

One must endure oppressive heat in order to view the "Snipes Boilertender" at work. The MM can be found primarily in the engine room and the pump room where run the steam turbines and auxiliary machinery. The BT can be found next door in the fireroom, where he operates the machinery which creates the steam for the turbines. The BT also transfers, tests, and keeps inventory of fuel and water aboard the SPENCER.

If a person does not wish to experience the heat of the engine room, but still would like to see an MM at work, he merely has to wait until his air conditioning unit breaks down, at which time an MM will be cheerfully dispatched to fix it. To make an MM angry, take a "hotel" shower.



The snipes jobs are hot jobs. Dante's inferno runs a close second to the SPENCER engine room. The snipe's jobs are dirty, sometimes dangerous jobs. Because they comprise the nucleus of the repair parties, the snipes were largely responsible for containing and extinguishing the GREAT SPENCER FIRE of 1969. Snipes sweat a lot. This may account for their insatiable thirst and their ability to drink huge quantities of yellow, sudsy, slightly alcoholic liquids while on liberty in Far Eastern ports. Strange creatures, indeed.

