



# Mess Decks Intelligence

by Jim "Reddog" Mann

VERY FEW OF US can talk of our Navy experiences like AEE3 Robert G. Lint of V-3 Division. A veteran of 17 years naval service, Lint has served aboard the battleship CALIFORNIA, fleet tug NAVAJO, "baby flattop" CORREGIDOR and the old ESSEX. He participated in salvaging the battleships sunk during the Pearl Harbor bombing of 1941. During WW II, he was in 13 major battles in the South Pacific and also saw considerable action in the Korean conflict. Marking his naval career are many awards and medals. His proudest award is a letter of commendation from Fleet Admiral William "Bull" Halsey. Lint received this award for helping salvage the heavy cruiser CHESTER off the Solomon Islands during WW II. In the fall of 1966 he will retire with 20 years of loyal and faithful service.

THOSE SPORTY MARINES are at it again. They've got themselves both a football and a basketball team. Basketball wise, they have beaten 3rd Division and in football they bounced back and soundly whipped the Aerology team two consecutive times. The Marines say they're ready to take on all challengers. Name the time, place and prize and your team will have their work cut out for them.

UNDERSTAND GM DIVISION recently had three new mail buoy watch-standers report aboard. Facing the flight deck after sundown early last week anxiously scanning the dark waters for the mail to arrive were AO3 B.M. Simpson, P-O in charge; AA J.T. Manning, and AA J.E. Davis. Reporting in every five minutes and reciting their 11 general orders, the trio accidentally let the mail-drop slip by their watchful eyes only to have a tin - can pick it up. Told of the grave dereliction of duty, punishable by confinement on bread and water really had the boys perspiring. Finally

told of the embarrassing joke that someone invariably gets caught on (but never three at one time) Davis, white-eyed and open-mouthed confessed, "man-n-n. three days on bread and water is tooooo much."

DAVE COLE, STE Division's hardworking seaman, is getting married in September. Dave, a native of Kansas City, and his bride-to-be, Patricia Smith a senior at Long Beach State College, hope to be wed shortly after he returns from WestPac.

DEPENDENT - "What type of ship is that?"

SAILOR - "Oh, that's a man-of-war."

DEPENDENT - "What kind is that in front?"

SAILOR - "That's a tug."

DEPENDENT - "Oh, a tug-of-war, I've often heard of those."

WELL DONE TO DENTAL as they piled up 755 points to take top honors for Division of the Month. The DT's are headed by Lt. W. J. Kelly.

WHEN ASKED, "Do you want to go to West-Pac," the following answers were received.

MARDET's PPG TOM Hilburn, "Very much so. It will be something different and will also be a challenge to meet new friends and learn the customs of foreign lands."

QM2 DAVE CRABS, W Division, "Since I am in a seagoing rate and a career man, I look forward to extended periods at sea as an outstanding training period which will make me proficient in my rate. I believe in no more than four days in port and more time at sea. Ships were made to go to sea and sailors were made for ships."

EVER HEARD OF A singing group, "The Pyramids?" It's a quintet headed by George "Big Daddy" Walker. The group practices on the forecastle about every night. If you want to hear some good off-beat rock and roll, stop by the focs'le some night.



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