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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Lieut. Charles ("Chuck") Smiley, U.S.N.

"Out of the West he came — a two-gunned, two-fisted, fightin' man from Oklahoma Territory — tall in the saddle, hawk-eyed and sun-bronzed from long weeks of hard ridin' under the blazing sun " etc.

Our own Oklahoman doesn't quite live up to ALL the points mentioned in the usual story, and he vows and declares that he was not involved in any snide activities during the Land Rush of 1189, but for all that, "Chuck" is known most everywhere as a "good hand."

Born on October 22 some 33 years ago, in Oklahoma City, Chuck, through Public School and High School, had aspirations in the field of music, and on graduation, attended the Oklahoma Baptist University between 1948 and 1952 to study in this field, majoring in Choral Directing — A far cry from

the Navy and Chopper-driving? Surely! — but the Navy had its way, and 1952 saw him begin flight training with an A/S unit, being one of the first two students to begin their training on Neptunes. He was assigned to a Neptune squadron from '53 to '56 and then went to the Staff of Commander Fleet Air at Alameda.

In 1958 he sojourned for a short time at the Naval Air Technical Training Centre at Norman, back in Oklahoma, and later in the same year, under a Naval guarantee scheme, returned to his old Alma Mater, O.B.U., to continue and complete a university course. Under this scheme, the U.S.N. guarantees that students who have reached a certain stage in a University course on entry will be sent back to college to complete it at some time, at the Navy's expense. Chuck, with an out-



look slightly varied, completed a course in Business Management, and has almost enough Units and "hours" for a second-string degree in teaching!

Before his posting to Australia, he spent 2 years at N.A.A.S. Ream Field, San Diego, with Helo A/S Squadron 8.

I enquired how it felt to suddenly become an Exchange Pilot and be posted to Australia. He summed it up: "Well, I guess, it would be like being told that a guy is in the first detachment to the Moon!" However, he likes it here now — has a house in Bomaderry, and finds that whereas most U.S. Stations are semi-metropolitan, here he can head out for the beach or the bush, or even go game-fishing — **DID YOU HEAR ABOUT HIS MARLIN FIRST TIME OUT?!!**

Chuck and Sally, his charming wife, whom he met way back in High school days (or perhaps even before, Mrs. S?) live, as I have already told you, in Bomaderry, with Chuck Jnr., David and Karen, who have just the faintest of Australian accents

Glad to have you aboard.

Some Sick Definitions

DRYDOCK — Medic with a thirst.
 HORMONE — She was underpaid.
 SCARS — Havanas, Coronas, Monopoles etc.
 BACTERIA — Rear exit from the cafeteria.
 COLIC — The way sailors comb their hair.
 OXYGEN TENT — Large size in inflatable bra's.
 CLAVICLE — Ancient musical instrument.
 STERNUM — The backside (Latin).
 HOMEOPATH — The road back to mother.
 BRONCHOSCOPE — Instrument for viewing wild horses.
 BRONCHITIS — Fear of horses.
 MENINGITIS — "Les-be-frens".
 GASTRITIS — Naval Airmen at FUEL INSTALLATION suffer from it.
 HEPATITIS — Exclusive to squares.

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