

Without Refueling

Atomic Sub Finishes First Operation Year

New London, Conn. (AFPS)—In a sense, life on the Nautilus is the same as it is elsewhere in the U.S. Navy.

During the past year, the crew has consumed 59,482 cups of coffee, 1,113 pounds of navy beans and viewed 357 feature movies.

But, in most ways, the Nautilus, which just closed its first operational year, is a very different vessel.

When on Jan. 17, 1955 the Nautilus backed into the Thames River here and flashed the now-historic message "underway on nuclear power," it marked the first time man had traveled that way.

During the first year of operations the Nautilus made 365 dives and traveled 26,231.3 nautical miles without refueling. Her longest under water run lasted 89 hours and 42 minutes.

She visited six ports and made 75 cruises carrying 1,542 different passengers in addition to her crew of about 160.

An impressive list of visitors came aboard during the year including 16 admirals, Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Arleigh A. Burke.

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Bennington Histories

Due to the large demand for Ship's History's, the Public Information Office (located in the Administrative Office) has announced that copies are now available for those interested.



March Of Dimes Drive Nets \$2,777

Bennington's contribution to the March of Dimes for 1956 was \$2,777. All divisions showed well in contributing and three of the leading Divisions were recognized by their hearty giving: S-3 with an average of \$3.251 per man; 'S' with \$2.983 average per man and S2L with \$2.486. These three divisions will be granted one extra full day of special liberty in any of the forthcoming ports prior to March 15th.

Qualified Marine EM Are Now Eligible For Flight Training

Washington (AFPS)—Qualified marine EM are eligible for naval aviation cadet training, Marine Corps headquarters here has announced.

The flight course takes 18 months and leads to appointment as an ensign, USNR, or second lieutenant, USMCR.

Applicants must meet the following requirements: age, between 18 and 25, with parental consent if under 21; unmarried, and willing to stay that way until commissioned; two years of college at an accredited school or one year of college or equivalent plus a GCT score of 120 and a pattern analysis mark of 116.

DEEP THOUGHT - Concentration was the keynote in Hangar Bay 1 last Sunday when over 400 men took their advancement in rate test for the E-4 pay grade. The Navy has announced that due to the extreme shortage of rated men nearly all the personnel who pass the test will be rated.

US Railroads Extend Service Furlough Rates

Washington (AFPS)—The nation's railroads have extended for another year reduced furlough fares for military personnel in uniform traveling at their own expense.

Under the plan, round-trip coach fares average a little over two cents a mile as against the regular average of three cents. Recently, this has been extended to include foreign military students in the U.S.

The reduced fare plan, begun during WWII, was suspended after the war, but was reinstated in late 1950. It has been extended each year since then.

Long May She Wave!

Norfolk (AFPS)—A WAVE seaman apprentice recently reported for duty at the naval base here. This is nothing new. But the fact that her name is Helen J. Wave puts her in a category all by herself. She is believed to be the first Wave to serve in the WAVES in its 13 years' existence.