

# Crew-cial News

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The beat, beat of raindrops on our windows every morning, the brisk pleasure of stepping out to chow with puddles surrounding our feet and havelocks or drenched caps enclosing our heads, that's a soggy life. We weren't a bit dismayed when Michael DiBiase, CSp(A), and Milton Hodosh, Sp(A)3/c, entered Alex Hall on Saturday noon with a brown flowered umbrella for protection. As a result of combat duty against the elements, Ruth McConnell, PhM3/c, plans to apply for sea pay.

Rainy weather heightened interests in two sports, pingpong and scuttlebutt. Outside the chow hall we heard throughout our meals the steady click of celluloid on wood. William Phillips, HA1/c, was our champ, and Howard Jones, PhM1/c, and Dorothea Bauer, SKD1/c, our runners-up. A newcomer to the game, French Manckia, CSM, found his greatest success came when he kept his coat on, and he always wound up by saying, "Let's play the tie off."

Scuttlebutt flourished this week with the bywords, "What's the latest, dope?" At the Sunday evening meal every guest was assailed upon his entrance by the information, "Martin's here." Since then this elusive figure named Martin has come, has gone on leave and now has a ten-day extension. Created in some genius' mind, he is not to be confused with our Joseph Martin, CPhM.

The civilian clothes deal crashed upon us, and Wilda Baker, Y1/c, bought a sophisticated black dress. Certain of her departure day after tomorrow, Jane Woods, PhM2/c, started packing Tuesday night and issued a pair of GI shoes to Martha Hawkins, SKD2/c. Comment made, "I always liked them on Jane." By the way, Billie and Janie advanced to the above ratings as of the 16th.

Speaking of advancements, did you know that Eugene J. Anderson and Charles N. Marra, or "Chuck and Andy," went up to HA1/c, but they are still having trouble in locating the gear they left in front of Hospital Barracks "G," Great Lakes?

Robert Krogman, RM3/c, advanced too when he became a father of a 6 1/2 pound boy. He announced at 1210, 15 September, that Tommy was exactly nine hours and ten minutes old. Bob claims his baby was different because his feet stuck straight out and he had already flirted with the nurses.

Chicken, cole slaw, potato salad and stuff. On the only moonlit evening of the week, that was last Wednesday, the WAVES held a picnic at Hogan's Lake. The bus loaded promptly at 1700 and upon the arrival of

## Release Rate of Naval Personnel

The Navy plans to release 75,000 officers and 790,000 enlisted personnel by the end of the year. The schedule for release of personnel through Sept. 1, 1946, the date of the Navy's goal for complete demobilization, provides for the release of 3,000,000 officers and men. Transfers to the regular Navy may reduce this figure.

The following table shows the planned Navy release schedule by months:

End of Month	Officers Released	Officers Remaining*	Enlisted Released	Enlisted Remaining*
1945				
Sept. ....	11,200	313,700	121,000	2,970,000
Oct. ....	16,100	298,700	171,000	2,820,000
Nov. ....	21,100	278,700	221,000	2,620,000
Dec. ....	26,000	253,800	251,000	2,390,000
1946				
Jan. ....	25,900	229,000	257,300	2,153,700
Feb. ....	25,900	204,200	257,300	1,917,400
Mar. ....	25,900	179,400	257,300	1,681,100
April ....	25,900	154,600	257,300	1,444,800
May ....	25,900	129,800	257,300	1,208,500
June ....	25,900	105,000	257,300	972,200
July ....	25,900	80,300	257,300	735,900
Aug. ....	23,700	57,800	256,900	500,000

\*Residual figures include estimated input.

Nancy Winn, Lt. (jg), the passengers sang appropriately, "Here we are like birds in the wilderness, waiting for Mrs. Winn." Before the digging into the grub, the WAVES presented Mrs. Winn with a silver sugar and cream set she said she had rapturously gazed upon twenty times. We discovered Maurice Wright, Sp(W)2/c, and Emil Pradarelli, S2/c, marvelous hash-slingers and know they must be good around the house. After overindulging ourselves with food, we had the benefits of playing pingpong, baseball, "One potato, Two potato" and jitterbugging to the phonograph. When the Carolina Moon shone down, we sang around the firelight all the Navy songs and sentimental ballads we knew, and a finale of "Auld Lang Syne."

Don't forget the party at the Country Club on Saturday night. Refreshments, 1800, chicken, 1900, and dancing at 2030.

## —Separations—

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trainees already have been transferred to Navy Separation Centers for release to inactive duty, under the option offered aviation cadets to avoid an immediate excess of qualified pilots. The records of about 700 more awaiting separation have also been processed.

Thirteen officers and a half dozen enlisted men with sufficient points for release now are heading for civilian life through Separation Centers.

The Navy has fixed the fastest demobilization schedule of any armed service and expects to be the first service to reach peacetime strength.

One of every three persons in the Navy will be out in five months (mid-February), one of every two will be out in seven months (mid-April), two of every three will be out in nine months (mid-June), and by Aug. 31, 1946, the Navy will be down to peacetime strength.

## OPERATIONAL REPORT

### DEPARTURES:

Lt. D. L. Gentry; Lt. Comdr. P. W. Bryant; Lt. Comdr. A. W. Richardson; Lt. (jg) J. D. Demasi; Lt. G. R. McClure.

### ARRIVALS:

Lt. S. E. Trani; Lt. P. W. McCloud; Lt. M. J. Brennan.



**AT NAVY THEATER**—Pretty and appealing Joan Leslie, who symbolizes wife or sweetheart for many servicemen overseas, appears on the screen of the Village Theater Sunday in "Where Do We Go From Here."

# Navy Announces Its Plan for Personnel Now in Training

Decision on the disposition of personnel now engaged in certain Navy training programs, including the larger officer training programs, was announced by the Navy Department early this week.

Trainees in the NROTC scheduled to graduate in the term ending Nov. 1 will be retained on active duty after commissioning unless they are eligible for release on points under the demobilization formula. Transfers to the NROTC program from V-12 will increase the number in NROTC to approximately 19,000 by Nov. 1.

Engineers, physics majors, aerology majors, and pre-supply candidates will complete their training in V-12 and will be retained on active duty. They will be commissioned as officers upon the completion of their V-12 courses, or upon the completion of further training, to be subsequently determined. Medical, dental, theological, pre-medical, pre-dental, and pre-theological students will be released to inactive duty in the Naval Reserve, with the stipulation that they continue their medical, dental, theological, pre-medical, pre-dental, or pre-theological training.

In the midshipman training program, carried on through the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's Schools, all graduates prior to Sept. 1 and since that date have been called to active duty.

Aviation cadets in training under the V-5 program will be released, without restriction as to number, to inactive duty if they do not wish to continue their training. Aviators are in excess and are being released under reduced critical scores in the demobilization plan. The length of time, the expense and the hazards in training aviation cadets were other factors in this decision.

## 'Hardship' Defined For Officer Release

With many officers requesting release from Naval service for business, financial and convenience reasons, the Secretary of the Navy has issued a statement that "only exceptional cases involving real personal hardship to the individual or his family will receive favorable action."

Typical cases *not* considered as constituting hardship are "personal inconveniences resulting from Naval service; cases involving employment opportunities; desire of employer for return of employee; importance of civilian employment to reconversion or postwar economy; inadequacy of Navy pay except in extreme cases of unusual expenses due to illness and the like."