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Navy Discloses Demobilizing Point System

Naval personnel everywhere turned score-keepers last week as the Navy Department announced its plan of demobilization and set forth critical scores for four classifications of enlisted and officer personnel.

The plan establishes a formula giving credit for age, length of service, and dependency on the following basis:

One-half point is allowed for each year of age, figured to the nearest birthday. One-half point is allowed for each full month of active duty since Sept. 1, 1939. Ten points are allowed for a state of dependency existing as of the effective date, regardless of the number of dependents.

The four critical scores are 44 for enlisted male personnel, 29 for enlisted WAVE personnel, 49 for male officer personnel and 35 for WAVE officer personnel.

Medal Winners

Regardless of the point score, persons who have received one of the higher combat decorations are eligible for release upon request. These awards include the Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross (Army), Legion of Merit (if for combat), Silver Star Medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross (if for combat).

Certain individuals will continue to be eligible for release or discharge under conditions such as extreme hardship cases involving dependency and enlisted men age 42 and over who request release.

The Navy estimates that approximately 327,000 are immediately eligible for release under the demobilization plan.

As a means of reaching its goal of releasing between 1,500,000 and 2,500,000 men within a year to 18 months, the Navy Department expects to lower the critical scores, but this action will depend upon military commitments.

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No Cloudbuster Last Week

Because of the peace holiday at the printshop the Cloudbuster was not published last week. However, a spread of pictures taken during the celebration here appears on page three of this issue.



Band Is Reduced To 23 Members

Size of the Navy Pre-Flight band was cut from 45 to 23 with the transfer of 22 musicians last week. This activity has had one of the few 45-piece bands in the Navy since July, 1942, when the original contingent of musicians reported here from Norfolk, Va. The first band was transferred for overseas duty in April, 1944, when the present group arrived from Great Lakes, Ill.

The remainder of the Sunday afternoon band concerts planned for the summer have been cancelled.

Five Officers Become Lieutenant Commanders

Congratulations went the rounds during the past week for five officers here who were promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander. The new two-and-a-half strippers are Harry M. Glick, permanent officer-of-the-day; Edward F. Fogarty, recognition training officer; Wesley Gingerich, navigation training officer; Charles H. Norby, ENS training officer; and R. J. Yeiser, dental officer.

70th Batt Scores 195 Points to Win Regimental Honors

Although failing to come out ahead in any of the four main divisions of competition, the 70th Battalion of Lt. C. A. Robinson compiled sufficient points in each activity to win the regimental title last week with an overall score of 195. The 70th finished second in Military, Academics, and the Sports Program, and third in Class Athletics.

Runner-up in the competition was the 69th Battalion which rolled up 170 points, including first place in Class Athletics. Honors in Academics and in the Sports Program went to the 73rd Battalion, while the 71st was tops in Military.

A summary of the point-making follows:

Military	68	69	70	71	72	73
Academics	10	25	50	75	0	0
Cl. Athletics	0	10	50	25	0	75
Sports Prog.	50	75	25	0	10	0
Totals	10	60	70	45	55	75
	70	170	195	145	65	150

74th Batt Arrives

The 74th Battalion, consisting of 155 trainees, reported here for training during the past week.

Regular Training Schedule Resumed After Celebration

After duly celebrating the cessation of hostilities last week, all hands have returned to their duties under the regular pre-surrender training schedule. For despite rumors, counter-rumors, and the usual scuttlebutt, the termination of hostilities did not mean an end to the Navy's pilot training program.

"No definite information is available at this time as to the degree of future operation of the Navy's Pre-Flight training program," Comdr. James P. Raugh, commanding officer, stated last Wednesday. "However, it is anticipated that the naval aviation training program will swing into a peacetime status which naturally will entail a reduction of trainee input into the Pre-Flight phase."

Victory Message

The end of hostilities last week brought a "Well Done" message from Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, as well as from the commanding officer.

The victory message of Admiral Hardison follows:

"There has been achieved today that common purpose to which all men and women in the U. S. naval service dedicated their best efforts ashore and afloat, complete victory over all our enemies.

"On this historic date, although no one can question that we have every reason for general thanksgiving and rejoicing, our celebration of victory should and will be tempered by the knowledge of sorrow and heart-break in many families from which heroic members have made the supreme sacrifice, are listed as missing or are suffering from severe wounds of war. And we will not forget that while the cessation of combat soon will release many to peacetime civilian pursuits, there will be many others whose duty will require them for some time to continue to serve their country in uniform both here and abroad.

"We should all unite now in prayer, not only to offer thanks for the victory, accomplished but to pray for divine guidance

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