



**HOUSTON NINE WINS**

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**Take Measure of Chester Nine  
In Exciting Contest**

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Displaying great improvement since their last game, the HOUSTON nine produced definite indications of their strength in downing the strong Chester nine last Thursday afternoon.

Playing a seven inning practice game on the Queen Anne diamond, our boys were extended to the limit, but benefits gained in recent batting practices resulted in steady hitting with the team opening up in the sixth with a barrage of six hits and the three runs which clinched the game.

The Chester first drew blood in the second when one run was pushed across the plate before Weber bore down and fanned two in a row to retire the side. The Houston came back in their half of the inning to collect two runs, manufactured when Weber homered with Battle on the sacks. In the third the Houston increased her lead two more when Willmuth singled, scoring on Wright's double to left field. Wright then scored from 3rd. on Spruell's slow roller to short.

In the 4th the Chester collected another run before Rimmer registered a strikeout to retire the side. In the 5th. the Chester again jumped into the lead when Barrett tripled with two on, himself scoring on a pich hitter line drive to right.

Houston then tied up the score in their half of the frame when Wright smacked the first pitch deep into left field for a homer. The Chester again jumped into the lead in the 6th when

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**HOUSTON FLOAT**

**GETS BIG HAND**

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The HOUSTON float depicting King Neptune's Court drew a big hand from the crowd of some 50,000 people as it passed through the locks of Lake Washington Canal.

Number one Motor Launch rigged as old King Nep's Royal Barge and the Royal Court which it carried was perhaps one of the saltiest assemblages that ever passed through the locks.

On going to press no word had been received as to the official outcome but from the cheers our entry received, King Neptune & His Royal Court seemed to be the favorite Navy Float.

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**NEW CPO'S**

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During the past week two of our very popular shipmates, J. J. Vizard, Phm1c and L. D. Proimos, BM1c received the good news of their appointment to Cphm(AA) and CBM(AA). Through the Blue Bonnet, all hands extend their felicitations to the new Hackies.

**NEW UNIFORMS**

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During the past week our baseball team tried out their new uniforms and from reports it seems the new outfits have given the boys quite an incentive to produce more wins on the diamond for the HOUSTON.

It must be admitted the uniforms are really snappy in appearance and all the old timers on board say these are the best suits ever seen on the HOUSTON.

**TACOMA HOSTS TO NAVY**

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The Chamber of Commerce of Tacoma, Washington has arranged a varied an interesting schedule of entertainment to cover the period of the Navy's visit to their city. This entertainment varies from dances for both enlisted men and officers to baseball and boat races.

**NAVY MOTHERS CLUB**

**HOSTESSES AT DANCES**

Friday and Saturday evenings, July 23 and 24, from 2100-2400 the Navy Mothers' Club will have an open house for the enlisted men at the Edward B. Rhodes Post Legion Hall, 409 South G Street. These two dances are the first of a series that will be held during our visit.

**CHURCH AND CONCERT SUNDAY**

All churches in Tacoma extend a cordial invitation to all officers and enlisted men to attend their services. Morning services, as a rule, are held at 1100. Each ship will be furnished at a later date, a list of the participating churches and addressess. In addition to these, the Navy Mothers' Club is sponsoring church services and a social hour from 2000-2200 Sunday, 26 July.

Sunday afternoon the Cruisers Scouting Force Band will give a concert at Point Defiance Park.

**DANCE AT CRESENT**

**BALLROOM FOR MEN**

Monday evening from 2100-2400 there will be a dance for 1500 enlisted men at the Crescent Ballroom, 1302 Fawcett Avenue. The uniform for this dance will be Service Dress Blue Baker.

Tuesday evening a similar dance will be given in this same ballroom.

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—: THE BLUE BONNET —:

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JOIN THE NAVY  
AND SEE THE WORLD  
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There are many who have ridiculed the above caption. It can be safely said that the crew of the HOUSTON have never had cause to utter so foolish a statement.

The HOUSTON has been the means of thousands of American men-of-wars-men to have an opportunity to really see the world. Facts and figures will put at rest the minds of any and all who have reasons to doubt the truth.

In her six years of commissioned service the Houston has visited three continents, fourteen foreign countries, well over a hundred ports, forty of them foreign. In mileage she is well up among the leaders in total miles steamed during this six year period. Since commissioning she has steamed 152,107 miles. During the past fiscal year the HOUSTON steamed 36,715 miles.

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a pinch hitter tripled to right, scoring on a fielder's choice. In the 6th. Houston took the lead, which they held until the end of the game, when the boys unlimbered their siege guns to smack the apple for six safeties and three runs. The Chester threatened in the 7th when they scored one run, but "Lefty" Salmon turned on the pressure, ending the game via the strike out method, thereby ending one of the most exciting games the Houston has played this seasons. Although each inning produced many thrills and exciting moments, the most outstanding highlights of the game were: Spruell's steal from 1st to 2nd while the Chester pitcher was

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HOUSTON HIGH NAVY  
TEAM IN POLICE FORCE  
PISTOL MATCHES  
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The HOUSTON pistol team was the high navy team in the SEATTLE POLICE FORCE PISTOL MATCHES fired Sunday, 12 June, at Fort Layton. However, due to the fact that the Coast Guard, for the purpose of the matches, was classed as a navy team, our team failed to win the Navy Trophy. The Coast Guard nosed us out by about thirty-five points. The Coast Guard won with a score of 10-70 followed by the Houston with a 1034, the Chester with a 996, the Altair with a 962, the Milwaukee with an 878, the Detroit with an 865 and the Salt Lake City with an 833.

During this past week the team has been going to the range daily for practice with very gratifying results. Every one on the team has been improving to such an extent that they have been making a total score averaging well over a hundred points better than the total that which brought home the bacon this past Sunday. In view of this improvement it is expected that this coming Sunday the team will be way out in the lead.

This Saturday and Sunday the team will enter the Northwest International Pistol and Revolver Association tenth annual matches. Trophies will be awarded to both the high service team and the high active navy team.

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CLUB FACILITITES  
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The YMCA, 714 Market Street (Phone Main 3196) extends the courtesies of its club to all men of the Fleet with free membership privileges.

The Navy Mothers' Club will have an open house daily from 1200-1800 except Saturday at their club rooms at Edward B. Rhodes Post Legion Hall, 409 South G Street, facing Wright Park on East. Refreshments will be served during these hours at no charge.

I guess we've all heard about the man who lost his wallet in the center of the block but walked all the way to the corner street light so there would be more light to search by ? ? !

Mail the "Blue Bonnet" home!

TRUE TO TRADITION  
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Launched at Chester, Pa., in 1883, the U. S. S CHICAGO began a career which was marked by her gallant war service as Flagship of the Great White Fleet of the Spanish American War. After service in the World War she was renamed ALTON and retired from active sea duty, having justly earned some well deserved rest.

Assigned to the humble duty of Station Ship, she was used as sleeping quarters for Submarine Crews at Pearl Harbor until recently. Sold for junk she was under tow back to the U. S., when on Independence Day, the 4th of July, as mystic coincidence would have it, she began her rebellion by springing a leak. In the ensuing days she filled rapidly and in two days, under cover of night, while pounded and buffeted about by heavy swells, she slipped beneath the waves, consigned to Davey Jones' Locker, the true resting place for all proud Navy ships. Thus did one of Uncle Sams' once proud and mighty men-o-war cheat death and go to an untroubled rest beneath the blue, never to feel the scrappers hammer.

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OFFICER PERSONNEL  
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This past week has seen several changes in the duties of some of our officers. Lt (jg) D. I. Davis relieved Ensign Long as First Division Officer. For the past twenty-one months Mr. Davis has been in the Engineering Department as "A" and "M" Division Officer respectively. Ensign A. C. House who reported aboard last Saturday will take Mr. Davis' place as "M" Division Officer.

A good many of the Ship's Officers, wives and families have come North during the Fleets visit. These include Mrs. and Elsie Robottom, Mrs. C. E. Clifford, Mrs. Vanzant, Mrs. Schanze, Mrs. Young, Mrs. House and Mrs. Kalb

This past Saturday evening Comdr. and Mrs. Ingraham entertained the ship's officers, their wives and ladies at a buffet supper at the home of Mrs. Ingraham's father, Hugh Caldwell, at 1727 Tenth Avenue.

Congratulations are in order for Lt. (jg) H. Maynard, Staff Communication Watch Officer who just received his extra half stripe.



**NOSEY  
NEWS  
by  
EV' BODY**

WHAT HO! And who said Long Beach does not seem million of miles away? What with one of the greatest organizations of jolly humans holding forth in the Sound city, a school teachers convention or two in session and twenty odd warships of Uncle Sams mighty armada in Elliot Bay, led by the Houston, enjoying the full benefits of entertainment packed "Fleet Week", 'tis no wonder the lads are all saying they only hope we pause a while longer.

We should have never known this small bit of news concerning the 1st Lieut's yeoman, Schrumm, if it had not been for his unsatiable desire to tell all about his exploits. This time it seems the youth actually made a "48" spending no more than a half a cartwheel. Call early and avoid the rush. We are sure all Hands will be interested in knowing the technique used. Speaking of the half dollar, we wonder how Winig, the ex-wagon FC man, made out on his special liberty???

Just why a certain snappy fireman of the "A" Div should fall in for inspection with a white "E" sewed on the seat of his trousers is one we are at a loss to explain???

In a recent interview, our enquiring reporter picked up some rather startling news from that staid and salty "Triumviarte" of the CPO quarters, Mitchell, Greenwood and Jockel. In the course of the interview this trio admitted they were shoreward bound for a cruise to the nearest riding academy. Their theory seemed to be based on the assumption that if "Terry" McGovern could ride 'em so could they. . . From authentic sources we have recently learned how Osborne was doing a fine job plugging for a

certain brand of gin. Then to our utmost surprise we note the lad has not missed many liberty calls since. He says the dance was a gigantic success.

Although as yet, the stogies have not found their way to the editors desk, we extend our congrats to Vizard. Jack seems to be quite perturbed over the fact his many feminine admirers fail to recognize him in the new uniform.

Proimos too comes in for the congrats, but why did the new chiefie decide to eat in the pantry the first meal in the quarters???

It must be a thrill for the ladies whenever a certain Marine strolls the beach in his swimming togs. Why, he even admires those big muscles himself. He answers to the name "Ski" but would rather be called the Adonis of the fighty fifth.

It seems "Chandu" Ridge of the engineers has partially solved the hill climbing problem. He takes his roller skates shoreside, using them to descend them thar hills. Some say he may have been reading about those long walks back to town.

And now "Squeaky" Campbell has competition. Burgess may be a little inexperienced but the lad shows promise of giving Squeaky a run for honors.

The "Belle" of No. 3, Huston and our gunnery office stooge, Knowlton, are now classed as being worthy exponents of the Tennis game. Forty Love seems to be their best bet. Wonder if two beers had any bearing???

As you may recall, this time last year the boys were just recovering from the Blaine visit. From what has been going on, several of the crew have not recovered yet. At least a dozen were on deck early to check bus schedules in that direction.

Wonder why "Ducky" Allen of the machine shop started to take a bucket on leave with him. Reports indicate he has a bath tub on the beach and someone to scrub his back too???

Someone should cheer our down-

hearted shipmate, "TEX" Pickens. The misguided youth has been mooning all week. It was a case of love at first sight, but the lad does not know the gal yet. 'Tis a terrible situation.

If your memory has not failed, you may remember an issue many moons ago wherein it was stated: "Once a GG always a GG. "Have you by any chance noticed where so many of our recent liberty parties have been predominated by members of the famous club???

See where Barker, formerly of No. 2, more recently located in No. 3 Turret, is once more buying stocks and bonds in Seattle. This lad shows business sense by waiting until the market is closed so he may obtain the cheaper curb rate. He says it is business sense.

In a recent issue a name was used in connection with the doings of the highstepping Royal (leading scullery Maid). Now it seems the name was wrong for Rader has let it be known in no uncertain words that it was he and not Faber who was assisting in the Redondo Beach episodes.

Even "Archie" Arsenault has been overcome by the spirit of the occasion. We note how well this man has learned perfect control in recent months.

"Hen" Nelson reports a very enjoyable journey over the last weekend to the Evergreen Hinterland. The only thing he finds hard to understand is: Why did the state ever build roads so far back in the hills???

"Fantail" Lewis, the lonely lover, says he has trained in for the time being. It seems the lad cannot keep up the pace he used to set in these parts 10 or 12 years ago. Age does things to a man so they say.

Observations prove reports were right concerning "K" Brown. He is up to his old tricks again. Maybe it is the "NW" Ozone. The boy admits he was a "Gabby Cabby" in the local berg before heeding the call of the sea. We are inclined to disbelieve his tale of being a Cabby. The man doesn't even know his home town. Ask the baseball team members.

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receiving the catcher's signal. Spruell was also instrumental in nipping a Chester rally in the fifth when he caught a runner napping at third. Eggerter's return to form in the 6th, when he made a beautiful stop down third base line and doubling at the plate in the same inning after he had been unable to get hold of one in three previous trips to the plate. Koster's one handed catch of a line drive deep in left field. Rimmer's surprise when he was called out on a high one. Hynes' run producing single in the sixth in his only trip to the plate.

These are but a few of the outstanding incidents of a thrilling win. Each and every man played hard, fighting all the way. Coming from behind three times speaks more than words.

We haven't forgot the Chester has won over the San Francisco, (the team which eliminated the Houston in Long Beach) the strong Chicago nine and several other cruiser teams. Score: Houston—8, Chester—7.

Pos.	Player	AB	R	H	E
3B	Eggerter	4	1	1	2
CF	Willmuth	3	1	1	0
RF	Wright	4	2	4	1
LF	Koster	4	0	1	1
	C Spruell	4	0	2	0
1B	Battle	2	1	1	0
	P Weber	1	1	1	0
SS	Dainwood	3	1	1	0
2B	Devin	3	0	1	0
CF	Hines	1	1	1	0
1B	Phillips	2	0	1	0
	P Rimmer	1	0	0	0
	P Salmon	1	0	0	0
TOTAL		33	8	15	4

The Houston's popular Navigator and Athletic Officer, Lt. Comdr. Inglis acted as arbiter for the entire game. His quick and to the point decisions reminded one of the big league umpires. No doubt, Mr. Inglis knows the national pastime from "A to Z".

**FLOAT GETS BIG HAND**

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A lot of credit is due to those men who had a hand in building this float. The court was composed of the following men:

Neptune	Greenwood, Gy. Sgt.
Queen	Yelverton, L. V., Y1c
Lady in Waiting	Godaire, W. A., SF2c

Admiral	McGovern, J. CBM
Navigator	Welbourne, A. BM2c
Royal Cop	Taylor, D. W. CBM
Davey Jones	Mitchell, G. M. CTC
Pirate	Lewis, R. L. BM1c
Chaplain	Enos, A. F. CMM
Bear	Barricklo, L. Bkr1c
Dog	Sivak, S. SK2c
Cat	Burgess, R. F. QM2c
Devil	Campbell, C.T. Cox
Barber	Standafer, S. D. S1c
Polywog	Boris, J. Sea2c

**TACOMA HOSTS TO NAVY  
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From 2200 to 2230 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evening all cruisers will give a searchlight display following the movement of the Houston. From 2215 until 2230 searchlights will remain stationary to permit the taking of pictures.

**NAVY MOTHERS' CLUB**

**AGAIN ENTERTAINS**

Wednesday evening the Navy Mothers' Club will again be hostesses at an informal dance for enlisted men at the Edward B. Rhodes Post Legion Hall, 409 South G Street.

**STREET PARADE BY**

**ARMY AND NAVY**

Thursday morning the Army and Navy will have a street parade. For this parade the Navy will furnish two Battalions of four rifle companies each and the Marine Corps will make up one battalion of four rifle companies. All the bandmen present will be massed in two bands. Landing force "B" will be the uniform with Equipment "A".

**WHALE BOAT RACES**

Thursday afternoon all cruisers equipped with pulling whale boats will take part in a race which is scheduled to start at 1715. Due to the fact that the Houston is not equipped with a regulation whaleboat and it is impracticable to borrow one, we will not have an entry in this race. The winning crew will be presented with the Chamber of Commerce Trophy, individual men of the winning crew will receive appropriate medals.

**BASEBALL**

During the week an elimination series of ball games will be held between ships. The Tacoma Chamber of Commerce Perpetual Challenge Cup will be awarded to the winner. Individuals of the first two teams (15 each) will receive medals. This is something for team to shoot at.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

State Historical House — overlooking the Stadium. Take any northbound street car except Sixth Ave.

Wright Park — Sixth or Division Avenue. Contains 300 distinct types of trees. Take any northbound car. Tacoma Smelter — Largest smelter on the Pacific Coast, highest stack in the world. Visiting arrangements may be made for party. Take Point Defiance Street Car.

Point Defiance Park — 640 acres virgin wilderness, beautiful rose gardens, tennis courts, zoo, pavillion, boats, tackle for salmon fishing. Take Point Defiance Street car.

Lake District — Swiming, fishing, boating and many of Tacoma's finest homes. Take bus from 8th and Pacific.

Fort Lewis — Largest permanent Army post in the United States. Headquarters of Third Division. Take bus from 8th and Pacific.

Golf Courses — 7 eighteen hole public courses within the city limits and in the wooded lake district south of Tacoma.

Puyallup Valley — Intensively cultivated fertile farming center noted for small fruits, bulb fields and gardening crops. Take Puyallup and Summer busses, South on Pacific Avenue from station at 8th and Pacific.

Ranier National Park — Surrounding second highest perpetual snow covered peak in the United States—14,408 feet. Take bus from Rainier Park Office, Hotel Wintrop.

Visits to Paradise Inn — Arrangements may be made through the Chamber of Commerce so that officers and men of the fleet may visit Paradise Inn, Rainier National Park at a special rate of \$40.00 for a fourteen passenger bus, slightly better rates may be obtained for larger parties. The regular price of this trip is \$8.00 per person.

Fishing — Salmon and Ling Cod fishing is available at the Narrows, near Point Defiance, this is reputed to be the best fishing ground in the Puget Sound area. Row boats at fifty cents per day, on week days, seventy-five Sunday and holidays and power boats, with everything included, at five dollars may be obtained at the Boat House, Point Defiance Park, Proctor 2530. Fishing tackle for trolling, fifty cents per day.