

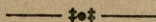
**BLAINE TO CELEBRATE  
HOUSTON'S VISIT**

Blaine, Washington, famous for its Fourth-of-July celebrations, has designated July third as Navy day. The celebration is being put on by the American Legion and Auxiliary with the help of the citizens of the town.

The committee in charge is arranging dances, ball games and sports of all kinds. In addition to this there is to be a carnival in town. Birch Bay, six miles to the southwest, furnishes bathing, a nine hole golf course and other attractions.

Blaine is the north-west outpost of the United States. Here is located the World famous Peace Arch, the only such monument in the world. The city is situated on the Canadian border, in fact it is but a few yards from the city limits on the north to the international border. Just over the border is the wonderful Semiahmoo eighteen hole golf course where entertainment is provided for those who desire it.

Vancouver, Canada is but 30 miles to the north and transportation facilities are available some ten times each day.



**WHY A SUPPLY DEPARTMENT**

When errors of omission or commission are committed by members of the Supply Department personnel, the younger men are prone to remark, "What good is the supply department anyway?"

The primary motive of this department is service to the other departments. It is admitted that each department could be, and has been in earlier days, self-sustaining. However, in order to obtain and maintain

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**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYMENT  
U. S. S. HOUSTON**

For First Quarter, 1936.

- 29 June to 2 July.  
Enroute Blaine, Wash.
- 3 to 7 July.  
At anchor Blaine, Wash.
- 8 to 12 July.  
Tactics.
- 13 to 15 July.  
At anchor, Seattle, Wash.
- 16 to 21 July.  
Enroute and visiting Alaskan ports.
- 22 to 31 July.  
Visit Alaskan ports. July 21-23 at Valdez; July 23-25 at Seward; July 25-27 enroute Yakutat Bay; July 27-29 at Yakutat Bay; July 27-1 Aug. enroute Seattle, Wash.
- 1 to 4 August.  
Puget Sound Area.
- 5 to 8 August.  
Tactics enroute San Pedro, Calif.
- 8 to 9 August.  
Enroute San Pedro, Calif.
- 10 August to 1 September.  
Alongside Vestal at San Pedro. Upkeep.
- 3 to 6 September.  
Gunnery based on San Clemente. Train for S.R.B.P.
- 6 to 8 September.  
Receive ammunition from U.S.S. NITRO at San Pedro.
- 8 to 15 September.  
Train and fire S.R.B.P.—Base on San Clemente.
- 16 to 30 September.  
Upkeep—Base on San Pedro.

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**CAPTAIN WOODSON TURNS OVER  
COMMAND TO CAPTAIN BAKER**

Tuesday morning with the crew assembled on the fantail Captain Woodson formally turned over his command to his successor, Captain Baker.

At 0900 Captain Baker left the ship to formally report for duty to Cincus. After his return, he and Captain held a personnel inspection of the crew. This inspection was followed by a general muster and parade of the crew on the fantail at which time Captain Woodson delivered a short farewell address, read a copy of his and Captain Baker's orders and finally turned over his command to his successor. After lunch the crew was exercised at General Quarters and emergency drills.

Captain Woodson's appreciation to the crew of the Houston and his deep regret in leaving the ship is best shown by his own words. "SHIP-MATES! I am now ending the happiest cruise of my life--A cruise that is ending all too soon. It has been a joy to serve you. I thank you for your loyalty and for your efficiency, but most of all for your cheerful smiles.

I leave you with a heavy heart, and I bespeak for my successor, Captain Baker, who comes from my home town and who is a "Hill Billy" like I am, the same loyal support you have shown me.

Keep the good ship Houston on top!" The crew and officers regretted seeing Captain Woodson leave just as much, if not more, as he regretted leaving us and we wish him many more cruises in his new assignments. Good luck, Captain Woodson!

To Captain Baker welcome, and we hope that we will be able to make your new tour of duty pleasant and profitable.

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PEP TALK

THE CHEERFUL AYE AYE

The oath on enlistment says: "I will obey orders." Any team or an organization of men must obey orders, if it is to work effectively, for without obedience the men would not pull together. Obedience with alacrity means obeying quietly, cheerfully, willingly, and promptly.

Especially in the Navy is obedience with alacrity necessary for only men with such a habit have the self-control needed in many duties and particularly in emergency.

Quickness of observation and perception does not go with slow work. A cheerful mind can think clearly, being free from clouds. A willing hand is intent on what it is doing, because not reluctant, but willing to do it. Promptness does thing at the right time, no lagging behind nor too late altogether.

In hoisting or lowering a boat, a slow, sullen, unwilling or tardy hand by being only a couple of seconds behind, may damage the boat or lose a shipmate's life. No such man could work sharp enough to be a gun-point-er, trainer, sight-setter, loader, or in fire control. His mind would be on himself, not his mates and their duty together. Or with machinery needing a quick eye, clear head, sure and prompt hand, he would not be reliable. Naval service demands men who can and will do their work with pride in it.

Such a man regards the ship as his ship and works for her accordingly.

An experienced man-o'-war's man acknowledges an order with "Aye, Aye, Sir.", and promptly goes about doing it. He never thinks whether he wishes to obey or not. It is an or-

## NEWS OF FORMER SHIPMATES

"Rebel" Kayse, BM1c, former MAA and boxing squad trainer, now swings his hammock at the Sub Base, Pearl Harbor, and the cold beer with the warm sunshine suits him fine.

Hartman, CTM, former C M M A, now on the USS Richmond, is the proud papa of an eight pound boy. Congrats, George have the cigars ready when our paths meet.

Macumber, Y1c, is now well situated in the personnel office at the Naval Prison, Portsmouth.

"Baldy" Romine is getting along fine on his new station, Newport, RI, and sends his regards to all the gang.

Pigg, S1c, former magazine keeper, is now on board the New Orleans, and says the Houston is, in his opinion, still the best ship afloat.

"Gripe" Brittingham, Y1c, now on duty at Pearl Harbor, admits he has finally found the billet that is most pleasing to his personality.

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## NEW OFFICERS REPORT

This past week several new officers reported for duty, and were assigned to divisions as indicated:

Lt. (jg) E. S. Shanze from the Submarine School, New London, Radio Officer; Lt. (jg) G. H. Huff from the Naval Air Station, Sunnysvale, to "V" Division; Ens. Barnes from Naval Academy to "C" Division; Ensign Barrows from the Naval Academy to Assistant Navigator; Ens. Burdock, Naval Academy to 4th Division; Ens. Ely, Naval Academy, to 4th Division; Ens. Hilger, Naval Academy, to "B" Division; and Ens. Marcus, Naval Academy, to "A" Division. We welcome these new officers aboard and wish them best of luck in their new assignments.

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## Send the BLUE BONNET home

der; that is enough for him. He recognizes it as a call for his experience, skill and strength.

"I have voluntarily offered my services for four years; here is a call for them. Difficult, is it? and disagreeable? I should worry. Watch me make good just the same."

That is the spirit of the cheerful "aye-aye." It works wonders in accomplishment and in making a winning, happy ship, even though duty be long, hard and tiresome.

## NAVAL ACADEMY PREP SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Preliminary examinations for enlisted candidates for the Naval Academy Prep. School will be mailed to the ships and stations about June 15 and the candidates will be examined 1 August.

The law authorizes the appointment to the Naval Academy each year of one hundred Midshipmen to be selected as the result of a competitive examination given the enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps. In order to take the examination, a man must have the following qualification:

- (a) Be of officer caliber.
- (b) Be a citizen of the United States.
- (c) Have enlisted in the Navy or Marine Corps on or before 1 July of the year preceeding that in which the examination is held.
- (d) Have had nine months sea duty in a ship in full commission by the date of his final transfer to the Naval Academy, where he is due to report by 1 July of the year in which the entrance examination is held.

(e) Be not less than 16 nor more than 20 years of age on 1 April of the year in which the examination is held.

(f) Have had two years in high school or an equivalent education, and have passed successfully at least two half years of algebra and one half year of geometry.

(g) Be able to pass the required physical examination.

To provide for intensive instruction of enlisted men selected to take the competitive examination for appointment to the Naval Academy, the Bureau of Navigation maintains a special Preparatory school. Those designated for this school are men selected by competitive examination in English Literature, Algebra, Geometry, Ancient History and American History. This is the examination that is to be held the first of August. Those men interested turn their names in to Ensign Mackenzie immediately.

Adams: "I'm from Menlo, Iowa."

Pratt: "Is that a one-horse town where the people all turn out to meet the train"?

Adams: "What train"?



## NOSEY NEWS by EV' BODY

Well, well and well, the old snoop-upper has been having the running duty—running around snooping and would you notice the results? We all know that "Si" Pierce is quite the lady's man, but we were very much surprised to hear that he flatly refused to answer the call to the well deck to receive a visitor. "Shifty" Webb is not so shifty these days. Its either old age or the trials and tribulations of the GG Club that's getting him down. Among his many accomplishments, "Al Capone" Tad, numbers his ability to attract the femes to the ship to sample his baking art his greatest. Wellbourne says that as soon as he can leave them off long enough, he's going to have the tailor sew some elbow pads in his blues. Funny how these hardwood bars wear them out!! Our one and only Felix (not the cat) admits that he is only too glad to dance with the gals—providing THEY have the tickets. OK if it works. DeBri, Shaw and Woodward are becoming quite adept at the art of doing their social calling near midnight—ask Kirkpatrick if you don't believe me. This trio was also noted giving O'Brien lessons on how to bowl last Sat. nite, only they had their own help with 'em. Our butcher says he would like to be refered to as the "Diamond Jim Brady of the Pike" and is considered to be the greatest little 108 lbs. of love and romance of all history. Now, now, Veazie. "Pap" Hammers is speedily developing the technique, but we were wondering if the two he had the other night were helping him along or hindering his progress. There is no doubt that the ice cream served at general mess is of the best ingredients. McDonald of the scullery was seen to scoff six (6) helping, then cry out in a loud voice

for more. Incidentally, he is still in active commission. "Stubby" Brown, ("K Boy" to some people) is all a-flutter now that he knows the Houston will return to this area in Aug. A bukler was all that was needed to sound swimming call in living spaces forward a few nights ago when the "heaving" Houston was trying to best the "pitching" Portland. C'on in, the water's wet! "Al" Wershing is quite popular in and around the Sand Bar, so we learn. Pinion looked too cute for words running around in those white shoes, but the plow jockey tie just about ruined it all. Ens. Williams is quite an authority on how to board a ship via the boat booms, especially when in a hurry. We are positive the beermakers in these parts would like to see many more like our own Kremensky, for it is a known fact that he bought out an enire stock, and then started looking for more. "Frog" Godaire says that old saying "say it with flowers", was very appropriate to his latest coming out party, and he was practically the center of attraction where ever he went. We wonder why he sudden interest in books on etiquette and Hollywood doings on the part of that E Division woman hater. Maybe a detailed account of his movements on that 21 day leave might throw some light on the subject. Quick, Watson, the needle! Adv.—Excuses for sale. See Calhoun. He has mill-yuns of 'em. Boris and Davison are right in with there huge Beverly Hills apartment, car, private chauffers, etc. Keep it up, boys, we'll get you a job in our minature movies some day. Whoops, I just got a bunch of fingers in my eye so I had better stop! We'll be seein' yuh!! Beware!!

### PERSONNEL LOSSES

During the past two months many of our good shipmates have left us, several of then going to the great outside to a well deserved rest after many years faithful service, while the rest will be found in the far corners of the earth wherever our mighty Navy holds forth. To you, our former shipmates, we extend best wishes for a happy and sucessful cruise in your new duties.

Frady, W. H., CRM to FAB, Pearl Harbor, T.H.; Bitzelberger, F.J., Cox, Breidecker, P.J., QM2c, Sawyer, G.T.,

Y2c., Powell, E.S., F1c, Malit, R., MAtt1c, to Sub Base, Pearl Harbor; Taylor, R.J., Cox, and Kellams, A., to USS Relief; Rogers, C.S., MAtt3c to FAB, Pearl Harbor; Nelson, G.E., S1c, Sanchez, T.P., S2c, Snyder, W.M., Cox, Steve, J., BM1c, Thiel, B.E.L., HA1c, Kinnane, M.W., S2c, Simms, W.W., S2c, Kline, W.H., MM2c, Lottman, R. G., EM3c., Antles, R.V., F3c., Martin, T.A., F3c, Cottom, N.A., S1c., Dodd, A.T., and Turner, N.A., to USS Chaumont. Sylvia, H., EM1c, to 5th Naval District. Frasher, A.L., GM3c., Div-ing School, Washington, D.C.

Baker, R.E., EM1c to IC School, Washington, D.C., Jackson, D.G., S2c Special Order Discharge; Caba, A., OS2c., USS Chester; Tumaneng, F., to USS Pennsylvania; Howell, R.W., PhM3c to Naval Hospital, Portsmouth TeHenepe, D.A., F3c to USS Vega; Thornton, J.N., S2c to Sub School, New London, Conn.; Thomas, G.H., CMM, to Recruiters School, San Diego; Berg, G.C., CY., Collie, W.D., SK3c, and Lewis, E.H., Bgmstr2c to Great Lakes Training Station; Shanahan, J.L., CBM to USS Pensacola; Terrio, H.E., CBM, Honorably Discharged; Freedman, H., QM1c to Samoa, and Raya, MAtt3c to USS Astoria.

### NEW SHIPMATES

During recent weeks the good ship Houston has received many new men, from ships and stations throughout the service and several of our shipmates who have been hospitalized are with us once again and rarin' to go.

To our new shipmates we extend a hearty welcome and wish you a pleasant cruise with us, while to returning shipmates we can only say we are glad to see you back with us in good health once more.

The newcomers:

Kaspar, J. V., CBM; Lynch, P. R., BM1c; Ducharme, D., CWT; Felts, T. B., SMM3c; Brackett, T. A., SK3c; Smeaton, W. F., EM3c; Zainfeld, S.L., S1c; Coffey, N. H., S1c; Daniels, E., S1c; Bolin, S., S1c; Fair, D. D. S1c; Raya, G., MAtt3c; and Gilispie, J., MAtt3c.

Returning shipmates are: ..... McElhanon, B. F., S1c; Felix, I. A., S1c., and Smith, V. C., S1c.

The U.S. Navy maintains twenty-one hospitals throughout the world.

## KNOWING THE NAVY

The Secretary of the Navy under the direction of the President of the United States has assigned names to the fourteen destroyers authorized by Act of Congress, March 27, 1934. A brief account of the different namings follows and more will appear in later issues of the Blue Bonnet:

Destroyer DD380 — GRIDLEY — Building at the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Fore River, Quincy, Mass., is named in honor of Captain Charles Vernon Gridley, born in Longsport, Ind., Nov. 24, 1844, died at Kobe, Japan, June 5, 1898, buried at Erie, Pa. Appointed midshipman Sept. 26, 1860, captain March 14, 1897; participated in the battle of Mobile Bay, Aug. 6, 1864; selected to command the USS Olympia, flagship of the Asiatic Squadron; took command July 28, 1897; Though ill at the time he refused to be relieved from duty and directed in person the movement of this vessel in the battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898; greatly trusted by Admiral Dewey; recommended to be advanced six numbers for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle. (Destroyer No. 92 was named GRIDLEY.)

Destroyer DD381 — SOMMERS — Building at Federal Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Corp., Kearney, N.J., is named in honor of Lieut. Richard Somers, U.S.N., born at Somers Point, N.J., 1778; killed by an explosion on the "Intrepid" in the harbor of Tripoli, Sept. 4, 1804. Appointed midshipman April 30, 1798. On Sept. 4, he took the bomb vessel, "Interpid" into the harbor of Tripoli to destroy the enemy's fleet. The vessel had a quantity of powder on it and when fired upon it exploded, blowing it to atoms and killing all on board. Destroyer No. 301 and Torpedo Boat No. 22 were named SOMERS—Stricken from the Navy list.

By a special act of congress, approved 25 April 1935 authority has been granted to personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps to wear in lieu of commemorative or special medals awarded to them, a miniature facsimile of such medal and a special ribbon symbolic of the award thereof under such regulations as the Secretary of The Navy may prescribe.

## SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYMENT

During the period of 2 to 8 Sept- the HOUSTON is scheduled to relieve the CHICAGO as Flagship of Comcruscofor. Then on the second of December, she will go to the Mare Island Navy Yard for a three month overhaul. October and November will be devoted to Gunnery. It is expected that her gunnery year will be crowded into this period.

## WHY A SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

maximum fighting efficiency, the details not directly connected with the operation of the more military departments must be eliminated. The supply department was developed to perform the services required by such details.

Picture the confusion if each department were self-sustaining. The personnel would have to be multiplied to absorb such details such as: the procurement, stowage, issue and accounting procedure for stores; the maintenance of a clothing issue room and ship's store; and a messing system. Departmental messing systems, both for officers and men, would alone be a sufficient reason for its abandonment. The various commissary staffs would overlap and be in such state of constant turmoil that nothing short of a small revolution would result.

Since the success of any project or operation is today measured in dollars and cents, consider the cost of self-sustaining departments. The volume of necessary paper work would be increased seven-fold, and multiplied by the number of ships and stations, the resultant figure would nearly equal a foreign war debt. The clerical forces ashore would have to be increased, and the increased number of errors in shipments, duplications and accounting would be a serious drag on all activities. Salaries for increased personnel is no small item for consideration. It is practically impossible to reach a close estimate of the cost of such a venture and a hint of it in our daily papers would cause Washington to be flooded with delegations of taxpayers, roaring with righteous wrath and indignation.

Since the supply department is an

## BASEBALL

Last Saturday, June 22, at 1500 on Navy Field, Long Beach, the Houston ball tossers crossed bats with the Hoosiers from the ScoFor Flagship Indianapolis. It was a game replete with thrills, and there has not been a harder played game witnessed on Navy Field in many a moon.

Airtight pitching by our one and only "Lefty" Dingle and the Hoosiers "Chunky" Walls added to the excitement. A bad fifth inning with our boys contributing four errors, while the Hoosiers garnered three hits brought them five runs, enabling them to win by the comfortable margin of 7 to 4. The Houston nine out-hit the Indianapolis 6 to 5, but we were also on the long end of errors making 8 to their 4. Four regulars were absent but the newcomers did fine considering it being their first day out.

## INTERDIVISIONAL BASEBALL

On Sunday morning, last, the 2nd Division avenged their defeat at the hands of the Marines while in Honolulu, by downing them 7 to 3. "Hank" Kennedy used his fast ball to good advantage, while "Lefty" Stipetic of the 5th twirled a good game but the Marine support was not of the usual brand. Sax of the 2nd copped the spotlight of the day by banging out a sizzling double to clean the bags.

Last Tuesday afternoon the 2nd and the 5th Divisions played a return game at the Navy Field, L.B. Again the 2nd came out on top 8 to 4. Gus Ostmeyer pitched for the 5th, allowing 14 hits while "Hank" Kenedy pitched for the 2nd allowing 13 hits. Being an interdivisional game, it was well played, and all participants had a big time. The Marines insist they will take the 2nd's scalp yet.

More interdivisional games are on tap, so let's see some of the unknown talent from other divisions in action.

organization instituted for the promotion of the welfare of the other departments, no extra pay or medals are due or expected by its personnel for excellence in the performance of duty. A single request is all that is asked. That request is: "Cooperation." The greater the extent this request is fulfilled, the greater the benefits to be reaped.