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"BON VOYAGE"

CDR RALPH H. REILEY, JR. Executive Officer

As is true for all with careers in the military, the time to pick up and move on to new places and new jobs comes frequently. With this nomadic frequency comes change. This has been found true by many of our staff officers.

CDR Ralph H. REILEY will be ending his 24-year career in the Navy in October. Originally from New Jersey, CDR REILEY graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1953 and received his Law degree at Rutgers University in 1957. Before reporting to the Unit in 1976 for his almost 5-year stay at OSU as Executive Officer, CDR REILEY was attached to the Defense Intelligence Agency. Since his arrival he has had the opportunity to see many changes in the Unit. He recalls the enrollment of midshipmen in the Unit as being high when he arrived, seeing it decrease and now seeing it on the upswing again. CDR REILEY has seen Navy academic requirements increase as well as a tightening of academic standards by the entire university. CDR REILEY views the student attitudes as not having changed over the years. For CDR REILEY, the students have made the job rewarding. In his own words, "OSU mids are interesting and challenging people" and "you have to keep on your toes to stay ahead of them." What about the future? For the Unit, CDR REILEY sees it getting bigger and better.

CDR REILEY, his wife, Dorothy, and son, Peter, plan on staying in Corvallis. What he will be doing is undetermined at this time, but whatever it is, he will be quite capable with his many years of diverse experience to call upon. We wish him well in the future.

--MIDN 4/C Lisa M. EARNEST

MAJOR DEICHL DEPARTURE

Major Richard J. DEICHL will be leaving us in June to join the Wing Staff of the First Marine Air Wing in Okinawa.

Since his arrival in August 1978, Major DEICHL has been responsible for the instruction of the Marine Option junior and senior classes. In these, emphasis was placed on the subjects of strategy and current events.



Major DEICHL



CDR REILEY Executive Officer

Major DEICHL has been instrumental in the success of many, if not all, of the activities that take place in and around the Unit. As well as being MOI, Major DEICHL's duties included being advisor for HQ Company, which encompassed the Drum & Bugle Corps, Drill Team, Color Guard, Pistol Team, and Rifle Team. This was no easy job. It incorporated the coordination of trips to Northwest Navy competitions and to the Tempe, Arizona competitions, ensured the smooth operation and training of the teams, and public relations.

In addition, Major DEICHL was also responsible for the recruitment of Marine Option officer candidates. In order to give those candidates a taste of the Marine Corps, the Marine Option Field Trip was organized, and to continue the preparation for the Marine Corps way of life, the Marine Option field exercise was organized, and was the climax to Bulldog preparation.

Major DEICHL has seen a streamlining of extracurricular activities, in order to concentrate on an important few. He has watched the teams mature, become more responsive to the battalion and has seen a greater cooperation between the two. The seniors have become more involved in the battalion Chain of Command and sophomores have been given more responsibility.

Major DEICHL said that he and his family have enjoyed their stay in the Northwest and the three-year association with the Navy.

The contribution Major DEICHL has made to this Unit through his professionalism and unselfish dedication will not be forgotten easily and can only be equalled by the performance of those who have learned under him.

Good luck and best wishes.

--MIDN 4/C Lisa M. EARNEST



GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA TROPHY RETIRED TO OSU DRILL TEAM

Continuing a three-year tradition, the Oregon State Navy Drill Team returned from the Governor of Arizona Invitational Drill Meet with the coveted Governor's Trophy. The trophy has been in existence four years and has been won by OSU every year.

The meet consists of four phases: inspection, regulation, exhibition, and individual exhibition with arms.

During inspection phase, each team member is inspected on military knowledge, weapon knowledge, uniform appearance and basic knowledge. As each team enters the inspection field, a set number of points is issued to them. For each incorrect answer or faulty uniform/weapon part, points are deducted. This year, OSU took first place with 826 points out of a possible 840.

Regulation phase is a basic precision marching sequence where all teams do the same thing. There is a certain time limit and deck boundaries which must not be violated or points will be deducted. Dress, weapon alignment, cadence and precision of movements are all considered by the judges. First place went to OSU with 950 of a possible 1000 points.

Exhibition phase is designed by each individual team and includes such feats as marching high tosses, high toss exchange, suicide squeeze and diagonals. Judges are constantly circling the team looking for dress, alignment of weapons during spins and formations, precision and complexity of maneuvers. OSU once again captured first with 1009 out of a possible 1125 points.

Individual exhibition is judged much the same way as team exhibition is, but it does not count towards the sweepstakes trophy. This year the team entered Midn. 4/C Curt DOBBINS. Although informed only 10 minutes prior to performing, Midn. DOBBINS worked up a quick routine and won third place.



The Commanders Trophy went to Midn. 2/C Chris ROACH, OSU CO. The sweepstakes trophy which goes to the team with the most points accumulated during inspection, regulation and exhibition, went to OSU, also.

Earlier this year the Drill Team traveled to Moscow, Idaho for the Annual Northwest Navy Competition. OSU accumulated a few more trophies by taking first place in regulation, inspection, and exhibition, and by also coming away with the Commanders Trophy. Plans for next year include Northwest Navy in Seattle (U. of W.), Tempe, and possibly the Anaheim Invitational Competition. A performance at the International Culinary Convention in Seattle is also anticipated.

This year's team consisted of:

CO Midn. 2/C Chris ROACH

Staff: Midn. 2/C Roger ANGEL
Wayne STEENSON
Tom BRICE
Roger BURTON
Mark CANTRELL
Jim HALFERTY
Domingo SALAZAR

2nd Yearmen:

Midn. 3/C Kurt LUTTERMAN
Tom BURTON
John VISTICA
Rob MILLER
Jess WASHABAUGH

Freshmen:

Midn. 4/C Bob BOWERS
Curt DOBBINS
Tom GRIFFITH
Joe KATCH
Lonny RAHIER
Don VELAQUEZ
Rich WERSEL

--Midn. 4/C Lonny RAHIER



FROM THE MOI

1981 has been an outstanding year for the midshipman battalion. The Drill Team, under command of Midn. 2/C Chris ROACH, completed its competition season not only undefeated for the fourth consecutive year but for the first time swept every first place trophy available. Competing for the first time in several years, the Drum and Bugle Corps, under command of Midn. 2/C Mike WARRINER, demonstrated that they have maintained their competency by also sweeping all first place trophies. The marksmanship teams have done extremely well considering the number of freshmen on the teams! The Rifle Team under Midn. 3/C Tim DYKSTRA has won each of its matches, and the Pistol Team under Midn. 3/C Dave PRINZING has enjoyed

considerable success also. The Color Guard under Midn. 2/C Mike BRUGATO gained exposure by presenting the colors at several televised OSU basketball games. The Midshipman Battalion under Midn. 1/C Gregg GEORGE has continued to support university and community activities especially by the recent Blood Drive.

On a personal note, this has been an outstanding tour for myself and my family. I have enjoyed serving with the Navy and seeing the development of the midshipmen from unsure, unpolished freshmen to Ensigns and Second Lieutenants who are competent and capable of providing the Fleet and the Fleet Marine Force with outstanding leadership. To all, Godspeed.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Commencement day, long awaited by the senior class, and but a few weeks hence will bring to a close another academic year. I believe that in reviewing events of the past nine months we can safely say that all went well, due to outstanding individual effort and the performance of the battalion as a whole.

The aggressive duo of McNEW/ZIEGLER, and their battalion staff, "hit the deck" at the beginning of the academic year on an "all ahead flank bell" which established an attitude and excellence of performance that carried through their entire term of office. The "second set" of battalion officers under the leadership of Midshipman GEORGE, and his deputy, Midshipman LEINGANG, finished the year in fine style. To all members of the battalion - top to bottom - well done!

As for personal achievement, I believe that an accurate self-assessment would be for each individual to determine how much he or she invested in their effort, or commitment, in getting the maximum out of time spent at OSU - and consequently the results he or she obtained from this effort. Naturally, one of the most logical measures in this regard would be in the area of academic achievements, as after all, that is what you are here for - a solid, university education!

Naturally, our goal, as it should be, is to have the pride in our profession to not only look sharp but to be sharp, and to establish an example of excellence both in the classroom and of course in our extra-curricular teams and projects.

As for the Class of 1981 - your stewardship was impressive. Your initiative was indeed a pleasure to watch. Your attitude and motivation an inspiration for those that follow. Capable sailors - tough marines. You can be proud of the legacy you leave behind.

To the Classes of 82, 83, and 84, have a great summer. Come back with your same vigor in the Fall.



MARCH COMMISSIONING

March 20, 1981 marked the launching date of two more naval careers. Midshipmen Eric BENDER and Loren BROOKS were both commissioned by Captain WILLIAMS to begin their duty as Ensigns in the United States Navy.

Ensign BENDER was commissioned with an 1170 designator and after serving Temporary Attached Duty (TAD) at OSU NROTC, he will proceed to Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida.

Ensign BROOKS was commissioned with a 1370 designator and will start flight training on the first of June 1981, after serving TAD at OSU NROTC for two months.

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to these gentlemen as they pursue their Naval careers.

-STAFF

UNIT SHOWS OFF FOR MOMS AND DADS



OSU Moms watch Drill Team

This year, the battalion had two opportunities to show our Unit to our parents. The Unit took advantage of both Dad's Weekend on February 20 and Mom's Weekend on May 2 to put on a Headquarters Company exhibition and to hold an Open House at the Unit.

In February, the Dads were treated to an exhibition by the Drum and Bugle Corps, Color Guard and the Drill Team in McAlexander Fieldhouse. The teams had been working hard towards Northwest Navy and looked sharp. The Moms viewed the teams in Gill Coliseum, where many prideful smiles were seen upon mention of the teams' outstanding success during the year.

On both occasions, an Open House for the parents was held at the Unit to help them become better acquainted with the Unit staff as well as the career their son or daughter has chosen. Slide shows and displays filled a spotless quarterdeck and coffee and donuts were served.

Opportunities such as these are terrific for the battalion to display their skills and for our parents to gain insight into our activities.

-Midn 3/C Sherry McCONNELL



Open House at the Unit to Honor Moms & Dads

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LCDR JOHN H. WOODARD

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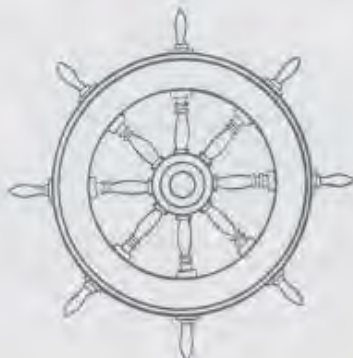
Rookies of the future will never have the privilege of attending the Morck and Woody show. That is right, the team is breaking up. LCDR WOODARD will be leaving us at the conclusion of this term; we are going to miss him. For the past three years he has had many responsibilities within the Unit. In addition to teaching Naval Science each year, and the responsibility of being freshman advisor, he has been advisor to the Harpoon, Albatross, and Photo Crew during his stay here at Oregon State. He is also the Public Affairs Officer for the Unit and is responsible for the processing of scholarship students. When the course is offered, he teaches NS 350 as the aviation ground school co-ordinator.

LCDR WOODARD has seen many changes while he has been at the Unit. The program has drawn more intelligent freshmen (reporter's bias) and the depth and intensity of the classes has improved. He also sees the concept of "serving your country" making a comeback, as evidenced by the number of College Program students at the Unit. Increased emphasis on grades and leaving yourself options has been stressed, and behind the talk is action in the form of study sessions and tutoring. Despite the heavy emphasis on grades, he has not seen any sacrifices in the quality of the military training.

From Oregon State LCDR WOODARD plans to pursue a civilian career in corporate law or an individual practice after attending Willamette University School of Law. He would like to live in the Pacific Northwest or Alaska where he claims the hunting is the best.

Working with students is what LCDR WOODARD said he liked best about his stay at OSU and we enjoy working with him. We wish him success at his new job wherever he may end up and successful wife hunting.

—MIDN 4/C C. G. MOORE



LT RICHARD H. MORCK

LT Richard H. MORCK will be leaving us and the Navy this fall. He came to us from the USS ALBERT DAVID (FF-1050) home ported in San Diego and has been the freshman class instructor since August 1979.

After six years in the Navy, LT MORCK will resign his commission in September. He plans to finish working on a degree in civil engineering by June, 1983, either here at Oregon State or back in Minnesota.

The Navy isn't going to be totally rid of LT MORCK, fortunately. He plans to continue his career in the Navy as a weekend sailor in the Naval Reserves. But one weekend a month isn't enough for LT MORCK; he really likes the idea of going on "cruise" two weeks every year.

One of the biggest changes coming up in LT MORCK's life is that he will be getting married June 20 (to Ms Vicki Ray). Rumor has it that he met Ms Ray on the slopes, and we know how LT MORCK loves to ski. They plan to settle here in the Northwest, preferably close to the slopes.

As for the NROTC program as a whole, LT MORCK foresees an enrollment increase nationwide. There will be more new ships, better opportunities, and a higher esprit de corps in the fleet. He feels the country will show greater appreciation for its military.

Oregon State's NROTC Unit might see a trend towards improving overall academic standing according to LT MORCK. He feels there are a significant number of people who are limiting their opportunities by not working to their fullest potential. He thinks there will be more emphasis in the battalion placed on academics in the future.

In parting, LT MORCK would like to say he is very thankful for the opportunity to be at Oregon State. He has not only helped people to learn, but he has learned a great deal from the students. He enjoyed being here very much.

Good luck and farewell to you, LT. MORCK!!!

—MIDN 4/C Brenda HOLDENER



Lt. Morck

'FAIR WINDS & FOLLOWING SEAS'

As these four officers proceed with their careers to experience new positions, new lifestyles, and new challenges, we wish them good fortune in all they aspire to achieve. It is not without a little sadness that the Battalion watches the ending of yet another cycle in our already unstable lives. This inherent process of continuous change is one of the many challenges with which we must learn to cope as we progress towards our goal of becoming officers in the Navy and Marine Corps.

This life of change holds appeal to those of us looking for a life of adventure, challenging positions, and interesting people. That twinge of sadness, as our colleagues come and go, is quieted, as our memories remind us of the good working relationships and experiences shared. The anticipation of new officers to learn from, and to work with, will bring all midshipmen back, full of vigor to accept the challenge.

To these men who are leaving the OSU NROTC, we wish them all the best in life and bon voyage.

—MIDN 4/C Lisa EARNEST
MIDN 4/C Carl MOORE
MIDN 4/C Brenda HOLDENER

A Word from the BATTALION COMMANDER

Well done to all hands for your motivation and hard work. A little hard work goes a long way. Platoon competition, winter term, pointed out a few deficiencies but the second platoon competition during spring term demonstrated that all hands went to work and did an excellent job in correcting past mistakes.

The Battalion showed its determination and courage by participating in the Red Cross Blood Drive on campus. We had a fine turnout and the Red Cross was very appreciative. It is important for all of us to maintain a sense of civic awareness and I sincerely want to thank all participants in this worthy cause.

I encourage all personnel to maintain your motivation and proficiency which was shown this year and apply yourselves wholeheartedly to your summer cruises. Oregon State has an excellent reputation with the fleet. Let's keep it that way!

--Midn CAPT Gregg L. GEORGE



Unit flag passed to new Battalion CO Midn G. GEORGE

CAPTAIN'S INSPECTION

It was a beautiful day for a Captain's Inspection, 12 May, 1981. The midshipmen of the Unit mustered at 1200 by the "O" Course. The men and women of the Battalion were attired in their Summer Dress Whites which contrasted strikingly with the green grass and blue sky. It was quite obvious that all had put work into their uniforms, as there were very few discrepancies noted during the Captain's Inspection.

After completing the inspection of the Battalion, CAPT WILLIAMS had a few comments to make. He said he was pleased with the uniforms and military appearance. He stressed though, that there is always room for improvement. He also stressed that the Captain's Inspection was also important in that it gives midshipmen a feel for a Captain's Inspection in the "Real Navy", though not necessarily the Marine Corps.

The real benefits of this inspection, and all other inspections that took place during this school year, will show up when our midshipmen are put together with middles from other units. Hopefully, our Unit will come back from the many parts of the globe they visit this summer having left behind the same high opinions of OSU that the fleet has become accustomed to in years past.

Finally, the Captain handed out various ribbons and awards for meritorious achievement. He expressed satisfaction at the number of people being thus awarded (appropriately so, as it seemed that half of the battalion was named) and hoped that next time even more awards could be given.

--Midn 3/C Clyde BURTON

CNET INSPECTION

On Monday, April 6, CAPT. P.R. HAWKINS, Director of Naval Educational Development, and CDR J.E. OLSON, Director of NROTC Operations and Administration, arrived with their staff for the purpose of evaluating our performance as a Unit. They observed many aspects of our Unit's operation by attending Naval Science classes, talking with students, and meeting extensively with the Unit Staff.

On Tuesday, they were able to witness the midshipmen battalion in action. Beginning at 1200 at Gill Coliseum, the Drum & Bugle Corps and Drill Team did their exhibitions followed by the remainder of the battalion filing on to be deck for an inspection by CAPT HAWKINS. The drill period proved to be most impressive and showed the inspecting officers the fine quality of our Unit.

That afternoon the inspectors met with various midshipmen from each class and discussed the pros and cons of controversial subjects that might have come about in our Unit, as well as the whole NROTC program. The future of certain proposals, such as the higher monthly allowance, were discussed. Everyone had a chance to express their feelings and ideas about this and other problems.

After profitable meetings with both midshipmen and staff, CAPT HAWKINS and CDR OLSON left the Unit having witnessed the Unit, with the reputation of being "The Best in the West and the Rest" in action.

--Midn 3/C Jeff RYMAN

WINTER CHANGE OF COMMAND

Midshipman 1/C G. L. GEORGE officially became the OSU NROTC second term Battalion Commander at the Change of Command Ceremony, 3 February 1981 in McAlexander Fieldhouse. The first term staff, commanded by Midn 1/C CP McNEW were honored during this ceremony and commended for a job well done. The incoming staff were given a warm welcome.

Following his farewell address to the battalion, Midn 1/C McNEW presented Midn Captain GEORGE with the Unit colors, which traditionally symbolize the change of office. Following the exchange, brief comments were made by Captain J. G. WILLIAMS, Professor of Naval Science and the new Battalion Commander, welcoming the battalion to the challenges of the new term.

Assisting the Battalion Commander in his duties this term are:

BN Executive Officer - Midn 1/C D. W. LEINGANG
BN Operating Officer - Midn 1/C J. P. KEHOE
BN Ass't Operations Officer - Midn 1/C J. E. HOYT
BN Personnel Officer - Midn 1/C T. L. PARLIER
BN Supply Officer - Midn 1/C A. E. SPENCER
BN Physical Training Officer - Midn 1/C T. L. WALTERS

--Midn 1/C Jeffry KEHOE



Midn Capt. G. GEORGE precedes Capt. WILLIAMS through the battalion

NORTHWEST NAVY 1981



With OSU winning resoundingly, and only the location of the competition changing, tradition was keeping in form during the 1980-81 Northwest Navy Competition. The University of Idaho hosted this year's competition, and the Drill team, the Drum and Bugle Corps, the Women's PFT, and the Pistol and Rifle Teams dominated nearly every event, 24 out of 36 to be exact.

The morning started out with the women of the Unit taking over other Units in the PFT competition. Diane BURGESS started it off by winning the flexed arm hang (time 2:30), and Erica BODNER followed suit by achieving high sit-up score (64). The 'Wonder Woman' award went to Diane BURGESS with a total of 465, and the joint effort of all the women earned the overall award for OSU.

The Pistol and Rifle Teams fared equally as well with a combined effort resulting in 7 out of 11 victories for OSU. The Pistol Team, under Midn Dave PRINZING was awarded the High Timed Fire score, the High Aggregate score, and the Northwest Navy Pistol Award. The individual honors go to Pat BARDEL, however, for personally winning two of the above trophies.

Under the command of Midn Tim DYKSTRA, the Rifle Team swept four of a possible six awards, including the H. D. Powell Rifle Team Award. The individual accolades must go to senior Dave DESMON in this competition, however, who won the Marion C. Lange Perpetual Trophy, the High Individual Aggregate, and the High Kneeling Award.

The drilling portion of the NWN meet featured the Drill Team, and the Drum & Bugle Corps, both of which totally dominated every aspect of their respective competitions. As is tradition, the Drill Team outclassed the other Units with their precision and swept each phase by a large margin. And for a first, Midn 2/C Chris ROACH, Commander of the Drill Team, marched in the exhibition phase, and earned the Commander's Trophy.

The Drum & Bugle Corps held competition for the first time in recent years, and sent U of W back to Washington empty-handed. All four of the team events went to OSU, with the individual drill down going to Midn 4/C Carl MOORE, and the Commander's Trophy going to Midn 2/C Mike WARRINER.

The day's activities were rounded out with Major DEICHL representing the Unit, and winning the MOI Pistol Trophy.

That evening was also dominated by OSU with several celebrations going on both at the banquet and in the hotel rooms. All in all, it was a rewarding trip for OSU and therefore typical of most NWN competitions. With the performance of all midshipmen involved in the meet, at such a peak level, it is no wonder we are known throughout the nation as the "Best in the West, and the Rest."

—Midn 2/C Mike WARRINER



Midn ZEIGLER psyches for sit-ups.



"Mock Competition" - NW NAVY Preparation

BUD/S - 80

During the summer of '80 I had the opportunity to take part in a rather unique program. This was Basic Underwater Demolition-Seal (BUD/S) training for midshipmen and cadets. This program set up to expose interested midshipmen and cadets to the regular BUD/S program. BUD/S is a 25 week training course which consists of three phases. Phase one, which lasts 9 weeks, is an extremely rigorous physical training program. Phase two, 8 weeks, deals with dive training and diving physiology on closed, semi-closed and open circuit systems as well as continued physical training. The third phase, also 8 weeks, involves training in small-arms tactics and explosive ordnance, as well as more physical training.

The midshipmen program was three weeks long with one week being spent in each phase. One of the more exciting things we did during phase one were IBS (Inflatable Boat Small) drills which involved taking a six-man boat through the sure zone, flipping it over to get the water out, then righting it and bringing it back to the beach. Other "memorable" adventures included three-mile sand runs and running the obstacle course. This course had 22 obstacles in all and took about 10 to 12 minutes to run, provided we did everything right. If we didn't cleanly clear an obstacle we had to go back and run that one again.

Hell-week (a short version) was also during phase one. This involved getting up at 0001 Thursday morning and going straight through until 1700 Friday afternoon. During this time we did everything from swimming at 0300 in the morning to 9-mile boat races, to crawling through contaminated mud flats. It was really a pretty good time.

During phase two we spent a lot of time doing diving competency work. Before we could go on ocean dives we had to pass a pool-competency test. This involved swimming along the bottom at the deep end with scuba gear. While we did this, the instructors would come over and turn off the air or tie the regulator hose in a knot or take off our face mask or fins and sometimes they did all this at once. The purpose of this was to make sure we could get out of these situations without panicking and shooting up to the surface.

Most of the ocean work we did involved swimming compass courses across the bay, going in from one shore and coming up at a specific point on the other. We had to follow the compass to do this. Visibility in the bay was considerably less than three feet.

In phase three, we didn't have time to be trained in or work with explosives. Instead, we spent time learning about various weapons and squad patrol tactics. We were also given the opportunity to qualify with the M-16 and do some night recon work on the beaches of Coronado.

All in all, it was a pretty unique three weeks, ending with a little graduation ceremony and dinner at the O-Club.

—Midn 2/C Brian D. PALMER

LT HAGEN IN PROFILE

LT Thomas L. HAGEN started his Naval career by enrolling at Oregon State University in the NROTC program. He attended OSU from 1970-74. During this time he was very active in the Navy Battalion. He was a squad leader at the end of his freshman year and throughout his sophomore year. During his junior year he was Public Affairs Officer and organized the first Unit newspaper, *Scuttlebutt*, which was later changed to *Albatross*. For the fall quarter of his senior year, he was the Battalion Commander. He was on the honor roll, earned his pistol marksman qualification, and received the Reserve Officers Award for outstanding academic and aptitude achievements.

He met his wife, Mari, at Bloss Hall while at OSU and they were married in September 1974 after his first duty assignment with the Aviation Junior Officer Detailers in Washington, D.C. From there he was assigned to Pensacola, Fla. for 11 months of Naval Flight Officer training. During September '75 he went to the A-6 Fleet Readiness Squadron at NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He stayed there and flew with VA-34, off the aircraft carriers KENNEDY and EISENHOWER until April '79 when he was assigned to the NROTC Unit here at OSU. He will serve here until July 1982. Currently, he is in the MBA program and plays volleyball, basketball, and softball on the staff teams.

—Midn 4/C Lisa BARFIELD



STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY



'Twas a week before Christmas and all through the armory, all the creatures were stirring, even the mouse in the gaudunk locker (who has shown a distinct preference for granola bars). The staff was all assembled in the midshipman lounge, visions of good food, good cheer and an early secure danced in their heads. The coming was heralded by an Air Force early warning alert that a strange being had been spotted, headed our way. As is the usual course with information from our sister service, the warning was disregarded, considering the source. However, this was the case of the exception that proves the rule, for shortly thereafter, there burst on the scene, the most unusual Santa we ever had seen!

This year's staff Christmas party was certainly the best in the three years the author has been assigned to this Unit. LT Spence NAKAGUMA deserves a real hard pat on the back for organizing the chow and libations. Not having a "duty Ensign" onboard, the assignment to play Santa and distribute the gifts fell by popular vote (in the Military?) to SSGT Rufus ARTHUR. SSGT (now GUNNY - a well-deserved promotion) set the pace for the party, igniting the Christmas spirit with his arrival. Tremendous originality, thought and daring went into the various gifts exchanged. The entire afternoon has truly capped a super fall quarter and was a highlight in a most enjoyable duty assignment.

—LCDR WOODARD



RING DA

The grand finale of the year, the 1981 Ring Dance. The gathering place was the Elks Lodge in Corvallis, Oregon. The date 20 May, Wednesday evening. The occasion, the honoring of the graduating midshipmen of Oregon State University. The gentlemen were dressed in their best dress uniforms and the ladies were attractively styled. The inspiration for the many feet that danced on into the night was provided by the band "Who Knows". Their mixture of dances provided satisfaction for both the romantically and athletically inclined.

CAPT WILLIAMS and CDR REILEY, with their wives greeted midshipmen in the receiving line which commenced at 2000. The band provided music for those interested in dancing up until the Ring Ceremony.

The Naval Academy started the tradition behind the Ring Dance by initiating the idea of the Class Ring in 1869. There is a lot of ceremony in the tradition of the ring presentation. The senior midshipman removes the ring laden ribbon from around his date's neck, gives the ring to the date, who dips it into the Waters of the Seven Seas. The date then places the ring on the third finger of the midshipman's left hand. The midshipman and his date seal the ceremony with a kiss underneath a giant replica of the ring.

Midn 2/C HALFERTY took center stage as Master of Ceremonies. He dedicated the dance to CDR REILEY, our Executive Officer, who will be retiring after 24 years in the Navy. At 2130 Midn HALFERTY began introducing the seniors and their dates and commenced the ceremony.

At 2210 the tension was slowly released as the billets for next year were announced. Lt LEES began with the billets for 2nd Company. Lynn BAILEY and Mike BRUGATO were named 1st and 2nd Platoon Commanders, respectively, with Rick DUBOIS as their executive officer and Roger ANGEL as CO.





DANCE 1981

LT MORCK presented his last billets at Oregon State with Kurt BRINTZENHOFE as 2nd Platoon CO and Rich LANEGAN as 1st Platoon CO. Rounding out 1st Company came as Rick GRESS accepted XO, and Brian PALMER became CO.

Major DEICHL, HQ Company Advisor, stepped forward to announce the specialty Team Commanders. Kurt LUTTERMAN, Drill Team CO; Louis PETERSON, Drum & Bugle Corps CO; Carl FAGO, Color Guard CO; Doug NEWKIRK, Pistol Team CO; and pending grades, there will be a Rifle Team CO. HQ Platoon was given to Mike WARRINGER. HQ Company XO was given to Roger BURTON and CO to Domingo SALIZAR.

With so many positions filled, those remaining to receive billets were on the edge of their seats. CDR REILEY crossed the deck to help a few back into their seats. CDR REILEY thanked the junior class for dedicating the 1981 Ring Dance to him and then went on to announcing the Events Committee. Affectionately known as 'No Loads', those honored were Midn KAY, BRICE, CANTRELL, SCORSE, and PFLUGER.

Moving into the higher echelon, Midn STEENSON was billeted as Physical Training Officer, the Chief Petty Officer being Harold DAVIS, and Tony GEHRINGER filled Supply slot. Personnel will be Craig BATCHELDER; Kevin VISSCHER, Operations, and Steve PFAFF, Assistant Operations.

CAPT WILLIAMS then took center deck to announce the top two billets, but not before reflecting on the last two Battalion Commands, commending them on their achievements. He then presented Tim DYKSTRA with Battalion Executive Officer and Chris ROACH with Battalion Command.

The rest of the evening was dedicated to celebration expressed through dancing, and socializing with all present. At midnight everyone began to leave and escort their dates off into the magic of the early morning.

--Midn 3/C Mark RIPKEY



A New Face - LT WILLIAM CHEESEMAN

LT-CHEESEMAN came to our Unit this year to fill the billet of Freshman Instructor. He came to us from the USS SACRAMENTO, which is home ported in Bremerton, Washington. LT CHEESEMAN served 6 months as navigator and 6 months as Chief Engineer before coming to Corvallis. Since 1966 LT CHEESEMAN has had a very interesting naval career. Enlisting at the age of 18, he left Boot Camp as a Fireman Recruit, first attending BTA, then ETA School. His first sea tour was aboard the USS NEREUS, where he was Master at Arms. Following this were assignments on the USS REDFISH, and the USS ARCHERFISH as an Electronics Technician. LT CHEESEMAN also went to Nuke Power School in Idaho, then went aboard the USS ENTERPRISE as a Reactor Operator. It was back to Electronics B School and then LT CHEESEMAN ran the reactor control on the USS ENTERPRISE.

Applying for the NESAP Program in the fall of 1972, LT CHEESEMAN attended the University of Washington, graduating with a BS in Oceanography, and a B.A. in Zoology. Following graduation was duty on the USS SACRAMENTO.

LT CHEESEMAN is looking forward to the challenge of teaching engineering to midshipmen. He lives in Corvallis and enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing in particular. We would like to wish LT CHEESEMAN an enjoyable tour at OSU and a pleasant stay in Corvallis.

—Midn 4/C Kathy RICHARDSON



COLOR GUARD

The 1980-81 Color Guard was an active part of the Headquarters Company this year. The team, commanded by Midn 2/C Mike BRUGATO, presented the Colors at several Oregon State Beaver basketball games as well as at the opening ceremonies of the new OSU Cultural and Conference Center. The Color Guard has participated in the usual Battalion activities, such as Battalion Change of Command, both winter and spring.

Next year's Color Guard will be commanded by Midn 2/C Carl FAGO, with MIDN 2/C Mark DeVOE assuming the duties of Executive Officer. The Color Squad Leader will be Midn 3/C Kevin WILSON and Midn 3/C Paula JASZKOWSKI will be the Rifle Squad Leader.

--STAFF



Representing NROTC with The Colors

COMPANY PROJECTS

Traditionally, the NROTC Unit conducts Company projects to provide community service to the Corvallis area. This year, the projects were especially successful due to the enthusiastic participation of the Battalion midshipmen.

The winter term projects included repairing the Corvallis Motorcross Course, by First Company, which entailed shoveling gravel and creating paths around the picnic area. Yard work for Senior Citizens was Second Company's contribution. As always, this service was greatly appreciated by all. HQ Company reported to the YMCA PARCOURS to put it into shape for use by the entire community this summer.

During Spring Term, the midshipmen again displayed their strong sense of community service by courageously participating in the Campus Red Cross Blood Drive. Those unable to donate blood provided service by working at an auction to raise money for an extension to the Corvallis Senior Citizens Center.

Battalion personnel always seem to enjoy serving their community in these varied, productive ways. It is important that we always utilize these opportunities so that the community is aware that we are available when they need us. The Battalion is looking forward to next year and the opportunities it may hold.

--STAFF

MIDSHIPMEN HONORED AT SPRING AWARDS

On 26 May, the Battalion Change of Command and Awards Ceremony was held in lieu of weekly drill. The Drum and Bugle Corps got everything started with a lively marching number. The Unit Staff, visiting officers and distinguished members of the community who were present, honored those midshipmen who have exhibited quality and excellence in many areas this past year. A wide variety of awards were presented to deserving members of the Battalion.



Color Girl Mrs. Jennith Hoyt

MOFT

Take a vacation and look at the Corps. That's what a group of midshipmen did over spring vacation.

The Marine Orientation Field Trip (MOFT) was very successful this year. Approximately fifteen students from the OSU NROTC attended the MOFT at Camp Pendleton and El Torro, California. Midshipmen were given a chance to look at Marine Aviation and Infantry.

The aviation section consisted of talks given by several Corps aviators and a static display of several types of aircraft.

The infantry segment was a little more elaborate. The artillery display was well done with demonstrations of the speed and accuracy of the artillery crews.

Midshipmen were given a chance to load, aim and fire the 155 mm guns. An opportunity to handle the M-16 was also presented as students were shown the basics of how to operate the M-16 and then were allowed to fire them. Two extremely capable Sergeants also demonstrated the accuracy of the M-60 machine gun, scoring hits on a target 1200 yards away.

A reconnaissance team showed their dexterity by executing a fast helicopter drop and pickup.

Midshipmen competed against one another in the "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," pugil stick fighting on a narrow bridge over a pool of water. They also went for the "Slide for Life", which requires climbing a cargo net up a 50 foot platform, then sliding down an angled rope over another pool of water.

Being in Southern California, a trip to Disneyland was included, and a stop at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot (CRD) was also in order.

Midshipmen from around the United States attended the annual MOFT including some from the Chicago area.

Overall, the MOFT turned out to be a valuable learning experience, combined with a good time.

—Midn 4/C Tom GRIFFITH

Next on the agenda was the Color Girl Ceremony. Headquarters Company, under the leadership of Company Commander Midn LT. Brett HOYT, won this year's Color Company competition. This is a year-long competition in the areas of scholastics, community service, aptitude and athletics between the three companies in the battalion. The first place ribbon was tied on the HQ Company guidon flag by Color Girl Mrs. Jennith HOYT. Company Commander HOYT presented Mrs. HOYT with a bouquet of roses and received the traditional kiss.

Following this, the Unit flag was passed from spring term's Battalion Commanding Officer, Midn Captain Gregg GEORGE to next fall's Battalion Commander, Chris ROACH during the Change of Command Ceremony. Both men offered a brief statement to the Battalion. Midn GEORGE recognized his staff's hard work and resulting success and commended the Battalion on their efforts during the year. He also wished the best to the incoming staff as they prepare to lead the Battalion. Midn ROACH encouraged the midshipmen to return next fall with the motivation to continue the winning traditions and outstanding reputation that the Battalion has enjoyed.

The entire Battalion, looking especially sharp in Summer White, concluded the ceremonies with a pass in review, accompanied by the Drum & Bugle Corps.

Midn ROACH, in an interview, stated that he had three major goals for next year. To continue to improve the Battalion academically, to achieve a lower attrition rate, and to conduct drill by the book.

—Midn Sherry McCONNELL

MIDN 1/C AWARDS:

Navy League Award:	D. LEINGANG
Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association Award:	G. GEORGE
American Legion Achievement Award:	E. BOONER
Portland Reserve Officers Association Award:	D. NEVE, D. TIPLET
Daughters of the American Revolution Award:	C. CAIN
Sons of the American Revolution Award:	J. KENDE
Fleet Reserve Association Award:	D. LEINGANG
Naval Institute Award:	C. MCNEW, J. OSTER
Marine Corps Association Award:	T. ZIEGLER
General Dynamics Award:	S. SHAVER
NROTC Staff Award:	T. PARLIER
Military Order of World Wars Award of Merit:	G. GEORGE

MIDN 2/C AWARDS:

Bowler Award:	T. DYKSTRA
Reserve Officers Association Achievement Award:	S. PEAFF
American Defense Preparedness Assoc. Award:	M. BRUGATO
Veterans of Foreign Wars Award:	M. BRUGATO, W. STEENSON
MacAlexander Chapter of Reserve Officers Assoc. Award:	C. ROACH, T. DYKSTRA

MIDN 2/C AWARDS:

American Legion Achievement Award:	N. BRINTZENHOF
Aptitude Award:	S. PEAFF, M. CANTRELL
NROTC Staff Award:	K. VISSCHER
Military Order of World Wars Award of Merit:	V. WARRINER

MIDN 3/C AWARDS:

Bowler Award:	J. DAMIR
NROTC Staff Award:	J. SALAZAR
Portland Retired Officers Club of Portland Award:	L. PETERSON
Academic Achievement Award:	J. DAMIR
Swords of Honor Award:	E. STEINER

MIDN 4/C AWARDS:

Bowler Award:	S. SCHWARTZ
Saviter Award:	C. DOBBINS
NROTC STAFF AWARD:	D. PIERCE
Swords of Honor Award:	D. TROTTER

A BABY GUNNY?

On February, 1981 at 0710, GYSGT ARTHUR and his wife, Debbie, became the proud parents of a healthy baby boy. Weighing in at 5 lbs 7 oz, Rufus Emanuel Arthur, Jr., was 19 inches long.

This is Gunny's first baby and he has already bought a soccer ball for little Rufus in hopes of raising another PELE. Although papa has high aspirations for his son, he is not the only one who has designs on Junior's future. The Drill Team has already made him an honorary member by presenting him with a Mini Teamer T-Shirt.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Rufus all the best in his new life.

—STAFF

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VISIT BY COMMANDER RICH

During the week of March 2nd, this Unit was visited by CDR Jim RICH. CDR RICH is currently the only nuclear trained officer on the NAVAIRPAC staff, stationed aboard the USS ENTERPRISE. He is also a graduate of OSU and this Unit. His visit to OSU was coordinated through Submarine Squadron 17 in Bangor, Washington, our nuclear power sponsors.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday CDR RICH was guest lecturer for the freshman classes. Speaking in his field of expertise, nuclear power, he gave the freshmen a look into the physics and engineering aspects of nuclear power. He supplemented this with an overview of the training and career opportunities of the nuclear officer in today's Navy. For Tuesday Drill, those in the Battalion with clearances received a secret briefing and slide presentation on the status in the Indian Ocean. In the briefing he covered many of the recent developments there, due to the instabilities in the Persian Gulf countries. He also mentioned some of the new developments in Soviet Naval technology.

Throughout the week CDR RICH was available to talk to midshipmen and answer questions on nuclear power. This was especially advantageous to Juniors and seniors who are preparing for interviews with Admiral RICKOVER, the Navy's Father of Nuclear Power.

CDR RICH's visit was an excellent opportunity for the midshipmen to gain information on one community in the Navy as well as becoming more aware of what is happening now in world military activities. His visit was very well received by both the Unit staff and midshipman Battalion. For these very reasons this Battalion is looking forward to a continuing guest lecture program to keep us abreast of new developments in the Navy.

—Midn 3/C Louis PETERSON



Nuclear Power

ARE YOU IN SHAPE?

The All American fad these days is "to have a healthy body". Everywhere you look you're faced with "Ten Quick Tips for Getting in Shape" and "Only 5 minutes, only 3 times per week and you, too, can be in shape!" It is this reporter's opinion that the midshipmen in the battalion must have done all the right things at all the right times because the spring PFT on April 11 proved that nearly everyone was up to par and many did extremely well. Four (4) people achieved that perfect score of 300 and thirty-three (33) more worked past the 275 mark. All are to be congratulated.

Beak weather faced all as they arrived at the Unit on that cold, rainy morning. However, the ever present, always inspirational voices of the battalion staff greeted each body as it stretched to loosen those oft used muscles. First Company led the other two Companies through the events, first pull-ups, then sit-ups, and, at last, the three mile run. The battalion women got their chance near the end of the fun.

After all the scores were recorded there was a break and then Battalion athletics stole the show. Soccer in the mud and rain worked up a tremendous appetite for burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and chips. First Company scrambled past Headquarters in the first of the soccer matches. They fared even better against Second Company, the next challenger. Soon after this, Company personnel became indistinguishable and the teams evolved into "Hats" vs "No Hats". These two well-matched teams finished the day with a mud fight.

After a quick cleanup of the Unit, all hands ventured home, followed by that "healthy" feeling.

—Midn 3/C Sherry McCONNELL

MOFEX

It's Thursday night and the rains really coming down. You're too cold to sleep but you're too tired to get up. This has got to be MOFEX. The MARINE OPTION FIELD EXERCISE is the final big even of Bulldog Prep, and the culmination of everything the Junior Marines have learned spring quarter. It not only tests how well they have learned but it also simulates, as close as possible, one of the toughest evaluations they will face this summer in Quantico, VA Bulldog, SULE III.

After forced marching into camp late Thursday, the weary Juniors ineffectively defended a bridge against better trained, better organized Senior aggressors. What was left of the night passed quickly and sunup came too soon.

That day, the Juniors, now more prepared for what they were to face: pursuing members at the 2nd Senior Terrorist Battalion along streams, over mountains and across valleys of the coastal range. Fighting numbing cold and driving rain, carried on only by C-rations and raw courage, the Juniors assaulted the aggressor fourteen times, continually driving him off the objective, but never totally defeating him.



Candidates prepare for MOFEX

The Juniors' chance finally came that night as they made one last grand assault against the aggressors who were defending a well-prepared position with flares and "Senior Artillery".

Having finally beaten the Seniors, the Juniors returned to their camp and a welcomed fire for one of the more enjoyable events of MOFEX - the impromptu speeches. With only five minutes to prepare, candidates made use of their knowledge and wit to entertain their fellow Juniors. Some of the more memorable dissertations included a talk on "Sin and the Marine Corps Aviator" by Rev. Roger ANGEL, "Army Airborne: Fighting Men in Baggy Pants" by Mark CANTRELL, and "Barbara Streisand, my Perfect 10" by Curt "the Snoz" CAIN.

After another attempted night's sleep, the candidates completed the final phase of MOFEX: the Death March, carrying their homes on their backs. The candidates gained the top of a nearby ridge the hard way and then forced marched their way back to civilization.

The true effectiveness of MOFEX and Bulldog prep, taken as a whole, cannot be measured until this summer when the candidates complete OCS (Officer Candidate School). It must be remembered that the purpose of this course was not to prepare the Juniors to survive at Bulldog, but to excel.

—Midn 1/C Bob LAVICK



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The long awaited day of 7 June 1981 had finally arrived. Austin Auditorium at the Cultural and Conference Center was filled with proud friends and relatives, as well as the staff of the NROTC Unit. The 38 senior midshipmen, 22 of whom were being commissioned, of the Class of 1981 filed in for the ceremony that would be the culmination of their college careers.

Rear Admiral Charles B. HUNTER was the guest of honor and commissioning officer. He came to us from Whidbey Island, Washington where he is currently Commander of the Medium Attack Tactical Electronic Warfare Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Admiral Hunter's twenty-seven year career with the Navy has seen him in a wide variety of assignments. Admiral Hunter's warfare specialty led him to the command of the USS SARATOGA (CV-60) in August, 1976. Rear Admiral HUNTER's decorations and awards include the Navy Cross, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal and Navy Commendation Medal.

The seniors were sworn in as Ensigns and Second Lieutenants and completed the ceremony by signing the commissioning log.

An Open House was held in honor of the newly commissioned officers to celebrate their achievement.

—STAFF

SENIOR MESS NIGHT

A rather boisterous group of seniors gathered on Friday, January 23, 1981 for Senior Mess Night, a formal dinner and social event. The scene of the crime was Knight's Joust and Tourney.

The guest speaker was CDR John McNABB, Commander of Attack Squadron 128. CDR McNABB spoke on the relevant topic of military presence in the Indian Ocean.

Midn 1/C Curt McNEW took charge as President of the Mess, keeping the lively group in hand as best he could, by levying fines for violations of the Mess, and disturbances of the peace. Midn McNew was kindhearted enough to let Midn 1/C D.W. LEINGANG off cheaply by paying the last penny of Midn LEINGANG's 25 cent fine.

Various awards, gifts of appreciation, and other honors were presented to esteemed members of the staff and senior class. LCDR WOODARD received a brand new can of Turtle Wax. Midn M. P. DREVES will not have to waste anymore blushing power, as he received a can of red spray paint. Midn 'Hooks' OSTER expanded her collection of fishing tackle. A pair of dark sunglasses will prove useful to Midn E. CARTER in his continuous endeavor to maintain a low profile.

Other highlights include Midn McNEW receiving his orders to the USS LOVE-EM-AND-LEAVE-EM, and the re-release of the movie, "The Marine Corps Goes to Hollywood," starring the infamous Midn D. S. TIPPLES.

All and all, Senior Mess Night was a total success for all attending. Midn Jake YATES was unable to attend, but made a special appearance at the Lamplighter and the Peacock to see the gang after the formal festivities ended.

—Midn 1/C Doug NEVE



DRUM & BUGLE CORPS In Review



The Drum and Bugle Corps had a strong start this year with 14 Rookies going out for the team. With a skeleton staff, XO, MCPO, and two squad leaders, Midn LTJG Mike WARRINER lead the team through another winning season.

With the usual pressures and problems for the staff of creating an exhibition, training and grooming team members, and attrition, they had the added dimension of competition. For the first time in three years the D & B had to fight to keep its reputation. Their opponent, University of Washington, proved to be formidable but could not withstand the 'snap' and 'pop' of Oregon State.

Returning home victorious, the OSU D & B continued its yearly activities marching exhibitions for Dad's and Mom's Weekends, participating in The Daffodil Parades in Tacoma and Puyallup, Washington, playing at the Change of Command Ceremonies, CNET Inspection, and Commissioning. At the annual D & B Banquet, a formal dinner which commemorates the end of the season, the 1981-82 staff was announced. But not before each class had a chance to show their true feelings for other members of the team. After things quieted down, an air of seriousness fell over the room, as squad leaders Louis PETERSON and Jeff RYMAN took the podium to announce who would fill their shoes next year. They are: Carl MOORE, 1st Squad; Greg ZWICKER, 2nd Squad; Eric MURRAY, 3rd Squad; Lisa EARNEST, 4th Squad; Diane BURGESS took Drum section; Kevin HASS will be Supply Chief; Doug Trotter will be next year's MCPO and bugle section.

Next up was Bill SCORE, XO, who, after finding out 'XO' didn't stand for hugs and kisses, promptly turned the job over to Jeff RYMAN.

To climax the evening's events, the moment we had been waiting for, Midn WARRINER turned his command over to Louis PETERSON. The evening was concluded by a few words from Capt. WILLIAMS commenting on the dedication, discipline, cooperation and cohesiveness of the team.

Next year, the team looks forward to the challenge of more competition with the University of Idaho and University of Washington. Good luck to the new staff and next year's team!

--Midn 4/C Lisa M. EARNEST



TWO PLATOON COMPETITIONS HELP IMPROVE DRILL SKILLS

For the first time, two platoon competitions were held in an attempt to further refine the drill capabilities of the midshipman battalion. The competitions, held on 24 February and 5 May, consisted of both drill and inspection phases.

The intense inspection covered military appearance and uniform care, as well as military knowledge. The drill portion required execution of several basic maneuvers by the platoons.

The first competition saw 1st Platoon, 1st Company the overall winners under the skillful guidance of Platoon Commander Midn LT Doug NEVE. The results of the second platoon competition exhibited Midn LT OSTER's abilities, as Second Platoon, Second Company took top honors.

The utilization of competition seems to be a good motivation for hard work by all personnel involved.

--Midn 3/C Sherry McCONNELL



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