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**Navy Day Speeches**

Nation-wide observance of Navy Day last Tuesday was the most extensive in history, and the most significant since for the first time the occasion was celebrated with the United States Navy at war. In more than 1,000 cities, towns and counties throughout the land, luncheons, dinners, parades, speeches and similar events honored the U. S. fighting Navy, its officers and crew.

Speaking at Indianapolis, Ind., Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, phrased well for his listeners praise for the men who man the guns, ships, and planes of the Navy.

"I suppose," he said, "every Naval officer has his own favorite aspect of the service which he considers its most vital element. Some have faith in the submarine, or the airplane, or the battleship. Others think of the Navy as a huge network of farflung bases and deployed forces. But to me the heart of the Navy is neither in ships nor bases. The heart of the Navy is a living, breathing thing—the men who man it."

"There was a saying of the old Navy that it was made up of wooden ships and iron men. Some of the old shellbacks in the days of sail saw the coming of the steam engine, and armor plate, and the shell gun as replacing the man by a machine. And some of them bitterly predicted that the Navy of the future would be one of iron ships and wooden men. They were wrong. The men who take our ships and planes to sea today have the same iron courage and determination as their predecessors who fought with Perry and with Farragut. The bluejackets of today have this and more. They are men of steel, as far ahead in intelligence and technical efficiency of the seamen of the past as fine alloy steel is ahead of the crude cast iron of the early Navy."

At a Navy Day dinner in New York, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox summarized briefly the position of the United States and its Navy in the tenth month of war.

Since last fall, he said, "Naval personnel has more than doubled and we have a far larger and more powerful Navy measured in tonnage, air power, fire power or anything else than the day before Pearl Harbor—or the day after Pearl Harbor!"

"We are producing merchant ships faster than the enemy can sink them; and he isn't sinking them so fast anymore, either!"

"We are producing aircraft and bombs and trained crews in such quantity that Germany no longer has unchallenged mastery of the air."

"We have converted the greatest peaceful industrial plant of all time into the greatest arsenal of all time. We will produce more munitions and construction for war purposes in 1943 than the total production for all purposes in 1940. . . ."

"In the fiscal year 1941-1942 we completed about half as many combatant ships as in the previous decade. I shall not belabor you with statistics. I will only say that ships and aircraft and trained men are coming faster and faster now, but still not fast enough, and we have a long way to go to do properly our vast, world-wide job of patrolling, of escorting and of fighting on all the seas. The whole Navy in normal peace time numbered no more than the enrollments last month alone; many of our great establishments here at home and our far flung overseas bases are being completed far ahead of schedule; ship construction time has been slashed; the supply lines are open in the Atlantic and the Pacific; and bit by bit American men and American material are piling up to block the enemy."

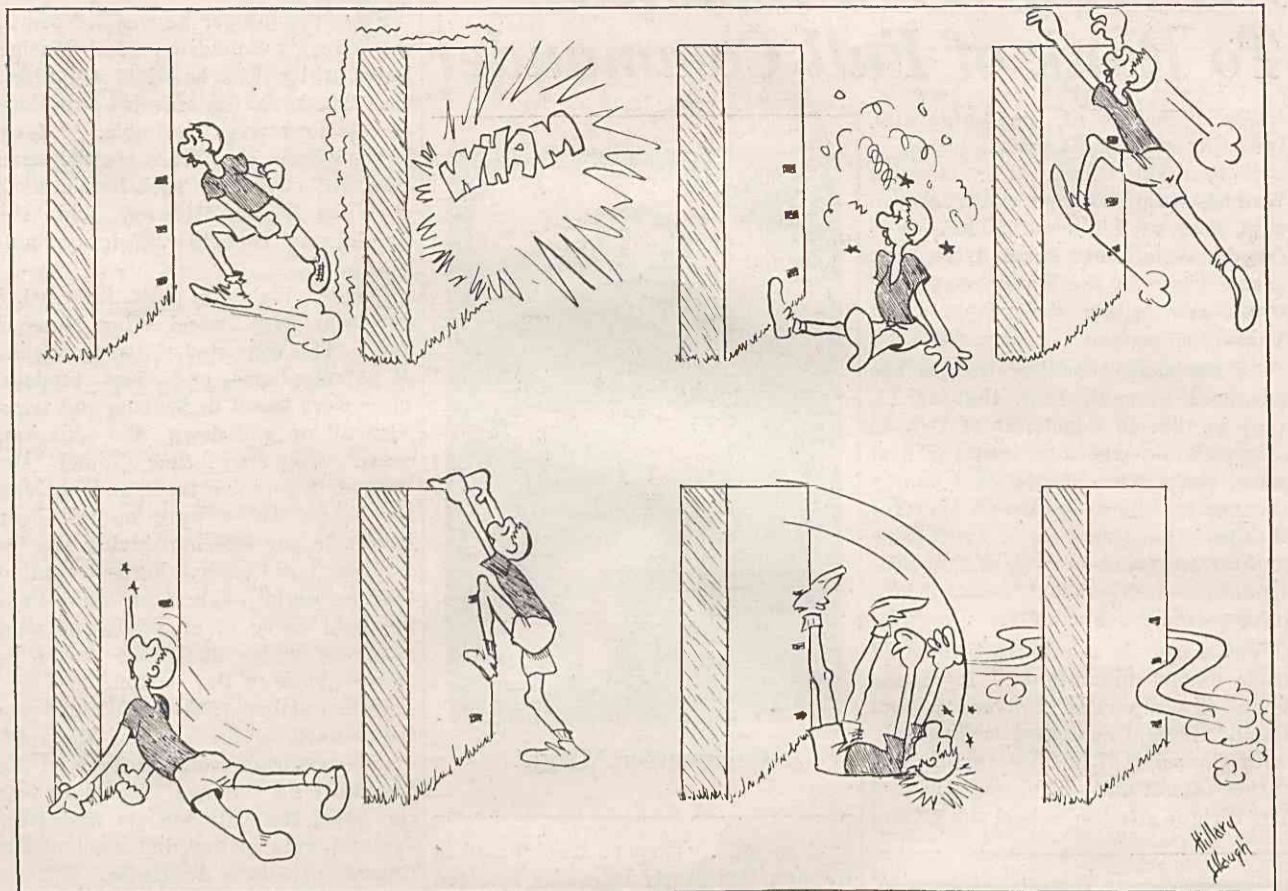
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**How the New Cadet Takes an Obstacle**



By LIEUT. ERIC H. ARENDT  
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Today let us think about one of the world's first chaplains. I speak of the prophet, Ezekiel, who like any chaplain marches or sails with his people into whatever dangers face them. Those with whom Ezekiel marched were his people—people sent into exile in the early part of the sixth century B.C. It was this chaplain, Ezekiel, who gave to his people the courage and hope and determination for their restoration.

The task was not easy. Like many chaplains, Ezekiel was at first a churchman—much like your minister or priest back home. He was a ritualist. He believed that the ceremony was all-important. But when with his people Ezekiel was sent into exile he saw the importance of something else. He saw that when people were troubled and defeated they turned to God. He began teaching that the masses and the nations were made up of individuals and that it is the responsibility of each individual to uphold the ideals of the group. When his people asked "If there is a God, why would He permit this to happen?", Ezekiel answered

with the personal conviction saying, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Here was a chaplain in exile with his people. It was his duty to preach and teach the helpful message to his people. He did not only this, but gave to them a "working hypothesis" which has made possible the retention of ideals throughout centuries based upon individual responsibility.

The chaplains in the services today are faced with the similar problem. Much too often the individual will not accept his share of the responsibility to keep alive the great traditions, religious and national upon which our country as a part of a religious world was founded.

Today I pay my tribute to the chaplains in the service. Their job is not

easy. They need your support wherever your duty and theirs calls.

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