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AGC DONATES \$1,500 TO RED CROSS FUND

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IN CEREMONIES at Pier 92, New York, Rear Admiral Edward J. Marquart (right), retiring as commandant of the 3d Naval District, greets Rear Admiral William R. Munroe, his successor. In rear are Rear Admiral Stanley V. Parker of the Coast Guard and Capt. S. B. McKinney. Ceremony took place Mar. 31. official U.S. Navy Photo

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EASTER GIFTS FOR THE SICK



Miss Lorraine Tanare tenders a cookie to George Stockwell, S1c, during visit last weekend of Brooklyn Business Girls Unit, AWVS. The organization spread Easter cheer to AGs when they distributed gift packages to all hands confined to Sick Bay. Jack Lewis, PhM3c, assists Miss Tanare.

New Jersey Trio Honored

Three New Jersey men and three Pennsylvanians were among a detail of 12 AGs who were the recipients of commendations at Captain's inspection of Apr. 8.

John Vasilik, SM3c, Passaic, N. J., was awarded a citation from the Secretary of the Navy while the remaining obtained letters from the Chief of Naval Personnel. They were Casimer Kurek, GM3c, Dearborn, Mich.; Morris Lader, GM3c, Philadelphia; Carl E. Neilsen, GM2c, East Rutherford, N. J.; James F. Savage, GM2c, Williamstown, Pa., and Walter L. Dake, BM2c, Greenwood, Ind.

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Purple Hearts To Two

Awards presented at Captain's inspection of Apr. 1 were Purple Heart Medals to James V. Mandolla, S1c, Philadelphia, and Emery E. Wendt, S1c, Midland, Mich. Harold Gerstenfeld, SM3c, Brooklyn, N. Y., and John E. Callanan, S1c, New

York City, received letters of commendation from the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Similar citations were presented on Apr. 4 to Kenneth L. James, GM3c, Shelby, Ind.; Harold B. Kelly, S1c, Rock Co., Wisc.; Alexander Knoll, S1c, Maywood, Ill., and Horace P. Kenney, S1c.

GUS THE GUNNER

By BOB CLARK



"Nice try, Gus!"

ADM. MARQUART RETIRES; ADM. MUNROE SUCCEEDS AS DISTRICT COMMANDANT

Rear Admiral Edward J. Marquart, commandant of the 3d Naval District since March 1942, retired from active duty on Mar. 31, turning over his command to Rear Admiral William R. Munroe, who for the past year has been Commander of the Gulf Sea Frontier and Commandant, Seventh Naval District.

Admiral Marquart departs from active service after a naval career of 46 years. A graduate of the Naval Academy in 1902, he served as executive officer of the USS WYOMING, commanding officer of the USS LOUISVILLE and, prior to coming to New York, as Commander, Yangtze Patrol and Commander Mine Craft, Battle Force. His first duty in this district was as Commandant of the New York Navy Yard.

His relief, Admiral Munroe, has devoted the major portion of his naval career to the submarine service. He was in command of two submarines during World War I, supervised the construction of others and served from 1930 to 1932 as the commander of a submarine division.



Rear Admiral Munroe

A native of Waco, Tex., Admiral Munroe was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1908. He was Naval aide to President Hoover, commanding officer of the USS MISSISSIPPI and the commanding officer of a destroyer division.

It was expected last week by Comdr. William J. Coakley that the new commandant shortly would pay a visit to AGC. The last visit of the retiring commandant to the station occurred Feb. 5 when Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt spent the afternoon aboard.

Now in Season



No, not the whiskers... the hat.

BUTTONS?

There's always been a lot of interest in those buttons on a sailor's trousers. A recent survey shows that the buttons are buttoned and unbuttoned some 56,540,000 times every year...which is quite a bit of wear and tear on the buttonholes.

The total was arrived at after figuring each blue-jacket buttoning and unbuttoning his 13 buttons six times a day...or 28,279 yearly. Multiply that by 2,000,000 and it's enough to send Hitler completely batty just figuring it out.

AGs Give \$1,500 To Red Cross

Two weeks to the day following the visit of Red Cross officials to the station to present the Armed Guard Center with a Certificate of Merit for its outstanding record of blood donations, they paid a return call last Saturday, Apr. 8, again participating in ceremonies at Captain's inspection.

This time the procedure was reversed as Comdr. William J. Coakley, commanding officer, presented a check in the amount of \$1,486.50 as a contribution of the men and women of AGC to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund.

Miss Eleanor Ohlson of the Motor Corps accepted the donation for Col. J.H. Bigley, executive director of the Brooklyn Chapter, who looked on.

Capt. Coakley addressed the men of his command in making the presentation, reciting the many services the Red Cross has rendered through its Field Director's Office, Blood Donor Service and other agencies.

AGs Meet Brothers In Distant Ports

Two members of an AG crew aboard a merchant vessel plying the Pacific recently had the pleasure of meeting brothers thousands of miles from home, reports Ens. John McCreery, their officer-in-charge.

Anthony F. Cossentino, Sic, met his brother in New Guinea where the latter is seeing duty with the Army while Thomas C. Johnson, Sic, ran across his brother, on destroyer duty, in an Australian port.



O-in-C. The Officer-in-Charge of the Armed Guard gun crew has a unique Navy job. Generally, he's the only commissioned Navy officer aboard. Members of gun crew, above, practice loading and firing a 4" 50 under the watchful eye of their officer. To idle away some free hours, the officer visits the chart room on the bridge, below, where he brushes up on navigation -- by working out the ship's position.

Official U.S. Navy Photos



...CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Willie Edward Bimble, CCS, has been in the Navy, active and retired, for 36 years. He has been a chief since 1916. Most of



those years were spent feeding Navy men.

The chief was born in St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 14, 1890. Like most mid-western kids, he read a lot of tales of the sea and when he reached the age of enlistment he joined the Navy. He served on every type of ship except carriers and even did a stretch on a submarine tender. He has been all over the world and done a lot of things but doesn't like to talk about them and it is hard to draw him out.

'Stew' is happily married and has two children, a girl twelve and a boy ten. The boy is nuts about planes and wants to join the Navy as an aviator when he grows up. The chief will be delighted if the kid gets in the Navy for he thinks it is the greatest life in the world but he won't try to influence his decision. The Bimbles celebrated their silver anniversary a few months ago so the chief has been going with the same girl a long time.

Chief likes to see the boys eat and any time a mess cook refuses you a second helping see the chief and he'll see that you won't go hungry. He

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Wearer of Purple Heart Endured Story-like Experience At Sea

'If I saw it on the screen, I'd say those Hollywood writers can really dream up stories.' Jimmy Mandolla, Sic, grinned as he fingered the Purple Heart Medal presented to him at Captain's inspection on Apr. 1. But there was nothing make-believe about what happened to us.'

The AG's observation regarding the movie world was probably accurate. It's a good bet a producer would turn hands down and say 'unreal' if presented with a story-idea based on Jimmy's experiences at sea. Yet this is the true tale that would be offered:

An American cargo ship, carrying ammunition, is hit by torpedoes from two Jap subs simultaneously. The vessel is completely enveloped in flames that leap 70 and 80 feet into the sky. At least 20 men are killed instantly. Bodies are thrown skyward by the explosion. (One AG, Mike Hlywa, said his prayers three times while in the air before hitting the water, wounded.)

Most survivors make for rafts and lifeboats immediately. About 15 men, unable to spot a boat in the dark, remain in the water all night, clinging to wreckage from the cargo. Sharks swim through their legs.

Meanwhile, the Nip subs surface, play their machine guns on the lifeboats, destroy the oars, take all rations, charts and maps, attempt to obtain information from the crew.

One of 14 in his lifeboat, Mandolla spends eight days afloat before a tiny island is spotted. The island proves to be inhabited by approximately 150 Hindu Indians, none of whom ever has seen a white man be-



fore. The natives are frightened by the approach of the strangers and hide their womenfolk. The wounded, weary bluejackets are equally scared.

Eventually an understanding is reached when an English speaking native, educated in India, is summoned from a nearby island. The survivors are cared for, sheltered in huts made of twigs, given sarongs for clothes. Their wounds are nursed with coconut oil.

The men are then herded into a native boat and they endure a four-day voyage to Ceylon where they are sent to a British hospital and safety.

First Fleet Had Six Ships

One hundred and fifty years ago the United States Navy received its first ships, guns and personnel under the Constitution of the United States. The first fleet was to consist of six ships and 2,024 men. The Navy of today has 150 times the number of ships plus thousands of smaller craft.

Personalities in the News



TIMERS aboard, Doug Wominton and Bill Kearney (standing left and right) recently were promoted to chief. Both are attached to the AG Youngs Office where they are with S. P. Fields, CV, senior CPO of the division, and Ronald R. Yie.



MINISTRATION of the Welfare and Recreation Department is now in hands of Lieut. Edward T. King, left, and Lt. James D. Peace, his assistant, right. Lieut. King was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, while Lt. Peace was promoted to the rank of lieutenant.



COMPLAINING that for minutes after losing a tough game was no time to grieve, the WAVES basketball team finally relented, provided this attractive photo. Left to right, front row, Alice Beard, Elizabeth Wickes, Jeanne Hartman, Elsie Keefe, Pauline Costantino. Back row: Jean Rogers, Mrs. Donna Crawford, Mrs. Alice Gaffney, recreation officer; Mrs. Beatrice Amgren, Gertrude Neilly.



GREETINGS were extended by Lieut. J. J. Jobilly, departing on his release, Lieut. Patrick W. Moseley, one of the first officers leaving for duty aboard a Navy transport.



QUARTET The station's ice cream parlour is up a bit on Harry Steveson's quartet. Others are Bill Leno, violinist, Harold...



POPULAR comedian of the theatre in the AGC's leading wit, the writer, after dinner speech at the AGC. Detained THE Writers and Directors BUREAU of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Bureau of Aeronautics, Bureau of Aeronautics.

Porthole Peepings

By E. (Gads) Weiland

WHEN THE YEOMAN'S away the mice will play, so said a cheese manufacturer once. Of course the cheese has nothing to do with a yeo-man-o'-war, but t'other night after taps we went to get a telegram at the Morale Office and when the dutyeoman snapped on the lights a baby mouse ran across the desk...Complaints come from the Liberty Office concerning one *Kermit Gray, Y1c*, who is quite a gay blade when he cuts up with the WAVES. It has been expressed by *Delli Santi* and '*Trumpet Nose*' *Locurto* that since WAVES arrived on the station Gray is a workless wonder. They maintain that they'll either have to bring WAVES into the office or kick Gray ooot.

TWO DENTAL TECHS, *Herb Pemble* and *Ralph Smith*, both PhM3c, let their sweet teeth get the best of them over the weekend and walked from the Center to DeKalb Avenue in quest of feminine females. Of course, they will contest that teeth have nothing to do with women, but what is sweeter than a lovely lass?...*Bill Pyle, EN3c*, was monkeying with an electric socket one night recently when the Edi-son of a switch flared in his face. No injuries were incurred, but *J.H. Zircou, EM1c*, exclaimed, 'Why didn't I think of that before? A perfect cigarette lighter!'

WE FELL THROUGH the deck the time that *J.J. Thomas, Cox*, station guard, halted a bell bottom boy to examine his idee and liberty card. The mate just pulled out his honorable discharge papers and scaspered down the ladder...'*Little Caesar*' *Shipley, BN1c*, King of the Over-The-Hill section, is always having trouble keeping his boys out of P suits. Says Caese: 'The only way I'll ever get a perfect muster is to pass around the hot dogs.'

THE ENLISTED FILES are now in the process of being caged in. The men in the enlisted files are to be caged in too. The man who runs the File is a yeoman second by the initials of *L.H. Johnson*. The genius of some unknown workman has put this sign on the door of the oversized chicken coop: 'Do Not Feed The Monkeys, L.H. Johnson, keeper.'...*Max Schatzburg*, 1st class mail specialist, may soon have two new titles. 'Chief' and 'Grandpappy'. And, he's hoping that his daughter too is a MALE specialist...Another Civil(ian) War may soon be started for *Jack Semple*, Pill Pusher 3rd, who is a Yankee from way back, is trying to give his rebel gal the brush off. He is alleged to have said that it is almost as hard as brushing the lint off a pair of dress blues.

WEEK THOT:

The Navy is a funny place,
I've found beyond a doubt,
First of all they swear you in
And then they cuss you out!

Space gone, So long!

DIVINE SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Daily Mass at 1200, Chapel, Main Deck. Confessions heard half-hour before Mass.

Sunday Mass at 0845 and 1030, Drill Floor, Main Deck.

Confessions heard daily at 1630, Chapel, Main Deck. In emergency, Confession will be heard at any time.

PROTESTANT

Sunday at 0945, Drill Floor, Main Deck.

Communion Service Sunday at 1030, Chapel, Main Deck.

Wednesday Evening Service at 1900, Main Deck.

Private Communion upon request at any time.

JEWISH

Friday at 1230, Chapel, Main Deck.

Humpty Dumpty Here

Humpty Dumpty is the USO-Camp Shows revue to be presented at the station on Monday, Apr. 24. Starring Harry Rose, well known comedian and m.c., the show is peopled by a company of young but veteran supper club and vaudeville performers.

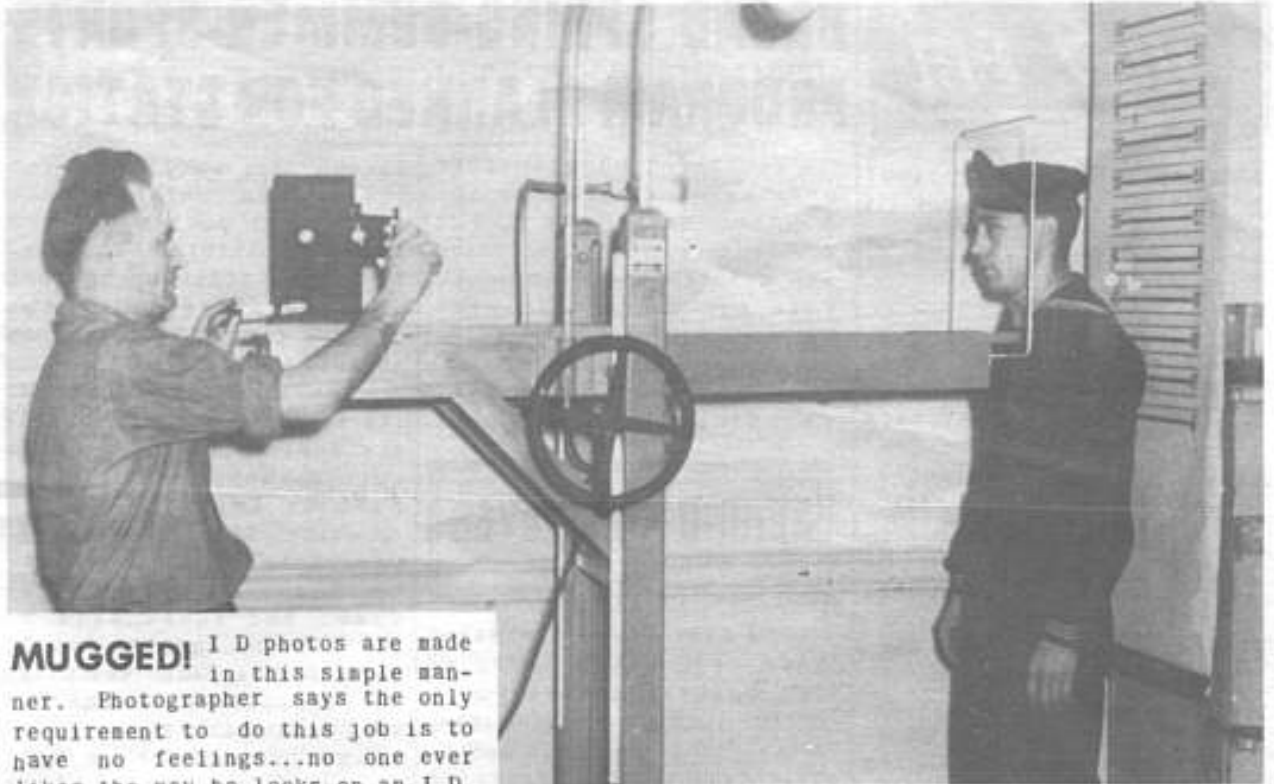
...CHIEFLY SPEAKING

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thinks the kids are much better fed now than when he was a youngster in the service, more variety. His favorite dish: Beef stew and apple pie for dessert.

He does a lot of reading but feels it isn't good for his eyes. He likes to sleep raw in the summertime and in flannel pajamas in the winter. He expects to get his orders before June 30. He invests in bonds regularly and thinks this Navy has the greatest kids in the world. A navy fights, like an army, on its stomach and as long as the chief has anything to do with it, that stomach will be well fed.

-Jack Schwartz.



MUGGED! I D photos are made in this simple manner. Photographer says the only requirement to do this job is to have no feelings...no one ever likes the way he looks on an I D.



DOG TAGS are imprinted on this imposing machine. It's a Graphotype equipped with a typewriter keyboard upon which the operator punches out average of 250 tags a day that are worn around necks of AGs.

Photos by Korke

Quiz 'Em

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 ? HOW DO YOU LIKE THE ?
 ? GIRLS FROM BROOKLYN ?
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SEZ Larue Roach, S1c, Rockford, Ill.:

The girls are very nice around here, but the Tasmanian gals got 'em licked.

SEZ William (Kewpie) Roush, Y3c, Springfield, O.:

Met some pretty cute dishes -- but more should have stood at home.

SEZ William Hendrick, Cox, Springfield, Mass.:

They try to be very friendly with the sailors. They're even nicer than the Scotch girls.

SEZ Calvin Llewellyn, S1c, St. Mary's, Pa.:

After four months at sea they sure looked good. Sure would take the Philly lassies any day.

SEZ Rufus Stevenson, SM2c, Aiken, S.C.:

I like 'em blonde or brunette, slim or stout... I guess I like 'em all. There's a little gal on Center St. could make me become a Yankee.

SEZ Raymond Gauvin, Y2c, Gooseberry Neck Island, Mass.:

Confidentially...

SEZ Anthony Carfagno, RM3c, Brooklyn, N.Y.:

My heart is in Wisconsin. O.K.?

Eight Become CBMs

Eight men of the Armed Guard advanced to chief boatswain's mate during recent weeks, it has been announced by the Education Office. They are Donald E. Braun, Robert L. Ervin, Nontelle Bates, Clarence M. Schmidt, Robert F. Head, Lawrence P. McNeillis, Sargent P. Mooney and John L. Smith.

BROAD SPRING-SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM PLANNED FOR STATION

Plans for an elaborate program of athletics, including many intramural tournaments, for the spring and summer sports seasons were announced this week by Lt. (jg) James H. Nerrie, athletic officer.

Action begins almost immediately with a call

issued for candidates for the station softball team that will participate in 3d Naval District competition and stack up against other service, club and defense plant aggregations as well.

The first work-out of the team, to which all hands are invited, will be held this Monday, Apr. 17, at 1200 on the drill field opposite the main gangway. Candidates should report to Lieut. Nerrie at that time. The squad will be coached by Charlie Fox of the athletic staff who played baseball with the New York Giants in '42.

Entries will be out shortly for the station intramural softball league which will get underway in several weeks, as will the intramural volleyball championship.

A two-day swimming meet is also planned for the near future.

AGC will make a serious bid for the 3d Naval District Commandant's Cup this season with representative teams engaged in all activities on the card. Table tennis will be contested on Apr. 19 and 26, the only event scheduled this month.

BEHIND THE WAVES

By Ripple

So many times the waves have been encountered by the question: Are you a Spar? Perhaps the following ditty, if read by all salts, will help you to determine the answer without questioning:

You can tell a girl in the Navy,

You can tell her by her walk.

You can tell a girl in the Navy,

You can tell her by her talk.

You can tell her by her manner,

By her appetite and such.

You can tell a girl in the Navy

But you cannot tell her much.

A little story still goes around about a certain Wave who, upon reporting to the OOD at her first station, said: 'Sir, I return my report aboard!'

When rushing to work and trying to make good bus, subway or train connections, five or ten minutes means plenty to some of us. But there is an exception to every rule. Anyway, Mac, you don't mind waiting for someone that long, do you?

What a cook! What a snack! Mmm! If more of you girls played basketball, you'd know what I mean.

Station Basketball Tournament

First Round

Operations 20, 4th Division Hotshots 19 (Replay).

Second Round

Sick Bay Stingers 29, Nine Old Men 23.

Morale Sharpshooters 21, Galley Starboard Watch 12.

AG Disbursing 22, Supply 10.

Semi-Final Round

Sick Bay Stingers 23, Operations 11.

AG Disbursing 44, Morale Sharpshooters 19.

Final Round

AG Disbursing 37, Sick Bay Stingers 35.

Station Five Routs Disbursing, 55-37

AGC's varsity five proved too tough for the newly crowned station intramural basketball champions, downing AG Disbursing, 55-37, in an exhibition clash on main deck Thursday, Apr. 6.

Nat Silverberg, high scoring member of the station team, paced the winners with 23 points while Leo Harrington was top man for the losers with 14. The victors led, 29-26 at the half.

The line-up:

AGC (55)			AG DISBURSING (37)				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.		
Hutton....	3	0	6	Ketchum...	3	0	6
Simon.....	0	0	0	Harrington	6	2	14
Terry.....	2	0	4	Court.....	2	1	5
Silverberg	10	3	23	Pohlman...	1	0	2
Borio.....	6	1	13	Clements..	0	0	0
Stevenson.	1	0	2	Ferguson..	4	0	8
Allen.....	1	1	3	Andres....	1	0	2
Burns.....	1	2	4				
Totals..	24	7	55	Totals..	17	3	37

Referee--Lt. (jg) Nerrie

AGC Finishes 6th

AGC finished sixth among 13 competitors in the Fall-Winter competition for the Commandant's Cup, 3d Naval District, Ellis Island Coast Guard won the cup.



Ens. Ahlgren was about to shoot but Floyd Bennett guard had other ideas. Oops!

WAVE HOOPSTERS DROP DEBUT, 29-13; DISBURSING COPS STATION TITLE, 37-35

A veteran, sharpshooting array of hoopsters from Floyd Bennett Air Station sank the AGC WAVES basketball team under a 29-13 tally on main deck court Monday, Apr. 3, but failed to dampen the local girls' enthusiasm in their competitive debut before a crowd that numbered 1,200

and included Comdr. William J. Coakley, commanding officer, and Comdr. J.M. Young, executive officer.

In the second game of the doubleheader, AG Disbursing topped the Sick Bay Stingers, 37-35, in a thriller that went to

three overtime periods thus gaining the station championship for the second consecutive year.

After trailing 14-2 midway in the second period, Sick Bay came to life and stayed in the game when Bob Reynolds' goal tied the score at 26-all just before regular time ended. A five-minute overtime session saw the deadlock remain, now at 30-all, and a second attempt to reach a decision carried the tally to 32-all.

A third try saw Ed Andres drop a field goal which Darl Ferguson, high scorer of the contest with 13, duplicated to insure the victory.

Ens. Bea Ahlgren was the heroine of the WAVES losing effort with three field goals that had the spectators rooting lustily. Her last shot for the final score of the game from away out, an overhead toss that never touched the backboard OR RIB as it snapped the nets, was the sensation of the evening.

The line-ups:

FLOYD BENNETT (29)			AGC (13)				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.		
Stone....	4	0	8	Crawford..	1	1	3
Smithers..	2	1	5	Ahlgren...	3	0	6
Chruscin..	3	0	6	Rogers....	0	0	0
Moore.....	0	0	0	Keopf.....	0	0	0
Jones.....	0	0	0	Reilly....	2	0	4
Ross.....	0	0	0	Costamagna	0	0	0
Ochipinti	1	2	4	Wicks.....	0	0	0
Ziobrowski	2	0	4	Burquin..	0	0	0
Reed.....	1	0	2	Ricard....	0	0	0
Totals..	13	3	29	Totals..	8	1	13

Referee--Lt. (jg) Nerrie

AG DISBURSING (37)			SICK BAY (35)				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.		
Ketchum..	4	3	11	Gipes.....	1	1	3
Harrington	0	2	2	Christian.	3	0	6
Court....	3	3	9	Reynolds..	2	3	7
Ferguson..	4	5	13	Reed.....	1	1	3
Andres...	1	0	2	Falser....	3	1	7
Pohlman..	0	0	0	Mason....	1	0	2
Lamar....	0	0	0	Seuple...	2	1	5
				Hunt.....	1	0	2
Totals..	12	13	37	Totals..	14	7	35

Referee--Borio, Umpire--Hutton.

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