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Second Presidential Cruise

During the coming week the HOUSTON will proceed to sea on her second cruise with our Commander in Chief, President F. D. Roosevelt on board. Two notable personages in our Government sailing in the C in C's party are: Secretary of the Interior, Harold B. Ickes and Works Progress Administrator, Harry Hopkins.

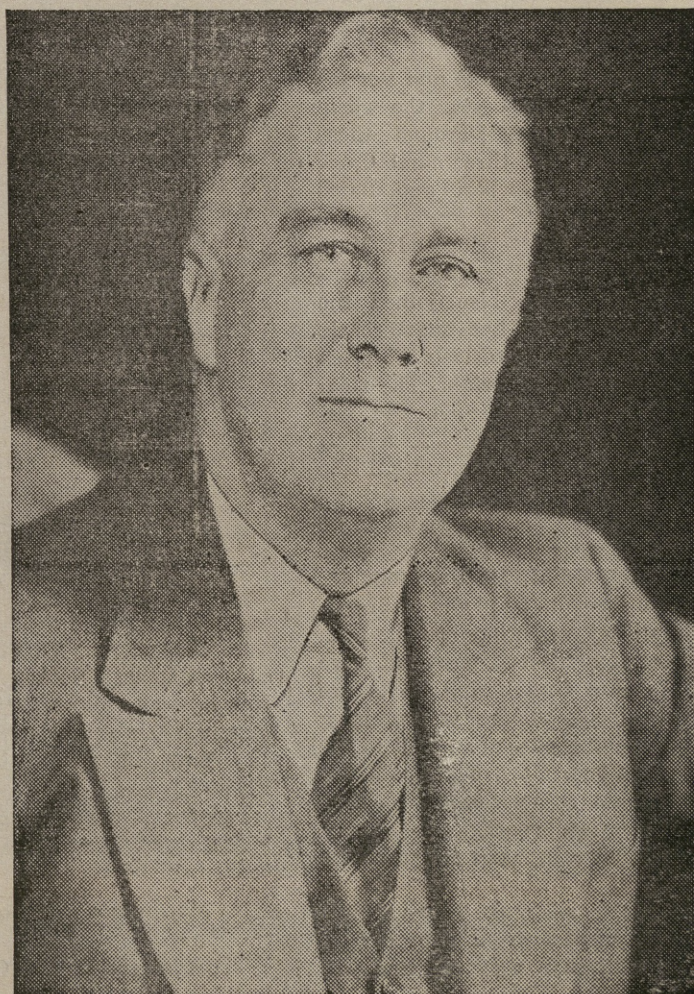
As we go to press our tentative schedule is not definitely known, but we, the crew of the United States Ship HOUSTON feel proud to have our distinguished shipmates on board. We all look forward with happy anticipation to the coming cruise, as memories of the pleasant cruise last year are still fresh in our minds.

It was with pardonable pride we received news of the forthcoming cruise, forthwith proceedings with preparations, intent on making this a far greater and more successful cruise than the last whether it be shorter or longer in duration.

This cruise is a fine opportunity for us, the entire crew, to demonstrate clearly to you, our cooperative ability in carrying out each evolution as a smoothly functioning and thoroughly schooled unit of our great Naval Forces.

President Roosevelt, we members of the HOUSTON crew welcome you and your party aboard, both as Commander in Chief of our Navy and as a former, distinguished shipmate.

We hope this cruise is as enjoyable and pleasant to you and your party as it will be to us in having such distinguished shipmates.



Franklin D. Roosevelt

—: THE BLUE BONNET :—

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NAVAL ACADEMY FOOTBALL
PROSPECTS

In the 1935 Football season, Navy faces a more difficult schedule than last year in addition to losing most of her '34 key players.

In the backfield Clarke and Borries have graduated. Last year the whole attack was centered around these men. In the line the three number one tackles Cutter, Lambert and Baird have also been lost by graduation in addition to the first-string ends, Mandulkorn and Mini. The guards, Burns and Schacht, have also joined the Fleet as has "Holy" Lee, quarterback. With a loss of 13 lettermen the prospects do not look so bright. The final outcome will depend upon the improvement of last years A and B squads and last years strong Plebe team.

The center of the line seems to be stronger than it has been for years. The tackle position is questionable; and there seems to be plenty of promising material somewhat heavier than last year, for the end positions. Two of last years first string backs are left with goodly number of promising candidates of experience to fill in the other positions. More backs will undoubtedly see action this season than have for several years.

The lack of experience and unknown qualities of players in most of the key positions will make Navy a mystery team until proven. Your correspondent still says they can and will beat Army.

What this years team lacks in experienced players it has in coaches, Head Coach, Lt. (jg) "Tommy" Ha-

milton, N.A. Class of '27, gained fame as coach of the West Coast Navy team of a few years ago. He is ably assisted by such men as "Rip" Miller, head coach of the academy team '31-'33. John Wilson; Frank Foster; Lt. (jg) "Pug" Huges; Lt. (jg) "Moon" Chapple; Lt. (jg) John Cross and Lt. (jg) J. W. Byng. All these men have been outstanding players in their day and probably represent one of the most capable coaching staffs in football.

NAVAL ACADEMY
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1935

- 28 September—William and Mary College, 2:30 p. m., at Annapolis.
- 5 October—Mercer University, 2:30 p. m., at Annapolis.
- 10 October—University of Virginia, 2:30 p. m., at Annapolis. (90th Anniversary Celebration).
- 19 October—Yale University, 2 p. m., at New Haven. (Parade of Midshipmen precedes game).
- 26 October—University of Notre Dame, 2 p. m., at Baltimore. (Parade of Midshipmen precedes game).
- 2 November—Princeton University, 2 p. m., at Princeton. (Parade of Midshipmen precedes game).
- 9 November—University of Pennsylvania, 2 p. m., at Philadelphia. (Parade of Midshipmen precedes game).
- 16 November—U. S. Military Academy, 1:30 p. m., at Philadelphia. (Parade of Midshipmen and Cadets precedes game).

BROADCAST OF GAMES TO
FLEET

Commencing on 28 September and continuing each Saturday through 16 November, a radio bulletin of approximately 100 words describing the varsity football game will be sent to the Fleet.

For the Army-Navy game, a radio bulletin containing a play-by-play account will be sent.

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THE DIVERS

Thursday the HOUSTON divers got in their diving time. Dives were made by six men including Svenberg, Dotterer, Elliot, McFadden, Starkey, Ens. Hilger and Ens. Mackenzie.

LIBRARY NOTES

For the information of men who are interested in good reading material but have a difficulty in selecting a book, it has been suggested that a brief description of two books be given each week in the Blue Bonnet. Accordingly, the librarian will attempt to review two books each week and we shall call these books, "Books of the Week".

This week our "Books of the Week" are, "Passengers to Peking", by J. Van Dyke, and "Brothers in the West" by Robert Reynolds. "Passengers to Peking" is a romance of the far east. The story of a young English girl, sailing up the Chinese coast from Shanghai to Peking to marry a man she had not seen for 3 years. The exotic romance of the Orient, and the many trials incident to her trip and happiness with her lover, together with the intense drama of this romance makes this book well worth reading.

"Brothers in the West" is a tale of the West as it was lived, its passion, its misery; the loneliness of a snowed in Frenchman and his marital troubles. The heroes are two brothers and the story tells of their rise from carefree trappers and miners to successful farmers and on through the loss of their loved ones and their final death and dissolution, still side by side. Written more in the style of Zane Grey and once you get into the first chapter you will not wish to leave it until the end, where the Frenchman purged of his torments turns up again, praying for the wife who had been carried off by the brothers, at her own desire.

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PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS
FOR PUBLICATION

Nothing presents so clearly to the world, the individual man-of-war's man, as does a picture, especially one published in a service paper or magazine. The cover picture of a recent edition of a service magazine speaks for itself. In itself, this picture depicts an ordinary man-of-war's man. In this day and age when we of the armed services are becoming more and more, under the scrutinious eye of the public at large, we should strive to be excellent men-of-war'smen, proud to have the wide world see each and every one of us as a truly American man-of-war'sman.

NOSEY NEWS

by
EV' BODY



Our second week in San Diego proved to be one busy day after another, and our under cover crew was kept unusually busy trying to keep up with the greatest epidemic of rumors, in the history of the ship.

Our stay here has also made many of our good sailormen, airminded, or at least one would think so to hear of the thrilling parachute jumps, (150 feet?)

According to a Long Beach paper the HOUSTON is still in port. Evidently the liberty parties going there have been so large that no one has noticed the ship's departure.

Boyle's taxi service to Long Beach is quite popular, so we hear.

N. A. S. San Diego seems to be the grave yard for old worn out Houston sailors. Take a look around the Island.

Reports indicate that V. L. Meyers of the fourth is taking his preliminary training in the fine art of operating a "Greasy Spoon"???

It is quite possible that our new spud peeling arrangement is one of the best in the fleet. Ask the C.M.A.A. for particulars.

Latest reports bring news of Ross, R. M. Sea2c. joining the G.G. Club yesterday.

Once again a member of the famous Campbells, this time "Squeaky" EM1c puts the clan in the spotlight. It seems that despite the fact he is a plank owner on board he doesn't know where the sail locker is. 'Tis a good thing he wasn't asked during the recent C.P.O. exams.

Many of our boys (light on the hoof) have actually decided that Allen's (the local dance-emporium) has it all over our most popular Majestic in Long Beach.

Garcia, our lively main deck Cox. appeared quite bewildered upon returning from leave to find his domain overrun with shops!!

It seems, Joe West, our flashy mail man, is being unjustly blamed for many things.

We wonder if Zietfuss found some new ideas when he returned and found the sounding machines painted????

A suggestion would seem in order for Black F3c and many more of his shipmates, during this "paint ship" period and that is:—"keep off the paintwork." Maybe the dress blues will last longer.

"Better late than never", says Ford-enwalt when taking the grass skirt and trappings ashore.

Nelson, the ship's tailor, reports the loss of one scivvie shirt ashore. Anyone wishing to offer condolences call at the shop between 0600 and 0700.

Smith, the coxswain of the "grey-ghost" (No. 3.) says the whistle adds one more feature to her many distinctions!!!!!!

Our dark and (?) handsome coxswain of the boat deck is still trying to solve the problem that arose when he ate an order of ham and eggs and thought it was a ham and egg sandwich. Too much Keno says us.

We are all in doubtful anticipation for the sweet music Weeks promises is with his recently overhauled guitar.

Cpl. Meyers admits the recent operation on his neck seriously handicaps him in his necking duties. Someone should side in with McElnerts(?) S.K. striker, for Sivak really was too much for him in narrating the story of John L. Sullivan killing a horse with one punch and then his friend Muldoon, throwing said horse over a fence.

Taylor, our diminutive M.A.A. is the possessor of that rare quality in being so convincing. His version of falling out of a motor launch was a masterpiece we would say.

In a recent issue we thoughtlessly predicted this coming cruise would curtail cupid's rampage aboard this warship. But; Abbott MM1c, Thatcher MM2c, Bennett F1c, Smith, L.M. S1c. are or are just about to be new members of the famous G. G. Club. The line for the stogies will form on the starboard side of the port quarter boom.

Well adios for this week.

DID YOU KNOW?

That there are 521 sailing ships, totaling 663,118 tons in the U. S.

That the Revolutionary War lasted eight years to the day. (Battle of Lexington commenced on April 19, 1775 and on April 19, 1783, Washington ordered cessation of hostilities with Great Britain).

That although Sect. 3 of Art. IV of the Constitution forbids the formation of new states within the jurisdiction of a state, Texas is allowed to divide itself into 5 states.

That from March till Sept. the sun shines continuously on U. S. Territory.

That although the most popular S. and A. form in the Navy, very few men know that S. and A. form 57 is a pay receipt.

That the Province of Kiangsu in China is the most densely populated spot in the world, 824 people to the square mile.

That there are 6,760 tongues and systems of writing in the world.

DIVINE SERVICES HELD ON BOARD

Sunday evening at 1830 Divine services were held in the port hangar, which was suitably decorated for the occasion.

A goodly number of the crew attended and all who attended, spoke highly of the good services rendered.

During the cruise we shall have Divine services every Sunday on board.

STOP PRESS "FLASH"

Our popular shampoo dispenser, "Tiger" Standafer was found nearly exhausted, with impatience fast overcoming him after waiting 3hrs. on the landing Friday night for a M. L. A good hearted shore boat operator finally pointed out the ship, a scant 50 yards!

AVATION UNIT RETURNING

On Tuesday our Aviation unit shall return from North Island, where they have been the past few weeks, getting in some very useful and practicable flying time. The Blue Bonnet welcomes our aviators back aboard.

C. P. O. CHATTER

By Hawk Eye

Most of the Chiefs spend the greater part of their liberty hours pressing Bus cushions between San Diego and Long Beach.

Will someone please tell LaTour what the Star Spangled Banner is?

The mystery is, who led who astray—Doc Krueger or Sheriff Ross.

Who tipped Redding off that there wasn't a line-up in the Barber Shop last Monday afternoon.

We have two new comers in our midst. Welcome Shipmates, Shaw and Tobin. Both have served aboard before during the last Presidential cruise. Best wishes for a happy cruise.

The question is - Did someone give Mitchell the cigar? If it was a present the giver was out for revenge.

It is noted that Paul Gallant is now a San Diego "G. G." He can be seen catching the 0730 boat these mornings.

CBM Kasper just returned from leave reporting his car (model, make and type unknown) is still percolating.

Phalon is breathing easy again when he learned we are not going to the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The Blonde Waitress in the Hauf Brau is showing interest in what Houston Chief.

What will all the Chief Water-tenders do when we are at sea and there are no ships to watch steaming in and out.

Poastmaster West reports an increase in stamp sales since Berry left Long Beach.

BOWLING

Last Wednesday evening our bowlers met a combined Marine Base and Civilian team at the Sunshine Alleys. At the outset our boys were holding their own but lack of practice and unfamiliarity with the alleys found them on the short end of the score, losing by 300 pins. Team members—Debri, Shaw, Kirkpatrick, Gilliam and Nelson.

TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS

Henderson, due 9-30-35, leave 10-2-35. Chaumont, due 10-5-35, leave 10-7-35. Brazos, due 9-24-35, leave 10-11-35. Wright, due 9-26-35, leave 10-21-35.

PISTOL TEAM NOTES

Saturday afternoon, at 1300 the HOUSTON Pistol Team fired a challenge match with the U.S.S. Holland, winning by 71 points, team score

At 1630 a courtesy match, 6 man team, was fired with the San Diego Police team, the Cops winning by 71 points. Both matches were fired on the local Police range. HOUSTON team members: Ens. Burdick, Ch. Gunner Condit, Mach. Woodroof, Pinion, S1c., Armingier Pfc., Hyman F1c and Kitchen, Cpl.

PERSONNEL

TRANSFERS

Kellams, A. WT1c. to Navy yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. for duty CFO U. S.S. Trush and duty on board when commissioned.

Vizard, J.J. PHM1c. to U.S.S. Minneapolis for temporary duty while taking CPO examinations.

Clymer S. H. Cox., Steele, D.C. S1c., Wishard, R.A. S2c., Roan, C.W. S2c., Ryan, R. J. F3c. to Naval Hospital, San Diego.

Back, W. E. PHM3c. to Receiving Station, Norfolk Va.

THREE YEAR EXTENTION

Burrell, C.L. EM1c.

RECEIVED

Shaw, W.J. CWT(PA) from U.S.S. Broome (for temporary duty in connection Presidential Cruise).

Tobin, L.S. CY(PA) from U.S.S. Astoria. (Same as above).

Wommack, N.T. MM1c. from Naval Hospital, San Diego.

Williams, J.C. QM3c from U. S. S. Tuscaloosa.

Maccalous, G. M. S1c. from U. S. S. Mississippi.

Kajada, P. OS1c., Esperancilla, J. OS3c., Estrada, P. OS3c. Medina, E. OC1c, Malaza, J. OC3c., Abiba, S. Matt 1c. Floresca, M. Matt2c. from U.S.S. Sequoia.

Thompson, R.B. S2c, Moon, M.M. S2c, Davies, J.E. AS, Harrell, A.C. AS, Meyers, R.L. AS from Naval Training Station, San Diego.

Welcome to our new shipmates and may you find your new duties a success.

The most uncertain thing in the world is a sure thing.

BASEBALL

RETURN GAME—SIG'MEN VS RADIOMEN

Those Wednesday afternoon ball games of the "C" Div. appear to be a routine affair now.

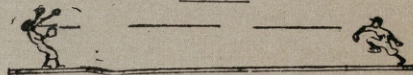
The write-up carried last week stirred the radiomen into action supposedly to wipe out the hurt of those remarks and the defeat as well, but to no avail.

The big trouble seemed in this game to be that the radiomen used too many pitchers. Nine in all, we believe, resulting in none of them really getting warmed up.

McMurphey held the radiomen hitless four innings and in the seventh turned the mound over to Willmuth, who finished the slaughter, both pitchers being backed up by a million dollar infield. Charlie Chay starred at short. Brandies says no more baseball for him. Why?

This game ties the series at two all, the play off—well, maybe, in Brooklyn, Norfolk or points east; who can tell? Plenty of good sportsmanship and good clean fun is had by all at these little informal games. Many divisions should try it out, keeps that old arm and eye in trim you know, and makes for good spirit and feeling. Score: Signalmen, 12—Radiomen, 6.

Due to the lack of space the lineup and positions cannot be given, although last week's lineup remained practically intact.



COMDR. DYER (ChC) PAYS SHIP SHORT VISIT

Comdr. Dyer, (ChC) whom we all remember as our very popular and helpful Chaplain while in China spent a few hours aboard Sat. morning, and as always, he had a cheery greeting for all. He is now on duty at N. T. S. San Diego.

GIRL—"Oh, there's a taxi! Lets get it".

PINION—"Gal, you'ns air a leetle teched in the haid". "Dont you'ns see that thar street car comin' around the corner"?

Have you written home this week?



Secretary of the Interior,
Harold B. Ickes

OFFICERS TO TAKE PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

Both Lt. (jg) H.P. Rice and Lt. (jg) F.P. Williams have received orders to take their promotion examinations for Lieutenant. The exact date these examinations are to be held is not known but they are expected in the near future. Both Mr. Rice and Mr. Williams are graduates of the Naval Academy, Class of 1925.

NAVY RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the Navy Relief Society and Red Cross will be collected next payday, 1 October. All hands are urged to contribute their share to these two worthy Organizations. Let's make the HOUSTON a one hundred percent ship in her support.

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

PRESIDENT AND WIFE TO BE ON LOS ANGELES PROGRAM

Both President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt will speak tomorrow in Hollywood Bowl.

Previously it was announced that the President would not speak in Los Angeles, or at any other place on his trip to the Pacific Coast other than at Boulder Dam, which he will dedicate next Monday.

The President will be accompanied west by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Works progress Administrator Harry Hopkins, Capt. Wilson Brown, senior White House Naval Aide; Col. Edwin M. Watson, senior military aide, and Capt. Ross T. McIntire, White House physician.

This group will accompany the President on his 20-day cruise on the HOUSTON in southern waters, including Lower California and the Bay of Panama. President Roosevelt was reported to have spent several hours inspecting numerous rods and reels and other fishing equipment in anticipation of some fine catches of broadbill swordfish and other fish of southern waters.

In Los Angeles a tentative program for President Roosevelt during his stay here has been made in the office of Senator William Gibbs McAdoo. The program must be submitted to the White House before the President started his trip west.

Word of the President's latest plans was brought from Washington by Comptroller of the Currency J. F. T. O'Conner, who conferred with Senator McAdoo. William H. Moran, Chief of the secret service, also arrived. Moran is making plans for the protection of the President here.

CHAPLIN SCHRUM REPORTS ABOARD

Lt. Comdr. R. W. Schrum, Ch.C. reported aboard Thursday 26 September for temporary duty. Chaplain Schrum is regularly attached to the U.S.S. Lexington.

He has a reputation of being one of the most popular chaplains in the Navy. Chaplain Schrum, we welcome you.

Boost HOUSTON Athletics!



Works Progress Administrator,
Harry Hopkins

SARATOGA BAND TO ACCOMPANY HOUSTON

The Saratoga Band has been designated to accompany the HOUSTON on the Presidential Cruise. It will be augmented by additional members from the Des Sco For Band. The Saratoga band is one of the outstanding musical organizations in the fleet. The HOUSTON is indeed fortunate in being assigned this organization.

Members of the band are: Booe, J.B., Bmstr., Brabenec, L.F. 1st. Mus., Williams, D.J. Mus1c. Lukenback, L.B. Mus1c., Loyola, S. Mus1c., Nocon, P.T. Mus1c., Coe, F.V. Mus1c., Remley, L. W. Mus2c., Jones, R. S. Mus2c., Murphy, J.J. Mus2c., Lundgren, J.C. Mus 2c., Glazier, B.D. Mus2c., Yniss, B. Mus2c., Morgan, W.I. Sea2c., Meyer, W.H. Sea2c. Robbins, F.L. Sea2c.

A grouch is too heavy a load for any man to carry.

BASKETBALL

SAN DIEGO SERIES A SUCCESS

Upon our arrival in San Diego, Ens. Williams immediately made arrangements for practice periods and later practice games during our brief stay in port.

On Tuesday night we had our first practice game, it being with the U.S. S. Memphis, a reputedly strong squad, which they proved to be for they really made things hot for our team, although it can safely be said that the small court with its blind corners were a decided handicap for our regulars who are used to a wide open game on the regulation size court. In this first game our offense was visibly weak in passing and following up on goal tries but the defense was practically impregnable as the score will show, it being, HOUSTON—22, MEMPHIS—9. Brown, L.L. took the spotlight momentarily when he made a difficult one-hand shot while being apparently completely blocked.

On Wednesday evening we renewed our local series with the U.S.S. Raleigh, this game showing a decided improvement in the passing and floor work of the entire squad. Kennedy and Willmuth demonstrated their uncanny ability to tap in one goal after another on the rebound from the backboard, while Ellwood did some excellent shooting on his own account at the same time being in the thick of every play. Henderson and Bair were conspicuous by their repeated recovery of the ball off the opponents backboard while they continually broke up the floor plays of the Raleigh too. Henderson had the opposition jumpy after he sunk a few from the side court as did Kennedy.

Other members of the team who played well to add to the victory were Smith, Jones, Brown, Ulrey, Stoddard, Mustain, and Burkhead. Final score of this game, HOUSTON-38—RALEIGH-21.

On Thursday evening we took the courts for our third game of the series, playing the DES DIV 5 squad, this game showing a still better improvement in the team's weakest department, passing and follow up. The entire squad took part in this game and although it was not the hardest game of the series it was an excellent opportunity for the squad to work on new plays and better team

work which seems to be the most important kink to be ironed out before we are ready to take part in official fleet competition.

Score: HOUSTON—39, Des Div. 5—21.

The present members of the squad are: Willmuth, Ellwood, Smith, Brown and Stoddard-forwards, Henderson, Bair, O'Brien, Mustain, Burkhead and Jones-guards, Kennedy and Williamson-centers. Ulrey, a promising guard and center, is out for the present with a badly wrenched ankle but we look forward to seeing him out in the near future.

With the material we have this season we shall have one of the strongest squads in the ship's history providing the steady improvement now evidenced continues.

Last Saturday evening we met and conquered the U.S.S. MILWAUKEE five.

The good results obtained in previous games enabled our boys to set a fast pace, with every member of the team getting into the game.

Score: HOUSTON—38, MILWAUKEE—8.

ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE 90th. ANNIVERSARY

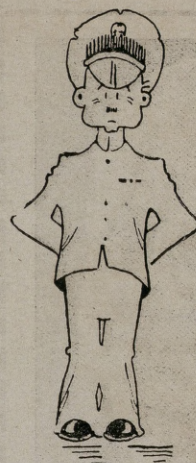
On 10 October 1935 the Naval Academy will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of its founding. On this day it is intended to hold exercises commemorative of the old Naval Academy.

At this celebration there will be present descendants or representatives of those who contributed to the founding of the Academy. Along with the celebration, as many alumni as possible will visit the Academy to assist in commemorating its 90th Anniversary, renew friendships and refresh memories of Midshipman days.

There will be many features of interest that day starting with the opening exercises. Next, a sham battle staged by Midshipmen including a bombardment of the shore, a landing force operation and general battle involving all available equipment. The day will be rounded out with a luncheon, a football game and Ball.

Application blanks for reservation may be obtained from the superintendent's office, Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Send the BLUE BONNET home.



Battalion Of Death BLASTS CROWN

Cpl. Perry, the lad who recently took a ducking, making a motor launch, seems to be on hand every other liberty. Says the boat coxswain can't do it again.

A certain Pfc. in the guard was awarded a summary court, by a traffic judge in Oceanside, to be paid in one payment.

Cpl. Meyers having stowed his civvies aboard, received a letter from Long Beach. Out came the civvies, and the writer saw him running amuck with a S.M.R. and a blank stare.

The Gunnery Sergeant is out to beat any or all records hung up by the G. Grainers aboard. Come one, come all.

Trumpeter Bell surveyed his horn, having had 4000 calls (?) on it and a hole in the keel. What a pair of bellows.

Withey, Cpl. arrived recently from M.B.N.Y. Mare Is. for temporary duty as Shark Shooter for the Presidential Party. He served over four years on board prior to his transfer to shore duty.

The following men arrived from M.C.B., N.O.B. San Diego, during the past week, making the detachment 53 strong: Brazil L.R.-PFC., Thompson M.R.-PFC, Michael J.W.-PFC, Smith N.T.-Pvt., Phillips W.J.-Pvt., See A.W.-Pvt., Sirokey C.J.-Pvt., Ulrey L.M.-Pvt., Jenner E.A.-Pvt., Chastain L.B.-Pvt., Meeks H.A.-Pvt., Ott F.C.-Pvt. Foguth J.J.-PFC, was recently transferred to M.B.C., N.O.B. for special order discharge.

There are eight rivers in the world named "Aa".