



**HOUSTON TO SPEND A WEEK AT ANCHOR**

This coming week the Houston will remain moored in berth "G" Long Beach. The period will be devoted to upkeep and Damage Control Drills preparing for the forthcoming Damage Control Practice which will be held shortly after our visit to San Francisco.

All hands are urged to use the utmost care and thoroughness in the setting of Condition "Baker" and "Affirm" during these drills. The setting of these two conditions of readiness have a very large factor in the total merit of the practice. Therefore, upon the thoroughness with which these two phases of the practice are conducted depends to a large extent our final score. The Houston has an excellent Damage Control organization and each and every one of us conscientiously does his part there is no reason why the ship can't make a very creditable mark.

Monday, 2 November, the ship will get underway for Mare Island where she will remain until 9 November. On Monday, the 9th, she will go from Mare Island to San Francisco where she will anchor in berth No. 8.

**NAVY TO PLAY PRINCETON**

This afternoon the Middy gridders meet Princeton at Palmer Stadium, Princeton, N. J. Both teams start the contest smarting from a painful defeat last Saturday. Princeton at the hands of Pennsylvania 7-0 and Navy at the hands of Yale 13-6.

In last weeks contest, Navy showed

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**NEW MEXICO WINS VANDERBILT TROPHY**

Thursday afternoon at Trona Field, the crack New Mexico Marine platoon won the coveted Vanderbilt Trophy from last year's titleholders, the U. S. S. California. Six squad platoons from ten battleships competed for the cup. Each of the platoons drilled before the judges for six minute periods.

The Vanderbilt Cup was presented to the Navy in 1934 by William H. Vanderbilt, for annual award to the best-drilled marine detachment.

Preceding the drill competition, all platoons were combined as a single batallion and accompanied by the massed bands of the Maryland, Idaho and New York, they were reviewed by Vice-Admiral Clarence S. Kempff who later presented the Cup to the winning team.

**"PERSONAL APPEARANCE"**

(Continued from last week)

The hilarious three act comedy "Personal Appearance" which is to be played at the Savoy Theatre on the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st of Oct. is now being filmed at Paramount under the title "Go West Young Man". Do not think the title means for the younger generation to follow Horace Greely's advice and seek fortune in the West - for in this case the title is meant to convey the idea that they fall in love with Mae West, the star of the film version.

In the play at the Savoy Theatre, Isobel White plays the same role, that of Carole Arden, and, after seeing this finished actress you will never

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**C.P.O. EXAMINATIONS**

The following Petty Officers have been recommended for Chief Petty Officers. The examinations for these ratings will be given on the various ships that will be in port on the 21st of December:—

**SHIP'S ALLOWANCE**

Yarbrough, P. E.	GM1c for CGM(AA).
Weaver, H. F.	GM1c for CGM(AA).
Campbell, I. V.	EM1c for CEM(AA).
Pierce, C. E.	EM1c for CEM(AA).
Mains, Max	RM1c for CRM(AA).
Shaw, H. D.	CM1c for CCM(AA).
Abbott, L. T.	MM1c -- CMM(AA).
Cromwell, A. B.	MM1c -- CMM(AA).
Palmer, W. J.	MM1c -- CMM(AA).
Kelley, J. R.	MM1c -- CMM(AA).
Nicolette, A.	MM1c -- CMM(AA).
Shaw, A. A.	MM1c -- CMM(AA).
McCarty, O. T.	WT1c for CWT(AA).
St. Marie, E. G.	WT1c for CWT(AA).
Early, J. D.	WT1c for CWT(AA).
Grant, W. A.	SK1c for CSK(AA).
Rosenkrans, H.	ACM1c - ACCM(AA)
Nicolette, N.	SC1c -- CCStd(AA).

**FLAG ALLOWANCE, COMSCOFOR.**

Wilkie, C. F.	SM1c for CSM(AA).
Netka, J. F.	SM1c for CSM(AA).
Jones, W. C.	RM1c for CRM(AA).
Wheless, R. T.	Prtr1c -- CPrtr(AA).
Osbeck, V. G.	Y1c for CY(AA).
Richard, J. E.	1stMus - Bmstr(AA)
Spinney, P. L.	RM1c for CRM(AA).

**DIVINE SERVICES**

Divine Services for Sunday, 25 October, will be as follows:—

Catholic—Arizona, New Mexico, Lexington and Oklahoma.

Protestant—Chester, Idaho, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New York, Pennsylvania,, Relief, Saratoga, Tennessee and West Virginia.

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THE "SPECIALIST"  
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The Navy, like any large organization, has its quota of "specialists". Some are special this, or special that. We find most of them are well qualified in their own line. The specialists I have in mind are those who usually have a small slip of paper in their hand with a lead pencil, running from one to another, their division officer, head of department and on to the executive officer, for this or that. By using the second two letters and the last two letters of the word specialist, you have what I mean. Catch on?

You will find that these individuals are not all members of the G. G. Club either, some are rather clever, in their line, they start on the dock Monday morning for a standby for the next week-end. It reminds one of the ten cent chain letter, it goes on and on and on.

It must be a great satisfaction to one, who upon being honorably discharged from the Naval Service, to have that happy thought in mind as one salutes the gangway for the last time, "Well, no one did my duty or stood my watch".

When you rate liberty, go ashore, when you are in the duty section, well, read those three words on your honorable discharge button. Think it over! Howstostandby!

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DID YOU KNOW  
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That in 1779 Congress passed a law that twenty cents a month would be deducted from the pay of each Marine to create a fund for building and maintaining a hospital for their use.

That in 1851 Marines of the Dale assisted in the bombardment of Johanna Island, when the King refused to give proper redress for unlawfully detaining and imprisoning a captain

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WRESTLING DOPE  
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The time is drawing near for our first match, which is with the Chicago "Racketeers". Several new candidates can be seen at the daily workouts, as a result of the renewed interest in the Houston's wrestling squad and prospective chances of a victory in our Chicago match. All members of the squad have been steadily absorbing mat tactics and getting conditioned. We're pointing for a win by a fall in each of the eight bouts, and no matter what the outcome may be our opponents can never say the Houston was a "set-up".

Competition is keen in several weights as the final squad has not been picked.

At present the squad lines up as follows:—

- 118 lbs. .... DUGGAN
- 126 lbs. .... CHICK - GARBS
- 135 lbs. .... HENNESSEY
- 145 lbs. .... ARTHUR - PENNY
- 155 lbs. .... PRATT - HARDIN
- 165 lbs. .... FOLTA - BECKWITH
- 175 lbs. .... FREEMAN - FORDEM-  
WALDT - FLOYD.
- Heavy ... FOX - DUROSE - HENRY  
PICKENS - COATES.

of an American merchant vessel.

That in 1834 Congress definitely settled the question of jurisdiction of the Marine Corps; providing that the Marines are a part of the Navy, except when detached for service with the Army by order of the President.

That in 1843 a Marine Sergeant saved the life of Commodore Perry at Berribee, Africa, when he shot King Ben Crack-o while that individual was in the act of assulting the Commodore. Perry had been sent there to put down piracy.

That in 1854 Marines took part in the shelling of the town of San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua, by the Cyane for gross outrages to American citizens. Later the Marines went ashore and burned the town.

That in 1848 twenty seven Marines were besieged at San Jose, Calif., by a large Mexican force for nearly a month, when rescued by Marines and sailors of the Cyane.

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The folks at home will enjoy reading the Blue Bonnet. Mail it!

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EXHAUST PIPE  
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Now that the L. R. B. P. has been fired, the Aviation Unit is going to take advantage of the respite from flight activities, to concentrate on plane upkeep and engine charges. Very little time has been available while flying in the past three weeks to accomplish all the work necessary to keep our planes in top shape.

Wonder why the sudden influx of nicknames recently in our unit? What with "Goon" Mellon, "Porky" Rosenkrans, the ultimate is reached by naming, of all people, Hollingsworth as "Sunshine" and Wright as "Sunshine Jr"! What a pair!?

Now that "Charlie" Noble has the buttons it appears as tho he is eligible for the G. G. Club!

Wonder what it is that Martin sees in Donald Duck, that he looks all over the ship for a picture of him.

It appears as tho Ronnie Ardell has become ship conscious lately.

Anyone wishing to get the straight dope on football winners, consult "Pat" Readette in the Port tower.

The memory of that gun Swenson saw recently, apparently has made him climb in the wagon with a vengeance!

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NAVY PLAYS PRINCETON  
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considerable strength but at the statagetically critical points of the contest she fumbled or showed a poor selection of plays. Likewise, the powerful Tiger aggregation showed plenty of mid-field strength but each of the many times that she got within striking distance she was successfully repelled by the Quakers, who in the meantime succeeded in pushing over the only and winning touchdown.

In spite of last week's defeat, Princeton is still rated as one of the outstanding teams in the country. In four seasons, she has only met defeat twice in some thirty games. Such outstanding players as Montgomery, Morrell and White backed by the powerful team are going to give the Navy Goat a real battle.



**NOSEY  
NEWS  
'BOUT  
EV'BODY**

Now that the big shoot is over the schedule calls for a few weeks siege at the GG's famous buoy, namely "George". There is no doubt the prospect of two weeks in port just did not agree with the roving "H" when we approached the buoy last Wednesday. Still, we must admit an at anchor period is just the thing since November 19 is not too far off and that Semi-annual inspection is just across the horizon.

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The morning after remnants of the various sea picnics give evidence of quite a gay round of celebrations by some of the home guards. Even the print shop gang have had several gay social events. "Elsie" Palmer has been priming the boys with Florida marmalades and jams, while Beckwith and Baker have been doing a fine job furnishing the topics, mostly of the conquest nature.

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If you could have heard the "Cowboy" wig wagger, Drake, you would have known something was in the air, It seems the lad was limbering up that shore side long glass.

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That recent excursion to the Pensacola by several members of the crew brought to light some interesting dark lights in the past of the new salt water cop, McCormick. You will have to catch Mac in an off moment to get the story. It is worth the effort tho.

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Incidentally, we do believe those men who did make the Pensacola trip are convinced the good ship Houston is just about the best afloat.

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Have you ever noticed Daly of the "R"; that corn-cob actually has him staggering at times. We understand he has quite a time with his shipmates when on a job in a confined space.

Since the recent 40 fish investment in the new rags, Baldy Davis has been taking advantage of the passport which allows him the freedom of Pine Ave. It must be a thrill to be able to elude the clutches of the Hamburger Canyon. A good story there for the right person.

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The new handle being sported about by our amiable SK3c, Cochrane, is something to take notice of. DIMPLES COCHRANE - How did you do it shipmate. Reports indicate you had quite a hectic 30 day turnover in 'Frisco and vicinity.

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Another son of the hinter-lands, Arthur, former Ioway plough jockey, has taken after Lee of the signal gang and is now shipping two spots back to the natives.

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Puckett, famed among our sea going Aviation Mechs, admits his 45 years would not show if it weren't for the effects of twenty years astern the slipstream. Perk up Puckett, Buck Weaver is developing a new hair restorer. It is supposed to originate in the upper reaches of the Yangtze. It should do something for you.

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It seems certain our pigskin dopesters are going to turn to pingpong if there are many more upsets such as last week's.

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A new angle in fancy dance steps was brought out recently by Angel Smith of the fan-tail. He has developed a most graceful step in sliding up a ladder without barking the shins.

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One of the observing lads on the staff brings to light the fact that "Iron Man" Rimmer has finally submitted to the use of liniment. Reports on the case show this particular liniment is supposed to be used for all the ills known to medical science. Do you suppose it could help the Dinuba Wonder on his some back trail. The Sailmaker says he is willing to try anything once.

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The latest Houstonite to fall heir to the title of "Casonova" is our own Stevie (as she calls him) Sivak. The maneuvering abilities he obtains thru his power over the dispensers of Joy Juice is something we can all marvel at.

Someone should do Ellwood, the sun dodgin' pen pusher in the log room a favor and give him a little inside dope on how not to keep a lonely ladie in waiting. Nethertheless, the power he holds must be terrific.

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That certain clique of young damselfs in the Majestic are back to battery once more now that Harry (The Gigilo) Hart is once more in circulation.

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That rumor which indicates the Indianapolis may take over the flag while we are in 'Frisco seems to be bad news to many of our Houstonites. It will be rather hard to vacate this choice berth. A peep through the long glass reveals the fact that our famous "Half-Way" berth is still vacant. Can't you just feel the roll?

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Ashcraft of the fan-tale has ideas that probably shall never materialize. His latest is to find the gal friend a job. Then he says they shall become man and wife. And Sammy is such a he-man. Maybe he is the only one who thinks so.

BASEBALL MEMORANDUM NO. 3

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The following is the standing of ships in the Heavy Cruiser Unit, Fall Baseball Series ("A" League), as of this date:—

Team	W	O	P	S
Vestal	4	0	1.000	1
Northampton	3	1	.750	2*
Medusa	3	1	.750	2*
Pensacola	2	2	.500	3
Chicago	1	2	.333	4*
Chester	1	2	.333	4*
Houston	0	3	.000	5*
Louisville	0	3	.000	5*
Portland	0	0	(No games played yet)	

\* Ties  
NOTE:— The following games postponed because of rain, will be rescheduled at a later date:—

- HOUSTON vs PENSACOLA
- PORTLAND vs CHICAGO
- CHESTER vs LOUISVILLE

NEWS OF FORMER SHIPMATES

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Bill Yates, SK3c, now on duty with the Naval Unit at the Texas Centennial writes he is returning with the Unit to San Diego about November first and expects to be on the good ship Houston shortly afterward.

## STROKE DOPE

Although the Marine and first enlistment race-boat crews have been organized for some time, lack of any definite information as to the schedule of races has prevented their working up to racing condition. A set-back was received by the soldier detachment when several members of the crew were transferred last week, and a temporary loss will be occasioned by more being sent to machine-gun school today. Still another handicap is that the stroke oarsman, Golaszewski, is with the C. P. O. spud peelers for this quarter, but it is expected to have all hands in top-notch shape before Christmas.

All positions are not taken on the first enlistment crew and it is not too late for any men so desiring to get into the boat. At present there is still a lot to be accomplished with this crew, yet much improvement has been shown these last two months. McDonald and Lawson are rowing stroke and number one starboard respectively and they are backed by several regular workers-out. However, a race can't be won with those vacant seats up in the bow and it is hoped that some new huskies will show up some coming field day—and continue to show up.

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VESTAL DEFEATS  
NORTHAMPTON

This past Sunday the powerful Vestal nine defeated the Northampton in a hard fought baseball game. In the last of the ninth the Northampton went to bat with the Vestal leading by a score of 2-0. With one man on base, a short hit into left field and an overthrow from there to second, which wasn't stopped until it rolled into the stands off first base, brought in one run for the Northampton. This looked as if it was going to change the outcome of the whole game; but, the Vestal was successful in retiring the next two batters before the man on base could reach home. In spite of the disagreeable weather there was a large crowd of fans cheering both teams on.

The second game of the afternoon between the Louisville and Chester had to be called "no game" in the second inning on account of rain.

## OSCAR'S OPUS NO. 4

## ACEY DUCEY

Last night AY see a yelling horde  
Vots crowded round a little board  
Dey making lots of whoops and yips  
While coupla guys ban moving chips

Vun guy he skol be trowing dice  
While all dese birds say "Burp him twice"  
And later say "Da crazy twerp  
He got no gerts, he didn't burp."

Den odder geeser roll da bones  
And crowd skol making lots of groans,  
Dey tal him "Yu skol getting burnt  
Because yu ain't ban take a purnt."

Vun guy skol roll an Ace and Duce  
Da odder guy say "Vots da use.  
No vunder dat Ay getting stuck  
Ven Yu ban having all da luck."

Dat feller roll Ace Duce vunce more  
And crowd skol making awful roar,  
And den Ay hearing somevun cry,  
"Officer's Call, ve're standing by!"

But Ace Duce ain't ban rolled again  
Da crowd ban madder dan vet hen,  
Dey den say "Givem all yu got!"  
And somevun answer up "Vit vot?"

Odder guys ban making cracks,  
"Butched, mangled, trow a sax!"  
Dey tap vun feller on da dome,  
And holler "Taking dat vun home!"

And as da little chips adwance  
Da players ain't got haff a shance  
Kibitzers har got full control  
And taking sharge of every roll.

On last roll dey say "Didn't eat!  
Vot a defeat, vot a defeat,"  
And Ay skol hear vun feller skoff,  
"It ban tie game, he got vun off."

—OSCAR

## NEWS OF FORMER SHIPMATES

Ashai Smith, Cox, formerly a familiar figure on the Houston Comm Deck is still doing duty at Annapolis Maryland.

In a recent letter, Sax, S1c, former well deck sweeper, stated that Maccumber, CY, former Ships Writer and Fahey, BM1c are now awaiting the commissioning of the Vincennes.

Shannahan, CBM, formerly chief on the ship, is now CMAA on the Pensacola.

Burgess, QM2c, now on duty at San Diego Naval Training Station, is on the MAA force there and still likes to make his liberties in Long Beach.

Pete Hansen S1c, former striker in the 1st Lt's office writes that he is progressing nicely in the Photographic school at Pensacola, Fla.

## "PERSONAL APPEARANCE"

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have any desire to be a Communist or Red, but will join the "White" forces.

Gaile Beverly former star of "Mayflowers", "New Moon" and "Queen High", has been secured to play the part of Joyce - lovely to look at, but appealing to the men not through the glamour of Hollywood, but by her straight forward manner. Cecile Nation - playing Gladys however is carried away by the romance of the movies and she is "nuts" about everything pertaining to them.

Gwen Challacombe playing Aunt Kate endeavors to hold all parties within the proper limits according to her version, while Sinclair Gannon charms you in the part of Jessie, Carole Arden's ward.

If you have a movie star, you always have a public relations counsel - in this case Tuttle is played by Lieut. Armstrong of the Navy - Try being public relations counsel for a movie star once and you will wish for a quiet retreat in the South Seas.

Lieutenant Kenneth Jorgenson of the Marines plays the part of Bud - he is engaged to Joyce - or at least believes so as he works away on automobiles and tinkers with sound cameras.

Lieutenant Wade McClusky - an aviator in the Navy is Carole's chauffeur - and is harrassed and often embarrassed as Carole goes on her care-free way.

The play and players are excellent, "Personal Appearance" should play to a full house and the proceeds go to an excellent cause - to the Navy Relief Society. A donation will be made to Local Community Chest and Red Cross.

In addition preceding the play San Diego will see its first amateur hour with Hollywood Stars taking the place of Major Bones. The best talent in the enlisted force of the Navy and Marine Corps are entered in the contest. The finals will be held Saturday night. Hollywood has tentatively promised Hugh Herbert, Frank McHugh, Dick Powell, and Pat O'Brien as masters of ceremony for the "Major Bones" shows.

Tickets are now on sale at the Savoy Theatre.

Prices: \$150, \$1.00, \$0.75, \$0.50.