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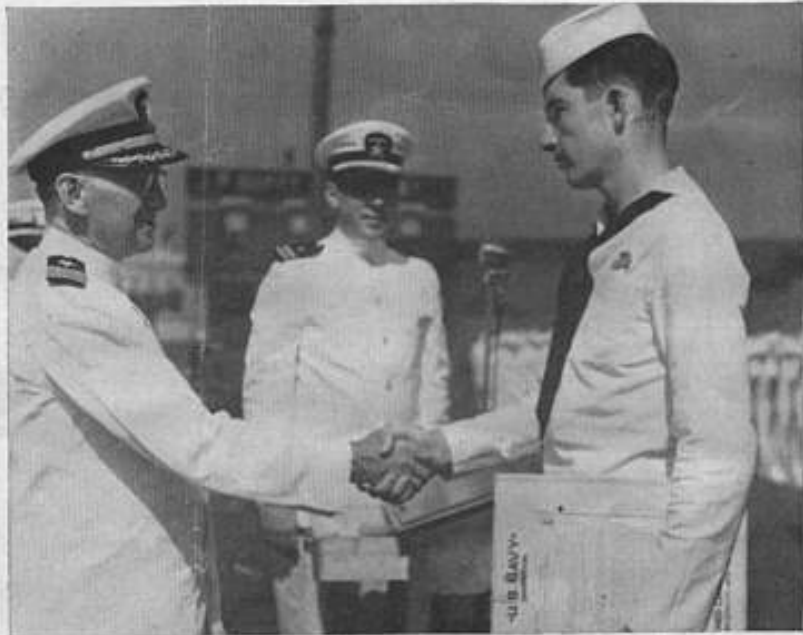
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Comdr. J. M. Young, executive officer, presents commendation from the Chief of Naval Personnel to Richard V. Brantley, GM2c, Oklahoma City, Okla., at Captain's inspection on Sept. 1. Frank Magistro, Jr., RM3c, Bronx, N. Y., also received a letter of commendation.

Absentee Ballot Cards Available

What apparently is a misunderstanding on the part of AGs concerning application post cards for State Absentee ballots has been noted by Lt. (jg) Clyde R. Spitzner, command voting supervisor.

There is no time limit for any individual who wishes to apply for such an application. Cards are available to all naval personnel at all times, Lieut. Spitzner said this week.

Although these cards may be had up to the date of the election on Nov. 7, it is advisable to apply as soon as possible so that the State Absentee Ballot will be mailed back by the home state in ample time to vote and to return the ballot prior to the election.

Launch East Coast's First Victory Ship

The first Victory ship, new type cargo carrier, to be built on the East coast was launched last Saturday at the Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyard in Baltimore. The vessel is named the SS Frederick Victory, after the city of Frederick, Md.

Floating Kitchen

Floating kitchens provided hot food for crews aboard the smaller craft employed in the invasion of France. Technically these are called LBK—Landing Barge Kitchen.

V-Mail Use Grows

The Navy V-mail system, now entering its third year, has expanded to the point where more

than 7,000,000 pieces of V-mail are handled monthly, an increase of 560 per cent in the last nine months.



"But the turret isn't cracked, Captain! It's just our War Bond sales chart!"

COMMANDANT CONFERS HONORS AT AGC SATURDAY

Russian Medal To Be Conferred Upon AG Carries Many Privileges

The Order of the Patriotic War, Russian medal to be presented to Ward L. Gemmer at Commandant's inspection tomorrow, is the highest honor accorded to enlisted personnel by the Soviet government.

Accompanying the medal are three small booklets which the first class boatswain's mate will receive. They resemble passports in appearance. One is a certification that Gemmer has won the Order of the Patriotic War as well as an informational which reveals the privileges accorded its bearer.

Gemmer is given a pension of fifteen rubles a month for a period of five years, of value only in the Soviet Union inasmuch as no rubles are allowed out of the country. Many of the other privileges similarly are of significance to Russian citizens only. Gemmer may have a reduction on rent; he would be free of any payment of income tax if his income remained within a stipulated limited bracket annually.

One provision that does apply to non-Russians is that, in the event of his death, his family can collect the pension. The order bearer is also entitled to travel on Russian ocean liners, gaining the equivalent of the American first class cabin and has access to free train rides from 1944 to 1948, with accommodations similar to Pullman cars.

Booklet no. 2 contains the trip tickets for water and rail transportation while booklet no. 3 contains coupons entitling the bearer to payments of fifteen rubles each.

No indication is to be found anywhere in the booklets, which are printed in the Russian language,

'BOOT' BANNED; IT'S 'RECRUIT' ONLY

The time-honored Navy term of "boot" is being given the boot. A number of naval training schools, including Sampson, Great Lakes and Bainbridge, have outlawed the word. Apprentice seamen, from now on, are "recruits" and not "boots."

as to the nature of the deed for which the medal is awarded. This is in keeping with accepted Russian practice, according to Mrs. Sidonie K. Lederer, research director of Russian War Relief in New York, who provided a translation of the booklets.

"Whenever the Russian government awards a medal, even to its own generals and marshals," Mrs. Lederer explained last week, "it is accompanied only with a terse statement, approximately as follows: 'Awarded for bravery and coolness under fire, in the defense of the motherland.' They do not go in for citations as we do, and never give details of the action which merited reward."

A native of New Bedford, Mass., Gemmer joined the Navy in 1934. He had seen duty aboard a destroyer, a battleship and a gunboat before coming to the Armed Guard. For three years service at an Asiatic station, he has been granted the China Service medal, which he also will receive tomorrow.

In November 1942, Gemmer received the Silver Star medal as a member of the Naval Armed Guard aboard a merchant vessel attacked by German forces. "Manning his battle station with courage and efficiency in the face of large scale raids," the Silver Star citation reads in part, "Gemmer contributed to the high morale and aggressive fighting spirit which enabled the blasting guns . . . to damage one torpedo bomber and send another crashing into the sea."

Now nearing his thirtieth birthday, Gemmer is married and is the father of an eight-month-old boy.

Father Wallace At Flushing Ave.

Lt. Comdr. Edward A. Wallace, Catholic chaplain at AGC for eighteen months before his departure for duties at Tampa, Fla., Receiving Station, has returned to the 3d Naval District. He is now attached to the Flushing Ave., Brooklyn, Receiving Station as Catholic chaplain.

Adm. Munroe Pays First Visit Here; Inspection At 1400

Rear Admiral William R. Munroe, commandant of the 3d Naval District, will visit the Armed Guard Center for the first time tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 16, to inspect the station and its personnel and to award medals and commendations at inspection.

Accompanied by his aide, Lieut. William W. Gibbs, the Commandant will arrive sometime after 1200 to make a tour of the station before officiating at the inspection, which has been set for 1400.

Admiral Munroe came to the 3d Naval District early last spring to relieve Rear Admiral Edward J. Marquart who was retiring from active duty. In command of two submarines during World War I, Admiral Munroe later supervised the construction of undersea craft. For two years he was commander of a submarine division.

A native of Waco, Tex., the Admiral was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1908. During his career, he was naval aide to President Hoover, commanding officer of the USS Mississippi and the commander of a destroyer division.

Awards to be conferred at inspection, which will be held on the main drill field, include the Silver Star medal and the Purple Heart to Everett B. Burgess, the Navy and Marine Corps medal to Joseph A. Anthony and letters of commendation to nineteen members of the gun crew of the SS Pierre L'Enfant. Four other members of the crew will receive Commendation Ribbons.

An international touch will be added when Ward L. Gemmer is presented with the China Service medal and the Order of the Patriotic War, Russian award conferred upon him by President Mikhail I. Kalinin of the USSR. The latter medal is the highest honor the Russian government can bestow upon an enlisted man. Gemmer now wears the Silver Star.

Other decorations to be conferred are the Purple Heart medal and the Presidential Unit Citation.

HARNES, SCHOTT AND MOLLOY TO CHIEF; 448 AGs PROMOTED

Woodrow W. Harnes became a chief signalman, Julius J. Schott was promoted to chief boatswain's mate and Bernard A. Malloy to chief radioman when 448 recent promotions in the petty officer ranks were announced by the Education Office last week.

Eight men included in the list went to first class ratings. These included five to SK1c, two to SC1c and one to SM1c.

The promotions, listed by new ratings:

SM1c

Clarence J. Krejci.

SK1c

Darwin A. Shea, Wilfrid J. Desmarais, Herman O. Fischer, Patrick Powers, Frederick G. Watson.

SC1c

Stanley E. Scheideler, Vincent E. Wojciechowski.

BM2c

Howard M. Breaux, Raymond W. Maresch, Adrian J. Miller, Frank A. Crisaf, Dean M. Barnard, Carroll W. Coleman, Wilburn A. Jenkins, Lawrence E. Jensen, Jack L. Norman, Carl P. Wheeler, Hoyt I. Grindle, William A. Mishach, Joseph E. McCartney, Kelsin W. Coventry, Rufus A. Nichols, Edray A. Baker, John W. Boustead, Jr.

GM2c

Ralph S. Bove, Richard V. Brantley, David R. Cramer, Richard D. Headley, Harold E. D. Smith, Kenneth W. Arnold, Elmer G. Bartholomew, Robert E. Bradford, William C. Chivas, Howard B. Combs, Stephen L. Gilmore, Jr., James S. Joy, Wendall F. Kunkle, Jack G. Mancuso, Raymond McGlennson, Andrew P. Rakiecki, Lewis W. Rhodes, Manuel Rufino, Harry B. Smith, Donald W. Sweetland, William H. Vierling, Norman E. Leslie, Valentine P. Barnes, Perry M. Jones, Hubert L. Blackwell, Robert H. Bond, Fred E. Chubbin, Simon Guist, Martin L. Hardy, Jehnule C. Harkness, Scott A. Kerr.

Charles A. Lanz, Rufus P. Short, Jake T. Bowden, William R. Walte, Raymond Fajst, Albert C. Heider, William S. Monroe, Sylvanus Sheppard, Charles W. Martin, Melvin E. Welter, Claud C. Crabtree, Theodore E. Martin, George L. Whitehill, Carl T. Loos, Walter S. Mildram, Earle B. Nease, Arthur F. Ripelle, John W. Thomas, Jr., Leo E. Trembley, Harry G. VanHorn, Joseph R. Whitehead, Ralph F. Woolridge, Jesse J. Workman, Edward J. Zuchowski, Herbert L. Patterson, Lionel E. Tranter.

SM2c

James L. Ball, Gordon A. Hill, Richard D. O'Brien, Merrill Osborne, Anthony J. Starzynski, Robert L. Stevens, Henry J. Klaas, Howard A. Dank, Jr., Noble A. Wilshaw, Thomas F. Anderson, John E. Bossi, Donald L. Bradley, Ernest C. Counts, Curtis H. Dolderer, Robert J. Downey, Thomas F. Donnette, Julian E. Gardner, Arnold H. Helbig, Allen M. Lee, Samuel Martinovich, Jerome T. Math, Irving F. Ours, Domenick Fresenzi, Bruce D. Stotts, John L. Sullivan, Charles P. Thompson, Jr., James Y. Emerson, Jr., Richard C. Sloenn, William E. Steinworth, Charles L. Cole, Giles D. Hollis, Jr., Elmer A. Shetterly, John Westpheling, Raymond J. Anderson, Charles M. Mullins.

RM2c

Robert W. Barnhill, Laurence V. Finn, John V. Gribben, George E. Allison, Alexander F. McAdam, Vincent Barba, Timothy O. Brennan, Earl S. Dickson, Thomas L. Ward.

Y2c

Carl V. Peterson.

Cox

Edward V. Bradley, Thomas J. Familla, Jr., Paul J. Keating, George Phelps, Jr., Walter C. Podganski, Ernest Bernardo, Edward E. Blair, Michael T. Broadwell, Howard C. Clark, Jr., Henry J. Deming, Alexander Dubiel, Henry J. Hilbert, Earl L. Hutchins, Robert C. Lavaque, Richard J. Malley, Robert D. Moynihan, Samuel W. Partik, Jack P. Baba, Roy N. Bonaparte, Walter G. Jordan, Jr., Joseph L. Koss, Robert H. Krull, William H. Martin, Arthur Milano, Otto A. Cardinale, George F. Quinn, Frank E. Kirdell, Russell C. Schenke, William J. Wilson, Charles E. Worth, John J. Mangan, Vincent J. Donofrio, Edward J. Illig, James P. Joyce, Jackie P. Paster.

William E. Hudnall, Wilburn L. Harper, John J. Raimondi, John J. Porciani, Harold C. Blansett, Hugh C. Boone, William E. Havens, Thomas H. Kelly, Jr., Archibald J. MacAuley, Jr., George M. Powell, Pasquale Scarlato, Frederick J. Marr, George C. Balduff, Robert L. Brown, Albert E. Duffy, Frank R. Garcia, John J. Keenan, Frrull L. Lent, Jr., Walter E. Martin, Alfred E. Martino, Howard L. Price, Gilbert D. Ranta, Glenn W. Rowlett, Stephen A. Scipysz, Donald W. Umboltz, J. Maurice Barsaleu, Dennis P. Calloway, Ralph J. DeVito, Peter J. Lofelso, Warren G. Lowery, William H. Maurer, Oswin F.

Flagman Gains Commission

William D. J. Griffin, SM3c, has been appointed to the rank of lieutenant (junior grade) and will report on Sept. 26 to the Naval Training School at Hollywood, Fla., for indoctrination. Griffin's home is in So. Boston, Mass.

GM3c

Elwood C. Baumgart, Nicholas DeBonis, Robert Ober, Anthony W. Bunge, Wilmer H. Smith, Thomas N. Todd, John S. Wisniewski, Edmund K. Zmijewski, Roland R. Arel, John R. Brennan, John E. Bruce, Jr., Lonnie H. Case, Martin A. Couture, Orville H. Elmore, Raymond J. Gagner, John E. Grazulis, John T. Lacey, Paul H. Lafond, James P. McDaniels, Walter J. Mierleke, Otis O. Osborne, Albert Phillips, Charles Polonsky, Michael J. Seibert, Glen O. Sherman, Richard C. Smathers, Leo P. Tourigny, William L. Trankina, Raymond G. Verduran, Frank L. Wilson, Edward R. Mariano, Robert F. Parker, Anthony V. Pinto, Willard E. Poynter.

Warren S. Meverden, Horace B. Bowling, Carlos E. Hipes, William C. Kelly, David M. Lesesne, Carl R. Redenius, Heyward L. Stokes, James R. Clendenin, Amos A. Crandall, Myron L. Hull, Michael J. Jarvis, Robert C. Vaughan, Jacob R. Melchior, John M. Niedbala, Albert V. Belardinelli, George W. Foley, Benjamin L. Adams, Robert W. Bates, Joseph P. Cox, French S. McNeely, Larkin M. Montgomery, John N. Paurich, Frederick R. Payne, Robert C. Robinson, Curtis M. Seely, Richard D. Towne, Joseph Lazale, William L. Cook, Dominick Panettiere, Donald G. Foreman, David H. Lippy, Joseph O. Mazar, Ray D. Haekman, Charles Levinzky, Theodore S. Leveland, Carl T. McGeer, Jr., Donald L. Stephens.

Walter F. Richardson, Marvin B. Shirk, Leroy R. Cassell, Edgar L. Eggerley, Henry P. Grzelak, Cosmo J. Pero, Harry A. Sulser, Morris Miller, Jr., Douglas E. Netherland, Clyde B. Carter, Charles E. Littell, Ezrieo A. Volpini, Armando J. Grieco, Oliver C. Woodard, Louis Tschelen, Thomas P. McGowan, Russell C. Watson, Matt Justice, John H. McClean, Earl W. Ventress, Edward J. Gniadek, Russell F. Haugh, Alfred Pellegrini, Jr., Frank D. Brown, Jr., Wilbur E. Elder, James P. Hatchett, Jr., Thomas S. Kavanaugh, Jr., William R. Lago, Joseph Leggo, Jr., James Pullizzi, Donald C. Wolfgang, Norman J. Berube, Glenn T. Browning, Augustus J. Czerpuszko, Wayne T. Dewees, Charles B. Dilley, Sidney C. Durbin, Lloyd M. Feland, William Jakini, George D. Kotowski, Robert F. McLaughlin, Richard G. Shahan, Charles A. Tisdale.

SM3c

Chester W. Crowley, Jr., J. W. Forbis, Clarence O. Olson, Jr., Owen A. Stewart, Richard J. Bennison, Joseph M. Biachini, James F. Campbell, Karl Goldstein, John J. Kozak, Alexander P. Ransome, Robert F. Scherschel, Harold E. Schumacher, John A. Narkauskis, Frederick R. Butler, Bessieaeer L. Gardiner, Gordon F. Jaynes, Craig A. Sowatsky, Melvin E. Blisinger, James S. Foy, Anthony J. Albertini, George D. Babeock, Fred R. Tarver, Jr., James M. French, Jr., Walter S. Hill, Steve Ganly, Virgil G. Aesto, Elbert N. Reynolds, William J. Wylie, Jr., Roddis M. Anders, Elmer B. Ball, Edward M. Davenport, Fremont E. Hand, Frank S. Henriques, Eldon D. Martine, Jack Williams, James F. Dooley, Gerald Landato, Warren A. Steele, Jr., Ernest Ambrose, Franklin F. Flint, Camillo E. Celenza.

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Fiery Carmen Miranda is the principal feminine interest (how could she miss?) in Greenwich Village, new 20th Century-Fox production, to be seen on the Armed Guard screen in a pre-release Tuesday, Sept. 19. William Bendix, Don Ameche and Vivian Blaine are other leading members of the cast.

LA MIRANDA



Chiefly SPEAKING

Charged with handling the vast amount of supplies that daily flow into the Armed Guard Center warehouse, Chief Storekeeper Michael Fedorko was born in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1902. After



serving as an apprentice in a Stratford machine shop, he joined the Navy at the age of "not quite sixteen" and served as fireman aboard the submarines K-6 and

Eagle 25, doing coastal patrol work during the first World War.

Fedorko later was transferred to the heavy cruiser Frederick. Advanced to his present rate, he then served aboard the cruisers Trenton and Concord and spent ten years on the battle wagon Wyoming, which was later sunk at Pearl Harbor. After a short tour of shore duty, the chief was assigned to the Savannah at the time she was commissioned.

With twenty years of naval service under his belt, Chief retired to civilian pursuits. Working as an aircraft inspector at the time of the infamous Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he was called immediately and assigned to the Armed Guard Center, where he has served for three years.

Chief Fedorko is married. . . loves movies, baseball and breaded pork chops—Navy style. Claims the major difference between our modern Navy and the Navy of 1918 is "plenty of women." Chief says a station is only as good as the men who run it and AGC is tops. Saves his best adjectives for Navy chow. . . producer of the 30-odd pounds he has added to his chunky frame since his original enlistment.

He has just negotiated the purchase of a large farm in Pennsylvania and goes on leave next week to "put 'er in commission." Chief can't wait to get settled on the farm and buys war bonds every pay day to bring the day of final victory closer.

—GEORGE KOHNKEN

News and Music 'Broadcast' Daily During Noontime Chow



News of the day is announced by Stan Saplin in daily quarter-hour newscast to Armed Guards on station.

A fifteen-minute "broadcast" of news and recorded music, heard by Armed Guards on main deck each weekday just before noon, was inaugurated last week by the Welfare and Recreation Office.

What Next, Camp Show, Here Thursday

Jack Waldron, celebrated night club comedian, is the star of What Next, USO-Camp Shows revue, which plays the Armed Guard Center next Thursday, Sept. 21, at 2000.

A top-notch in the days of vaudeville, Waldron was a star at the popular Hollywood Club in New York years ago during the heyday of that rendezvous. He is now on his second tour with Camp Shows. Waldron is the master of ceremonies of What Next and works in and out of all the acts.

Station Choir on Air

The Armed Guard choir, composed of five voices, made a radio appearance on the Navy Goes to Church program over WOR, New York, on Sunday morning, Sept. 3, as the guests of Capt. Maurice M. Witherspoon, chaplain of the 3d Naval District.

Heard regularly at Protestant and Catholic services at the station, the choir is under the direction of Michael Zurine.

Aimed to reach the men during noontime chow, the program presents a review of war, national, local and sports news intermingled with popular recordings. Stan Saplin, editor of The Pointer, is the commentator.

While the offering of war news is a straight, factual review of reports gleaned from morning newspapers and from radio dispatches heard up to the moment of the newscast, the sports comments lean to opinion and predictions, once the day's scores and results are announced.

Encouraged by his initial success at a forecast when Jimmy McDaniels defeated Ralph Zanelli in the main boxing bout at Madison Square Garden last Friday, Saplin thereupon went out on a limb with a prediction that the Detroit Tigers would capture the heated race for the American League pennant.

The program is written by Len Mersky of The Pointer staff and Saplin. Morton Howard is the "engineer" for the show.

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

BUILDING BETTER MEN . . .



DRILLS. The duckwalk and other strenuous routines are not the only avenues to physical conditioning. In addition to such routine conditioning, Armed Guards hit the bag, box and play assorted games designed for fitness. In photo above, AGs are working at the right punching bag.



ALERTNESS and agility are developed in lively game of volleyball. Lieut. James H. Norris, physical training officer, in flight background, watches progress of contest.



NOT DC one way to fit a popular trend sport.



WRISTS are strengthened, footwork improved and shoulder muscles hardened as men hit the heavy bag. Fifteen minutes here and loads of perspiration are worth the exercise.



CONALD DUCK has just won a round a blow. Boxing is a pastime, instills a sense of sportsmanship.



TWO basketballs boxing for the same old ball to flow for napping. Armed Guards quicken their reflexes, sharpen their eyes at this moment.

Odds and Ends

Eddie (Ace) Burns, the Armed Guard hero crowned King of Winter at Lake Placid last New Year's Day, was out on a date last week when he happened to mention the SPs to his girl friend. Noting that she was somewhat puzzled, the Ace said, "I'll bet you don't know what SP means."

"Of course I do," said the little girl, not too certain of her ground. "It's the sea patrol."

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An interesting situation exists in Rome where servicemen have been ordered to stop drinking non-alcoholic beverages. The reason is that typhoid and dysentery may easily be spread in drinks that do not contain that well known disinfectant—alcohol.

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Ens. Elaine Briggs, WAVE representative at AGC, was startled last Sunday by the discovery of a smoldering fire in the electric refrigerator in her New York apartment. Calmly investigating, she detected it was some defect in the motor. She called the Fire Department by phone, asking that one or two men be sent over to assist her in extinguishing the fire. The entire "blaze" could have been covered by a ladies' handkerchief.

In a matter of a few minutes, nine firemen responded to the call. Then in walked another from the Emergency Squad with a pulmotor. And bringing up the rear came a policeman.

They put out the fire.

★ ★ ★

This must be the writing-est crew in the Armed Guard. Lt. (jg) Sarando P. Giftos reports that during the last crossing of the SS Andrew Furuseth, a voyage of seven weeks duration, he censored 1,196 pieces of mail submitted to him by the 39 members of the gun crew.

★ ★ ★

They continue to pick on the Texans but no explanation has been forthcoming to this department as to the whys and wherefores of the assault. Here's one of the latest to reach this desk:

Civilian: "Do those tattoo marks wash off?"

Texas Recruit: "I couldn't rightly say, ma'am, couldn't rightly say."

"How hard do I have to hit it to knock it into the water?" asked the nervous wife of the mayor at her first ship launching.

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Once in awhile flagmen come in handy, is the verdict of George E. Price, S1c. During a recent voyage, his ship was laying in the stream at Banger Bay, Ireland, when Joe Santiago, SM2c, focused his glasses on some of the other ships in the Bay. The name of one of these had a familiar ring to Joe, though he couldn't explain why.

Then he recalled an earlier conversation with Price when the latter mentioned that he had a brother in the Armed Guard aboard a tanker which bore that very handle. He checked with Price who verified and then went about the business of making contact with the other ship by blinker.

A conversation ensued with the signalman aboard the tanker and George and his brother, Morgan, whom he hadn't seen for thirteen months, soon were talking to each other—by blinker. As T. A. Creagh, S1c, who relayed this story, says, "The two signalmen soon became well informed on the habits and characteristics of the entire Price family."

The following day, the Prices met ashore.

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The BuPers Training Bulletin clears up a long disputed question regarding the significance of the three white stripes on the enlisted man's uniform. Says the Bulletin:

"Best history has it that the three stripes were authorized by the British Admiralty in 1857 simply for decorative effect since, prior to that time, enlisted men had been decorating their collars with all sorts of white designs. The U. S. Navy picked up the idea from the British."

★ ★ ★

You've heard, of course, about the Nazi sailor from Southern Germany? He served a hitch aboard a U-all boat.

—STAN SAPLIN

DISBURSING STAFF STAGES DINNER DANCE

To say goodbye to their shipmates replaced by WAVES, the staff of the Armed Guard Disbursing Office gathered together for a dinner-dance at the Hotel Capitol in New York on Thursday evening, Sept. 7.

Headed by Comdr. William J. Coakley, commanding officer, the personnel and their guests attending numbered 241.

Short speeches were heard, delivered by Comdr. Coakley, Comdr. J. M. Young, executive officer; Lt. Comdr. Frederick J. Scheel, disbursing officer; Lt. (jg) Albert Albert, assistant disbursing officer, and Ens. Elaine Briggs, AGC WAVE representative.

Frank Flanagan, SK3c, was toastmaster, presenting the speakers as well as a program of entertainment provided by the disbursing staff. Music was furnished by AGC's orchestra, under the direction of Lieut. James S. Peace. Robert W. Green, SK2c, headed the committee for the affair.

Promotions

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RM3c

Michael N. Asparvix, John P. Hanley, Raymond E. Atkinson, Robert G. Flock, William J. Harris, Jr., Peter J. Bursley, Jacob Nozick, Alfred Fritz, Jr., Raymond R. Dempsey, John R. Greene, Raymond C. Smith, Calvin Southwick, 2d, John H. Graf, Robert C. Mallon, John V. Mentchino, John J. Cheney.

Y3c

Marjorie Clayton, Sophie K. Leplanka, Charles A. Siles.

SK3c

Edna M. Wright.

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'

WHY SAILORS GO TO SEA

OH, I KNOW JUST HOW IT IS!
—I SAW DICKIE DRINGER IN
"JOLLY TARS AT SEA"...
ISN'T IT NICE THAT HE'S IN
4F SO HE CAN PLAY IN THOSE
WONDERFUL MOVIES?



DID THEY NAME THE
AIRCRAFT CARRIERS
AFTER THAT FELLAR
IN DICK TRACY?



MAJOR JACKSON WILL
NOW TELL US HOW HE
KILLED ALL THOSE NASTY
OLD JAPS WITH HIS
DARLING LITTLE PX BOAT



HOW COULD A
KID LIKE THAT GET
ALL THEM RIBBONS
JUST RIDIN' IN A
BOAT?



Betwixt Wind And Water

DON'T TELL ME HOW
TOUGH IT WAS IN THE
SOUTH PACIFIC... I'VE
SEEN THOSE DOROTHY
LAMOUR PICTURES!



SWEET AND...



Sweet and Low Down is the name of the prevue movie coming to AGC on Thursday, Sept. 28. Lynn Bari, the beautiful girl above, plays a vocalist in Benny Goodman's Orchestra, played by Benny Goodman and his Orchestra. Jack Oakie and Linda Darnell also play in the 20th Century-Fox film.

Armed Guard Personnel Acclaimed For D-Day Operations At Normandy

Appreciation of the valuable services rendered by U.S. Naval Armed Guard personnel in beachhead operations in Normandy on D-Day was expressed in a letter from Admiral B. M. Ramsay, RN, of the Office of the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Expeditionary Force, to the Commander U. S. Naval Forces in Europe, a copy of which recently reached Comdr. William J. Coakley, commanding officer at AGC.

Aware that the duty performed by AGs in this operation was tedious and somewhat disappointing in that air activity had been on a low scale, Admiral Ramsay points

out the absence of enemy aircraft was due in part to their knowledge of the reception they would have received should they have been able to evade the Allied Air Forces.

Acknowledgment to the DEMS (Defense Equipment Merchant Service), the British counterpart of the Armed Guard, and the Maritime Royal Artillery was also contained in the Admiral's letter.

Admiral Ramsay's letter, dated July 29, follows:

"Now that the initial stages of Operation NEPTUNE (all beachhead operations in Normandy on D-Day) are completed I wish to record my appreciation of the valuable services rendered by D.E. M.S., Maritime Royal Artillery and United States Navy Armed Guard personnel.

"The duty being performed by these personnel is tedious and perhaps disappointing to them in that enemy air activity has been on a low scale while the restrictions to A.A. gunfire are severe.

"The absence of enemy aircraft can, however, be partially accounted for by their knowledge of the reception that awaits them should they succeed in evading the Allied Air Forces.

"I would be grateful if the sense of this message could be conveyed to all those concerned. I am confident that the same high standard of duty will be maintained in whatever operations lie ahead."

Lt. Comdr. Hardison Becomes Commander

Lt. Comdr. Chesley M. Hardison has been appointed to the rank of commander, effective Aug. 28, it was learned at AGC on Tuesday.

The officer-in-charge of Armed Guard until last December when he was detached for duty aboard a battleship, Comdr. Hardison had served a 27-month tour of duty at AGC. He had spent eleven years at sea prior to his assignment to the Armed Guard. Lt. Comdr. Clement W. Young succeeded Comdr. Hardison to his post at the station.

Three Lifetime Pals Do Sea Duty Together

Otis Chilton, S1c, Willie Chandler, S1c, and Glenn Canter, Cox, a trio of lifetime buddies from Greensboro, N. C., who joined the Navy after leaving Sumner H. S. in that city, came aboard the station last week after having completed two years of sea duty with the Armed Guard in the same gun crew. They are now home on leave.

DRIVES THROUGH TIMES SQUARE WITH GERMAN JEEP HE BOUGHT AT UTAH BEACH IN FRANCE

Coyle Johnson, GM3c, an AG from Richmond, O., returned to these shores last week with a German jeep in tow. He had purchased it from the Seabees at Utah Beach in France for \$140 in American money.

When Johnson hit the beach at Utah, he learned the Sea-



Coyle Johnson, behind wheel of his German jeep, at 45th St. and Broadway in Times Square last week. Rosario Pasquo is seated beside him.

bees had salvaged the jeep and were using it in their work. He investigated and learned that a chief warrant officer attached to the outfit had the authority to sell it.

Explaining that he wanted it for use in his hometown for war bond rallies and for use on the farm after the war, Johnson persuaded the captain of his ship to permit him to bring the jeep aboard. Permission was granted provided the Armed Guard assumed responsibility for his property—and loaded it aboard himself. This he did—and talk the customs officials at this end of the voyage into permitting him to take it off, duty free—he did, too.

Once ashore, behind the wheel of his handsome Hell Diver—as he has named the jeep—and behind his equally handsome beard, Johnson, with shipmate Rosario S. Pasquo, S1c, New York City, beside

him, drove from the pier to Times Square.

His buggy was parked in a garage in New Jersey, at last reports. If he can get sufficient gas, he's planning to drive 'er home to Ohio.

Heroism Wins Honors For Two Armed Guards

For returning to his stricken ship to help fight the fire raging aboard, after waving off the offer of rescue by a nearby mine sweeper, John C. Gibson, radioman second class from Hazard, Ky., was awarded the Commendation Ribbon at Captain's Inspection last Saturday on the main drill field.

Following the award to Gibson, a similar citation and ribbon was received by Arthur B. Ross, SM2c, of Chicago, for his actions in taking charge of a life boat after his ship was torpedoed and for diving into icy waters to rescue a mate who was drowning. Ross saved the life of the bluejacket.

NEWS from Elsewhere

Items of interest from other naval activities where Armed Guard men have been stationed.

AGC, TREASURE ISLAND—A recent issue of The Masthead, publication of the training center at which AGC is located here, featured an article on the work of the Armed Guard. A layout of photos, depicting AGs preparing to go to sea, appeared on page one. A photograph of Comdr. E. D. Flaherty, commanding officer, also appeared in the picture-spread.

AG SCHOOL, SHELTON—The school celebrated its first anniversary on Sept. 1 with a "double feature" dance on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 1 and 2.

AGC, NEW ORLEANS—Mike Langston, SM2c, doesn't think much of Jap gunnery. A Jap sub surfaced every night in the vicinity of a Pacific atoll where his Liberty ship was unloading and lobbed shells completely over the isle into the ocean on the other side. "When you can't even hit a darned island from a couple of miles away, your gunnery sure ain't good," he said.

GREAT LAKES—Charles Comiskey, who will inherit the Chicago White Sox when he becomes 21 three years hence, is a recruit here. Planning to take a fling at trying out for his own ball club after the war, Comiskey would become the first player-owner-president in the history of major league baseball, if successful.

SAMPSON—The Sampson baseball team closed its season with a record of 26 victories in 27 starts. The slate included triumphs over several big league teams. The lone defeat was administered by the Boston Braves. Johnny Vander Meer was the star pitcher.

SAN DIEGO—The strength test record, after standing unmolested for two years, was broken twice in the same day by two men from the Cooks and Bakers School. C. Marcus watched his classmate, A. D. Winter, set a new high with an 85 average, then topped this short-lived standard with an 85.4 performance. The old mark was 84.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

AGC RETAINS TITLE IN DISTRICT SWIM MEET

YEOMEN LEAD SOFTBALL LOOP

Undefeated when the six-team softball league turned the corner at the half-way mark two weeks ago, the Supply Office softballers took a severe jolting in second-half play when they suffered three straight setbacks.

The AG Yeomen took their measure, 8-5, followed by the Morale ten who administered a 10-1 trouncing. Detail made it three straight losses for the storekeepers last Monday, edging them out by a 6-5 count.

The AG Yeomen forged to the top of the standings, meanwhile, with the slumping Supply men falling to fourth. The yeomen, beaten only once, boasted a record of five wins to head the circuit. Oddly enough, their only defeat was suffered at the hands of the Baggage Room, whose only triumph was scored in that contest, 11-10, last month. The baggage men dropped four other games.

Morale, with a 3-2 record, rested in second place in the pennant race. Joe Shemroske, pitching for Morale against the Nine Old Men on Sept. 1, threw a no-hit game to win, 2-1.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

SCORES

AG Yeomen 9, Detail 3.
 Baggage Room 8, Morale 8 (tie).
 AG Yeomen 8, Supply 5.
 Morale 2, Nine Old Men 1.
 Baggage Room-Detail, postponed.
 Nine Old Men 6, Detail 5.
 AG Yeomen 14, Baggage Room 3.
 Morale 10, Supply 1.
 AG Yeomen 5, Nine Old Men 4.
 Detail 8, Morale 4.
 Supply-Baggage Room, postponed.
 Detail 6, Supply 5.

STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
AG Yeomen	5	1	.833
Morale	3	2	.600
Detail	4	4	.500
Supply	3	3	.500
Nine Old Men	3	5	.375
Baggage Room	1	4	.200

15 Tests Carded In District Play

Fifteen championships are included in the Fall-Winter sports schedule of the 3d Naval District announced last week by the District Recreation Office.

Four-Man Squad Registers 28 Points In Upset Over Columbia Midshipmen

A tiny four-man squad, scoring in four events in an eight-event program, performed the impossible on Aug. 30 when Al Rust, Joe Kohut, Dick Crawford and Bill Nufer combined to



Lane No. 1 was a good omen for Al Rust who successfully defended his 50-meter free style title at District swimming championships. Rust was clocked in 29.9 seconds.

capture the 3d Naval District swimming championship in Astoria Pool, Queens, and return to the Armed Guard Center for another twelve months the title won a year ago.

As strong a force as was the 1943 team that made a shambles of the championship by scoring 55 points, 36 better than the runner-up, just so lightly was the current AGC entry regarded among the twelve activities vying for the '44 crown.

Yet this quartet, registering two first places, two seconds, one third and one fourth, chalked up 28 points to win by three from the Columbia Midshipmen. Floyd Bennett followed with 23, Coast Guard 42 Broadway had 19, Pier 88, 12, and Pier 92, 11.

The two individual victories for AGC fell to Rust and Nufer. Rust defended his 50-meter free style title with a 29.9-second performance that defeated John Service of 42 Broadway. Nufer, a newcomer to the team, surprised with an easy triumph in the backstroke.

Kohut, who off his performance in the qualifying trials was rated a prohibitive favorite to retain the diving title he won in '43, was upset by Jim Ivory of 42 Broadway and had to be content with second spot. He picked up an additional

two points in gaining fourth place in the backstroke, behind Nufer. Crawford was third in the 50-free in back of Rust and Service.

Then, with Kohut retiring, the remaining trio thrashed through the waters to take second honors in the 150-meter medley relay and sew up the title for AGC. Touching off behind the Midshipmen, the Gunners picked up seven valuable points in the race and clinched the meet.

A surprising and pleasant reward gained by the AGC mermen upon their victory was the congratulations of Gloria Callen, the former national champion swimmer and holder of 35 American records, who was on hand to participate in a water carnival staged by the District Recreation Office upon the conclusion of the meet.

With the AGC orchestra providing the musical background, the water show also presented such aquatic stars as Stanley Dudek, Vic Zoble and George Cronin.

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AGC CAPTURES DISTRICT SWIM CROWN WITH FOUR-MAN TEAM

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REWARD for successfully defending 3d Naval District outdoor swim title is the congratulations of lovely Gloria Callen, champion swimmer, who watched four-man Armed Guard Center squad take laurels in Astoria Pool. Left to right, Joe Kohut, Miss Callen, Dick Crawford, Bill Nufer and Al Rust.