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COMDR. HASLER LEAVES

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CAPTAIN D. C. Patterson, 3d Naval District's Director of Welfare, makes an unofficial tour of AGC. With him are Lt. Comdr. King, left, and Comdr. Young.



ALL HANDS stand by for last minute instructions in typical station scene as draft prepares to shove off.

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Vets to Benefit by New GI Home-Buying Plan

Veterans can, under Federal financing now available, buy new homes without having to put up a down payment, providing the property does not cost over \$10,000.

The FHA, it was announced recently, will insure the main loan, while the Veterans Administration will guarantee a second loan for the balance. The GI Bill of Rights provides that an eligible veteran may borrow 20 per cent of the cost of a new home, up to a maximum loan of 80 per cent of the purchase price. The VA guarantees this 20 per cent of the loan in full instead of only half the loan as in the case with most GI bill loans.

The financing is cleared through banks or local agencies which handle the details of FHA and VA authorizations. Under agreement with the Veterans Administration, the Federal Housing Administration passes on both loans to determine if the purchase is fair, whether the payments are in relationship to the veteran's anticipated income, and whether or not the property is suitable for living purposes.

Veterans buying a house under the new plan will have 20 years in which to pay VA, and 20 to 25 years in which to pay the FHA.

Secretary of Navy Returns

SAN DIEGO—Secretary of the Navy Forrestal arrived in San Diego this week from his Pacific war zone trip which took him to the shores of embattled Iwo Jima.

"GI Insurance" Facts Outlined For Armed Guard Personnel

All hands—at sea or ashore—officers and men, should know the following facts concerning "GI Insurance" issued by the National Service Life Insurance under Act of Congress, Oct. 8, 1940.

1. Your five-year term policy may be converted to ordinary life, 20-payment life, or 30-payment life plan, at any time after the first year and before the expiration of the fifth year.

2. You are now carrying "cost insurance" at the lowest possible premium rate and with the World's best company—Uncle Sam . . .

3. If honorably discharged, you may continue your policy on the same basis and at the same cost as carried in the service with the privilege of converting as enumerated in item (1).

4. Men honorably discharged should mail their premiums when due, to Collections Subdivision, Veteran's Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

5. An act now pending in Congress . . . may extend present term insurance on a basis not as yet decided by Congress . . . in any event it is the opinion of Lieut. (jg) Bernard Wolfe, legal assistance officer of the Welfare and Recreation Office, that continued protection will be afforded those whose policies may expire on or after Oct. 8, 1945.



IF YOU USE THE
Safety Deposit
FOR YOUR MONEY AND VALUABLES

Welfare Office

AG's Swing High in Navy Relief Drive

Brooklyn Armed Guards at sea and ashore contributed in excess of \$5,300 in the station's recent Navy Relief Society Drive, according to Lt. Comdr. Edward T. King, Director of Welfare and Recreation.

The generosity of seamen attending the recent Prudential musical show accounted for \$376.33 of the total amount. Contributions from the post office and operations office led other departmental donations.

Top honors among Armed Guard units go to Lieut. F. S. Gilbert and the Armed Guard Crew aboard the SS Shiloh, with their contribution of \$77.50. Numerous other units ran in close competition, the Commander disclosed.

Citizenship Eased for Aliens in Service

The U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service holds that return from overseas duty with armed forces constitutes lawful entry into the U. S.

This removes the barrier to naturalization for aliens who were otherwise qualified at the time of their induction but could not furnish proof of lawful entry into the U. S., its territories or possessions as provided by Sections 701 and 702 of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended. Full details regarding the naturalization of aliens who serve in the armed forces may be found in BuPers Circ. Ltr. No. 40-45 (NDB, Feb. 15, 1945, 45-164).

FPO's Do Land Office Business in February

Fleet Post Offices at New York and San Francisco handled a total of 112,730,906 pieces of mail, exclusive of V-mail, for Navy personnel at sea and foreign bases during the month of February. It was announced recently by the 3d Naval District Headquarters. Of this total, the New York office handled 35,378,324 pieces, and the San Francisco office 77,352,582.

Transferred



Lieut. S. J. Clancy, above, Armed Guard Training Officer, was recently detached from this station. Widely known and deeply respected among AG personnel, Lieut. Clancy is now stationed at the Ammunition Depot, Earle, N. J.

Legal Section Aids Many AG Men

Over 470 cases during the month of February, and 299 during the first two weeks of March, 1945, were handled by the Armed Guard Center's Legal Assistance Section, it was reported by Lieut. Ralph H. Potter and Lieut. (jg) Bernard Wolfe, legal officers.

Among the many problems of the "fighting AGs" are income tax, domestic relations, wills, powers of attorney, naturalization and inheritance. Court cases, disciplinary and other official matters are excluded from the scope of legal assistance. Personal problems of both the enlisted personnel and officers consulting LAS officers are handled on the same confidential and privileged relationship as exists between "attorney and client" in civilian life.

The Navy provides this legal aid service in the belief that a "sound body needs a clear mind." Personnel in need of legal advice should see or write to the Legal Assistance Officer, Welfare and Recreation Office.

Station Ordnance Officer Retires After Participating in Three Wars

Lt. Comdr. Adolph Hasler, ordnance officer at the Armed Guard Center and veteran of 56 years in the United States Navy, will be detached from this station Apr. 15, and will be released from all active duty on July 12, 1945. Now 71, the commander has served in three wars.

Enlisted as an "apprentice boy" in 1889 at a salary of \$9.00 a month, Comdr. Hasler received his "recruit training" at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I. Among his earliest memories of the Navy are furling the sail aboard the USS Portsmouth, his last square rigger.

From 1892 to 1894, the commander served on patrol duty in the Bering Sea, where a fleet of six U.S. ships guarded the Pribilof Islands. He readily recalls firing across the bow of an escaping pirate vessel.

During the Spanish-American War, the Commander served aboard the USS San Francisco, the flagship of the Havana blockade squadron, as chief gunners mate and also aboard the USS Yorktown.

From 1902-04, the commander was assigned to shore duty. He was appointed head of the Seaman Gunners School in Newport in 1912, where until 1915, he was responsible for the training of hundreds of men. Years later, ten of these same men were assigned to the commander's staff at the Armed Guard Center, as CPO's.

World War I found the commander serving aboard the USS Oklahoma and the USS North Carolina. He made a total of four round trips protecting American supplies and troops. At this time, the commander was first temporary ensign, then temporary lieutenant (jg) and finally, temporary lieutenant. In August, 1920, the latter rank was made permanent.

In 1925, at a time when the United States Navy was practically a figure of speech, Comdr. Hasler retired from active service having completed 35 years and six months. He never dreamed then of the Jap treachery which was to catch the Arizona, the West Virginia—even the Oklahoma which he himself had put in commission—at Pearl Harbor.

Immediately after Dec. 7, the commander exerted every effort to return to active duty. At last he



Lt. Comdr. Adolph Hasler

was able to convince the Navy that in spite of his 68 years, he would stand the gaff, and on May 19, 1942, he reported for duty at the Armed Guard Center. Here, in August, 1944, he received his present rank—that of permanent lieutenant commander.

Through his great knowledge and experience, his splendid example as leader and disciplinarian, the commander has been an inspiration to the thousands of men and officers who have known him. His invaluable teaching of gunnery has played a big part in creating an efficient defense of our vital supply lines and troops.

A native of New York City, Comdr. Hasler expects to spend his retirement here in Brooklyn.

3 Patrol Squadrons Get Unit Citations

Three patrol squadrons, VPs 22, 101 of Patrol Wing 10, which defied Japanese naval and air supremacy in the early months of the war, scouting and fighting the enemy despite overwhelming odds and crushing operational inadequacies, have been awarded Presidential Unit Citations.

NEWS from Elsewhere

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

GREAT LAKES—A special course for meat specialists will be established at this station. The course is designed to train especially qualified men in the proper cutting and processing of meat. Utilization of all parts of the meat and elimination of all waste will be stressed in the instruction, which will last for approximately five weeks.

AGS-SHELTON—Camp Shelton welcomes aboard the new band of rated musicians which was formed at the Navy School of Music, Washington, D. C. These men have all had sea duty and wear combat ribbons.

SAN DIEGO—Lt. Comdr. M. C. Chambers, USNR, Personnel Officer, announced that reconsideration of fleet requirements and the need for more frequent rotation in combat areas has reopened the Navy flight training program. He urged all men who were separated from Navy flight training since June, 1944, to contact Ship's Company Personnel Officer for consideration of their qualifications to return to the aviation program.

TREASURE ISLAND—Operational Training School is now offering a course in first aid which teaches men the basic principles of first aid including bomb blasts and burns, fractures, artificial respiration and sex hygiene.

SAMPSON—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis made a tour of Sampson last weekend. A highlight of his visit was a trip to the U. S. Naval Hospital here where he chatted with many bluejackets and marines in the combat casualty wards. His tour was climaxed by a personal appearance on "Blue-jacket Time," broadcast from the stage of Sullivan Auditorium.

No Ration Card Here!

The gasoline used in training one American military pilot would take the average automobile driver 25 years to consume.

392 Advance In Rate

Education Office announced the promotion of 258 seamen to third class petty officers. Twenty-five Armed Guards received their first class stripes, while 109 made second class petty officers.

Those advanced to first and second class were:

BM1c

Peter Kunkel, Raymond M. O'Donnell.

GM1c

Walter J. Bedell, C. C. Thompson, George P. Murray

SM1c

Bernard Alpert, William Capella, Richard G. Dickson, Carl J. Kennedy, John H. Leland, John W. Meredith, Arthur C. Neil, F. C. Raab, Daniel W. Trefsnar.

RM1c

Clarence Lockwood.

Y1c

Robert J. Donovan, John Rolston.

SK1c

Thomas J. Cannon, Irving Cohen, Joseph J. Gully, Ralph B. Musgrave, Mary D. Roberge, Raymond Karpinski.

SC1c

Henry C. Hendrix, Edward J. Montz.

BM2c

Harold J. Isenberry, Jack M. Wood, Marion J. Hall, Jack Vandersgriff, William C. Mallard, William C. Carrick, S. A. Imbrescia, James C. Back, Willis W. Berry, Michael T. Broadwell, James R. Hess, Romeo G. Lariviere, Odie E. Russell, Sidney Siegel, Eugene R. Ward, James J. Casey, Stanley F. Citkowitz, Ben Conley, Harold J. Ruggiero, Henry W. Schroeder.

GM2c

Martin D. Kessler, Lester E. Larson, John Marvonek, Leroy A. Moore, Harry E. Powell, C. J. Razabdoski, Charles S. Satterly, Milton L. Caulkins, Victor Darmiento, William J. Donahue, Eugene O. Drews, James M. Fallon, Terrence P. Ferrell, William P. Garrett, James H. Gliden, Donald H. Gillis, J. C. Gurley, Jr., Donald Harrington, Clarence Hawkins, C. J. Hertensteiner, Anthony Kerlavage, Joseph Busi, Lonnie H. Case, William Duray, Donald E. Say, Vernon H. Story, Kenneth Sullinger, Frank

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HAND ME DOWNS

Smoking Lamp—In the days before the modern cigaret lighter, when sailors couldn't carry matches for reasons of safety or scarcity, lamps from which a man could get a light were hung in the fo'c'sle and other convenient places on shipboard. Smoking aboard these ships of yesteryear was restricted to specified periods by the bosuns or deck officers who ordered "Smoking lamp lit" or "Smoking lamp out."

Today, the smoking lamp has survived only as a figure of speech. When the officer of the deck says "The smoking lamp is out" before drills, refueling or taking ammunition, that is the Navy's way of saying "Knock off smoking."

QUIZ 'EM

By Clarence Korker

THE QUESTION

What is the one experience you've had in Armed Guard that you will always remember?

THE ANSWERS

Scovill, Lamson, SM1c, Waterbury, Conn.: The day our ship crossed the equator, Jolly Roger was hoisted on one end of the yard arm and a stuffed marine at the other. The band played the funeral march

while King Neptune held court. All "scummy pollywogs" had their hair cut, were "beautified" in the usual custom, then made to run the gauntlet while hardened shellbacks played fire hoses on them.

Cherry, Stanley, GM3c, Union Beach, N. J.:

While we were off Algeria, our ship was attacked by Jerry bombers. At daybreak one swooped over the starboard side and dropped an aerial torpedo. We saw its wake, coming closer and closer, and thought we were done for. Then the tin fish got tangled in the nets. I'll never forget it.

Poslet, Michael, Cox., Cleveland, Ohio:

During the first couple of days of the invasion of Antwerp, the port was like New York Harbor. Then it broke loose with V1's and V2's. We stayed in port 115 days without going ashore. Then crossing the Channel, we ran aground on the Cliffs of Dover. The entire crew was taken to the American Red Cross in London. Later, when we again saw the Statue of Liberty, our whole crew sang "God Bless America." That's one experience I'll never forget.





Scenes in "Now Hear This"

The recent all-Navy musical review, "Now Hear This," presented at Armed Guard Center by the U. S. Receiving Station, Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, featured seven acts of "but good" entertainment. Formerly with Fred Waring and Company, the Merry Mates, upper right, give out with their version of "Rum and Coca-Cola"—(in the full dress, including fruit turbans, of "Carmen Miranda, her mother and a gigolo"). The Fantail Four, above left, play a catchy arrangement of "Tico Tico," and other favorites, like "Stardust" and "Farewell Blues." The Receiving Station's own duo-piano team, Whittemore and Lowe, give AGs a bit of Gershwin in their own novel style.



Former Head Chaplain of 7th Fleet Praises Armed Guard

The fine job being done by the Armed Guard was recently praised by Captain R. W. Shrum (ChC), USN, after he had spent more than a month traveling as a passenger aboard the merchant tanker SS E. J. Henry.

Captain Shrum spent eighteen months in the Pacific area where he had charge of all chaplain activities for the 7th fleet. He received a personal citation from Admiral Kincaid for his outstanding work.

A veteran of 27 years service with the Navy, Captain Shrum has served aboard all kinds of ships ranging from battleships and carriers to five years on the presidential yacht. But this was his first trip abroad a merchant ship.

He accompanied Lieut. (jg) Arthur L. Grimes, gunnery officer, on daily and weekly inspections of quarters, guns and personnel.

Quoted below is part of an address in which he praised the men of the Armed Guard:

"I watched these Navy men of the Armed Guard carefully during that long ride and I am ready to hand them the palm of recognition and achievement and to include their outfit as one of honor along with the Marines, the Air Corps, the Submariners, the Sea Bees,

the battle wagons, the tin cans, the transports and the Amphibs.

"These men are selected especially for a tedious job. I saw them, hour after hour, day after day, week after week, stand their lookout watches by their guns.

"Their part of the ship was noticeably clean. Their guns fairly shone—no rust for them. They were ready for inspection at all times.

"All honor to these brave lads. They must be the lone wolf type, for the tankers frequently travel alone, as they zig-zag across the oceans to supply all sorts of naval craft with their life blood of fuel.

"The long lines of communications are thus covered. Japan is brought nearer our shores and the death blow is dealt—because the Armed Guard and the Merchant Marine take the fuel and supplies safely through."

PART OF THE CLOCKWORKS . . .



PRIMARY W. D. Menden, Captain's Administrative Officer, sits with an aide reviewing primary reports, minutely reading and discussing papers.



51 TAGGLERS and other offenders at Land U.S. Station, the Disciplinary Office.



OFFICER in charge of Captain's Administrative Office is thanked by one of the reports and records.



OFFICER in charge of Captain's Administrative Office is thanked by one of the reports and records.



CAPTAIN'S ADMINISTRATIVE office staff. Menden is with phone and right, that with correspondence and records, left, first personnel and the station reports.





Okay, so you've been to sea a long time and have saved plenty of money. And the hoodlums know it. That's why quite a few servicemen get rolled. Watch how you flash that wad of dough around.

Don't carry any more cash with you than you need. Leave the rest in the safety deposit at the Welfare and Recreation Office, or put it into traveler's checks. Even though you may find things in the States more expensive than when you went away, there are still things available to servicemen without spending a red cent.

Take USO's, for instance. Patriotic citizens who are interested in your welfare have given generously of their time and money to make the USO clubs, servicemen's centers, information booths and lounges available to you. You'll find them in almost every town and railroad station.

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Button up your lip while home on leave or liberty. That nice man who buys you a drink and tells you about his "son in the service," or that bit of fluff who's just "too thrilled" about your adventures, may be out to pick up some information that will endanger other shipmates' lives. Nor is it a good idea to burden your family with the responsibility of keeping your "secret." But if reporters do ask questions, or the mayor asks you to speak at a banquet or over the radio, clear your statements with a Navy public relations officer before you talk.

The Navy doesn't want to muzzle any hero—it only wants to make certain that the information will be safeguarded so that more heroes will return safe and sound. So be careful mates.

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A seaman from the Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, N. Y., was home on leave on Navy Day. He had served about two years at sea and held the Purple Heart, so he was invited by the local American Legion Post to participate in Navy Day ceremonies. The letter of invitation read:

"You are cordially invited to be one of the speakers at our

Navy Day ceremony. The program will take place in the city park and will include a talk by the mayor, a short speech by an Army captain, your talk and then the firing squad."

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Armed Guards have used almost every excuse for extensions of leave, but here's one which hasn't been used on this station:

A Seaman with train reservation which would get him back to his base just in time, was about to board the pullman when a woman rushed up to him with a tale of woe. Her sister was dying in the city to which the sailor was returning; she had to get to her side, but had no berth. Would the sailor give up his reservation?

Torn between sympathy for the woman's plight and fear of the fix he'd be in if he were late, the poor sailor finally succumbed to gallantry, and sent a wire to his CO:

"Sir, regret will be late reporting. Gave berth to a lady."

The CO's answer, which came a few hours later, read:

"Congratulations. Your next confinement will be in the brig."

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Another Navy story going the rounds wherever sailors get together is the one about the machinist's mate who was bothered by the depth charges. He was a swell machinist's mate and sailed on a tiny Navy ship. Once, during a heavy attack, explosions were so numerous that the little bluejacket almost jumped out of his skin. Finally, the engineer on watch said, "Look, small-stuff, don't get scared when those things go off. They won't hurt you." The unhappy machinist bounced another foot in the air as another "can" went off. "I'm not frightened, sir," he said. "I just ain't heavy enough to keep my foot on the deck!"

—TONY MANNARINO

Promotions

(Continued from page 4)

L. Wilson, Benjamin F. Clark, Leon M. Albert, Donald L. Archer, Bruce H. Braswell, Ernest E. Britten, A. P. Dibenedetto, George E. Seenn.

SM2c

Robert A. Nutton, Ralph V. Byrne, Howard B. Campbell, Earl J. Cash, John T. Castimore, John W. Caylor, Franklin O. Davis, Woodrow Underhill, Thomas P. Black, Richard A. Davis, Daniel C. Duncan, S. J. Eisenbauer, William M. Ellis, Lewis Piccadenti, Reino M. Frantila, V. R. Hazebrouck, Henry A. Watts, Joseph E. Herold, Orland B. Hoch, John M. Bushen, Earl H. Kuhne, William E. Lee, James H. Meyeres, Marvin Mirvis, Marvin L. Newman, Wesley W. Pontier, James P. Reagan, William E. Riley, Wilbur C. Schaefer, Arthur J. Lafond, Herbert Rosenthal, Hans R. Kurash.

RM2c

Leonard C. Hull, Alvin I. Orlowek, James A. Richards, Robert Finkelstein, Russell M. Heinz, Thomas D. Owen.

PI2c

Harold A. Borger.

MM2c

Arie L. Thompson.

EM2c

William M. Pyle.

Y2c

Virgil A. Adams, Paul S. Hirsch, Robert H. Deneau, Rosemary M. Sullivan.

SK2c

Robert L. Smith, Vera R. Ferrenberg, Florence Khoury, James P. Taylor.

SSMB2c

Paul J. Reilly.

SC2c

Frank J. Galina, Cephas C. Howell, Robert H. Morris.

Only V-Mail Sure of Air Transportation

From Washington comes word that mail service to troops overseas has been curtailed because of insufficient cargo space on aircraft.

The use of an airmail stamp, therefore, will not guarantee that letters will go by air. Only V-Mail will be assured of air transportation.

Divine Services

CATHOLIC

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

Sunday Mass at 0945 and 1045, Drill Floor, Main Deck.

Confessions heard daily at 1030, 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.



★ ELIGIBILITY ★ TO WEAR BRONZE STARS

Armed Guard Personnel who served aboard any of the following vessels on the specified dates are authorized to wear bronze stars on the appropriate area ribbon. You must obtain your authorization certificate in the Education Office.



AMERICAN RIBBON

1-8 NOVEMBER 1942

- SS ANNE SKAKEL
- SS FRED W. WELLES
- SS HAHIRA
- SS L.V. STANFORD
- SS OLNEY
- SS TIDEWATER



EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN RIBBON

3-5 JULY 1942

- SS ALCOA RANGER
- SS BELLINGHAM
- SS BENJAMIN HARRISON
- SS CARLTON
- SS CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT
- SS DANIEL MORGAN
- SS EL CAPITAN
- SS FAIRFIELD CITY
- SS HONOLULU
- SS HOOSIER
- SS IRONCLAD
- SS JOHN WITHERSPOON
- SS OLOPANA
- SS PAN ATLANTIC
- SS PAN KRAFF
- SS PETER KIRK
- SS SAMUEL CHASE
- SS SILVER SWORD
- SS TRUBADOR
- SS WASHINGTON
- SS WILLIAM HOOVER
- SS WINSTON SALEM

21-25 FEBRUARY 1943

- SS CHARLES H. CLAMP
- SS CHATTANOOGA CITY
- SS EL OCEANO
- SS ENGLONA
- SS EXPOSITION
- SS FRANZ KLASSEN
- SS GATEWAY CITY
- SS HASTINGS
- SS JONATHAN STRUGES
- SS PAN MAINE
- SS PAN MARYLAND
- SS SAMUEL CHASE
- SS WIND RUSH
- SS WINKLER

23-24 FEBRUARY 1943

- SS ESSO BATON ROUGE
- SS GULF POINT
- SS MOBILGAS
- SS TIDEWATER

3-10 MARCH 1943

- SS ALCOA LEADER
- SS HOLLYWOOD
- SS MALANTIC

12-18 MARCH 1943

- SS ALAN A. DALE
- SS ALCOA VOYAGER
- SS AMERICAN ROBIN
- SS ANTHONY WAYNE
- SS AZTEC
- SS BENJAMIN BOURN
- SS BENJAMIN HARRISON
- SS BRET HARTE
- SS CALVIN COOLIDGE
- SS COLUMBIAN
- SS CORNELIUS OLLIAM
- SS DELMAR
- SS ESSO BAYWAY
- SS EXFORD

6 NOVEMBER 1943

- SS ARGENTINA
- SS EDMUND B. ALEXANDER
- SS HAWAIIAN SHIPPER
- SS HENRY GIBBINS
- SS JAMES PARKER
- SS JOHN ERICSSON
- SS MONTEREY
- SS SANTA ELENA
- SS SANTA PAULA
- SS SANTA ROSA
- SS SLOTERDUK
- SS THOMAS H. BARRY
- SS ALCOA CUTTER
- SS ATENAS
- SS AXTELL J. BYLES
- SS CHARLES BRANTLEY AYCOCK
- SS G. HARRISON SMITH
- SS GEORGE HANDLEY
- SS GOOD GULF
- SS ISAAC SHARPLESS
- SS JAMES PERIMORE COOPER
- SS JAMES JACKSON
- SS JONATHAN WORTH
- SS KENTUCKIAN

16-18 APRIL 1943

- SS ALCOA CUTTER
- SS ATENAS
- SS AXTELL J. BYLES
- SS CHARLES BRANTLEY AYCOCK
- SS G. HARRISON SMITH
- SS GEORGE HANDLEY
- SS GOOD GULF
- SS ISAAC SHARPLESS
- SS JAMES PERIMORE COOPER
- SS JAMES JACKSON
- SS JONATHAN WORTH
- SS KENTUCKIAN

- SS LENA LUCKENBACH
- SS ROGER WILLIAMS
- SS SUN
- SS WALLACE E. PRATT
- SS WILLIAM D. PENDER
- SS YEMASSER
- SS JOHN BIDWELL

13 AUGUST 1943

- SS ANNE BRADSTREET
- SS DAVID STONE
- SS EDHU YALE
- SS EZRA MEEKER
- SS FRANCIS PARKMAN
- SS FRANCIS W. PETTY GROVE
- SS GEORGE DAVIS
- SS GEORGE W. McCLEARY
- SS HENRY BALDWIN
- SS JAMES G. BLAINE
- SS JAMES W. MARSHALL
- SS JONATHAN ELMER
- SS LOUISA M. ALDOTT
- SS PIERRE L'ENFANT
- SS SOLOMON BUREAU
- SS TABITHA BROWN
- SS WILLIAM T. BARRY
- SS WILLIAM W. GERHARD

1 APRIL 1944

- SS E.F. SHAW
- SS E. KIRBY SMITH
- SS ELISHA MITCHELL
- SS FREDERICK C. HOWE
- SS GEORGE ABERNETHY
- SS GEORGE BANCROFT
- SS GEORGE M. BIRB
- SS GEORGE H. FENDLETON
- SS HENRY W. LONGFELLOW
- SS IGNACE PADEREWSKI
- SS JAMES McHENRY
- SS JOHN TRUMBULL
- SS JARED INGERSOLL
- SS JOHN C. BIRMONT
- SS JUBAL A. EARLY
- SS K.T. LUCKENBACH
- SS KEMP P. BATTLE
- SS LAWRENCE D. TYSON
- SS LEO J. DUSTER
- SS LINCOLN STEPPENS
- SS LOUIS HENNERIN

- SS LUCRETIA MOTT
- SS MARION McKENLEY BOWMAN
- SS NATHAN B. FORREST
- SS NATHAN CLIFFORD
- SS PAUL H. HARWOOD
- SS ROBERT R. RANDALL
- SS SILAS WEIR MITCHELL
- SS SUN
- SS SUN YAT SEN
- SS TARLETON BROWN
- SS THEODORIC BLAND
- SS THOMAS DONALDSON
- SS THOMAS HEVWARD
- SS WILLIAM D. MOSELY
- SS WILLIAM F. CODY
- SS WILLIAM H. DALL
- SS WOODROW WILSON

11-12 APRIL 1944

- SS A. J. CERMAN
- SS AMOS KENDALL
- SS ATENAS
- SS BENJAMIN CHEW
- SS BENJAMIN LUNDY
- SS BLACK HAWK
- SS BRET HARTE
- SS CHARLES PIEZ
- SS EDWARD P. COSTIGAN
- SS GIDEON WELLES
- SS HAMLIN GARLAND
- SS HARRY LANE
- SS HENRY WARD BEECHER
- SS HEWWOOD BROWN
- SS HORACE H. LURTON
- SS JAMES E. HOWARD
- SS JAMES H. COOPER
- SS JAMES JACKSON
- SS JESSE BILLINGSLEY
- SS JOHN C. BRICKENRIDGE
- SS JOHN ROBBINS
- SS JOHN WANAMAKER
- SS JOSE MARTI
- SS JOSIAH PARKER
- SS LOUIS A. SENGTELLER
- SS LEWIS EMERCY, JR.
- SS MEYER LONDON

- SS O. HENRY
- SS PERE MARQUETTE
- SS PETER CARTWRIGHT
- SS RICHARD RUSH
- SS ROGER WILLIAMS
- SS SARAH J. HALE
- SS STEPHEN W. KEARNY
- SS SUSAN V. LUCKENBACH
- SS THOMAS G. MASARYK
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- SS CARTAGO
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- SS FITZHUGH LEE
- SS GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN
- SS HENRY GROVES CONNOR
- SS JAMES HOBAN
- SS JAMES GORDON BENNETT
- SS JOHN GORRIE
- SS JOHN MASON
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- SS JOSIAH BARTLETT
- SS LESLIE M. SHAW
- SS PAN MAINE
- SS PAUL HAMILTON
- SS ROBERT BATTERY
- SS ROBERT NEWELL
- SS ROBERT ELLIS LEWIS
- SS SAMUEL LIVERMORE
- SS STEPHEN F. ALSTON
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- SS ABRAHAM LINCOLN
- SS ALBINO PEREZ
- SS BEN F. DIXON
- SS BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON
- SS CARTER BRAXTON
- SS CHARLES A. WICKLIFFE
- SS CLEMENT CLAY
- SS COLIN F. KELLY, JR.
- SS CONRAD WEISER
- SS FRANCIS M. SMITH
- SS GEORGE H. DEBY
- SS GREENVILLE M. DODGE
- SS JAMES J. FETTIGREW
- SS JAMES M. GILLES
- SS JAMES W. FANNIN
- SS JAMES WHITCOMB JULY
- SS JANET LORD ROPER
- SS JOHN BANVAUD
- SS JOHN DICKINSON
- SS JOHN F. MYERS
- SS JOHN FISKE
- SS JOHN JAY
- SS JOHN STEVENS
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- SS PETER ZENGER
- SS SAMUEL MOODY
- SS STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS
- SS THOMAS NUTTALL
- SS THOMAS CLINGMAN
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- SS VAN DEAR BLACK
- SS WILLIAM B. GILES
- SS WILLIAM H. ASPINWALL
- SS WILLIAM H. MOODY
- SS WILLIAM MULHOLLAND
- SS WILLIAM PATTERSON
- SS ZACHERY TAYLOR

The next edition of The Pointer will carry the names of the vessels which participated in various invasions and have received authorization for Bronze Stars. These invasions will include North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Normandy, and Southern France

AGC WAVE LINKS

By AMI

Is your vision blurred? Do you get dizzy spells? Eyes feel tired at night? If a good night's sleep doesn't do the trick, here's news for you:

As of Mar. 15, the Navy will provide eye-glasses, as well as optical repairs and replacements, for all naval personnel at government expense. Navy style—gold colored frame, gold-filled, fulvue construction. Headquarters for eye-glass fittings in the 3d Naval District are the Brooklyn and St. Albans Hospitals.

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Spring is here! (or was here!) WAVES—better not pack your overcoats away in moth balls as yet; despite what the calendar says, the weather man is a contrary fellow and a good way to wind up in Sick Bay is to snub him! We owe it to the Navy and our fighting men to keep in the pink as much as possible—jobs aren't done, nor wars won, in Sick Bay.

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Speaking of Spring—"Coming events cast their shadows before" and we have here on the base a Swallow and a Wren in the forms of WAVES Frances Lois Swallow, S1c (a newcomer from Cedar Falls) and Darlene Frances Wren, SK3c!

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In case you've wondered, there are 32 WAVE CPO's in the Navy who received this rating working up from the ranks.

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The Navy calls them "booster" shots, but they knock the "wind out of my sails!" After I had mine in boot camp, I dashed (I mean staggered) out and doubled my insurance! Nevertheless, make your appearance in Sick Bay—third deck, turn right and try not to let those "he" men who smilingly puncture your arm mercilessly, know that your knees are knocking, your teeth are chattering and that butterflies are in the semi-finals of the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in your stomach!

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Don't let conflicting newspaper reports confuse you regarding the "curfew"—be it known that so far as WAVES are concerned it's adieu to night clubs at the well-known "Cinderella" hour!

Boxers 2nd in Halloran Tourney; Cruz Scores KO in Third Round

The Armed Guard Center boxing team placed second to Floyd Bennett in an Army-Navy tournament at Halloran General Hospital on Mar. 26. More than 1,000 wounded veterans straight from the front watched the exciting bouts.

Floyd Bennett won the tournament with a total of nineteen points, Armed Guard tallying fourteen points for the runner-up position. Coast Guard finished third with nine points.

Harry Cruz, flashy Armed Guard boxer, was the favorite of the veterans throughout the tournament. In the finals he knocked out John Smith, Pier 92, after 20 seconds had elapsed in the third round of the 135 lb. class.

Walter Birkes, Armed Guard, lost a very close decision to Allen Branch, Floyd Bennett, in the 160 lb. class. Birkes replaced Sal Belloise, Armed Guard who shipped out and was unable to compete in the finals. Belloise scored a TKO over Braci, Floyd Bennett, after 25 seconds of the first round in the semi-finals held on Mar. 21.

Other summaries:

145 lbs.—Allen McKeever, Pier 6, knocked out Leroy Roper, Pier 92, two minutes first round.

Heavyweight — Ralph Consola, Coast Guard, outpointed O. H. Willis, Floyd Bennett.

COAST GUARD WINS CCC

The Commandant's Cup Competition, 3d Naval District, for the fall-winter season, 1944-45, has been clinched by United States Coast Guard Brooklyn Barracks, in the battleship division.

The cruiser division cup was won by the U. S. Navy Motor Torpedo Boat commissioning detail.

Question of the Week

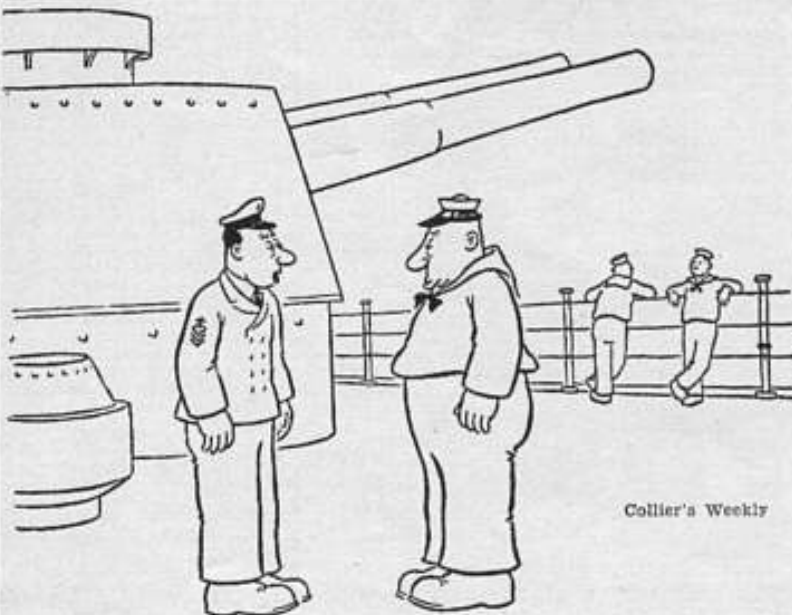
A seaman entered the Morale office and stated, "Can I give blood tomorrow for liberty today?" The yeoman in charge stated, "Yes if you name a bank that pays interest before it gets the deposit."

Quote-Worthy

Fleet Admiral Nimitz: "I foresee an unhappy 1945 for the Japanese."

ALFRED

By Foster Humfreville



Collier's Weekly

"When I was a sailor, the sun shone in my eyes too, but . . ."

Cagers Finish With 29 Wins; Lose 7

A Matter of Time



is involved when delovely Judy Garland, above, and Robert Walker, film stars, telescope a romance into 48 hours. The production — "The Clock" is scheduled to appear at AGC on Apr. 6.

Kresge Leads Cagers; Tallies 590 Points

Walt Kresge, star Armed Guard Center basketball player, lead his team in scoring with a total of 590 points in 36 games. This is an average of over 16.4 per game which makes him one of the outstanding sharpshooters of service teams throughout the country. Hank Rosenstein placed second in individual scoring with a total of 412 points.

Individual scoring:

	G	P	TP
Kresge	244	102	590
Burns	156	100	412
Pastushok	94	51	249
Markulin	58	10	126
Henry	28	21	77
White, B.	20	17	75
Jackson	19	7	45
White, J.	12	8	32
Copeland	8	4	20

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Beat New Chamber Street Coast Guard, 57-56, In Season Finale; Burns, Kresge Stand Out

The Armed Guard Center basketball team finished the season with a victory over New Chamber Street Coast Guard, 57-56, in a fast-moving, thrill-packed game at AGC on Mar. 22.

A basket by Capt. Ed Burns with only one minute 29 seconds remaining, tied up the ball game while a foul goal by Walt Kresge in the last 45 seconds of play gave the gunners the one-point advantage which was good enough to win.

Armed Guard dominated the first half in both scoring and defensive play. The gunners were a head at one time, 21-10, while the score was 30-23 at half time.

The Coast Guardsmen started hitting their shoef almost immediately with the opening of the second half and soon tied up the score. They held a five point lead with less than four minutes left in the game. Armed Guard began to hold and soon tied it up with Burn's goal and went on to win with Kresge's foul shot.

Kresge, high scoring gunner guard, finished his last game in grand style, tallying ten baskets and ten field goals for a total of 30 points. Bob Swenson was high man for the Coast Guard five with 22 points.

This triumph climaxed a successful season for the Armed Guard cagers. They won 29 games and lost only seven. Victories included wins over such teams as Floyd Bennett, Ellis Island Coast Guard, St. Francis College and Manhattan Beach Coast Guard.

The gunners reached the finals of the 3d Naval District Tournament, losing to District Coast Guard the third ranking service team in the country. Kresge and Hank Rosenstein, lanky Armed Guard center, were awarded places on the 3d District All-Star team. Burns and George Pastushok were selected on the second team.

Manhattan Beach Receiving Unit defeated Armed Guard, 47-40, on

Navy's Manpower

The Navy's manpower is now placed at 3,389,000; marines at 478,000 and the coast guard at 173,165, it was disclosed recently by the President.

Line-Ups

Armed Guard (57)			New Chamber St. CG (56)				
G	F	P	G	F	P		
Henry	0	0	Malinowski	6	0	12	
Markulin	4	1	Stubble	6	1	15	
Rosenstein	5	2	Swenson	10	2	22	
Kresge	10	10	Cigolini	0	0	0	
Burns	3	0	Dougherty	2	0	4	
White, J.	0	0	Grabo	1	3	5	
White, H.	0	0					
Totals	22	13	57	Totals	25	6	58

Officials: Eisenstein and Spitzner.

Receiving Unit (47)			Armed Guard (40)				
G	F	P	G	F	P		
Weston	2	0	Burns	2	0	4	
Seafeld	0	0	White, R.	0	0	0	
Metroff	4	0	Henry	2	1	5	
Kraus	2	2	Rosenstein	3	1	7	
Mardy	8	1	White, J.	0	0	0	
Browning	4	4	Sher	0	0	0	
			Kresge	10	0	20	
			Copeland	1	0	2	
			Jackson	0	0	0	
			Markulin	1	0	2	
Totals	20	7	47	Totals	19	2	40

Officials: Sherman and Barbak.

Mar. 21. Armed Guard trounced Bendix Aviation, 66-44, on Mar. 15. Max Kinsbruner, Bendix guard and former member of St. John's "Wonder Five" was held to four points by the gunners.



Walt Kresge drops a one hander against Bendix Aviation. Armed Guard won, 66 to 44.

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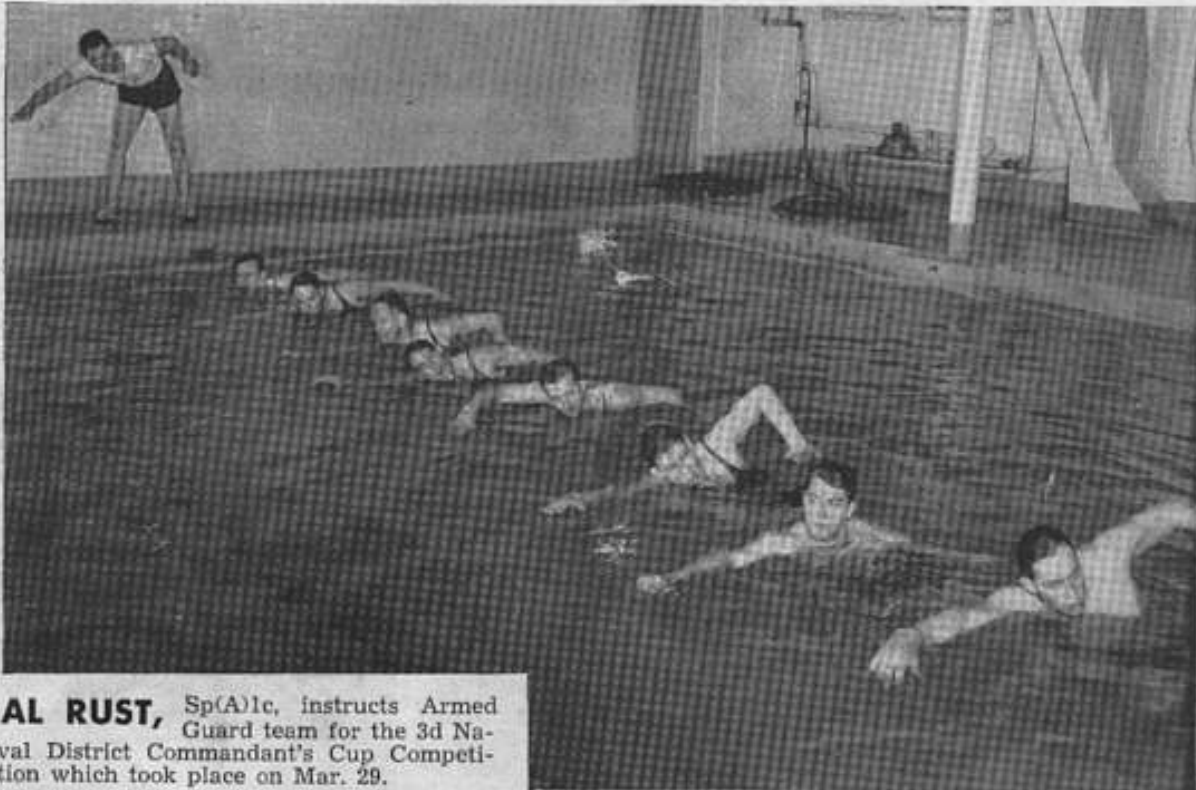
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CAGERS END WITH GOOD RECORD

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AL RUST, Sp(A)lc, instructs Armed Guard team for the 3d Naval District Commandant's Cup Competition which took place on Mar. 29.

