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Voyage ~ Eastbound

EDITORIAL

We of the "International" sincerely hope that we have made your reading as pleasant as could be expected under existing conditions. As all good things must come to an end, such is this. This is the last and souvenir edition of the "International", which we feel would certainly find its place among your collection of memoirs. Some time in the near or distant future, should you feel lonely why not reach back and find this copy of the "International" and remind yourself of a pleasant voyage aboard the USNS General Nelson M. Walker? Show it to your friends!!!

We wish you a pleasant assignment on your arrival, and may all the good things of EUCOM be yours. Remember the three sides: what you think, what the people think, and what you really are. Be good to yourself by being good to others.

"YOU SHOULD KNOW"

by EUCOM BRIEFER

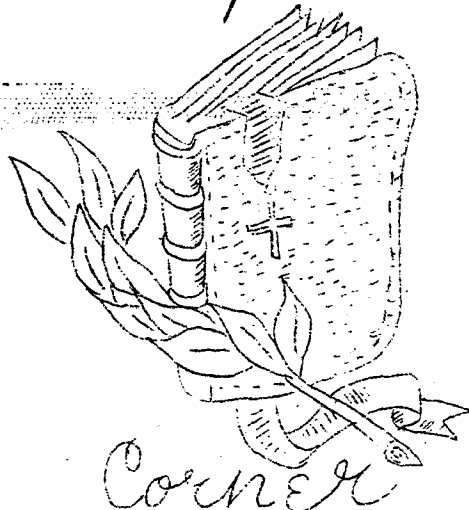
FAMILY HOUSING IN GERMANY.

a. Availability. Current government housing, plus planned construction, with the present troop strength of the command is insufficient to house the families of all eligible sponsors (officer, first three-graders and US civilian employees GS-7 and above). Sponsors who proceed to Germany on a permanent change of station basis can expect to be separated from their dependents for periods ranging from 2 months to one year or more. Waiting lists for family billets are established at each post. Applications for dependent housing should be made immediately to the post billeting office for the transportation and quarters for your family at a later date. Their movement to the command will be governed by the availability of housing, assigned on the basis of your place on the waiting list, which, in turn, is determined by the date of your departure from the Zone of Interior.

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With the coming of tomorrow another event in the lives of most personnel will come to a close. To many it has been a new and very different experience. You have had to live under crowded conditions. You have not had much choice in the pattern that has been set for your daily routine. You have been separated from those you love. Familiar surroundings have been left behind. You have had to give up many things that have become a part of your life.

Jesus began his ministry with a year of great popularity. He had crowds praising him as he witnessed to them. Then those on the sidelines began to mock him. Those who had been his followers started leaving him. It must have been a lonely feeling, but he used it to test the faith of a few. The Scripture says "Then said Jesus unto the twelve, will ye also go away?" "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life," answered Simon Peter.

Yes, Jesus is the untiring friend and companion to all who will answer his invitation with a life surrendered in service.

DEBARKATION UNIFORM

Army EM will wear Class "A" OD's with jacket, cotton shirt, and low quarter shoes.

While Air Force Blues are prescribed for debarkation, those officers and men whose winter's are included in their hold baggage may wear summer uniform. Blouses preferable where available.

EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN EUROPE

The College of Maryland offers classes and correspondence courses for credit thruout Europe. USAFI courses are available in all units.

"YOUR ROVING REPORTER"

by Hal Osborne

Wandering through the ship in a vain effort to find the end of the chow line, I was brought up short on the promenade deck by the sounds of a battle royal emanating from the open door of state-room number 117. At first, I thought the Navy had discovered a couple of Marine stowaways, and were giving them the traditional Navy welcome reserved solely for members of the Marine Corps. What was it...? It took me a while to figure that out myself. It wasn't Navy blue and Marine green...it was a khaki clad bedlam of Army versus Army. Backs to the porthole, two sadly out-numbered Corp's Lieutenants faced the merciless offensive of ten Infantry Officers. Oh, to find the purser who in assigning quarters committed the heinous crime of stacking the odds so unfairly in the never ending battle of the front-line trooper versus the gara-trooper*.

*GARATROOPER in the latest "definition" is a serviceman who is stationed too far back to wear the Combat Badge and too far forward to wear a tie.

SOME RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Don't criticize United States or Allied policy in the presence of the Germans.
2. Don't disparage any Allied peoples or Displaced Persons in the presence of the Germans.
3. Don't try to force "democracy" on the Germans, but take pains to explain things about America to them if they seem interested.
4. Don't discuss anything of a security nature with German friends or employees.
5. Don't buy anything at all unless you pay for it in legal exchange.
6. Don't be uncivil to German men, women, or children; remember the courtesy that is supposed to be typical of Americans.
7. Don't fail to show respect for German religious holidays, customs, and other national observances.
8. Don't drink German whiskey; many Americans have been killed or made seriously ill by bad Schnapps.

"WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW"

by EUCOM BRIEFER

Troop transports usually arrive in Bremerhaven prior to 1500 hours in order to meet evening train schedules. All personnel are shipped by rail from Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation to the Replacement Depots under the leadership of one or more officers as train commanders. The Replacement Depots are located at Sonthofen and at Zweibrucken, Germany. The trip to Sonthofen requires 20 hours and the trip to Zweibrucken 17 hours. Messing facilities are usually provided on trains. Due to a possible shortage of mess equipment after embarkation EM should carry their mess equipment until their duty station is reached. This will preclude delays in messing on trains and other carriers. Troops normally arrive at the Replacement Depot in the afternoon hours and are permitted to rest and take care of personal needs prior to commencing processing on the following morning.

Your stay at the Replacement Depot will normally be from four (4) days to six (6) days duration, depending upon the size of the shipments.

The processing that you will receive at the Replacement Depot consists of the following:

1. Initial orientation and welcome by the commanding officer of the Replacement Depot. This orientation has been designed to acquaint you with the local regulations and items of special interest to you while at the depot. These include:
 - a. Wearing of the uniform. Fatigue clothing may be worn at all times at the depot. Upon departure, all personnel must wear Class A uniform in order to present a first class appearance at your permanent unit. In addition all personnel must get a haircut prior to departure.
 - b. Laundry and dry cleaning service is available on a 24 to 48 hour basis.
 - c. Excellent medical and dental care is available to all replacements.
 - d. Telegraph and oversea telephone and postal services are available at both depots. Locator cards are made for each individual and many of you will have mail ready for distribution upon arrival.
 - e. Schedule of religious services of all faiths.
 - f. Special Service and PX activities and facilities. These include service clubs, free movies, outdoor sports, beer stores, and at Sonthofen a 6 lane bowling alley.
2. After the initial orientation, the shipment will be broken into previously designated groups of from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) men each.

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Farewell "good luck" to all.

With the arrival in Germany, Saturday, 19 July 1952, USNS General Nelson M. Walker will have accomplished her mission of delivering you at your destination. The voyage has been favored by excellent weather throughout and has been comfortable if not exciting.

We hope you have enjoyed this brief interlude between two worlds. The ship's crew joins me in bidding you "Farewell". We wish you "Good Luck" and a safe and speedy return to the homeland.

O. H. FRIZ
Master

Dirt on the bulkhead! Dirty deck! Gear on the overhead! Dust on the ventilator! These, and other similar phrases, are probably what you remember of the C. O. Military Department and his staff. So let me add my note of farewell by thanking you sincerely for the splendid cooperation you gave.

Goodbye - good luck - Godspeed - and it was nice to have had you aboard.

S. C. SUNDAHL
LCDR USN
CO, MIL DEPT

Our voyage is nearing an end, and I am sure that we are all very grateful to the crew and military department of the General Walker, for a very pleasant trip.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the fine manner in which you performed your tasks aboard the General Walker. It is only through your cheerful cooperation with my staff, the crew, and the military department that our trip to Europe has been such a pleasant one.

DANIEL R. BAUGH
LT COL INF
SENIOR UNIT CDR

"WHAT IS A TRANSPORT?"

by Hal Osborne

Webster has an explanation...but he'd be certain to abandon it had he experienced a North Atlantic troop crossing.....in reality it's the feeling of insignificance emphasized by the thousands of men stowed away on one small ship alone on the endless expanse of ocean...it's the three hour chow line stretching from stair to stair, compartment to compartment and deck to rail...it's the frustration felt when having dutifully followed the mess exit signs through the labyrinth of companionways, you are confronted with OFF LIMITS signs covering every possible avenue of escape...the inevitable guard posted in every nook and cranny vigilantly watchful for any fool-harty soul who might contemplate any infraction of the innumerable but necessary rules.....The secluded corners with their innocent five-card rummy games.....it's the pinochle, the bridge, the cribbage and other ingenious methods of passing the lagging hours.....it's the tier upon tier of canvas bunks four high and hundreds deep.....it's the NOW HEAR THIS.....NOW HEAR THIS, constantly blasting you from your reverie...it's the thought of home and loved ones fervently expressed at the ship's altar.....or in a moment of solitude on a quiet deck.....it's the song-fests and hymn-songs, the volunteer band and the shower room caruses.....the ship's only newspaper, 10 errors per page, yesterday's news today and two thousand copies short...it's the sardine situation on number five hatch midst moon-beam and ocean-spray viewing a seven year old movie...the kitchen imprisoned KP viewing the Atlantic through the galley port hole.....the babble below decks as compartment 4-C resounds with phrases of French, German and Russian.....the behind the scenes labor of the silent efficient crew...the doggie,,the swabbie,,the flyboy,,the brass,, the Sgt...the Cpl...the private...together at the gangplank...Voyage completed....a new assignment ahead.....

ALLIED TRUCE NEGOTIATORS HOPE FOR BREAK NAVY'S SKYROCKET REACHES 1238 MILES PER HR

Panmunjon: Allied truce negotiators expect the communists to come up with something extremely important when truce negotiations resume Friday after a five day recess. Allied officers refused to commit themselves on the nature of the expected break in the negotiations. Nor would they say whether they thought it meant a speedy end to the Korean war was imminent. Recent moves by the communists hinted strongly that important decisions have been made at Peiping, Pyongyang and possibly Moscow.

Los Angeles: Secretary of the Navy Dan Kimball confirmed that the Navy's D 582 2 Skyrocket has flown 1238 miles per hour and urged American scientists to develop an even better atomic propelled plane.

DICTATORSHIP BID FAILS, MOSSADEIGH QUILTS

Teheran: Shah Mohammed Pahalevi announced the resignation of ultra-nationalist premier Mossadeigh and at the same time ordered the army and police to keep order in the restless capitol. Army sources said the general staff desired all garrisons throughout the country to be alert to deal with possible disorders. Stores started moving in Teheran in a move to show support of Mossadeigh. Mossadeigh quit because the Shah would not agree to his taking over the war ministry personally. Had the Shah yielded and Mossadeigh also won his demand for unlimited economic and financial powers for six months, informed sources said, the premier would have become virtual dictator of Iran.

US, BRITAIN STUDYING NEW PROPOSALS

London: High sources said that the US and Great Britain are studying two new proposals by the Chinese Communists for the screening of Red prisoners held by the UN command in Korea. The proposals were submitted through diplomatic channels informants said, and in submitting them the Chinese Communists made it plain they do not want any mediation in the truce deadlock but desire to continue negotiations at Panmunjon.

TRANSFER OF CANADIAN MINISTERS

Ottawa: External Affairs Minister Pearson announced the transfer of Canada's ministers to the US and to Sweden and Finland. W D Matthews, Canadian minister in Washington, will become this country's minister to Sweden and Finland. T A Stone, minister to Sweden and Finland, has been elevated to the rank of ambassador and appointed to the Netherlands. Pierre Dupuy, former Canadian ambassador to the Netherlands, was transferred as ambassador to Italy May first.

NEW BILL OF RIGHTS FOR KOREA VETERANS

Washington: Korean veterans became eligible for the same government paid readjustment privileges enjoyed by World War II Veterans. A new GI Bill of Rights estimated to cost the Government one billion dollars annually was signed into law by President Truman.

Chicago: President Truman says there must be no betrayal of the New Deal by the Democratic National Convention. We should remember that we are the representatives of the greatest political party in the world, Mr Truman said in a message that will be published in the convention's official program.

HARRIMAN EXPECTED TO WIN NOMINATION

Chicago: New York Democratic leaders said they will go all the way with Averell Harriman and expect him to win the party's presidential nomination on the third or fourth ballot. Democratic State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick said he had not polled New York's 94 Democratic Convention votes but he confidently predicted that Harriman will receive the lion's share of the ballot. His views were supported by Republican Franklin Roosevelt Jr and Richard Balch, Harriman's campaign managers.

Washington: Mrs Truman arrived here from Missouri and hurried to the side of the President who is receiving treatment for a virus infection at Walter Reed General Hospital. As she arrived, the White House announced Mr Truman spent a very good night but that he might run a little bit of fever later today. Nevertheless, it said, his condition is good.

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PROCESSING AT BREMERHAVEN:

I. CURRENCY EXCHANGE:

All persons destined to MPC areas will be required to convert all US currency and coins, except pennies into Military Payment Certificates. Travelers Checks and similar credits are not required to be converted.

II DEBARKATION:

Railway trains for the arriving passengers are normally spotted on Columbus Quay in the very close proximity of a particular transports berth; generally immediately alongside the vessel and not more than fifty feet from the foot of the gangway. Railway trains used to transport the debarkees are regularly scheduled "Duty Trains" with sleeper and dining car facilities, unless troops are scheduled to remain a few days in the near-by staging area in which case a shuttle train is used to transport them on the five minute ride.

III TRAIN SCHEDULE

The following is a list of the main routes along the three South-Brand train routes from Bremerhaven. Which of the three alternate routes we will take has not been disclosed.

Western route:

Kassel	7 hours
Gummershausen	7 3/4 hrs
Bebra	8 1/2 hrs
Hersfeld	8 3/4 hrs
Fulda	9 hours
Guntzburg	11 1/2 hrs
Hannenburg	12 hrs
Kitzingen	12 hrs
Furth	13 1/2 hrs
Nurnberg	14 hours

Connections for:

Munich	17 hrs
Bamberg	17 hrs
Bad Mergentheim	20 hrs

Stuttgart Route:

Kassel	6 1/2 hrs
Wabern	7 1/2 hrs
Marburg	8 1/2 hrs
Giessen	9 hrs
Bad Nauheim	9 1/2 hrs
Freidburg	9 1/2 hrs
Frankfurt	10 1/2 hrs
Darmstadt	11 1/2 hrs
Heidelberg	12 1/2 hrs
Ludwigsburg	14 3/4 hrs
Stuttgart	15 hrs
Sonthofen (connections for)	20 hrs
Frankfurt route (same as Stuttgart rte)	

S P O R T S

Due to weather interference the news is brief today and we were unable to receive any sports items.

HEARD ABOUT SHIP

by Hal Osborne

An anonymous Lt explaining to a group of obviously hostile INFANTRY officers gathered on the starboard promenade dock, that the government refrained from printing script in denominations higher than ten dollars out of consideration for the many INFANTRY officers who find it difficult to deal in figures higher than ten.

A pair of second lieutenants burst into the news office, laid a huge yellow document on my desk, and proudly proclaimed themselves pinocchio champions of the North Atlantic. Furthermore they boldly challenge one and all, young or old, ex-champions or those of lesser degree to prove otherwise. If you wish to accept this challenge inquire at room number 225 on "A" deck. Inside you will find the thrones of (RA) Wm Jones and (OCS) M. Carey.

This paper will print the final results of any series of games completed prior to press time.

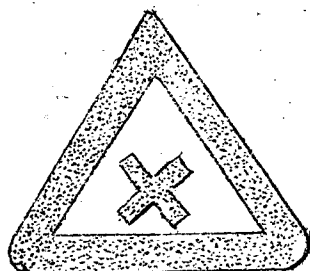
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW (Continued)
by Eucom Briefer

BILLETING AND MESSING: Generally, troops in the European Command are housed in former Germany Army Barracks which vary in size from company to regimental capacity. These permanent-type barracks, or "Kasernes" as they are commonly called in Germany, are usually located near towns or villages and will be seen in every section of the country. Some were severely damaged during World War II and are now being rehabilitated and adapted to meet the requirements of US Forces.

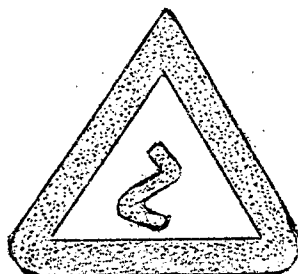
Quarters are provided in accordance with standard scales which allow not less than 40 square feet per man, which is comparable to that available in state-side barracks. In many cases it has been necessary to rehabilitate attics to provide much-needed troop-living space. With in space allocated each company and battery size unit, adequate space is reserved for the unit dayrooms and classrooms. These quarters, which are generally centrally heated, have modern latrines on each floor, except the attic floor.

Troop messes in this command are considered equal or superior to those in the States. While stable foods are procured from the States, most fresh fruits and vegetables are procured from European countries. The ration is ample in quantity and has proved to be highly acceptable in quality. Both cafeteria and family style methods of feeding are used in this command.

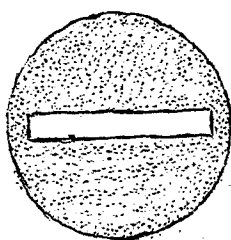
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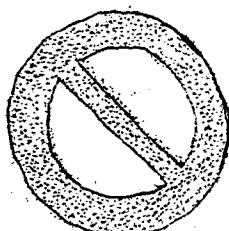
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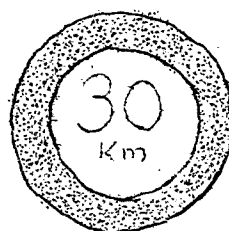
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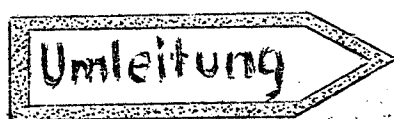
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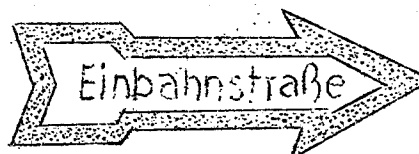
NO
STOPPING



SPEED LIMIT
IN KILOMETERS



DETOUR



ONE WAY ONLY

OTHER WORDING OFTEN USED ON TRAFFIC SIGNS

Nach - TO

Und - AND

Für - FOR

Von - FROM; OF

Weg - WAY; ROAD

Strasse - STREET

Fähre - FERRY

Brücke - BRIDGE

Unterführung - UNDERPASS

Steinschlag - FALLING STONES

Überholen verboten - NO PASSING

Parken verboten - NO PARKING

Kreisverkehr - TRAFFIC CIRCLE

Halt wenn das Lautwerk der Lokomotive ertönt oder die Annäherung eines Zuges anderweitig erkennbar wird - Stop if train approaches or if you hear locomotive whistle

Kreuzung - INTERSECTION OR CROSSING

Achtung - ATTENTION

Vorsicht - CAUTION

Langsam - SLOW

Langsam fahren - DRIVE SLOWLY

Rechts - RIGHT

Links - LEFT

Einfahrt - ENTRANCE (TRAFFIC)

Ausfahrt - EXIT (TRAFFIC)

Gesperrt - CLOSED

Spielplatz - PLAYGROUND

Krankenhaus - HOSPITAL

Kurven - CURVES

Schlechte Wegstrecke - ROUGH ROAD

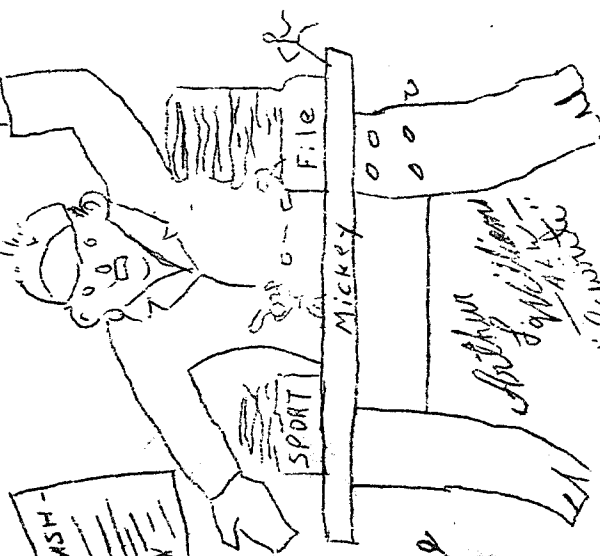
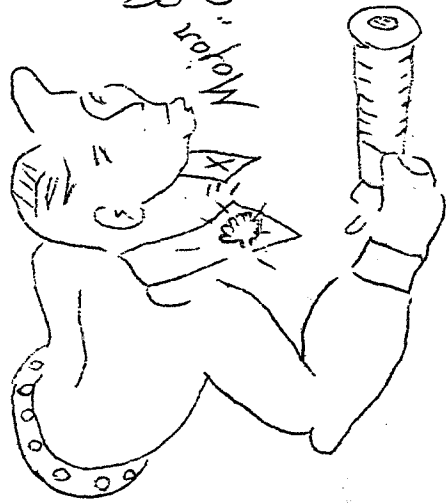
Gefährliche Kreuzung - DANGEROUS INTERSECTION OR CROSSING

Gefallstrecke - STEEP HILL (DOWN)

Gefährliche Kurve 75 m - DANGEROUS CURVE 75 METERS AHEAD

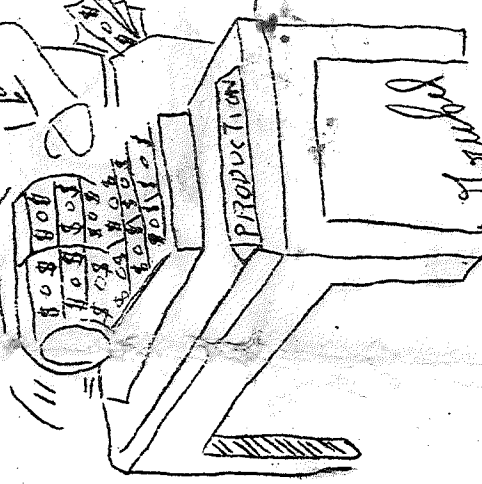
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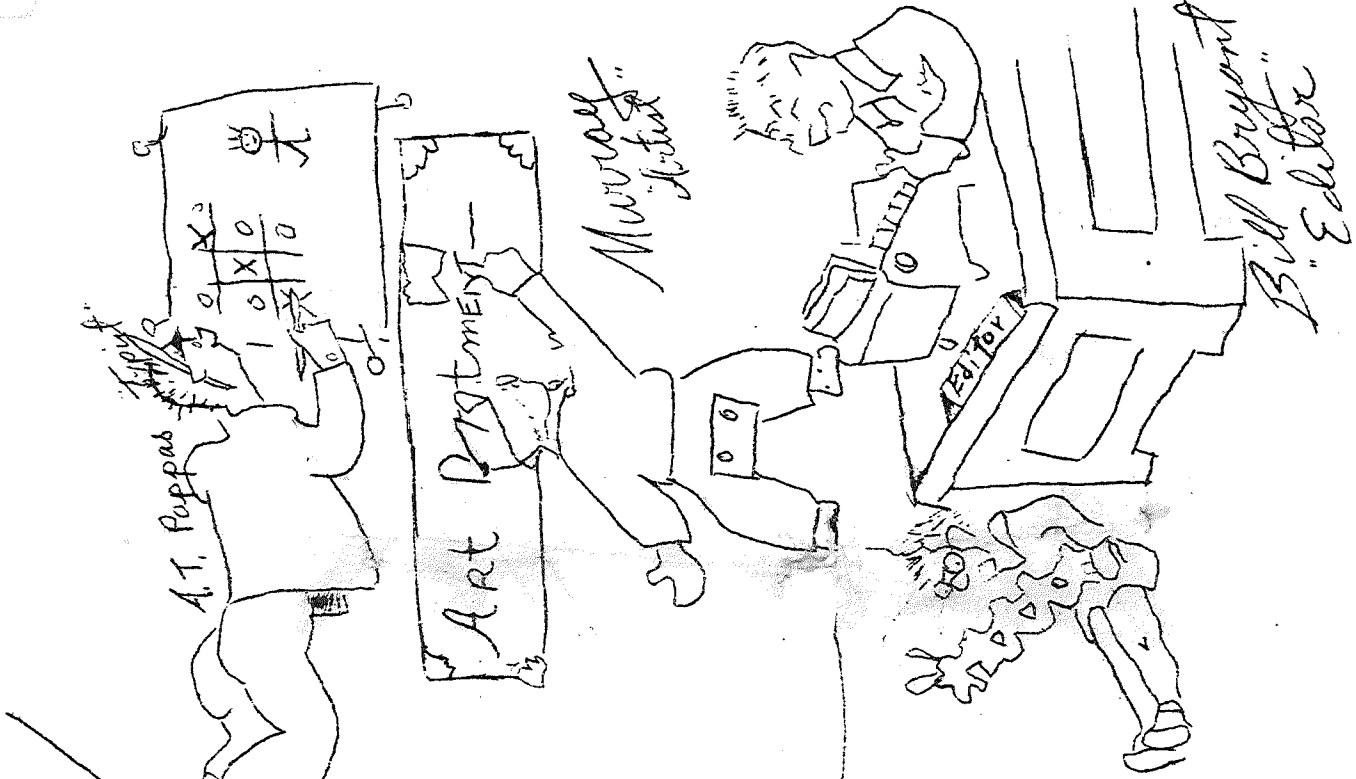


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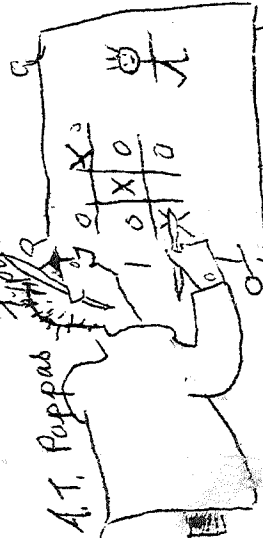
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