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**COMMANDER EARLY RELIEVES;  
OTHER OFFICERS ORDERED**

Commander A.R. Early relieved Commander C.A. Bailey as Executive Officer in Seattle on July 7th, after having been aboard for two days previously. Commander Bailey left immediately for Long Beach, California where he has been ordered to shore duty as a member of the Board of Inspection and Survey. Commander Early, graduate of the Naval Academy in the class of 1914, and a native of Maryland, comes to this ship from having commanded a naval cargo ship, the USS CAPELLA.

Other officers who have recently reported for duty in the "Rambler"

ship are; Lieut. A.E. Grove from the USS SALT LAKE CITY; Ens. H. von A. Burkart from the Naval Air Station, Pensacola; and eight new officers from the Naval Academy, Ens.

F.B. Weiler, Ens. G.A. Smeja, Ens. R.L. Mastin, Ens. A.J. Kollmyer, and Ens. R.W. Warner. The arrival of these ten officers was followed shortly by farewells to Ens. J.P.M. Johnston and Ens. J.C. Jonson, the former off to China and the latter ordered to the USS HULL.

**CITY HOLDS HOP FOR HOUSTON;  
HASLUP'S HOOSIERS PLAY**

Friday night the Chamber of Commerce of Port Angeles, Wash. sponsored a dance for the Houston and Winslow at the Masonic Temple. Music was furnished by Chief Band Master Haslup and his Indianapolis "Hoosiers". It was a gala evening with many of the ship's old timers, "Golden Grainers", and new recruits alike giving their  
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**LT-COMDR. MAHER SHAPES  
SPORTS FOR NEXT YEAR**

Taking over the job of Athletic Officer for the coming year, Lt-Comdr. A.L. Maher has announced a tentative organization assigning officers and coaches to the various competitive sports. In line with the many changes in officer personnel at this time of year, several sports will be in different hands.

Lieut. A.G. Gaden will take over as officer in charge of basketball, while Capt. J.B. Hendry, USMC, will be in charge of rifle and pistol teams. Officer's Golf will be led by Lieut. J.A. Holbrook, who will also continue his highly successful work in sailing. Heading again for the Fleet Finals, wrestling this year will be under Lt(jg) Ingels.

Lieut. A.E. Grove is the new boxing officer, in charge of a squad which sent more men to the finals last year than that of any other ship. He will

be assisted by Ens. J.E. Shepherd 3rd who comes from the Naval Academy as Intercollegiate Boxing Champion in the

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**SPORT ABOUNDS NEAR PORT**

Center of outdoor recreation, the "Gateway to the Olympics", Port Angeles offers sailors a wide variety of sporting opportunities. Fish for salmon, best in the evening or early morning, at the Salmo Club on the spit, where guides and boats are available. Ambitious fishermen may aspire to enter the salmon tournament whose top is 54 lbs. to date. Mt. Angeles, towering 6,500 ft. over the city is but seven miles away for mountain climbing and Mt. Olympus, 8,150 ft., 27 miles. Or swim and angle for trout in Lake Sutherland or Lake Crescent, 15 to 20 Miles away.

IN MEMORIAM  
The Honorable  
Claude Augustus Swanson  
Secretary of the Navy  
1933-1939  
The Houston regrets the  
passing of a one-time  
shipmate.  
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THE BLUE BONNET

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WE CHANGE EXECUTIVES

Commander Bailey's departure from the HOUSTON has left little room for editorial comment by the Blue Bonnet. The spontaneous farewell assemblage of the ship's company on the quarterdeck spoke of more real regret than could any words in this column. Though we may envy him his shore duty and early return to Long Beach, we hope his tour there will be a happy one and that we'll often meet again. In the way of success, we can wish him nothing better than that he'll always have it in the same measure that he succeeded in inspiring our liking and respect.

To Commander Early, our new Executive Officer, a sincere welcome from the whole ship. We hope that his cruise in the HOUSTON will be a happy one, as we believe, already, that it will be.

"Bon voyage" to Ens. Johnston and Ens. Johnson, two of that dwindling Johnson quartet. We're sorry to have had them leave the ship.

Speaking for the ship's company, the Blue Bonnet also welcomes other officers who have recently come aboard Lt. Grove, Ens. Burkart, and all the ensigns who have been ordered to the HOUSTON direct from the Naval Academy.

TRANSFERS AND NEW MEN

A large number of transfers these past few weeks have brought to the ship a lot of seasoned men, as well as a good many recruits. We're glad to have you as shipmates. To the recruits, we wish you luck in this naval career, feeling certain that you're going to get right in the swing to help keep this ship of yours at the top in everything.

McMAKIN COMMENDED;  
 CHICK RECEIVES MEDAL.

On Saturday, 15 July, Capt. F. Cogswell held meritorious mast to commend J.T. McMakin, Seale., USN, for quick thinking and to present to F.A. Chick Fle., USN, a medal for winning the bantamweight Fleet Championship in wrestling. The medal is a silver one awarded by Commander Scouting Force to champions of the Scouting Force and Fleet.

The Blue Bonnet is happy to print the text of the Captain's words of commendation of McMakin.

COMMENDATION OF John Taylor McMakin, Seale., USN:

"Commended at Meritorious Mast for quick thinking which probably prevented a serious accident. At about 2005, 7 July 1939, while this vessel was at anchor in Elliot Bay, Seattle, Washington, Alexander Case, Sea2 became exhausted while climbing from the pulling whaleboat to the boom, lost his grip and fell into the water. McMakin was the first in the act of making colors. McMakin immediately turned the colors over to the corporal of the guard and went rapidly to the assistance of Case and pulled him into the whaleboat. Case, although able to swim to the boat was unable to further assist himself due to his heavy clothing and exhaustion. The Commanding Officer considers the quick thinking and prompt action in emergency on McMakin's part to have probably prevented a more serious accident and worthy of commendation."

BOXERS RECEIVE AWARDS

At 1130 on the quarterdeck last Monday members of last year's boxing team received the award given to each man of any team which contributes a substantial number of points toward the general excellence trophy. Handsome white pull-over sweaters with a blue and gold block "H" dominating the front side went to Arsenault, EMLc., Adams, Co. (Cont. on page 3)



We have a good deal of stuff that came in the Contribution Box the past couple of weeks while the Blue Bonnet has been idle, due to the amount of work in the Print Shop. Guess we'll use that up first.

One source here says: "Ocko, did you know that Crippen, Seale, 1st Division, was out with an Indian girl in Seattle the other night, and before he left her he promised faithfully to leave the Naval Service, get into politics and give the land here all back to the Indians!" What a thing to aspire to, Marshall, what would your mamma say?

Another has to do with the growth of fuzz that young Truelove has sprouted on his upper lip the past few days. It seems there is a group of lads that have taken it upon themselves to remove the same by force if necessary, in the event the lad does not comply with their orders. Well, it remains to be seen, though it does seem strange how some folks always want what they can't have, and after they get it discover it is not nearly so nice as they had thought. That goes for whiskers more than anything else just now. Wait till they have to be eased off every day, Truelove, and then you'll wish you'd never seen any.

#### A FEW DAYSIDE OBSERVATIONS

Seems that some more of the fellows have gone and done it. Prominent among the new members of the Golden Grainers are CBM DUTTON, who says he's the luckiest lad in the whole, whole world. It was a lady from the Keystone State of Pennsylvania, and they were married right here in the state of Washington, where the cigarettes are seventeen cents a package and I don't know what a marriage license costs, but from the number being used it can't be much, what with every-

yellin' about the hard times and such. Well, that's how it goes. Vogel, Wtlc., also took the final leap, and here a year ago he was all set to ship over to be headed out for China once more. To go back to the BLACK-HAWK was his only ambition. Seems the Rambler Ship must have gotten into his blood too. Well, there a lot more like that on here. Some of them came on here five and six years ago, and then when the time comes to ship over they head off to the Exec's office and say 'I do' for another four years. The harder they howl, the better they feel don't pay any attention to it.

Heartiest congratulations from Little Ocko, the Blue Bonnet, and the crew of the Floating White House to Ensign A.J. DUGAN on his advancement from Aviation Cadet to the rank of Ensign USNR. May his advancement up through the steps of the Navy be rapid and his success of the greatest. Happy landings, pleasant cruise.

Quite a few of the lads of the HOUSTON put their knowledge on paper the past week in an attempt to better themselves in the process of going up the ladder. Those exams were not so easy either. Some of the marks sorta told the tale on that, though on the whole the boys made a mighty good showing and it is our heartiest wish that they all get rated. Best of luck!

Well, that is all sailors, there ain't no more. See you next time, and don't forget that the Contribution Box in No. 1 messing compartment is for dope for the Blue Bonnet and not for tax tokens.

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#### BOXERS RECEIVE AWARDS (con't)

Lewdanski, F2c., Martin, Seale., Colbert, Sea2c., and Holton, Matt2c. The Executive Officer, Commander Early, told them that sweaters would be the uniform for boxers for the remainder of the day.

**RAMBLERS WIN 3 - 0  
TO REGAIN STRIDE**

Having defeated two well-rated teams in Breckenridge and dropping one to the Salt Lake City, the Houston baseballers came back in stride again this week to win a fast one from the Junior American Legion of Port Angeles. The score was 3-0. This makes a total of seven games won and four lost this season. Here in the Port Angeles game Moore's brilliant pitching allowed but two hits, while the Houston made eight to score the three runs. The bad hole left by the loss of Chmura is being ably filled by two newcomers, Budinya and McGarvey, while Rebert has appeared as one of those rare finds for any baseball team - a good left-hand pitcher. Shaping rapidly now, the team with a little more conditioning should develop into one of the best in the Fleet. Hattener big, slugging first-baseman, has returned to his good pre-season form. Following his lead, the whole team has been pounding the ball at a terrific clip.

**OFFICERS SINK AT HANDS OF  
LOCAL GOLFERS**

On Saturday, July 15th, a golf team of eight officers from the Houston lost a tournament to a Port Angeles Golf Club team by a score of 23 - 1. According to one of the team members, "The screaming drives, crisp iron shots, and steady putting of the team's captain Lt.-Comdr. Tarbutton, accounted for the lone point gained by our ship." The officers' team was made up of Lt.-Comdr. Tarbutton, Lt(jg)Slater, Lt(jg)Wanger, Ens. Dugan, Ens. Frosch, Ens. Kollmyer, and Av.Cdt. Morrison.

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all for the name of dear old "Jive". In fact, one citizen was so impressed upon seeing the latest version of sea-going "rug cutters" that he offered personally to donate the Masonic Hall to the Houston and Winslow tonight, Tuesday, for another session. Haslup and his "Hoosiers" earned special gratitude from every man present by playing for an extra period.

Yes, mimeographed this week. Sorry, but the Printing Shop is jammed with "Ship's Regulations."

**OARSMEN LAY FOR COAST GUARD**

A crew of oarsmen under the whip hand of E.J. Drumm, Cox., will bid for fame and victory, next Tuesday July 25th. accepting the challenge of the USS INGHAM C.G. for a half-mile race in 26-ft., 8 oared surfboats. That's why so many people have supposed that the boys were working out without a full crew in our pulling whaleboat - - because these frequent long workouts of late have been made with eight men in a 10-oared boat. Drumm and crew are enthusiastic in wanting to develop a winning raceboat crew for the ship. "As for this coming race with the Coast Guard and future races, "they say, "we are out to win, but we must have more practice!"

**LT-COMDR. MAHER SHAPES SPORTS  
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175 lb. class. When the present Rowing Officer, Ens.T.H.Suddath, is detached in the near future, Ens. W.C. Leedy will take charge of that sport.

Officers who will continue in the same sports as during the past season are: Lt.M.A.Norcross (SC) with Officer's Ten is, Lt(jg) F.M.Slater in Baseball, Lt(jg)G.E. Davis as Swimming Officer and Ens. D.V. Wengrovius in his very successful capacity of Asst. Basketball Officer.

The complete tentative organization in tabular form:

<u>BASEBALL</u>	<u>BOXING</u>
OinC - Lt(jg)Slater	Lt. Grove
Asst.- Ens.Ingham	Ens. Leedy
Asst.- Ens. Weiler	Ens.Shepherd
Asst.-Ens.Dugan	Ens.Warner
Coach- Moore, CSM	Arsenault, EM
<u>BASKETBALL</u>	<u>SAILING</u>
OinC - Lt.Gaden	Lt.Holbrook
Asst.-Ens.Wengrovius	Ens.Ingham
Asst.-Ens.Warner	Ens.Warner
Asst.-A.Cdt.Morrison	- - - - -
<u>SWIMMING</u>	<u>WRESTLING</u>
OinC - Lt(jg)Davis	Lt(jg)Ingels
Asst.- Ens.Smeja	Ens.Frosch
Coach- Brown, Sea.2c.	Wellbourn, BM
<u>ROWING</u>	<u>RIFLE</u>
OinC - Ens.Suddath	Capt. Hendry
Asst.- Ens.Leedy	2nd.Lt.Pollack
Asst.-Ens.Mastin	Ens.Warner
Coxn.-Drumm, Cox.	- - - - -
<u>PISTOL</u>	<u>PISTOL (Off)</u>
OinC - Capt. Hendry	Capt. Hendry
Asst.- 2nd.Lt.Pollack	2nd.Lt.Pollack
Asst.- Ens. Mastin	Ens. Mastin
<u>OFF. GOLF</u>	<u>OFF. TENNIS</u>
OinC - Lt. Holbrook	Lt.Norcross
Asst.-Ens.Kollmyer	Ens.Spencer.