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Dear LEAHY Supporter,

Since our last PICTOGRAM, I have received several encouraging letters expressing a desire for further editions. As we depart for our Mediterranean deployment, we hope this PICTOGRAM will show what we have done since August and we anticipate more frequent editions from overseas.

In the past six months we have supported our selection as the best DLG in the United States Atlantic Fleet. While participating in two major Second Fleet missile firing exercises and a joint armed forces exercise, LEAHYMEN, through hard work and long hours, excelled in all areas, particularly in air defense. While in Norfolk, LEAHY completed several required inspections and found time to hold a Ship's picnic. In December we paid our last respects to the late Chief Machinist's Mate Bobbie L. MARION. LEAHYMEN hosted two Christmas parties; one for underprivileged children and another for our own dependants.

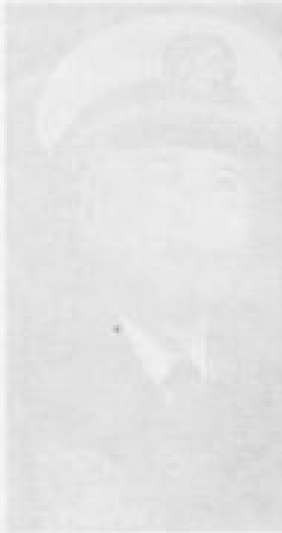
As LEAHY deploys to support the national policy in Southern Europe and the Middle East, we all realize that the months ahead will have many long hours of hard work, loneliness, and constant vigil. We hope in our hours of relaxation to create some good memories, but primarily we all realize that we are to be a ready force in that area of the world.

Sincerely,



R. F. HOFFMANN Captain USN





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23 September 1971

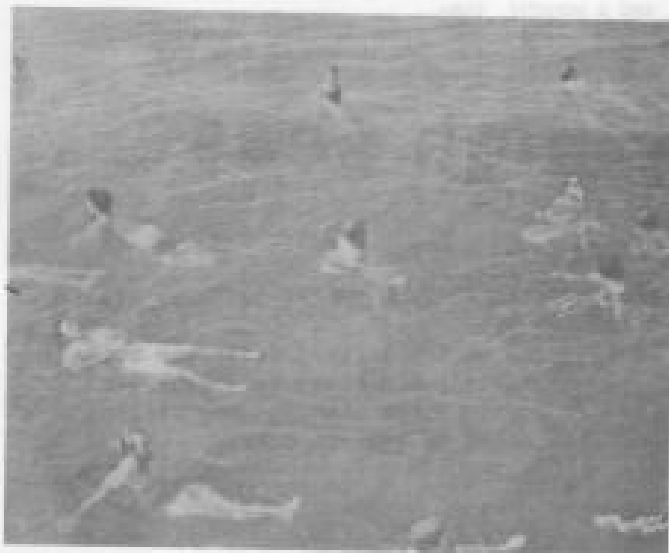
It was quite a picnic. A swing ride for the kids provided plenty of excitement for their mothers. Soon a spirited volleyball game was in progress. The horse-shoe pits saw fierce competition (notice RD2 Henry EMPHREY's form). A five hour softball marathon continued until dusk with plenty of spectators. Throughout it all SN George ESCOBAR and CS3 Elwood NADREAU fed the multitude and kept the drinks on ice.



SWIM CALL



On 10 November 1971 when the Task Group left Roosevelt Roads, LEAHY chose the shortest but most difficult route for leaving the harbor. She reached the rendezvous point hours ahead of the main body of ships and passed "SWIM CALL". Few people can claim that they swam in the entrance to the Barriles Straits in twenty-seven fathoms of water. This was the second time LEAHY had stopped in Caribbean for SWIM CALL and the participation has been unanimous or nearly that.



bold shot / brim fire

Leahy In Joint Exercise

A Norfolk-based ship has joined Army, Air Force and other naval units in a United States Strike Command joint training exercise in Florida.

Strike Command forces, supported by the U.S. Atlantic Command and the U.S. Air Force Military Airlift Command, conduct air, sea, and

air support of ground forces, joint air defense procedures and air space management techniques in a hostile air environment.

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NAVY TIMES

Strike Command Tested On Tactical Air Support

HQ. MAC, SCOTT AFB, Ill. — Military Airlift Command's strategic airlift team — the C-5 Galaxy and C-141 Starlifter — were to airlift more than 2,000 troops and 2,000 tons of cargo this month in the largest and last of the Bold Shot-Brim Fire series of joint training exercises.

More than 3,500 men from Army, Air Force and Naval elements of 20 U.S. military installations and a naval ship at sea were scheduled to take part in the U.S. Strike Command exercise, participating in joint air, sea and ground operations in and adjacent to Eglin AFB, Fla.

Purpose is to test U.S. Strike Command's ability to quickly provide a tactical air and air defense capability in support of a beleaguered friendly nation. It will be assumed that the mythical nation's air force and air defense capabilities have been destroyed by an invasion of hostile neighboring country.

During eight missions, the Galaxy, world's largest aircraft, was to carry outside equipment of an Army air defense battalion from Biggs AFB, Tex., and a security squadron from Dyess AFB, Tex., to Eglin for the exercise. At the same time, 137 C-141 missions

were to be used to transport rolling stock and the remaining troops.

Other areas of training interest included joint airborne operations, naval air and gunfire support of ground forces, and electronic warfare. Joint airborne and air operations were to include marshaling, deployment, final staging and a parachute assault on D-day. The exercise also involved tactical aerial reconnaissance and ground security operations.

Directing the Bold Shot-Brim Fire exercise was AF Brig. Gen. Travis R. McNeil, USSTRICOM's

Leahy braves high seas

by Air Force SSG Ed Licht

One of the leading ladies in the world is most delayed because of another ship. The guided missile frigate ships in the world near

first scenes of BOLD SHOT/BRIM FIRE 3-72 was also who is making waves.

y (DLG-16), one of the largest destroyer type played by high winds and heavy seas generated by Tropical Storm Laura, now stalled off the coast of western Cuba.



BOXING SMOKER



LEAHYMEN know how to use free time at sea, if they ever get some. One Sunday in November as we steamed to the north of Cuba, we took time out to relax and enjoy a Boxing Smoker. The crew was treated to an example of the finest culinary delights as boasts were made and matches arranged. With LCDR LAMADE refereeing the participants matched wits and gloves and created the unforgettable names of Kenny Scott the Missouri Mauler, Fearless Floyd and Killer George Escobar. The enthusiasm of the crowd made the friendly bouts the high point of a pleasant afternoon at sea.

BOXING SMOKER SNAPS

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EAT AT JOHNSONS



CAN YOU TELL WHICH ONE IS
FEARLESS FLOYD ?



LEAHY PAYS RESPECTS



At 1030 on the 17th of December 1971, the distinctive notes of taps combined with volleys of gunfire reverberated throughout the foothills of the small farming community of Pennington Gap, Virginia located on the Virginia/Tennessee border. In the chill damp morning air Chief Machinist Mate Bobby L. Marion, USN was laid to rest in a ceremony befitting a Navyman who had lost his life while serving his country.

Chief Petty Officer Marion was buried with full military honors rendered by his shipmates in a setting encompassing a gently sloping hillside overlooking the farmlands which he so dearly loved. The Chief had purchased the small section of land, on which he rests, with the intent of building his retirement home in the solitude of the surrounding hills. At the request of his widow, the official party led by the Leahy chaplain, augmented by a number of the crew, traveled the 500 miles by air, bus and private vehicle to pay their final respects to their departed shipmate.

To the immediate family and the residents of the small community of Pennington Gap, the simple and appropriate ceremony once again clearly evidenced the time honored adage that "the Navy truly takes care of its own."



Christmas

Christmas ... a time to relax and taste the joys of love and fellowship... a time to reflect on the events of the passing year, but most important, Christmas is a time to express our religious feelings and to consider the real meaning of truth, beauty, and love.

Many of the crew members took this opportunity to go home to see their loved ones. Those who remained on board were not lacking in the Christmas spirit, however, for through donations unselfishly contributed by All Hands, LEAHYMEN displayed the true meaning of Christmas. On December 22 the ship held its own Christmas party as many of the dependants came aboard to relax and take advantage of the refreshments offered them. One of the more popular participants of the party was Santa Claus himself, who took time from his busy pre-Christmas schedule to visit the LEAHY and listen to the



PASS THE AMMUNITION

children who eagerly expressed their desires for Christmas toys. No child went away empty handed, for good old Santa had a gift for each of them.

On December 23 the crew sponsored thirty underprivileged children from Norfolk. This included a tour of the ship as well as a Christmas film and each child was presented a gift picked out especially for him by his sponsor. Plenty of refreshments were provided on the mess decks.

Also on the Twenty-third, LEAHY spread some more Christmas cheer. Using contributions from the crew, YNC DEGRASSE, QM2 DIXSON, and RD3 EBNER bought a well stocked supply of groceries and delivered them to a needy family in Norfolk. It turned out to be a very rewarding day for all hands concerned.



PASS THE AMMUNITION



When bullets weigh as much as Cadillacs, it takes big machinery to keep them moving. Aft of the deckhouse on the weather-decks, is a giant receiving unit for underway rearming. FAST (Fast Automatic Shuttle Transfer) connects LEAHY to the Ammunition Ship by a tensioned wire high-line. GMM1 Ron HARSHMAN made adjustments twenty feet above deck before this August rearming could continue. FAST controls were operated by GMM3 Gary CATLETT as HARSHMAN worked aloft. Rearming alongside another ship is an All Hands effort involving danger and requiring great skill.

GENERAL INFORMATION

As we travel in the Mediterranean we hope to continue publishing PICTOGRAMS. In future issues information on Charter Flights will be printed. Pictorial coverage of ports we visit will of course be included as well as candid shots of shipboard life.

In the event of an emergency while the ship is deployed and regular mail service or telephone calls are not adequate, WESTERN UNION can send the ship a commercial telegram. Telegrams to and from the ship can only be allowed in the following cases:

- (A) Matters of life, death, and serious illness.
- (B) Matters of personal arrangements or important personal business of a non-recurring nature.
- (C) Birth announcements in the immediate family.

Send telegrams to LEAHYMEN using the following format:

NAME RATE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

USS LEAHY (DIC-16)

C/O U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Western Union Offices know the procedures and will assist you in sending telegrams of this nature.



GENERAL

Seaman Bobby "Joe" Richmond
works as "Keeper of the Paint
Locker".



GMM2 Brian "Willie"
Williams is Petty Officer in
Charge of the Forward
Missile House.



MM2 Gordon Brian works
on the ships air conditioner.



BT3 Melvin "Joe" Purvis
seems happy wherever he is.