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## Captain David C. Hanrahan USN (Ret.)

It is with deep regret that the Commanding Officer advises the Officers, Crew, and Regiment of Cadets of this Command of the death of Captain David C. Hanrahan, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer of the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Iowa City, Iowa. The sympathy of all hands at Chapel Hill has been conveyed to Mrs. Hanrahan and to the Iowa Pre-Flight School.

Captain Hanrahan was the senior Commanding Officer of the five Pre-Flight Schools and has been known throughout the Navy for almost fifty years for his courage, leadership, and outstanding ability as a Naval officer. His loss will be mourned by his hosts of friends in the Navy and in civil life, as well as the country he has so faithfully served.

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## Book Review . . .

OUR NAVY, A FIGHTING TEAM, by Vice Admiral Joseph K. Taussig, USN (Ret.) and Captain Harley F. Cope, USN. Whittlesy House, N. Y., 1943. 239 pp. \$2.50.

The ships of our Navy, the authors of *Our Navy* reiterate, from battleship to tanker, fight as a team, each essential, each filling the job it was designed and trained to do. Now and then one type of ship will dominate headlines and special articles until the impression is created that it also dominates our naval forces. In the same way, the star quarter or running back will command most football publicity; but eleven running backs would ruin a team, and over-emphasis on one type of ship or lack of full team work can sink a navy. For "those who desire to know how the fleet fights," the authors devote a separate chapter to each type of ship, beginning with the battleship; they discuss characteristics, stages in

the evolution of designs, and the part each plays in the fighting team.

The authors, who modestly describe themselves as contributors and editors, have had long experience in command of various types of ships. Vice Admiral Taussig, writer of the introductory and final chapters and the chapter on battleships, was the destroyer commander of World War I who at Queenstown after the grueling trans-Atlantic crossing startled the British by reporting his ships ready for duty after refueling. Captain Cope, contributing chapters on submarines, patrol craft, and auxiliaries, recently published *Command at Sea: A Guide for the Naval Officer*. Other chapters are written by authorities on the type of ship discussed. Specifications in feet, tons, knots and calibres are supplied wherever they are significant, but the discussion is not weighed down with such details. Relative advantages of one element of design over another are weighed in non-technical terms, and the presentation is enlivened by illustrative episodes drawn from naval history, mostly from this war.

This is a book of information, not of debate, but the authors are ready to answer anyone who claims that the carrier has made the battleship obsolete. In action, control of the air comes first in time and is often most spectacular, but the determining factor in control

of the sea, they declare, is the surface craft. Germany once held air control over England, but because they did not control the Channel they landed no troops in England. Malta has been bombed hundreds of times, but it remains English because the British control the water surrounding it.

The authors are doubtful that the island-by-island approach to Tokyo, the fighting done by relatively small task forces, can ever be truly decisive. The main Jap fleet must be drawn out of hiding and sunk before we can pretend to control the Pacific, and that will require a huge concentration of all types of United States warships—perhaps 20 battleships, 40 to 50 cruisers, 200 to 300 destroyers, and all the carriers available. Such concentration in the Pacific will probably have to wait for the defeat of Germany.

—F. E. B., E.N.S. Dept.

## Sunday Divine Services

Protestant	1000	Memorial Hall
Roman Catholic	0615	Gerrard Hall
	1000	Hill Music Hall
Jewish	1000	Graham Memorial

Chaplain's Office Hours: Daily, 0830-1700;  
Monday and Wednesday, 0830-1800.  
Father Sullivan will be in Chaplain's Office on  
Tuesdays, 1845-1930.  
Confessions: Saturdays in Gerrard Hall, 1900-2015.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

## Quarantined

—(CNS)

