

New Life Jackets Big Factor In Low Battle Casualties

A new knapsack-type life jacket and a modified version of the old Kapok jacket-type life preserver recently put into use by the Navy are credited as a major factor in the low relative casualties suffered by Naval personnel in war zone disasters.

The new knapsack-type life jacket is made so that it not only will enable the man to stay afloat but also enable him to swim. In knapsack position, the swimmer is allowed freedom of motion without the hindrance of a collar, as in the Kapok jacket-type, with the entire jacket fitting below the shoulder line.

Snap buttons hold two wing-like sections in place when the jacket is in knapsack position. Unsnapped, the sections completely encircle the body and may then be resnapped in front. While swimming, the man in the water may fold the wings back and snap them into their normal carrying position and thereby have his main buoyancy where he needs it most.

The modified version of the old Kapok jacket has two leg straps added, which make it possible for the wearer to jump over the side of a sinking ship or from a downed plane without fear of suffering a broken neck, choking, or the danger of the jacket riding up over his head.

\$930.33 Is Netted For Navy Relief

The annual drive for funds for the Navy Relief Society netted \$930.33, it was announced this week by Chaplain George Cummins, chairman for the Pre-Flight School. "It was a fine showing on the part of our officers, cadets, enlisted personnel and civilians," said Chaplain Cummins.

The drive on the station ended last Saturday.

36,618 Surgical Dressings Made Here Since Last July By Women Volunteers

During the period from 1 July, 1944 to 15 February, 1945, a total of 36,618 surgical dressings were prepared for the medical department of this station by women volunteers working with the local Red Cross, it is reported by Capt. Deane H. Vance, (MC) USN (Ret.), Senior Medical Officer.

Work hours given amounted to 1,157½, with an average of 16 workers per week. There were 26 ladies from the town of Chapel Hill, 21 University students, and 59 Navy wives who donated their services to this

Marine Unit That Shoves Off



This rifle-stowing scene, familiar to the Marine Aviation Detachment whose members have instructed cadets in small arms since 1942, virtually is a farewell one as the Leatherneck unit will be disbanded March 1. Shown, left to right, are First Sergt. Wladislaw A. Dezak, Sergt. George H. Spanos, Sergt. John T. Buckley, Platoon Sergt. John B. Both, Sergt. Herbert Reiss and Platoon Sergt. Joseph R. Cruz. Standing to the right of the file is Warrant Officer Leslie W. Deardeuff, who has been in charge during the absence of Warrant Officer Faustin E. Wirkus, currently convalescing in the Brooklyn Naval Hospital. Another missing member is Gunnery Sergt. Philip N. Boyd. (See story on page 1).

OPERATIONAL REPORT

ARRIVALS

Lieut. George A. Mangis; C. R. Chambers, SK3c; C. W. Keenan, Y1c; K. L. Shopmeyer, CS(P); C. W. Bellinger, Sp(G)2c; W. A. Mullis, Sp(G)3c; J. F. Stanson, Sp(G)2c

DEPARTURES

Lieut. Herbert J. Schwartz to NAS, Ottumwa, Iowa; J. W. Allen, Sr., Mus2c, was honorably discharged; M. A. Lovera, SK3c, to Alameda, Calif.; C. B. Baker, Y1c, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.; A. L. Marek, Y1c, to ComFair, West Coast, San Diego, Calif.

Bingo Party On Tonight

Another bingo party is on tap tonight at the Officers' Club, starting at 2000. It has been announced the Club will be closed every Monday.

cause.

In thanking the ladies for the service rendered, Capt. Vance points out that surgical dressings are as much needed now as ever, and expresses the hope that the unselfish work will continue.

Mrs. Earle D. Waters is acting as general supervisor of this activity. The dressing room, located in the basement of the Naval Dispensary, is open Thursdays, 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and from 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m., for the purpose of cutting and making surgical dressings.

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1912, was Commanding Officer of the *Enterprise* from 8 Oct., 1942, until 7 April, 1943. He was awarded the Navy Cross "for extraordinary heroism and conspicuous courage as Commanding Officer of the *USS Enterprise* during action against enemy Japanese forces north of Santa Cruz Islands, October 26, 1942."

After detachment from this carrier, he served as Commander, Fleet Air, South Pacific, and for this duty was awarded the Legion of Merit by Admiral William F. Halsey, USN. Admiral Hardison has been Chief of Naval Air Primary Training since 30 Jan., 1944. NAPTC, of which this Pre-Flight School is a unit, has supervision over primary training for all Naval, Marine, and Coast Guard aviators.

Victory Gardens At Guam

Guam (CNS)—Victory gardens have been planted by Yanks of Guam, Tinian and Saipan, according to the Navy Department. More than 10,000 acres have been planted on these bases since their liberation and the crop yield is expected to exceed 5,000 tons of vegetables a month.

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Navy's Death Rate 5 Times Previous Wars

More than five times as many Navy men have been killed in action during the present war as in all previous wars of the United States combined, the Navy Department reported last week.

Statistics from the Office of Naval Records and Library in the Navy Department show that total Naval losses in all U. S. wars from the American Revolution through World War I amounted to about 4,232 killed in action. In World War II, 22,481 men of the Navy alone, excluding the Coast Guard and Marine Corps, have been killed in action, the Navy casualty report of Feb. 12 reveals.

Approximately 1,356 men were killed in action in all early Naval battles and later minor engagements of the U. S., including the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, and the Battle of Vera Cruz in 1914.

During the Civil War, deaths in Naval battles reached a total of 2,177. Eighteen Navy men died in action during the Spanish-American War, with 259 lost on the *USS Maine* preceding the war. Only 422 Navy officers and men were killed in action during World War I.

20-to-1 In Pacific

Pacific (CNS)—American planes, in aerial combat, shot down 2,472 Jap aircraft between June 11 and Oct. 30, according to statistics released here. These figures, which do not include enemy planes shot down by anti-aircraft fire, show that Jap combat losses have been 20 to our one.

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COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY

MOVIES

Village: Free movies, "The Dough-girls," with Ann Sheridan, Alexis Smith and Jane Wyman. Features at 1500, 1900 and 2100. Carolina: "The Suspect," with Ella Raines and Charles Laughton. Pick: Closed during spring holidays.

WRESTLING

Pre-Flight vs. Naval Academy, at Annapolis.

SWIMMING

Pre-Flight vs. Camp Lejeune, Bowman Gray Pool, 1515.

SUNDAY

DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant: Memorial Hall at 1000. Catholic: Gerrard Hall at 0630, Hill Music Hall at 1000. Jewish: Hillel House at 1000.

MOVIES

Village: Free movies, "Arsenic and Old Lace," with Cary Grant and Priscilla Lane. Features at 1300 and 1505. Carolina: "This Man's Navy," with Wallace Beery and James Gleason.

WEDNESDAY

HAPPY HOUR

Memorial Hall, starting at 1900. Movie shorts, swing band.

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