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Oregon State University Naval ROTC

Fall, 1979



The entire Battalion appears for the first time in the Albany Veteran's Day Parade

A FIRST FOR THE BATTALION

This year, the entire OSU NROTC Battalion marched in the Albany Veterans Day Parade. This was the first year the entire battalion participated in this event. Prior to the parade, feelings about marching in it varied throughout the Battalion, but afterwards, all agreed that it had been worthwhile and exceptionally successful. This parade is one of the largest of its kind in the nation, with regular and reserve units from all over the state participating; plus several high school marching bands.

Major Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, famed leader of the "Black Sheep Squadron," was the Grand Marshal of the parade. Large crowds gathered to see the parade, including Governor Victor Atiyeh and U.S. Congressman Al Uhlman. The highlight of the parade came with a few words by "Pappy" Boyington and the twenty-one gun salute by artillery of the National

Guard, and by our own Drill Team. All units were dismissed at this point for a well deserved lunch.

The high standards of drill in the Battalion bore fruit as several spectators, including two Medal of Honor recipients, congratulated Battalion Officers on the Battalion's military appearance and precision. The Drill Team impressed the crowd all along the parade route, and the Drum and Bugle Corps entertained everyone with several marching songs and drum cadences.

With this year's parade over, many look forward to next year's parade with two hopes in mind: that we can achieve the same success, while enjoying warmer weather.

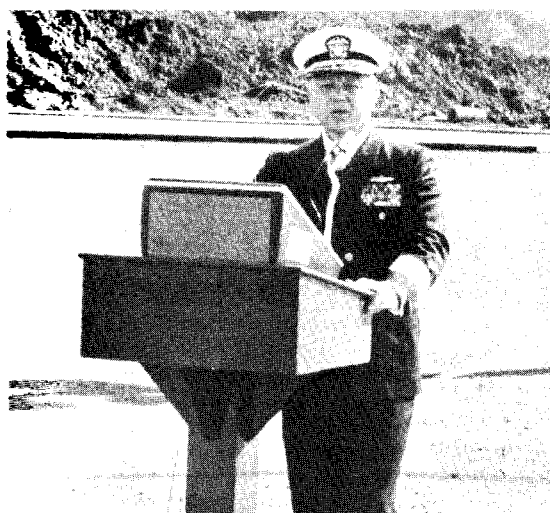
—MIDN 4/C Jim WELTY



A real Veteran



Maj. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington speaks on courthouse steps.



J.G. Williams III addresses the Battalion for the first

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

As you know, I reported onboard after commencement the Fall Quarter in the midst of one of the two busiest periods of the year, for both staff and members of the Battalion. In view of my recent arrival I believe that it would be worthwhile to share my initial impressions with you.

The degree to which the Battalion operates, and manages shipmen evolutions is truly impressive. This is particularly noteworthy as the traits of good leadership developed here will gain throughout your professional career.

The individual dedication of both staff members and shipmen far exceeded my expectations. The cohesiveness of the unit appears extremely tight and pride in belonging is evident throughout.

The reputation of the unit as the "outfit to beat," in many of athletic as well as professional competitions is founded on a bedrock of both enthusiasm and long hours of preparation. Fortunately, this desire to be on the winning team has become tradition. I am sure we all are aware that victories soon become memories and the future competitions are the ones that lead to winning. It is apparent that this desire to excel has been passed down from class to class in a constant effort to maintain, or better the standards achieved by those who have gone before.

Your efforts and participation in our Navy-Marine Corps Birthday Ball made it a success and was sincerely appreciated by our guests from both the retired community and representatives from the other services.

The Battalion was the most impressive marching unit in the Veterans Day Parade at Albany, in both appearance and maneuver—as attested to by RADM WILLIAMS and the other spectators in the reviewing stand.

Victory over the USAF ROTC in football coupled with completion of the major portion of our new obstacle course on the same very wet day was a testament to both pride and dedication.

Lastly, Vivian MADISON's selection for the Legion of Valor Award and the Battalion's subsequent participation in the ceremony that awarded her that honor well earned the pride expressed by President MacVicar when he mentioned that our unit is dependent on the true professionals such as those who will graduate from this unit to maintain the creditability of our military establishment. All of these attributes are indicative of an organization made up of individuals with a high degree of purpose and commitment. I indeed feel fortunate to be a part of it. You are impressive! Strive to maintain that edge and you will continue to be winners all.

Capt. James G. WILLIAMS, III

FROM THE MOI Specialty Teams

As the school year progresses, it is becoming obvious that, although last year's teams provided a hard act to follow, this year's teams have accepted the challenge and could well surpass those past achievements.

The Drum and Bugle Corps, is far ahead of the pace both musically and in movement. Blessed with some real musical talent, their exhibition will be expanded and more challenging than last year's. Unfortunately, again there is no one to challenge their dominance, but they will have ample opportunity to display their expertise. They will journey to Salt Lake City for the annual Northwest Navy competition and again visit Puyallup for the Daffodil Festival. Their big exhibition trip will take them to Southern California under the sponsorship of the Recruiting Command. This year, they will perform at Magic Mountain, Disneyland, NBA basketball games and several high schools. They will finish the year with exhibitions during Mom's Weekend, the Tri-Service Review and Commissioning. Under command of Midn 2/C Curt McNew, this year's team has an outstanding outlook.

The Drill Team has enjoyed stability in its personnel from the start of the year which is a direct result of the efforts of this year's commander, Midn 2/C Tim Ziegler and his staff. They are also ahead of last year's pace having learned the entire show by Thanksgiving. Hampered by a change in facilities, the hard work has still paid off, leaving the dress and cover and timing as the goals to reach before Northwest Navy. The Drill Team will also compete at Tempe, Arizona this year. They are ready to carry on the traditions of excellence established by those who preceded them.

Color Guard, commanded by Midn. 2/C Erica Bodner, also is blessed with a bounty of personnel and has expanded their exhibition schedule. More NFL and NBA games are planned as well as additional performances around the Northwest.

The Rifle Team, commanded by Midn 2/C Dave Desmon and the Pistol Team, commanded by Midn 2/C Pat Bardel are in the enviable position of having freshmen challenging the upper classmen for the front line spots. It was a real challenge to trim the teams because of the numbers who turned out and their talent. The scores already achieved far outdistance those from last year so the possibility of winning them all is a real goal to strive for.

The PFT team, under the coaching of Midn 1/C Clive Campbell has started working out and is looking to be in better shape than last year's 'jocks.' Having the use of our new USMC obstacle course to train on, should have a definite impact on strength and stamina.

The dedication and willingness to work shown by this year's rookies is a portent of good things to come for the entire battalion. The coordination and cooperation demonstrated by the team commanders is the main drive to established excellence. To all who are participating, keep up the good work and good luck.

—Major Deicht





Midn Capt. C.R. Lethin and his staff.

A WORD FROM THE BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICER

Characteristically, fall term has been the busiest term for the Battalion, and easily the most hectic. Between the freshmen, the majority of whom are entering the military environment for the first time, and subsequently a bit confused; and the seniors, who are anxious to finish school and are busy with preparations for entering the fleet, the Battalion takes on an understandably harried appearance. But with the returning sophomores and juniors, who, after their recent experiences are more knowledgeable in the various functions of the Navy and Marine Corps, a sense of professionalism becomes prevalent. But the important aspect here is that it will take everyone of us to make the Battalion run efficiently and to lead us to ultimate success by the year's end.

So far this year, there has been a good combination of personnel within the Battalion which has contributed to making the Battalion functions successful. We were able to get more than enough people out selling concessions and programs at the football games, and the company projects have been well handled with a good turnout of bodies in most cases. Some projects have been done for the community while others have been done for the Unit. In either case, it has been the teamwork and support that's made the projects successful. This fall we've also celebrated two birthdays and have had one combined birthday ball. The Navy/USMC birthday ball went well with the Battalion making a good showing and profiting in the end. Even though the band wasn't the best, the more determined individuals made the best of it.

Overall, the most impressive activity of the Battalion was the participation in the Albany Veterans Day Parade. The Battalion did an outstanding job representing the OSU NROTC Unit. Just one more indication of the quality of people who will one day be serving in the Navy and Marine Corps. Our performance was another plus in the way that it considerably helped our relations with the community. In any military operation, even one as small as this NROTC Unit, community support is one of the essentials for success.

With this kind of performance from the Battalion, we shall continue to have a successful year. The idea to remember is that teamwork and comradery go hand-in-hand with success. The Navy and Marine Corps have always valued these traits as some of the most important that an office can have. And that philosophy is carried straight down to this Midshipmen Battalion.

Midn. Capt. C.R. Lethin

AN ACTIVE S.A.M.E.

The Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.) began their year with a pizza party to encourage any interested individuals to come and see what the society had to offer. Besides some very good pizza, they offered exposure to military engineers from all three ROTC units in Oregon State's campus, an overview of some of the other fields in today's engineering world, and an opportunity to observe engineering practices being applied outside of the ideal university environment.

The S.A.M.E. has numerous projects planned for this academic year. The highlight of fall term will be a tour of the Hewlett-Packard plant on November 30th and a presentation by the Robot Project Group on their mechanical mouse (and other wonders). Other planned events include S.A.M.E.'s annual banquet. Some of the tours/field trips being offered are of the Trident Submarine Base, the U.S.S. ENTERPRISE, the Boeing plant and Bonneville second power house.

The officers of the S.A.M.E. this year are as follows: President - Ken Green; Vice-President - Randy Person; Secretary - Marty Drees; Treasurer - Carl Zietz; and Programs Chairmen - Dave Leingang.

Although all the officers this year stem from the Navy program, the society is encouraging, and receiving more involvement from the other units. The large number of new members this year is pushing the total number of members towards fifty, nearly twice the number of last year's enrollment. As a whole, the Society of American Military Engineers is looking forward to a very busy and exciting year.

— Midn 4/C Donna Watts

SQUAD COMPETITIONS

Midn 2/C Gregg George and has squad pulled off a win for the Second Company in squad competitions this year. On November 6, 1979, the four platoon level winners faced each other during drill while the rest of the Battalion watched. The competition has two phases, inspection and drill, and Midn 2/C George's squad had the highest point totals in both. Many long hours go into preparation for these competitions, and the winning squad is to be commended for its fine performance. The members of this winning squad are: Midn's 3/C Denny, 3/C Van Buskirk, 4/C Holland, and 4/C Smith. During next term there will be platoon competitions which should be just as competitive as that for squads.

— Midn 2/C Vivian Madison



Midn 2/c George stands inspection during the squad competitions.



Captain James G. Williams III, commanding officer and professor of Naval science.

WELCOME ABOARD, CAPTAIN WILLIAMS!

Captain James G. WILLIAMS III made his first appearance in front of the midshipmen battalion 23 November, 1979; about one week after he assumed command of the OSU NROTC Unit from X.O., and acting C.O. Commander REILEY.

Captain WILLIAMS comes to us from a tour of duty as the Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay. He brings with him a wealth of naval experience. He first went to sea at the age of sixteen to serve in the Merchant Marine (Pacific Campaign) during World War II. He graduated from the California Maritime Academy in 1952 and reported as an Ensign on board the USS CARMICK (DMS-33) during the Korean War. He remembers this first tour as being particularly interesting due to the wide range of capabilities of the CARMICK. Most of Captain WILLIAMS' experience has been with small combatants, but he also served as Commanding Officer of the USS PAGE COUNTY (LST-1076) while a Lieutenant (1961-1963).

When asked which tour of duty he found most memorable, Captain WILLIAMS responded by saying that command tours always stand out in importance for an officer. He feels that the position of C.O. is what every officer works toward. In Captain WILLIAMS' words, "it's the opportunity to put it all together without anyone looking over your shoulder." He has had many such opportunities. While the PAGE COUNTY was his first command and U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, his most recent, Captain WILLIAMS also commanded the USS BROOKE (FFG-1) and during the Vietnam War he held the position of Commander Task Group 116.9 Senior Advisor, Rung Sat Special Zone.

Captain WILLIAMS has served in numerous shore billets, including Instructor of Naval Operations at the U.S. Naval Academy. He obtained his Masters Degree in Management from Central Michigan University and received additional education from the Industrial College of Armed Forces and George Washington University. He also holds a Masters Mariners License (unlimited) in the U.S. Merchant Marines; a fact which he said is always good for a few raised eyebrows.

Though Captain WILLIAMS' remarks to the battalion were brief, they were direct. He informed the midshipmen that not only had he requested NROTC duty, but he had also specifically requested the position of Commanding Officer of the Oregon State University NROTC Unit, based on the fine reputation OSU has in the Fleet. He further assured the battalion that he considers the NROTC program to prepare men

and women well to meet the challenges of a commissioned officer. He recalled that, although the Maritime Academy gave him a technical edge in the areas of navigation and seamanship, as a junior officer, he envied the Naval Academy and NROTC graduates for their well-rounded officer training.

Captain WILLIAMS appears very optimistic about working with the battalion and his optimism is rubbing off on many of the midshipmen. He has emphasized that his door is always open to discuss any problem and such attitudes and concern are greatly appreciated by the midshipmen who join with the Unit staff in welcoming Captain WILLIAMS and his family to OSU, wishing him all the best during the three years of his tour.

—Midn LT Vivian I. MADISON

NEW FACES



Lt. Richard Morck, freshmen instructor.



QMC Paul Whitmer, ass't. junior instructor.

Our NROTC Unit has many new faces in the crowd this year. Besides the many new "Rookies" who infest our halls, we have a new Commanding Officer, CAPTAIN JAMES WILLIAMS III, USN, a new freshman instructor, LIEUTENANT RICHARD MORCK, USN, and a new assistant junior instructor CHIEF QUARTERMASTER PAUL WHITMER, USN. Captain Williams will be covered in another article; here we wish to introduce LT Morck and QMC Whitmer.

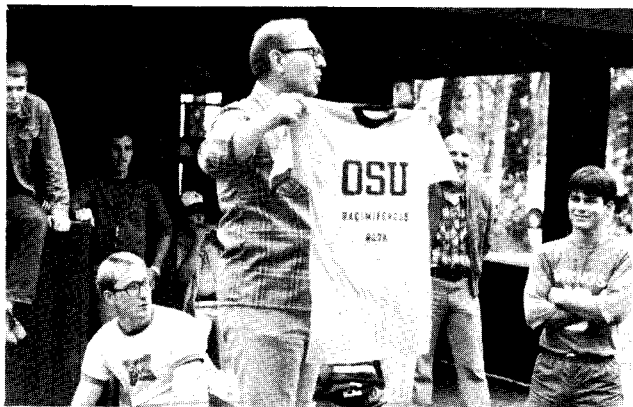
LT Morck reports aboard from thirty-nine months duty aboard the USS ALBERT DAVID (FF-1050), where he served first, as the officer in charge of the Towed Array Sonar System, and second, as the Main Propulsion Assistant. He brings a broad background, and a professional expertise in both antisubmarine warfare and ship's propulsion engineering to the staff. LT Morck graduated through the NROTC program from the University of Minnesota in 1975 with a BS in biology. A qualified Surface Warfare Officer and Engineering Officer of the Watch, a bachelor, and planning to pursue his MS in Oceanography while at Oregon State University, we extend a warm welcome to LT Morck.

QMC Whitmer reports aboard from Assault Craft Unit One in San Diego, California. He, his wife, Sylvia, and their three children are still getting settled in and used to "God's Country." All report they are pleased with this assignment and are looking forward to their tour with the Unit. Chief Whitmer is basically a "destroyer man," and his experience and professional talents will be appreciated by the juniors in their navigation courses.

Again, welcome aboard from the battalion, and the Albatross Staff.

--Staff

A DAY OF CHALLENGES Saveker Day/PFT



Commander Reiley explains the meaning of "Racimiferous Rook"

Saturday the 6th of October dawned cold and cloudy, foreboding of rain. The Midshipmen Battalion awoke looking forward to the traditional Saveker Day picnic and inter-class games. However, before the food and fun could commence there was one minor chore that needed taking care of ... the PFT.

With the exception of the seniors, and those midshipmen who took the test on Thursday, the entire battalion turned out by companies to take the test. First Company began at 0800, followed by Second Company at 0900 and Headquarters Company at 1000. The test consisted of pull-ups, sit-ups, and a three-mile run. Conditions were excellent, and improvement was noted all around, particularly from the freshmen who had taken a practice PFT two weeks before.

With the PFT out of the way, the next order of the day was the Saveker Day picnic at Avery Park. The festivities started around 1100 and they included hamburgers, hot dogs, and all sorts of other food and drink. Everyone mingled freely and got to know each other better. The main topics of conversation were the PFT, and the upcoming games. After the food and drink were depleted, the battalion gathered round as Commander Reiley explained the meaning of Saveker Day, and awarded the "Racimiferous Rook" award to Midn 4/C Palmer of 2nd Company. After the short ceremony, the battalion policed the area, and moved off to the playing fields for battalion games.

The weather was cloudy, but with no threat of rain—perfect for the games. There were two games—seniors vs. freshmen, and juniors vs. sophomores. The big game was between the seniors and freshmen. There had been quite a buildup prior to the game, the freshmen, or "Rookie Raiders," led by LT Morck, were eager to prove themselves against the "Senior Citizens." But on the other hand, the seniors were just as eager to put the Rooks in their place. The games got underway around 1300 and within the first few plays the outcome of both games were decided. The seniors ran back the opening kickoff for a touchdown and in spite of vigorous efforts to bounce back, the freshmen couldn't seem to get their act together. Even with LT Morck on the field playing, the seniors continued to dominate the game. The final score was 34-0; seniors. If it was any consolation to the freshmen, in years past, the seniors have always won. The pattern was similar for the sophomore-junior game. The juniors, through their experience and size, literally plowed over the sophomores. An attempted rally in the second half floundered and the final score was 30-6. The juniors celebrated by dunking LCDR Robertson in the nearby Mary's River.

With the sun beginning to disappear around 1500, the weary, defeated, but not dispirited freshmen and sophomores made their ways home to party, study, polish brass and treat wounds. The juniors and seniors also headed home, but in a slightly different attitude. However, the overall outcome of Saveker Day was simply fun, just as it was meant to be.

—Midn 4/C Ben Bisbee

THE FIRST STEP

Thirty-seven new students were sworn into the U.S. Naval Reserve as scholarship recipients on 25 September. In addition to the thirty-seven freshmen, who had just recently completed their Rookie Orientation, there were six sophomores, one junior and one senior. Also participating in the short ceremony were fourteen rookie College Program students.

Commander Reiley, then Commanding Officer of the Unit, addressed the gathering. He directed his remarks first to the freshmen scholarship recipients, then the upperclass recipients, and finally to the new College Program participants. He noted that this incoming class had a record of very high scholastic achievement, but warned that any problems with schoolwork from this point could have far-reaching implications.

Then to the upperclass scholarship recipients, Commander Reiley expressed his congratulations and his hopes that they would continue the trend of excellence that enabled them to receive those scholarships. And to the College Program students, he reminded that persistence pays off, as evidence by the upperclassmen, and he hoped that they would be applying for a scholarship. At this point, the oath was delivered, and the class of 1983 was on its way.

—Midn 4/C Doug Brem



The freshman class takes the oath.



A happy Vivian Madison accepts her award from President MacVicar.

LEGION OF VALOR BRONZE CROSS

We are extremely proud to announce that MIDN 1/C VIVIAN I. MADISON has earned a unique distinction. She is one of but a very few individuals nationwide who were awarded the Legion of Valor, Bronze Cross for achievement. Vivian is a senior in biochemistry-biophysics with a gpa of 3.63. She has previously distinguished herself by winning the Copson Memorial Award and the sophomore and junior Bowler Awards for performance. Congratulations from the entire Battalion and the Unit staff on an award well earned.

—Staff

FRESHMEN

How a Rookie Sees It

One of the mysteries of the human mind is the way that it seems to enjoy punishment and torture. One could calculate that the enjoyment of a particularly painful event increases directly with the square of the time progression from that event. At least, that's the way it seems when you think back on how the seniors seemed to enjoy Rookie Orientation this year. But now ask a Rookie how much he enjoyed it all.

As you report in, orders in hand, and still not used to the idea of being away from home and your loved ones, the officer takes your orders and says not to worry about anything, for it's really a cinch. As it turns out, he's only a sophomore, and he knows exactly what you're getting yourself into, only he isn't about to let on. "Let them find out for themselves," he's thinking. If I could only remember which one of them greeted me that first day

The schedule says to muster at the Naval Armory at 0545 for physical fitness. Seems a little early, but what do I know? I set my alarm for 0530, and go to sleep thinking that I'm ready for what's coming. Boy, was I kidding myself. The alarm goes off as planned, and I roll out of bed and turn it off; I don't want to be late on this day.

That first morning does come as quite a bit of a surprise—quite a bit! As I walked to the Unit at 0540, there was this guy in green fatigues hollering at me to "MOVE IT ROOKIE!" I wasn't really sure what he was so excited about this early in the morning, I hadn't done anything to him.



Rookies having a good natured ball.



Rookies enjoy some early morning P.T.

That was the way it all began and it got worse. We got to the workout area and began the "Marine Corps Daily Seven." This is a group of exercises designed to make every muscle in your body hurt. And all the time there was this guy in green whose face you never saw, because you weren't supposed to look at him. And he was always dropping you for pushups at the slightest quiver, and yelling at you all the time. I still couldn't see where I had done anything to him.

After breakfast (they did give us time to shower off the dirt and eat breakfast . . . how thoughtful . . .) it was time for some good old-fashioned military drill. RAHT...HACE! LEEFT...HACE! DA-RHESS RAHT...DA-RHESS! And still the guys in green were yelling. Personally, I thought that their wardrobe was a bit limited, and they really could use some work on their dispositions, that was clear. But I also began to notice that they liked to watch you sweat. They enjoyed pain. As long as it was your pain.

This continued, and most of us stayed with it for the second day, and the third day. And we complained about the early mornings, the sweat, the drills, and the sore muscles. But we learned because of it, or rather in spite of it. And after the company competitions and the team demonstrations, we each had a new understanding of what it means to be a Rookie. And there's not a one of us who can wait until we have a Rookie of our very own. I love pain.

—Midn 4/C Doug E. BREM

ORIENTATION

A Smooth Transition - A Woman's Opinion

"The Freshman Orientation Program is designed and intended to facilitate a smooth transition from civilian life to one of a military nature." Say, what? Now I know that according to Naval terminology, a drinking fountain is a "scuttlebutt," and the restroom is the "head," but I think I could find a more appropriate term than a "smooth transition" for Freshman Orientation.

The actual Freshman Orientation, or "Rookie-O," began Wednesday, September 19th, at 0545, with a sudden outburst from numerous faceless men. Their main purpose seemed to be to scare us into the position of attention. And as a matter of fact, it worked so well that I couldn't break that position even when so ordered. At this point I believe I would have been perfectly contented to stay at the position for the rest of my life! So much for being self-conscious about my legs.

As far as the first morning's runaround ... I remember very little. We were supposed to memorize everyone's "ugly" face, but no one had any face, there were only voices, with a few cigars thrown in. It makes for quite an experience having someone with only a hat brim and moving chin standing directly in front of you and yelling in your face. But I got even, I trembled mine right back.



Putting forth the effort ... with a little help!



How long can we keep it up?

For me, drill instruction was almost fun. Apparently my squad learned faster than most. We looked sharp from day one, in spite of my extensive efforts to prevent it. However, precision began to triumph in my desperate battle to remain thoroughly uncoordinated. No human being, much less a fresh rookie, could be expected to keep up their defenses against such secret weapons as a rock in your right hand to prevent you from forgetting which direction is which; or a squad leader that's actually understanding, and does not drop you for ten Marine Corps pushups for doing an about face instead of going to parade rest.

Going into the program as a staunch civilian, most of the time I had no idea what was going on. However, I learned that "Rookie-O" was a weeding out process; and more importantly a chance for everyone to learn just a little bit more about themselves. My personal experience left me with a new sense of gullability ... I honestly believed that the Marines owned the grass at Avery Park! But most likely, the most significant aspect of this Freshman Orientation was giving this year's Seniors the opportunity to avenge their own "Rookie-O."

— Midn 4/C Donna Watts



Which way to Iran?

SPECIALTY TEAMS

Drill Team - 110% Effort

Another year of hard work has begun for the OSU championship drill team.

Although the team won first place at Mardi Gras in 1979, every year the sophomores and juniors must train the freshmen who comprise the majority of the marching team.

Eight freshmen remain of the 10 who began the term. Midshipmen 4/C Burton, Hewlett, Lutterman, Miller, Palmer, Pynes, Vistica, and Washabaugh are this year's rooks.

The team drills from 0700 to 0800 and 1530 to 1730 every weekday and from 0600 to 0900 on Saturdays. The rooks are under the supervision of Midshipmen 3/C Angel, Brice, Roach and Steenson, squad leaders, and second-year men Burton, Cantrell, Halferty, and Salazar. Supervising the entire team are Mustering Petty Officer Shaver, Executive Office Alvick, and Commanding Officer Ziegler. Squad leader Wayne Steenson says, "We have the potential to be one of the best OSU Navy Drill Teams ever, if everyone continues to put out 110%."

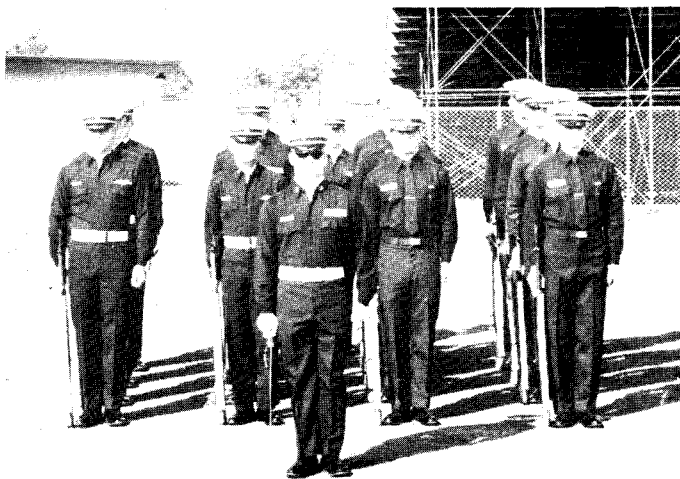
Competition will be stiffer than usual at Northwest Navy this year. The competition, which is traditionally the first test for the team, will be held at the University of Utah. Drill teams from UCLA, USC, and Colorado will attend for the first time.

Midshipman 4/C Rob Miller says he was hesitant at first to join the drill team, but he wanted to do something productive while at OSU. "Getting up in the morning is the hardest thing," he smiled. He has gained self-confidence and pride in what he is doing through the drill team, he said.

Another rook, Kurt Lutterman, enjoys choreographed movement. Although being a part of the drill team does take up a lot of time, he says, "You just learn to re-orient your time."

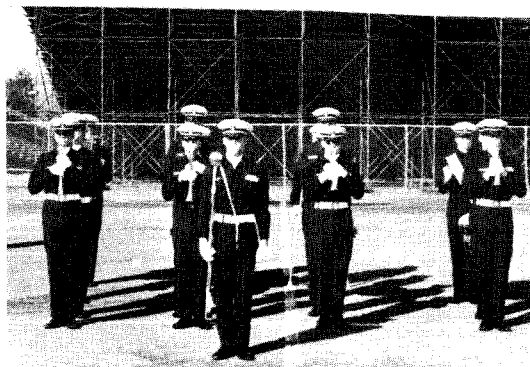
According to Midshipman 2/C Tim Ziegler, team commander, "The team has progressed at a faster rate this year than ever before. However, the men on the team must keep their goals in mind, and work harder to achieve them. The closer we get to competition, the more effort must be put forth."

—Midn 2/C Monica Smith



Drill team ... impressive, as always.

OSU NROTC: "The Best in the West and the REST!"



The D & B doing it with precision.

DRUM & BUGLE CORPS A UNIQUE TEAM

The OSU NROTC Unit is a very unique Unit. Part of this uniqueness comes in the form of the Drum and Bugle Corps. Very few ROTC Units in the country, and none other on the west coast, have the capacity to provide their own music as does our Battalion through our D & B.

Our Drum and Bugle Corps performs at most Battalion ceremonies and functions. Most recently an ensemble of buglers played at the Navy-Marine Corps Birthday Ball. In the past, the team performed at Awards, Retirement, and Change-of-Command ceremonies.

Although the Drm and Bugle Corps' contributions to the Battalion are important, the team's forte is in exhibition and parade marching. It is because of the team's excellence in marching that there are now other D & B's to compete with. No other Battalion can provide seventeen people that want to invest the time and effort to rival our Drum and Bugle Corps.

This year, the team has many exhibitions and parades planned out, including the Albany Veterans Day Parade, where the entire Battalion marched to the team's cadence. Competition at Northwest Navy and the annual Spring Tour to southern California highlight the schedule.

The team is led by Midn LTJg Curt McNew and aided by an able staff. This staff includes the Executive Officer Midn Ens. Darrel Tipples, Mustering Chief Petty Officer Midn CPO Dave Leingang, and Midn CPO Brett Hoyt.

Support and wish for success to our team as they represent themselves and their Unit wherever they travel.

—Midn 3/C Bill Scorse



The drum and bugle corps.

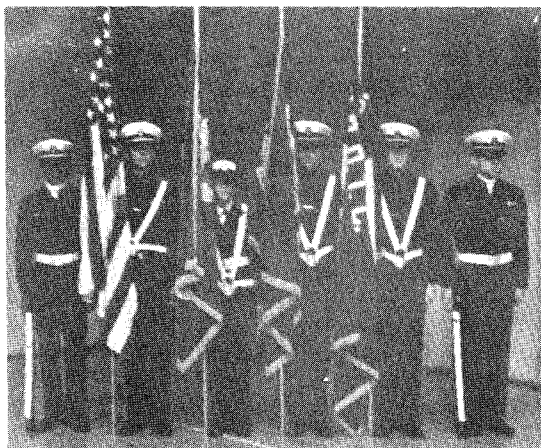
COLOR GUARD REPORT

This year's Color Guard, under the command of Midn Ensign Erika Bodner, is off to a good start. Of its ten members, the Color Guard has three riflemen, and seven color carriers.

Their first exhibition was at Albany's Veterans Day Parade, where they placed an easy first place in the inspection phase over the Army and Air Force Color Guards. For the parade, the Color Guard marched with riflemen Mike Brugato and Mark DeVoe, and Color Carriers Erika Bodner, Rick Gress, Matt Smith and Carl Fago. Along with these marching members, the remaining members, Gary Vlaterlaus, Jeff Ryman and Donna Watts, assisted in the flag ceremony in front of the Courthouse at the end of the parade.

While the Color Guard doesn't engage in actual competitions, it does put on several exhibitions. Among those that they have planned are displaying the Colors at the Northwest Navy Competition and at a Portland Trail Blazer's game. They "guard with honor" and they continually bring honor to the Unit they represent!

—Midn 4/C Donna Watts



The color guard stands ready.

BULLSEYE

Once again, as in years past, the rifle team is gearing up for another year of intense competition. The team has developed a reputation for excellence in its past performances throughout the Northwest, and the rest of the United States—this year is considered to be no exception.

The team is starting out new, after losing most of its manpower from last year's team. However and in spite of this, the team is progressing rapidly with a large squad of freshmen whose drive and enthusiasm promise to uphold the traditions of the team.

"Granted, it's a young team, but they're shaping up better than we had hoped. We plan to field one team, very possibly two this year. Next year, who knows?" says Midn 2/C DESMON, the team commander. The team practices every weekday at 1600 and Sundays at 0900. Every Tuesday, a qualification shoot is held for ranking within the team, and as is expected, competition is keen.

"This team is gathering momentum like a snowball," says Midn 4/C Ben BISBEE, "our morale is good, our potential unbelievable!"

The team is looking forward to an exciting year with new challenges at Northwest Navy, Silver State and Bengal Trophy shoots, but the big apple is the first place trophy at Mardi Gras in New Orleans, which eluded the team last year.

"We're already packing our bags for New Orleans," says Midn 4/C Mark RIPKEY, "we're that confident!"

What can an opponent do against that? Not much.

—Midn Ben BISBEE



Rifle team commander, Midn Ens. Desmon, addresses the rookies.

A COMPETITIVE YEAR FOR THE PISTOL TEAM

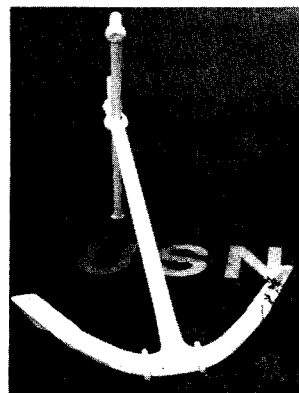
This year's Pistol Team is highly motivated, and has a great deal of potential. The team consists of three juniors, one sophomore, and six freshmen, and is headed by Midn 2/C Pat Bardel.

Each member of the team is expected to practice at least four times a week, in order to prepare for the several matches that they will participate in this year. A practice usually consists of what is called the National Gallery Course. The course involves slow, timed, and rapid fire stages. During the slow fire, the team member has ten minutes to shoot ten rounds at a range of fifty feet. The timed fire stage consists of two five round strings, each loaded and fired on the command of the range officer. Twenty seconds are allowed for each string. The rapid fire stage is the same as the timed stage, except there is only ten seconds allowed per string. A perfect score is three hundred points, one hundred points is possible in each stage.

The team is shooting with new pistols this year. Previously .22 caliber high standard pistols were used, but presently, the team is fortunate enough to be using Rugers of the same caliber.

A few of the matches to be held this year are the Willamette Valley Pistol League, National Navy Pistol League, and Northwest Navy. The WVPL has both civilian and military participants, including a National Guard Unit, and the OSU pistol team. This match will be shot twice, once at OSU, and once away. This year's WNPL will be organized by the OSU NROTC team. With all the competitions this year, Northwest Navy will still be the highlight of the year. The competition will be held at the University of Utah this year, and including the OSU NROTC Unit, four NROTC Units will be present; University of Washington, University of Idaho and of course, the University of Utah.

—Midn 2/C Terry Parlier





The cake cutting ceremony at the unit.

204 YEARS OF PROUD TRADITION

The celebration of the Navy and Marine Corp's 204th birthday was a great success this year. The Navy and Marine Corp's Birthday Ball was held on 2 November, 1979, in the splendor of Nendel's Inn. During the cake-cutting ceremony the Drum and Bugle Corps and Drill Team gave excellent performances. Dave Leingang acted as the master of ceremonies. He provided the explanations behind the various traditions, such as the oldest and youngest members of the Navy and Marine Corps present, receiving the first pieces of cake. Great music was provided by the Northwest Passage and all who attended had a great time.

Also, in celebration of the Navy and Marine Corp's birthdays, cake-cutting ceremonies were held at the Unit. The Drill Team gave outstanding performances at each of the birthday celebrations. Happy Birthday!

—Midn 2/C Jenneth Morrison



The Navy/Marine Corps birthday was enjoyed by all, and in all sorts of ways



Midn LTjg McNew and Midn CPO Hoyt with their lovely dates.



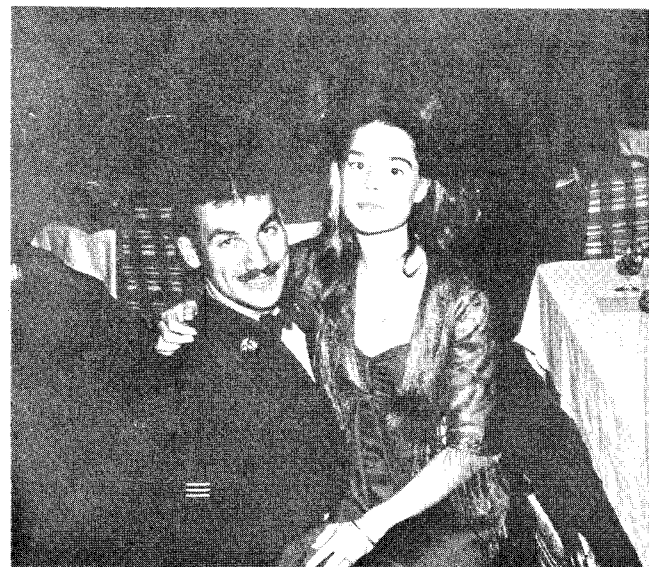
Capt. Williams makes a few remarks before the cake cutting ceremony.



Midn LTjg Vivian Madison enjoys a dance with Lt. Richard Morck.



Midn Capt. Lethin and Midn Commander Alameda obviously enjoying themselves.



Midn Ens. Barnes seems to have the situation in hand (lap?)

COMPANY PROJECTS

Establishing Company Unity

This is the first year that Headquarters Company has been involved in Company competition, and they are off to a good start with this term's Company project.

The project involved fixing up a bicycle/moto cross, part of the Corvallis Parks and Recreation system, under the guidance of Esther Schultz. Part of Headquarters Company began moving boulders, pipe, glass, old tires and other debris out of the area, while the rest of the Company was divided between building a drainage system for the track, and the clearing of wild growth from the perimeter of the track.

The work started at 1000 on the 17th of November on a rather damp track which soon became a giant mudhole. Despite the mud, rain and cold winds, Headquarters Company Commander Midn LT L.L. Brooks and the teams took a much needed picnic lunch break. During the half hour break there were intersquad and interteam competitions in the form of gravel-filled wheelbarrow races. And while the winners enjoyed their victory, the losers ended up doing squad pushups for the entire Company to see and critique. After the races, a few individual mud fights took place between the more motivated individuals.

At 1300 it was back to work, with even more shoveling and moving of gravel than before. At 1700, the project was completed, and at this time, much of the Company went home to eat, bathe, and sleep. . . only to wake up covered with poison oak!

Headquarters Company did a fine job and put in over 270 man hours into their project. During this time the teams worked hard together, and enjoyed themselves while at the same time building up a new sense of unity within the Company.

Headquarters Company deserves a well done for their outstanding effort.

—Midn 3/C Rick Gress

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

During the Portland Rose Festival last spring, a group of midshipmen went to tour the USS KINKAID (DD-465), a Spruance-class destroyer. The midshipmen, dressed in Tropical Whites, met freshmen instructor LT Woodard in Portland early in the morning, and later, they were introduced to LCDR Alvick, who was instrumental in arranging the excursion to Portland.

The tour of the destroyer was set up by LCDR Larry Eddingfield, the Executive Officer of the ship, and a past freshman instructor at the OSU NROTC Unit. The ship was impressive to most of the midshipmen, being the most modern destroyer any had seen. The midshipmen were shown through the engineering spaces, the bridge, the berthing compartments, and nearly all other areas of the ship. The most impressive aspect of the ship was the evidence of total computerization; everything was computerized in order to improve everything from fuel economy to fire control systems efficiency.

Later the group toured the ALBERT DAVID (FF-1050). The tour guide on this ship was LT Morck, present freshman instructor at OSU. As LT Morck took the group through the various areas of his ship, he informed them that it was deployed with Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Three, known as the Little Beaver squadron, the most famous and highly decorated destroyer squadron in the world. He led the group through the engineering spaces and the bridge.

When this tour ended, LT Woodard returned home, as did LCDR Alvick and most of the midshipmen. A few, however, stayed behind and made an appointment to tour the USS FLASHER (SNN-613), a fast attack nuclear submarine. The tour would be given much later in the afternoon, so the midshipmen who stayed, enjoyed themselves at the carnival, and toured other ships individually, including some from Canada.

When the submarine tour was given, it proved to be one of the longest, and most interesting of the day, despite the fact that the engineering spaces were off limits. Aside from those spaces, nearly every other space of the ship was toured.

As this tour ended, so did the day, and the remaining midshipmen went home having learned a great deal about the Navy and her ships.

—Midn 3/C Rick Gress

A DAY WELL SPENT (AN INVESTMENT FOR TOMORROW)

Second Company's dedication and perseverance shined through once again on Saturday, November 3rd. On this day we showed that the NROTC Unit of Oregon State University is making a commitment to help the ecology of today to save something for tomorrow.

This year's project involved helping the Park's Department establish and physically restore parts of the planned park just off NW 53rd Street. The work consisted of cleaning brush and small trees out of a stream running adjacent to the proposed area. Much of this work was accomplished by Midn 1/C VELUCCI's "Advanced Brush Demolition and Pioneer Squad." Water from this stream was flowing onto the fields and subsequently saturating the land, hindering any possible development.

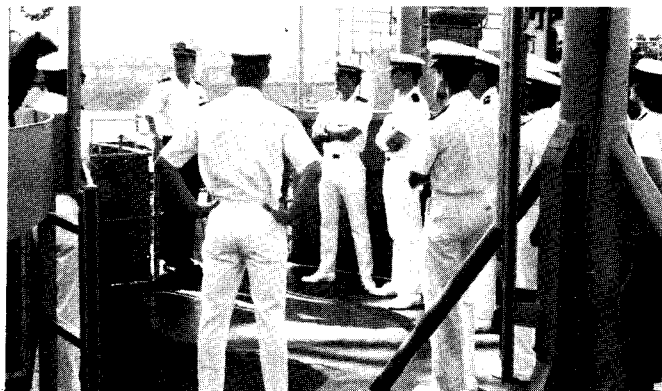
Under Midn 1/C BARNES' supervision, a dam was constructed to stop the overflow of the stream, and by clearing the debris, a rechanneling effect was created, thus draining the field.

Between dragging out wet limbs, leaves and debris, and building a dam, all of Second Company was wet from the knees down. With the sun finally cooperating with our maneuvers, it was actually a very nice day for the project.

We were finished by 1030, and all participants commuted back to campus for a very well deserved lunch. Well done Second Company!!

Midn 4/C Mark RIPKEY

—Midn 4/C Jim WELTY



Lt. Morck points out interesting aspects of the ship to several midshipmen from OSU.



(From L to R) Midn 3/C Parker Hurlburt, Rick DuBois, James Halferty, Daryl Hershberger.

"Space Fillers" (Misc.)

Midn 3/C Jim Halferty and Amy Bartel enjoying one another.



Midn 3/C Bill Scorse modeling his PFT injury.

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