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**NINTH ANNUAL PISTOL MATCH
UNDER AUSPICES
NORTHWEST INTERNATIONAL PISTOL
AND
REVOLVER ASSOCIATION.**

Last week-end our pistol team took part in their first big match of the year, under ideal conditions. The final results and scores will not be known until released by the officials of the matches. While it is known we did not win any of the matches, we were, however, among the shooters and it is possible we did win some tyro medals. Stipp, PhM1c., U.S.S. Pennsylvania, won the Navy high individual medal, score: 264. Considering the limited practice and the fact that four out of five of the team had never fired a match before. They are deserving of special credit for the showing made. With the experience gained we have the nucleus of an outstanding pistol team.

Members of the team are: Condit, Ch. Gunner, Woodroof, Ch. Mach., Pinion, Sea1c., Arming, PFC., and Kitchen, Cpl.

It is planned to continue a limited amount of practice and to fire matches whenever opportunity presents itself. It is hoped that in the near future to compete with other teams of the fleet. Shooting requires skill, patience and sufficient internal fortitude to continue on and finish what they have started. This sport varies somewhat from most types of service sports in that it has a real military value. The lessons taught from these

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OFFICERS RETURN TO SHIP

Today, Sat. 10 August, Lieut. Comdr. Keating, Lieutenant Robinson, Lieutenant (jg) Rice, Ensign Kingsley, Ensign Burdick and Ensign Ely reported aboard for duty after spending the past six weeks at gunnery school aboard the Minneapolis and Astoria. We welcome these officers back aboard ship.

PERSONNEL

Heartly congratulations to our new Seamen first class.

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| Adams, Wesley L. | 1st. Division. |
| Crayne, Clarence L. | "S" Division. |
| Deforge, Anthony R. | "C" Division. |
| Lawson, Paul W. | 1st. Division. |
| Moyer, George E. | "C" Division. |
| Farley, Michael P. | 4th. Division. |
| Farquhar, William G. | 2nd. Division. |
| Seewoster, Daniel G. | 3rd. Division. |
| Sinclair, Charles J. | "R" Division. |
| Steele, David C. Jr. | "F" Division. |
| Taylor, Frederick B. | 2nd. Division. |
| Walter, Albert W. | 4th. Division. |

TWO YEAR EXTENTIONS EFFECTIVE.

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| Simard, Daniel L. | HA1c. |
| Shepard, Joe W. | HA1c. |

REENLISTED ON BOARD

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| Campbell, Jimmie A. | F2c. |
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TRANSFERS

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| McCarroll, Francis, ACMM(PA) to | |
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**MR. SUTTON AND MR. LYONS
RECEIVE COMMISSIONS**

Saturday, 3 August at 1430 Captain G. E. Baker presented Mr. Sutton and Mr. Lyons with their commissions as Lieutenants, junior grade. This promotion was the result of successfully passing their promotion examinations taken this past April.

Both these popular young Lieutenants are well known aboard ship. Lt. (jg) Sutton came to the HOUSTON a year ago this past March, from the U.S.S. Arkansas, where he had duty since graduating from the Naval Academy in June, 1932. Since coming to the HOUSTON, he has been in succession, Third Division J.O., Fourth Division J.O., and "A" Division officer.

After graduating from the Naval Academy in June 1932 Lt. (jg) Lyons served two years aboard the U.S.S. Colorado where he was connected with the Gunnery Department, being a J.O. in Turret II. During his tour of duty on the Colorado he attended Main Battery Gunnery School and served some little time as a member of various camera parties. In March, 1934 he was transferred to the HOUSTON where he has been in turn, Asst. Navigator, Signal Officer, Fourth Division Officer and J.O. and Signal Officer. Since being on board, Mr Lyons has served as Baseball Officer.

We congratulate these officers and hope they will wear much more gold in years to come.

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PEP TALK

With so many "new" navy men on board, considerable space has been devoted in advice to them on conduct, work, liberty etc, and I think it about time to turn to the other side of this subject and ask the "old timers" to take a glance at themselves, and see if they conduct themselves as they want the youngsters to; that is the secret of teaching, to show in yourself an example of what you expect of your understudies. Be a leader of the first water, and not a driver of the old school, in other words "old timers", in dealing with the modern element, use modern methods - and greater results will be attained. In this subject I deal not so much with the written laws and common laws of the Navy, but with the so-called unwritten laws and regulations, such as forming quiet lines when a dozen or more are waiting for the same thing, such as at the canteen, laundry etc. Another thing, trivial, yet a mark of good manners, that of removing your hat when passing through a mess hall, I have seen young and old go to the table and sit down with their hat still on - would you do that at home? Then there is leaning against paintwork, "missing" the trash kits in the mess halls, a thoroughly unsanitary contemptable and easily avoidable habit, and many more, too numerous to mention. But you all know what I mean, for I know that none of us do any of these little things without knowing full well that we are doing something we shouldn't.

What do you say shipmates, lets all get together, pick up these little loose ends, and work together, toward

NEWS OF FORMER SHIPMATES

News from former shipmates who have been gone some time seem to create of stir dreams of happy cruises spent together, and many incidents that they perhaps played an active part in, bring smiles and sometimes tears to the muser: It was Commander Short's visits to the ship while in Seattle that prompted me to write this article. As I watched him come on board, salute the watch officer and smile as only he could, my mind instantly took me back to those days when he was our Gunnery Officer and shipmate. Others who have been gone from us a long time but whom mention is made of occasionally are:

"Spic" Provance, now ACMM U.S.-S. California. Chester Barry Clark, CSM, U.S.S. Reina Mercedes - could any one ever forget the big part he played in all our Asiatic smokers.

"Dad" Richardson, now PhM3c. at NAS Anacostia.

"Bill" Seelig, now ACMM at Cavite, Philippine Islands.

"Big Shot" Fox, SK1c. U.S.S. Oglala.

"Joe" Griffin, CSK, Navy Yard, Mare Island.

"Ginger" DeBoer, ex-EM3c., now a Q.M. on Puget Sound shipping, paid us a visit in Seattle. He is remembered as one of our star baseball and basketball players.

"Jim" Corbett, C.T.M. our former CMAA was aboard a few hours last Sunday saying the good ship HOUSTON certainly was a sight for sore eyes.

And many many more, too numerous to mention at this time, but whom we all remember as good men and good shipmates. Perhaps we will all meet again, I hope we do.

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CHEFOO SUE: "I'm sure there's a sailor following us."

PRUDENCE: "Heavens! What shall we do?"

CHEFOO SUE: "I'll match you for him."

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that ultimate end, advancement, happy cruises, and later, fond memories of the days we spent together on the good ship HOUSTON.

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Have you written home this week?

EXHAUST PIPE

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After five days at sea and peaceful ones too, we have arrived at that time and place. The time when we lose McCarroll, our leading chief.

No doubt, in our minds all of us can remember a few trivial instances, when we have been provoked to the point of deadly assault but now that our friend is about to leave, the attitude has changed considerably and we say so long chief, your not so bad after all.

We really owe you a send off party since we haven't had a crackup this week to get you in the proper spirit but perhaps our little remembrance will do just as well.

The division's entire personnel could have a book written about them after that last week end in Seattle.

Noble built up so much steam last Friday that he had to make a week-end speed run. We don't know whether he burned his tubes out or not, but from the dejected look on his face we believe he has been double shunted somewhere.

Hollinsworth has lost ten pounds since Shorty Meyers left the galley.

So far McNesby has failed to fall by the wayside but we'll venture to say that Long Beach will unwind his mainspring. Now this isn't all that was contacted here and there by far. Several good ones were made and several more failed to be made. Our striving seamen failed to contact a single rate while some of those that contacted up to and including various first clas rates were ashore contacting the "Acme of Effemininty". Evidently only good contacts were made as no contracts are on record to date.

Since suitable cumshaw has been paid, no names, rates or descriptions are to be mentioned till said editor's contract is broken.

After seeing the artistic touch put on the deck of the port hanger in various shades of yellow, black and white the "Left Handed Monkey Wrench Club" offered a contract to Gibson and Martin to paint the North Pole.

We would also like to have the Engineering Officer look at the newest addition to the underside of new No. 11. He might double it and make a fortune building them for the weaker and much more needy sex.

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Boost HOUSTON Athletics!

NOSEY NEWS

by
EV' BODY



(Editor's Note) In attempting to appease his jealousy, our "Can-Do" Photographer obtained a marvelous still of "Nuts and Bolts" Johnson of GSK, Inc., in a pensive mood. In fact, said masterpiece is so realistic, we have taken the liberty to use it as an attractive head for our drab column. Our stay was short, but after the cruise, "any old port for an overnite liberty" seemed to be the by-word of all hands, even if we were within a week of the GG's paradise. But Seattle had very stiff competition in the sturdy little town of Blaine, why in fact, the bus lines thought of altering the schedules in that area. And just as all hands were remarking, "Well, here is a town where the shiner's are nil, lo and behold, a recent addition to the Campbell clan on board (Gordon Archibald) turns up with a shiner that would make a mules kick look sick. Somewhere we have heard that raw eggs are used as a food, but evidently that bar-tender does not know it, for those eggs brought Kolb of the dashing A div., were not quite in response to his order?? Our "Ace Fisherman" Doc. Krueger is or should be an authority on "How to roll ashore" after the impromptu demonstration given recently. Now we know why Turegano had his hand bandaged, and why shouldn't he. It seems he was in the act of plucking those torrid messages off the ether, for the fantail BM and, our recent addition to the GG club from No. 3 turret, and burned his fingers. You'll have to answer this one: "What is Jory's af-

fection for Limey's"??? Abbott our demon repairman from A div. was certainly crowding "his daily good deeds" into one evening, much to the satisfaction of the gals. Why the Captain's writer ambled over minus his specks is beyond us???? Evidently Enos imbibed too freely of the potent fluid, at least his early return indicated such, but Johnny Johnson of the Supply Office had the situation, including Enos well in hand. Tis' a sad state of affairs when even Clay can't find a pair of roller skates big enough, sompin arter be done, yah suh..... Ross and Nelson, two of our most experienced chiefies saw to it that the fame of the HOUSTON was spread a little more, well done says we. We can not help noticing how "True Romance" Seidler has maintained his vigil during the long cruise, but after all the gal must have her new car????

The No.1. barber was having more fun than the kids with a Crazy Kat balloon. He says: "It is good for my weary bones to feel young once again". Some of the GG boys and a few future ones too, have discovered

cousins in every port we have visited on this cruise. Stark, SF3c., has a way with them too, and here we thought he was in a class by himself. Our printer is very curious to know just when is the cherry season in Seattle? Our old standby's are to be seen every evening now that the "HOUSTON Open Air Deluxe" is open for business again. The new screen being the outstanding alteration according to the movie man. McFarland of the R had a midnight caller supposedly his better half, (how about a GG membership card, you know, he who hesitates is lost). Wallace, GM2c., must have been reading about "Hairy Chested" gunner's mates of the old Navy, for believe it or not, he was caught using Vitalis on his chest ??? ? We learn from a recent letter to the editor that Felix is very good in the art of romancing the gals, especially when he thrilled a little red-headed gal while on that trip to Blaine and caused the expression of "Oh Mr. Hemingway" to come from the gals lips. But what happened when the young lady tried to vamp the dashing bugler,



the new way to make a liberty, simply via turret telescopes, would you believe it??? Maze, the cox of No. 2 (GG ferry) M. L. received an education in a few hours when he slumped in the swamp lands of Seattle???? We note that one of our J.O.'s possesses a healthy appetite when it comes to watermelon??? Our inimitable "Hiram" Jossi (he is famed for his ability to eat beef by the quarter) admits that the heart throb is waiting for him in Long Beach, deah deah....Brown of no.1 turret must be the original "lucky boy", since he has

my was his face red???? Parker's Cabins seemed to have a rushing business during the last week-end in Blaine. "A" Dietzman Hall, traveler extraordinary, was seen romancing again this time in the great northwest city of Blaine. Everyone take notice of the expresion of "Queenie of the Penthouse" (D. H. Westerfelds) pan, especially since those recent trips to Portland; what about that membership card we are holding for you? It was evident that the "Croonin' G-on's" recent hop, caused a lot of agitation in the V division. After the sudden romance in Blaine, "Eli" Zietfuss ups and says that he is going to marry the gal from the old days while on that 45 day leave in Long Beach, my what a heart breaker you are.

"Nuff" said for this week; but, we'll be back soon. Watch your step!

BOXING

We promised you some dope on the fighters. As you probably know, progress was slow this last week because of maneuvers and drills. As soon as we go alongside the Vestal we will have new gear for those who have been working in skivvies and with bare feet.

We considered having a smoker before returning to Long Beach in order to get some experience and to give you some idea of the material we have. In a few weeks we will be better prepared and will have a smoker if possible. Wrestling, boxing and everything—if possible.

We are going to work on the fan-tail now that it is warmer. You are welcome at workouts.

ATHLETIC GEAR

During the past year the ship has spent a considerable amount of money on athletic gear and when the time has come for each team to draw their equipment there has been a shortage. Members of the crew are seen wearing parts of the equipment in boats, fire-rooms and around the decks. These same men are the ones who fail to show up for the work-outs. The money spent for this equipment comes from all your pockets, now lets pull together and help to make the equipment last. If you feel after you have drawn the gear, you do not want to come out for the team, turn it in or over to someone who will get some use out of it.

PISTOL TEAM NOTES

Matches will be invaluable to those who took part. When the ship goes to the yard opportunity will be afforded for all to qualify on the range.

It should be with pride that every one in the Naval service be thoroughly qualified with the use of small arms. It is frequently necessary to land men from ships and the use of small arms is essential. Everyone is encouraged to take an active part and support the team.

A staggering total of 65,000,000 men were mobilized in the world war.

Send in your "Blue Bonnet" contri-
butions!

BASKETBALL

In a previous issue a short item mentioned the retaining of the center jump, and a few changes that were not mentioned are herewith published for the info of our basketball enthusiasts.

CHANGES IN THE RULES

The Center-Pivot play, a sure fire scoring play, used by most teams being fortunate enough to have a tall player capable to work the play, has been ruled out in that; "A player may not remain in his own free-throw lane with or without the ball for more than three seconds, except when trying for a loose ball". A compromise was reached concerning the elimination of the center jump after scoring, this particular elimination being desired by the West Coast coaches. The new rule: "After a successful free throw, instead of a jump ball at center, the team scored upon shall put the ball in play at any point out-of-bounds at the end of the court where the goal was made. This does not apply to technical or double fouls".

Another: "At the center jump it will be illegal for a player to step on or across the diameter of the center circle after the ball is tossed and before it is tapped". (repeated violation of this rule results in a technical foul being called).

Another: "Whenever a jump ball takes place at the free-throw line, all players except the jumpers shall remain outside the free-throw circle, (the present arc to be extended by a broken arc into a complete circle)"; Violation of this rule puts the ball out of bounds at the end of the court.

In addition to this particular rule, officials are given more authority to keep players away from the jumpers elsewhere on the court.

Another: "The intermission shall be 15 minutes between halves, but may be 10 minutes by mutual agreement".

Another: "A goal thrown by a player immediately after he has been fouled shall count, although the whistle has blown before the ball has left his hands, providing the whistle did not affect the defensive play". (This rule will probably give the officials lots of trouble, but it will give the offensive player the field goal he is more often than not entitled to).

Another: "Officials SHALL disqualify a player for unsportsmanlike violation of the personal contact rule". (The old rule reads, "may disqualify").

As most of these rules will in all probability be used in the coming season, it would seem a good idea if our casaba artists took heed, for when the season starts we want to see our team ready to take the court with a thorough knowledge of all rules for in the past a lack of knowledge has spoiled many an otherwise good game.

It is hoped that the team will commence regular training soon, and if that practice game with the Portland could be taken as an indication of our chances this season we shall have a team right up there this year.

WRESTLING

This past week found us with a full team for the coming matches in San Diego, the 27th of this month, and, with necessary training, there can be no reason why we will not be able to place among the winners. But we can still use some more men and anyone interested, come out daily at 3 o'clock and work out with the team. Let's make this a big year for athletics, in the HOUSTON!

TRANSFERS

R-S, Philadelphia, Pa. for duty at Naval Aircraft Factory.

Schoetner, George C., Sea1c. to Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Cal. for a course of instruction.

George, Donald A., Sea1c. to 12th Naval District for a tour of shore duty.

RECEIPTS.

Beames, Edward H., Sea1c. from the U.S.S. OGLALA (or temporary duty with the Aleutian Island Survey Expedition).

Hennessey, James K., Sea2c. from the U.S.S. OGLALA (or temporary duty with Aleutian Island Survey Expedition).

Kelams, Arvel, WT1c. from the Naval Hospital, San Diego, Cal.

JUST FRIENDS?

The newly weds on their honeymoon had the drawing room. The groom gave the negro porter a dollar not to tell anybody on the train they were newly-weds. When the happy couple went to the diner for breakfast next morning all the passengers snickered and pointed and eyed the couple knowingly. The groom called the negro porter and demanded: "Did you tell anybody we were just married?"

"No, sir," said the dusky porter, "I told 'em you all was just good friends".

The name "Indian" is used about 75 times in the making of a State, Counties, cities, towns and rivers in the United States.

The folks at home will enjoy reading the BLUE BONNET. Mail it.