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At Sea

CHAPLAINS EASTER GREETINGS

On your receipt of this LEAHYGRAM, it is my hope and prayer, that each of you will have known the true joys of a blessed Easter!!

In the past days your LEAHYMEN have been busy in preparation for what we pray to be a very meaningful Easter Week on LEAHY. Tomorrow we will be honored to have the visit of RADM F. L. GARRETT, CHC, USN, Chief of Chaplains and CDR. T. J. DONOHER, CHC, USN, for very special all faiths Palm Sunday services. Chaplain GARRETT a Protestant Chaplain and Chaplain DONOHER a Catholic Chaplain, are presently on a goodwill tour of naval activities ashore and afloat in Europe and the Mediterranean during the Pasover - Holy Week - Easter Season. This visit, we are sure, will be a high point in the life of each man and for this opportunity and privilege we are thankful!

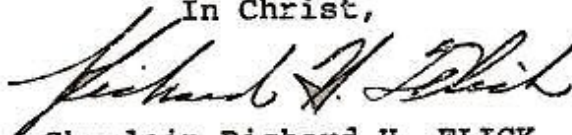
As I close this short Easter greeting to each of you, I would like to share a little story of love. The story is told, that I believe could be our Easter story on any day:

A very fine man, left his very fine wife, to fulfill his duty and responsibility to God and country by serving in the U.S. Navy. Shortly after his leaving the home and wife he so dearly loved, his wife gave birth to a fine baby girl. Although, the little girl did not see her father for sometime, many times during each day the wife and little girl would talk about their fine daddy, look at pictures of him and remember him in their prayers. One day as the little girl was playing in the front yard, a man entered the yard. The little girl looked up - and knew it was, at last, her daddy - she ran to him and leaped into his arms - shouting, "Daddy you're for real," "Daddy you're for real!!"

Yes! At Easter time and throughout the year we are thankful to say; "Daddy is for real", "Mommy is for real", "Love is for real!!"

EASTER IS FOR REAL!!

May God Bless each of you
In Christ,



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SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLE

"The Little City"

In many ways, everyday life aboard the LEAHY is much like living in a little city. Everyone has their own personal needs to be filled and the Supply Department must successfully accomplish this task.

The most basic need of every individual aboard the LEAHY is food and to fill this need the LEAHY Commissarymen under the direction of Chief Petty Officer W. J. HOOPER prepare over 1000 meals per day. In addition to the actual preparation of the food, it must first be ordered, received and stored aboard the ship which at times becomes an "all hands" evolution.

The next most important need of most LEAHYMEN is the need for money. Again a segment of the Supply Department performs this function which is near and dear to the hearts of all. The Disbursing Officer Ensign W. R. BELL and disbursing clerk PO1 C. L. VEAZEY maintain over 350 payrecords, pay each individual twice monthly and perform other services such as exchanging foreign currency and registering allotments.

Another area of great importance to all personnel aboard the LEAHY is Ships Services lead by PO1 C. MAYNOR. This encompasses the popular Ships Store and soft drink vending machine, the laundry which washes clothing for the entire crew of over 350 men and the not so popular barbershop where many crew members are invited to appear periodically, often against their better judgment.

In addition to the personal needs of the LEAHY's crew members, the ship itself also has needs in the form of repair parts. Again, an area of the Supply Department performs the function of ordering these parts. The storekeepers aboard the LEAHY supervised by Senior Chief Petty Officer H. M. WEBB Jr. maintain records on over 25,000 different parts and initiate over 6000 separate parts orders per year. Without these required repair parts, the LEAHY would soon become ineffective as a fighting ship much to the detriment of all aboard.

As you can see, the Supply Department supports the "little city" and fills its needs but is still only one part of the organization which makes LEAHY the fine ship that it has become.