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Church of St Michael's celebrates their Patron Saint's Day

The Church of St. Michael's located just outside of the East wall of Kagnev Station is celebrating its Patron Saint's Day Nov. 21.

The twelfth day of each month on the Ethiopian Calendar is St. Michael's Day, but in June and November the day has a special significance. Biblical legend maintains that it was St. Michael who led the angels in conquering Satan, and expelling him from heaven. The Lord rewarded the Saint by making him an Arch Angel, and as was the custom, St. Michael chose the day upon which he wished to celebrate this honor. The day he chose was Nov. 12.

It is also Biblical legend according to the Ethiopian Church that it was during the month of June that St. Michael guided Moses, and the people of Israel in the form of a light in the sky on their flight from Egypt. Thus the celebration is a dual one.

On Sundays and most holidays, the Coptic church service begins at 2:00 a.m., but on St. Michael's Day the church bells begin ringing at midnight. The service lasts all night, and the singing and chanting may be heard clearly in Kagnev Station. If St. Michael's Day falls on Wednesday or Friday which are fast days in the Coptic Church during which no dairy products may be eaten, and customarily no food before noon, then the service lasts past noon. At 7:00 a.m. on non-fast days and noon on fast days the tabernacle of the church is taken outside, and

led by the priests bearing the Tabernacle, the congregation processes three times around the church. Then it is brought inside, and the congregation receives communion.

Following communion those members of the church that live in Asmara return to their homes, and hold an open house for the rest of the day. Pilgrims who have come to the church from the countryside are directed by the priests to the homes of their Asmara parishioners where they share the feast. Also friends of the Asmara members of St. Michael's, though not members are expected to come to their homes, and join in the celebration.

Piano Concert to be held Monday

Monday evening Maddalena Germano Bartoli and Vivien Tarantino will present a duet piano concert at 9:15 p.m. in the Odeon Theatre.

Their program which has been three months in preparation will feature classical modern music of the European Impressionistic and Post-Impressionistic period. Music that has been greatly influenced by the jazz and folk music idiom. The first part of the program will feature serious compositions by Poulenc, Grieg, Brahms, and Saint Saens, whereas the second half will emphasize the lighter,

Education Center's new advisor outlines plans for expansion

The University of Maryland began its second term Monday with a new education advisor, Frances Sullinger. She fills the vacancy left by the departure of George Merritt in June.

Mrs. Sullinger has taught speech and English in the University of Maryland's European Division for five years having had classes in Germany, France, Italy, Turkey, and twice before here in Asmara. She has a B.A. and a M.A. from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas, and is presently working on her PHD in linguistics at the University of Denver. She does not, however, plan to teach here

unless there is no one else available in her area as the job of education advisor is a full-time one.

She is accompanied by her husband, Ted, an anthropologist who has also taught here previously. He is going to do research on a village in the Serai region of Eritrea which he hopes to develop into a dissertation for his doctorate from the University of Colorado. He has also been invited by the Imperial archeologist, Francis Anfray to accompany him on diggings in the Metara and Axum areas. Mr. Sullinger may teach anthropology next summer during the rainy season.

In an interview Mrs. Sullinger outlined an ambitious program of changes and expansion that she hopes to institute during her stay here. She considers Kagnev Station a fertile area for educational expansion due to the high calibre of people, and the relative isolation of Asmara. Some of the programs are:

1. USAFI REGISTRATION CENTER: This would involve building a USAFI course library so that the soldier desiring to take a USAFI course would not have to wait to obtain his course through the mail.
2. LANGUAGE LAB: Plans are underway to obtain tape recorders, booths, and tapes from the General Education Development Agency to establish a language laboratory.
3. MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: The Education Center is presently testing interest throughout the station to determine if enough people would desire to undertake a Master's degree program in international relations from Boston University. The minimum number necessary is 40 for the year long program. If enough people are interested, Boston University will send a professor here to handle the program. Three-fourths of the tuition would be paid by the government, and further GI Bill assistance is possible.
4. MOS STUDY MATERIALS: The Education Center hopes to obtain MOS study materials to make MOS group study courses possible.
5. TYPEWRITERS: There is a possibility that typewriters will be made available for group study classes, in typing.

6. COLLEGE CATALOGUE CENTER: The Education Center hopes to expand the undergraduate college catalogue section, and build a graduate catalogue center. If there is a particular catalogue that you are interested in, and the Center doesn't have it, then let them know and they will order it for you.

Mrs. Sullinger also hopes to make the Education Center more accessible to the people of Kagnev. Already the hours of operation have been expanded two hours a day as the Center is now open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and she hopes to find a qualified person who could work as a part-time counselor so that the center could be open in the evening. They have also obtained their own classroom, making possible on-duty classes as well as off-duty ones.

Finally an effort is presently being made to discover the educational needs of the whole community so that the University of Maryland can offer those courses that best meet these needs. Questionnaires are being passed out to students presently enrolled in courses, and other interested parties are urged to fill them out so that a complete program may be planned.

Ethiopian policewomen train here

Five Ethiopian policewomen took revolver training here at Kagnev Station from Oct. 24 through Oct. 29. Coaching the ladies were four members of the Military Police Sergeant First Class William Hayes, Staff Sergeant Wayne Ritter, Specialist Four Eugene Dunkelberger, and Private First Class George Carter.

The classes were held outside and consisted of the fundamentals of revolver firing, safety features, dry fire, and range procedures. Then the morning of Oct. 29, the women went to the Post Rifle Range to fire for qualification. First Sergeant Isak of the Asmara Guard accompanied the group to perform the Range Officer function in order to avoid any language problems.

The training session was a success as all the women qualified on the range.

SSG Barwick and Post Re-enlistment office move

Staff Sergeant William Barwick, the post re-enlistment NCO moved his office this week. Formerly located in the Transient Billeting Office of the Post Headquarters building, SSG Barwick now has a spacious of-

ice of his own situated in the rectangular, one-story building located next to STRATCOM Company and kitty-cornered from Company B.

The move not only signifies a change in location, but also in

position as Barwick will no longer be splitting his time between the Transient Billeting Fund and Re-enlistment. Specialist Four Lewis Shapiro, having recently come from Korea has assumed the Transient Billeting Fund position thereby allowing Barwick to devote all his time to Re-enlistment.

SSG Barwick, a native of Dublin, Ga. has spent most of his career in Army Security Agency Procurement and Re-enlistment. He has worked in ASA Procurement Detachments in Ft. Jackson, S. C. and Ft. Ord, Calif. The one exception was his tour in Vietnam in 1966-67, when he worked with the First Logistics Command.

SSG Barwick's position as Re-enlistment NCO here is a challenging one for he has much to live up to as Kagnev Station has had a record of one of the highest Re-enlistment percentages in the world. So far he has more than met the challenge for since his arrival here in Dec. 1967, he has given over one-half million dollars in Variable Re-enlistment Bonuses.

SSG Barwick is accompanied here by his wife Dorthea and their six children.



SSG Barwick hangs out the welcome sign. (photo by Jim Wiggins)

Post Orientation

November
18th & 20th
9:00 a. m. - 12:00 noon

EDITORIAL

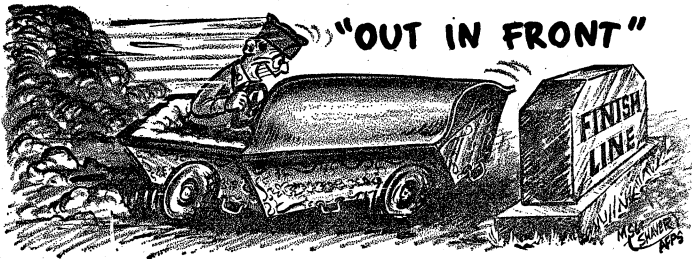
Maybe, Maybe Not

Judging from all the outward appearances, news reports and statistics available, there are still a great many servicemen and women — too many, in fact — who haven't gotten «the word.»

What word? The one on driving safety.

That's right, driving safety. The thing you've been hearing about for years. The thing you've spent hours listening to lectures and seeing films about. Driving safety, the thing that — if you're lucky and it's gotten through to you — has helped keep you alive so you could be griping now about reading another article on it.

Maybe you've gotten the word and do drive defensively and intelligently. There are a lot of people who haven't. They are the ones who are listed as statistics. If they've managed to survive this long, they are probably the ones who are screeching up and down the highways in their souped-up coffins figuring they are «too cool,» «too swift» to have anything happen to them.



Maybe it won't happen to them — maybe their indifferent, inconsiderate, dangerous antics behind the wheel of a car will only cause an accident, injuring or killing someone else.

Time will tell — and this is a good time of the year for automobile accidents. There are more hours of darkness; the weather is against you with rain, sleet and snow in many areas; windows are fogged due to temperature differences; people are in a big hurry to get inside, away from the cold or damp.

Into the middle of all this careens Harry Heavyfoot or Bob Blankbrain — unconcerned, unaware and unpredictable. They have watched the safe-driving movies, but they didn't see. They heard the safety lectures, but they didn't listen. They have read the articles, but they didn't comprehend. They are living on borrowed time.

If they're someplace now where they don't have a car, they'd do well to keep the word about safe driving tucked away in their head. It'd be pretty wild to make it all the way through 'Nam and then get zapped on a stateside Interstate.

There's the word—again. See you around—we hope. (AFPS)

Lookin' Round

by Gabby Goesit

I've been lookin' up, lately,.... at my ceiling. It's white. The walls are salmon pink, and the floor is of variegated terrazzo tile. The room is 15 tiles wide and 21 tiles long, or 10 feet by 14 feet. When one spends 36 hours a day, eleven days a week in one, separated, lonesome room, one comes to know it intimately!

And, one has time to think; especially about friends. I've got a thousand friends, hundreds of acquaintances and a few enemies. Since I have been thinking about persons in these three categories for the past week of solitary confinement, I am going to dedicate this column to them all.

FRIENDS

I'll start with friends because, well, that special quality of the relationship that comprises friendship has got to come first, naturally. And my best friend also comes first—my wife.

Funny? No, not at all, because when the hours of the day are longest and, sick, silent depression stands threatening your sanity, the only protection is the firm, positive knowledge that any minute now or at some preset time in the lonely day, your best friend will quick put in her smiling pretty face and have a cheery word. A friend is someone you can depend on, and she's never let me down. She works to help pay my bills, fixes my food, washes by drawers, listens to my gripes, nurses me when I'm sick, cheers me when I'm sad. She's indignant

when I'm offended and sympathetic when I'm frustrated and crushed by the mill of existence. She laughs when I clown. She cries when I'm embarrassed. She sweeps up my failures, quietly disposing of the shattered pieces of a dream, and yet meets my every new dream with ever new encouragement and confidence. Yes, I call my wife a friend, and there's nothing funny about it.

The First Sergeant and CO came by to see me, like friends. Discharge of their duty? Maybe so, but it was on eye-to-eye, man-to-man discharge on a personal, «How ya feelin'?» basis.... and it was friendly, appreciated.

Some of the Guys came: Clay Chavers, Bill Murdock, Rob Robertson. Robertson is a USAH lab tech and he's hit me up for about a quart of blood for various tests. Still, when he's got a minute, he just stops by to say «Hi, how ya feelin'?» And Bill, he's the last guy I thought I'd see because of all his radio work. Yet I've seen Bill four or

five times. Clay's short, but he found 20 minutes, and I appreciate that. But, friends usually find time for each other.

The couples, of course, are friends. Bronson and his fantastically effervescent wife, Cathy. Great! Dave and Linda who would hedge on a square dance date to see a friend. Jim and Judy, Bob and Anita, Ted and Polly all stopped by to see me, in the name of friendship. Thanks.

Teachers are friends, too. Bless you, Mr. Wolford, and Irma, Jan, Ruth, Kay, Bev and Jim, just for being as friendly as you are.

Professional concern is expected in nurses, but to the two great gals (if I dare call LTC's «gals») who came in to see me on their day's off, I can't say thanks enough Julia Minno and Mary Morris, you have each been good friends.

And lastly, the Chaplains. Why John Urey and Jim Bradley came to see me, I don't know. The Lord knows that I've never been to see how they're doing in the Chapel. I guess I'll have to return the favor, now. Not a bad thought, either.

Pulpit and Pew

I would like to take this time to say thanks very much to all the people at Kagnev Station for the many things they have done for me. As my time passes slowly by I will always think of the many fine people that I have grown to know. It is with mixed emotions that I say farewell to Kagnev Station. Rather I should say to the people of Kagnev Station, from the Commanding Officer down to the newly arrived personnel. I have never really met a finer or more sincere group of people. In my job as Catholic Chaplain's Assistant, I have come in contact with many fine people. I will always have a special place in my heart for the many people who have gone out of their way to lend a helping hand.

Again good bye and God bless you always.

Ed Hampton
Catholic Assistant

ACQUAINTANCES

I have acquaintances too numerous to count. Let me simply say that within this category are they all who chat with you in the PX, snack-bar, office or wherever, and when they hear you're sick, «Hafta go see him, soon as I get a minute.» And having expressed the intention, promptly run out of minutes. But the man in the hospital has minutes; 60 every hour, 1,440 every day, each draggin' by. But friends, well they sure fill up the minutes and make 'em fly by. But I do want to thank my acquaintances for thinking about me, all the same.

ENEMIES

And in closing, I can think of no finer tribute to my enemies than Hilair Belloc's excellent poem for a Nativity Card: «May all of my enemies go to hell»
«Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel»

Major changes made in military legal procedures

WASHINGTON (ANF) — President Lyndon B. Johnson has signed into law the Military Justice Act of 1968, which is designed to insure that military personnel are afforded the same protection as civilian persons who are accused of federal offenses.

Also, the new law is intended to bring the procedures for trials by special and general courts martial more closely parallel to current procedures in U. S. district courts.

The legislation, which had the concurrence of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, makes far-reaching changes in military law and trial procedures.

Part of the law went into effect when the President signed the act in late October. The remaining provisions, which will have a great influence on commanders and all other military personnel, will become effective on Aug. 1, 1969.

The portions of the law now in effect pertain to appellate review of court-martial cases. Two major changes are included:

* The time in which the accused can petition for a new trial is extended from one year to two years, including summary and special court-martial cases.

* The Judge Advocate General is given new powers to modify,

or set aside, illegal convictions by summary or special courts martial.

Before the remaining provisions of the law can be implemented, the President must issue an executive order changing the Manual for Courts Martial.

A revised Manual for Courts Martial, reflecting changes in military law over the past 17 years, will be used by the Armed Forces beginning Jan. 1, 1969. This manual will be revised further by the President's executive order, which will be drafted with the assistance of the military services.

Among the major changes in the Manual for Courts Martial required, or permitted, by the law are the following:

* The accused will be afforded the opportunity to be defended by a legally qualified counsel at special courts martial unless the commander certifies that such counsel cannot be obtained.

* Trial in special and general courts martial may be held by a military judge alone if the accused so requests and the request is approved by the military judge.

* Pre-trial and post-trial sessions of courts martial may be held by the military judge without the presence of the court

members for the purpose of deciding procedural questions.

* Convening authorities are given discretionary authority to defer the service of sentences to confinement pending appellate review. (This parallels the civilian practice of an individual being freed on bail pending appeal of a sentence.)

* An accused may object to trial by summary court martial even if he has refused punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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AAHS first Homecoming Game ends in Raider victory To travel a new highway

by B. C. Davis

The Asmara American High School held its first Homecoming Game complete with a band, floats, pretty girls, and a hard hitting football contest Friday afternoon on Marshall Field.

The Raiders paced by the hard running of Chip Schindler scored twice in the fourth quarter to beat a determined Viking squad 21-7, and take the series between the two teams five games to one.

Midway through the fourth quarter it looked like the game was going to end in a tie at 7-7, but then the Raider's «mini» line began to break open holes off-tackle, and the potent Raider offense started to move. Larry Hayes and Schindler, the two Raider halfbacks took advantage of the openings, and consistently broke into the Viking secondary. Once inside the ten, however, Coach Pete Zuyus' boys tightenend up, and it took the Raiders four downs to score, the touchdown coming on a Schindler plunge from the one yard-line. Then he swept right end for the extra point making the score 14-7.

The Vikings began to play a kind of desperation ball, and the game disintegrated for a few moments into a comedy of errors as the ball changed hands on three successive downs. David Taliaferro, the Viking quarterback dropped back to throw, and badly harrassed by a strong Raider pass-rush, lofted one into the arms of Raider defensive back, Larry Hayes. The Raiders returned the favor on the next down when Mike Lormand fumbled the exchange from center, and the Vikings recovered. Taliaferro then dropped back again hoping for the big bomb, but instead got another interception. This one by Schindler.

Schindler then took things into his own hands. Taking a hand-off, he hit off-tackle, cut back, and broke two tackles in going 35 yards for a score to ice the game for the Raiders. David Patt, freshmen halfback added the extra point on a dive play to make the score 21-7.

Coach Roy Clawson's Raiders scored the first time they had the ball in the game on a long march that culminated in a Lormand quarterback sneak for the score. A pop pass from

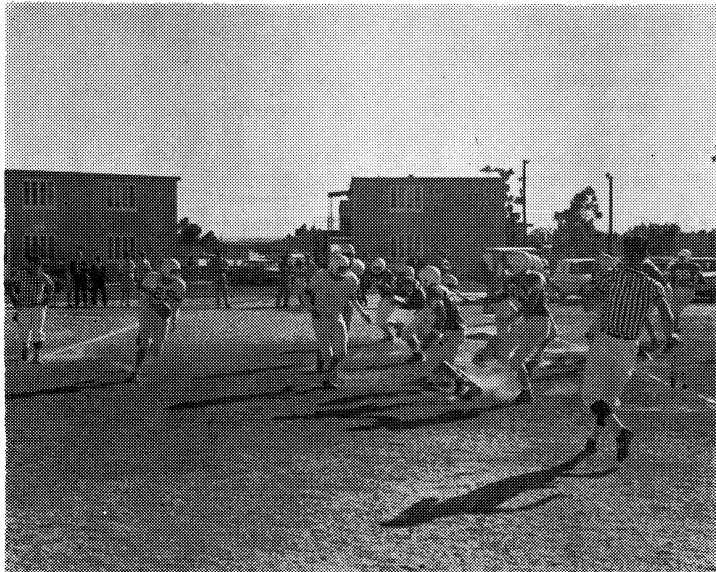
Lormand to George Rabine made it 7-0, and it looked like it might be a rout.

The Vikings, however, had other ideas, and in fact they dominated the play for the rest of the half. One drive sparked by a Taliaferro to Lenihan pass stalled on the Raider two yard line, and if the Viking ends would have held on to some fine Taliaferro passes the half time score could conceivably have been 14-7 in favor of the Vikings, rather than the Raider 7-0 lead.

The Vikings continued to press the Raiders through the third quarter. They almost scor-

ed when Greg Lenihan broke off right tackle, and looked like he was free when diminutive Joe Keefe made a shoe-string tackle to stop the powerful Viking back.

In the first minutes of the fourth quarter, Taliaferro finally connected hitting Harvey Hubble on a 40 yard bomb. On the crucial extra point Taliaferro pitched out to Lenihan, and then led the power sweep to the right. Lenihan followed his blocking perfectly and went into the end zone unscathed to tie the game up. All this, however, merely set the stage for the Schindler heroics.



Chip Schindler of the Raiders sweeping to the right side of the Viking's line on a pass-run option in Asmara American High School's first Homecoming game Friday afternoon on Marshall Field. (photo by Jim Wiggins)

Kegler's Korner

by Jim Wright

There hasn't been any activity on the Ernie Pyle Bowling alleys for the past three weeks due to the resurfacing of the lanes and a few more decorative ideas to make bowling on Kagnew a bit more comfortable and enjoyable for everyone. The

walls within the lanes have been completely repainted white and beige and it really looks good. So all of you bowlers that thought a missed strike or poor game was due to the glare from the walls will no longer have that excuse, but I'm sure we'll all think of others. We bowlers are a crafty lot; aren't we Art D., Tony T., Ted C. et al. It won't be long now before all of the leagues will be able to be under way again. I don't know the exact date, but when I find out, you will be the first to know. The dates given last week have been changed again so, who knows.

Don't worry RM3 Draper, we will give you a chance to get

out there and practice your gutter shots before league play starts again. Ok? That's all I have for you this week folks, but I will be back again next week same place same time and I hope you will to for all of the bowling news which isn't too doggone much at this date. Right? Things will perk up again I promise. So stay in Kegler's Korner and you're sure to come out a winner.

NOTE:

Kagnew Bowling Association is presently looking for someone who has experience in the repair and maintenance of Brunswick bowling equipment. It is preferred that the applicant possess a card if possible. Please contact Jim Wright at telephones, 2233 or 5210 anytime.



Duffer's Discourse

The Prince Makonnen Golf Course is sponsoring the J. F. K. Memorial Golf Tourney which they hope to develop into an annual competition between the men and women of Kagnew Station and Asmara.

A qualification round may be played anytime between Nov. 16 and Nov. 22. The 12 low scratch scores for the men, and four for the women of Kagnew Station will compete against the 12 low men and four low women of Asmara in a match play tourney.

In the tourney, beginning Nov. 23, the top golfer of Kagnew

everyone was «billeted» somewhere, two were put in the Tower Room, the highest place in the castle, to entertain the ghost.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Pierce, a British advisor to Ras Seyoum, guided the tour to a water fall Tarzan might have dived off of. The water fall is the property of a nearby Coptic Church in the Axumite style. After this visit the old army bus lumbered into the market place of Makalle where thousands of people, gathering for market day on Monday, seemed curious and happy to see the Kagnew Americans.

At four on Sunday afternoon Mrs. Lisle guided the tour to Ras Seyoum's family castle and home. Ras Mengasha Seyoum, a very well-known man in Ethiopia, is known to have taken off his shirt and worked alongside his people building projects for his Tigre Development Organization. The Ras enjoys meeting the «feringie» (foreigners) who come to Makalle.

The tour also visited the town fountain located in a narrow alley where Mrs. Lisle cautioned: «This alley is small — are you sure we won't injure his (the bus) dignity by going in there.» She continued in her British accent, «Are you sure it isn't too small for him?»

On Sunday evening Mr. Pierce showed slides of his excursions with Ras Seyoum, and the French and Italian Ambassadors to Ethiopia to the rock-hewn churches (not Lalibela) located about 60 kilometers (42 miles) north of Makalle. (The Ras and Mrs. Lisle are planning trips to these churches — by burro.)

On Monday morning the bus was to leave for Asmara, but Mrs. Lisle zoomed and zigged down the road in her Land Rover to contribute some oranges and bananas for the trip. The bus proceeded, inching past camels carrying salt blocks up from the Danakil Desert.

The group stopped at Worknu (near Saganetti) to explore a rock-hewn church, and the recent excavations of the French archeologists (due next month) at Mitara (near Senafe). This part of the tour was lead by explorer Leonard Loyd who was aided by an old Kagnew archeology guide-book.

A tour of this kind is a boon to Kagnewites. It's an opportunity to explore new areas of Ethiopia and get some interesting photographs. The next Special Services Tour travels down the Axum road at the end of November.

TEEN TOPICS

by Scott Manchester

Homecoming Day was last Friday, Nov. 8. It was a dress-up day at the school, so everyone looked their best. Activities started at 12:00 with a pep rally, then at three the football game began. There's another article in here on our Homecoming game, so I'll just say a few things about it. It was the last game of the season between the Raiders and Vikings, and the Raiders won it 21-7 by making two touchdowns in the last five minutes of the game. This means that the Raiders have won the season with a record of 5-1.

The big half-time show started with a short display of cheers by the cheerleaders, and the post band played a few numbers. Then four floats (seventh grade, sophomore, junior, and Senior) were displayed to the judges and carried around the field. The judges — LTC Gruver, deputy post commander, Mr. Farber, the school counselor, and Miss Rothstein the cheer-

leading sponsor, made their decision, and at the Homecoming Dance that night it was announced that the Senior class float, a flower map of Ethiopia with a lion of Judah, was the winner of the \$10 prize.

At 8:30 that night the dance started at the Officer's Club. Forty couples danced to the music of the Sounds. The highlight of the evening was the crowing of AAHS first Homecoming Queen, Daryl Lee, and her two attendants, Debbie Shaffer and Gan Fread who were chosen by the football team.

October's Student of the Month was picked by the Student Council and faculty recently. She is Marie Jerry, a senior who just recently arrived in Asmara from Texas. This is not, however her first time in Ethiopia for she was in Addis once before. She says that she is very proud to have received the award and she considers it a great honor.

SPORT SHOTS Company B Concourse

by B. C. Davis

In news just received, the Kagnew Station Post Football Team playing in the Mediterranean Sports Conference Championships in Izmer, Turkey won its first two games thus launching themselves into the semi-finals. They crushed the Sinop, Turkey squad 45-0, and beat the Crete team by a score that no one could decipher on the message. Two teams have already been eliminated in the eight team round-robin tournament.

This is a lull period in the sports activity here at Kagnew Station — an interim between the fall and winter sports seasons if such terms can be used in this continually beautiful climate. Right now the Companies are practicing in preparation for the start of three sports during the week of Nov. 25, four if you count the resumption of the Special Services bowling league after the renovation of the lanes.

Horseshoe competition begins Monday of that week with each company entering four singles players and two doubles teams. On the same day the Post Basketball League begins what should be a very exciting season. The League will play Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Training sessions are presently in progress for the basketball officials, so if you're one of the groaners that continually complain about the caliber of the referees, perhaps you'd like to give the profession a whirl. It's five dollars a game, and all the boing and complaints you can stand.

Tuesday of that week volleyball swings into action, and will be played every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Finally this coming Tuesday the Special Services Pairs Golf Tourney gets underway with three flights going.

The Commander's Trophy system has been changed or augmented depending on how you want to look it. Presently the Commander's Trophy is presented to the Company that scores the most points in the all sports competition with 120 points given for a first place finish, 90 for second 70 for third, 60 for fourth, and 50, 40, 30 on down the line. Ten points are subtracted for a forfeit. This system obviously favors the large companies particularly A and B. A small contingent such as the Air Force or the Medical Detachment has almost no chance of receiving any recognition. This can be seen in an analysis of the seven major sports played for Commander's Trophy points this year. A Company has won three sports, B Company two, and Headquarters and STRATCOM the next largest companies have won one each.

Beginning in January 1969, a new system of recognition will go into effect that attempts to remedy some of the defects in the old system. There will still be a Commander's Sports Trophy based on the same point system, but now there will also

be a Commander's Trophy awarded on the basis of many other factors than the winning of a particular sport: participation in the athletic programs, percentage of members that participate in the bond programs, low incident rates, performance in inspections, and other such considerations. Finally revolving trophies will be awarded in the five major team sports: basketball, bowling, football, softball, and volleyball.

In the present Commander's Sport Trophy competition A Company, last year's winner, is leading B Company by 90 points with three sports to go: horse-shoes, basketball, and badminton. B Company with one player in the single's finals for sure, and another in the consolation bracket, and their two doubles teams still in competition, is a definite favorite to win when the football team returns from Turkey, and the tournament can be resumed. A Company has to be made the favorite in basketball with four top players from the All Star team: Jim Brannon, Ordell Cromer, Gary Bryan, and Richard Wilkie. Horseshoes is anyone's guess. The complete Commander's Trophy Standings are listed in the box below.

Congratulations to all the 72B20's who are now able to draw specialty pay. First Sergeant Thurmond noted that this was the first time in a long time that so many people have been able to draw the pay. Special mention to Bobby Phillips for obtaining the highest score. Others include Chuck Johnson, Richard Tomei, and John Hirsh. Jumbo Richardson's Hail and Farewell Party was again held at the Imperial Hotel on Wednesday, 6 November 1968. The menu included red and white wine, and the familiar shrimp cocktail which everyone enjoyed.

James Flaherty received a direct commission to 2nd Lieutenant. He holds a bachelor's in political science. Congratulations to Lieutenant Flaherty.

Everyone knows by now that Company B administration offices have moved to the new building behind barracks S-260. Contrary to RUMOR CONTROL Company B is not sharing the new administration building with Company A.

The new administration building includes a new orderly room, supply room, postal room, and arms room. The new building has an air circulation system.

FRONT AND CENTER with SP5 Martin

Paul D. Ressig, Richard Morrison, and Charles A. Nichols arrived. Duane Klasson returned from a 35 day leave in Germany.

Ed Turley is in the hospital. Sergeant Priest is on leave to Asmara while John Hirsh is on leave to Addis Ababa, Agordat, Asmara, Axum, Cheren, Embatcalla, Ghinda, Makalle, Massawa, and vicinity.

John Auld is on administrative leave to a Protestant Retreat in Berchtesgarden. Clair Frasier is on emergency leave in the state of Washington.

Eleven were promoted to SP4. They were: Tyrone L. Armsstead, Michael W. Griffith, Robert G. Thatcher, James H. Cline, Thomas J. West, Clair E. Prasier, Michael D. Loots, Warren R. Hostetter, Orrin R. Haywood, Jr., Robert L. Freeman, and Warren D. Anderson.

THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF J—BAR

Jack Lapsperitis is now in Sydney, Australia. He ETS'ed from the Army last May and from Ethiopia he traveled to Kenya. From Kenya he went to India, then Nepal. Somehow he traveled to Taiwan, Japan and then to Singapore.

J—Bar flew from Singapore to Darwin, Australia from which he began a 4,100 mile hike. Many advised him not to hitch-hike, but he did it anyway. In all it took him two weeks to travel across the territories. He crossed in three rides.

He brought food and water with him and slept in the bush at night. At night he would wake up to the howling of packs of dingoes (wild-dogs). During the day he saw parrots, giant 7 foot lizards, and herds of wild horses.

Presently, Jack is living and working in Sydney, Australia. Soon, he hopes to go to New Zealand, New Caledonia, Tahiti, and then the Canal Zone, Central America. From there, he plans to see some old friends in South America. He plans to be back in the states in May, 1969.

Jack may come back to Ethiopia to try for the job of crocodile hunting in the Awash River.

From his journal Jack has found something to be true of everyone: "...in life, people do not want to understand people; people only want to understand what they themselves 'want' to understand!"

For those of you who owe Jack letters his latest address is:

MR. John J. Lapsperitis, Jr.
c/o American Consulate General
Sydney, New South Wales,
Australia

to the new Board «GOOD LUCK».

CONGRATULATIONS to Chief and Mrs. Romero on the launching of their new son, Anthony. Bout time too! Chief Hamilton informs me that it feels like he has been waiting 18 months for his new one to be launched, and if he had had to wait much longer he was thinking about contracting a new ship builder.

Our closing thought «Leadership means different things to different people. Leadership however, always involves people and always means getting a job done. If we do all tasks to the best of our ability and in the highest tradition of the Navy, then we will promote Leadership.»

Until next week...Ciao.

Commander's Trophy Standings

	Bowling	Football	Golf	Softball	Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball	Total
A Company	60	120	90	120	80	50	120	640
B Company	40	40	70	70	120	120	90	550
Headquarters Co.	50	55	120	90	30	90	60	495
STRATCOM	120	55	60	50	70	70	40	465
Medical Det.	20	90	50	60	30	40	50	340
Navy	70	70	0	40	0	60	70	310
Air Force	90	90	0	60	0	0	50	290
Guard Company	30	90	0	60	0	30	50	260

Stratcom News "DOCK SIDE"

By Jim Luikart

CPT Rand A. and Lila Burger are the proud parents of a new born baby girl born at the Kagnew Station Hospital on November 5th.

SSG Charles and Sandra Pitman are also beaming with pride over the birth of a new born boy, their first, on October 30th.

STRATCOM's Deputy Commander, MAJ Charles H. Cox and family will be departing Asmara tomorrow after almost 23 months in the command. MAJ Cox is scheduled for a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Lieutenant Joe W. Ewing, his wife Cecellia and daughter Kathy, have just arrived in Asmara to begin their 30 month tour of duty with STRATCOM Facility. Lieutenant Ewing was commissioned through the ROTC at the University of Kentucky where he also received a degree in Business Administration. He

has been on active duty for six months and will be the OIC of STRATCOM's Command Readiness Center.

Other new arrivals include SP4 Larry D. Heller, PFC Joseph Krasnak, and PVT Mark G. Hansen from Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga. and have been assigned duty with the Traffic Division. SP4 Michael P. Joyce, an addition to the NCA Section, has just come in from STRATCOM Facility, Davis, California.

In the promotion department, Leo F. Robeson, Support Company Training NCO and Career Counselor, was awarded the second rocker to his chevron by being promoted to SFC.

Advanced to SSG are Cedell E. Parmer of TTY Maintenance, and James H. Griffin from the Antenna Section.

New SGTs and SP5s in the Company are recently promoted SGTs Cliff E. Alexander, Clarence D. Harvey and Daniel J. Huber; and SP5s Michael G. Copeland, James H. Dais, Jerry D. Morris and Stephen P. Smoot.

The majority of all STRATCOMERS discovered just how out of shape and soft life in Asmara has made them during last week's semi-annual PT test. It was so much fun; MORE PT SERGEANT!!!

by Bob Zajack

The Holiday is over and I've got to get this column out within the next 3 hours so here goes. The NEY Team inspected our Navy Mess Hall at Gura last week and CS1 Miller informs me that they really looked the place over. One of the comments from the inspecting party was that it was one of the best Mess Halls that they have observed so far. I believe that Bob Miller and all of the cooks at Gura deserve a «WELL DONE» on this. They certainly have done a lot to improve the appearance of the Mess. Here's hoping we get First Place.

The results from Term 1 of University of Maryland are in, and the Navy personnel who attended have received some final grades that make us all proud. The following is a list of the final grades received: Dee, V., RMCN, Italian 7 A; Routenberg, C, YN2, G&P106, B, Italian 1., Crabtree, RM1 (SS), A. Allison, ET2, B; Harrison, RM2, B. A «WELL DONE» to all of these men who are devoting their own time to self improvement. Keep up the good work!

This is more proof that our extra time is as valuable to us

as we want it to be. U. of M., USAFI, and Navy Training courses are available to all of us. Let's use them. Take it from an old hand because I'm enrolled in 5 courses presently. (Believe me, I pat myself on the back every day.)

A «WELCOME ABOARD» to RMSN's Houk, Hurlbut, Olsen, Breedlove and Zimmerman. Again, if you need any help, we are ready to assist.

Looks like EN1 Humphrey finally puts on the beloved khaki uniform Saturday, Nov. 16. A day of festivities, with Humphrey as the central character, is planned by the Chief's of NAV-COMMSTA. Needless to say, we are all looking forward to this important day. I imagine Humphrey is also, He'd better!!

Election of officers for the JFK Memorial CPO Lounge were held last week with the following Chiefs being elected into office: RMCS Hamilton, president; RMC Jones, vice-president; and RMC West, secretary-treasurer. All member of the CPO Lounge would like to express their appreciation for the fine job the old Board of Governors has done. Thanks from all of us and

