

Navy Recruiter Lists Benefits Of Navy Service

J. W. Brown, Chief Petty Officer-in-Charge of the Wilmington U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, announced today that men now volunteering for service in the Regular Navy will have the option of electing either two, three, four or six year terms of enlistment. Regular Navy term of service previously has been four years.

Men volunteering for a first enlistment or reenlistment in the Regular Navy are now given an option on the length of time they wish to serve. Applicants 17 years of age may now be enlisted for two years, three years, or not to exceed minority. Men

enlisting for minority are automatically discharged when they reach the age of 21. Applicants in the age group 18 to 30 inclusive may now be enlisted for either two, three, four or six years. Chief Brown also announced that men over 30 will be eligible for enlistment in the Regular Navy if their total previous military or naval service or active service in the Naval Reserve deducted from their present age place them in the 18-30 group.

Rating for which first enlistments in the Regular Navy may be made by men without previous military or naval service are: apprentice seamen, hospital apprentice, second class; steward's mate, third class, and seaman, first class (radio technician) only.

Offering men the option of electing two, three, four or six year terms of service is expected to accelerate still further the current brisk rate of voluntary enlistments in the Regular Navy. Out of a total of 32,511 voluntary enlistments in the months of August and September, 17,977 were for the Regular Navy. This does not include change-overs within the service from the U. S. Naval Reserve to the Regular Establishment. Incomplete reports show that more than 9,000 of these men have switched to USN in the same period.

The Navy's voluntary enlistments for 1945 through September total 252,354, most of which are for the U. S. Naval Reserve where they are committed to serve on active duty for the duration of the war plus six months, unless sooner discharged. Apart for USNR, the Regular Navy's need is estimated at 24,000 a month for the next ten months.

Other new and attractive inducements for men considering the Regular Navy are provided in the Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 just passed by Congress and signed by President Truman. In a summary of the new Recruitment Act Brown mentioned:

Reenlistment gratuity of fifty dollars in all pay grades for each



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year served in the current term of active duty. Previously the amount was only 25 dollars for men below the first three pay grades.

Immediate payment of muster-out pay, instead of waiting until final separation from service. Up to 60 days leave with transportation provided both ways. Permanent extension of wartime 20 percent extra allowance for sea and overseas duty.

Family allowances extended for full period of enlistments and reenlistments made prior to 1 July 1946. Option is re-opened for men in first three pay grades to receive either money allowance for quarters for dependents or family allowance.

G. I. Bill of Rights benefits assured at end of new enlistment. Free postage until 31 December 1947.

"The Navy offers training in 50 skilled trades," Brown continued, "and with the added benefits of this new legislation the

advantages of an enlistment in the Navy should command the attention of every wide awake young man today."

"The United States now has the most powerful Navy the world has ever seen. But, the Navy's job did not end with the surrender of Japan. There's still a big job to be done. The Navy must police the seas and supply our faraway bases if we expect to win the peace. More and more men are needed to man the peacetime Navy and replace men who have seen long war service."

The Wilmington U. S. Navy Recruiting Station is located at the Post Office Building, Wilmington, N. C.

266 Widows In Area Receiving Death Benefits

Avera Points Out Advantages Accruing To Persons From Social Security

In the Wilmington Area there are 266 widows, with minor children, who are receiving benefits by reason of the fact that the deceased husband in each case was "currently insured" under the Social Security Act.

N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington, N. C., field office explained that: special provision is made for the widow of a wage earner who has young children in her care. The man, who has worked in covered employment, at least part of the time, in each of six calendar quarters (earning not less than \$50 in each quarter) during the past 12 quarters (3 years) of his life, and dies leaving a widow with one or more of his children, under 18, is said to be "currently insured." His widow and children may claim monthly benefits under the Social Security Act, just the same as though he had died "fully insured."

In case a worker, who was currently insured (or fully insured) dies, leaving no survivor entitled to monthly benefits, a lump-sum death payment can be made to certain relatives, or to the person who paid the funeral expenses.

Payments to any other class of recipients are based upon wage records of workers who were fully insured. A fully insured worker is one who was employed in a job, covered by the law, for some time in at least half of the calendar quarters elapsed between January 1, 1937 (when the law went into effect) and the quarter in which he died or reached age 65. For example: take the case of a worker, who died in September of this year. Between January 1, 1937 and the last calendar quarter of 1945, 34 calendar quarters have elapsed. If the deceased wage earner's record shows that he worked during 17 of those quarters (half of 34) and earned \$50 or more in each of the quarters, he is said to be "fully insured."

A widow, age 65 or over, is eligible for monthly payments of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance if her husband was fully insured when he died. Retired wage earners must be fully insured in order to receive benefits. In some cases, aged parents, who survive fully insured wage earners, are eligible for benefits. These are men and women, 65 years old or more, who were dependent upon the deceased son or daughter, at the time the wage earner died—fully insured.

THE SHRIMPERS BY CAPT. J. B. CHURCH

If fortune favors and his luck is free He hauls in shrimp and slaps his knee As he wrests this treasure from a surly sea As happy and hale as a salt can be.

If the winch groans deep with an ugly whine Over kink's in the wire or rip's in the twine His answer is quick—he's deft with a line The language he speak's is far from fine.

It's the heave of the sea or the stinging spray Or a tangled web or a shark at bay That keeps him moving with an urge to slay As he drives for mastery over the day.

The weather treats him fair or foul Whatever it is he'll seldom growl! Come high come low the ground he'll prow! Sometimes he'll grin sometimes he'll howl.

Sometimes when a gadget is out of fix And he cannot lick it with wiles or tricks He'll yell for help or a load of bricks Or anything else until it clicks.

His hands are gnarled and soiled and rough With things he knows he's hard to bluff Whatever the job he has the stuff From heels to head he's really tough.

He seldom says he's had enough He doesn't dress in shirts with cuffs He mostly is a loveable cuss. He never does anything much in haste It's with salt water he washes his face He likes his women with slender waists With a shapely ankle and dressed in taste You won't believe it but he says "Grace"

He meets at Mack's for a loafing place There he's served by "Charm-in-Lace." It matters not whether winter or spring It's Neptune's songs he'll chant and sing As he spends his money and has his fling

For this and that and everything, He's not so hot over a fancy vest Society, and all that mess But you just put him to the test And he's chock full of usefulness.

There never has been a world built yet Without some men to shovel and sweat The Shrimper he does his share—you bet And mostly while he's tired and wet.

I feel that I could hardly rest Contented as I roam the crest Of sea and swell with vim and zest Without some Shrimpers East or West To join me in the happy quest Of treasure from the deep sea chest.

Now what in the world would Southport be

Without these men like you and me. The first English people to go to New Zealand lived in huts put up for them by the natives (Maoris). The huts were made of raupo, without flooring, chimney or window and neither wind-proof nor rain-proof.

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