

**Terry Thompson (AGR-9, 1958-62)**

sent the below story from a Boston, MA newspaper.

SAILORS TELL THEIR STORY



Sailors Terrence Thompson, Clifford Farrinton and Howard Holiday (left to right) members of the crew of a Navy picket boat on which another sailor went berserk in Boston yesterday, tell their story. Fireman XXXXX, 21, was later captured in Providence, RI after a wild chase.

### **Berserk Sailor Shoots Shipmate**

Youth Kidnaps Pair in Attempt To Escape Before Court-Martial

BOSTON, Nov. 18, (UPI)—A full-blooded Indian sailor went berserk aboard the U. S. S. Investigator early today, kidnapped two shipmates, shot one of them and fled in the wounded man's car to Providence, R. I., where he was captured.

The Navy said Machinists Mate Fireman XXXXX, 22, of Poplar, Mont., had been scheduled to stand summary court martial later today for going AWOL.

He was arrested early today in downtown Providence after breaking into a home and fleeing with the owner's civilian clothes.

Victim of the shooting was Ronald Hicks, 19, of Atlanta, Ga, who was shot in the lower right jaw. He was reported recovering after surgery at Chelsea Naval Hospital.

The Navy said XXXXX first whipped out a .22-caliber pistol in the engine room of the ship and threatened to kill shipmate William C. Arlington, 26, Clio, Ala.

"You don't scare me with that gun," Arlington said. XXXXX fired twice close to Arlington's head and ran on deck where he found Chief Petty Officer Robert Brown, St. Joseph, Mo., and Terry L. Thompson, Janesville, Wis., messenger of the watch.

Brown refused to come ashore with XXXXX and the berserk sailor fired into the deck at his feet. Brown still refused. As XXXXX was forcing Thompson ashore at gunpoint, Hicks and Jack M. Ryan, Winchester, Va, another enlisted man, were coming aboard from shore liberty. XXXXX forced Hicks and Ryan into Hicks' car, the Navy said. Thompson broke away and reached the guard at the gate as the car sped by.

When Hicks refused to turn into a one-way street, XXXXX shot him in the jaw, the Navy said. Ryan persuaded him to let them out of the car and took Hicks to the hospital with the aid of police.

Note: XXXX is where I took out individual's name.