

Crew-cial News

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Join the Navy and see the world. Yeoman Pool (whoever he is) had a sad time Friday afternoon and Saturday morning typing up papers for you eager personnel, eager to leave. A large group headed for Washington, D. C., to view a larger city than "Muscle Hill," and they found the beauties thereof dimmed by the lack of all the conveniences of home. When Dorothea Bauer, SKD1c, Martha Hawkins, SKD2c, Helen Miller, Y2c, Helen Frizzell, Y3c, Glyn Mullis, Y2c, Joel Esmail, Y2c, Hank Pigon, Roy Carlson and Glenn Speed, S2c's loaded the train, they had the privilege of a cattle car, no lights and plenty of black soot. The dogface beside yours truly commented from the middle of nowhere, "I never sat by a girl on a troop train before." Well?

At 0500, the following day, Washington never looked more lovely in a downpour of rain, and when we saw dogfaces and salty sailors sleeping on the ledges of Union Station, we anticipated all the joys of travel. No bunks in Washington? Right. Washington Monument, the Capitol, the Pentagon Building, we even saw the residence of Bupers, the National Airport, and the Lotus Club. Really everyone who took that hectic two-way trip covered the city, and the refrain coming from our wan faces goes like this, "It was really worth it." Marty Hawkins managed to relax utterly, the only such person I've heard of, when she took a short sunbath on the Capitol lawn.

Robert Grant and French Manckia, both CSM's, thought we "must go down to the sea again," and from what we hear they almost went down too far. Basking on the brilliant Carolina beach, they awoke in the early morning to find their skins burnt to a crisp and the ocean waves lapping at their feet.

The stay-at-homes had a quiet time. One fellow named Leo Buck, S2c, took off to the carnival on Raleigh Road. A gypsy fortune-teller ensnared him. He knew she was lying when she told him he would soon be out of the Navy. "Buck" has ten points. Lloyd Jeffrey, RM2c, went on a long hiking trip through the hills, and the memorable part of this trip was a thunderclap early Sunday morning. "Jeff" thought someone had his number, serial, of course.

The WAVES, some of them, spent a restful Sunday evening in their livingroom mapping out futures. Now on the barracks bulletin board you can see a neat chart ruled in red pencil—name, date leaving C. H., place reporting, date discharge, and future plans. Muriel Barber's, PhM2c, discharge date, White Xmas '46; Martha Deaton, SK3c's future plans, six months' sleeping.

V-J Day Message

From Rear Admiral C. A. Pownall, USN,
Chief of Naval Air Training

"To the Naval Air Training Command V-J Day means deep appreciation to the fighting men in the Pacific; lasting tribute to our shipmates who will not return; realization that, whereas, we, in Naval Air Training can now slow down to normal speed, there is no justification for a 'let down' or 'down tools' attitude.

"We will be taxed heavily during the readjustment phase to maintain a sense of proportion, a sense of humor and a spirit of pull together.

"It is our purpose to reflect in our syllabi and methods of instruction all the valuable lessons derived from three and one-half years of intensive war in which Naval Aviation has played so decisive and glorious a role.

"You have toiled unceasingly in exacting jobs of teaching, instructing, administration and maintenance throughout the Command. Many of your personnel have been forced to forego personal aspirations to serve tactically against the enemy. Realistically, however, their devotion to duty and abilities have contributed immeasurably to the accomplishment of others in making V-J Day possible."

Statement of Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN,
Chief of Naval Air Primary Training

To All Hands:

Although, insofar as World War II is concerned, our last enemy has surrendered and the firing has ceased, the Navy's war job is not yet done; nor will it be for many months. Ships and aircraft of the Navy must continue to operate in the Pacific. Capable replacements for our combat veterans must be provided. These replacements will necessarily come from among our trained personnel in the younger age brackets, mostly from reserves who have been training for and looking forward to eventual duty with the fleet, but whose tour of duty has kept them ashore to date.

To the young men who are selected for fleet duty from units of this command, CNAPrimTra exhorts them that theirs will be a vital and important job and it is incumbent upon them to do their best to become worthy successors of the men they replace. Until Congress formally declares the war at an end, these young men will be loyally serving their country in a wartime capacity. When the necessity for the active services of the reserves has ended, or the desire of those who wish to join the regular Navy has been consummated, it will be a lasting satisfaction to all to know that they have served their country well and in keeping with the best traditions of the Naval Service.

Much to our sorrow the Cruise Club closed last Saturday for a week's cleaning and redecorating. Golly, do we miss that place? We'll really appreciate it, won't we, when the Club returns from its rehabilitation leave.

"Jeanie with the dark brown hair" went home last week to Adrian, Michigan, and now Cecil Webber, Y2c, has joined the unit of the Lonely Hearts. We'll miss you, Jeanie, for all the clothes-fixing you did, and the fun you made at the Club.

"There will be a picnic for all those leaving, and all those who hope to leave!" The WAVES plan this from "1700 on into the night," the date 12 September at Hogan's Lake, "Uniform: Anything not uniform." Oh, I might add, "WAVE personnel only."

OPERATIONAL REPORT

DEPARTURES:

Lt. Jerome Kaplan; J. M. Baumring, PhM2c.

ARRIVALS:

Lt. J. A. Schrickler; Lt. Eugene E. Garbee; W. O. Fowler, HA1c; H. C. Hand, HA1c; H. E. Kardis, PhM3c, V-10.

HELEN HIGHWATER



"What a night—All he thought about was surrender!"

Discharge Data

By Ship's Editorial Association

Eighteen Separation Centers already have been established for enlisted personnel at the following places: Bainbridge, Md.; Boston, Mass.; Camp Wallace, Tex.; Charleston, S. C.; Great Lakes, Ill.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Lido Beach, N. Y.; Los Angeles, Cal.; Memphis, Tenn.; Minneapolis, Minn.; New Orleans, La.; Norfolk, Va.; Norman, Okla.; St. Louis, Mo.; Sampson, N. Y.; San Francisco, Cal.; Seattle, Wash., and Toledo, O.

Personnel separated from duty overseas will be routed to their home separation center via staging areas now located at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Saipan, Leyte, Hollandia, Manila, and Manus.

The 327,000 Navy personnel immediately eligible for release under the original demobilization plan include approximately 261,000 enlisted men, 5,200 enlisted WAVES, 40,000 male officers, 500 WAVE officers, and 20,000 combat award holders.

Civil readjustment for naval personnel will not end with discharge from the service. Officers have been assigned to each naval district to follow up each man after his separation and give him assistance on rights and benefits.

Dischargees won't get liberty during their 72 hours of processing at Separation Centers. Busy with medical exams, pay accounts, insurance, rights and benefits, their remaining time will be occupied with a complete recreational program.

U. S. Fleet Losses Total 2,003 Ships

(SEA)—American fleet losses for World War II totalled 2,003 ships of 792,000 tons, including one battleship, five carriers, six escort carriers, six heavy and three light cruisers, 70 destroyers, 47 subs, and numerous smaller craft. Another 5,346 vessels were leased to our Allies.

With the surrender of Japan our combatant ships embraced 23 battleships, 20 carriers, 8 small carriers, 70 escort carriers, 2 battle cruisers, 22 heavy cruisers, 48 light cruisers, 373 destroyers, 365 escorts, 240 submarines.

Overall cost of the Navy's new construction for the last five years is approximately \$19,100,000,000.

Strictly from Mars

Guam (SEA)—A Marine unearthed a strange looking weapon here. It was unlike anything he had ever seen. After consultation with other Marines, one of them examined it at close range and finally determined that it was a Buck Rogers toy pistol.