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Former 406 Skipper Reflects on His Time Aboard

1951 – 1953



W.R. Gibson

Each of us has unique recollections of our past. The following are some of my memories of the period from late July 1951 to August 1953, during which time I had the privilege and honor to be the Commanding Officer of Sea Poacher. My apologies, if it seems too much self oriented but, for good or bad, that is how most of us view our personal history. You who are the creators and caretakers of the excellent Sea Poacher web site can edit or delete any of this material without complaints from me. Please use what ever adds or amplifies any material already contained in the history of the boat.

There are five events that highlight my time as boss: The conversion period at Charleston where she became a Guppy 1A, the famous blimp event, the Med cruise, the times at Key West when we provided services to ASW training and research and development, and the last – back to Charleston for more repair work.

I have pictures of the conversion but there are quite enough already on the web site.

So, going on to the signature event, the Blimp escapade, here are some details that may add to the existing information.

In LIFE, the article was two page spread with top photo on the left. It is interesting to note that the article mentioned only the officers in the blimp with no information about Sea Poacher. The reason, of course, is that the gas bag staff had a good PR group while the "silent service" made little of the event.

An interesting side note was that the blimp pilot was my next-door

neighbor. Boca Chica was keeping his wife informed of what was going on and she, in turn, relayed the latest to my wife.

I must confess that it was not a smooth operation. We picked up the blimp bow line while the blimp was still airborne. The crew on the fantail secured the line on an after cleat. The line was then passed forward to the bow capstan where they tried to heave it in, not knowing it was secured aft. The line broke and the blimp was loose again. About that time a rainsquall came through and the weight of the water put the blimp in the water. This time we got a good line bent on the blimp's line and were able to commence the tow. We succeeded in spite of ourselves!



The Med Deployment

Our first stop was Malta for a NATO pre-op conference. We moored alongside HMS Forth, a UK sub tender and got introduced on the how the Brits entertain their NATO pals. They're very skillful in plying a bit more of the liquid stuff than one should imbibe. Here's a photo of us, with Lionfish, entering Malta harbor.

The Med tour began with the NATO operation that was impacted with some lousy weather. After the operation we proceeded to Izmir, Turkey for a port visit.

The main tour site was Ephesus, an ancient Greco-Roman city ca. 1 BC – 1 AD, noted in St. Paul's letters to the Ephesians. Lots of ruins.

Next came a visit to Athens and tours to the Acropolis,

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Skipper Reminisces



ASW forces.

The next port visit was Naples. All who have made Med cruises experience the valuable opportunity of the tours to important and historic places. Tours to Rome and Pompeii were the favorites this visit. Leaving Naples we got a good view of Stromboli.



The at-sea period following Naples was spent with a mini fleet exercise and providing target services. We did get a few opportunities to practice our professional skills in what submariners do best – penetrate a screen and attack the main targets.



of orphans.

As all who serve know, Christmas is a tough time to be away from home, family and friends, but having a party for the less fortunate fills a lot of gaps.

Sea Poacher also made the local English language paper.

Nice-Matin Dimanche 28 Decembre

Tours, again were very popular. While the Cote D'Azure is excit-

Parthenon, and Corinth.

After the port visits we had a chance to be a submarine again with some Sixth Fleet exercises where we practiced screen penetrations and simulated torpedo firing on destroyers and cruisers as well as providing services to the aviation and surface

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From the Treasurer:

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April 1, 2009 Beginning Balance in the following funds was:

Memorial Fund	550.00
Humanitarian Fund -	1235.00
General Fund -	25218.28
Bank Balance - (General+Hum+Mem)	27003.28

April/2009 Debit Activity:

Check# 158 for news letter expenses -	380.00
Check# 159 for postage, supplies and dinner expenses for 11 Peruvians -	438.82
Total Debits -	818.82

April/2009 Deposit Activity:

April 17 to General Fund -	331.00
This included 100.00 from Life Membership and Ship's stores sales of 231.00	
April 29 a deposit of	304.50
This included 250.00 to Memorial Fund, 5.00 to Humanitarian Fund and 20.00 in Dues & 29.50 in Ship's stores sales to General Fund	
Total Deposits =	635.50

Ending Balance as of April 30, 2009 in the following funds was:

Memorial Fund -	800.00
Humanitarian Fund -	1240.00
General Fund -	24779.96
Bank Balance (General+Hum+Mem)	26819.96

May/2009 No Debit Activity Occurred

May/2009 Deposit Activity:

May 13, 2009 to General Fund -	220.00
This included 200.00 in Life Memberships and 20.00 in Ship's Store Sales	
Total Deposits -	220.00

Ending Balance as of May 31, 2009

Memorial Fund -	800.00
Humanitarian Fund -	1240.00
General Fund -	24999.96
Bank Balance - (General+Hum+Mem)	27039.96



Jack Merrill and I are finishing a 52 page bound 2009 ADDENDUM to the WE REMEMBER SEA POACHER BOOK, that fits nicely inside the back cover of the original book. It has over 80 color photos and includes in detail our March 2009 Sea Poacher Trekker's travel to Peru, and the disposition and fate of our boat which was not scrapped and still exists. The hull has been viewed and visited by former sailors, but we cannot bring it back or do anything with it. That should capture your interest. The ADDENDUM includes our first release of several color photos of the Sea Poacher Hull, satellite imagery, a chart, and what we surmise happened to our boat.

You are going to want to read and put this ADDENDUM in your hard cover book, and also in the copies of the book you gave as gifts to others. We are charging the absolute minimum to just cover our costs which includes sending many complimentary copies to our shipmates in Peru. For those of you who ordered several copies of the book, and want multiple copies the cost for the ADDENDUM drops accordingly. For one copy with shipping the cost is \$9, two copies are \$15, three for \$19, four for \$23, five for \$27, and six for \$30.

Those of you who do not have the sold out original Sea Poacher book, the complete version is available on CD for \$10 a copy including shipping. Tell me what you want, make your check payable to Sea Poacher Association, and mail your request to Lanny Yeske, 1063 MacArthur Place, Forest, VA 24551. Any questions call 434-385-7117 or email doctoryeske@yahoo.com.

Message from Admiral Zarate Commander of Peruvian Submarine Forces

From: "ZARATE Caceres Carlos Alberto"
<zarat001@marina.mil.pe>
To: "Lanny Yeske" <doctoryeske@yahoo.com>

Dear friend. Its good to know that you and your delegation had a safe return home. In first place, I would like to apologize for not responding before but I was out of my office and with a lot of work.

It was an honor for me to meet such a wonderful submariners and share with you great times. Im going to be in San Diego on June so I hope to meet you in that occasion. I received your letter and it was exciting for me to know that you enjoy your visit. Thank you very much for everything.

Calm Carlos ZARATE Cáceres
Comandante de la Fuerza de Submarinos

FINAL PATROL



*I have one consolation that lives with me today,
That God is near to them, in his own special way.
So, God in all Your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul,
Of every submariner, still on his final patrol.
Lord, these departed shipmates, with dolphins on their chests are part of
an outfit known as the best.
Make them welcome and take them by the hand.
You'll find without a doubt they were the best in all the land.
So, heavenly Father add their names to the roll of our departed ship-
mates still on patrol.
Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories
alive.*

Sailors Rest Your Oars . . .

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John Austin, EN 69 – 1970's
Willie Austin, EM, 49-56
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Donald E. Barnes, EM 46-49 – May 2002
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 Keith L. York, LT 51 – May 2002
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 Lester Young, EN 60-62 – February 2000
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 George Zelina, TM 44-46
 Melvin A. Zimmerman, GM 60 – September 2000
 Theodore Znuj, MM 44-46 – September 2000



Barbara Geddes, widow of shipmate Arthur Geddes QM 48-51, accepts a Sea Poacher Memorial Plaque from Stewart Chapman ET 53-54 and William Donnell EN 63-64.

Obituary

LOWELL, Massachusetts — Arthur Geddes, age 84, a lifelong resident of South Lowell, passed away on Friday, February 20, 2009, at the D'Youville Senior Care Center.

He was the beloved husband of Barbara R. (Johnston) Geddes, with whom he would have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2009. Born in Lowell on February 2, 1925, he was the son of the late John Geddes and Eleanor R. (Panton) Geddes. Arthur was raised in the Wigginville area of Lowell.

He attended Lowell schools and graduated from Lowell High School in 1943, and later graduated from the former Lowell Commercial College.

Mr. Geddes served during the Korean War in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Sea Poacher (SS-406). He was honorably discharged from active duty on April 8, 1952, having earned the rank of Quartermaster.

Following active duty, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserve Flight Program and served for 25 years as a Loadmaster. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Geddes was employed for over 40 years as a civilian contractor at the Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford.

He was a lifelong member, former Sunday school teacher and past member of the Board of Trustees at the Lawrence Street Primitive Methodist Church of Lowell.

Arthur loved Big Band music, and was an accomplished saxophone and clarinet musician for area big bands including the "Silvertones" of Tewksbury.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Nancy L. Batchelder and her husband, David of Plano, Texas, John R. Geddes of Pelham, NH, Edward A. Geddes of Pepperell, David T. Geddes of Litchfield, NH, and Mark A. Geddes of Lowell; one brother, Stanley A. Geddes and his wife, Rita of Tewksbury; 17 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Mr. Geddes was the brother of the late Harry Geddes, who was killed in action during World War II. GEDDES Arthur Geddes.



On behalf of the Sea Poacher Association, on May 1, 2009 Dan Eberhardt EN 57-59 and John Savory EN 59-61, right, presented a Sea Poacher Memorial Plaque to James Beard, son of deceased Milt Beard, EM 57-59. The presentation was done at Milt's house in San Diego, California

William Lawrence Murphy, YN 66-67

November 8, 1931 - December 9, 2008



BASILE — William Lawrence Murphy, 77, a resident of Basile passed away on Tuesday, December 09, 2008 at his residence.

Mr. Murphy was a retired Veteran from the United States Navy.

He was a loving husband, father, step-father, brother, grandfather, and friend, survived by his wife, Anna P. Murphy of Basile; a son, Jim Murphy of Eunice; a step-son, Tony Marcantel of Tulsa, OK; two step-daughters, Dorthy Staton of

Westlake and Audrey Pitre of Kinder; four sisters, Catherine Brooks of Fulton, NY, Loretta Dehm and Madalyn Harris both of Oswego, NY, and Helen Lyons of Auburn, NY; twenty grandchildren. Mr. Murphy will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved him.



Sea Poacher Ships' Store



This copy of the Gerald Levey painting, donated by the Stahl family, is for sale for \$35, shipping and handling included. It is printed on high quality photo paper and measures 13x18 inches. Profits from the sale of this painting will go to the Humanitarian Fund.



Service Certificate includes a picture of the boat in the configuration as you served aboard and also includes a list of all the shipmates with whom you served. Printed on high gloss photo paper. 11x14 frame subject to availability.



This beautifully crafted stainglass piece of Sea Poacher created by Annette Snook, wife of John B. Snook QM 59-62. This piece will be a crafted by Annette as we receive orders, so there will be some delay in delivery. Piece measures 17"x10 1/2".



This nicely painted resin Sea Poacher plaque created by Jack Merrill, TM 61-63 is mounted on a handsome piece of exotic hardwood donated by Mark Markham, TM 48-50

ITEMS	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Keychain	—	\$3.00	—
Ships' Patch	—	\$5.50	—
Ballcap	—	\$14.00	—
Plastic Mugs	—	\$12.00	—
Golf Shirts - Sizes M, L, XL & 2XL (w/o pockets)	—	\$22.00	—
Golf Shirt with pockets	—	\$25.00	—
Etched Glass Tankard	—	\$20.00	—
Framed Service Certificate	—	\$35.00	—
Unframed Service Certificate	—	\$10.00	—
Sea Poacher Ship's Plaque	—	\$25.00	—
Gerald Levey Painting	—	\$35.00	—
Stainglass Sea Poacher	—	\$110.00	—
Challenge Coin	—	\$8.50	—
Dolphin Vest chains, gold or silver	—	\$25.00	—
TOTAL			

Please make check payable to Bill Brinkman and mail to: *Bill Brinkman, 4500 Tiffany Nicole St., Round Rock, TX 78664-9466.* Prices includes shipping,



From the President:

Bill Brinkman

seapoacher@austin.rr.com

Dues

Currently, we have 207 Life Members and 31 Regular members. If you're a Life Member or have paid your 2009 dues, thank you.

If not, then just a reminder to either pay \$10 for your 2009 dues, or to become a Life Member for \$100.

There are several good reasons for becoming a Life Member of the Association:

You'll never again get these annoying letters from me or our Treasurer Hubert Jackson.

You receive a Free patch.

The Association continues Life Membership status for your widow.

Also, for those of you who think you're too old to become a Life Member and won't last another 10 years, I issue this challenge :

George (Kriker) Boyajian EM 44-49, is a Plankowner and made all 4 war patrols on the USS Sea Poacher. He just became our 205th Life Member.

Send your check (made out to USS Sea Poacher Association) to me at:

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Address and e-mail changes

Please be sure to send us your latest mailing and e-mail addresses. Remember, its our Association policy to not show your mailing address and telephone number on our newsletters or on our website.

When shipmates request them, we do put them in touch with you.

Sea Poacher Book CD's Now Available!!!!

To order books please contact either Bill Brinkman or Lanny Yeske

Memorial Fund

When a shipmate passes on the USS Sea Poacher Association presents, to their next of kin, a Memorial Plaque to commemorate their service to Sea Poacher. The plaque is a framed and matted picture taken from the bridge of Sea Poacher during the Cuban Crisis and superimposed over it is the Final Prayer as it appears on Page 6&7. It also indicates the years the individual served aboard. We decided that funding for this project should stand alone, so we are accepting contributions which may be made out to Sea Poacher Association and mailed to Association President, Bill Brinkman. Indicate "Memorial Fund".

Branson 2010 Reunion

If you're signed up for our November 2010 Reunion, thank you.

If not, go to our website and download the registration form from Gatherings Plus and send it to them. Remember that you do not need to pay at this time.

Now, if you can't access a computer, send me a request, or call me (512-255-0285) , and I'll send the registration form to you.

Currently, we have 38 people signed up for what promises to be a great and memorable reunion.

Book Addendum

Lanny Yeske and Jack Merrill are preparing a book Addendum which will have the write-up of our trip to Peru and the results of our search for USS Sea Poacher. The addendum will have at least 52 pages of text and pictures.

This addendum belongs in the back of your "WE REMEMBER SUBMARINE SEA POACHER" book, so be sure to place your orders with Lanny.



Holland Club Award Presented to John Savory EN 58-61

JOHN SAVORY, LCDR USN (Ret) was recognized for being qualified in submarines for 50 years by the Scamp Base, USSVI at their monthly meeting on May 28, 2009 in Escondido, CA. Len Heiselt, Base Commander presented the Holland Club Membership certificate to him. John served on USS Sea Poacher (SS406) as an Engineman from 1958 –1961 where he qualified on April 3, 1959. He went on to complete a 25-year Navy Career, retiring as a LCDR in 1981. In addition to Life Membership at USSVI and Scamp Base, John also is a life member of Sea Poacher Base, Dan Diego Base, And Sea Poacher Association.

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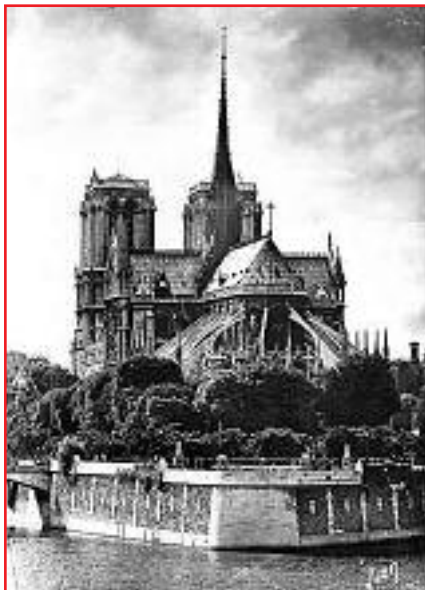
Captain Gibson Reflects on His Tour on Sea Poacher



ing, it wasn't as alluring as Gay Paree. Two different tour groups made it to the "City of Lights".

We split the holiday period with a visit to Marseille. We didn't even bother with a trim drive as can be seen (the Christmas graffiti can almost be seen) in this photo of Sea Poacher entering the harbor at Marseille.

More fleet exercises after the holiday but we fought the weather more than the simulated enemy. We did get in a couple simulate successful screen penetrations and attacks on the amphibious group, according to my Med report.



Sagrada Familia Cathedral

Barcelona

Everyone seemed to agree that Barcelona got top score as a liberty port. In early 1953 there had been only one or two prior U. S. Navy visits since Franco had opened Spain to the Americans. We had a Spanish Naval Officer as our own private liaison officer. Everyone was friendly and sincerely welcomed us. I got invited by a prominent banker to join his family at the opera then later to lunch (it actually was a full dinner) at his house. We got tours to all the local sights and invited to dinner several times. (Things had changed five years later when I made another port call there – the welcome mat had been somewhat worn out and we had to find our own amusements.)



Frank Caulfield reunites with family

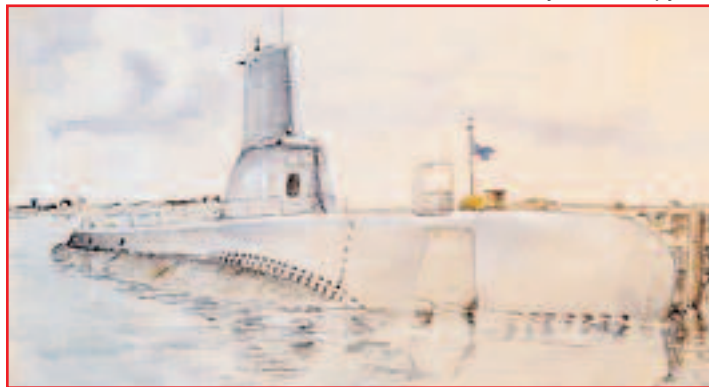
The rest of the deployment was an anti climax – another exercise, a visit to Gibraltar to turn over to the incoming deployment and, then, happily to head home.



We were delayed a day or so to provide target services to the ASW air squadron at Port Lyautey. They dropped a number of sonobuoys during the drill. As we were released, we picked up one of buoys as a souvenir.

We made the Key West Times again

After R&R it was back to the daily routine of providing services, conducting ISE, making weekend port visits to Havana, Galveston and Tampa. An inspection discovered more hull corrosion under the superstructure so we were scheduled for a limited availability at the shipyard



– back to Charleston where I first got acquainted.

One of the meaningful moments for the submarine family is when one of the members is awarded that treasured emblem, the Dolphins. This photo is one such occasion where Luther Jenkins was congratulated for his achievement.

Finally, the sad moment of departing arrived and it was time to bid adieu to all the magnificent men of the Sea Poacher. As I was leaving, I was presented this superb painting – painted by a TM1, who was leaving to go on to art school. The painting was not signed and I regret that I don't remember if it was J.B. Carson, Raymond Krivascy or Richard Moore. I hope he, whoever it was, continued on and had a very successful career his field.

And then came the change of Command ceremony.

"And so off into the sunset he rode, with tears in his eyes and a lump in his throat."

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Letter Received from ComSubPac



4/4/2009

DEAR COMMANDER YESKE,

I JUST FINISHED READING YOUR TERRIFIC ACCOUNT OF USS SEA POACHER (SS-406)/BAP LA PEDRERA AND THE WONDERFUL TIME YOU AND YOUR SHIPMATES HAD IN CALLAO WITH THE PERUVIAN SUBMARINE FORCE. I WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE WITH YOU — WHAT A GREAT STORY!

YOU WERE RIGHT ON THE MARK WITH YOUR CLOSING POINT — POACHER/LA PEDRERA STILL EXISTS WITH HER CREW WHICH STILL LIVES! THANK SO MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR GREAT ADVENTURE WITH ME.

SINCERELY,

Doug McCreary, COMSUBPAC