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## UNIT NEWS AT A GLANCE

**TV SCHEDULES** - A bit of information for those who haven't heard. The publication, TV Guide, which each section receives through distribution channels each Friday, so we hear, lists television programs which will appear on our Channel 3 for the following week. So if you are a fan of Peter Gunn or Have Gun, you can check the TV Guide, which should be available, and know for certain when these heroes will appear.

**DEPARTURES** - Another man from the 79th will be escaping the island this week. PFC Wayne L. Bentley will be leaving us Saturday for Fort Benning, Georgia. Good luck to you in your new assignment.

**VISITORS** - Paying a visit to the 79th from headquarters, US ASA Alaska, is CWO Robert G. Lewis. He will be staying with the unit until Saturday. We hope you enjoy your visit.

**HELP WANTED** - The weekly publication of the RAG is quite a task. Our little Bulletin is published for the interests of all, so if anyone would like to devote a few minutes of their time Thursday evenings toward this project it would be greatly appreciated.

**NEW ENSIGNIA** - As you know, the Army Security Agency was recently made into a new branch of the Army along with certain other activities. Through the courtesy of Headquarters, USASA Alaska, we were able to obtain the new branch ensignia far in advance of normal availability through the PX, as well as our new scarves.

**ARMED FORCES DAY** - Tomorrow is the day set aside for the members of the Armed Forces. Special activities have been set up to commemorate this day in the Mess Hall and also at retreat. A vital job is being performed on Shemya - let's do it well and **BE PROUD!**

## WORLD NEWS AT A GLANCE

**WASHINGTON** - By now we are sure you have heard or read that the House of Representatives has passed the Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1963, but we feel the news is worth repeating, for those who somehow failed to see it.

We would like to emphasize that the bill is not in effect, and has only been passed by the House; it has not passed the Senate, where a decision will probably be made next month.

Main points of the bill include increases in basic pay rate of those with more than two years in the service, a five percent pay raise for all retired personnel with those retiring before June, 1958, being allowed to recompute their retired pay at the present pay rates before adding the five percent increase, a maximum number of two payments of incentive hazardous duty pay for those performing multiple hazardous duties, and increases in basic subsistence, officers \$47.88 to \$51.00, and EM \$1.03 to \$1.25, \$2.57 to \$3.25, and \$3.41 to \$4.31. (first is per month, last three, per day)

Sea and foreign duty pay have been retained but foreign duty will no longer be authorized for individuals stationed in Hawaii.

Effective date of the bill will be 1 October 1963, or the first day of the first month after enactment, whichever is later.

Authority to pay responsibility pay to officers was repealed.

**CAPE CANAVERAL** - Astronaut Gordon Cooper successfully completed the U.S.'s longest space effort yesterday, making 42 orbits in 34 hours.

Cooper's trip went without difficulties until near the end, when a gravity sensing device failed to operate, and the astronaut was forced to reenter the atmosphere with manual controls.

Cooper's doctor said he was in "fine shape," and his only after effect was momentary dizziness when attempting his first walk after sitting for one and one half days.

\*\*\* THE WISE OLD RAVEN \*\*\*

Dear Help:

The mail people are plagued with a shortage of personnel. It seems that all too many people, like yourself, are more than willing to offer their services. You gave the solution to the problem by signing your name: HELP. A little bit of old fashioned HELP by bearing with the problem and showing some consideration to those who are trying to do something about it. Have you ever thanked the mail people for the letters you DID receive on time? I think not. Why not offer your services?

(ed: Make sure you give all your correspondents your complete address, including your box number, too!)

Dear Raven:

This is not a question, but rather a personal statement. It seems to me that the mental age of those on this island is around 11 years. If you don't believe me, go to the base theater, and listen to all the cat calls and boisterous remarks. It makes it impossible to enjoy a good movie. Good movies are scarce enough as it is. There always has to be some "High School Harry" in the crowd. Since when did they let children in the service? Maybe Lash LaRue or Phantom X serials should be included in the program to satisfy the infantile needs. These immatures apparently don't have the intellectual qualities to understand or appreciate mature movies. I'm interested to know if there are any other people on this island who feel the same way I do.

Torqued.

Dear T:

Hear! Hear!

Dear Raven:

Since I came to this island, I can't sleep nights. What is my problem?

Frustrated Tum

Dear Tum:

Cancel you PLAYBOY subscription.

Dear Raven:

What's with this ballon and talcum powder stuff the weather people are talking about?

Bubbles.

Dear B.

My advice to you is to open doors with extreme caution and care.



\*\*\* THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER \*\*\*  
by Chaplain, Capt.  
Francis J. Walsh

In many of St. Paul's writings he wrote about the world charity. This is what St. Paul had to say about the word "charity":

Charity, said St. Paul, never passes away; charity does not rejoice over wickedness; charity thinks no evil; and charity is not provoked.

If you are provoked to anger by misunderstanding and misrepresentation, you will fail in charity. If you strike back, you will be returning evil for evil. You will be returning injury for injury, and you will be turning away from that person. You will cease to do him any good. True charity has at its command the sustaining power of meekness. Such a meekness is not easy to practice. There must be a meekness strong enough to control the quick surge of anger. A meekness strong enough that controls the desire not to repay evil for evil.

Meekness and charity are not the same thing but at times meekness becomes a necessary part of being charitable. For a surgeon surgery and anatomy are not the same things; but the practice of surgery calls into play the knowledge of anatomy. So also the practice of charity involves the use of many other virtues. It involves the exercise of self conquest, justice, humility, prayer, and chastity. St. Paul tells us about charity in word. Christ told us about charity by example. When Christ received a blow in the face before the court of Caiphaz, he was saddened, but he was not provoked to anger. Instead of repaying evil with evil, remember the words of St. Paul, "Charity is not provoked to anger."

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\* \* \* The Perils of the Bed \* \* \*

Turn out more ale, turn up the light;  
I will not go to bed tonight.  
Of all the foes that man should dread  
The first and worst one is the bed....  
Friends I have had both old and young,  
And ale we drank and songs we sung:  
Enough you know when this is said,  
That, one and all,--they died in bed.  
In bed they died and I'll not go  
Where all my friends have perished so.  
For I've been born and I've been wed--  
All of man's peril comes of bed.

Charles Henry Webb

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A HINT FOR ISLAND HAPPINESS - The busy bee has no time for sorrow. - - Whittier

To the Editor:

Congratulations to our brothers in green on the adoption of their new insignia. It's somewhat saddening, though, to see one of the last traditional ties broken between the Air Force and certain of your members who wore the Signal Corps' crossed flags. If you will recall, the Air Force's comparatively recent, yet glorious, history began with the establishment of the Aeronautical Division in the office of the Chief Signal Officer of the Army in 1907. Since that time, however, the mistake was realized, and the USAF was established as a separate arm of the Department of Defense.

Your new insignia brings a thought to mind, though. Are you all bucking for major that hard? Take a good look at your new collar insignia at a distance. This will undoubtedly cause confusion among those not "in the know"-- Such as the civilian populace that is not located near a military installation. Naturally, we who wear the blue would not be confused by anything so obvious.

KC

Dear KC,

We understand that there have been members of the Blue who have worn the "Crossed Flags" in more recent times so we thought we would just give them the opportunity to "earn" a new insignia. As far as a mistake being realized, we are surprised you would admit it in public!

We don't intend to confuse the public, or anyone else for that matter; however, the Army receives its promotions so fast these days it is always well to be prepared. Therefore we thought we might as well get them prepared for the inevitable.

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We have mentioned in our editorials before, the necessity of being cautious and safety minded when it comes to the handling and firing of weapons. However, it appears from recent events that some personnel have not read the regulations, nor the RAG, on these procedures, or they have chosen to ignore them. Areas have been set aside on the island for those personnel who wish to fire their weapons. This not only protects the more populated areas from the danger of stray rounds, but it also is a boundary for those who like to explore the island where they know they might expect to encounter firing activity. Personally we have no sympathy for those who are caught violating the shooting area regulations, but more than this, we feel those who do own weapons, and do like to go out and shoot, should be mature enough to understand and respect the principles behind the regulations. The possession and firing of weapons is a privilege. Those who violate the rules are endangering not only this privilege, but lives as well.

SLIPS (and Hits) from the SECOND

Well, gang, not too much happening on the Rock this week, and that of necessity minimizes our column! So we will attempt to briefly pass on a few items we have seen and heard, and then fade out quietly.

We were disappointed to hear the Saturday afternoon demonstration of the 79th's "Shemya Grenadiers" has been cancelled. Perhaps we will be fortunate enough to view this precision drill team at a later date.

As you no doubt know, scarves and brass are now available for members of the 79th. If you don't have your own personal set yet, see your local supply sergeant today.

Two happy faces running around the platoon this week; one belongs to Sp/5 Johnson, who has received his orders to Fort Devens, the other to PFC Walker, who after a bit of confusion, is now going to Two Rock Ranch. Congratulations to both of you.

We would like to extend a belated congrats to Ron Beitz, who last week received one of those near-extinct ranks, Specialist Fifth Class. You are now one of the chosen few, Ron, and we know you will live up to the high standards of your new rank.

Larson has retreated again, and the mess hall breathes a sigh of relief. But, mark our word, we haven't heard the last of this yet.

The mess hall is blessed with the Second's own PFC Hougland this week. Give 'em a scrub for old BYU, Kent.

Rain has curbed most of the excursion trips this week, but we know the born outdoor types of the Second will get to see the island before they leave, despite the weather. Right, boys? Now's the time to fade...

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THE FOURTH ESTATE  
by The Guy

Navy and Air Force conflict.

In the last few weeks, the Fourth has been watching the Navy attempt to make Shemya a stationary flat top. The scene where this all takes place is the landing strip, where the Navy has installed a catch line, such as is used on the carriers out at sea.

The Air Force feels that the Navy should be able to land on a two-mile strip. However the Navy sees it as an all-weather safety precaution.

The Estate suggests they both abandon this place and take us with them.

The Fourth Expresses Gratitude - The men of the Fourth Estate express their thanks for the repair of the water fountain. Now, at last there is something to drink.

Extra TI&E was Excellent: Wednesday, a long talk was given by CWO-4 Lewis. The talk concerned guidelines for self-improvement.

Some of the important guidelines were: Let people know who you are. ex: Bankers Finance and politics don't mix.

Good insurance is a necessity.

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(Due to illness and confinement in the dispensary, our star cartoonist, Sp/5 Butler, was not able to submit his usual page of witticisms this week. However, with good fortune and the aid of the medics, Butler should again be with us next week. We felt the back page should be the place for this note, as this is where the cartoons normally are. - eds.)

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(The Fourth Estate, cont.)

Never invest in stock that is more than 14 times its earnings, and don't invest what you can't afford.

Bonds are good for the country, but inflationary.

And finally, don't borrow.

Elsewhere in the Fourth Estate:

On the Sports Scene - There was no activity this week to speak of. However, the gentlemen of the Fourth participated in their own personal exercise programs at the gym to keep in shape for their coming games.

Advertisement: A&P Taylor Shop.

Expert tailoring to fit your need.

Open 24 hours a day, every day except Sunday, for your convenience. They are located in the training room on the third floor of the Composite Building.

Think - Courtesy vs. Hostility.

Definition: Life - The sum of the forces resisting death.

The What?? - Nobody gets a birthday cake with shaving cream for icing.

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(The following article is a reprint from the Orlando Sentinel. - eds)

THAR HE BLOWS!

GWL

It seems that a big school of whales-- man, what a swimming team that school has-- was slurping its way from the icy North Pacific to the South Pacific and the boy whales were showing off before the girl whales, competing to spout the highest spout when the Russians, living up to their voluntary test ban, dropped a tremendous economy sized hydrogen bomb in the ocean, and the water went whooooooooooooosh! about a mile high.

One of the girl whales started flipping her flippers as fast as she could, yelling, "Let's go, gals! Theres a whale from Texas!"

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A BIT OF INFORMATION - We know you have heard the name "G.I. Joe" many times, but do you know where the name originated? This was the name of the character in Lt. Dave Breger's comic strip which first appeared in the 17 June, 1942, issue of Yank, the Army weekly. The name was quickly adopted as a common term for all soldiers in World War II. Lt. Breger said he decided on "the 'G.I.' (government issue) because of its prevalence in Army talk and the 'Joe' for the alliterative effect."

The Dog Boozer

The husky dog named Boozer  
Spends his lonely days  
Making friends with losers,  
Who share his island play.

He's always at the local bar,  
But doesn't drink a lick.  
Any place a welcome star,  
Though he doesn't know a trick.

He eats his weight four times a day,  
And walks the endless halls.  
His only exercise, you know,  
Is licking all four paws.

He once went down to see the gym.  
He thought he'd play like all.  
This fad was very short with him;  
He got hit with the ball.

He goes out to the movie shows,  
Most every night they play.  
This is another place he knows  
He can make the men here gay.

He goes for walks down by the shore,  
To comb the beach for bones.  
So far as he can see for sure,  
The world is made of stones.

Boozer goes to work, it's true;  
At J-OPS he's the best.  
You give him tape, he licks the glue;  
For sure you know the rest.

Though Boozer is a loser,  
He owns this island.  
And when he meets a loser,  
He gives a helping hand.

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Movie Schedule

- Sunday 19 May - Period of Adjustment  
Jane Fonda, Jim Hutton, Anthony Francisco
- Monday 20 May - David and Lisa  
Kair Duella, Janet Margolin
- Wednesday 22 May - House of the Damed  
Ronald Foster, Merry Andrews
- Thursday 23 May - Guns of Navarone  
Gregory Peck, Anthony Quinn, James Darren
- Saturday 25 May - My Six Loves  
Debbie Reynolds, Cliff Robertson

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The codfish lays ten thousand eggs,  
The homely hen lays one.  
The codfish never cackles  
To tell you what she's done.  
And so we scorn the codfish,  
While the humble hen we prize,  
Which only goes to show you  
That it pays to advertise.

from "It Pays to Advertise"