

Crews News

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Introducing a news section without a name reminds me of a time way back when a farmer introduced me to another farmer, and neither farmer knew my name. Believe me, it wasn't a bit funny. The editors of the Cloudbuster have given us enlisted personnel on this station the offer of space for news, gossip, humor, club activity items, and what-nots. Can we crew members accept this challenge by supplying the Cloudbuster with the latest and the funniest? Sure we can! I, Ann Onomus, plan to put a box in the Crew Club lounge, and when you think of a name, put it in the slot and next week out will come not "five salted peanuts" but a name for our news section. What do you say?

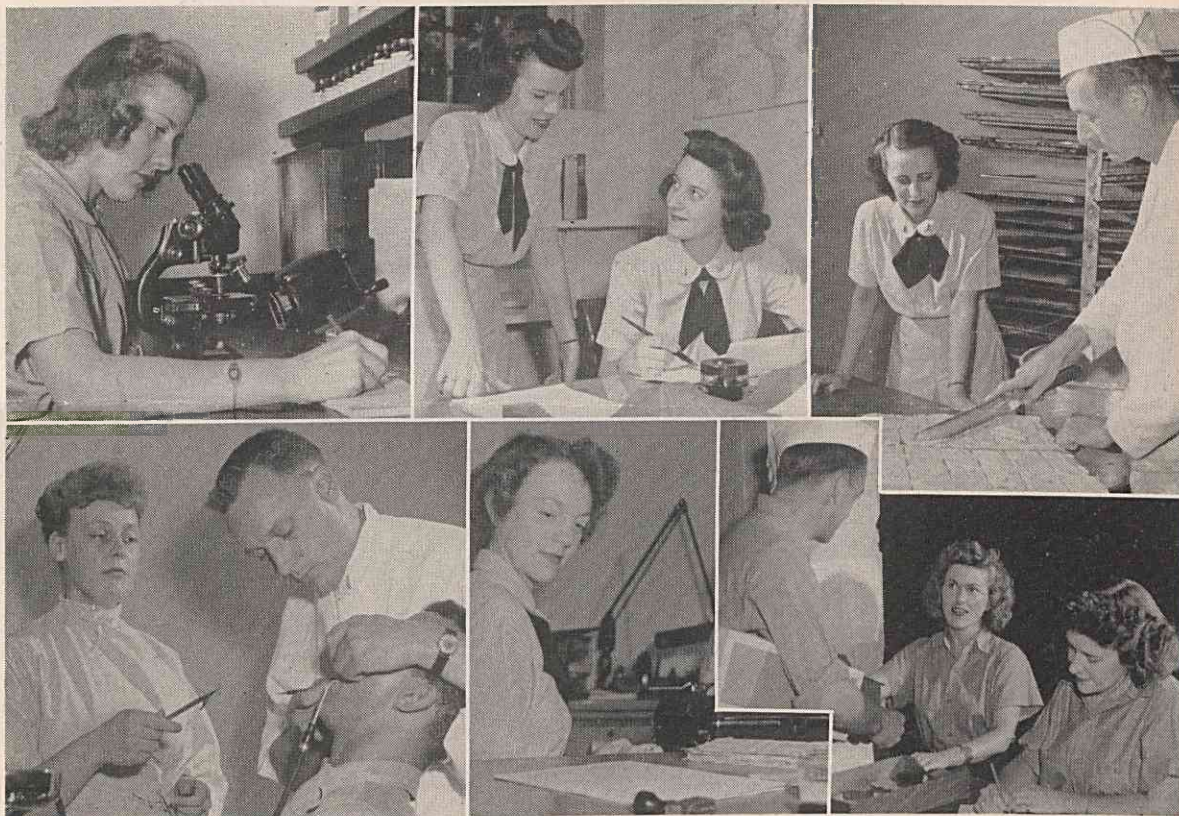
Cecil Webber, Y2/c, gave me the latest info this week on transfers, leaves, advancement in rating, and discharges. He's the fellow you call Webb, also affectionately known as Spider and Squeaky. He greets you when you come aboard, gives you leaves, and kisses you "good bye" when you finally shove off. The other day he altered the chain of command. Charles Keenan, Y1/c, "Dick" Keenan to you, answered the phone in the Yeoman's Pool. Over the wire came the question, "May I speak to skipper?" Answered Dick, "No, Sir, I'm sorry, Sir, but he's out to chow, sir." "May I speak to Commander Loader?" "I'm sorry, sir, but he's also out to chow, sir." The voice then asked, "Is Webber there?"

When we want the latest scuttlebutt, some of us say, "Give us the word bird." Talking about birds, Mary Bella Fournier, Ruth L. McConnell and David A. Jackson, all former MA1/c's wear flashy new crowns on their left arms designating their advancement to PhM3/c on 16 July, 1945. Virginia Myers advanced from SK3/c to SK2/c the same day.

For Hardy (n) Higgins, SM/2, and Robert D. Jackson, PhM1/c, came the end of their duration. Higgins and Jackson were transferred Monday, 23 July to Receiving Station, Charleston, South Carolina, there to await discharges from the Navy. Higgins worked in the Communications Department as an instructor, and Jackson in the Photo Lab as a photographer.

When Thomas Kelley, SK1/c reads this paragraph, he will probably want to leave. "Machine Gun" Kelley, in charge of Clothing and Small Stores celebrated his birthday Wednesday, we must say, in fine fashion. Among the presents he received were a bucket, four Artists Model paper dolls (to call his own), and a package of curlers.

Well, that's enough for this week. Ann Onomus will be looking forward to a name for our news section. Here's hoping!



WAVES AT WORK—Just a few of the Navy jobs filled by Women Reservists here are illustrated above. From left to right across the top: Grace E. Leggett, PhM1c, Magnolia, Miss., is at work in the laboratory of the naval dispensary; Martha M. Hawkins, SKD2c, Fairmont, W. Va., checks the payroll records with Lt. (jg) Nancy M. Winn, disbursing officer, Roanoke, Va.; and Lt. (jg) Alice M. Branch, Memphis, Tenn., inspects the

preparation of dessert intended for the cadet regiment. Across the bottom, Ursula M. Royston, PhM3c, Cincinnati, O., serves as dental assistant; Wilda L. Baker, Y2c, Covington, Ky., is busy as yeoman work in the executive office; and Patricia M. Steen, SK2c, Brownfield, Tex., and Patricia J. Campbell, SK2c, Chicago, Ill., are engaged in selling clothing to enlisted personnel in small stores.

Old 'Buster Band Success in Pacific

Good news on the original band at this Pre-Flight School which has been on duty in the Pacific for the past 15 months comes from James B. Parsons, Mus1c, petty officer-in-charge of the unit.

"The band has grown in musical versatility beyond our own expectations," he writes. "By far the largest Navy band ever in the Pacific, it has shaped itself to fit the needs of the servicemen here.

"Each man has in his service jacket a commendation from the Commandant of the District on the fine performance of the band as a military unit. Our concert band, supplemented by a 40-voice glee club, has been heartily applauded by many thousands of servicemen. We now have two swing bands in the unit, both of which are among the best on the island. In addition, we have a show band of 30 musicians, which backs one of the best musical variety shows out here, the only Negro show of real worth, adding vocalists, dancers, skits, and stunts to an hour of exciting music. Our audiences during the last year have totaled 569,513, not including broadcasts."

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the Army Quartermaster Corps at Richmond, Va.

Dietician and mess officer is Lt. (jg) Alice L. Branch, (W), of Memphis, Tenn., who has been planning menus and keeping the cadets food-happy since last November. She is a graduate of State Teachers College, Memphis, where she specialized in home economics.

WAVES in Dispensary

Sixteen of the 29 enlisted WAVES are serving in the naval dispensary, on general ward duty caring for the sick, working as laboratory technicians, and as dental assistants.

About 13,000 of the Navy's 86,000 Women Reservists are in the hospital corps, and it is expected that 50% of the 20,000 recruits now being sought for the service will be assigned to hospital corps duties. The need grows greater with the steadily increasing casualty lists from the Pacific.

Six enlisted WAVES are performing yeoman duties, while seven are busy at storekeeper assignments, two of them in the disbursing office.

All of the enlisted WAVES are housed in Alexander Hall, where they live two to a room and enjoy the benefits of a recreation room and facilities for preparing that late evening snack before "hitting the sack." Athletic fa-

Navy Develops New Life Preserver

New yoke-type life preservers designed for wear with full infantry equipment have been developed by the Navy for the use of troops carried aboard transports.

The new preservers, made of kapok, will replace the present carbon dioxide dual-tube life belts which are worm with difficulty by troops laden with full packs and equipment.

They have sufficient buoyancy to support a man fully equipped with helmet, rifle, ammunition and pack; and, when properly adjusted will support an unconscious man with his face out of the water.

Facilities available to them include the University's indoor and outdoor swimming pools—two of the best in the south—and a string of tennis courts conveniently located adjacent to the WAVE quarters.

Members of the Women's Reserve are no more in evidence at station affairs than during the varsity football season, when they take to the sidelines as cheerleaders, organizing the enthusiasm of the cadet regiment for the Cloudbuster eleven. A popular feature of the 1944 season, they again will play a cheering role in the Cloudbuster gridiron show for the coming season.