

RAGING MAIN

"Raging Main is a great 'zine!"

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: Game Openings - The first game is filled and I have taken over two orphan games, so I'm not going to start another unless there is an overwhelming response. I'll probably run a variant of some sort though. Any requests or suggestions? The game for military personnel is still wide open. Only two signed up. So we can get it going sooner, I'll open it up to reservists as well as active duty. Any more takers?

: Standbys - Now that I've got games on the loose, I really need some volunteers to standby. RM NEEDS YOU! A three issue extension will be given to anyone who plays a replacement position to its completion.

"Victory"

1983-CA

Winter 1900

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Spring 1901 orders are due on Monday, 25 July 1983.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

I'm going to be taking a vacation and going home to San Diego for a few weeks in July. Any correspondence from 7/14 to 7/31 (especially orders!) should be mailed to; 5680 Dorothy Way, San Diego, CA 92115. I'll be sending RM #4 from there. Ph.; 619-287-0291.

Ship's Log

The saga of my short, but unpredictable, career is continuing with more twists than I'd like. In April I was expecting to start my flight training on 23 May. That's what my orders said. Then I hurt myself. Although my ankle is no longer in a cast, I still do not know exactly when I'm going to start. Last week, I took my last flight physical (Well, that's not exactly accurate. I have to have one every year) and I was judged PQ (physically qualified) in every aspect except my ankle. The big thing about this is that I passed the eye test. I am going to fly! Unfortunately, since my foot isn't healed (and won't be completely for another month or so) they can't give me a concrete starting date. As a result, each week more new students come here, pass their physicals, and get start dates, pushing mine back and back. The soonest I could begin is September. Why the big backlog, you ask? Money!! This part of the navy is running short this year and come October and the new fiscal year things should be better.

One good aspect of all this waiting is that I'm free to attend some of the summer's Dip functions. I will be at Peericon IIII in San Diego in late July. I may also go to DipCon in Detroit, but I'll have to consider it, financially.

MOVIE TRIVIA QUIZ

Here are the next bunch of tough movie questions. The deadline for answers to the first bunch of them is changed to 25 July. Remember that the most answers right when they're all through wins one year of Raging Main

9. Give the middle initials of the following movie characters: (A) Fred Dobbs; (B) Corydon Wassel; (C) Capt. Francis Queeg.
10. If Who was on first, name the pitcher and the catcher.
11. What three actors played Loretta Young's brothers in "The Farmer's Daughter"?
12. Give the character names of the three children in "E.T."
13. And what brand of beer does E.T. drink?
14. In what movie is the following spoken? "Oh, by the way, if you see my old boss, Gen. Mac Arthur, tell him no matter what the news is, we'll be in here pitchin' til they strike us out."
15. Name the performers who sang the following songs in the following films: (A) "That's What You Jolly Well Get," in "Thank Your Lucky Stars"; (B) "Every Little Movement Has a Meaning All Its Own" (with Judy Garland); in "Presenting Lily Mars"; (C) "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," in "This Is the Army."
16. The key to the mystery in "Body Heat" lies in a photograph from a high school yearbook. From what Chicago suburban high school does this yearbook originate?
17. Who played the ship captains in the following films about the sea? (A) "Mr. Roberts"; (B) "The Final Countdown"; (C) "Ship of Fools"; (D) "Action in the North Atlantic"; (E) "Destination Tokyo."
18. What is the name of the cemetery where Superman's foster Earth father was buried?
19. Often a giver of wry advice, Eve Arden in one film says to her boss (an attorney about to take on a military man as a client), "Don't let him pay you off in Purple Hearts." Who played the boss and the client and what was the film?

1983-AA

Bonhomme Richard

Winter 1900

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This is one of two orphan games that I have taken from the recently folded Damn the Torpedoes. This one, obviously, never even got started. I suppose that it is only fitting that these games are transferred from one naval 'zine to another. Now for the other orphan.

1981-HT

Hartford

post-Winter 1901

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 Has A's ANK, BUL & F's CON, SMY.

Spring 1902 orders are due Monday, 25 July, 1983.

Since you signed up for these games in DtT, I will run them on Gregg's houserules, whatever they may be. Since I don't have a copy of them, would one of the new players send me a copy of them. Of course, it would be a lot easier if you'd all agree to play the games under my rules. Let me know what you want to do.

To keep your position in the game you must sub to Raging Main. Gregg is willing to transfer what was left of your DtT sub to me or send the money to you in which case you can send me the sub payment.

"When you give up your dreams, you die."

— Flashdance

I'll bet you thought that reading Raging Main would be easy. Well, not necessarily so. I've been writing history papers for the last four years in school and I just can't seem to get away from it. The names of the games in this 'zine are all famous ships from naval history. So, every time a new game starts here, you're going to get a history lesson. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Victory

H.M.S. Victory was the flagship of Lord Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson during his greatest battle, the Battle of Trafalgar. Nelson was certainly the most brilliant naval commander of his day and possibly of all history. Victory was a ship-of-the-line, rated at 100 guns. It was one of the finest warships of its time.

The Battle of Trafalgar was fought on 21 October 1805. Nelson led a fleet of twenty-seven British ships against an allied fleet of fifteen Spanish and eighteen French ships. Attacking at dawn, Nelson split his fleet into two lines and sailed straight at the single Franco-Spanish line. Soon before the battle began, he hoisted the famous, morale lifting, message,

"England expects that every man will do his duty"

With Victory leading one of the lines for the British, Nelson went against what was commonly thought prudent naval tactics and allowed his 'T' to be crossed. As a result, the enemy got off several shots before Nelson could return fire, but when he reached the allied line his guns struck at point-blank range loaded with double shot on both sides. The allied line was split into three by Nelson's strategy and the British scored a big victory.

At the end of the day, the British had taken over fifteen prizes, and not lost a single ship themselves. For Nelson, however, the day ended in tragedy. An enemy sniper shot the British Admiral with a musket. As he was being taken below, he covered his face with a handkerchief to hide the fact that he had been wounded from his men. The musketball was lodged in his spine and he died within a few hours, but not before hearing of the immense victory of his fleet.

The importance of the Battle of Trafalgar cannot be overstated. Napoleon's navy was gone and it took him years to rebuild it. He was thus unable to launch any attack against Britain. The royal Navy's control of the seas for the next century can be said to be a result of Nelson's victory at Trafalgar.

Bonhomme Richard

U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard was not the great warship that H.M.S. Victory was, but it is no less famous. Richard was commanded by Commodore John Paul Jones in the Battle off Flamborough Head, the most famous naval engagement of the American Revolution. The battle was fought on 23 September 1779. This battle, in which Jones fought Captain Richard Pearson aboard H.M.S. Serapis, did not have any far reaching effects, as was the case with Trafalgar, but is famous for the story of Jones' refusal to surrender.

Serapis was a frigate, built for speed and maneuverability, rated at 44 guns. By contrast, Richard was a converted merchant vessel, rated at 42 guns, but much less maneuverable than its counterpart. In order to get close enough for an effective shot, Jones used a common ploy of flying false colors. Showing a British ensign, he came alongside and Pearson hailed him saying,

"What ship is that?"

"The Princess Royal," Jones answered. As Pearson asked where she

was from, Jones lowered the British flag and replaced it with the stars and stripes, as he ordered his guns to fire. Pearson was ready and Serapis returned fire almost immediately as the battle began.

During the course of the battle, Jones discovered that due to Serapis' greater agility Richard was taking much more damage than she was inflicting. His only chance was to grapple and take the ship by boarding. After a while, he managed to draw near and the two ships were grappled together. Pearson, seeing the condition of Jones' ship, called across,

"Has your ship struck?" To this Jones made his famous reply,

"I have not yet begun to fight!" Both captains made attempts to board the other ship with their marines, but sharpshooters in the tops kept the decks clear. The ships' guns continued to fire, but both ships had taken a lot of damage and much of the fire was ineffective. Pearson's crew repeatedly tried to cut the grappling lines, but Jones' marksmen kept them away.

Bonhomme Richard was in danger of sinking and Jones' men pleaded with him,

"For God's sake, Captain, strike!"

"No, I will sink, I will never strike!" Jones replied. Later, two of his crew actually ran for the mast to haul down the colors and surrender without Jones' order. The British captain heard them cry,

"Quarter, quarter, for God's sake!" Jones drew his pistols and ran after them. As they fled from their captain's wrath, Pearson called over to his counterpart,

"Sir, do you ask for a quarter?"

"No, sir," was the reply, "I haven't as yet thought of it, but I'm determined to make you strike!"

By this time, the water in Richard's hold was coming in so fast that Jones released his prisoners (crew from a previous prize) to man the pumps. Aboard Serapis, a grenade that went into the hold had caused considerable damage to the guns. But when his main mast was about to fall, Pearson brought down his colors and surrendered his ship. Jones had won.

As Commodore Jones boarded the British frigate, Pearson presented him with his sword. Jones, by custom, returned it and took command of Serapis. Richard was in terrible shape. Her rudder was falling off, five feet of water was in the hold, and the quarterdeck was falling into to gunroom. Two days later, the ship was allowed to sink (after Jones had transferred his flag to Serapis) when it was determined to be beyond repair.

The battle did not have any great effect on the war, and the Continental Navy rarely gave the British much trouble. It was the French Navy that assured the Americans their independence.

The explanation of Hartford will have to wait for next time. To keep you from going crazy with curiosity, I'll tell you that it is the flagship of Adm. David Farragut at the Battle of Mobile Bay. It was there that he said, "Damn the torpedoes,..."

Musical-Filler

I heard a live recording version of Bob Seeger's "Trying to Live My Life Without You," on the radio the other day and at first I thought that it sounded a lot like (the intro at least) the Eagles' "The Long Run". Then I heard Seeger say that his song was "an old Memphis song". On my Eagles Live album Glenn Frey introduces "The Long Run" as "our tribute to Memphis, TN". Considering that Seeger and Frey grew up together in Detroit, what's up?

Letters and Cards

Quite a few of you have sent me business cards recently and I thank you all for that. Please keep sending all those usual and unusual business cards that you find or receive. First up, the author of that fantastic quote on page one, Bill Highfield: (130-56-9274)

"Yeah, you can tell my nice CO how great I am and how much I love the Navy. OK? I'm also a very hard worker!!

"When some more salesmen come in and give me their business cards, I'll try to get an extra one for you, OK?"

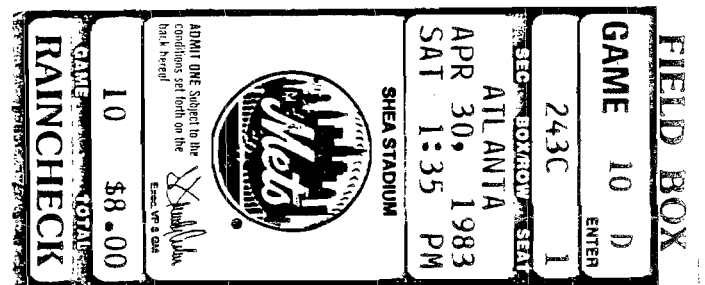
Yes, yes, it's okay. Please do. I'll accept any cards you can send. As to telling your CO those things, I'm not too sure I can oblige. A naval officer is suppose to tell his superiors the truth.

From Kathy Byrne (written on the back of a letter that she received from Dave Carter): "Here is the business card you wanted. Any time you want to hire the funniest clowns in baseball — call them. Their fielding is okay, if you don't count Kingman — he's a three ring circus. their pitching rates right up there with the Marx Brothers & their hitting, now that's down right hysterical! If you don't want this comedy team, there is one thing funnier — the idiot who bet \$10 for them to take the World Series, this year — John Caruso!"

John Caruso and Kathy Byrne
(Yave). and/or shiny Temple.

We Trade for some reason!

*Isn't this a stupid business
card - Conabee Carter
Sends it to me - every month!*



From John Caruso: "Here is my entry to the business card request. Sorry it's late, but you know what they say — better dead than red. ((??-jsw))

"Somehow I feel I got cheated out of the name the Rage contest. Who is this bozo Makuc? I know how I can get to know the clown better — I'll join the dip game, especially if it's free.

"Michalski couldn't send his business card. Why? An M16((or is it that MIG?-jsw)) won't fit into an envelope. Oh — Michalski is senile — humor him."

Well, John, you've got your chance to get acquainted (or even) with Jim. Kathy's comments about the Mets and John's devotion to them, I can well understand. I've been a San Diego Padre fan for fifteen years and they've never won anything. That hasn't stopped me. I'm still as crazy about them as ever. Dave Draveky of the Pads won his 10th yesterday (6/18) to lead the NL in wins!! Padres are in fifth place, but they'll get better. Keep the faith, John. The world is full of Yankee (and Dodger) fans, but it takes real character to support a consistant loser!

**In Case of a Riot the Holder of
This Card Has Been Made an**

Honorary Negro

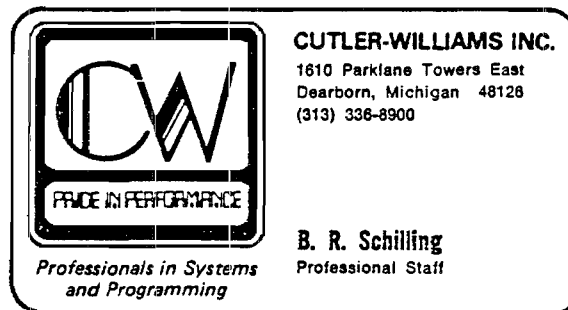
John Caruso

VOID UNLESS SIGNED BY A BONAFIDE NEGRO

This card must be renewed after each riot.

Ben Schilling says: "...I'm also enclosing one of my business cards for your collection. My company gave me a minimum run of the things about five years ago, and I still have most of them..."

"One question: What happens after you pass flight school and the Navy sends you to a carrier in the middle of the Indian Ocean?"



James Stuart Woodson

*Ensign
United States Navy*



Give her a gift you'll always remember.

I know what you mean about the minimum run of cards. As a military officer there will be times (albiet few) that I will need to have a "calling card". This is one of them. I had to get 100 of them and I probably won't need more than ten in the next two years before I'm promoted and will need different ones.

If you are referring to what happens to RM when I go to sea, I'll try and answer. First, that won't be for two years at the nearest. What I'll most likely do is suspend publication for the times I'm gone. The games could be run since I can recieve mail on ship, but it takes a while to get there. It will have to be up to the players, whether they want to let me run it at a slower pace or if they want it transferred to another GM.

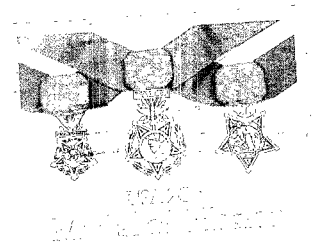
This card is courtesy of Mark Keller. Thanks Mark!

I've got a few late entries in the Raging Main contest.

From Mark Frueh: "Raging Main refers to the roaring Main Street in some hick town in Minnesota. Raging because there are over 5 to 7 cars passing down Main Street to the town's Dairy Queen every hour!"

From Pete Tamlyn: "As regards the origin of the name competition, the obvious inference would seem to be a nautical connection: the 'Spanish Main' which from a recent Europa Express you Americans would seem to associate particularly with the coast of South America but which in England normally refers to the high seas in general. The name is still a little odd and I would guess that it comes from a poem or song about the sea. The raging main seems a likely poetic decription for the sea. On the other hand, this seems so obvious that it is almost certain to be wrong. Perhaps it comes from some professional boxer called Charlie Main or whatever who was nick named Raging Main by his fans!"

Thank You to Jim Burgess, Al Giddings, Jim Meinel, and John MacFarlane, who took the time to reply to my samples even though they did not want to subscribe. Thanks also to all of you who have plugged RM in your 'zines.



Caro papà
Ho ricevuto la tua
lettera di oggi e
sono molto contento
di sapere che
tutto va bene.