Earlybird 1600 Hospitality Room. Salons C&D Adult Beverages, soft drinks, and light snacks will be available.

Saturday 11 Oct Tour of MOMAU 11 Muster at Weapons Station at 0800 Goose Creek, SC. Maps and directions will be available at the Earlybird. Please Carpool.

Board of Directors meeting 1100 Hospitality Room Salons C&D.

Membership Meeting 1300 Hospitality Room Salons C&D.

Dinner will be at approximately 1900 but, a no host bar will be set up at 1800 and will be available through out the evening. This will allow for the telling of the never ending sea stories (lies), and grandchildren stories. Dinner will be a Seafood Buffet with Baked Chicken, Fried Shrimp, Broiled Salmon, Scallop Newberg, Traditional Rice Pilaf, Roasted New Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Rolls and Butter, Salads, Coffee/Tea, and Boston Cream Pie. Dress for the dinner is casual evening attire, no shorts please. Salons A&B. I need a total count of dinners by 6 Oct 08.

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## **President continued.**

on the tendon and nerve that controls her thumb. She is healing nicely and has full use of her hand.

Reunion preparations are going forward in the good hands of Dick Schommer.  
See You in October! Bob

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## **Reunion continued.**

Sunday 12 Oct. Picnic starting at 1200. This is in the Pool/Salon area depending on the weather. Normal picnic vittles. Speaking of the Scholarship Auction this will be held soon after the picnic winds down. Don't forget to bring auction items, and alot of money. This is for a very good cause. CHRIS TAKES CHECKS ALSO.

Now more about the tour of MOMAU 11. This is in the planning stage at this time. I spoke with Command Master Chief (MNCM) Stauff, and he is making the security arrangements. Depending on the security situation at the time of the reunion is the determining factor. If you want to go on the tour, I will need the following information sent to me by SNAIL MAIL, YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH, AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. The DROP DEAD DATE for having this information in my hand is 24 SEP 2008 Without this information you cannot enter the restricted area. You will also need a picture ID. My mailing address is: R.D. Schommer, 827 N. Aylesbury Rd., Goose Creek, SC 29445. Please enclose your phone number or e-mail address in case I need to contact you.

There is a lot to do in Charleston and the surrounding area. The Inn will assist you in making reservations or arranging tours all you have to do is ask the clerk at the desk. The new River Front Park at the Old Navy Base is just about complete. It is located behind officers quarters where the Officers Club was located. The park is dedicated to all personnel, both civilian and military who were stationed at the Naval Station /Naval Base. The history of the base is spelled out. Enter the McMillian Ave gate and follow signs. Worth a look plus it's FREE.

If you have any questions about the reunion give me a call at 843-797-3715 or send an e-mail to [rdschommer@hotmail.com](mailto:rdschommer@hotmail.com)

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Toby and Jani Horn will be hosting a early arrival cocktail party for those in the area and those arriving on Thursday able to get to their home by 6:30PM (starting time, but you can come early). Informal attire. Heavy hors'd'oeuvres will be served along with your favorite beverage(s). Charts (maps) will be available at the counter when you check in, so ask for one if you are planning on driving there (a 15-20 minute drive). Check with others to see if you can provide a ride - or if you need a lift yourself. Toby will have transportation available via his van, and a son doing the chauffeuring, if you call ahead at 762-3552. He says to bring a swimsuit and enjoy a swim in their lake, or a Sunfish is available if you want a nice relaxing sail. Local folks going please stop by the inn and provide ferry service if you can.

# SCHOLARSHIP SCOOP



by Swede Carlsen

The applications for an AOM assistance scholarships are flowing in with the May tide. The scholarship committee will have Twelve (12) or more applications to review for possible scholarship awards.

At the present time we have \$3,207.18 in the general scholarship fund and \$1,085.00 was given as a memorial in the name of Harold (Bing) Hynal.

To be able to award all the applicants we are needing more donations from the membership. The AOM scholarships are open to all worthy students in the upcoming generation or in fact any generation. Let's support all the applicants that we can. You can give to the two funds, Presidential or the General scholarship fund.

These youngsters are our leaders of tomorrow...PLEASE DONATE!

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## CHIN SING'S GROUP PHOTO

This is my input of the Rogue's Galley "bandits" taken at the Naval Ordnance Facility, Yokosuka, Japan, the last of 1967 or the beginning of 1968.

Left-Right: LT Bob McGaw, COMSERVPAC, LT Donald DeCrona, CWO4 Stephen Scharschan, forgot name, forgot name, MNC Chin Sing.

I'll be interested to find out the names of the two TMs, as I do remember them.

When I reported to NOF I was assigned to the Mine Division on Azuma Island, then after a few months I was reassigned to the Ordnance Department as the Production/Storage Officer, where I stayed until transferred to NAVMAG Subic.

Take care, Don

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# BINNACLE LIST

## BOBBIE LOONAM

Bobbie Loonam has had a re-occurrence of colon cancer after 3-1/2 years. She had a couple of tumors removed and is undergoing chemo treatment. Please pray for the Loonam family.

## FRED REID

I had a small heart attack March 23rd, and on the 24th, they inserted two more stents. Now I'm in the rehab program for the fourth time, and all is well as long as they keep making spare parts. Hope to see you at the reunion.

Fred Reid

## JO ROBERTS

Hi guys how's things way up there in the north? Jo wanted me to send this and thank you for the super electronic birthday remembrance. She hasn't been feeling well for some time and she finally saw her Dr. and took a stress test which proved she did in fact have a problem. To make a long story short she had a triple heart by-pass on Friday (May 23rd). The first few days were rough but now she seems to be responding to treatment and is feeling somewhat better now that all of the tubes have been removed. I hope to have her back home by the end of the week.

Have a good one, Bill

## BILL WILDMAN

Hey Ron, sorry to contact you with bad news, however I just received a phone call from Bill Wildman, he has cancer. He is currently being treated for both pancreas and stomach cancer. His treatments just started last week and he is scheduled for something like 19 treatments, but his prognosis is not good. My family and I are praying for him, and I thought you might want to know of his condition, and add him to your prayers also. Hope everything is good with you and yours.

Alan and Cita Hipp

I used to worry a lot about dying, but not so much anymore. We all must pass through the valley of the shadow of death, but, since Christ defeated death, the remaining shadow hasn't the power to hurt anyone. I also know I won't make the trip alone. The only concern left is the loneliness of the one who remains, and even that is mitigated by knowing the other will be in a better place free of the aches and pains of the years and waiting for the arrival of the one remaining. ED.

**THE NEXT ARTICLE  
DUE DATE IS  
1 SEPTEMBER 2008**

### KNOW ANY OF THESE RASCALS?

If you do, send the info to Phil Dechene at [pdechene@triad.rr.com](mailto:pdechene@triad.rr.com) If you have MN school class pictures or other MN group photos send them to Phil and he will put them on the AOM site.





# FROM THE WEBMASTER

Below are recently changed or added e-mails on the AOM WEB Site. There have been several inquiries about e-mail addresses on the AOM WEB Site that are bouncing. If you are listed on the site please check to see if your address is correct. If changes are required or you wish to be listed on the site e-mail me the information at [pdechene@triad.rr.com](mailto:pdechene@triad.rr.com).  
Phil DeChene AOM WEB Master

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The road to success is dotted with many tempting  
parking places. Anon



## TAPS

### VIOLA NICKLIN

Vi Nicklin, beloved wife of MNC Charles A. Nicklin, USN (RET), passed away 13 May 2008 at Port Orchard, WA after a long illness. May she have fair winds and following seas enroute to the celestial station in the sky.

### HAROLD F. SWAN, JR., MN1(SS)

The June issue of Fleet Reserve Taps section lists Harold F Swan, Jr., MN1(SS), USN (Ret), Member at Large.

### MARSHALL PALLETT, MN3

Belated Merry Christmas to all Minemen. I just learned today that a dear Mineman friend from my Navy days died on 5/25/06- Marshall Pallett (MN3) He spent from 1965-1967 as a member of the UDT team so if there are any ex Minemen, UDT or Seals out there that recognize his name and want to remember his name on the funeral website, I think his family would very much appreciate flashes from the past. I've been looking for him for the last 4 years and only found him today; too late to renew our friendship.

Marshall Pallett's funeral site:  
<http://www.lifestorynet.com/memories/14139/>



### GEORGE ROBERT KELLY, MNC, USN (Ret)

MNC George Robert Kelly, 75, of Phoenix, AZ passed away on 11 Mar 2008. He is survived by his wife Nancy, his daughters Elaine, Cindy and Stephanie, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Services were held privately.



## TAPS FOR OTHERS WE HOLD DEAR



### BARBARA ECKERT

Barbara Eckert, sister-in-law of Fred Reid, died April 24th in Louisville, KY. She was Millie's sister, and attended the mineman reunions for many years with them.

### MARGARET S. SILVERS

Margaret S. Silvers, daughter of MN John Siegel (Dec.), passed away on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. Margie, as she was affectionately known, was an active equestrian and church member as well as a fund raiser for Breast Cancer. She had 23 years of Civil Service at Fort Eustis, Yorktown Naval Weapons Station and Dahlgren NSWC.

### SAMUEL A. HUMPHREY

Samuel A. Humphrey, beloved husband of Margaret P. "Peggy" Humphrey (nee Parks) devoted father of Elizabeth P. "Beth" (Todd) Hoogland and Penelope H. "Penny" Humphrey, dear grandfather of Lucie and Alex Hoogland. April 7, 2008. Age 81 years. Residence Kenwood. The service was at Faith Presbyterian Church 6434 Corbly Rd. Mt. Washington on Fri. April 11 at 11:00 AM.

Sam Humphrey, was the father of the **CAPTOR** system.

### MOMAU-11 First female Master Chief in mineman community history



Photo provided by MOMAU-11  
MOMAU-11 Commanding Officer Richard Weiss and Command Master Chief Kurt Stauff place new master chief anchors on MNCM Donna Oglesby Feb. 28.



# OVER THE TAFFRAIL

## NAD, Hawthorne's Sailors and Their Mascot, Tar-Face.

(Mid-1954 until mid-1955) Naval Ammunition Depot (NAD), Hawthorne, Nevada, was my first duty station and one of the best. I learned many things there that have stuck with me all these years. A 2-week forklift operator's school, where we were licensed to operate over 20 types of equipment was fun. Obstacle courses with wooden pallets standing on edge was tough, but doable. Loading and unloading railroad boxcars was equally challenging. The on-base MN "A" refresher course helped me get a "memory-lock" on facts and numbers that helped me make MN3 before leaving NAD. The great size of NAD (over 450,000 acres?) and its 2,800 or so magazines could best be appreciated from Mt. Grant, so we ventured there occasionally.

Our likeable and obedient mascot, "Tar-Face," was a black Labrador retriever. A highway divided NAD into two sections with Marine-side being nearest Mt. Grant and Navy-side was across the highway. Tar-face would tag-along when we went to the Marine's chow hall. In order to antagonize the snobbish Marines across the highway, a sailor would give Tar-Face something, a piece of wood, a tree limb, or a tin can to carry over to Marine-side where on command he would drop it. The sailors and Tar-Face would be greatly amused by this little game.

During this time period, Minemen were also responsible for depth charges and depth charge release equipment. We refurbished (mostly a repaint & stencil job) 5,000 Mk 6 depth charges for shipment to Turkey. Another job I had was in the rocket-propelled Weapon "Alpha" ASW depth charge shop. I applied a tar-like coating (cavity hot-melt) to some metal parts that extended into the explosive charge. Apparently, the coating helped prevent a chemical reaction between the metal and the explosive's chemicals.

At the Mk 6 mine shop, I performed plummet drop tests on mine anchors. By adjusting the oil & kerosene mixture in the dashpot, the plummet would drop within the prescribed 8.5-10 second delay period. Sailors found unusual places to take a snooze in the shop. One day the sand-blast booth was in use, but we couldn't see the operator. We suspected he was asleep in a corner so someone pinched

the air-hose to the hood of his protective gear and a few seconds later the wild-eyed sailor came through the door gasping for air. Inside the paint booth there was a narrow ledge behind the waterfall that caught the excess spray paint. A sailor could actually catch a few winks on that ledge while the paint booth was in operation. He would be completely hidden behind the waterfall.

When Minemen were about to start loading mine boosters with TNT, rumors about accidents that had left civilians dead or missing limbs were widespread. NAD's civilians supposedly said that sailors were careless, took too many risks, and couldn't do the job safely. We set out to prove the civilians wrong and practiced diligently for the first week using dummy boosters painted black and loaded with sand.

My job was to solder the bottoms on the brass booster cans after they were filled with 2.5 lbs. of TNT. We were told that the blast from that much TNT was equivalent to that of a case of dynamite. We could only have six boosters at a time in our immediate workspace. We used a steam-heated soldering iron in a small room with collapsible walls and a pop-off roof. That way if there was an accidental explosion only one guy would be killed. A sailor from Florida tried unsuccessfully to get hazardous duty pay.

We used non-sparking tools and because of safety concerns about static electricity, we waxed the deck with a special wax 2-3 times a day. At the place where TNT was loaded into the boosters, TNT could spill onto the workbench. An explosion-proof vacuum cleaner was used to clean up the loose explosive. The same guy always volunteered to clean out the vacuum cleaner. A few weeks later during a locker inspection at the barracks they discovered that "the volunteer" had three cloth tobacco sacks full of TNT stored in his locker. After confiscating the TNT, the MAA asked him what he had planned to do with the TNT, without hesitation the sailor said, "Blow it up."

The sand-filled boosters should have been removed from the building after the first week. Not a week went by without someone tossing an inert booster toward some poor guy who walked through the door. This was preceded by, "Think fast!" and followed by raucous laughter from the

perpetrators. The more frantic the efforts of the "goat" to catch the booster before it fell to the deck, the louder and more prolonged was the laughter.

One week, many of us were assigned to deployable units possibly called J-11-D. One unit was going to Japan and the other to the Philippines. I chose the unit being transferred to the Philippines to help put into commission NAVMAG, Subic. But, first we were quickly trained as truck drivers, bulldozer operators, or crane operators. In mid-May, 1955, I became the only MN3 in our unit. A mixture of MNs and TMs, about 30 of us, were to be transferred under group orders to Subic Bay.

In order to get a 20% discount on new diving gear, six of us had started the "Walker Lake Scuba Club" earlier that year. Since we had orders and scuba diving in the Philippines sounded like fun, we packed our single-tank diving rigs into our sea-bags and off we went to the PI.

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Yorktown, Little Creek, Ft. Story, Azuma Island  
and places in between

Dear Navy buddies,

While I know a few of you and served with even fewer, I'd like to make contact with you so you might help me to restore some of my lost memories.

First of all, I'd like to express my gratitude to Phil DeChene for making it possible for us to come together through AOM. Without Phil and his associates, we would never be able to keep in contact, one with another.

I'm an old geezer, having graduated in 1955 from the best company that ever went through Bainbridge, MD. We were a service company and never had mess hall duty but had to opportunity to "orient" new recruits.

Upon graduating, I was assigned to Mineman 'A' school in Yorktown, VA. From there, I was

assigned to Harbor Defense Unit (HDU) in Little Creek, VA. Duties included laying cable and drill mines off the Virginia Capes aboard the USS YMP-2 and a lovely little L-boat. I was later transferred to Harbor Entrance Control Post (HECP) at Ft. Story (a suburb of Virginia Beach). Swimming commenced at 0600. Until my next assignment, these stations were a little bit of heaven on earth.

In 1956, I was sent to MinePac in Yokosuka, Japan. I was stationed on Azuma Island for two years. Anyone who shared my experience will probably agree that this was the best possible duty anyone could ever experience. I was a Mike boat cox'n and worked in Mine Assembly (I forget which Butler building that was). I remember the Japanese firemen that manned the fire hose in case we caught fire. I also remember climbing to the top of the island and hanging out with the Japanese guys who manned the observation post.

My purpose in writing is to document the places I served and the guys I met along the way. Now that I am on the wrong side of 70, my navy experiences have become even more dear to me. My only regrets are that I didn't re-up and that I didn't try harder to re-connect with the guys I served with later on.

After being discharged, I moved from Massachusetts and relocated in North Carolina where I became manager of a plastic furniture-parts factory. Following that, I was a electro-mechanical design engineer with General Electric. I wrote the program to eliminate engineering and drafting that had formerly designed overhead residential transformers. Working myself out of a job, I retired in 1993 and became a Genealogical Librarian until county politics made another retirement easy to accept. Since then, I have been a web nut. I have my own site and maintain several USGenWeb pages devoted to providing free genealogical and historical information to the masses.

With salt water still running through my veins, I hooked up with a buddy that served long after I got out. Tom Totoris was a snipe on the USS Schenectady (LST-1185) and somehow we managed to hit it off. He convinced me to create a web site for his ship. Since then, I have met many of his buddies and have established friendships. The site is at: <http://www.usschenectadylst1185.org/index.htm>. He even flew to North Carolina to spend a weekend with my wife and me, all the way from Albuquerque. This even resulted in a ship's reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC this past April.

I'm looking for stories, pictures and anecdotes of the places I was stationed and the guys I served with. I know a lot of you served a lot longer than my four years. You saw a lot of

places and had many more experiences than I did. Nevertheless, I have put together a web site that illustrates my navy career. I wasn't much of a photographer back then and didn't have a camera I could call my own. Nevertheless, with what I had, I was able to take a few photos and have put them on my web site. Please take a moment to view my navy career through my eyes: <http://www.hartshorn.us/navy.htm>

I would like to give thanks to those who served with me and have assisted with my web page : Bruce "Rebb" Rebbetoy, Phil Beckwith, John Hughs, Chin Sing among others. Please help me save these memories and send me pictures and your memories.

Fair skies and following seas,

—Derick S. ("Speedy") Hartshorn  
<http://www.hartshorn.us/navy.htm>

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Phil,  
I have enclosed a Picture. I do not know when this was but the Admiral has a Mineman First Class Rank pinned on his left shoulder. This is from a DVD that the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) has sent out titled "Battle History of the Navy: Born to War." It is from the Shipmates DVD Series. This was sent out a couple of months ago hoping members would subscribe. I know that another Dashpot is coming out soon, I want to make sure I get it. Please change all my information to:

John Merrell,  
895 Dills Bluff Road,  
Apt. 1-D, Charleston, SC 29412,  
843 709-5656.

Thank You,  
John Merrell



Editor's Note: RADM Chuck Horne (partially obscured) is following.

## From the Labrith of the Historian



Howdy AOM and Hello MW. Summer is here finally, always feels that way in Texas anyway. With it, came the sailors back from the USS Gladiator, serving time in the Gulf, where it's really hot. Common civilians don't know, and can't appreciate what you do for them daily. It isn't much, but we all do. Welcome home guys!

A special Bravo Zulu goes out to MACS (SW) Bill Miller, USN, Ret., for his great help in squaring away the USS Lexington museum. Even after requesting help from other Mineman, and getting turned down, when no one else took the job, he didn't stop until the exhibit was ready for display. His proud volunteer service aboard the Blue Ghost continues, and his great contribution to Mine Warfare history, cannot be understated. Please visit the LEX when you can, and see for yourself. Many thanks Bill.

Thanks to Swede and Ed Oyer for their generous contributions to the cause. Please keep sending us the history.

I'm seeking information relating to the USS Tracy, Montgomery, or the Preble's, mine-laying experience on the Doma Reef and Cape Esperance during the Battle of Guadalcanal. Any info or help would be greatly appreciated, and first hand accounts very welcome.

Still working on the new website, which is my New Years resolution as well. Also, making models for the possible casting of some small detailed display mines, much like we used to get from the PI. MK 6 horn copies too, as well as international types. Copper, brass, aluminum, wood, lead, gas, it's all crazy right now. It's going to happen anyway. It would be helpful to know who would be interested and which types of mines you'd like to see crafted, drop me an email and let me know please.

Got some old pictures for you this month.

1. The Brit sitting on the German mine is from the infamous submarine UC5. It had sank some 29 vessels already when it ran aground on 27 Apr, 1916 and was captured by the British. The sub was on display in England for awhile and was a big tourist attraction, before

being cut up in three pieces and shipped to NY's Central Park for War Bond drives. Britain and America copied this mine extensively as well as what they learned from the sub itself.

2. Unpublished in their cruise book, the man next to the MK6 is the Commander of the USS Housatonic of Barrage fame. Anyone having his name, I would appreciate an email. Note the galvanic float wrapped in canvas, K-3 device, and the spike horns.

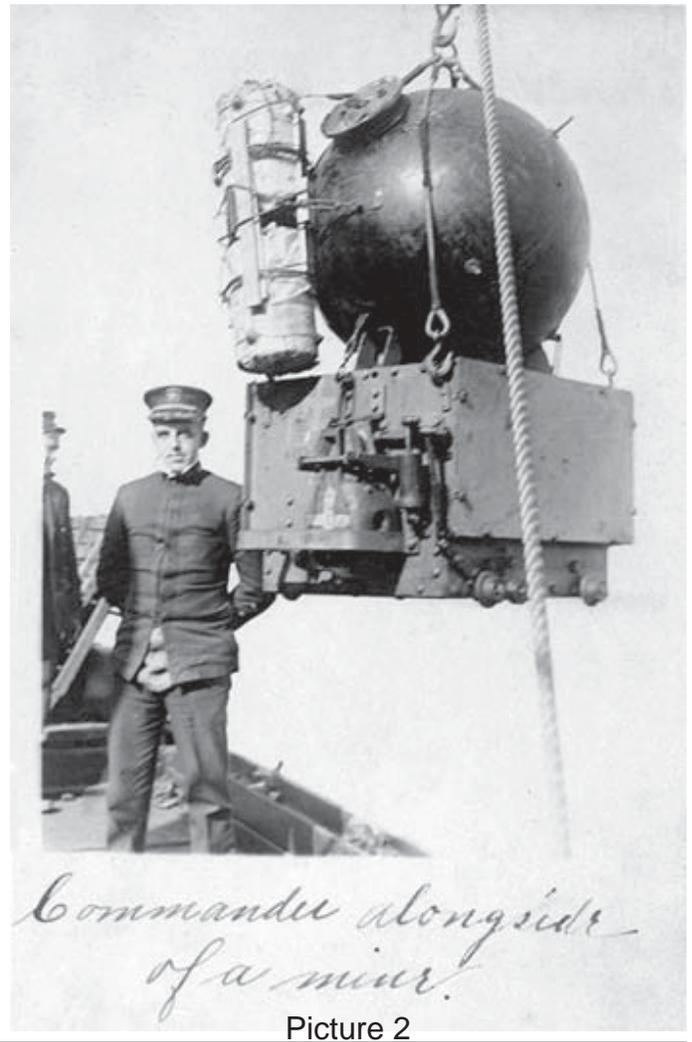
3. Mines and gun mount on an unidentified North Sea ship, note the rails up and down the foc'sle.

4. Crew of the USS Blackhawk AD-9 in 1922 helping out Long Beach, CA during Martial law, earthquake and rioting.

5. and 6. Lastly, Harold Buck, the Surplus Guru, that bought Hawthorne's Mk6's cases for \$0.50 and sold them for \$100, this was his advertisement. Don't bother calling, he died and the company is kaput. Yes, I bought one, and have suffered catcalls since Paul Wintjen and I brought it back from the desert. EOD school had a BBQ made from one, worked great.

Push AOM in the school again, build it in the Mineshops, and sail it in the fleet. Don't stop the flow, give AOM memberships as an award incentive for the junior and senior SOQ/SOY, it's easy, as I still have 12 FREE 1-year memberships for any new members, active duty, who just contact me at barkinpig@AOL.com. Until next time, take care, DTTAFSA, BPIG sends

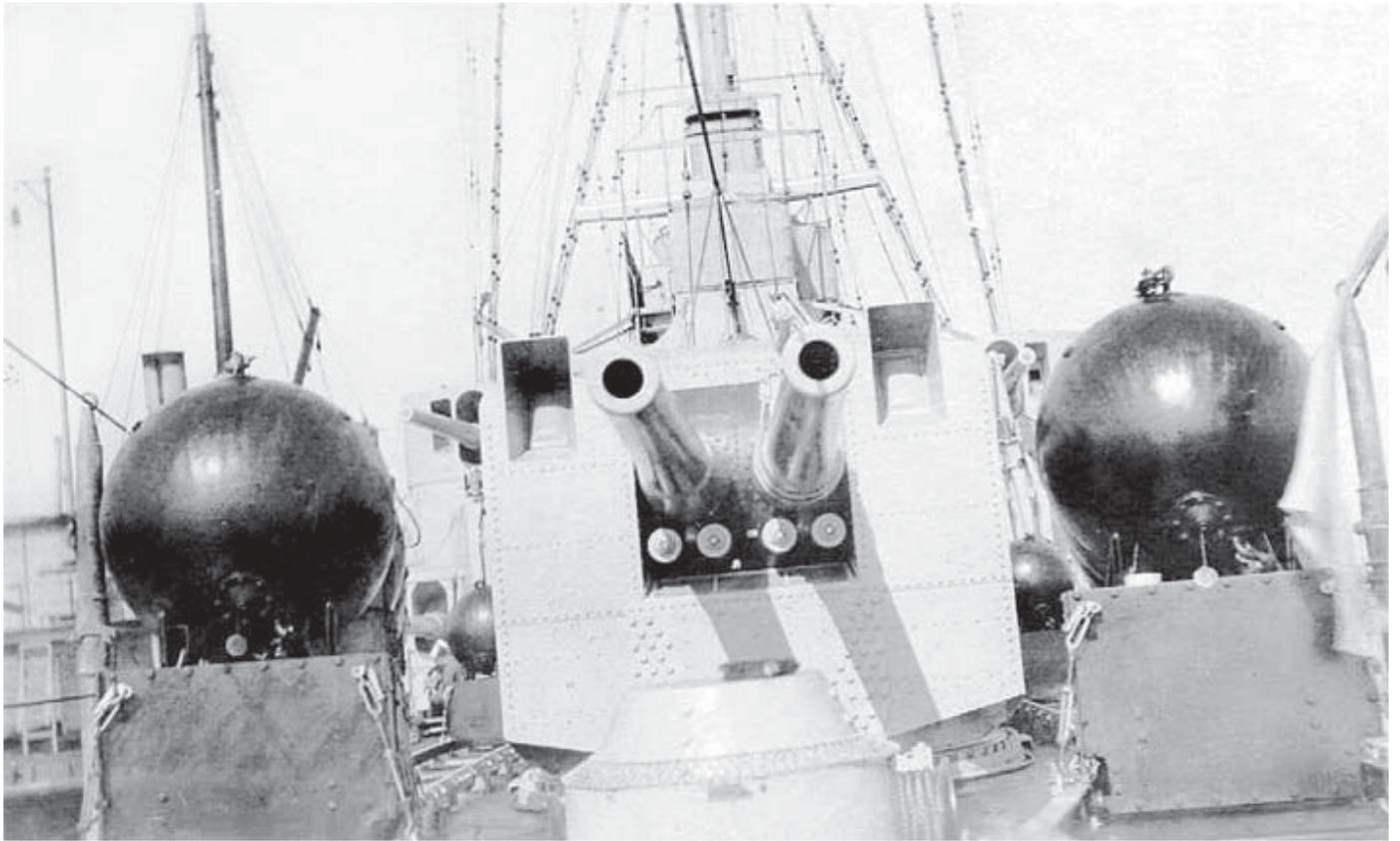
Picture 1



Picture 2

**I believe that you cannot have peace without victory, war is sometimes necessary and necessarily brutal, best try to kill them all so they won't be problems later, America has never been attacked when it was strong and no one spits in the face of a man armed and willing to shoot him for bad manners.**

William Fortner



Picture 3

Picture 4



# BUCK'S SURPLUS

## HOW TO MAKE AN EFFICIENT, WOOD BURNING STOVE FROM A BUOY AND A 55 GAL. BARREL?

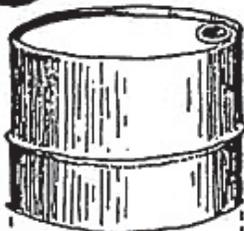
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ITEMS INDIVIDUALLY, YOU PUT THEM TOGETHER!

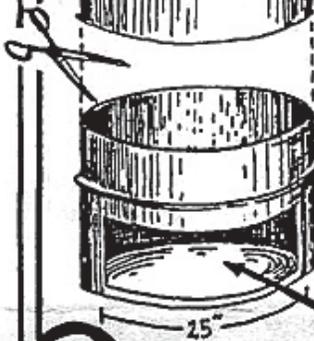
- ① 55 GAL. DRUM
- ② BUOY - 34" IN DIAMETER
- ③ 10" PLATE ④ 6 1/2" PLATE
- ⑤ GRILL ⑥ ASH DOOR HANDLE
- ⑦ ASH RECEPTACLE
- ⑧ FOKER



**1**



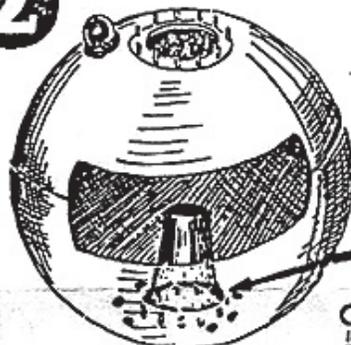
A. CUT THE 55 GAL. BARREL IN HALF.



B. CUT A 8"x25" DOOR OPENING. LEAVE 1" BARRIER IN THE BOTTOM.

18" ASH RECEPTACLE ⑦ GOES IN HERE.

**2**



A. CUT A 8"x16" DOOR ON THE BUOY, 4" ABOVE AND 4" BELOW THE CENTER SEAM LINE. WELD ON A HANDLE ON THE CUT-OUT PIECE. THEN WELD A HINGE ON BUOY TO ATTACH THE DOOR.

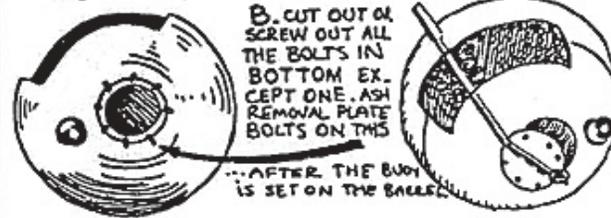
B. CUT OFF THE PIPE INSIDE THE BUOY WHERE IT JOINS THE SPHERE.

C. DRILL 6 HOLES FOR AIR INLET AND ADD SLIDING PLATE TO CONTROL DRAFT.

**3**



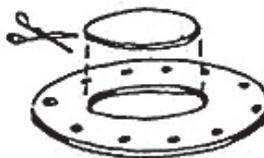
A. WELD ON THE HANDLE ⑥ TO 6 1/2" PLATE ④ TO MAKE YOUR ASH REMOVAL PLATE.



...AFTER THE BUOY IS SET ON THE BARREL...

B. CUT OUT OR SCREW OUT ALL THE BOLTS IN BOTTOM EXCEPT ONE. ASH REMOVAL PLATE BOLTS ON THIS

### STOVE PIPE ADAPTOR CONSTRUCTION



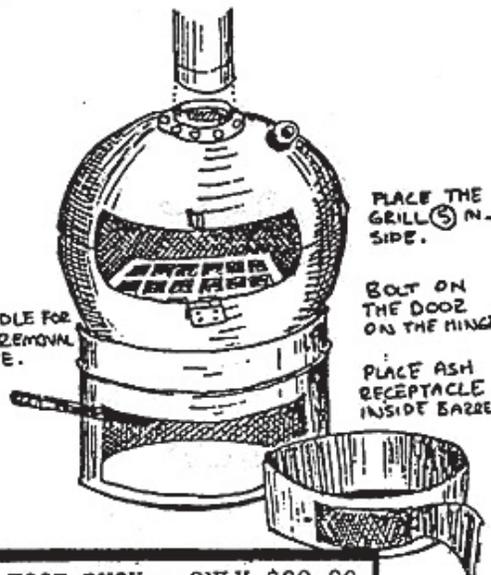
A. CUT A 5 3/4" HOLE IN THE CENTER OF 10" PLATE ③. THEN WELD A 2"x18" STRAP IRON PIECE AROUND THE HOLE. THIS MAKES YOUR ADAPTOR -

AND BOLTS ON TOP HOLE OF BUOY.



**4**

PLACE THE BUOY ON TOP OF BARREL. BOLT ON THE PIPE ADAPTOR.



PLACE THE GRILL ⑤ INSIDE.

BOLT ON THE DOOR ON THE HINGE.

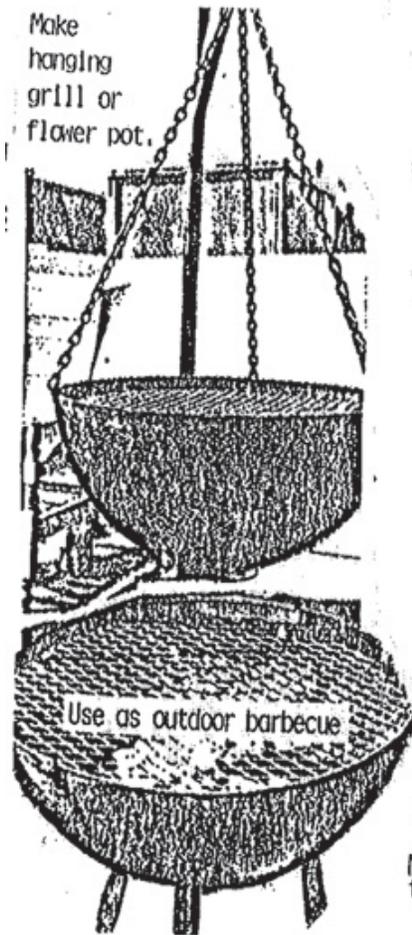
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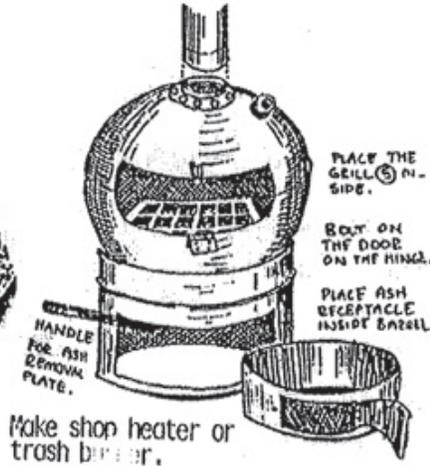
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U S NAVY MINE CASE



100's of uses

Picture 6

## NJROTC AWARDS

Greetings AOM,

It is that time again. Colleton County High School NJROTC Unit had it's 15th Annual Awards night on 1 May.

This year the AOM presented three medals to the most improved cadets.

These cadets made major improvements since school began in August. All the awardees participated in many of the extracurricular activities, ie; drill teams, color guard, orienteering team, rifle team and academic team.

The Unit won 4 first place drill meets and a 1st place in one orienteering meet. They placed in the top 3 in all 8 drill meets and orienteering meets except one. First place in an athletic meet and top 20% in Area 6 for the National Academic Exam. They earned over 80 trophies in all meets and first place in all 5 parades for marching/drill Units. All in all a very rewarding year.

This school year the Unit received the Unit Achievement Award which places the Unit in the

top 40% of all NJROTC Units in the country.

I took 35 cadets to MOMAU 11 to observe an inert build up. They were very impressed in what sailors do. The sailors were pleased to have them aboard and look forward to going again in the future. Thank you again, MOMAU 11.

Again, I would like to thank the AOM for sponsoring the Awards.

V/R MNCS Rick Spofford, USN, (Ret)



# USS LEXINGTON CV 16 (RET)

(and sipping Pina Coladas on the beach at Corpus Christie)



More images are available on the AOM website at:  
[home.triad.rr.com/aom/index.htm](http://home.triad.rr.com/aom/index.htm)



## COMOMAG

by MNCS(SW) Mike Cooley

It's been a busy quarter here at HQ. Three MRCI's, a ton of exercises, and the CO's Conference have kept us pretty active. Congratulations to all the recent advancements within MOMAG. Additionally, we held a Military Spouse Appreciation Day picnic 09 May 2008 and would like to say thanks to all the military spouses for their dedication and support.



CDR Anderjack honors Mrs. Andrzejewski during our Spouse Appreciation Day command picnic.

## SERVICE MINES (N31)

N31 would like to congratulate the first active duty female Mineman Master Chief in the history of the rate, MNCM (Oglesby), the new Mineman Senior Chiefs, and all the new Mineman Petty Officers. Congratulations are also in order to our own MN1 Adkins for his advancement to Petty Officer First Class and to LTJG Stephanie Moss Cowart for her advancement to Lieutenant.



Frockee - SK1(SW) Hylton.



LT Cowart pinned by CDR Anderjack.

Bravo Zulu to MMU 08, 10, and 12 for successfully completing their MRCI's. Additionally, MMU 01, 08, 11, 12, and 15 successfully completed their Calibration Capability Evaluations (CCE). Thank you for all your hard work in maintaining such a high level of excellence.

### EXERCISE/TRAINING MINES (N32)

We've had a lot of exercises this quarter and the MOMAU's have done a fantastic job meeting all requirements. Their dedication enabled us to support Research, Development, and Testing programs in addition to MCM, AMCM, UMCM, and Aerial Mining training for U.S. forces and multi-national allied forces worldwide. Specific accomplishments include: Frontier Sentinel 08-2, RMS Testing, Q20 Opeval, Ronald Reagan CVW14 C2X, AQS-20 Testing, Virginia DT Testing, Virginia Platform One Testing, Hawkex 08-2, RIMPAC 2008, Pearl Harbor Experiment, EODTEU One Training, SPAWAR MK 18 Testing, MCMEX 08-3, Cobra Gold 2008, Carat Thailand 2008, Mercury 08, Vulcanex 08-2, 340WPS MINEX, and GUAMEX for a total of 548 Exercise Mines and Targets. Now that's a lot for one quarter! Thanks again MOMAU's!

### SUPPLY DEPARTMENT (N4)

As a department that continues to adapt and change to meet the needs of our command and provide top quality service to our supporting Mobile Mine Units, all of us here in N4 strive to not only enhance service support, but to also form stronger ties than ever before. Our first step in accomplishing this was to restructure the N4 department. We have created a more balanced distribution of job assignments and streamlined the communication flow between N4 staff and Unit personnel. A few other accomplishments we've achieved this summer are; the selection of our LPO, SK2 Hylton, as the Sailor of the Quarter first quarter and his subsequent advancement to First Class Petty Officer following the spring exam cycle.



Frockee - SK1(SW) Hylton.

Unfortunately, the summer found us bidding 'Fair winds and following seas' to our shipmate SK2 Grigsby. SK2 has been with us for 4 yrs and has established himself as our Defense Travel System (DTS) resident expert. His DTS and financial management talents will be greatly missed here at COMOMAG as he moves on to join the ranks of 'CIVLANT'. Luckily, we gained SK2 Duplechan in the spring and she has already proven to be an asset to the Supply team! All our success wouldn't be possible without the hard work from these three, as well as, SK2 Nunez and SKC Diaz.

### AWARDS

SOQ -SK2(SW) Hylton

### PROMOTIONS

LT Cowart  
SK1(SW) Hylton  
MN1(SW) Adkins

### DEPARTURES

SK2(SW) Grigsby



## MOMAU ONE SEAL BEACH, CA

by LT G. V. Bodine

**CO's CORNER:** Greetings from sunny Seal Beach!!!

It has been a very busy time on the west coast. MOMAU ONE Sailors have worked hard preparing for one of the biggest exercises it has ever experienced, RIMPAC 08. With over 250 assets, it's turning out to be quite an event. It has been a privilege for us to send our mine assets out and watch the fleet utilize them for training and honing their skills.

In addition to a myriad of exercises, we've been doing a lot of training with five ton and forklift qualifications. We've been blessed with

an influx of new personnel and they have all hit the deck running!

With all the exercises going on, the MWR committee somehow found the time to organize a paintball trip which turned out to be a real stress reliever, and an opportunity for the younger Sailors to get the best of the upper leadership! We are also looking forward to some Los Angeles Dodger and Angels games this summer.

MOMAU Unit 15 will be relocating to California next year, so we are working with BRAC to get suitable spaces to accommodate them. We have seen construction of the new environmentally controlled Test Set Maintenance room and the early stages of the new building appear to be taking form. We look forward to MOMAU 15's arrival.

We participated in the annual Sea Cadet Awards Ceremony where the cadets earned

over 40 awards. I am looking forward to more involvement from our junior Sailors as they get integrated at MOMAU ONE.

**HAILS & FAREWELLS:** We welcome aboard MNSN Stansbury, MNSN Monnin, MNSR Guidry, MNSN Curry, MNSN Bennett, and MNSN McKelvin all from Mine Warfare Training Center, Ingleside, TX.

Fair winds and following seas to MN1 Hoffman who transferred to MCM Crew Exultant and YN3 Mullen transferred to USS RONALD REAGAN.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION:** CONGRATULATIONS to MN3 Danley and MN3 Fillebrown on their advancement to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer and MNSN McKelvin and MNSN Myers on their advancement to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Petty Officer. The SOQ/JSOQ competition was fierce this quarter with IT2 Cody's selection as Sailor of the Quarter and MN3 Fillebrown was selected as Junior Sailor of the Quarter.



Unit 1 paintballers.

**"It's not who you are that holds you back,  
it's who you think you're not." Anon.**



## MOMAU TEN KADENA, JA

This past quarter has been extremely challenging and rewarding. Before we get into the grueling details, we would like to first announce some hails and farewells. We'd like to hail the following new arrivals to Team Ten: CWO2 Andrew Palmer from MOMAU Twelve, Misawa Japan, MN1 Frank Waller from MWTC Ingleside, TX, MN1 Ralph Bishop from LCS Freedom in San Diego, CA and MNSN Kourtney Mixon from MWTC Ingleside, TX. Our only Farewell goes to MN3 Gartman who has decided to pursue higher education and a different career path through the civilian sector; we wish him the best. On a very high note, the command would like to congratulate our new Petty Officers. They are MN3 Mary Russell and MN3 Jacob Knarr. Congratulations to all of our fellow brothers and sisters who advanced off the March exam cycle.

In March, our two reserve components joined us in support of the 2008 Mine Readiness and Certification Inspection (MRCI). The integration of the two reserve detachments with active duty personnel was flawless. The team spirit of all involved was nothing less than phenomenal. As an augmented command, we upgraded/downgrade approximately 300 MK62/63/65 Quickstrike series weapons in support of reserve personnel training and the actual MRCI. The preparation, hard work, and 'Can-do' attitude was key in the overall "Satisfactory" grade attainment. We'd also like to take this opportunity and thank the entire MRCI for their help and training provided after the inspection. The team consisted of CDR Anderjack, MNCM Childers, MNC Bostic, and of course Mr. Wayne "Arnie" Helgerson. In addition, Mr. Jay Burton and Mrs. Brenda Davis came along to perform a Lean Six Sigma study of the entire MRCI. They observed the entire process and provided us with some helpful feedback and ways to improve our procedures. The entire command felt the immediate benefit of having those "outside set of eyes" observing how we conduct our day-to-day operation, and give us real-time answers to some of our questions and concerns.



Master Chief Childers performs post-analysis on a MK 65 weapon, specifically the TDD adapter gasket surface.



MOMAU Ten, along with their reservist counterparts, perform final checks on MK 7 tail section prior to the MK 65 weapon moving to its next assembly station.



MNCM Childers and MNC Montero (Q/A) watch MN1 Heyer as he tightens flight gear screws on a training MK 63 Quickstrike weapon.

With a successful MRCI behind us, we shifted gears to prepare for our Explosive Safety Inspection (ESI). Team Ten's attention to detail, positive attitudes, and superb leadership led to a very successful inspection. The results: "Inspected: Satisfactory with no findings." Without a doubt, these two successful events marked the start of a very good and promising year for MOMAU TEN.

Exercises and maintenance have taken up the rest of our time operationally this quarter. We have provided assets for COBRA GOLD 08 and CARAT 08; both exercises located in Thailand. We also provided E/T assets for Mercury 2008 located in Singapore. Our COBRA Gold team from a very successful exercise in which they represented the MOMAU community very well. We currently have an Exercise Mine Team (EMT) in Singapore supporting MCMRONONE in their Mercury exercise, and the CARAT 08 EMT is set to depart the first week of June for their exercise. Finally yet importantly, we are preparing E/T shapes in support of MCM DIV 31 in Bahrain and their upcoming series of MCM exercises.

Rainy season as well as Typhoon season have already started in Okinawa, and forecasters are predicting a busy cycle this year. Despite the drastic climatic changes, MOMAU TEN and their families will continue to enjoy the beautiful scenery in Okinawa, and look forward to a safe and eventful summer.



## MOMAU TWELVE MISAWA, JA

by YN1(SW) Ryan Durnell

Greetings once again, from the Land of the Rising Sun, Japan! The most recent quarter has been one of unprecedented accomplishment for the crew and reserve units of Mobile Mine Assembly Unit TWELVE. Our personnel have forged a fully integrated, top flight assembly team that is the aspiration of any mine shop. In April, they showed their chops to Commander, Mobile Mine Assembly Group, completing a Mine Readiness Certification Inspection with an incredible 100 percent weapons

reliability. April also saw the arrival of MNSA Korina Valdez, who is already proving to be a valuable mine production technician. Our success at MRCI was almost immediately followed by outstanding news in May: five out of eight participants in the March advancement exams were selected to the next paygrade, a fitting reward for their hard work and diligence as dedicated minemen. In addition, May saw the arrival of two long awaited team members: MNC(SW) Ollie Collins arrived to fill the billet as Mine Assembly Officer and MN2(SW) Sean McFarland joined our Production Department. We are continuing to turn and burn, getting ready for an upcoming Explosives Safety Inspection. Nothing but outstanding results is anticipated from our strong and growing command.

### FAREWELLS:

IT2(SW) Salvador Stabila – Reporting to USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) (August 2008)

### HAILS WELCOME ABOARD

MN2 McReynolds – Arriving from USS SWIFT (HSV 2) (November 2008)

IT2 Iribe – Arriving from USS HIGGINS (DDG 76) (November 2008)

I would also like to take some time to recognize and congratulate the following personnel for a job well done.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

MN1(SW) Baker – Commander, Mobile Mine Assembly Group NAM for MRCI  
MN1(SW) Rupe – NAM for MRCI  
MN1(SW) Walters – NAM for MRCI  
MN2(AW) Stanley – NAM for MRCI  
MN3 Krouse – NAM for MRCI  
MN3 Smith – Commander, Mobile Mine Assembly Group NAM for MRCI  
MNSN DeFrancisco – NAM for MRCI

### ADVANCEMENTS:

Congratulations:  
MN1(SW) Simon S. Walters  
MN1(SW) Jesse L. Rupe  
MN2(SW) Michael T. Morelock  
MN2 John R. Staggs  
MN3 Sheila M. Smith

### ON THE RADAR SCREEN:

We are preparing for an upcoming ESI. There is also a great deal of maintenance on the schedule. America Day takes place this month, and MOMAU TWELVE will be at the forefront with a quality display of our mines. We will continue to forge strong bonds with our host nation and her people, enjoying the opportunities that the country and our Navy have made available. All in all, we are looking forward to an excellent year of professional achievement and old fashioned fun. Fair winds and following seas.



# MINE COUNTERMEASURES NEWS

## SURFLANT TOURS MINE COUNTERMEASURES --- EMPHASIZES READINESS

Ed Mickley  
Public Affairs Officer

Naval Mine And Anti-Submarine Warfare Command

Ingleside, TX – Rear Adm. Kevin Quinn, Commander, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic, visited the Mine Countermeasure Class Squadron (MCMRON) based at Naval Station Ingleside (NSI) Tuesday, his first visit to the area since assuming command on February 22.

During the visit he took a close look at NSI, the MCMRON and toured two Mine Countermeasures (MCM) Ships: USS Champion (MCM 4) and USS Devastator (MCM 6).

Impressed with the sweep technology onboard MCMs, the admiral observed mine countermeasure operations of Crew Dominant aboard Champion as they used SONAR to detect and classify mine-like objects then “fly” their Mine Neutralization Vehicle (MNV), a remotely operated, tethered submersible used to engage, verify and neutralize mines in the water column.

He was especially interested in the new Precision Inertial Navigation System (PINS) and new acoustic generators. The PINS is the latest modification being installed on each MCM which greatly reduces the maneuvering workload and effort to keep minesweepers on course and on target.

“With the amount of freeboard these ships have, and the reality that mine countermeasure operations are done at slow speeds, wind and current greatly affect navigation,” stated Captain Mark Rios, Commodore, MCMCLASSRON. “This new system dramatically improves situational awareness and ship control in a potential minefield far more effectively than the older navigation system.”

Quinn, an experienced surface warrior, engaged Sailors from each department as he toured from stem to stern above and below the waterline.

Operation Specialist Seaman Apprentice Karim Herndon of Crew Persistent onboard Devastator was one such sailor who explained the operation of the Mine Neutralization Vehicle.

After the demonstration, the Admiral remarked on how “knowledgeable that young Sailor is.” Herndon is an example of how well junior Sailors in mine warfare are trained and the responsibility that follows once onboard.

After the tour, during a Surface Navy Association luncheon, Adm. Quinn stated that mine warfare was key to the success of keeping shipping lanes open.

With recent incidents in the Arabian Gulf, and considering 95 percent of the world’s commerce travels by ship, certain choke points around the world are strategic for traffic flow.

“The impact to the economy is critical,” Quinn said. “If the flow of commerce is interrupted it would cause dramatic effects worldwide.”

At any time, anywhere, the world situation can get very difficult. Because of that he said SURFLANT is working to ensure that our Sailors are ready to go into harm’s way.

“Readiness is crucial,” he said. “And training is the key to readiness.”

He added. “Our Sailors need to be ready with the right training with the right equipment to do the right job when called.”

One program success is the CLASSRON, where a particular class of ship is controlled by a central command staff. This staff handles maintenance, manning, and training issues for the entire class.

“That’s the beauty of the CLASSRON concept,” Quinn mentioned. “The CLASSRON can take a look at the entire class and analyze any trends, good or bad, then act upon them to better the entire fleet.”

“Commodore Rios and the MCM CLASSRON are doing a superb job,” he added. “They understand the concept and have made significant improvements in readiness and training in the MCM community.”

When asked about recent ship readiness concerns, Quinn addressed issues facing aging ships and their crews. The inspections of a destroyer and a cruiser turned up “an evident need” to address preventive maintenance (PMS) concerns that could be solved by improved crew self assessment.

Reinvigorating the fundamental maintenance programs including zone inspections, PMS, and spot inspections “needs to start at the deckplate and continue all the way to the captains cabin,” Quinn added. This type of training will conquer self assessment concerns moving each ship toward better preparedness for combat.

He also recognized that some of the changes incorporated by the fleet might have happened too quickly to address crew manning, maintenance and training issues.



Mineman Chief Keon Jackson (l) explains the operation of the Precision Inertial Navigation System (PINS) to Rear Adm. Kevin Quinn while Lt. Cmdr. Luke Reinhold, C.O. Crew Persistent aboard USS Devastator (MCM 6) listens in. PINS is the latest modification being installed on each MCM which greatly reduces the maneuvering workload and effort to keep minesweepers on course and on target. This new system dramatically improves situational awareness and ship control in a potential minefield far more effectively than the older navigation system. Photo by Ed Mickley, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command Public Affairs Officer (RELEASED)

“We have moved quickly to implement changes and haven’t given enough time to stabilize,” the admiral stated. “We are going to take a strategic pause to evaluate our situation, then make a course correction dependent upon what we see.”



Rear Admiral Kevin Quinn engages with Minemen of CREW DOMINANT aboard USS CHAMPION (MCM 4) during a demonstration of mine countermeasures operations observing how the technician using SONAR detects and classifies a mine like object and then, meeting certain criteria, another crewman “flies” the Mine Neutralization Vehicle to approach, verify and neutralize the mine. Photo by Ed Mickley, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command Public Affairs Officer (RELEASED)



Operation Specialist Seaman Apprentice Karim Herndon of Crew Persistent embarked USS Devastator illustrates the various operational components found on the Mine Neutralization Vehicle (MNV) to Rear Adm. Kevin Quinn. The MNV is a remotely operated, tethered submersible that is used to approach, verify and neutralize mines. Photo by Ed Mickley, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command Public Affairs Officer (RELEASED)

**“Never insult an alligator until after you have crossed the river.”**

**Cordell Hull**

## UNUSUAL TECHNICAL IMAGES OF EQUIPMENT USED IN WORLD WAR II

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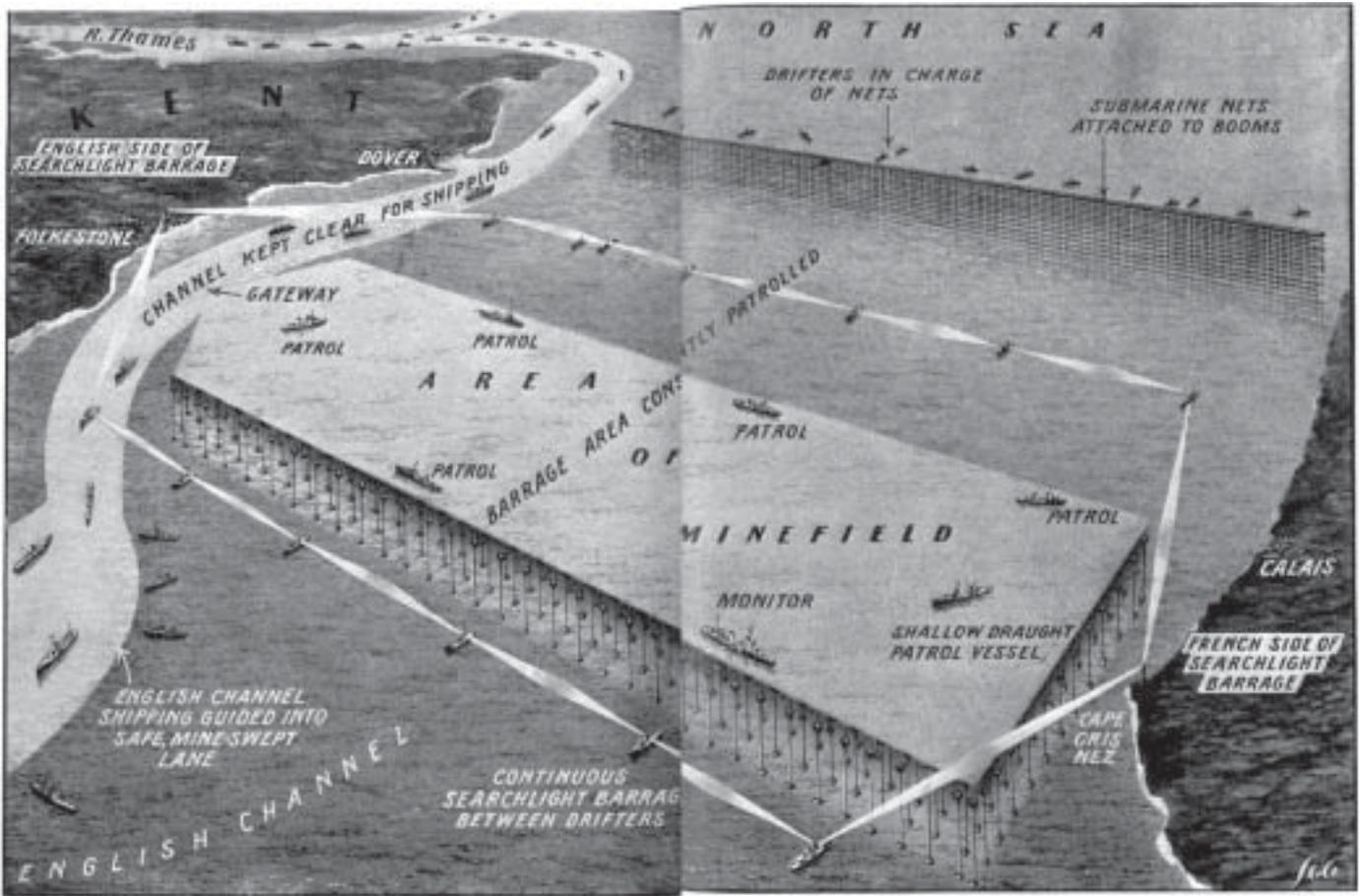
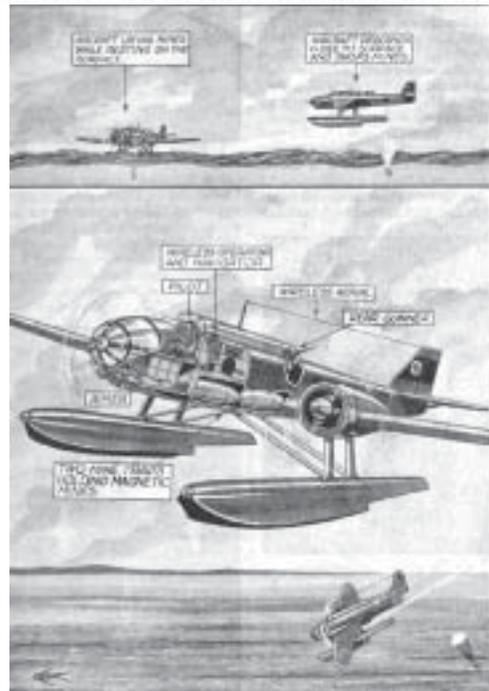


Fig. 14. Minefields, searchlight barrages, submarine nets and patrol vessels all combine to keep enemy raiders out of the Straits of Dover, as our artist's inspiration, based on the system used in the war of 1914-18, portrays. In wartime much of the English Channel is

closed to ships, and a lane, patrolled and swept of mines, is maintained through the barrage area. Allied and neutral shipping is guided into this safe channel. Ships suspected of carrying contraband can be directed to a control port where they will be examined.

A minesweeping trawler approaches its quarry



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