



NEW RATINGS

The following new ratings have become effective during the past week:

Stanton, C.A.	MM2c to MM1c
Hall, A.D.	MM2c to MM1c
Breidecker, P.J.	QM3c to QM2c
Robison, H.E.	F1c to WT2c
Jenkins, W.E.	Sea1c to RM3c
Burkhead, L. "A"	F3c to F2c
Baker, P.U.	F3c to F2c
Hines, L.R.	F2c to EM3c
Whaley, R.W.	F2c to EM3c
Lottman, R.H.	F3c to EM3c
Hoover, H.E.F.	F3c to EM3c

Naval Academy Prep Classes To Be Held Aboard

Classes for those men planning on taking the examinations for the Naval Academy this coming April are to be conducted according to the following schedule:

Mondays:

10:30—11:30	Algebra - Geometry
13:00—14:00	Physics

Tuesdays:

10:30—11:30	Algebra - Geometry
13:00—14:00	U.S. History - English

Wednesdays:

10:30—11:30	Ancient History
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Thursdays:

10:30—11:30	Algebra - Geometry
13:00—14:00	Physics

Officers assigned as instructors are as follows:

English, U.S. History—Ens. Jurika and Long.

Physics—Ens. Leon and Murphy.

Algebra, Geometry—Ens. Barr and Kingsley.

Ancient History—Ens. Watkins and Mackenzie.

HOUSTON TO GIVE SHIP'S DANCE

On Saturday, 16 March, beginning at 2030, the Houston is to give the second ship's dance of the season. This dance, like the last one, will be held in the Masonic Temple at 385 Locust Avenue, Long Beach. Music is to be furnished by the Comscofor orchestra which is working up several new and catchy numbers especially for the occasion. Refreshments and punch will be served in the various rooms of the main floor. The entertainment committee has left nothing undone to make this party the best of the year.

Tickets are on sale by the Ship's Service Store and by Division Representatives. The price of each ticket which will admit one couple, is fifty cents. All men who are expecting to attend the dance are requested to notify their Division Representative prior to Wednesday, the 13th, in order that the final arrangements can be completed.

If a man purchases a ticket and does not rate liberty and is unable to obtain special liberty, he may turn his ticket in for refund prior to Saturday evening.

Indianapolis

It is expected that the Indianapolis will pick up Rear Admiral Hepburn and his Staff in San Diego on or about the first of April. The present Staff of Comscofor will remain on the Houston until that date. The Indianapolis is now undergoing an overhaul in the Mare Island Navy Yard.

"All things come to him who hustles while he waits."

RESULTS OF WHALE BOAT RACES

The Salt Lake City and Vestal carried off practically all the honors in the whale boat races held Wednesday morning. The first race of the day, engineers, was won by the Salt Lake City with Pensacola and Chester taking second and third respectively. The first enlistment race, second event, was won by the Northampton followed by the Vestal, SLC, and Pensacola. The Vestal won the selected crew race in the fastest time of the day, 16 min., 29 sec., with the SLC, Pens, and Chester coming in second, third and fourth respectively. All races were rowed over a mile and one-half course from the Long Beach Breakwater toward Point Firmin.

Although none of the races were neck and neck finishes, not one of the races was a walk away for any one crew. Other ships to enter the races were: Chester, Louisville, San Francisco, Chicago and Houston.

The Houston took no prizes but considering all things we were certainly not disgraced. Given a little more practice the first enlistment crew would be in the money. To Pentental, Coxswain from the fourth division, is due the credit. If all hands were as interested in race boats as he is and knew as much about it as he does the Houston would be first with both anchors down.

Officers to give Cocktail Party

Next Wednesday, 13 March the Wardroom officers of the Houston are giving a get-together cocktail party at the Villa Rivara.

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PEP TALK

When you see a fellow in the uniform of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, who, upon passing an officer, either salutes in a hang-dog manner, or else pretends to be too much occupied with something else to salute at all, don't mistake him for a real soldier or sailor. He's just a person in uniform who thinks he is something that he is not.

When you see a fellow in uniform who, upon passing an officer, snaps his hand to his cap and at the same time looks directly at the officer with a, "Good morning fellow soldier", you may put that fellow down as a real soldier or sailor who respects his own uniform, respects himself, and respects the officer's uniform.

If you see an officer return a salute in a contemptuous or slurring manner, you will make no mistake in putting him down as one who has yet to learn the business of an officer. Your good and efficient officer considers it a privilege to answer in kind the military greeting of a real soldier or sailor.

The salute is as much a sign of fellowship among fighting men as it is a recognition of rank. Don't ever forget that, and you'll begin to see something mighty fine and human in the snappy salute that passes between uniformed men.

—Bamboo Breezes

Do You Know?

That an American built sailing vessel holds the record for speed? The "James Baines," a cargo ship sailed at 21 knots for several hours.

SPLIT ESSES

Weather conditions have improved, and the Cruiser Wing has begun to justify its existence. Many interesting problems have been held during the past week, including a cross-country flight to March Field and return via Imperial, Indio, Brawley, and Long Beach. A little experience was gained in night flying and it is expected that more will be learned about this in the near future.

Although an unusual amount of flying has been engaged in since our arrival here, the material condition of the planes has not been allowed to fall below par, and when the time comes for them to return to the parent vessels it is expected that they will be in excellent shape for the Spring maneuvers.

A prize of \$10.00 has been offered by the Commander of VS-10 for the best insignia suggested for the squadron. Many and varied have been the results. It has not been decided officially as yet as to which of the wierd monstrosities to adopt. Incidentally this unit will soon be in line for the insignia, as we expect to return to VS SQUADRON 10-S in the near future.

Melton, AMM2c, received his orders to leave on the Cuyama for Pearl Harbor. We wish him a pleasant tour of duty in the land of sugar cane and pineapples.

WHO REMEMBERS

Four years ago this month, the Houston commenced making runs and firing her first S.R.B.P. and making creditable score. She also visited Olongapo for the first time. Later in the month she made her first port in China, the British controlled Hong Kong, later visiting Amoy where the Basketball team had their first taste of Chinese competition, and incidentally had their legs run off by the agile Orientals.

ODDS and ENDS

No. 3 motor launch of the Houston is traveling from the Houston to the Argonne, a distance of 8¼ miles. A fly flies from the cox's nose to the Argonne and back again, repeating this procedure until the launch arrives. The fly travels 22 knots and the boat makes good 5½ knots. What distance does the fly cover?

TENNESSEE WINS FLEET
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

By defeating the Chicago in a two game series by score of 36-24 and 39 to 19 respectively last Friday and Saturday the Tennessee won the Fleet Basketball championship. The Tennessee won her right to represent the Battle Force by defeating the Marblehead in two games by scores of 73 to 35 and 55 to 46. By a default on the part of the Destroyers, Scouting Force, the Chicago gained the honor of representing the Scouting Force. Both these two teams have stood out all year in their respective divisions of tournament play.

Chaplain Albert to hold Divine
Services on Houston

At 0830 on Sunday, 10 March, Chaplain Albert of the Tennessee will hold Divine Services (Protestant) on board the Houston. Chaplain Albert is a very good speaker and should have a very interesting message. This will be the first Divine Service we have had aboard ship since the Presidential Cruise. It is hoped that there will be a large turnout.

Ensign Slayden to Leave Ship

This past week Ensign Slayden was transferred to the CINCUS Staff as Communication Watch Officer. Prior to leaving the Houston, Ensign Slayden was the 4th Division Officer having come to the ship last April from the Tennessee. We wish Mr. Slayden good luck in his new assignment.

Lieut. (jg) Robinson will take over the fourth division and incinerator. Ensign Jurika will become "F" Division Officer being relieved as Signal Officer by Ensign Leon who will assume this new assignment in addition to his present post as Ship's secretary.

Lieut. (jg) Hemming received orders to report to the submarine base, New London, Conn., this coming June, for instruction.

Wednesday morning Lt. (jg) Broadbent returned to duty from the Naval Hospital, San Diego. For the past six weeks Mr. Broadbent has been confined to the hospital with a broken arm. He will resume his former duties as plotting room officer.



NOSEY NEWS by EV' BODY

Yowsah, and a glorious week-end to youse all. Oh what a week this was for the scandal on the lads and lassies. To head our list we find that Joe Ellard had so much trouble trying to find someone to listen to his pet troubles that he just ups and takes several days leave hoping to find conditions materially changed upon his return, did you Joe?? It was really touching last Sunday eve when Lewis toddled up the gangway with a quart of milk in one hand and "Goo-Goo" the duck in the other, how about us at the duck dinner, Lewis? Withey, our cute looking Cpl. does look just too divine in civies, but why should n't he recognize his shipmates is what we want to know? Ripley may have his stranger than fiction, but this one beats us: Wershing all set to dash ashore in the one o'clock liberty boat and then decides to run the puddle jumper instead, and he a staunch member of the Golden Grain Club too. It is rumored that Ensey is going to write a book on the "Legless Wonder of the Yangtze." The love-stricken T.C. of No. 1 turret blushing-ly admits that his pet name for HER is Inspiration of my eye." Please explain Weigie. The makers of a popular beverage in this locality are sponsoring an advertisement in the Navy Magazine depicting Joe Phalon instructing a diver not to come to the surface until he has returned with a lost case of said popular beverage, but, we think he was referring to a case of U.B.C. on the bottom of the Whangpoo. Right the first time, eh Joe?? "Pudgy" Wade a graduate of coal burning fire-rooms, is having quite a time trying to figure what is it that makes him so woozy when he goes to the fire-rooms after a slightly wet week-end, think Pudguy, think.

Hill of the Pay Office tore up that request for a destroyer on the East coast when he received a letter from 'Frisco. It was surprising, in fact astounding, the technique used by a certain SC3c in demonstrating the proper method to use in kissing his big moment in a cabaret, why Fanny! Highstreet has decided to buy the ring after many months of anxiety as whether she would or wouldn't. Don't forget the membership in the Club. Imagine Wommack sending in for an extension in order to get married? "Hi Jack" Hacjasak, the custodian of the armory is fast becoming a rabid addict to "Sweetie Pies." The bashful (oh yeah) BM of the fantail says "live and learn." Several days ago he received his first telegram and was so excited that he thought it was one of his chits from China. We feel so sorry for Guglietti, or should we congratulate him, for it seems that the ring did not fit the young lady's finger so there was no wedding after all. "Pop" Adkins maintains that he still keeps up a good average even if he must take it with a grain of salt. "Tootsie Wootsie" Garcia of the 2d insists that he thought it was all right to introduce his lovelight to his buddy, only to find her in Buddy's arms when he suddenly returned to the room. "Tex Farquhar" is quite a crooner but don't go out of your way to hear him. As usual the Houston had her bountiful crop of "Pay Day" shiners, but Smitty of the Print Shop must have had several pay days in advance. If you want to see the Jew blush ask him why that lipstick was on his skivvie shirt the other morning. It seems that DeBri played the wrong girl the other day and found himself confronted by the most unusual circumstances. One of the best of the week: Man goes ashore to bowl, and instead pays a visit to the house of the law, ask Nelson?? Why is Snyder so agog when he gets ready to go to L.A.? "Hughy" Steel that energetic messenger from the Exec's Office seems to have the gals so in tow on the beach that they send him loads of telegrams begging for those never-to-be dates?? And to the limelight comes our famous "Shepherd" Frazer, who seems to have lost out in the throes of love and went on a bender, oh was he sick, ask him. Who is the gun striker from number three turret who goes ashore

early and waits till 4 a.m. in a beer parlor for the sweet young thing to leave, why Dazzy! It now comes to the surface that Frazer is also a great buyer of magazines, especially on Ocean Avenue. What is the attraction is what we would like to know. And last but not least: why was Mr. Sutton passing out the cigars in the Wardroom last eve. Was it that he contemplates a membership to the Golden Grain Club in the near future?

NAVY MOTHER'S CLUB Portland, Oregon

The following is quoted from a letter recently received from Mrs. Evans, sponsor of the Portland Navy Mother's Club. The letter reads as follows:

"To the Editor of the Ship's Paper, U.S.S. Houston. Thanks for the paper. Is is just like getting the home town paper. I read every line from beginning to end and am glad to see some of the boys names whom I know. I had the pleasure of being the hostess to eighteen of the boys from the Houston when they were here in August. Few people realize that Our Boys in the Navy are the "Cream of the country" and I enjoyed every hour they were in my home, for they were good clean sports and I hope someday soon the Houston comes into our port again, and I will endeavor to do more for the boys. I have organized a Navy Mother's Club in Portland and we are all for our boys 100%

Sincerely yours,
Nellie F. Evans,
Portland, Oregon."

KNOWING the NAVY

14 February, 1778 — Flag of the United States, the Stars and Stripes, first seen and saluted in foreign waters at Quiberon, France. It was flown at the peak of the U.S.S. Ranger, commanded by John Paul Jones.

The U.S. Submarine NARWHAL dove to a depth of 336 feet, while making its acceptance trials, withstanding pressure of 148 pounds per square inch. —Navy Notes, USNRS

Germany's new super-zeppelin now nearly completed at Fredrichsafen, will be the largest in the world, 175 feet longer than the MACON was.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTIONAIRE

(1) The skipper, Captain Charlie Noble, of one of the early steam merchantmen found his galley stack was made of copper and thereafter had it shined. Galley stacks have since been named after him.

(2) One version: In the old Navy the men massaged the decks, with this beloved brick, on their hands and knees. There are several other versions.

(3) The proper name of this famous street is "Spring Garden Lane," but is better known to seafaring men throughout the world as "Ship Street" and is located in Hong Kong, China. In former years it was frequented almost entirely by seafaring men.

(4) In the British Navy, on all great occasions an extra ration of "Grog" is given all hands.

(5) Deadlight: On a Battleship an immovable port light similar to a port-hole installed in the wooden decks to admit light to the lower decks; also the cabin ports on this ship. Deadline: On some ships the Quarter deck is designated as being "fore or aft," (depending on the type of ship) of this line which runs athwartship and is made up of a groove cut in the deck and filled with oakum and pitch. Deadwood or Deadline: Timber built on top of keel at either end of boat allowing a firm place to secure the cant-frames.

(6) Soccer is an official sport in the Asiatic Fleet because this game is equivalent to football in the far East and also affords a means for good will amongst the different Navies in that area.

(7) This street is the dividing line between Balboa, C.Z. and Panama City, R.P.

At present only three capital ships of the British Navy carry aircraft. These are the BARHAM, ROYAL SOVERIGN and RENOWN. Also none of the aircraft carriers has its full compliment of planes aboard. Under the new five year plan for increasing air strength, it is planned to equip all the modern cruisers and battleships with two seaplanes each.

Have you heard about the girl with varicose veins who went to the masquerade ball as a road map?

Brief History of Naval Aviation

The Navy Department first took official cognizance of aviation in January, 1911, when Captain W. I. Chambers was given duty in connection with the study of Aviation in the Navy Department. On January 1, 1912 a camp was established on North Island, San Diego, California. The Naval Air Station at Pensacola came into existence in January, 1914. The first class in Aviation consisted of 10 Naval and 10 Marine Officers ordered to Pensacola in 1915. When the U.S. entered the World War in 1917, there were almost 100 qualified pilots and students. As the war progressed there was continued development in the production of Naval seaplanes and flying boats. During the war, 1,100 HS-type seaplanes and 875 H-12, H-16, and F-5-L type seaplanes were produced.

The Navy had long considered the project of flying across the Atlantic and immediately after the war this project was given serious thought. The NC type of seaplane was designed especially for this purpose. In May 1919, Lt-Comdr. A. C. Reed (now Captain Reed) in an NC-4 seaplane, flew across the Atlantic, the first man to accomplish this feat.

The idea of the airplane launching catapult originated with the U. S. Navy and was first put into practical use of the USS Maryland in 1921. In 1922 the Collier Langley was converted into an experimental aircraft carrier and has usefully served that purpose for many years.

With the commissioning of the aircraft carriers Saratoga and Lexington our Naval Aviation expanded greatly; new type of planes are constantly being developed and now the Ranger, as the newest addition to our Air Force, stands ready to take her place as an integral part of Aircraft, United States Fleet. —Ranger.

In the British Navy, tomato plants are carried on all submarines. The reason is that tomato plants are 200 times as sensitive as the canary at detecting the presence of poisonous gases which is one of the main dangers in submarines. These gases are given off the storage batteries and are very deadly. The leaves of the tomato plant droop when exposed to gas. Canaries were formerly used for this purpose. —USNRS

The Great and the Near Great of 1934

Would these be your choice for the title of great in 1934? How much do you know about these people who figured so prominently in the news of the world in the last year? In the Literary Digest of 29 January is published the result of a poll of American newspaper editors to determine the outstanding personalities of 1934. Some 240 papers from Alabama to Wyoming were contacted on the basis of the standard indicated under the general heading: "They stand out from the crowd." The results were as follows:

President Roosevelt	234
Adolph Hitler.....	210
Benito Mussolini	187
Upton Sinclair	173
Dionne Quintuplets	168
Donald R. Richberg	165
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt	137
Melvin H. Purvis	121
Rear Admiral R. E. Byrd	109
Frances Perkins	72

Judge: "Is it true that you married this woman because you thought her maiden aunt had a lot of money?"

Sailor: "That's not so, Judge. If I'd have known her aunt had a lot of money, I'd have married the aunt."

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Sadie: "I call my sailor friend 'Stag'."

Susie: "What do you call him that for?"

Sadie: "Oh, just because he is a dear with no dough."

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Mary: "Did you have a good time last night?"

Jane: "Yeah, but take my advice and never slap a guy when he's chewing tobacco."

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Groom: "Well, I've never laid an egg either, but I know a good omelette from a bad one."

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Beware of the clothing salesman who tells you the suit fits like a glove—he may mean a boxing glove.

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Wifey: "You've been drinking so much liquor lately, I don't see how you can keep it up."

Stude: "That's easy. The job is to keep it down."

Send the BLUE BONNET home.