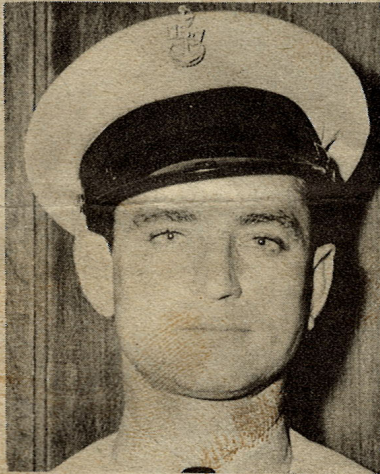


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**...CHIEFLY SPEAKING**  
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Navy electronics is a difficult and complicated field but this chief we're interviewing today is a



regular Navy man who has come up from the bottom and 'knows his onions'.

Chief Electrician's Mate Arthur Tropp was born on July 10, 1915 in New York City. Spent most of his youth in upper New York State. After having the usual troubles most fellows experience with school teachers, he went to work for an auto mechanic at the ripe old age of 14.

The chief joined the Navy in 1934. Came to AGC in April of this year for recuperation - his first taste of shore duty since enlistment. Chief spent six years on destroyers and his remaining time on mine-sweepers, net tenders and on an ammunition carrier. While serving on the USS Dewey, he was a member of the baseball team and contributed to the good record chalked up against other Navy ships.

Most athletics interest him. He longs to see the old Navy champs in action again...looks back longingly to the days when the Navy was small and everyone knew the fleet boxing champ and the members of the Fleet's top ball team.

# WAR BALLOT FORMS WILL GO BY AIR MAIL, INSURING VOTE

Use of the Official Election War Ballot Post Card in applying for absentee ballots was stressed this week by Lt. (jg) Clyde R. Spitzner, command voting supervisor of the Armed Guard Center.

Applications forwarded in this manner will be sent via air mail with a priority over all other mailing except that immediately required at the fighting fronts and will insure the receipt of the ballots in ample time to permit every eligible person to cast a vote in the state and federal elections in November.

This will apply to all mail both to and from ships on which Armed Guard, merchant marine and civilian personnel are attached. The voting of all such personnel is under the direction of Lieut. Spitzner and the commander of the AG gun crew aboard each merchant vessel.

Primary dates in those states having preliminary contests were announced as follows:

Kansas	Aug. 1
Kentucky	Aug. 5 and Sept. 2
Louisiana	Sept. 12
So. Carolina	July 25
Wisconsin	Aug. 15

Alaska will conduct a territorial election for delegates and territorial officers on Sept. 12.

Lieut. Spitzner repeated his earlier instructions regarding the federal ballot. It is for use only

Like most Navy men, Chief Tropp dotes on steak and potatoes, and sleeps like a top, anyplace...anytime. Lost interest in movies when he had to show them on ships. Allots part of every pay for bonds and intends to stay in the service of Uncle Sam until retirement age.

- JACK SCHWARTZ

where the state form has not been received by Oct. 1 and is to be issued under no other circumstance. To vote by federal ballot, the individual must be outside the continental limits of the United States and be a resident of one of the 20 states which recognize this federal ballot procedure.

Personnel attached to AGC in Brooklyn will receive their application forms on Aug. 20. Lieut. Spitzner and Lt. (jg) Eugene G. Coombs, his assistant, are located in the Detail Office and may be consulted for any additional information desired in regard to voting.

## OFFICERS TO BE PICKED FROM RANKS

Almost all officers needed for the Navy will be obtained by the advancements of enlisted personnel beginning this fall. This change in the officer procurement program was announced by Secretary Forrestal and Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Naval Personnel, at a recent press conference.

For temporary appointments, the minimum attainment for consideration is that the man has worked up to petty officer first class or higher.

Having once reached this status he is considered for temporary appointment on the basis of his commanding officer's recommendation, record in service, civilian background, and demonstrated qualities of leadership. He is not required to meet any arbitrary educational standards.

# ASSIGNMENT TO SHIPS

## Operations Department Performs With Speed and Efficiency



**ROUTING** of men to ships is accomplished in systematic fashion over this and other desks in Operations Office. These men are being sent to board ships at various Eastern ports.



### AT THE HELM

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READY

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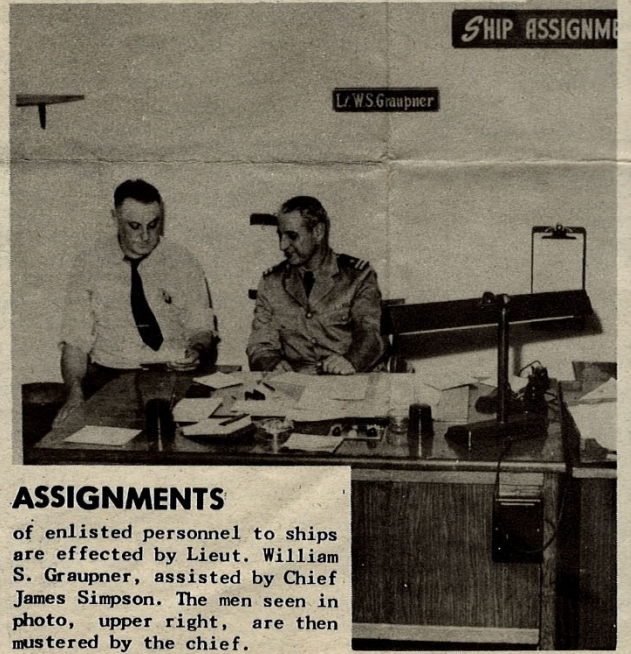
Lt. Geo Rawls



**OFFICERS'** activities at station are tended to by Lieut. George Rawls. Details are manifold, including boarding of officers, assignments to barracks, to security watches and the control of leaves.

SHIP ASSIGNMENT

Lt. W.S. Graupner



### ASSIGNMENTS

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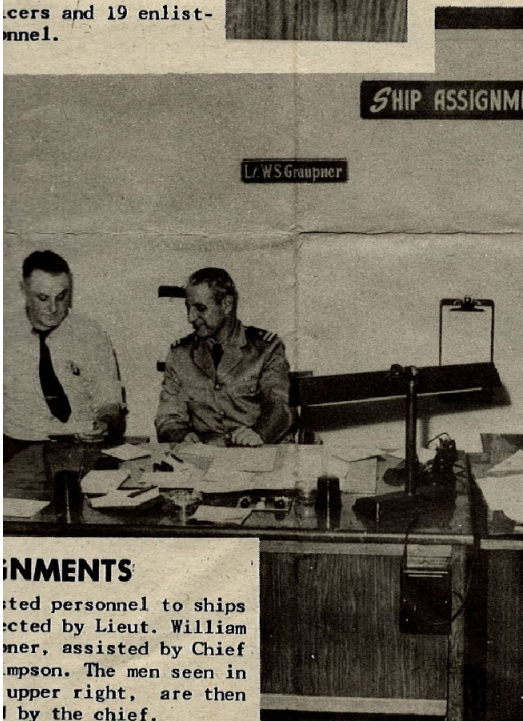
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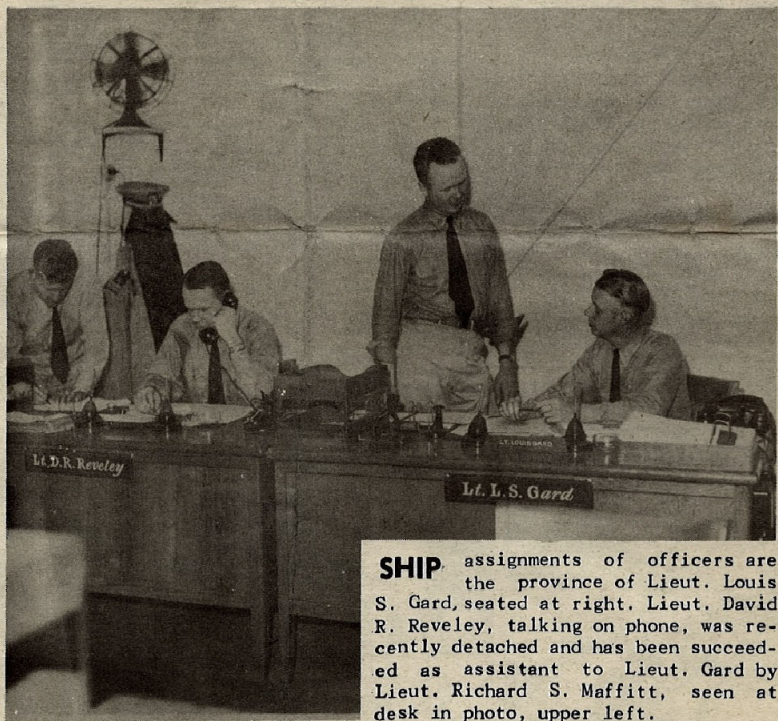
**READY ONE.**

Armed Guards await call. From these groups, gun crews are com-  
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**ASSIGNMENTS**

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**SHIP** assignments of officers are  
the province of Lieut. Louis  
S. Gard, seated at right. Lieut.  
David R. Reveley, talking on  
phone, was recently detached  
and has been succeeded as  
assistant to Lieut. Gard by  
Lieut. Richard S. Maffitt, seen  
at desk in photo, upper left.

# Odds and Ends

An interesting item which reached this desk last week was The Hunter Hi-Lites, a breezy two-page typewritten paper turned out by, for and about the Armed Guard crew aboard the SS ROBERT M. T. HUNTER. The sheet contains news of the crew and touches of this 'n' that. For example:

'Extra duty men are proving a pretty scarce bird this trip. The only man on the list is Farmer (who forgot to tuck his c neatly away after using and left it adrift in No. 1 gun platform) and rated two hours therefor. Farmer says he can work off two hours in 30 minutes, anytime.'

Or: 'Versak's Varmints, otherwise known as the 20mm. boys, are rightfully feeling a bit cocky since they tapped one of the balloons during firing practice. It WAS good shooting, anyway, and they have a right to feel cocky.'

*Feminine items:* a) July 30 marks the second anniversary of the WAVES. Highlight of the celebration will be the presentation of two PTs to the Navy, purchased through the WAVES sale of war bonds. b) Lieut. Sara G. Krout of the Dental Corps has the distinction of being the first woman dentist in the United States Navy. She reported for duty at Great Lakes last month. c) For the first time, a woman of the

*Naval service is to have a combatant vessel, the USS HIGBEE, named in her honor. The ship is named for the late Mrs. Lenah S. Higbee, the first superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps and the only woman to receive a Navy Cross while still alive.*

Able to register but one run in their debut against Floyd Bennett at the air station on July 4, the AGC WAVES softball team showed unmistakable improvement seven days later on their home field when they tallied seven times.

An optimistic note for future contests lay evident in the fact that while the WAVES improved at a six-run clip on the offense, their second opponent scored but two runs more than did the opening game foe.

If this ratio were to continue, AGC would have a victory, 37-33, after five more games.

*This turned up yesterday morning:*

*A sailor I'd like to meet,  
To deliver a kiss on each cheek*

*Is the guy who'll confess  
That he used to earn less  
Than \$100 a week!!*

-STAN SAPLIN

## Revise Navy Reg On Line of Command

Revision of a Naval regulation governing exercise of command where officers of the regular Navy are acting in conjunction with officers of the reserve was made known by the Secretary of the Navy last week.

The change, made with the approval of the President, makes Naval Reserve officers of the line eligible for command in accordance with rank.

Heretofore, reserve officers were junior to regular Navy officers of the same rank, regardless of length of time in the rank.

### BACK THE ATTACK— BUY MORE WAR BONDS!

#### 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.

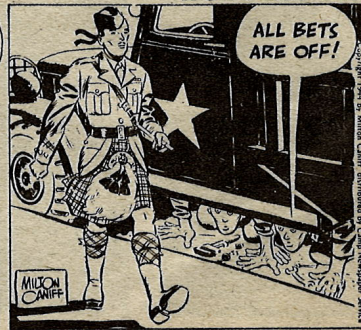
Private Communion upon request at any time.

##### JEWISH

Friday at 1230, Chapel, Main Deck.

#### Male Call

by Milton Caniff creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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