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### DIVISION ISSUES PLANNED

#### FIRST DIVISION Starts off Series of Division Issues of the BLUE BONNET

Those who have read the editor's "Pep Talk" will remember the plan outlined in last week's issue of this sheet. In answer to various protests and criticisms this scheme has been selected as the best to show latent talent hidden among the various divisions on board. Lots were drawn for dates, division representatives appointed, and results are printed below. The date of issue, the division responsible, and who shall be in charge are given below:

- April 20—FIRST; Ens. Williams.
- April 27—FOURTH; Ens. Lyons.
- May 4—MARINES; C.H. Withey, Corpl., H.T. Clement, PFC.
- May 11—THIRD; K.C. Knowlden, Sea2c.
- May 18—F&V; L.K. Latour, FC1c (F), P.E. Readette, RM2c (V)
- May 25—SECOND; J.K. Wallace, GM2c.
- June 1—R, H, & S.; A.W. Schrum, Sea2c (R), J. Vizard, PhM1c (H), R. Romine, SK3c, (S).
- June 8—N&C; Ens. H.L. Leon.
- June 15—ENGINEERS; J. Rozecki, WT2c (B), A.D. Hall, MM1c (M), G. T. Sawyer, Yeo2c, (A), R. E. Baker, EM1c, (E).

All material for the issue must be in the hands of the printer not later than noon on the Thursday preceeding the Saturday of issue. Choice of material is left entirely up to the division representatives. Editing assistance will be given by the regular staff

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### MOTHERS DAY

Following letter from SecNav. is published for information of all hands:

"1. Annual observance of the Mother's Day Movement will be held throughout the United States on Sunday, May 12, 1935. Attention of all Navy and Marine Corps personnel is invited to the significance of Mother's Day and to the duty that exists for each one rendering tribute to his mother. Every man who can should visit his mother on that day if she is living and letters should be written where it is impracticable to be at home.

Claude A. Swanson"

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### OBSERVANCE OF PASSOVER

By direction of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet, the following information is furnished the U. S. Fleet:

"Commanding Officers are authorized to grant leave, at discretion, to men of the Jewish faith from noon of Wednesday, 17 April, 1935, until midnight of Saturday, 20 April, 1935, with such additional travel time as may be necessary."

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### OFFICERS ORDERS

Capt. Guy E. Baker, USN, from US Naval Academy to USS Houston about 26 June.

Captain Walter B. Woodson, USN, from USS Houston to Chief-of-Staff, Asiatic Fleet in August.

Lieut.-Comdr. Robert E. Keating, U.S.N., has been ordered to duty as gunnery officer of the Houston to report about 18 April, 1935.

Ensign Terry L. Watkins has been ordered to U.S.S. Tarbell, in June.

Ensign Richard E. Bly has been ordered to U.S.S. Brooks in June.

### SPRING CRUISE ITINERARY

After many months of 'scuttle-butt' which could have been made to fit any itinerary from N. Y. to China, depending upon where you wanted to go, the Houston has at last received her official itinerary for this spring's cruise. Instead of going with the rest of the fleet into the Aleutian waters, she is going to take the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, H. L. Roosevelt, to Honolulu. According to a letter received from CinCUS, the Ass't. Sec. Nav. is to be picked up in San Diego on the 18th of May. The Houston will then proceed directly to Honolulu, arriving there 22 May. After four days alongside a government dock, she will, on the 26 of May, depart for the mainland, arriving in San Pedro on the 30 or 31st of May. She will anchor in Long Beach area until time to rejoin her Division in San Diego on or about the 11th of June.

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### SUBMARINE DUTY

Petty officers, third class, firemen and seamen are required for submarine training. Requests should be forwarded to Bureau of Navigation provided men are physically and otherwise qualified for submarine training. The amount of sea service required is reduced to six (6) months instead of one (1) year as previously required.

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Over 500,000 American citizens live abroad, about half of them in Canada while the least number, totaling 8, live in Arabia.

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—: THE BLUE BONNET :—

...A weekly publication, published by the ship's company of the U. S. S. HOUSTON Captain W. B. Woodson, U.S.N., Commanding and Commander F. D. Manock, U.S.N., Executive Officer.

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## Memorandum for All Hands:

1. The Captain desires to express his thanks and appreciation for the fine performance and for the fine appearance that the crew and ship put up at the Annual Dilitary Inspection on Monday last. He has inspected many ships in his time and has never seen a crew or ship that looked better than this ship did last Monday. The Division Commander and Commander Cruisers Scouting Force, Rear Admiral Hart, expressed to the Captain his satisfaction with the Inspection.

2. As regards to the Damage Control Practice on Tuesday many minor and some major defects were found in the setting of Conditions Baker and Affirm. The Captain realizes, of course, that thit was our first Damage Control Practice and that all hands were more or less inexperienced in the matter. The defects found brought out one outstanding feature, namely a lack of thoroughness and careful inspection when setting Conditions Baker and Affirm. This defect can earily be corrected by the concenteated effort of all hands and the Captain believes that when the next Damage Control Practice is held a much better performance will be attained.

W. B. Woodson,  
Captain, U.S. Navy.

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There is no law governing the arrangement of the stars in the National Flag.

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The only state in the U. S. not granting divorces is South Carolina.

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150,000 people are born every day and 100,000 die every day.

## WHO REMEMBERS

Four years ago this month the Houston's keen bow first cut the swift muddy waters of the Yangtze Kiang and Whangpoo rivers, visiting Nanking, the capitol of China, then returning to Woosung and thence 15 miles up the Whangpoo to Shanghai for the first time. Many are the humorous incidents recalled, that beset the uninitiated in the ways of the wily Oriental. With the new flagship's arrival the honors and ceremonies were many and colorful with the ranking officers of all representative nations taking part.

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## QUESTIONNAIRE

- (1) What and where are the 'roaring forties'?
- (2) Which of the two great canals, namely the Panama and the Suez, took the longest to construct?
- (3) Name the different corps and their precedence in rank in the Navy.
- (4) What is meant by 'manning the yards'?
- (5) What State of the Union was the only one to have its own Navy?
- (6) How and when was the 'Star Spangled Banner' officially approved as the National Anthem of the United States?
- (7) What is the distinction made between: colors, a standard, and an ensign?

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## THE HOUSTON

(No. 3 Fireroom Thoughts.)

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The HOUSTON is a grand old ship  
For sailors far from home,  
Just like a part of one's own self  
Wherever he may roam.

Majestically she plows the foam,  
While seagulls in her wake,  
Their heads in silent wonder shake  
At the monstrous thing afloat.

One often wonders and asks  
'Just why the Navy is so grand.'  
Ask any old salt and he'll say  
'It's ships like HOUSTON in Long Beach Bay.'

And when she's underway,  
Even the Golden Grainers  
Will talk of the good ship HOUSTON  
While think of their folks, far away.  
A Golden Grainer.

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Boot: "May I have a suit of blues?"

Steve Sivak: "How do you want it—  
too large or too small?"

## THE MILITARY GENTLEMEN

Last week the Machine Gun crews had their fling. Altogether they fired 3360 rounds of ammunition and credit is due to the strikers because the guns behaved perfectly. It was the first practice of its kind on this ship and showed the ship's company just how "Safe for Democracy" our "Home" is from an airplane attack. A few more practice runs of this type would whip our gunners into perfection.

ATTENTION! Second Lieutenant Forest C. Thompson has returned to the fold to resume his duties as Detachment Officer after having been the CO of the Marine Detachment on the USS Indianapolis these last three months. With him back and the Detachment reduced to normal size, everything is looking right again.

Sergeant Earl S. (Gear-shift) Ross has received orders to transfer to the Wee-Vee in the near future but is now developing the "Best Landing Force" in the Navy out of our humble selves.

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## NEW SHIPMATES

During the past week the Houston has not received many newcomers, but we take pleasure in welcoming Redding, J.A., CSM, while we welcome Jerry Nagle, EM1c, who has been on the East Coast attending the I-C School, and Martin, T.A., F3c, who has been on the hospital ship Relief.

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## CHAPLAIN ALBERT CONDUCTS SERVICE ON HOUSTON

This past Sunday at 0800 Chaplain Francis Lee Albert of the Tennessee conducted a special pre-Easter Church Service in the port hangar. Because of the fact that the Houston will have no service on Easter Sunday, Chaplain Albert took as his subject, "Immortal Life." In this sermon he gave very logical reasons why we can expect a hereafter.

Mr. Frank Hart, accompanied by Miss Peck on the piano, sang two solos, "My Faith in Thee" and "Cal vary." Both these numbers were much appreciated by the large congregation which attended.

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Pike Flossy: "Is he fresh? Why, I had to slap him four times before I gave in."



## NOSEY NEWS by EV' BODY

What Ho, my lads, and here we are again on the trail of the lads and a grand etc. To begin with we wonder just why this absent minded electrician, put that pot of coffee on and then ten minutes later, to his surprise, finds out that there is no grounds. For full particulars see "Dickey" Baker. Then it comes to light that it being ever so unlawful to import DOPE into the Hawaiian Islands, O'Brien will be transferred to the R.S., San Diego until the return of the Houston. And how these lads slay the wimmen with their blue eyes and blonde hair, at least that is what "Blondie" Meyers tells us his sweet young thing from Houston tells him, oh what a man you are! "Dutch" Kleugel of the 1st says the only reason he did not get married while east was that he was too busy—doing what is what we want to know. Nelson of the fantail group and Dotter of the "R" don't mind purchasing the chow for the ranch, but they would like to have a little to eat in the end. See your local reporter in regards to this item. Who is this big bad man with a little service trying to attract attention with a few drinks in him and then began to get underway when the patrol saw him, oh my, what a good suit of civies will do. It appears that our dashing ship's writer was having a very hard time collecting those kisses for every strike he made on the bowling alleys. For full particulars in how to mix and when to mix, see DeBri on his famous D.T.'s. He claims it is the original thing. "Hoot" Gibson sure fell off the wagon this time after he had been the shining example for the gang. He returns about 5 a.m., posts the mid-watch sign, and says "never again." Boatsie Pawlak is seen to be cruising around after several weeks

of inactivity. We will always wonder just what it is that "Snarfy" Joe has over the gals that they caress him with kisses and oh, such tender ones. It was so touching to see those three old salts all a-twitter when their best gals came out to the ship to see them. Why a certain yeoman striker should try to avoid his gal when she comes out to see him and then put in for special liberty to see her ashore is more than we will be able to understand for some time. A recently married coxswain seems to have learned the lesson not to frighten the missus upon returning home at midnight. It seems she just about took a shot at him when he made himself known and then to top it off, he arises at 4 a.m. to have a few bracers. Much to the woes of the editor, a letter comes into my hands asking why G. (Housekeeper) Davis, MM1c, can't keep from being insulted by his gal after he had framed up on her with a shipmate, now Georgie, is that nice, I'se asking youse??? And now we have another Golden Grainer in our midst, and that is one Clements of the 5th, congrats, old man, but where are the stogies? We notice that Wimpy Steve is as nervous as a Golden Grainer on a ship anchored off San Clemente Island, can it be that some fair young heart has him in tow? Highstreet still claims that the only reason that he put in for the Quincy is that he wanted to make the shake-down to Europe. We are under the impression that there is a much stronger reason. The second sect. is beginning to wonder if they are the jinx section as every time the briney deep decides to take a day off and get nasty, they have the duty. Why is it that our speedy CM1c wants to be called "Ever ready" instead of "Chips." Just ask Shaw. Who said that the new color scheme on the planes was scorched paint from recent maneuvers? Stinky Davis long time resident of the fantail, says live and learn after he awoke from a deep sleep minus all the fish, and he had broke a date to make the evening complete. We further notice that one of Shannahan's side cleaners has what we would term one of the best platinum blonde mustaches we have ever seen, but it will be some time before it is visible to the naked eye. With all these midnight arrivals, the staunch members of the Golden Grainers are thinking

of having a Paul Revere Club in collaboration with their present one. It seems that Folta of the 1st does not desire duy on a tug-boat after his recent cruise on board one. And it also appears that a certain black haired yeoman striker has reformed. And How!!! Last but not least, just why is it that "Squeekey" Campbell can't get away from thinking he is still 12. 'Sall 'till next time.

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He was a wise sailor, and when forced to apply for a bunk at the city jail, he gave the name of TeHenepe.

"Give us your real name," ordered the police sergeant.

"Well," said the wise sailor, "put me down as Bill Smith, then."

"That's better," said Sarge, "You can't bluff me with that TeHenepe stuff."

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### DID YOU KNOW

That over 3200 men have served on board the Houston since commissioning; that during one fiscal year there was a 115.63% turnover in personnel; that there are about 40 of the original crew still serving on board?

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### WHISTLING

Since we have an unusual number of whistling Pete's on board, the following may be quoted for their benefit "Whistling is prohibited aboard all U S Naval vessels. This order is not intended to prevent happy men from showing their contentment, but is enforced so that no somewhat similar noise will interfere with orders given on the boatswain's pipe.

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### QUESTION

A farmer wanted to plant 19 trees in 9 rows of 5 trees each. How did he do it?

Answer next week.

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### AUGUST ACOPS IRON MAN

With a grand total of 324 points in all the athletic competitions for the year, the Augusta competitors walked off with the "General Excellence in Athletics" Trophy, fondly called the "Iron Man". The SubRon 5-Pigeon unit with 206 points beat out the Black Hawk-Paul Jones outfit (198 points) for "also ran" position.

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

The following baseball games will complete the Spring Series and will be played in accordance with CCSF letter of 8 March, 1935.

**Monday, 15 April.**

S.L.C. vs. Pensacola. Officials- San Francisco.

San Francisco vs. Northampton.

Officials—Pensacola.

**Wednesday, 17 April.**

Northampton vs. SLC. Officials— Louisville.

Pensacola vs. Louisville. Officials -- Northampton.

**Thursday, 18 April.**

San Francisco vs. Vestal. Officials— Chicago.

**Friday, 19 April.**

Northampton vs. Houston. Officials Vestal.

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**BOXING**

After several weeks of steady training, some of the boys on the boxing team are just about ready for action, and if plans can be carried through, we may have four Houston representatives on the next amateur card at the West Side Auditorium tonite. eve. As all programs staged there are participated in by Simon Pures only, this well be an excellent opportunity for our squad to gain needed experience.

When we hark back to the days when the Houston boxing stable was in great demand on all cards, either Naval or civilian, it looks like the Houston is once again ready to make a name for herself in the athletic field.

The prospective entrees from the Houston are "Hank" Kennedy, "Red" Kendricks, "Pee-wee" Phillips, and "Primo" Kollmer.

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**OF INTEREST TO BASKETBALL FANS**

At a recent convention, in Chicago, of the National Association of Basketball coaches, the center jump was voted for retention after a two hour debate on the subject.

Some of you will remember that the center jump was omitted excepting at the start of the game, the second half and the start of overtime periods in the Southern Division of the West Coast conference games this past season. All other important rules were retained.

## BASEBALL

On April 5 the Houston ballhawks took the field against the Louisville nine, and for seven innings it looked like the Houston team of old out there on the field with the score standing 8-all in the seventh, but the lack of moundsmen again told.

O'Brien took the mound at the outset, only to be chased in the third when his deliveries took to the wide open spaces. Johnson then went in, going good for three inning when the Louisville stickers began to work out on his tricky delivery, Tiny Rimmer then took the mound to finish the game but he had trouble finding the plate with his fast one, and in easing up, hoping to do better, the Louisville had things their own way.

The boys played a good brand of ball in the field but with the deluge of hits it was impossible for them to pull the game out of the fire, although they did hit well.

## BOX SCORE

Player Pos.	AB	H	R
Nickel, LF	4	2	2
Sheppard, 2B	5	1	2
Dainwood, 3B	4	2	1
Eggeter, SS	4	0	1
Davis, R.E., 1B	4	1	0
Vance, RF	2	0	0
Ross, CF	1	0	0
Harrison, C	4	1	1
O'Brien, P	1	0	0
Johnson, P	3	1	1
Rimmer, P	2	0	0
Olsen, RF	2	0	0
Pinch hitters			
Hines	1	0	0
Adams	1	0	0
Davis	1	0	0

Hits—8; Runs—8; Errors—8.

## LOUISVILLE 18

Player Pos.	AB	H	R
Dion, CF	6	3	1
Oberg, 2B	6	2	2
Calac, 3B	6	3	4
Waters, SS	6	3	3
Douglas, 1B	6	2	2
Andrews, LF	6	2	2
Worth, RF	5	2	1
Billings, C	5	1	2
Spellman, P	3	0	0
Seabert, P	3	1	1

Hits—19; Runs—18; Errors—2.

On Sunday, April 14, the Houston ballhawks took to the field once again, and, with determination in their hearts to win one before the season

## DIVISION ISSUES PLANNED

as may be desired. Size of the issues will remain as heretofore. The dope is out, you know it, and now we shall see what you possess that others do not.

Saturday standby for the FIRST DIVISION ISSUE. Ens. Williams is in charge and will be on hand for all suggestions that may be forthcoming from the FIGHTING FIRST.

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**BOWLING**

Last Saturday eve'n, in an exciting match with the Premier Ladies team, the Houston bowlers were the hapless victims of convincing proof that the weaker sex are rapidly gaining their share of prominence in the world of sport. When the smoke had cleared away it was found that the Houston had lost by 220 pins, the total team scores being 2492 to 2272. Gillian and Kirkpatrick had their speed ball in action but had trouble finding the strike pocket while DeBri and Shaw, after a slow start, got going in the last two games. Nelson was badly off form, due partly to a prolonged absence from the alleys, but he was also handicapped by a bulge on his left hip, so after the first string Johnson relieved him, but had the same trouble as Gil and Kirk. The sudden slump of the entire team may be attributed to the feminine opposition.

was over, but fate plus some bad playing streaks decided otherwise, and so the Pensacola is now able to boast of at least one win this season. The game was well played 'till the eighth when our boys suddenly began to boot 'em around, thereby losing their last chance to do something. The Pensacola pitcher, Cohn, used a slow ball to great advantage, holding the Houston down to 5 hits and three of them were scratch hits. Johnson started for us but after the first inning the Pens. took hold of everything he tossed them, so after a bad 2nd and 3rd inning Hines relieved him, going well until the 8th when six runs were scored on 5 errors, one hit and one walk.

The box score.

Houston— AB-33; H-5; R-4; E-7.

Pensacola—AB-44; H-10; R-13; E-4.

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