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Vets Adm. Warn Navy On Beneficiary Change

All naval personnel who wish the proceeds of government insurance to be paid to a different beneficiary than the one originally named, must have a "Change of Beneficiary" properly executed, it was announced recently by the Veteran's Administration.

Those ashore should make out a "Change of Beneficiary" form (Insurance Form 336) which may be obtained from the insurance officer. (Armed Guards at Brooklyn AGC should apply at the Detail office.)

Men at sea can execute the change by writing a letter giving full information and signed with full name, rate and serial number. This should be forwarded to the Veteran's Administration, Washington, D. C., where the change will be approved and recorded. The shore station will automatically be notified of the change, which is then entered in the service jacket. It is advisable for personnel returning ashore to check service jackets to see that the changes were made as directed.

There are many cases, the Veterans' Administration pointed out, when a change of beneficiary is essential. Often a man marries or has additional children after he has taken out GI insurance.

Proceeds from GI insurance are paid monthly and may extend from 120 months to the lifetime of the beneficiary. Since the beneficiary may die it is best to name a contingent beneficiary in addition to the principal beneficiary, at the time GI insurance is first taken out.

GIs Get Rules for Mailing or Bringing Back War Souvenirs

A serviceman who wants to bring back war trophies to the United States must now obtain in duplicate a certificate signed by his commanding officer. This certificate states that he is officially permitted by the theater

commander to keep as personal property the war souvenirs listed thereon. The copy of this form is surrendered to the customs officer at the port of entry when the items are declared and brought in.

You may not, however, mail or bring back any of the following:

1. Radio or radar equipment, or parts of such equipment.
2. Inflammables of any nature.
3. Explosives or any items containing explosives.
4. Name plates taken off any type of equipment. This does not include captured "dog tags."
5. Firearms of the automatic type such as machine guns, sub-machine guns or any other type of gun from which a number of shots or bullets may be discharged with one continuous pull of the trigger.
6. Items whose usefulness to the service or whose values as critical material outweigh their value as trophies, as determined by the theater commander.

The rules forbid the mailing of small firearms or other weapons which could be hidden on the person of those to whom you give them.

If you mail or bring back rifles, small arms, bayonets and swords, these must first be registered in compliance with all the federal, state and local laws in effect wherever the weapons are to stay.

All packages of captured material mailed from overseas must

contain a similar certificate in duplicate stating that the sender is officially authorized to mail the items. If sent as a gift the package must also contain the declaration permitting the sender to mail in duty-free, personal property not in excess of \$50.00 evaluation. Packages which do not conform to the above rules may be confiscated and turned over to the Director of Naval Intelligence.

These rules were designed for the protection of servicemen, their friends and families, and are simple to follow. Observing them will prevent countless accidents on the home front. All Naval personnel are urged to "play safe!"

Admiral Nimitz Lauds Supply Team's Work

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz recently praised the job which is being done to supply our fleet.

"The method by which we are able to supply and maintain a great task force, thousands of miles from its base, for extended periods of time," the Admiral said, "is one of the greatest secret weapons. I do not propose to disclose that secret . . . but this much I can say:

"It could not be accomplished without the loyal and tireless efforts of thousands of officers, enlisted men and civilian employees of the Navy, whose job it is to supply the fleet."

AGC Personnel To Get Clothing Allowance

The Navy's quarterly allowance for men and women who have been in service a year or longer, will be issued on this base, it was announced today.

Ship's Company will receive their allowance Apr. 16, and Armed Guards, Apr. 20. Only men and WAVES whose active duty date was on or before Mar. 31, 1944, are eligible. CPO's, cooks and stewards will be given \$18.75; enlisted men, \$9.00, and WAVES, \$12.50.

PERTINENT CHANGES IN ARMED GUARD RATINGS

- (a) No automatic advancement to S1c.
- (b) No advancement to chief petty officer for Armed Guard personnel.
- (c) Any petty officer first class who has served in the rating for a period longer than nine months is to be transferred out of Armed Guard.
- (d) Men recommended for advancement to petty officer first class must be examined at this Center.

Comdr. Coakley Original AGC CO; Enlisted As Apprentice Seaman

On Friday, Apr. 6, Comdr. William J. Coakley, commanding officer of the Brooklyn Armed Guard Center since its inception in November, 1941, officially was detached from this station, and Comdr. Reinhardt C. Moureau assumed command.

Vital Part of His Life

To Comdr. Coakley, the building at 52nd St. and First Ave., Brooklyn, was more than a duty station. For 36 years it was a vital part of his life. It was at this station, then the Second Battalion Naval Militia, that he enlisted as apprentice seaman in 1909, and here, between wars, that he drilled twice weekly for over 30 years.

The commander worked his way up through the ranks, and the beginning of World War I found him a BM1c. He was ordered to duty on the USS New Jersey, where he made CBM, and was chief master-at-arms on that vessel.

Receives Commission

In July, 1917, he received his commission as ensign and was assigned to the USS Amphatrite, on which he served until the end of the war. Following World War I, the commander resumed his duties in the Naval Reserve and was commanding officer of the Eighth Division during the peacetime years. He was made commanding officer of the Second Battalion in 1938.

Called to Active Duty

In October, 1940, Comdr. Coakley received a wire which read: "The Secretary of the Navy instructs that all units Organized Reserve be prepared on short notice for call to active duty. Take necessary action, have all records up to date." From that day until Apr. 6, the commander has been one of the Navy's busiest officers.

After the assignment of the Second Battalion to ships of the Navy, this station was made Receiving Station, South Brooklyn. For a year and a half, as many as 2,000 British officers and men—crews of British warships undergoing repairs at local shipyards, were quartered and subsisted here.

Base Made AG Center

When Congress, in 1941, authorized the arming of merchant ships, this station was designated the Armed Guard Center for the ports of the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

As commanding officer, Comdr. Coakley saw his post grow from one of a few officers and men to one of over 60,000 in total strength, with a capacity to subsist and house approximately 7,000 men.

Center Highly Progressive

The Brooklyn Armed Guard Center was one of the first military bases in the country to promote the sale of war bonds to men in the service. It was one of the first, also, to set up a program by which its personnel gives blood twice a week to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

The entire personnel of the Center wishes Comdr. Coakley "Bon Voyage" and pleasant duty in his new assignment. His orders have taken him to Courts and Boards of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

New on Staff



Lieut. Harold V. Doheny, above, has recently taken up his duties at the Armed Guard Center as assistant to Lt. Comdr. Edward T. King, Welfare and Recreation officer.

Prior to joining the staff of the Welfare and Recreation office here, Lieut. Doheny served in the southwest Pacific and south Pacific.

Comdr. Moureau Becomes New Commanding Officer At AGC

Comdr. Reinhardt C. Moureau, USN, who recently took over command of the Brooklyn Armed Guard Center, was formerly assistant chief of staff to the Commander Service Squadron, South Pacific. He first saw sea duty aboard the USS Oklahoma on the Naval Academy's midshipman cruise of 1917.

Following the receipt of his commission as ensign from the U. S. Naval Academy on June 6, 1919, Comdr. Moureau served aboard the USS Michigan, one of the first two dreadnought-type battleships built by the United States. He then saw duty on the USS Sharkey, Wyoming and Breck, and attended chemical warfare school.

From 1925-27, Comdr. Moureau taught electrical engineering and radio at the Naval Academy. After several more years at sea, he was assigned in 1930 to Receiving Ship, New York, as legal aid, and from 1931-32, attended the United States Naval War College.

After two years as staff commandant of the Ninth Naval District with headquarters at Great Lakes, Comdr. Moureau requested

duty in China, "where things were beginning to pop." This was in 1937. He returned to this country, however, following the declaration of war between Germany and Italy on one hand, and Poland, England and France on the other. With the entry of the United States into the conflict he shipped out, first on the USS Munargo as executive officer and commanding officer, then on the USS Talamanca, again as C. O.

It was following this duty that he was ordered to the South Pacific where he remained until a month prior to reporting at AGC.

Comdr. Moureau has traveled, in the course of his naval career, from north of the Arctic Circle to the latitude of Australia south of the equator, and has crossed the International Date Line several times.

"Rugged iceworms," he laughed, "that's what we call ourselves when we crossed the Arctic Circle."

The commander is a native of Lake Forest, Ill. He has one son, now a midshipman, 4th Class at the Naval Academy, and a daughter two and a half years old.

AWVS Sewing Service Aids AGs

A total of 622 pieces of Navy gear repaired and altered and 99 jumpers retaped...that is the work achieved in the month of March by members of the Bay Ridge AWVS, who volunteer their services at the Armed Guard Center. Their sewing room is located on the starboard extension of the second deck.

These women, under the direction of Mrs. Mae Lagergren, give two days each week to the sewing service. Some give as many as 55 hours monthly and have, up to the present time, spent 1,500 hours at

the work. Mrs. Lagergren herself has put in over 2,000 hours at the service.

Volunteers in addition to the chairman include Mrs. Carol Fitzgerald, Mrs. Esther Gloster, Mrs. Greifenstein, Mrs. Irene Haynes, Mrs. Heuchel, Mrs. Antoinette Horoblwiski, Mrs. Frances Perry, Mrs. Johanna Jensen, Mrs. Stojek, and Mrs. Annie Wallace.

This is another service rendered to the personnel of the Armed Guard by the AWVS.

To Serve Frozen Meals

The Naval Air Transport Service now is stocking many of its planes with complete frozen meals to be served in flight.

A complete meal, including bread, is cooked and then frozen. It may be kept with a minimum of spoilage, is easy to handle, and may be retained in cold storage indefinitely. It is only necessary to thaw the meal and bring to an edible temperature before serving.

Each meal is packed in a special heat-proof plate with a sealed top. It is stowed, defrosted, heated and served in the original paper plate.

AUTHORIZATION OF STARS FOR INVASIONS

A Bronze Star has been authorized for all Armed Guard Personnel who served on the following ships during the specified dates in operations involving invasion. Authority to wear the bronze star must be obtained in the Education Office.

EUROPEAN

AFRICAN

MIDDLE

EASTERN

RIBBON

8-11 NOVEMBER 1942

SS ANDREW HAMILTON
SS ARGENTINA
SS ARIZPA
SS ARTEMAS WARD
SS BAYOU CHICO
SS BERNARD CARTER
SS BRAZIL
SS CARTER BRAXTON
SS CHARLES H. CRAMP
SS CHATTANOOGA CITY
SS CONTESSA
SS EDWARD RUTLEDGE
SS EXCELLER
SS HORACE BINNEY
SS JOHN P. POE
SS JOHN SERGEANT
SS LEWIS MORRIS

SS LUTHER MARTIN
SS MARIPOSA
SS MARK TWAIN
SS MATTHEW P. DEADY
SS RECERDY JOHNSON
SS RICHARD HENRY LEE
SS SANTA ELENA
SS SANTA MONICA
SS THOMAS HOOKER
SS URUGUAY
SS WALT WHITMAN
SS WILLIAM FLOYD
SS WILLIAM WIRT
SS ZEBULON B. VANCE

9-15 JULY 1943

SS ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL
SS ALEXANDER MARTIN
SS BORINQUEN
SS BUSHROD WASHINGTON
SS CHARLES PIEZ
SS DANIEL HUGER
SS DANIEL WEBSTER
SS DAVID CALDWELL
SS EDWARD P. COSTIGAN
SS ELEAZOR WHEELLOCK
SS EVANGELINE
SS EZRA MEEKER
SS FELIPE DE NEVE
SS FRANCIS PARKMAN
SS GEORGE MATTHEWS
SS HARRY LANE

SS HENRY MIDDLETON
SS HUGH WILLIAMSON
SS JAMES FREDELL
SS JAMES WOODROW
SS JOHN B. HOOD
SS JOHN HOWARD PAINE
SS JOHN M. SCHOFIELD
SS JOHN SERGEANT
SS JONATHAN EDWARDS
SS JOSEPH PULTZER
SS LAWTON B. EVANS
SS LEWIS MORRIS
SS LOU GEHRIG
SS MARION MCKINLEY
SS MEXICO BOVARD
SS NICHOLAS GILMAN
SS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY
SS ROBERT ROWAN
SS ROBERT TREAT PAINE
SS SAMUEL ADAMS
SS SHAWNEE
SS TABITHA BROWN
SS THOMAS NELSON PAGE
SS THOMAS W. BICKETT
SS TIMOTHY DWIGHT
SS WALTER E. RANGER
SS WALTER FORWARD
SS W. P. FEW
SS WILLIAM BRADFORD
SS WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS
SS WILLIAM H. SEWARD
SS WILLIAM W. GERHARD
SS WINFIELD SCOTT

9-21 SEPTEMBER 1943

SS ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL
SS ALEXANDER MARTIN
SS BUSHROD WASHINGTON
SS CHARLES M. HALL
SS CHARLES PIEZ
SS DANIEL WEBSTER
SS DAVID CALDWELL
SS EDWARD P. COSTIGAN
SS EDWARD RUTLEDGE
SS ELIHU YALE
SS EZRA MEEKER
SS FRANCIS MARION
SS FRANCIS PARKMAN
SS GEORGE H. THOMAS
SS GEORGE MATTHEWS
SS GEORGE W. MCCRARY
SS HAYM SOLOMAN
SS HENRY BALDWIN
SS HENRY BARNARD
SS HUGH WILLIAMSON
SS JAMES G. BLATNE
SS JAMES W. MARSHALL
SS JAMES WOODROW
SS JOHN CROPPER
SS JOHN HOWARD PAINE
SS JONATHAN ELMER
SS JOSEPH N. TEAL
SS JOSEPH PULTZER
SS JOSIAH BARTLETT
SS LEWIS MORRIS
SS LOU GEHRIG

SS LOUISA M. ALCOTT
SS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY
SS PIERRE L'ENFANT
SS STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS
SS TABITHA BROWN
SS WILLIAM BRADFORD
SS WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS
SS WILLIAM T. BARRY
SS WILLIAM W. GERHARD
SS WINFIELD SCOTT

22 JAN. TO 1 MARCH 1944

SS ALEXANDER MARTIN
SS BRET HARTE
SS CHARLES GOODYEAR
SS DAVID TERRY
SS EDWARD RUTLEDGE
SS ELIHU YALE
SS ELISHA WALKER
SS HENRY MIDDLETON
SS HILARY HERBERT
SS JAMES NESMITH
SS JAMES M. WAYNE
SS JOHN BOVARD
SS JOHN N. FORBES
SS LAWTON B. EVANS
SS RICHARD BASSETT
SS SAMUEL ASHE
SS SAMUEL HUNTINGTON
SS TABITHA BROWN
SS WILLIAM MULHOLLAND
SS ZEBULON PIKE

AGs Down 2 Jap Planes Off Leyte; Assist in Destruction of Others



Thomas J. O'Connor, seaman first class, of Orange, N. J., and his commanding officer, Lieut. George R. Mayhill, of Delphi, Ind., are cheered by the headlines of the first mainland newspaper they had seen in 13 months. They are members of an Armed Guard gun crew which fought off repeated air attacks at Leyte.

TREASURE ISLAND, San Francisco, Calif.—Back from 13 months duty in the Pacific a Navy Armed Guard gun crew has revealed here the saga of their sea-battered Liberty ship which fought off repeated attacks by Japanese planes during eighteen days of almost constant battle in bomb-lashed waters off Leyte Island.

The vessel was credited with shooting down two enemy planes and assisting in the destruction of several more.

"One Nip came in so close we could have almost reached out and touched him. We shot off his tail assembly," one Navy gunner nonchalantly asserted.

A soft-spoken, former economics professor at Purdue University, Lieut. George R. Mayhill, of Delphi, Ind., was commanding officer of the crew. He revealed that in the eighteen days his ship was in the Leyte war zone it underwent 86 alerts, 36 of which developed into actual raids and two of which lasted all night.

Lieut. Mayhill revealed that the ship's trial by battle began on the fourth day after the start of the Leyte invasion when the vessel entered San Pedro Bay in convoy.

A swarm of Jap planes swooped down on the merchant vessels. Shore batteries brought down three. Bombs exploded on all sides of Mayhill's ship as its guns roared into action.

One ambitious Jap pilot came streaking in toward the craft from off the port beam. He was hit by a torrent of steel from the No. 2 and No. 6 guns and crashed in flames across the bay.

A few days after this initial attack the Liberty again scored.

A Jap plane dived toward the ship from off its stern. The No. 8 gun opened fire, driving it off to one side where the No. 6 and four gun crews could get it in their sights. At least a dozen hits were scored and the raider crashed. Since other ships were firing, Lieut. Mayhill only credits his men with an "assist" on this plane.

Another Nip pilot stretched his luck too far with the eagle-eyed gunners of the Liberty who had really warmed to their job. A few

AWVS '2-4-1' Canteen Invites Armed Guards

So you're broke . . . well, almost. But you've got a date, and what are you going to do?

The AWVS of Greater New York has the answer. Armed Guards as well as men and officers of all other branches of the service, are invited to attend the "2-4-1 Lunchtime Canteen," open Monday through Saturday from 1200 to 1500 in the Hotel Edison, 228 W. 47th Street, New York City.

Here, Armed Guards may entertain a guest—mother, wife, sweetheart, sister, or just another uniformed friend. A moderate price is charged for one meal; the other is free.

For those men who prefer to go alone, AWVS hostesses, all Powers or Conover models, are on hand. Located in the heart of Broadway district, the Lunchtime Canteen provides orchestra music, dancing, and games now well-known throughout the country for their fun. Prizes for these include free passes to famous New York night-clubs or radio theatres.

As an additional feature, the Canteen maintains a free portrait studio from which servicemen can have portrait snaps sent to any place in the world, with the compliments of the Canteen.

well-placed bursts and he high-tailed it away over a mountain, a stream of smoke pouring from the plane.

So far, most of the scoring had been done by gunners attached to the even-numbered anti-aircraft weapons. The boys on the odd-numbered guns were eyeing the heavens for some "clay pigeons" of their own. They didn't have to wait long.

In from the port side roared another victim. Guns one, three and five let him have it all at once.

"This plane, filled with bullets, fell burning into the water a short distance away," Lieut. Mayhill's report states.

Despite the fact that the ship was under repeated attack during the eighteen days, the Japs scored only one hit. That was a machine gun bullet found in the deck cargo.

The ship also participated in the rescue of survivors off a nearby vessel that was hit by a Jap bomb, Lieut. Mayhill said.



DRAFTS Waiting for draft and Army Guard are made up in the Classification office (above) in charge of Lt. Hagan. Below: mustered for shipping.

COMMENDATION order is re-warded on the station as Mrs. Jeannette Kinsler, of AWWA, presents Captain Cookley (above) and Comdr. Young (right) with a commendation and gift of recent currency item. Below, AWWA members, officers and enlisted personnel, look on.



A PRETTY GIRL . . . outgirded by ten, goes through physical evaluations in 12th training sponsored by AGC of Brooklyn Central YMCA.





In the current Pacific sea fighting one of the major reasons for our success is the "ghost fleet." This fleet consists of the ships sunk at Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Listed in Japanese records as resting harmlessly on the ocean's bottom most all of them have been repaired and greatly modernized.

One of the best examples of a "ghost" at work is the old battleship USS Pennsylvania. Launched before World War I, she was the flagship at the time she was severely damaged at Pearl Harbor to become a member of the "ghost fleet." Thirteen days later the "ghost" flitted from Pearl Harbor and for the past couple of years has haunted the Japs disguising herself as a ghost by firing broadsides that seemed to cover the ship in a smoky shroud.

Of course her 14-inch shells that have landed on practically every major Jap-held island have somewhat dispelled the "ghost" idea. The Pennsylvania has avenged her "death" many times, from Attu to Lingayen Gulf.

She was in action in the Aleutians, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, Guam, Marianas, Palau, and she was the first American battleship to enter Leyte Gulf.

While in Leyte Gulf the Japs made many vain attempts to get her by using suicide squads, but, of course you can't sink a ghost, so she went on to Surigao Strait where she helped to make real "ghosts" out of some Jap battleships.

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The FBI and Secret Service reports many instances in which Navy allotment checks are being stolen or misappropriated through carelessness on the parts of the recipients. So watch those checks. Make sure your mailbox isn't left alone for several days around the first of the month. Don't endorse the checks until you are ready to cash them. Don't cash any checks unless you know the person asking you to cash it.

Unfortunately, there are some people who are making a specialty of stealing government allotment checks. Don't let them take yours... you can make sure of that by not getting careless. Why

let someone else use the money sent you by your relatives in service? Be careful of your government checks.

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A seaman's wartime wedding (Sat. Eve. Post).

Chaplain: "Wilt thou, John, have this woman as thy wedded wife, to live together in so far as the Bureau of Naval Personnel will allow? Wilt thou love her, comfort, honor and keep her, take her to the movies and come home promptly on all liberties?"

Seaman: "I will."

Chaplain: "Wilt thou, Margaret, take this sailor as thy wedded husband, bearing in mind liberty hours, ship schedules, restrictions, watches, sudden orders, uncertain mail conditions and various other problems of Navy life? Wilt thou obey him, and love, honor and wait for him to learn to wash, fold and press his uniforms?"

Girl: "I will."

Seaman: "I, John, take thee, Margaret, as my wedded wife from 1700 to 0730, as far as permitted by my commanding officer, liberty hours, subject to change without notice, for better or worse, for earlier or later and I promise to write at least once a week."

Girl: "I, Margaret, take thee, John, as my wedded husband, subject to the orders of the officer of the deck, changing residence whenever the ship moves, to have and to hold as long as the allotment comes through regularly, and there I give thee my troth."

Chaplain: "Then let no man put asunder these whom God and the Bureau of Naval Personnel have brought together. By virtue of the authority in Navy regulations of the Bureau of Personnel Manual and the latest of bulletins from the Bureau of Personnel concerning matrimony, you are now man and wife, by direction of the commanding officer."

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It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

—TONY MANNARINO

AGs Get Home Faster Through Travel Service

The gunner whose mother is seriously ill, the signalman who hates to use five days of his valuable leave to get home... any Armed Guard who needs help in getting transportation, can find ready assistance at the Welfare and Recreation Office transportation service.

This service aids more than 500 men a month by providing information on air travel and priorities, pullman reservations and timetables.

Any man with more than a year's sea duty since his last leave is entitled to use the Army Transport Command which runs daily flights to all parts of the country. Those who have been to sea less than a year can apply for transportation to Norfolk or Florida via a Navy plane. Men with no sea duty, wishing to go to Texas or the West Coast, should get information on the Ferry Command.

Class four priority on commercial aircraft can be obtained (BuPers Circ. Letter 89-44; NDR, Jan.-June 1944, 44-375) by men who (1) are on leave from overseas and scheduled to return overseas on completion of leave; (2) in a unit earmarked or alerted for duty outside the continental U.S. and on last leave prior to departure, or (3) granted emergency leave due to death or serious illness in his immediate family. In all events, priority cargo is given preference over passenger transport.

Divine Services

CATHOLIC

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

Sunday Mass at 0845 and 1045, Drill Floor, Main Deck.

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

PROTESTANT

Sunday at 0945, Drill Floor, Main Deck. Communion Service Sunday at 1045, Chapel, Main Deck.

Wednesday Evening Service at 1900, Main Deck.

Private Communion upon request at any time.

JEWISH

Friday at 1230, Chapel, Main Deck.



NEWS from Elsewhere

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

SHELTON, AGS—Lt. (jg) Nick Tremark, player and coach of the Shelton team, and former player of the Brooklyn Dodgers, boasts of a strong baseball team this season. The Washington Senators of the American League will be their first opponents.

SAMPSON—Bedside interviews with returned Naval heroes will be a feature of Sampson's new half-hour radio program. Two recruits will be interviewed and a dramatization of the experiences of a returned Naval hero will be presented.

SAN DIEGO—The Civil Readjustment office has found it necessary to move to larger quarters. This office speeds the readjustment of discharged veterans, by clarifying many matters, both legal and personal, that confront them when returning to pre-war status. Each individual is interviewed personally by a classification specialist, a man trained and experienced in personnel matters.

TREASURE ISLAND—Rosario "Pop" Pellerin, BM1c, supervisor at the destroyer pool, rendered one of his snappiest salutes the other day when his son, Ens. Donald J. Pellerin, reported on board from the South Pacific. Rosario has three sons in the service.

GREAT LAKES—The ninth McQuain to enter the service is Harry Paul, of Co. 362. If the war lasts another year his younger brother, who is "just itching to join up" will make the tenth one in the service. The McQuains are believed to be one of only two sets of parents in the nation who have nine sons in service.

AG Crew Honored

The SS Marine Eagle recently passed a white glove inspection with an excellent mark. The crew received a letter of commendation from the Port Director's office. Lieut. Frederick A. Blass is the commanding officer of the Armed Guard crew aboard the ship.

595 Advanced In Rates

More than 500 Armed Guards are now sporting new stripes according to the promotional lists released by the Education Office.

The advancements include 25 first class petty officers, while 205 stepped up to second class and 365 put on the rate of third class petty officers.

Promotions according to rate are as follows:

BM1c

James A. Butler, Robert B. Hughes, Willey O. Askew, Robert P. Taylor.

GM1c

Merald D. Folkestad, Ray C. Montgomery.

SM1c

Richard A. Allsod, Gordon M. MacKay, Joseph E. Hecht, John J. Flannery, W. H. Goormastic, Albert D. Lacasse, R. M. McCriston, V. D. McCourt, Alexander Bilenky, Frank Staub, Henry A. Koski, Forrest G. Sanxter, Ralph D. Graves, Robert M. McCarron.

RM1c

E. L. Fieldhammer, Merrill A. Rome, J. J. Szalankiewicz, James J. Wells.

SK1c

Ernest N. Helgeson.

BM2c

Roy O. Allen, George W. Armston, George A. Bohl, John F. Drake, Donald T. Thomas, Robert E. Wheeler, Albert W. Williams, Dean I. Becker, Alvin L. Gloy, Norman E. Compton, Michael J. Gammon, Simon Eshak, Leslie T. Joyal, H. A. MacPherson, Adolph A. Zekich, William A. Wunderlic, Raymond J. Causler, Angelo D. Vesio, Wilbur N. Nowland, Wilbert E. Wolfram, James D. Jones, John A. Muntz.

GM2c

Charles J. Ballard, Leonard F. Groch, John Hockenberry, Edward A. Kassay, John Kowalchuk, Robert L. Lowe, Robert C. Mersereau, Glen D. Newton, Edward A. Palasz, Henry C. Tomaszewski, Carl L. Wolfe, C. E. Shepherd, Joseph C. Exposito, Louis Perla, Charles C. Tennant, Homer D. Corson, Seth A. Owen, Robert F. Broz, John E. Davis, Joseph P. Gulizia, John F. Logan, Joseph A. Lucas, Eyo J. Mallucci, Edward M. Conlon, Anthony Eschmann, John A. Quinn, Ralph J. Herman, Edward F. Keefe, Martin Kramer, Robert F. Lentz, Albert L. Matthis, William E. Meehan, Joseph Mickiewicz, Harry W. Miller, J. J. Minihan, John G. Myshkoff, Nels A. Olson, Paul H. Pickell, Donald K. Simmons, Wolford E. Sprigler, E. E. Victorio, Richard V. Walte, Edgar E. Wilson, Theodore L. Wozniak, Daniel J. Bates Aaron Haycock, Charles C. Carlton, George E. Vial, Doyle B. Allen, Joseph Bartolucci, Charles F. Bell, B. A. Blankenship, Russell E. Bontjes, Lowell D. Bush, William K. Phelps, Thomas Weiland, Joseph D. Wenlund, V. L. Nelder.

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HAND ME DOWNS

The word "chit," familiar to all hands, is derived from the Hindu work, "Chitte," meaning a letter, note, voucher, or receipt. The old East India Company passed the term along to the British Army and Navy and it was probably absorbed by the United States Navy in Asiatic stations many years ago.

QUIZ 'EM

By Clarence Korker

THE QUESTION

What is your opinion on going back to school under the GI Bill of Rights?

THE ANSWERS

John Mullet, Cox., Coshocton, O.:

Well, I'm married, so I can't very well go back to school full-time. I'd like to go to night school though, and take a good agricultural course, to set me up so I can have my own farm somewhere around Coshocton and be a successful farmer.



Paul L. Taylor, Cox., Wilmington, Del.:

I intend to make use of the GI Bill of Rights. Right now I'm trying to finish my high school course through USAFI. By the time the war is over I should be ready to go to college. I hope to go to the University of Delaware and take an engineering course.



Robert Johnson, Sic, Syracuse, N. Y.:

It's too late for me to go back to school. I have no reason to; I have my trade—operating engineer—that I learned on the job before I came into the Navy. I want to go back to the same kind of work—any good construction job where there are heavy machines to operate.



L. F. Humphries, GM3c, Richmond, Va.:

I plan to go back and finish high school as well as printer's school. I was learning the printing trade under my Dad's teaching, and hope to have my own print shop...do fancy printing, Christmas cards, etc. I'll have to learn the trade evenings and finish high school days.



AGC WAVE LINKS

By AMI

Navy nurses share war's thrills and perils with the fighting men from South Seas to the Arctic. Living up to the highest traditions of the Naval service and the nursing profession, Navy nurses in the present war have established a record of which the Navy and the nation have every right to be proud.

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Lt. (jg) Briggs has been stationed at the Armed Guard Center close to two years; she is due to shove off soon to her new assignment at the WAVE Barracks in Brooklyn. It is our loss and, we trust, her gain. We wish her the best of luck in her new billet.

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We have on this base 36 married WAVES—twenty-five have been married since having been assigned to this base! Never let it be said that Navy life isn't conducive to romance! Incidentally, this kills my one-time theory that we of the service are all "brothers" under the skin!

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If you seem to see a certain WAVE coming and going at the same time, don't be alarmed—it's the Fehr (fair!) twins—a new twosome at the Armed Guard Center! They hail from Bird Island, Minn. We welcome them to our fold!

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Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College, chairman of the advisory council for the Navy's Women's Reserve, and a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco later this month, reviewed WAVES at the U.S. Naval Training School (WR), Bronx, N. Y., on Saturday morning Apr. 7. Miss Gildersleeve is the third civilian to review trainees at USS Hunter. Preceding her have been Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek. Approximately 1,000 WAVES passed in review.

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To the Pharmacist's Mate

I have the greatest admiration
For pharmacist's mates, you bet!
I know they all must practice
To master tasks that must be met;
But my heart's prone to misgivings
And I sail from cold to hot
When one looks at me in terror
And says, "This is my first shot!"

Lighter Fluid Not To Be Mailed Overseas

CAUTION...lighter fluid and flameless lighters are prohibited for overseas mailing, according to a recent ruling by the Post Office Department, due to the fire hazard involved.

However, lighter fluid may be mailed within the United States. It must be labeled "Inflammable", with "Lighter Fluid" plainly marked on the package.

Promotions

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helser, Stanley Nettelman, Alexander Rosener, Leroy R. Cassel, Leight M. Colgate, Arthur E. Fedluk, Okey H. Ford, Stanley L. Fox, Paul M. Frazier, Santo Giancola, Stewart C. Hadden, Charles L. Hayes, Cletuh Holloman, S. J. Johnson, Armand O. Join, Matt Justice, Seymour Kantor Harry L. Loebeck, Leo L. Chamelowsky, James F. Foley, Dewey Gilbert, Thomas A. Hatton, Leonard MacDonald, Elmer G. Maurer, Robert L. Meyer, Robert J. Sullivan, Orville W. Twiss, Earl W. Ventress, Sigmund Yaszewski, Lonnie K. Clifton, Roswell J. Ortt, Nicholas Putere, S. Przybyzowski, Joseph S. Rewis, Robert S. Richards, Leonard H. Sachse, Kenneth E. Schein, Raymond L. Smith, Albert P. Smith, Maurice Stallings, James T. Stanfield, Thurston P. Staples, James W. Ferguson, George R. Winkler, Athan G. Meacham, B. J. Cutenilli, B. T. Nieminski, Paul P. Miller, William J. Cross, Joseph J. Dausida, Charles A. Greb, Emery R. Nadzan, Charles E. Pryor, George E. May, Clifford A. Smith, Lawrence Falsetti, John Heidel, Edward R. Horvath, Edward J. Bryda, George W. Gilzer, Chessie R. Hudgens, Roy W. Hansen, George H. Luther.

SM2c

Richard McCormick, Marvin J. Blevins, Lester E. Bahn, Robert R. Bowen, G. P. Delcarlo, Elmer S. Koehlke, William Maldonado, Richard W. Wells, Hugo Munster, Harold V. Baker, Uno E. Linne, Jefferson L. Maloney, Donovan P. Yates, Louis P. Needenriep, Raymond J. Slomski, Clarence E. Knowlton, Louis R. Wolf, Robert N. Hansen, Ralph N. March, Patrick J. Murphy, William C. Reed, Joseph J. Smart, Jack Williams, Robert A. Woods, Enrico J. Caruso, Robert A. Burchell, Fred Feinblatt, William W. Smith, Robert W. Peters, Peter C. Buscemi, James H. Martin, Arva J. Komodowski, Francis S. Murphy, Richard P. Agnew, George M. Bachowski, John J. Clayton, Walter W. Frederick, Robert G. Law, Joseph O. Patterson, William E. Peavler, Sivatore Procida, George P. Setcavage, George W. Wadie, Darwin J. Zandstra, Robert J. English.

RM2c

Lawrence E. McGovern, Eugene F. Ruby, J. A. Hathaway, Henry L. Peasire, Henry W. Dyer, Edward J. Byrnes, David Zwels, Judson F. Mackrill, Alpheus C. Freeman, Wade L. Edwards, Howard E. McGuffog, William O. Kidwell.

WT3c

Oliver Schreiner,

Y7c

Mildred J. Shelton,

SSM12c

Wyatt B. Pulks.

The Cream, Please

The U. S. Navy consumes more coffee per man than any other military service in the entire world.

GI "Jo-Jo"



Getting a permit from the Department of Interior to bring his pet into the States wasn't half so hard for Marion R. Corder, GM3c, as calling home to ask if his family would keep it for him.

"But I guess my mother was pretty glad I was coming," he said, "because she just said 'yes' and let it go at that."

Corder bought the three-pound "banana monkey" in Arabia three months ago. Despite the peculiar greeting "Jo-Jo" received when he and the sailor first boarded their ship (the ship's parrot squawked and jumped overboard, the dog barked, and the cat walked away in disgust) the monkey weathered three months of sea duty.

He ate everything offered him, chewed gum like a newsy, and chattered amiably with the crew. A good natured animal, he gets angry only when Corder tries to put him down. His chatter then sounds as salty as any 25-year man.

Corder is taking the monkey to his five-year-old sister in Peoria, Ill.

NEW BOOKS

New books in Ship's library reported by Miss Marjorie H. Martin, librarian:

FICTION

Apartment in Athens, by Glenway Westcott; Captain from Castle, by Samuel Shellabarger; Cry Wolf, by Marjorie Carleton; Elegant Journey, by John Selby; Great Son, by Edna Ferber; Green Hazard, by Manning Coles; The Hideout, by Egon Hostovsky.

Eight Teams Enter Softball League

Liberty Office Team Leads in Bowling

The Liberty office bowling team is in first place in the Ships Company League here at the Armed Guard Center. The tournament will end Apr. 18. Standings:

	W	L
Liberty Office	36	13
Umbrigos	35	13
Communications	34	14
Machine Shop	35	16
Shipfitters	30	18
A. G. Office No. 1	30	21
Nine Old Men	25	23
A. G. Office No. 2	24	24
Boathouse	25	26
Supply No. 2	21	27
P. O. Blues	18	27
Question Marks	19	32
Sad Sacks	19	32
Yeo Yeos	17	31
P. O. Whites	15	30

In Season



Summer isn't quite here, it's true, but Jeanne Crain, 20th Century Fox star, looks good in a swim-suit any time of the year.

Opening Game Apr. 16 Will Feature 1944 Champions, Runners-up on Drill Field

The 1945 Armed Guard Center Softball League will get underway on the drill field Apr. 16 at 1200. The opening game will feature last year's champions, Communications, and the runners-up, Armed Guard Yeomen.

Six teams besides the above mentioned have entered the competition. These are: Morale, Detail, Supply, Station Guard, A & R Division and Sick Bay. The league will be conducted on a "round robin" basis, with each team playing every other team twice.

All games will begin at 1200 sharp and will end at 1300, regardless of the number of innings played. Any team not ready to play at 1200 will have to forfeit to the other team.

To determine the station champions the first and second place teams in the final standings will play in the World Series. This will consist of three out of five games. The Official Rules of Softball of the Joint Rules Committee will govern all softball play.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

- April 16—Communication vs. AG Yeomen
- April 17—Morale vs. Sick Bay
- April 18—Detail vs. A & R Division
- April 19—Supply vs. Station Guard
- April 20—Morale vs. AG Yeomen
- April 22—Communications vs. Detail
- April 24—Supply vs. Sick Bay
- April 25—A & R vs. Station Guard
- April 26—Detail vs. AG Yeomen

AGs Play Basketball Aboard Liberty Ship

The crew of the SS Edwin Abbey have taken full advantage of whatever recreation was available in their spare time aboard ship.

The men, under the command of Lt. (jg) E. H. Roedel, have constructed a basketball court in the number two hold. Spirited competition and good fun has occurred between members of the Armed Guard and merchant crews, not to mention the healthful activity this sport affords.

When there is cargo in the hold and while at sea, the men engage in other sports activities out on deck, such as tumbling, boxing, wrestling and pyramids. A voluntary callisthenics program was set up with over 30 men attending each session.

NEW CCC SEASON BEGINS

The Commandant's Cup Competition for the spring-summer season of 1945 will begin Apr. 16 with a table tennis tournament at the Brooklyn Receiving Station.

A pocket billiards tournament will be held on Apr. 30, May 2 and May 4, at Pier 92. Entries are due by Apr. 23. All necessary entry blanks and information can be had from the physical training officer, Lt. (jg) W. S. Soose, at the Welfare and Recreation office.

AGC Canteen Featured In April's "Our Navy"

The Armed Guard Center made history again this week. An article entitled "The Gyp Joint," appearing in *Our Navy* (mid-April, '45) and dealing with the institution of Ship's Service, devotes several paragraphs to "our own" canteen . . . "largest Ship's Service Store in the Third Naval District," and ". . . largest single customer in New York City for ice cream, milk, coca-cola, cigarettes and sandwiches."

But this isn't all: *Our Navy's* cover for this issue was shot in AGC's canteen and its subject is Andrew V. Tessitore, S1c, who at the time was stationed here.

Lt. Comdr. Haggard Has New Experience

Here is one for Robert L. Ripley! Lt. Comdr. Paul Haggard, who recently reported aboard the station, is from the state of Kansas. During his civilian days he used to go pheasant hunting throughout the southwest.

One day recently, while driving in the vicinity of 133d St. and Henry Hudson Parkway, some object crashed through the front window of Lt. Comdr. Haggard's automobile. What was it? Why a pheasant of course!

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FAREWELL Dinner for Comdr. Coakley shows Comdr. Moureau, new CO, giving a short address. Above: View of wardroom during dinner.