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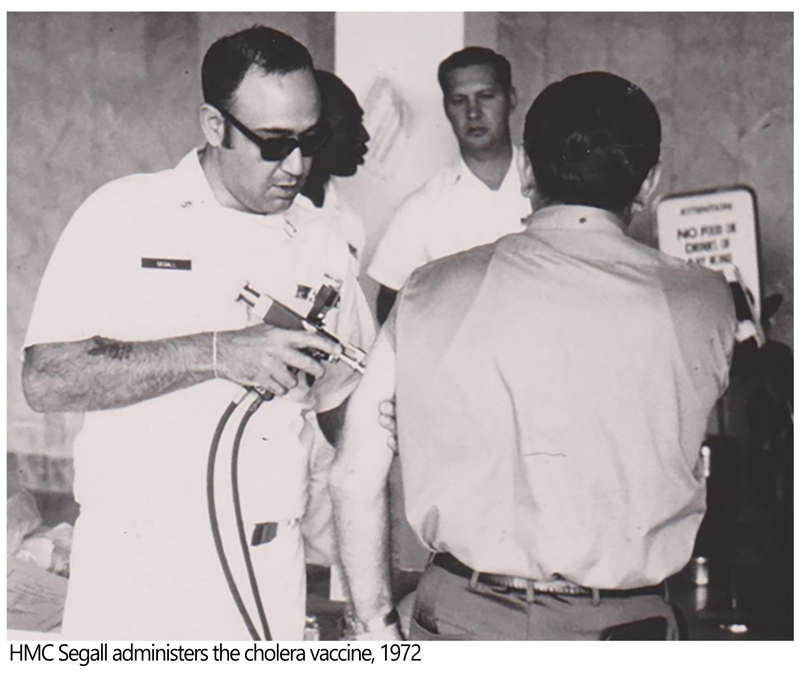
Visit from U.S. Navy Surgeon General, VADM Davis, circa1970

Commanding Officer CAPT Kretzschmar with local national staff, circa 1972

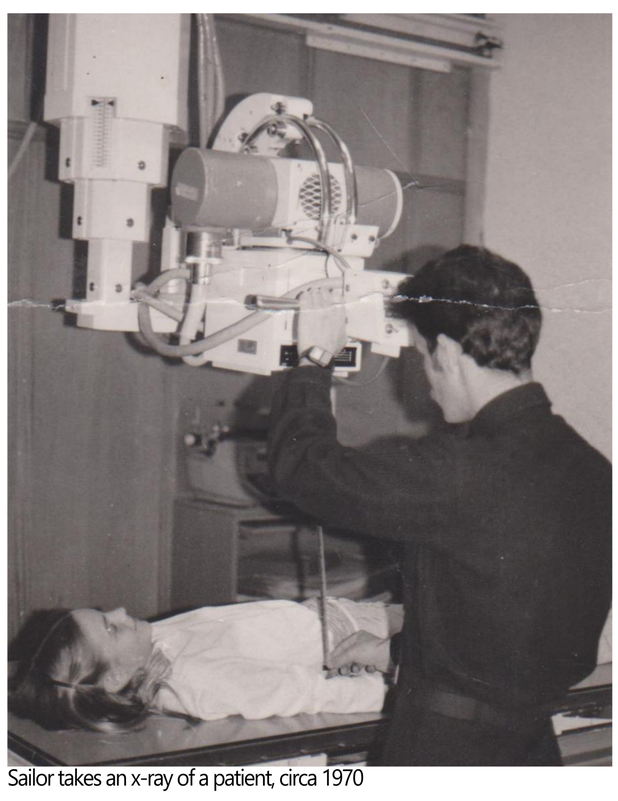
Morning colors, circa 1975

- From August to October of 1973, the Naples area experienced an outbreak of cholera. The hospital in Agnano served a crucial role in curbing the spread of this outbreak. The hospital vaccinated thousands of Neapolitans using fast-action pistol syringes. They are credited with vaccinating over 160,000 people.
- La Maddalena branch clinic opened in 1973. This clinic was located on the island of Sardinia. The clinic remained open until 2008.
- On July 9, 1974, a MEDEVAC flight (Douglas VS-3B Skywarrior plane) departed Capodichino airport headed to Rota, Spain. The flight engine malfunctioned during its initial ascent resulting in the plane crashing. The plane crashed on a farm in the Casoria area of Italy. This resulted in eight passenger deaths, injury to the landowner as well as children playing near the crash site. The hospital provided mortuary affairs support managing the collection of human remains.
- In 1975, two ships collided off the coast of Sicily. The USS Belknap (CG 26) and the USS John F Kennedy (CV 67); U.S. Naval Hospital Naples assisted with treating those injured as a result of this collision; including casualties and burn victims. The hospital provided supplies to triage burn victims and ambulances transferred patients from helicopters to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Agnano.



HMC Segall administers the cholera vaccine, 1972

The Commanding Officer speaks at the Change of Command Ceremony, circa 1972



Sailor takes an x-ray of a patient, circa 1970

Commanding Officer CAPT Kretzschmar presents an award to Mr. Sgambato of Managed Care, circa 1970

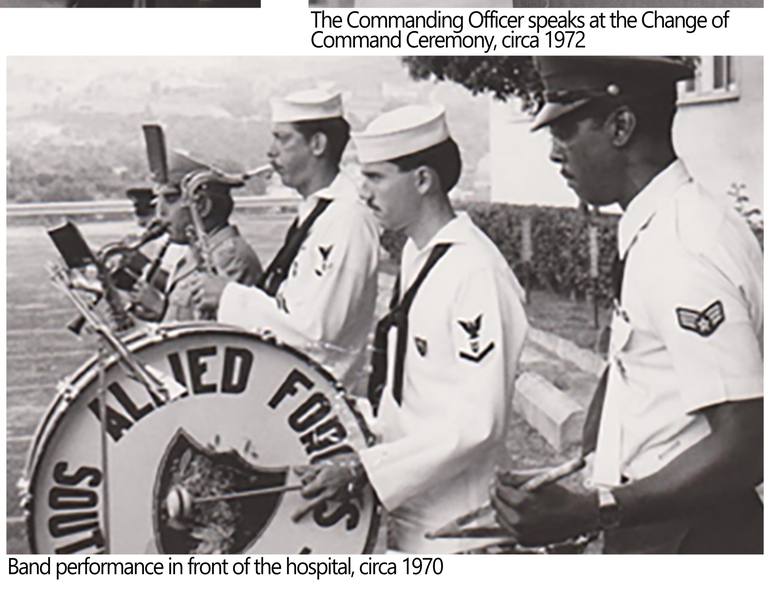
Sailor wraps the leg of a patient, circa 1970

Eight Killed In Navy Jet Crash

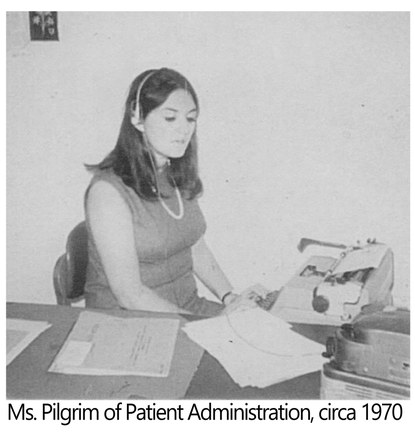
NAPLES, Italy (AP) — A U.S. Navy jet crashed on a farm six miles from Naples today within minutes of take off, killing all eight occupants, Italian police reported.

The victims, all U.S. Navy personnel, were the four crewmen of the twin-jet Sky Warrior and four passengers, police said. Their identities were

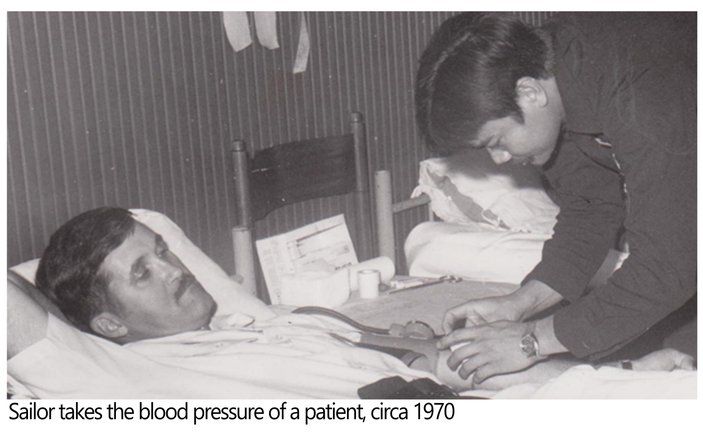
9 July 1974 edition of the *Observer Reporter* outlining the basic details of a MEDEVAC crash killing eight



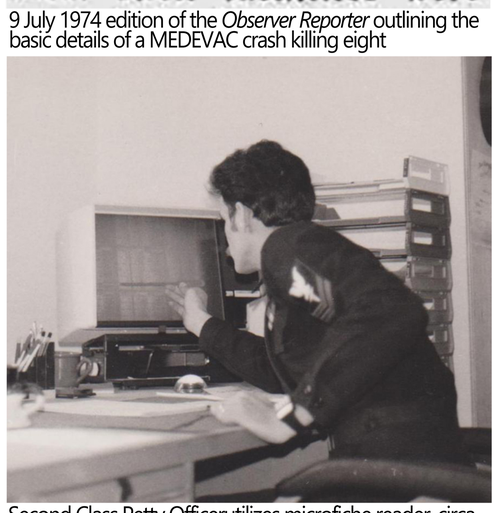
Band performance in front of the hospital, circa 1970



Ms. Pilgrim of Patient Administration, circa 1970

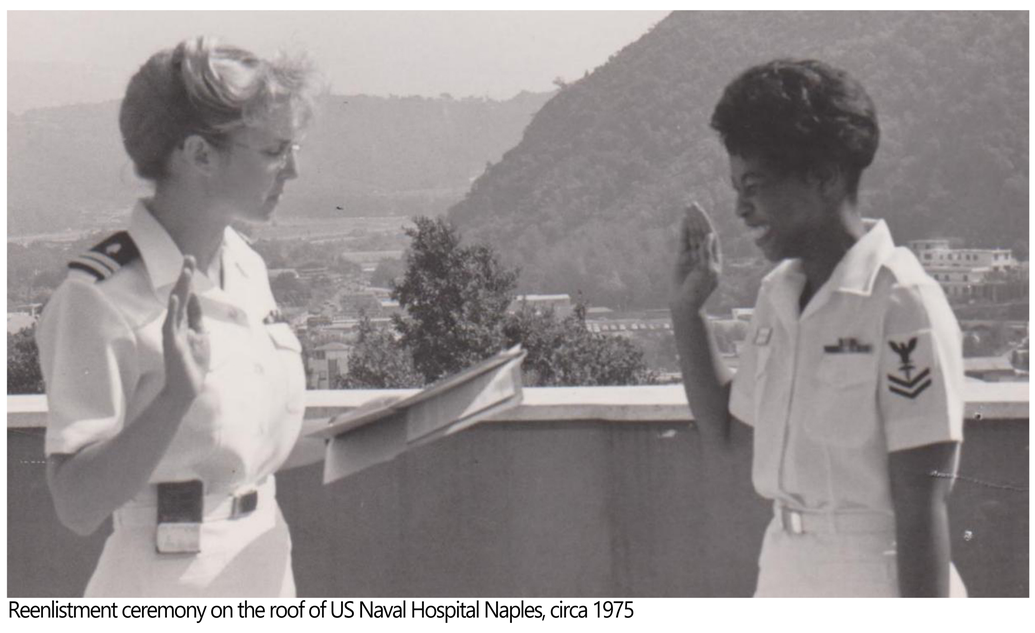


Sailor takes the blood pressure of a patient, circa 1970



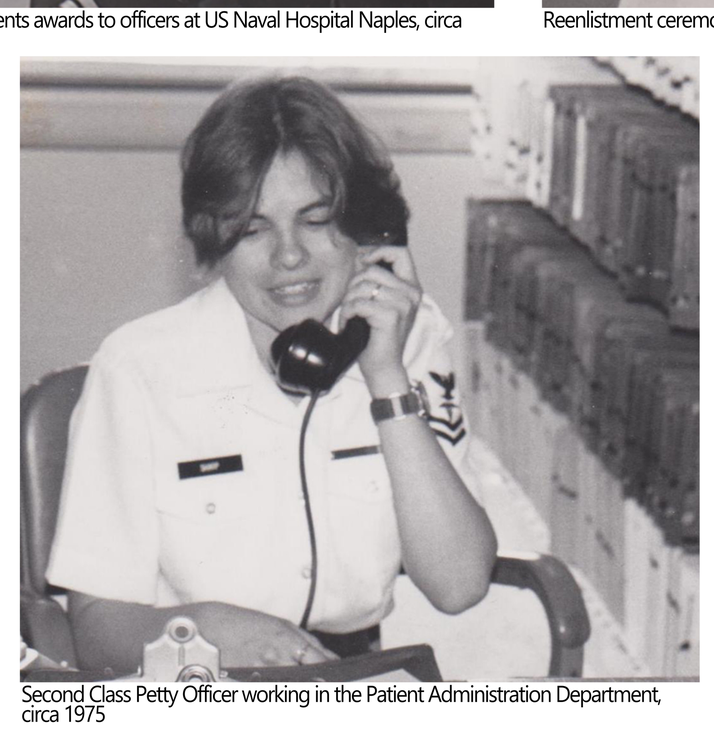
Second Class Petty Officerutilizes microfiche reader, circa 1975

Commanding Officer CAPT Kretzschmar presents awards to officers at US Naval Hospital Naples, circa 1972

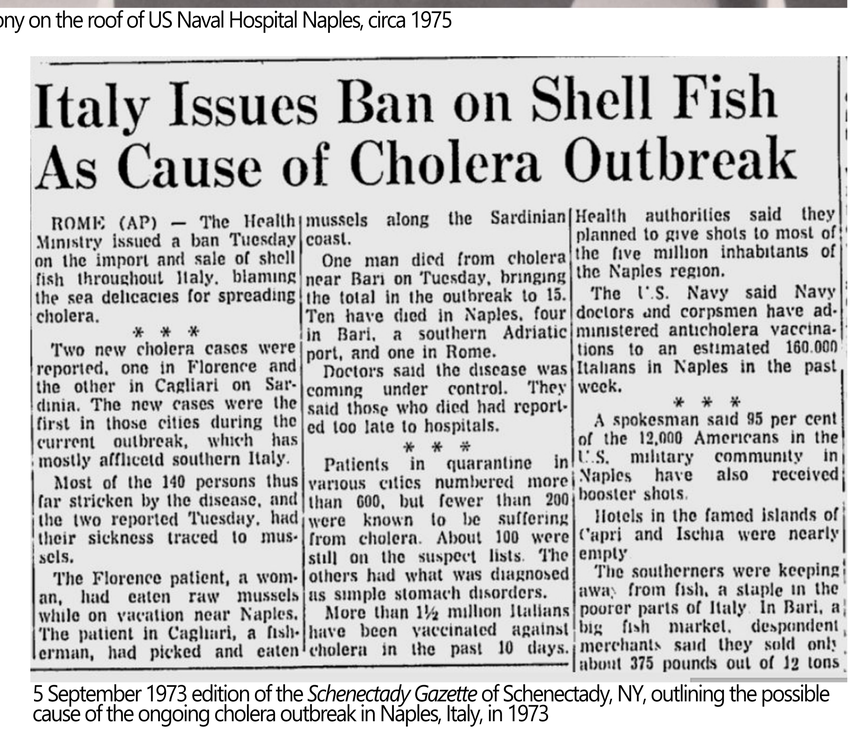


Reenlistment ceremony on the roof of US Naval Hospital Naples, circa 1975

Sailor examines blood in the laboratory of US Naval Hospital Naples, circa 1975



Second Class Petty Officer working in the Patient Administration Department, circa 1975



Italy Issues Ban on Shell Fish As Cause of Cholera Outbreak

ROME (AP) — The Health Ministry issued a ban Tuesday on the import and sale of shell fish throughout Italy, blaming the sea delicacies for spreading cholera.

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Two new cholera cases were reported, one in Florence and the other in Cagliari on Sardinia. The new cases were the first in those cities during the current outbreak, which has mostly afflicted southern Italy.

Most of the 149 persons thus far stricken by the disease, and the two reported Tuesday, had their sickness traced to mussels.

The Florence patient, a woman, had eaten raw mussels while on vacation near Naples. The patient in Cagliari, a fisherman, had picked and eaten mussels along the Sardinian coast.

One man died from cholera near Bari on Tuesday, bringing the total in the outbreak to 15. Ten have died in Naples, four in Bari, a southern Adriatic port, and one in Rome.

Doctors said the disease was coming under control. They said those who died had reported too late to hospitals.

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Patients in quarantine in various cities numbered more than 600, but fewer than 200 were known to be suffering from cholera. About 100 were still on the suspect lists. The others had what was diagnosed as simple stomach disorders.

More than 1½ million Italians have been vaccinated against cholera in the past 10 days. Health authorities said they planned to give shots to most of the five million inhabitants of the Naples region.

The U.S. Navy said Navy doctors and corpsmen have administered anticholera vaccinations to an estimated 150,000 Italians in Naples in the past week.

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A spokesman said 95 per cent of the 12,000 Americans in the U.S. military community in Naples have also received booster shots.

Hotels in the famed islands of Capri and Ischia were nearly empty.

The southerners were keeping away from fish, a staple in the poorer parts of Italy. In Bari, a big fish market, despondent merchants said they sold only about 375 pounds out of 12 tons

5 September 1973 edition of the *Schenectady Gazette* of Schenectady, NY, outlining the possible cause of the ongoing cholera outbreak in Naples, Italy, in 1973