tour of Europe. Alex has been deployed with VP-22. He's done a lot of flying out of Diego Garcia, but is due to head back to Hawaii later this month (November).

Some final word from the Navy Hometown News Release Program-Wayne Rogers, Mike Kapsch and Rick Carper recently took part in training ops in the Sea of Okhotsk, north of the Kuril Islands. Mike and Rick are aboard BAINBRIDGE and Wayne is aboard STEIN. Lee Erdman and Mike McKenney have deployed to NAF Misawa, Japan, with VP-9. Also in WestPac are Andy LeBoeuf aboard CAMDEN and Dave Harrison aboard MIDWAY. John Stahura is in the Med with VA-176 aboard INDEPENDENCE. Reed Jarvi and Bob Brotherton, both with VP-56, have recently deployed to NAS Bermuda. Bob Paris has reported to Camp Butler in Okinawa. Congratulations to Zal Harrison who was the honor graduate of a recent supply class at NSCS in Athens, Georgia. Congratulations also to John McKernan who recently received a Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Navy Expeditionary

That's it for now: best wishes for a successful new year.

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Sec'y, 1st Lt. James R. Rowan USMC 1857 Atwood Dr., Apt. 108K Pensacola FL 32504 Percent Members: 98

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Sec'y, 2nd Lt. Michael Conklin USMC 4010 Nowingbury Dr. Pensacola FL 32504 Percent Members: 93

The mail has finally caught up with us after another move. Now that I have broken all my New Year's Resolutions, it's time for Shipmate.

Congratulations to Patty and Bob Gillespie. Robert Jr. was born in September. Lisa and Dave Heintzman have a new baby boy, Nathaniel David. Beth and Herb Hopper had a baby boy, Michael, then to Marilyn and Tom Grodeck, a baby girl, Bridget, and Laura and Luther Ridenhour, a baby boy, Jacob. Double congratulations to Margie and Roscoe Godfrey who had twin girls, Leigh Ann and Robin Lynn.

Newlyweds are Robin and Kurt Stein, and Karen and Bubba Lilly, and Meegan and Pat McCormick.

Don Brady has been promoted to Civilian Line first class after his seventh knee operation. Don is working on his MBA at the university at Ann Arbor.

Gary Eisenmann got married August 25, 1979 to the former Sandy Flenner. They are now living in Cherry Point. For all the boys in '31, Gary's address is Tryon Park #E-5, Havelock NC 28532.

Mark "Podad" Poston wrote to say he and Toby "CB" Buttle are having a tough time satisfying all the young ladies, now that all the Bro's are married. Bob and Roxie Destafney, Kevin and Debbie Ryan, Pat and Meegan McCormick, Archie and Erin Griffin, just to name a few. Po, that was just a nasty rumor that Bill Fell was married. Bill, "If", wants the girls to know he has settled down and doesn't eat beer cans anymore.



Erin and Archie Griffin

Eddie "Man" Reid wrote from Erin and Archie Griffin's wedding. Erin Burn's father is a '51 grad. Pictured with the Griffins are Dave Morrison, Eddie Reid, and Mike Galpin. Mark Beonsel and his NFO wings were hiding in the background. Eddie wants Joe Gattuso to get back in touch.

Mark Huble is in San Diego where he is complaining since it doesn't snow enough. (How about Alaska, Mark?) Jim Shulson is an 0-3 (grunt) at Camp Pendleton. Well "Podad," how's that for getting your name in print?

Gail and Pat Curtis wrote to say that they would be spending the holidays in Subic Bay with Terry and Tom McKeon. Tom and Pat are on the home stretch of their first Wespac cruise. Also in San Diego from 17th Company are Chris Hassler and Beth and Maurice Tose and son Nicolas.

On the East Coast Barney Coamp and Don Kzaizk are in Charleston, Jim Kain is at Camp Lejeune, Michelle and Don Gold are in New Jersey, while Linda and Andy Cuca are in Pensacola. Pat and Gail send their best to all their fellow 17th Company mates. Their address is 550 Oxford St. #1016, Chula Vista CA 92011.

Bobby Bader says "Hi"!

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Ens. Peter A. Husta USN BOQ 442 RM 504, NETC Newport RI 02840 Percent Members: 86

OK gang, after an absence of one month, during which I moved from TAD USNA to big grey boat school in Newport, I'm back at the CONN and ready to go. Settle back, pour yourself an Iron City, and read this issue cover to cover. I have been bombarded with all types of mail this past month. The comic award goes to an ex-20th company three striper, Frank Hudik. The owl, along with fellow spacecadets Steve Walton, John "W" Byrnes and 11 other boat school types (I need names Frank!!) are on a vacation playing with airplanes at NAS Whidbey. Frank took the time to rattle his cage about a few items back in Crabtown. I want the option for promotion, so I shall not pass them on in print.

Scott Pickles came out of his reactor compartment to fill us all in on the men from 34th. Scott is presently "getting . . . his . . . brains fried by neutrons" at nuke school in Orlando. Bob Ginsberg and Spence Tolis are there also, toying with control rods. Jim Isom did the waltz following our Exodus and took his bride Veronica to Orlando. Jeff Headrick has recently arrived there too. So much for the news that glows.

Congratulations to Pete Whitney and his better half, Augie. The same to Ray Snell and Paula. These four newlyweds are out on the Silver Strand for surface drivers education school. Scott also tells me that Ray Luke is TAD as a recruiter in Dallas. Must be the pits Ray . . . all those beautiful girls.

John Kaiser scribbled me the news from 5th company. For those who don't know already, John added a co-signer to his tax forms. He and Mary are enjoying lobster suppers and SWOS in Newport. John tells me that Rich Reynolds and Ellen are tying the knot this month (January 19). Mike Many, who just finished SWOS in Newport, is to marry Janet Stumborg (that's right) next month (February 19). Best of luck to both of you guys.

If any of you are about to commence a Navy school somewhere, the vacation ends upon commencement of the school. At the Atlantic big grey boat school we go to class before the sun rises and get out after it's set. In addition to perpetual Dark Ages, Winter in Newport by the sea is anything but breezy and cool. It's blustery and sub-arctic.

At least I'm among friends at Bancroft Newport. Jim David (wintering over in Newport) handed me the news from 33rd company. Mike Hawkins went straight to TBS, and after graduation there went somewhere else (we not know). Al Womble and Tim MacNeil coached the plebers on yawls and are now toughing it out in Quantico. Jim Goodwin and his wife Sandy are living in Chula Vista while Jim steams through SWOS. Jim vacationed in Annapolis as a sailing instructor prior to going to work. Tony Heimer and Kathy are also living in Chula Vista while the L.T.M. burns up moboards at SWOS. John Kunert and Diane are SWOSing in Newport. Mike Reedy and Jim Weckerly are also enjoying the Newport weather. Pete Rasmussen and his wife Susie are down in Quantico for TBS. Phil Cullom is heading for Orlando after a recruiting job near Chicago. Steve Hogge and his wife Mary are on TAD in Orlando prior to attending glow school. Cory Lane and his wife Kris are in Orlando. Corv is the assistant to the executive director of the Trident Project and doing quite well.

Gary Cerezo is recruiting out in California. Gary has a younger brother who spends his waking hours at come around and chops through plebe year with the rest of '83. Ken Darin is up in New York recruiting for the Big Blue. Both Ken and Gary zip off to Pensacola when some new spots open up. Chris Armitage and his wife Patsy are awaiting orders to Pensacola. Chris is TAD now with a helo squadron in Va. Beach. Tom Forsythe is there also, under similar circumstances.

Here's a good deal for some '80 type. George Argerake has been jetting about the known reaches of the world in his capacity as a TAD Pentagon SLJO. His whole lifestyle consists of plush jets, executive coffee breaks and O'clubs. Doug Stone is on an exchange cruise with the Argentine Navy. He's seen Leningrad, Copenhagen, and several other wonderful cities. How come I never heard about these deals when I was a Mid? Many thanks Jim, that was a 4.0 letter.

Have a good month, men. See if you can find a copy of the *Washingtonian* (November 1979). Prof. Webb wrote an article all '79ers would find of interest. (Nov. 3 '79) *OMNES VIRI*.