

**CITY OF BLAINE COMMENTS
FAVORABLY ON RECENT VISIT
OF THE HOUSTON**

Be it resolved by the city council that the city of Blaine express to the officers and men of the U. S. S. HOUSTON its appreciation of the gentlemanly behavior of the crew during the ship's visit to Blaine, July 3rd, 4th, 5th., and 6th. Never have we seen a like number of men gathered together with less disturbance.

Be it further resolved that the City Clerk be, and she hereby is, instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Captain Baker.

Passed by the city council and approved by the Mayor this 15th. day of July, 1935.

C. V. Wilder, Mayor

Attest: Frankie G. Hunter, City Clerk

FISHING PARTIES A SUCCESS

Alaska may have its disadvantages and make many people wish they had never left Sunny California; but, it certainly is a fisherman's paradise. It abounds in streams teeming with trout that the fisherman often dreams of but hardly dares to believe a reality. The fishing parties sent out from the HOUSTON during the Alaskan cruise certainly proved this point. "Canoe Lakes", "Tommigan Creek" are places that never will be forgotten by those that were fortunate to make the trips. The thrill of a fifteen inch rainbow trout fighting with every ounce of strength in glacier fed waters at the end of a 12 ounce bamboo pole is a sensation that can't be put

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**POPULAR RESERVE OFFICER
LEAVES**

Friday, Aug. 2, Lt. Comdr. McAdams, DVR left the ship. Mr McAdams made the Alaskan cruise as part of his reserve training. He will be remembered chiefly as one of our most enthusiastic fishermen, and for being a grand shipmate. We all look forward to again being shipmates with him.

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PERSONNEL

UP THE LADDER

Hearty congratulations are in order for the following:

Wellbourn, A. E.	From Cox to BM2c.
Highstreet, W. M.	Sea.1c Cox.
Hodges, J. M.	Sea.1c. GM3c.
Westerfield, D. H.	EM3c. EM2c.
Henry, E. R.	Sea.1c. EM3c.
Dotterer, J. H.	SF3c. SF2c.
Shaw, A. A.	M.M2c. MM1c.
Bryan, A. E.	WT2c. WT1c.
Gossage, C. L.	F.1c. WT2c.
Ehlo, E. J.	F.1c. WT2c.
Brackett, T. A.	SK3c. SK2c.
Hill, R. V.	Sea.1c. SK3c.
Zietfuss, W. G.	Bug.2c. Bug. 1c.
Trinidad, G.	Matt.1c.Off.Ck.3.c.
Santiago, P.	Matt.2c. Matt.1c.
Ga'sim, R.	Matt.2c. Matt.1c.
Peek, J. M.	Matt.3c. Matt.2c.
Sanders, W. L.	F.2c. F.1c.
Dickey, P. K.	F.2c. F.1c.
Jones, B. S.	F.3c. F.2c.
Mc.Dona'd, J. P.	F.3c. F.2c.
Barham, W. W.	F.3c. F.2c.
Pratt, W. H.	F.3c. F.2c.
Terpsten, N. A.	Cpl. Sgt

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PISTOL TEAM NOTES

A foreward regarding our Pistol Team. Our team is entering in the Northwest Pistol Shoot. The Northwest Pistol shooting is nationally known and is becoming better known as the years go by. Pistol shots from all over the country come to Seattle to demonstrate their ability. There are a large number of women who take an active part at these matches and they are excellent pistol shots. With such a large number entering it can readily be seen that some excellent shooting will take place. To be a good pistol shot requires the same amount of work and constant training to achieve excellency as any other sport. uset, Navy prizes of five man team, Watch and support the Houston team. The following outline of the matches is quoted for your information: Today and tomorrow the Houston Pistol team will compete in the following matches for prizes; Match 1 - slow fire championship of the Northwest (50 yds.) prizes Elliot Bay Revolver Club Trophy and Silver Medal with the title of slow fire championship. Medals to first, second and third place in each class. Also tyro medals to each high tyro in each class. Time to be fired, 9 AM to 10 AM of each day. Prizes: Medals to first, second and third places in each class. Match 3 - 25 yard rapid fire championship time 10 to 12 A. M. each day. Prizes: Piper and Taft Trophy medals to each high tyro. Match 6 - Tetm and individual match. Time 1:30 P. M. Saturday to 3 August Navy prizes of five man team the prize being the McDermott Tro-

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PEP TALK

The other day I happened to be watching some of the men working out for various athletic events, nor was I alone. Unfortunately some of my fellow spectators, most of who could have stood a good workout at regular intervals themselves, were doing their utmost to give these athletes, their shipmates, a panning. One of the favorite phrases was something like this, "You fellows better hope you run up against some rank palooka or you'll be knocked for a row". The general tone of the "cat calls" seemed to be pointing to the inexperienced and failings of the men who were trying to improve their own ability.

What one of you men would have appreciated some one who knew nothing of your particular job comming up and razzing your shortcomings when you are earnestly trying, sometimes not too successfully, to do your best? You are darned right you wouldn't have appreciated it.

In a similar manner, neither do these people look with favor upon your destructive criticism. They realize only too well their own failings, it doesn't help to have someone who hasn't the internal fortitude nor the energy to be out himself standing on the sidelines making sarcastic remarks. If you really do know any thing about the game, give these boys some constructive coaching but otherwise give them a break and say nothing unless it's a word of encouragement.

This ship needs a much better athletic record than it has. Athletics teaches a man cooperation and coordination. Without these two factors, we can't win "E's". These people are the ones who will bring athletic laurels to

our ship. The rewards of which you will all either directly or indirectly share in. Therefore, let's all give these men a boost and a little encouragement.

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BOXING

The ranks of our potential fighters have swelled appreciably this last week. We now have twenty men preparing to trade swats with all comers.

Some few have found it difficult to find all the time that they would like to give to the sport, but from 1530 to 2100 there is a continual parade of gloves in No.2 mess hall.

A great interest has been shown this past week in workouts. There are so many spectators that we may have to set condition Affirm in C-204-L to give the boxers room to work. A better solution would be for some of the spectators to come out and see what they could give toward a winning team.

Ensign Marcus has added his ability and efforts in coaching and will be on hand as often as possible to help any body that wants to learn.

We will give you the dope from time to time now on the progress and abilities of the members of the squad and we want to see you all remaining out there backing the team.



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NEW C.P.O. QUOTA FOR SCOFOR

C. B. M.-30, C. T. M.-25, C. T. C.-24,
C. Q. M.-17, C. S. M.-9, C. E. M.-23,
C. R. M.-18, C. C. M.-4, C. S. F.-4,
C. M. M.-58, C. W. T.-39, C. Msmth-4,
C. Y.-23, C. S. K.-23, C. C. Std.-16,
A. C. C. M.-3, A. C. C. O. M.15.

Two each of A. C. M. and A. C. C. M may be recommended to the Bu. Nav.

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DID YOU KNOW?

That: Commissioning ceremonies are not governed by Navy Regulations.

That: The state of California has been under 7 flags, while the state of Texas has been under 6.

EXHAUST PIPE

Rather an active week Gentlemen, since the unit has been holding a short Hop Agency, working at nite, making various wagers and trying out Seattle's nite life. Do to part of this the Pilots will be putting in for transport license before long.

The spectrum of passengers is wide and extreme from our Captain down to and including the croon-in' Goon. Everyone wanted to fly up there and if Adam Chatterbox had taken a hop, he might have written a book, with a train ride as an inspiration, he wrote that article last week.

To some of you that think Glaciers are smooth, take a hop. You will find when directly over them, a resem-balance to 5th. Ave. They are about as smooth as the average excuse for being overleave.

After having the question "popped" to them last Monday; 2 short-timers out of 4 knew what they were going to do, the other two being undecided.

Perhaps Franklin's axiom, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of", might help the undecided. Also it goes thusly: "He that hath a trade, hath an estate", but do you want a castle build it in the air?

Some second cruise seaman in the various divisions will soon have a golden opportunity staring them in the face. (Tip, see Editor)

Gibson has saved 450 dollars in the last 45 days aboard. He read Ben Franklin's lie about "A penny saved is a penny earned". and improved it 45,000%. Well, after all, this is a day and age of improvements.

Misfortune overtook No. 11 when Pop Neptune tripped her Tuesday P. M. Some of you that think the plane is ruined are as wet as it was. With a little fabric, nuts and screws and a short time overhaul, it will soon be flying. Considering the HOUSTON'S "hours in the air", there are three heavy cruisers that have cracked up 3 planes to our one. It was just one of those unavoidable things..

We don't know why it is but there hasn't been a name added to the hop list for several days?

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Five out of the six U. S. Wars began in April; the war of 1812 began in June.



**NOSEY
NEWS
by
EV' BODY**

This week brings to a climax a tale or two of woe and the remnants of the romance in Alaska. Zeb Webster says that being's as how I am a gentleman of the sea, my labors are all mental???? Rumors reach each of us that one of the strikers in No. 2 has recently had the flowery monogram "Dickey Boy" put on his diapers. After a little investigation we learn that the pinkish looking towel Kennedy has been using is only some gals unmentionables. While on the Alaskan cruise Jossi was overheard to tell one of the local police chiefs that he was a fugitive from justice??? We should suggest that Lawrence be careful or two of his many girlfriends may take him up and both cruises to Long Beach at the same time. Someone ought to tip off Ensign Long of the many prospects we have for boxing, especially in Barker who has been shadow boxing in the shell deck of No. 2 turret for several days, while Yates and McElhannon have the necessary spirit. Gallant may have been sorely tempted but he remained true to the G. G. Club, despite the fact that he returned early. It was a mild surprise to see Wallace ashore again. Winowski tried out Alaskan sport life too, much to his evident pleasure. K Boy Brown states the gal says he was a perfect gentleman???? It was too bad that we could not learn who the expert pistol shot was shooting down harmless seagulls while on the wing. The pistol may have been shooting nothing more than a lead pellet but it hurt the gal badly and scached hundreds away. Oscar Hand, the leading bilge diver of the forward engine house recently received his hunting license (Underwood). The captain's office messenger is improving for we noticed that he

did have his hair combed all week. Just learned the main use of a comb, s'pose? It is our opinion that whenever a hiking party leaves the ship again, Edens, S1c, will not be among those present. Could it be possible that King Kong Lawson of the 1st was trying to demonstrate his ability when he took that swim from the boat one evening just recently. Tex Farquhar is quite an authority on the "Holler Horn", a megaphone to you common sailors. R. V. Hill just dying to go to Frisco, why???? "Zeb" Webster remained true in Alaska. "Wop" Premental sleeping on a blower on the boat deck at 4 a. m.???? Our radioman in aviation has a guilty look since those bold excursions in Alaska.

YAH-A-A-A
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YAH-A-A-A



The above is a rare specimen of the ability of our "Can-Do" photographer, for he has spent many weary hours in getting this action shot of our ace rooter (Yap-Yap Campbell) under a full head of steam (?) at the basketball game, and last dance in Seward he was at his best.

It seems that Red Pinion, our two gun barber, was bragging about shooting a string into on the twentyfive yard line, and to prove it, he nonchalantly shot a life line into at the twenty five yards which made our ex-sheriff very unhappy. Woe is him.

We learn that Ens. Williams is now earning flight pay.

The ships writer is looking for the person or persons unknown, who recently washed up the coffee mug, famous for previous service at the 19th hole in Manilla.

Why is it after several weeks of planning, "ELI" Zietfuss finally up and says that he is NOT repeat NOT going to see Vee, and here we predict-

ed such big things of him too. The song hit, "There is Going To Be Some Changes Made", was recently revived by Yelverton. Chic Sale is an amateur compared to our own Gilliam of the Carpenter Shop.

From Campbell, our bugler, we learn that he can toot all the calls in the book and knows many more that are not in the book, that, my friends is ingenuity-personified.

While on the other hand, Burgess does not think it fair that QM's should do their work and signalmen's too. One of those things that make men like you and I ship over Burgess.

Down in South America they call that stuff Yerba Mate, but you should hear what those nasty radiomen call it--Tsh Tsh. It's just an experiment boys, don't get excited.

Evidently, LewisBM1c. does not know that our erstwhile baker's name is Tad and not Tatkiewicz, but it is nevertheless. Bear this in mind next time Boatsie.

Talking about bakers, Tatkiewicz-I mean Tad, too, is forgetful. When those three destroyers asked for bread you should have remembered that we all work for the same Uncle, and we all like "good" bread occasionally.

With so many games of acy-ducy, pinochle, cribbage, bridge etc. being about the decks on this cruise, and so many champs in each group, it does seem as though someone would take it upon themselves to organize and conduct a few tournaments among the different groups. Take the Exec's office and the Gunnery office gang-my bets would be on Clay Bmkr 1c. for he doesn't even play, but just the same, some good matches could be had, and give the winners something real and tangible to crow about. Just imagine being able to go around and say "I'm the guy what beat Joe Blow in Acy-Ducy. Oceans of fodder for thought there, shipmates.

For particulars on the latest antics of "Chief Croonin' Goon" just glance on page two.

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The most powerful lighthouse in the world is at Cape Saint Vincent, Portugal. It is of 55,000,000 candlepower. Point Loma is only 200,000 candlepower.

The lighthouse at Lehua Hawaii is 707 feet above sea level.

BASEBALL

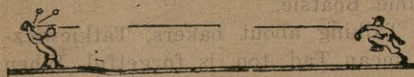
The past few weeks have found our apple knockers idle, due chiefly to ships movements, cold weather and lack of opponents.

During our stay in Seward an attempt was made to schedule a game, but the Portland had first call and on the only good day they took the locals into camp by a score of 5 to 4.

Quite a few of the Houston baseball enthusiasts saw this game, since our own nine was not in action.

If the opportunity arises we may have a game or two in Seattle, while it is hoped that a few more games will be played in the Long Beach area before the team puts the gear in the moth balls.

The marked improvement shown in recent games have borne out the thoughts of many that ample training and staunch support by all hands will bring gratifying results.



WRESTLING

This last week very little progress was made with the wrestling team, and at the same time we are in receipt of a message from CinC saying that there will be a wrestling tournament the 27th of August at San Diego.

Eight man teams are called for, so far we can send in a five man team, lacking the necessary weights in 118, 126, and 135 pounders. Trophies for the winners of these matches will be given in addition to second and third place medals. With the present lineup, we should be able to win several of these trophies or medals. Therefore some of you who are in the lightweight class come out and get started so we can send in a full team. We have about 20 good days for work-outs and lets make the best of them.

During the first part of the year there was purchased ten new suits and shoes and at present there is only five of these suits being used. It is necessary that we get these five suits back into circulation and men having suits out and who have no intentions of using them please turn them in to the athletic locker for re-issue to someone who is interested in the team.

FISHING PARTY A SUCCESS

in words. It can only be experienced.

Even Mr. Gallager, after his historic climb over those two highest peaks in Alaska, claims he'd have climbed over and down two more to get at those fish. "Doc" Kruger carried away first prize for the greatest number per man per day. It is not often that one man catches single handed enough trout in a day to feed the entire CPO Mess for two meals. It's a record to shoot at. Then there are always those fishing stories to make a trip complete. Lt. Comdr. McAdams' story of "Um Possem", can only be equaled by Mr. Harris's one about the frog and the snake.

It appears that while Mr. Harris was fishing in Canoe Lake, near Cordova, he happened to notice a bull snake starting to devour a freshly caught frog. Practically out of bait he robbed the snake of its dinner. Realizing that he had denied the snake of a probably hard earned dinner he decided to make amends for his deed by compensating the reptile with a "shot" of the local "Ginnie", very similar to that famous Georgia "Ginnie" but reputed to be, if possible, a little more potent. After pouring a goodly portion of his famous "life giver" down the snake's throat, he took his frog bait and proceeded to catch his record trout. He had no sooner gotten over the thrill of landing the big fellow than, standing ankle deep in the grass at the side of the lake he felt something tapping against the toe of his boot. Looking down what did he see but the very same snake holding up another freshly caught frog.

PERSONNEL

REENLISTED ON BOARD

Thatcher, B. S., MM2c. and Debris T. H., Yeoman 2c.

DISCHARGED

Bumpass, E., Sea1c. - Honorable Hazard, J. R., F3c. - Special Order.

TRANSFERS

Adkins, P. W., FC1c. - to advanced F. C. school. Clements, H. T., PFC. U.S.M.C. to Marine Barracks, Bremerton, Washington. Wershing, A. BM1c. NTS Norfolk, Va.

PISTOL TEAM NOTES

They Medals. Medal to Navy high individual. Tyro medals to be awarded to the three high tyros. Match 8-Time 1 P. M. Sunday August 4th is 45 calibre team and individual match. Prizes: Burke Trophy and Medals. The winner for 1930, USS IDAHO, 1931 USS WEST VIRGINIA, 1932 USS NEW YORK, 1933 USS MARYLAND, 1934 USS SARATOGA, 1935-?. Prize, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce Trophy and Medals. High individual the S.J. Jorgensen Trophy. Tyro medals to the three high tyros. Match 9 - Northwestern Grand Aggregate Championship. The winner of match 6 and 8 are the winners of match 9. Prizes are the C B Blether Trophy, and the Northwestern Pistol Champion Gold Medal to the winner. Silver to second place, Bronze for third place. Bronze to Navy High individual. These matches will be fired on the Army Pistol Range at Fort Lawton. Fort Lawton may be reached by the street car or taxi cab. Taxi fare is 25 cents per person each way in parties of five or more.



It is expected that a large number from the HOUSTON will be present to witness the HOUSTON win the 1935 service teams that will enter these matches as well as shooters from all over the west. For further information see the pistol team captain, Chief Gunner Condit.

(Ed. note) A Tyro is anyone who has never won a medal for pistol or revolver shooting other than a qualification medal).

The deepest place in the ocean is 35,400 feet. It is in the Pacific off Mindinao P. I.

The Colt pistol was invented one hundred years ago in 1835.

Boost HOUSTON Athletics!