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Among the ideals upon which our Christianity is builded is one which is not unimportant—it is the ideal of tolerance. The most practical example that we in the Navy have, is the example of our General Divine Service to which all, regardless of religion and creed, are always invited. After all, religion is the intimate experience that we feel within ourselves and the method of attaining that experience may vary as we individuals vary. All of us are religious. Some of us require different methods of attaining the experience. To recognize this and act accordingly is tolerance.

Filled with the spirit of Christian charity and tolerance, I once attended a meeting in an Evangelist's tent, merely to observe "another point of view." As does always happen at these meetings, the time came when a *public* acceptance of Christ was asked, those responding being placed in the category of the "saved." This not being the method of religion which is meaningful to me, I naturally did *not* respond. Then something happened . . .

A "worker" was by my side, first asking—then pleading—finally, in almost an insulting manner, demanding that I step forward as a gesture of acceptance of Christ. I did not make a move. I knew that I was a Christian, but my type of Christianity did not require a public demonstration. It took almost a denial to rid myself of the well-meaning pest at my side. That is INTOLERANCE!

Religion is something that is experienced, not learned. And a freedom of thought and expression is required in order for the individual to find the method of worship which is to be meaningful to him.

Remember, whatever your faith, however you find a valuable experience through religion, tolerance is a Christian virtue.

Transferred Officers Doing Fine Job, Comdr. Graff Reports

Officers transferred from the Pre-Flight Schools to other Naval assignments have earned a fine reputation, it was stated during the past week by Comdr. John P. Graff, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer.

Said Comdr. Graff:

"The Commanding Officer has received word from official sources that officers who have been transferred from the Pre-Flight Schools to other Naval activities are giving a most commendable account of themselves in their new and varied assignments and duties throughout the Naval Service. These officers have frequently been made Executive Officers and heads of departments at their new stations, and have not only demonstrated their ability as excellent athletic, military, or academic officers, but have done creditable jobs as watch officers and administrators.

"The reputation gained by the D-V(S) and A-V(S) officers of the Pre-Flight program is the result of almost one year's hard work and strict attention to duty, and the willingness of all concerned to 'put out' more than was actually required.

"A good reputation is hard to gain but easy to lose. A fine tradition has been established, to the disbursing officer.

and it is the sincere hope of the Commanding Officer that the recognition that has come to us will inspire 'all hands' with pride in past accomplishments and continued zeal to maintain the standards."

Cadet Regimental Officers Named

The following members of the 18th Battalion have been designated by the Military Department as the new cadet regimental officers: C. A. Charlet, regimental commander; R. W. Husted, regimental sub-commander; R. I. Adams, regimental adjutant, and R. L. Davis, regimental petty officer.

Weekend Hostesses at Navy Hall

Volunteer hostesses who will be on duty at Navy Hall this weekend are Miss Virginia Allen on Saturday and Miss Virginia Copeland on Sunday afternoon.

Last weekend Miss Katherine Bowden received visitors on Saturday afternoon, and Miss Virginia Sloane was on duty Sunday.

Officer Detached; Another Reports

Lieut. Thornton Scott, MC-V(S), was detached from this station during the past week for duty with the Atlantic Fleet.

Reporting for duty was Lieut. (jg) E. J. Holcomb, SC-V(S), who will serve as assistant to the disbursing officer.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Blanket Roll





