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The Royal Navy tries to assure that as many as possible of its ships are in harbour on Christmas Day. For the unlucky ones on patrol or on passage—and there are a good many this year in Korea and elsewhere in the Far East—the best that can be expected is "Sunday routine", with work reduced to a minimum. Festivities have to wait till harbour is reached. For the Navy in harbour, the big event of the day is "Captain's Rounds", when the Commanding Officer of each ship, attended by his officers, goes the round of the whole ship, greeting his men and being offered hospitality by them on each of the gaily decorated mess decks. He is preceded by the youngest boy in the ship, dressed in the uniform of the ship's senior petty officer, the Master at Arms (or Police Chief of the ship). Men are allowed to wear improvised fancy dress on that day and may even "impersonate" the captain. The youngest boy has his hour of glory again on New Year's Eve when he "rings out the Old

British Hope To Reach Top Of Mt Everest Next Year

By Michael Newmarch
LONDON, Dec. 23 — (AP) — Sixteen British climbers hope to reach the unconquered top of Mount Everest next year by better planning than ever has gone into a mountaineering exploit. Two military men used to operational staff work have been given the job of masterminding Britain's assault on the world's highest mountain early next spring. Every man's place on the ground is being worked out in advance, every piece of equipment tested and re-tested, every move charted to big-scale maps.

Seven times since 1922 the world's toughest climbers have pitted themselves against the silent snows and howling winds of Everest. Seven times the grim mountain has hurled man back, killing several ranking climbers and Himalayan porters. Getting to the top of the empty mountain would serve no useful purpose. But the inanimate fury of the mountain's defences makes restless man more determined to reach the summit and live to tell the tale. Mountain climbers, when asked why they want to scale it, are wont to reply: "Because it is there."

Still Growing
No one knows for sure just how high Everest is. The official Indian figure is 29,002 feet, but a Swiss party reported last July the mountain is growing and its elevation now is 29,610 feet. All the previous Everest assaults have been British ones except two Swiss attempts this year. Col. John Hunt, 42, has been chosen leader of the new British party. Another soldier, Major C. Wylie, is his chief staff officer. But most of the remaining 14 men who complete the party are sedentary workers who just happen to like climbing mountains. There is a civil servant, a statistician, the director of a travel agency, a schoolmaster and a brain surgeon. Few of them have ever been on the slopes of Everest, although all are experienced Alpine climbers. Most are in their late 20's or early 30's.

No British climbers have ever forgotten the unsolved mystery of the deaths of G. L. Mallory and A. C. Irvine, who may have been the first men to reach the top of Everest. If so, they died immediately afterward. They were assigned to the final assault of Britain's 1924 Everest expedition. Worn out, dragging their bodies in a dream through the sparse atmosphere, they disappeared from view in clouds that suddenly closed on the peak. Time passed, then the wind blew the cloud mist aside momentarily. In that brief moment watchers lower down the mountain saw the pair climbing steadily upwards, perhaps only 600 feet from the summit. Then the swirling vapor closed in again. Neither Mallory nor Irvine was ever seen again. No man knows what happened to them.

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