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Luncheon given by Henry Ford to Admiral Buckmaster and his staff
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*** Editorial

A Part Of Your Job

"The little foxes spoil the vines" can well be applied to the subject of conservation. So many of us feel that the little extra vital war materials we use each day will never make the difference between winning or losing a war. But by so doing, we are overlooking or refusing to see the vast accumulation of waste that is the result of each individual's carelessness.

We, as personnel in the military service, have a definite duty which is our part in the winning of the war, regardless of where we serve. Conserving time, manpower, as well as materials aboard and ashore at our homes is a duty we cannot overlook.

Don't waste food in the mess hall. Don't waste water in the barracks. Don't waste materials in your department. Don't waste gas and tires in unnecessary driving or speeding. Don't waste your time or the time of your fellow worker.

Remember the slogans you see around the station: "Don't waste it here—they need it over there"—"Don't waste it—the Navy needs it." Some day we may be over there and then we will wish we could come back and tell the boys here to "Save it!"

THE NAVY HYMN

*Eternal Father, strong to save;
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep,
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.
Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces of the sky
Be with them traversing the air,
In dark'ning storms and sunlight fair—
O hear us when we lift our prayer
For those in peril in the air. Amen.*

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor—

Just a few lines to let the boys at Grosse Ile know that we 25 fellows who just came here from Jacksonville are sure appreciating the northern hospitality that has been shown us since we arrived. Most of us are from New Jersey and Pennsylvania and it feels more like home to us.

Most of us fellows were a little disappointed when we saw the Stearmans because we were used to working on the big jobs—the Wildcats, Helldivers, T.B.F.'s, etc. But at the same time we have found lots of things to make up for that—the chow is extra good and being at a smaller station makes it more friendly.

From the few days that we have been here we know that we are going to enjoy working with you during our stay.

Best of luck.

By M. Giacalone, AMM3c,
for the Jacksonville Boys.

Congratulations!

Among the officers who are being congratulated on their promotion, as a result of a recent ALNAV are Lts. Booth, Davis, Forger, McNett, Swanson, Walker, Miles, Thomas, Campbell, Chanter, Brown, Braugher, Gammon, Gail, Marconi, Auerbach, Love, Stamm, McVicar, Forrest, Castor, and Fagan, all formerly Lt. (jg's).

Among the Ensigns who have advanced to Lt. (jg) are House, DeBord, McAndrews, Gaueser, Fuhr, Bernstien, Greig, Crawford, and Murin.

Where in 1939 the U. S. launched one merchant ship every 13 days, the rate is now better than five ships a day . . . strictly neutral Switzerland sends watches to this country; precision instruments to Germany. . . . Labor is worried about the Treasury's plan to establish an individual "excess profits" tax. War, says Labor, has brought the workingman only "living wages," not excess profits. . . . Donald Nelson says the United Nations' 1944 production will be four times that of the Axis.—Future.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

With this issue of Flight, Chaplain Charles Herndon Wagers addresses the first of his monthly messages to the crew of the N. A. S., Grosse Ile. The editors of Flight take this opportunity to welcome Chaplain Wagers to N. A. S., Grosse Ile and to extend to him most cordial greetings on behalf of the entire crew.

Chaplain Wagers is a graduate of the Navy Chaplain School at William and Mary College. Before joining the Navy he was professor of Philosophy and Religion at Transylvania College of Lexington, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Transylvania College having received his A.B. there in 1932. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Disciple Seminary, College of the Bible, which he attended from 1932 to 1934 and received his Master of Arts from the University of Chicago in 1941.

Before joining the faculty of Transylvania College, Chaplain Wagers held pastorates in Illinois and Kentucky.

Your new Chaplain wishes to take this opportunity to extend his greetings to all hands aboard, and to express his appreciation for the gracious welcome he has received at Grosse Ile. Needless to say, he is more than pleased with the quality of personnel and organization found at his new station, feeling that he has an enjoyable and interesting tour of duty ahead of him.



Perhaps it would not be amiss to take this occasion to state something of his interpretation of his work as chaplain. In general, his task may be summed up as an attempt to use every facility available for offering the ministrations of vital religion to the personnel of the Station. This will express itself, it is hoped, in every phase of activity emanating from the Chaplain's Office.

The guiding principle for fulfilling this task will be simply to seek in various ways to keep fresh in the minds of as many as possible some important truths, truths which they deeply know but which the pressures of the common day threaten to obscure. In other words, the office of the Chaplain will endeavor to provide those facilities which may enable the individual to keep himself up to date spiritually, to maintain a vital perspective on his present state in light of those principles and convictions which deeply within him he holds most dear.

War means absence from home and familiar scenes and tasks; it means adjustment to new environments, the mastery of new skills, and, what is equally important, the mastery of self in achieving this adjustment to a new life situation. Those who have entered the Naval service are, it is presumed, persons of character, undergirded with a sense of value and an appreciation of human dignity. But the important thing, both for the individual and for the nation, is to keep sensitive to these qualities which give worth and meaning to life. This is perhaps not too easily achieved in a time of war when so much is demanded in energy and thought for practical efficiency. All the more reason, therefore, to give special attention to the intangibles, the moral and spiritual sensibilities. One either goes forward or backwards in such matters; he never stands still.

The Chaplain is particularly concerned with these intangibles and everything that may serve to make them fresh and compelling.

The Chaplain, however, claims for himself no special virtues or heavenly knowledge as he attempts to fulfill his religious function. He can only say that such is his understanding of his task, and he stands ready to perform it in whatever way he may to the best of his ability.

Grosse Ile Poets...

SONNET OF THE SHIRTS

Seven clean white shirts all in a row
Have to put one on — six to go.

Six snowy shirts, land sakes alive!
Time for another, now there are five.

Five white shirts, wish there were more
This time it leaves me with only four.

Four white shirts, no washing for me
Because I still have just about three.

Three white shirts, too much to do—
Don another, then there are two.

Two white shirts, washing not done—
What will I do, now there's only one?

One white shirt, all is not well
Spilled coffee today, oh what the H - - -
Della Gorsline, Y3c
Captain's Writer.

Miss Ruth Anderson Becomes Librarian

Of special interest to lovers of the "Literary" will be the appointment of Miss Ruth Anderson of Saginaw, Michigan. She will act as Assistant Librarian under the direction of Chaplain Wagers the new Protestant Chaplain. Miss Anderson attended the University of Michigan where she received her AB and ABLS degrees, specializing also in Journalism. Before her appointment here she served as a Librarian for nine years in the Public Schools of Saginaw. She comes to us through the Civil Service in Washington D. C. Welcome aboard Miss Anderson!



Recent additions to the Station Library include a number of copies of "The Navy Reader" a volume worth the reading time of all officers and enlisted personnel. Books expected within the next few weeks include Schole Asch's new novel "The Apostle", "Imperial Hearst" by Lundberg, "Torpedo Junction"—Casey, Jane's "All Over The World Fighting Ships", and many other noteworthy novels. Families of officers and enlisted personnel are urged to take advantage of the growing selection of books. Library hours are from 0900 to 1130, and from 1300 to 2130 daily.

Coast Guard Dog Handlers Arrive At Grosse Ile

On September 13th, 21 dogs and 26 Coast Guard handlers reported on board the Station from Fort Robinson, Nebraska, War Dog Reception and Training Center. Fort Robinson is an old remount station for the Army where dogs are trained for use as watch dogs for the Army and Navy. "Dogs for Defense," a Civilian organization, procures the dogs gratis for the Army and loans them to the Government. After the war they will be returned to their owners. Trained men and dogs are sent out from there to installations all over the country.

The officer sent with the men and dogs was Waldo E. Sessions, 1st Lt. in the Army, attached to the Quartermaster Corps as Executive Officer of the War Dog Reception and Training Center. Lieut. Sessions has been in the Army 3 years and has been at Fort Robinson about a year. He has raised, shown and bred dogs all his life.

The training course for watch dogs at Fort Robinson is 8 weeks long. One Coast Guard man is assigned to each dog and stays with the dog throughout the 8 weeks' training. The dogs must be at least 20" high and must weigh over 50 pounds.

Two Specialists, 1st Class were in charge of the men on the trip from Fort Robinson, H. L. Painter and Dale Godbey, S. K. Hupp, Slt and C. W. Webster, Slt, were in charge of the dogs. Your inquiring reporter was told upon interviewing these men that most of the men who reported to this station made the highest average of any class that has ever finished training at Fort Robinson, including other branches of the Service. The men's average age is 25 years, and they have all been in the service at least 5 or 6

months. They all enjoy their work and have become very attached to the dogs.

The Station takes pleasure in welcoming aboard this new complement of Coast Guardsmen.

A Brother's Complaint

Sis is going with a sailor,
At first it didn't faze us;
But now the family's talk is full
Of sailors' salty phrases.
We found it rather hard at first
To follow all his speech,
Since talk is different on board ship
Than it is "on the beach."
For when the time to eat comes
round,
He sings out "chow" for food;
And always "stows it down the
hatch,"
Which Grandma says is rude.
When talking during dinner,
He talks like other boys;
Except he calls the lettuce "grass,"
And celery just plain "noise."
His "salty" talk is slangy,
And hard to understand;
He calls the canned milk "iron cow,"
And sugar he calls "sand."
His many names for coffee
Are certainly a joke;
He calls it everything from "mud,"
To "Jo" and plain "jamoke,"
The spinach he calls "Popeye,"
And Grandma always squirms
For when we have spaghetti.
He says, "Throw me the worms,"
The chicken he calls "sea-gull,"
The ketchup is "red-lead,"
The waffles are "collision-mats,"
While "punk" is mother's bread.
Fried fish is "Pedro pork-chops,"
"Sea-dust" his name for salt;

When he calls the pepper "fly
specks,"

Ma nearly called a halt.
He sat beside my father,
And needed elbow room;
He looked at Dad and said: "Say
Mate,

Rig in your starboard boom."
We finally caught on, tho,
And now are doing fine;
We say "six-bells" for three o'clock
When we are telling time.
When Ma goes to the city,
Or runs down to the store;
And someone asks us where she is,
We say she's "gone ashore."
Sister calls a floor a "deck,"
To hear her talk is sport;
To her, a roof's an "overhead,"
A window is a "port."
Then, too, if someone gets "fouled-
up,"

Or some new trouble comes;
And Dad starts to complain, Ma
says:

"Now Pa, don't beat your gums,"
Dad doesn't tie his tie now,
Instead he "bends it on;"
While Grandma says the kids
"shoved off,"

In place of "they have gone,"
Ma says Dad's suit is "shipshape,"
When the fit is real tip-top.
But if it's not so neat she says,
"That 'lash-up' ain't so hot."
When Pappy goes to work just now,
We say he's "turning to;"
Whilst Mother "swabs" and never
scrubs,

As once she used to do.
The place sure has gone salty,
Which makes me lots of trouble;
For when Ma says, "Come here,
'Chop-chop!'"

I go there "on the double."
I wish that "tar" would "weigh his
anchor,"

And do what I oft' think;
"Point his bow" and "trim his jib,"
And go jump in the "drink."
I'm through "batting the breeze" and

"Singing the blues," I'm sure;
So for the nonce, I'll just "cease-
firing,"

"Train-in" and "Secure."
—U.S.S. Washington





Wave Lounge Furnishes Comforts of Home

Should anyone wonder why so many Waves have been content to spend their evenings in the White Barracks, they will find that the answer is most obvious should they step into the Waves lounge. One glance around would tell the story. They would feel their feet sinking into maroon deep-naped carpets; and from the soft glow of lamps on highly polished tables, they would notice the comfortable armchairs, lounges and cigarette stands placed artistically about. The ferns and colorful pictures add a finishing touch to a beautiful room. Then there is heard music drifting from an attractive combination radio-phonograph.

The thoughtful generosity of friends and organizations has contributed much to the hominess of the barracks and comfort of the girls.

They particularly enjoy the combination radio phonograph which has done much to add to the pleasure of evenings "at home" and feel indebted to the "skipper" whose personal interest made it possible. They also feel very grateful to the Detroit Commandery, Knights Templar for their part in creating this beautiful lounge room.

The furnishings of the Wave Lounge were presented and a dedication was made on Sunday, October 3 when approximately



fifteen members of the War Service Committee of Detroit Commandery No. 1 and their wives visited the Station.

Former Governor William M. Brucker, the present Commander of the Commandery, was in charge of the program, included in which were vocal solos by Herbert Peterson of the Commandery, short talks by Commander Armstrong, Lt. (jg) Fitzgerald, and Mary Naughton, SK3. The program concluded with a vocal selection by the Waves who were present, following which tea was served.

A good representation of Waves and Officers were present for the ceremony.

New Wave Summer Uniform Announced

Gray and white striped seersucker dresses and separate jackets will replace the present Navy blue cotton suit as the summer working uniform for women in the U. S. Naval Reserve, beginning next year.

The change was made to provide more convenient washable hot-weather attire. The new uniform, developed in keeping with the basic design for Navy women, combines feminine lines, displays cool comfort and military smartness, with the color selected conforming to the new slate gray uniform for use by male personnel. It will be worn by both officer and enlisted personnel, with rank or rating shown by appropriate insignia in Navy blue.

White will continue to be the summer dress uniform. The blue bottom gabardine uniform may be worn whenever service blue uniform is prescribed.

The short sleeved dress of the seersucker working uniform has a kick pleat in the skirt, set-in belt and round neckline. Under the rounded tabs of the collar will button the new tie, designed to eliminate bulky material at the back of the neck. The fitted collarless jacket has long sleeves, lapels, Navy blue buttons, one real and three false pockets.

Procurement and distribution of these, as of all other prescribed components of the uniform, will

be handled by Women's Naval Uniforms, Inc. Now in full operation, this system was set up to assure adequate supply of stocks and thorough Navy Department inspection of all uniform items.

Complete uniform specifications have been laid down by the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, which has finished an intensive study of the entire women's uniform, with resultant improvements in fit and tailoring. Among the innovations are a completely redesigned reserve blue working smock, and a lightweight shower proof raincoat and officer's have-lock. Improvements also have been made in the service blue suit, shirt, hat, heavy raincoat and overcoat.

The PASSING PARADE

Lately, marriage has proven to be virtually an epidemic here, as officers, sailors, and Waves, with seemingly little hesitancy, take that fatal step to the surprise of some and amid the well-wishes of others.

Ensign Jack Schaefer left for Ridgewood, N.J., recently, decided to forsake his single status on the 18th, and returned to Grosse Ile very much the married man. Ensign Rogers was best man, and others who went down to attend the ceremony were Lt. (jg) Loevinger, 2nd Lt. Wilcox, Ens. Humphrey, and Ens. Reinhart.

An international note was added to the ceremony at the Little Chapel on September 12th, when Walter Stirch, S1c, married Cpl. Catherine Turtiak of the Canadian Women's Army Corps. Frank Williams, S1c, was the best man, while Cpl. Norma Dean, also of the CWAC's was matron of honor.

The Little Chapel, a very popular spot it seems, was also chosen by Pete Spengolio, SC3c, and Miss Margarite Brow, in which to repeat their vows.

A truly nautical knot was tied recently when Lottie Stull, AMM3c, on an eight-day leave, married Edmond Ruble, S1c, at Fincastle, Va.

Miss Sally Boureau, of Flint, became Mrs. Don Baxter recently. Don works in the Commissary. Stanley Raaves, S1c, "Peanuts" to his Commissary pals, gave them quite a jolt when he announced his marriage to a young lady also from Flint.

R. J. Patterson, S1c, of the Fire Dept., belatedly advises that he married Miss Vera Gonchel of Toledo on August 23rd, while up from the Public Works Department comes word that Seaman 1c Ruffner has rejected bachelorhood as of the 26th of September.

Walter Lapczynski has the ring, the Detroit News reports the issuance of the license, and our friends in Conservation advise us that the date is set for late October.

Ordnance informs us that Paul Woigdka, S1c, officially became engaged to Miss Betty Anderson on Sunday, Sept. 26th. Miss Virginia Rief, of Detroit, is proudly wearing a diamond recently given to her by H. F. Maas, S1c, of the Fire Dept. Ground School, too, was pleasantly surprised with the announcement of the engagement of Vincent Shaw, S1c, to



Top: Major E. S. Roberts visited here.

Center: An International wedding—The Stirches.

Bottom: The Klurves were married in the Chapel here.

Miss Harriette Meeker of Detroit.

A number of our personnel

have welcomed arrivals in three cornered pants into their homes. Lt. J. F. Fox of Ground School very proudly announces the birth of Jerome Leo Fox, and according to Lt. Fox, he is such a BIG boy, that he is having a terrible time trying to convince the draft board that his son is only a few weeks old. Lt. (jg) O. P. Brown is likewise boasting about his 8 lb. son born in September. "Tiny" Enwood, SK2c, who is 6'3" and weighs 190 lbs., is very good-naturedly taking lots of ribbing about his 5-lb. baby daughter! D. L. Short, SC2c, is long on his stories about his new daughter, while Leslie Warner, SC3c, was seen passing out 15c cigars celebrating the birth of little Roy James Warner.

Our well wishes go to these new little citizens and also our sincere congratulations go to their parents.

Of news to many here is the fact that Lt. Comdr. Dietrick recently received a picture from San Francisco of Lt. (jg) Madden, Lt. (jg) Anderson, Lt. (jg) Waters, and Lt. Wenner, all formerly of this station, who had coincidentally "met up" at Monaco's, a San Francisco nite spot.

A little belated perhaps, but congratulations are in order for Warrant Officers Niemeir, Brown, Barnes and King. Incidentally, Warrant Officer Brown has been detached.

Among those reporting aboard the past month were Ensigns L. J. Meyers, P. G. Schroeder, W. A. Maxwell, J. Anderson Lt. (jg's) W. H. Mitchell, G. E. Roth, J. W. Jeremiah, O. Anderson; and Lt. B. J. Holbrook.

Comdr. W. C. Ellet, who enjoyed only a short stay here, was recently detached for work in V-12 in Detroit. Genial Comdr. Ellet had 2½ years' worth of exciting adventures in the Pacific prior to coming here, and had seen much action against the Japs. Despite his short stay, Comdr. Ellet made many friends here.

Lt. W. H. Zellers, formerly of A&R, has returned to duty with the fleet, while Mach. B. A. Keene, also of A&R has been detached, too. Both were valuable members of that department, and the whole department wishes them lots of luck in their new assignments.

Lts. (jg's) King, Wines, Goodchild, Crockett, Norwood, and Sullivan have all gone to operational squadron duty at Norfolk.

All were old timers on this station and will be very much missed. Lt. (jg) Kennedy, who reported with them, was missed before he left—he missed the picture printed on this page.

Other officers leaving for duty elsewhere include Ensigns E. S. Petering, H. B. Kaufner, F. J. Flynn, W. B. Phillipson, P. R. Lawrence, Lt. (jg's) G. E. Ockey, E. G. Nelson, J. F. A. Cross, W. E. Tremain, and R. W. Wilhite. All of us here wish all of them, wherever they are, the very best.

Clarence L. Abel, ARM3c, was seen proudly dispensing cigars and candy in the Administration Building to celebrate the arrival of an 8½ lb. son, Paul Lynn Abel, who arrived at Providence Hospital, Washington, on October 6 at 12:15. Congratulations!

Elizabeth S. Sobeski, SK3c

FORD HOST TO ADM. BUCKMASTER

(See picture on cover)

Admiral Buckmaster and his Staff had their first glimpse of the marvels of Willow Run on September 14th. They were guests of honor at luncheon given by Henry Ford in the parlor dining room at Willow Run. Commander Armstrong and Lieut. Hornauer were also in the party as representatives of the Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile. The party left Grosse Ile in the Admiral's DC-4 and upon arrival at Willow Run was taken to the Administration Offices. There they were met by Henry Ford, Mr. Bricker, Plant Manager of Willow Run; Harry Bennett, Vice-President and Director; and Charles A. Lindbergh.

After posing for pictures, the group was taken to the private dining room where they were served a very delicious luncheon.

We've said "smooth sailing" to these old-timers. (see story above)

Following the luncheon an inspection of the entire plant was made, during which time the Admiral and his Staff witnessed the wonders of production as only Henry Ford can present them.

See group picture on front cover.) Seated left to right: Captain Dixie Kiefer, Commander Armstrong, Lt. (jg) Sheldon, W-V (S)fi Admiral Buckmaster, Henry Ford.

Standing left to right, front row: Commander Guilmette, Harry Bennett, Commander Harlan, Commander Von Adelung, Lt. Commander Smythe, Dr. Liemer, Lieut. Hornauer, Lieut. Nichols.

Back row, left to right, Lt. Commander Carmedy, Lt. (jg) Cover, Commander Keith Kreiger, Lieut. Pelletier, Lieut. Apps.

GROUND SCHOOL LOSES LIEUT. R. F. BLYTHE TO GLENVIEW

Lieut. R. F. Blythe, Officer in Charge of Ground School since the departure of Lt. Comdr. F. R. Bolton, January 18, 1943, was detached Sept. 28, 1943.

A graduate of Northwestern University and Iowa University he was commissioned October 8th 1942 and attended Introctrination School at Quonset Pt. and Recognition School at Columbus, Ohio where he was first in both classes. Upon finishing school at Columbus he was sent to Iowa Pre-Flight School at Iowa City before coming to Grosse Ile.

Arriving at the Air Station at Grosse Ile, he taught Recognition before being given the duties of Executive Officer of Ground School. Upon the departure of Lt. Comdr. Bolton, Lt. Blythe was placed in charge of the Ground School.

Under the leadership of Lt.

They're all AMM3C's—Came aboard this station recently and are doing a good job.

Who Is It?



This picture of a well-known officer on the base was taken during the last war.

This man is a Reserve officer with many years flying experience. He holds a responsible position on the station.

(See answer on page 15)

Blythe, many new ideas have been put into use, and he has gained the respect and admiration of all officers and enlisted personnel under his direction.

Ground School personnel wishes to take this opportunity to wish the best of luck and smooth sailing to Lt. R. F. Blythe in his new duties at Glenview.



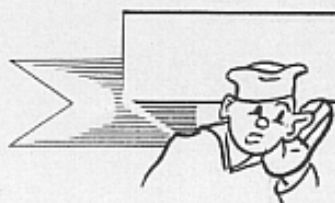
ORDNANCE DEPT.

The Ordnance Officers, and crew are very pleased to welcome Ensign Baillie into the Ordnance Dept., as a very capable addition to the present staff. Ens. Baillie has had extensive training in Gunnery and Ordnance having attended Naval Gunnery schools at Hollywood, Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, Pensacola, Florida, and also the School of Aerial Mines at Yorktown, Virginia. In addition to this training Ens. Baillie has had excellent aviation indoctrination having flown with all possible types of Navy Squadrons while at Jacksonville and Lake City, Florida. His principal duty will be instruction of Officers now attending the newly adopted Officers Gunnery Syllabus.

The new Officers' Gunnery Class consisting of 100 hours of classroom study, and practical as well as synthetic application of the Theory taught is now, after two

Captain Armstrong and former Governor William M. Brucker of the Detroit Commandery at the presentation of the Wave lounge.

Station personnel respond enthusiastically to request for blood donors.



HAVE YOU

weeks of operation, off to a fine start and proceeding according to plans and rules issued by N.A.P.T.C., Kansas City. This Gunnery program is now under way at all Primary Bases and from all indications, Grosse Ile NAS is prepared to offer as complete a course as any of the other bases. In connection with this new syllabus it will be well to announce the new quarters of the Gunnery class rooms and Special Devices rooms. The new Gunnery class rooms are located in the West end of the Link Trainer Bldg. in the space formerly occupied by the Educational Dept. In the Special Device room synthetic training machines have been constructed which allow the pilots and students to put the classroom theory to practice. Many new machines have been received and afford excellent training.

Word has been received from Dave Dilworth AOM2c now in attendance at the Advance Ordnance school in Chicago, that he will be transferring to Jacksonville, Florida very soon to complete his training before returning to Grosse Ile. Incidentally, Dave is leading his class in scholastic standing. The entire Ordnance crew and his many friends at this station wish him good luck and hope that he keeps up the good work.

Three new men have been added to the crew of the Ordnance Dept.

1. Buehr, G. J.—from Oklahoma Ordnance School.
2. Morgan, J. H.—from Seaman Guard.
3. Trumich, S. — from Seaman Guard.

WAGAR A. GLAS AOM2c

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PRIMARY TRAINING SQUADRON

Although "Nip" is only six weeks old, he is somewhat of a veteran of the skyways, having 35 minutes of flying time to his credit.

"Nip" came into the possession of Lt. (jg) E. A. Kujawa through an enlisted man at Leathers Field who had received the pup from a farmer in that area. In order to get "Nip" back to Grosse Ile, his new master had to place him in the baggage compartment of one of our familiar yellow Stearmans and fly him back to our home field.

Mrs. Kujawa is very enthused over the new addition to the family. She named him "Nip" after her husband who is so nicknamed by his fellow flight officers. This doesn't infer however that our very likeable in-

structor leads a dog's life, although he claims that his wife is so fond of "Nip" that the pup sleeps with her and he is forced to sleep in a box under the kitchen sink.

W. S. Jose AMM 3/c

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SUPPLY DEPT.

Clothing and Small Stores finally received a shipment of clothing and of course have been very busy since its arrival. The usual scuttle butt went along with it. The rumor got out that the enlisted men's new slate blue suits had arrived and it spread like wildfire, in fact it was so good that at least two hundred calls were answered by WAVE Hightower SK3c.

During the course of issuing the clothing at Small Stores a corpman drove up in an ambulance and parked it right at the entrance of Clothing and Small Stores. Somebody called up and asked what the ambulance was doing there and Mills SK3c answered with, "an enlisted man just came in and asked for a dress blue jumper in his size and received it." Hence the ambulance because the sailor fainted and had to be taken to Sick Bay.

This really happened in the lobby of the Statler one evening. It seems one of our supply officers was in Detroit in search of a little recreation, and stopped in the lobby of the Statler. A gent who had several too many walked up to the officer and said "Shay would you min' calling me a cab." The very indignant officer curtly told him that he was wearing the uniform of an officer in the United States Navy. "O.K." said the tipsy gent, "Then call me a boat."

W. H. Tracy SK3c

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GROUND SCHOOL

Lieut. Haller A-U (S) USNR former instructor of Navigation here at Grosse Ile, paid Ground School an unexpected visit September 20. Lt. Haller has just completed a 15 week course in Navigation at the Navigation school, Hollywood, Florida. After a brief stay in Wyandotte he will leave for duty with the N.A.T.S.

Bob Hall SP(T)2c

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LINK TRAINER

During his last visit to the station, Admiral Buckmaster commended Lt Stoll on the excellent work done in his department and referred to it as being one of the two most outstanding in efficiency and progress.

New to the department is Mrs.

HEARD ? ?



D'Andrea, who is now in the front office. Specialist Boyle dropped her deck-scrubbing swab and students and secured just long enough to be interviewed by Elissa Landi over station WJR a short while ago . . . Specialist Kleinfelder tolled long after closing time one evening to pry open the lock of a trainer and release a weary pilot who had been locked in by a more playful colleague. With all activities, new schedules and gunnery classes in full swing, building 61 has been an active place.

DISBURSING

Betty Coleman, the wife of Ensign Robert W. Coleman, has been working in this office since the middle of September. She enjoys working on the base where her husband is stationed, and doing work that is connected with his. And we enjoy having her here, too!

An athletic recreational program has been inaugurated for the Storekeepers—three times a week for each, on alternating days. Badminton seems to be the most popular pursuit, although we have seen no "stars" yet among the Waves. Jumping rope, basketball, and bowling are also popular. Considering the very ample and appetizing chow the Navy provides us, we think this active sport an exceedingly good idea. We feel that our form will show improvement in more ways than one after a few weeks.

16 Sept. 1943—Gloria Summerly, SK3c, said, in answer to a call from the gate, announcing that her mother had arrived there, "Oh, but she can't be here! She hasn't written to tell me she is coming!" However, she was there, and Gloria quickly got six days leave to spend with her.

Ensign Paul Lawrence is quite elated at the prospect of being sent to the new Naval Supply Corps School at Wellesley, Mass. Reason: his best girl attends Wellesley College.

All we ask is a little sunshine for pay day so we can use our new pay wagon to its fullest extent. Every pay day since we have had it there has been rain, and we have had to go indoors. The only stop neither sunshine nor rain affects is Commissary—all out on that one,—headed straight for those toasted chicken sandwiches, cookies, etc.

Contributed by our "Pistol-Packin' Mama.

Louise Hitt, SK3c, Disbursing

"Golly-Ga-Booms" Lewis SK3c is thinking seriously of giving up his part in the physical fitness program. He claims it is making a wreck out of him . . .

Helen "Pistol Packing" Tissiere, SK3c is sure taking a razzing on the Payline. We hear that she is an expert shot!!!! Soooo, fellows, be careful what you say!!!!

"Hot Flash" Morrow, SK3c the old man of Disbursing has been trying to solve the Gasoline problem. His latest solution: "Apply for Sea-Duty"!! Oh; Oh!

What tall, handsome Messman from Commissary has been kicking the Gong around with Tissiere SK3c???? Ah!!!! another Romance brewing????

"Zasu" Maurer, SK3c, just loves to go shopping in Detroit, especially at the "Tropics." They feature JUMBOS at a buck apiece!!!!

Al Pareyt, SK3c

GROSSE ILE THEATER

Bring your girl and pull up a chair; A few hundred Sailors are already there.

A slit in the curtain will let in the light;

Holding hands is O. K., but necking's not right.

We feature a cartoon and the March of Time;

For all of this you pay not a dime. Our shows are dramatic, stupendous, colossal;

(But the seats are so hard you may feel like a fossil.)

And when it's over

And you leave in pairs;

Just remember this:

"PUT AWAY THOSE CHAIRS!"

—Rose Slater, S/c, Supply

Seven momentous days in the history of N. A. S., Grosse Ile from Pearl Harbor to the present were those from 1100 on September 23rd to 2400 on September 29th during which time there were NO prisoners in the brig. Lets keep this up mates!

COMMISSARY STORE

They will tell you at the Commissary Store that "bananas go pretty fast". But you don't know how fast that is until you are about to reach for a few and all you get is the stalk. At 14:00 last



Lts. Pemberton and Watt of the R.A.F.

Squadron leader Phillips, Group Captain Hogan, Wing Comdr. DeGruythe of the R.A.F. Delegation in Washington recently visited the station.

Saturday there were five bunches, weighing about 60 pounds each, hanging on the rack. A new Supply Officer, who just came aboard, glanced at the rack and decided there was no hurry on purchasing a dozen right then. About 40 minutes later the rack was bare and the nearest thing to a banana was the broken stalk in the trash can.

The Commissary Store, now located in Bldg. 85 and open from 1100 to 1600 daily except Sunday, has everything, including a songbird in the meat department. S/1c Crenshaw is known by Mr. Towner's crew as the happiest sailor on deck, and to prove it Crenshaw sings from 0800 to 1700, stopping only long enough to wait on the customers.

When the OPA shoves the point values a notch higher on those delicious steaks at the Commissary, the customers' faces grow longer and longer. But Crenshaw just sings as he swings when he prepares the day's meat cuts . . .



" PUKKA GEN "



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Editor's note: "Pukka Gen", the name given to this page is a combination of an Anglo-Indian colloquial expression and a R. A. F. Slang word. "Pukka" according to Webster, means genuine or good of its kind. "Gen" is understood to mean "Information". "PUKKA GEN" meaning accurate information, will be the mast head of the news from the Student Pilots.

Once again we are able to present to you your own corner of "Flight". That this is possible is due entirely to the editors of "Flight", in the first instance, and in lighter vein, to the bewildered efforts of an almost non-existent F.A.A. and R.A.F. student staff. Chaps, we can do great things with this corner of ours if you all rally round. We need all the contributions you can give us to make this page a success. Bring in your effort, be it humble or inspired and hand it in to the R.A.F. office or Student A. J. Bull, N.C.O. Barracks 75 U.N. Let us have your names so that we can get together on this. Remember "Tee Em" fellows, and P. O. Prune? Well, why can't we do that, any ideas?

And now: to my especial friends, "this awfully funny joke, by gad"—A.G.D., one of whose jobs was Tannoy announcing, had just put over "The time is now twelve 'undred 'ours," when the Control Officer shouted "What the blazing Henry are you doing? It's barely 11.55!" With perfect sangfroid the G.D. continued smoothly into the mike, "I wonder 'ow many of you spotted the deliberate mistake I just made?"

DON'T FORGET THE FOLKS

Gift parcels can now be sent to the U. K. duty free, provided you first obtain a "Duty Free" label from the F.A.A. Office or R.A.F. Orderly Room. A second essential is a few pennies to buy something at Hudson's or the Ship's Service and to pay postage. Unfortunately, the Ship's Service has not a "never-never" system or even a belated credit one; strictly cash and carry.

The raising of funds by old and tried methods, i.e., the signing of cheques under the nom de plume of "Henry Ford",

"Henry Morgenthau", "Charlie Chaplin" or "Mae West"—the Bucket Shop business, the South Sea Bubble or the Louisiana Purchase are not to be recommended.

If you are short of cash for parcels home, but the goods within ten minutes of drawing your fortnightly gratuity and before the local Shylock has buttonholed you.

PERSONALITY PARADE

Movie fans will be interested to hear of two embryo film stars amongst the British students. Cadet Jarman, Course 39 and RAF Cadet White, Course 41 took part in "Goodbye Mr. Chips", when it was made, way back in 1939 at the Danham Studios, London. They were dressed in Eton collars and looked very angelico, however, uniforms seem to make quite a difference, or is it just war time worries? Good luck, boys, we wish you every success in this show, and many more when your eyes can turn in peace and freedom, towards those high lights of stardom.

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Another personality is RAF Cadet Durbridge, Course 41, who was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for courageous action. His was not to fight the enemy behind machine guns or bombs; he was a back-room boy, and had to sit and take it. It was during 1940 that, as a controller in the National Fire Service in Coventry, Durbridge had his chance to show the world that Britain can take it. Now he has come over here in order to put himself in a different position, and dish out retaliation in as great a quantity as possible.

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RAF Cadet Gardiner should read Kings Regulations, there is a clause in those, which deals with crime, and in particular, cruelty. Scotland still stands where it did, and the skirl of the bagpipes may bring back many happy memories to the Scots among us, but please have pity on the poor Sassenach. The haggis does not haunt these parts, so it is suggested that he hunts further afield.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—Cadet Gardiner resides in 75 Loner South, and creates mayhem of an astounding intensity at frequent intervals through the night. Fun- nily enough, thought, we rather like the sound of bagpipes.

THE LINE EXTRAORDINARY

RAF Cadet P. Hall, Course 39, was the victim of an unfortunate accident recently, however, he seems to have suffered little in consequence. "It's an ill wind that blows no one any good."

His story at a certain house party in Detroit recently went something like this:—

"—then I saw something coming over to meet me at a terrific speed—

—I tried to weave to the right—

—too late! I stalled—nosed over and—

—well just landed on my back.

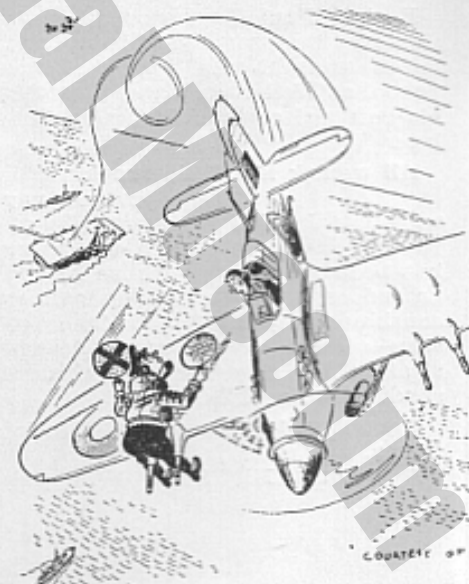
—Yes, I suppose I was lucky only to get a broken wrist but it was a terrible experience."

It must have been terrible Peter,—don't try boxing with an ex-Cambridge Blue next time— or at least please do not trip up in the process!

ANZAC CLUB SERVES BRITISH

FAA Cadet Primmer has been a very busy man lately. Thanks to him, many students have spent pleasant and "glorious" Sunday afternoons at the ANZAC Club's Headquarters in the Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit. This organization too, deserves commendation for the grand work it is doing for boys from all parts of the Empire; "British Club for British Boys". It is organizations such as this that will foster that Anglo-American spirit after we have won this war. Will any forget the hours they spent there, in grand American hospitality?

The reason a dog has so many friends is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.



These Cold Storage Boys Won't Mind Winter

Speaking of food, and who isn't nowadays, our well-stocked "ice-box" Building No. 86, would be the envy of any housewife in America. Within the building are ten coolers which preserve the original quality of thousands of pounds of fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, ice cream, butter and meat. Equipment is also maintained for the manufacture of ice. One cooler alone holds 40,000 lbs. of neatly hung beef carcasses, and a ration-minded civilian would remind you that it is worth approximately 300,000 points in red stamps.

Fresh provisions arrive daily, and it is the responsibility of R. L. Daily, SK2c, E. Cogdell, SK2c, and D. St. Onge, S2c, to see that they are checked in properly, stored in an orderly manner, and broken out when needed.

Working in conjunction with those boys, are J. M. Purol,

AMM2c, and his crew of four men, A. E. Lighthart, H. Campbell, L. Head, and A. O. Schuehardt. Curiously enough, these four men are all from California, but have become properly acclimated to Michigan weather by working in the Cold Storage plant. These men maintain the Compressor Room, and are charged with the responsibility of keeping each cooler at the proper temperature. As ammonia is the refrigerant, careful checks must be made hourly to see that there are no leaks, as any leakage would render the food unfit for consumption. Each complex gauge has a special meaning to this carefully trained crew, and no one except these men are permitted in the Compressor Room.

The task of "keeping it on ice" is a big one, and these boys are to be commended for their fine work. E. S. Sobeski, SK3c

TWO NEW CHIEFS NAMED, MANY OTHERS ADVANCED IN OCTOBER FIRST RATINGS

Skorski and Barber Advance to ACMM

Two new chiefs headed a long list of men who advanced in rates on October 1. The men who now wear the Chief's Badges are L. Barber and W. A. Skorski, both of A & R and both advanced to ACMM (AA). Other personnel advancements effected as of October 1 were as follows:

The following advancements will be effective as of October 1, 1943.

BM2c—B. V. Dieroff, J. F. Fox, A. Kargenian, L. A. Bakke.

Cox—J. L. Gleason.

SLC—R. L. Cossin, R. F. Currier, S. J. Bellestri, H. Dugan, G. M. Florian, H. H. Dunn, M. A. Fishbaugh, D. A. Forner, C. F. Foss, D. G. Glasgow, U. G. Hanser, C. P. Harrison, J. E. Harvey, G. H. Johnson, G. L. Johnson, H. P. Knisley, J. A. Koehy, J. G. Lorts, H. E. Lundquist, W. C. Mach, J. P. Maloney, L. Morin, A. C. Myers, H. E. Nash, M. F. Palmer, J. R. Pullum, S. E. Reaves, R. B. Richards, D. F. Riegel, R. W. Root, J. C. Ruffner, A. R. Russell, I. M. Sheldon, H. T. Skattel, O. E. Smith, B. Zaba, L. H. Hoffman, J. R. Marshall.

EM2c—J. Pusker, D. B. Witmer.

EM3c—G. F. Box.

CM2c—M. R. Fox, C. Nelson.

FI—H. J. Davis.

F2c—V. J. Beurer, Jr.

F3c—P. G. Dunn.

ACMM (AA)—L. Barber, W. A. Skorski.

AMM1c—J. C. Consiglio, J. J. Curtis, R. Dilley, J. Dusheck, J. Gazal, G. M. Hodgkinson, A. M. Moore, C. M. Mylin, V. Pluznik, T. J. Rovny, D. L. Snyder.

AMM2c—D. G. Alber, E. A. Barnett, L. E. Baudendistel, L. Beckwith, W. T. Beddow, L. A. Boehne, R. P. Bradley, J. W. Pudzikowski, G. Bunker, L. G. Champlin, O. E. Christensen, E. V. Clotte, G. D. Clifford, K. R. Cox, R. B. Davidge, R. M. Davis, W. F. Dennison, W. W. Dimick, C. W. Durkee, A. P. Fierello, E. J. Fitzpatrick, H. J. Flechtner, C. F. Frederick, D. P. Gearhart, G. D. Gerard, J. J. Gessner, R. W. Hahnke, F. L. Hisecock, R. L. Hubbard, W. S. Jose, E. F. Kish, J. T. Kohler, E. J. LaFramboise, G. J. Logan, R. M. Malarkey, T. B. Mallette, R. J. Mason, W. T. Michael, F. B. Miller, E. R. Moffat, R. J. Molnar, R. D. Neal, W. C.

Pate, E. M. Peters, K. R. Peterson, J. P. Polak, H. Plak, R. H. Richardson, E. M. Roosa, M. E. Rowe, J. C. Sexton, L. E. Sharff, G. R. Short, N. A. Skender, A. G. Smith, Jr., E. J. Smoot, L. L. Midlin, H. Mihalik, O. N. Keys, C. L. Steffes, R. L. Taylor, G. D. Thomas, F. Tourre, F. L. Udebrock, J. P. Wells, W. B. Werling, C. R. Wills, N. Yanitsky, C. J. Fleszar.

AMM3c—G. C. Alsobrock, R. A. Arrow-smith, D. G. Berger, W. E. Connelly, E. J. Craig, C. L. Gall, N. A. Lewandowski, M. C. Lewis, H. A. McClosker, J. E. McLaughlin, S. E. Malenko, C. H. Moreland, P. A. Schehr, D. C. Stanley, M. J. Vendzuh, H. J. Witt.

AM1c—D. L. Woodring.

AM2c—W. Artman, C. H. Czenkusch, G. L. Grigorian, W. J. Peltonen, H. P. Russell, R. Starner.

AM3c—A. C. Daniels, C. M. Herman, E. C. Stromberg.

ACM2c—W. A. Glas.

AOM3c—J. H. Morgan.

Y2c—N. R. Bauer, D. M. Gorsline, J. V. Noland, E. J. Ryan.

SK1c—L. R. Johnson, S. O. Kallevik, T. M. Ross.

SK2c—G. L. Itchue, D. E. Purcell, D. A. Verderese.

SK3c—A. L. Anderson, C. W. Lamb, H. B. Mystlewic.

PhM2c—T. L. Burdette, Jr., E. P. Davis, B. O. Guillett, C. N. MacDonald, P. H. Nelson, M. M. Sloniker.

PhM3c—N. C. Beam, E. J. Denney, D. M. Kehee, B. D. Miller, B. K. Robeson, E. R. Shlander, E. M. Snider, E. H. Stern, M. M. Waggoner, A. Woodward, P. S. Edgett.

HA1c—E. A. Brzostowski.

Sp (T) 2c—H. J. Fustik.

Sp(A)3c—J. Mains.

SC2c—G. W. Baumberger, T. J. Falahee, R. R. Geiger, N. Hoodak, W. A. Johnson, M. D. McQueen.

Bkric—W. Zischke.

Bkr2c—D. Drabbe, R. E. Eyster.

Bkr3c—J. T. Jackson, E. E. Jones.

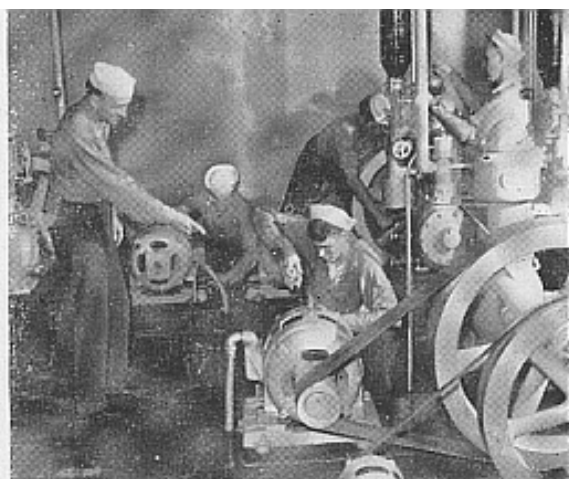
CK2c—A. Morris.

CK3c—L. C. Pearl.

St3c—P. Grier, J. A. Knighton.

StM2c—A. Bates, R. Bradford, E. Griffin, J. Hadley, L. R. Hargrove, I. Horne, Jr., B. T. Oliver, F. Roberts.

SP2c—W. A. Sutherby.



TARMACS

The Tarmacs are "on the ball" as the saying goes with the culmination of "Boot" just a few weeks ago. Along with the termination of this indoctrination period was installed a new "liberty" schedule for the boys.

Today the Grosse Ile Tarmacs may be seen working with the day and night crews on the line, at "A&R" and at Ash Field. In either place they're doing jobs on a full-time schedule, and doing

them efficiently.

As the aggregation received Sea 2c liberty, so came opportunity for better times and chances to go "home" for the first time. And it was a gala occasion indeed to walk through that home town in uniform for the first time; a thrill that most will never forget.

Thus the Tarmacs are truly "mates" on this station. They're doing a job today so they can do a better job in the air tomorrow!

It's a well-known contention that "sailors have a way with the gals" but for the antics of Jerry Rose around Barracks 76 we have reason for some dubious thinking. The question arose recently when Jerry was seen peering into the pages of a small book entitled, "How to Write Love Letters." Rose was somewhat embarrassed when he became aware of his predicament and explained that he had purchased the booklet for Tarmac Miles Standish! We suggest that both see Don Michie, "Casanova of the Tarmacs" for first-hand instruction on "How to Woo and Win Women by Mail."

We understand that a number of ambitious Tarmacs are heeding some well-founded advice by attending radio ground school and Link Trainer. Of course, taking time for these classes is a sacrifice of "liberty", but learning that code semaphore and blinker will undoubtedly save time and energy in the near future.

We commend the boys who are able to do a little more now so they can do a little less later.

Platoon 8 has a record-holder in its ranks! Yessir it's Max MacDonald the "long distance telephone king" who became entranced by his girl's voice hailing from Tip City, Ohio, and kept the wires humming for 52 minutes. We imagine that a telephone conversation such as that in a booth might be comparable to a first-rate steam bath!

The recreation hall piano has seen "active duty" since the arrival of Tarmac "Golden Fingers" Jim Killin. Jim's brand of "boogie woogie" won high acclaim from the Tarmacs while they were waiting at the Hotel Fort Shelby, Detroit, for orders. Since then Killin has been rendering that "boogie" with success here at the base. Keep "tickling that keyboard" Jimmy, we all like it!

They've Seen Plenty of ACTION

On the opposite page, Flight introduces some of the new men who have come aboard U. S. N. A. S. Grosse Ile recently. Their records speak eloquently of the service they have already rendered in combat zones. From left to right we have:

1. — **SETERA**, Edward Peter, AMM1c. Ship: U.S.S. New Orleans. Participated in the following actions against the enemy: the defense of Pearl Harbor, T. H., December 7, 1941; the battle of the Coral Sea, May 6-10, 1942, inc.; the battle of Midway Island, June 4-6, 1942, inc.

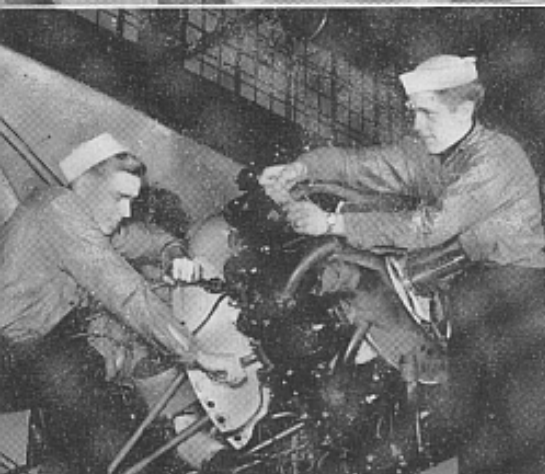
ZENK, Raymond Fidalis, AMM1c. Ship: U.S.S. Saratoga. 10-4-41: Trans. USS Tippacanoe FFT USS Saratoga for duty, serving in Bombing Squadron Three aboard USS Saratoga when commended by the Commanding Officer for efficient services rendered during participation in the attack on the Guadalcanal-Tulagi Islands, 7-8 August 1942, and in action against the enemy in the Solomon Islands area on 24 August 1942.

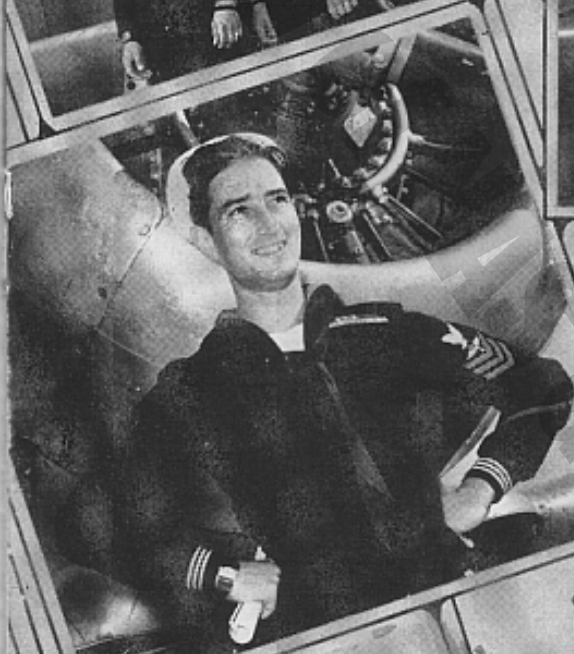
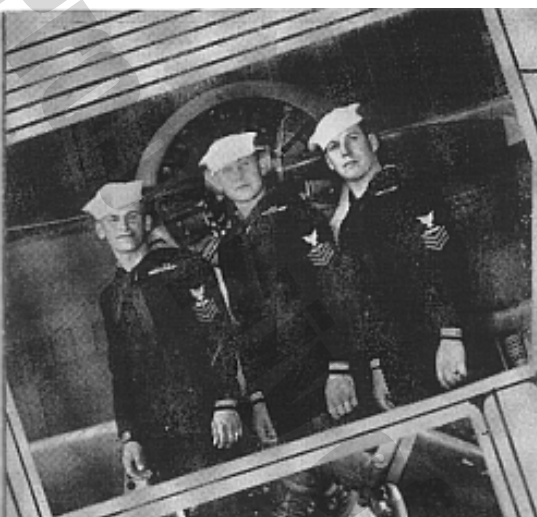
BAZHENOW, Arkadey Fred, AMM1c. Returned on board U.S.S. Yorktown with Bombing Squadron Five. 5-23-41: Temp. based on board the USS Ranger with Bombing Squadron Five. 1-30-43: Embarked with Bombing Squadron Five in the U.S.S. Yorktown during the attacks on the Marshall Islands (Jan. 31, 1942) Salamaua and Loe (March 10, 1942) Tulagi (May 4, 1942) Coral Sea (May 7 and 8, 1942) and the Battle of Midway June 4-6, 1942).

2. — **FRIDLEY**, Daniel Clifton, ACMM. Date reported: August 29, 1941. 9-9-41: Tran. U.S.S. Whitney, FFT. to Patrol Squadron Twenty-Four for duty. April 1, 1943: Transferred this date to Patrol Squadron Twelve for duty. Transferred to NTS, Norfolk, Va., for course of instruction in Primary Aviation Machinist's Mate School.

3. — **PAPULSKI**, Zigmund, ACMM (AA). Station: U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif. 10-3-41: Trans. this date to the U.S.S. Whetson for transportation and further transfer to Bombing Squadron Three for duty. Serving in Bombing Squadron Three aboard USS Saratoga when commended by the Commanding Officer for efficient services rendered during participation in the

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Educational Department..How to get ahead



With a perpetual nightmare of True, False, True, False, along with a few A, B, C's tossed in, the Educational Department continues to academically qualify men for advancement.

Under the supervision of Lt. C. L. Crawford, Educational Officer, and Lt. (j. g.) J. A. Dolan, Ass't. Educational Officer, the departmental activities have greatly enlarged. An increase of 38% in Progress Tests is shown since the first of the year a total of 17,319 since January 1943.

The recent addition of Lt. (j. g.) Dolan affords excellent guidance in the General Training Course while Seamanship Classes are also in full swing.

Waves Hart, E. P., Y3c and Blaha, P. G., Y3c ably handle the typewriter keys and files.

The "True-falsers", Grassman, M. H., AM2c, offering counsel and overseeing examinations in the Aviation Branch, Roe, M. D., Cox, in the Seaman Branch, and Goodsmith, C. W., BM2c, complete the Educational crew.

Each day, across the counter of the Progress Test file, flies, "Gimme number five". We pause "Ship's Cook?". "Naw, Aviation Mech". Again, we pause "First class?". "No,—Third class". At long last we have all the necessary information and may then dive into the files for the proper exam. Just one of the many quips in a day's activity.

Once each month, may be witnessed the grandest array of shaking knees and gnawing of fingernails ever seen. You guessed it The Advancement Board! Your name is up to appear

before the Board. "What will they ask me?" "Will I get my rate?" "How long is a battleship?" and then another cigarette!

Oh, yes! How does one mathematically arrive at a grade on a Progress Test? It's really quite simple. "Take the total number of questions incorrect, other than true and false, plus the total number of true and false unanswered, plus two times the total number of true and false incorrect, subtract these from the total number of questions, multiply by four and divide by the total number of questions" which, added up, comes out 2.5 SOMETIMES!

New "Plane Type" Appears

Totally Unfamiliar Craft Startles Pilot

NATC, Corpus Christi—A pilot attached to the VM Unit, NAS, Corpus Christi, while flying an N3N recently on a routine flight was startled at the sudden appearance of a totally unfamiliar aircraft south of Baffin Bay. The plane appeared to be a very large, perhaps twice the size of our B-19, but its speed was not great. Even a lengthy application of the Swift-up system failed to produce any details of the plane's construction or features beyond the fact that its reddish brown paint was too light for effective com-

ouflage in this country.

As the distance closed, further scrutiny tentatively revealed six engines, three vertical stabilizers, and certain unidentified gear below the fuselage. Upon making a turn, the N3N noticed a great increase in the speed of the strange craft. After turning 180 degrees the relative bearing remained unchanged.

By removing his goggles, the pilot observed that the plane could not be seen with the naked eye. He therefore assumed that the gear below the fuselage rendered the plane invisible except when viewed through polarized lenses. Further experiment showed that the pilot could see the plane with his right eye only!

And no wonder—a check of all the elements of the phenomenon revealed a small red ant on the pilot's right goggle lens!

Taken from BuAer News

ESSAY: A Georgia school girl has written a prize essay on the liquor business.

"Take one regular natural-born fool, add two or three drinks of liquor (any kind, bootleg or otherwise) and mix the two in a high-powered automobile. After the fool is thoroughly soaked, place his foot on the gas and release the brakes. Remove the fool from the wreckage. Place in black, satin-lined box and garnish with flowers."

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attack on the Guadalcanal-Tulagi Islands, 7-8 August, 1942, and in action against the enemy in the Solomon Islands area on 24 August, 1942.

COONS, Ray Edgar, ACRM. Station: Rec. Sta. San Diego, Calif. 8-8-41: Trans. Commander Carrier Division One at San Diego, Calif., for assignment duty. Participated in the Battle of Midway on board U.S.S. Yorktown in June, 1942. Participated in aerial attacks on the Solomon Islands on board U.S.S. Saratoga in August, 1942. Participated in aerial attacks against the Japanese naval forces in the Solomon Islands area on 24 August, 1942. Received Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic action against Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway, June 4-6, 1942. In April, 1942, served aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise as a member of Bombing Squadron Three combat air crew rendering efficient services toward the successful operation of the squadron during the cruise into Japanese waters culminating in the Tokyo raid.

4.—**JOHNSON, David Frederick, Jr., AMM1c.** Participated in the Battle of Midway on board USS Yorktown in June, 1942. Participated in aerial attacks on the Solomon Islands on board USS Saratoga in August, 1942. Received Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway, June 4-6, 1942. Participated in aerial attacks against the Japanese naval forces in the Solomon Islands Area on 24 August, 1942. Participated in numerous aerial attacks against Japanese bases while serving in Bombing Squadron three temporarily based at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal during period February 19 to March 11, 1943. In April, 1942, served aboard the USS Enterprise as a member of Bombing Squadron Three combat air crew rendering efficient services toward the successful operation of the squadron during the cruise into Japanese waters culminating in the Tokyo raid.

5.—**PRIPETON, Michael, Jr., AMM1c.** Dec. 19: Transferred for temporary duty at the Navy Service School, Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich. Dec. 1942: Performed arduous duties with zeal and courage in connection with occupation of Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands; showed leadership under prolonged enemy action and trying tropical conditions.

6.—**WALTON, Charles Grant, AMM1c.** Station: Torpedo Squad-

ron Six, USNH Pearl Harbor, T. H. Returned aboard U.S.S. Enterprise; returned aboard U.S.S. Lexington with Torpedo Sq. Six.

7.—**BURDETTE, Tom Lee, Jr.** Participated in the following hazardous missions of war while attached to this vessel. May 11-15, 1943: Amphibious landing of Army Combat Teams on Attu Island (Aleutians), then occupied by Japanese forces, aboard U.S.S. Harris.

8.—**McMANN, Dean Everett, AcrM1c.** Ship: U.S.S. Yorktown. 29 Dec. 1934: Trans. to U.S.S. Bridge for transportation and further transfer to U.S.S. Henderson. June 22, 1943 to July 28, 1943, participated, as member of crew U.S.S. Brooklyn, attached Task Force 86, in initial attack on and invasion of Sicily, including bombardment of shore batteries and military objectives. On Nov. 8, 1942, participated as member of crew U.S.S. Brooklyn, attached Task Force 34, in bombardment and silencing of Chergui shore battery (French) near Fedhala and then in three separate victorious actions with French naval forces off Casablanca, French Morocco, Africa.

9.—**KLETTER, William Albert, ACMM (PA).** Transferred 30 June 1939, to the U. S. Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H., for duty or such duty as Commander, Patrol Wing Two, may assign. 6 September 1939: Transferred to USS Langley for duty. 8-25-41: Transferred this date to Unit, Asiatic Fleet for duty.

10.—**LUCKI, Joseph Walter.** Enlisted 22 December, 1936. 4-9-37: Trans. to U.S.S. Arkansas for duty or such duty as Commander Training Squadron may assign. Returned aboard U.S.S. Enterprise with VB-6. Trans. to U.S.S. Platte.

JACKSON, Harvey John AMM3c. Ship: Carrier Aircraft Service Unit No. 5. 2-15-43: Trans. this date to Transition Training the F...shrdluCMFWYPETAOIN Squadron, Pacific Fleet for duty in the Flag Allowance of Commander Fleet Air, West Coast.

FIZER, H. P., AMM3c. Aboard U.S.S. Casco when torpedoed September '42. Participated in spotting action in PBV-5A squadron VP62 off Aleutian chain when Attu and Kiska were shelled. Flew as gunner and mech. and sometimes plane captain or second mech.

11.—**KING, Forest.** Ship: U.S.S. New Orleans. Participated in the following actions against enemy: 1. The Defense of Pearl Harbor, T. H., December 7, 1941; 2. Battle of the Coral Sea May 6-10, 1942, inc. 3. The Battle of Midway Island June 4-6, 1942, inc.

NEW SENIOR DENTAL OFFICER



The new Senior Dental Officer at N. A. S. Grosse Ile, has had plenty of exciting experiences since he received his commission in the Regular Navy in December, 1940.

Lt. Comdr. R. E. Schaeffer, DC. For almost two years before coming to Grosse Ile, he was Dental Officer aboard an amphibious transport operating in the South Pacific. Due to his knowledge of small boats, gained during his youth on Lake Erie, Lt. Comdr. Schaeffer volunteered several times when the need arose to assume the duties of a line officer, and was successful in effecting several landings of tank barges and similar craft in the face of extremely difficult and hazardous conditions. He was at Guadalcanal during the first American attack on August 7, 1942 and at Gavutu. But one of his most exciting experiences was in a battle on Feb. 17, 1943, when the convoy of which his ship was a part was attacked by a large number of Jap planes. Altogether, his ship was involved in about sixteen aerial engagements.

Lt. Comdr. Schaeffer received the Silver Star Medal for conspicuous gallantry and coolness in the landing actions.

ANSWER TO WHO IS IT

The seaman on page 7 is our executive officer Lt. Comdr. C. L. Edwards at the age of 17.

"No, No, Huntley, I'm afraid you don't quite get the idea."



-SPORTS-

BOB HALL, Sports Editor

SEASON BASKETBALL SCHEDULE READY

Although the football season is just getting under way with the College and Service teams battling for top honors, basketball will step into the limelight here at Grosse Ile with the start of the Enlisted men's basketball league beginning October 5th. This year's schedule lists seven teams to challenge Commissary, last year's champs, and due to the turn-over of personnel many of these seven teams will cause Commissary, again favorites, plenty of headaches.

All indications are that there will be plenty of rivalry between all teams which should lead to another successful season under the supervision of Lt. Gallagher.

IV. Friday—October 15th

7:00 Commissary vs. Midway Allstars
7:00 Drill Hall vs. A & R
8:00 Supply vs. Seaman Guard
8:00 Ship Service vs. Operations

V. Tuesday—October 19th

7:00 Operations vs. Seaman Guard
7:00 Supply vs. Midway Allstars
8:00 Commissary vs. A & R
8:00 Drill Hall vs. Ship Service

VI. Friday—October 22nd

7:00 Drill Hall vs. Operations
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7:00 Ship Service vs. Commissary
8:00 Supply vs. A & R
8:00 Midway Allstars vs. Seaman Guard

VII. Tuesday—October 26th

7:00 Drill Hall vs. Seaman Guard
7:00 Commissary vs. Operations
8:00 Supply vs. Ship Service
8:00 Midway Allstars vs. A & R

TEAMS

Drill Hall, Commissary, Supply—Dis-burn, Midway Allstars, A & R, Ship Service, Operations, Seaman Guard.

OFFICER'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

All Games Begin Promptly at 1200

III. Wednesday—October 20th

Div. I—Flight Officers vs. Div. II—Flight Officers

Drill Hall vs. Ordnance—Supply
Ground School & Cad. Reg. vs. Operations

IV. Wednesday—October 27th

Drill Hall vs. Ground School & Cad. Reg.

Div. I—Flight Officers vs. Ordnance—Supply

Div. II—Flight Officers vs. Operations

V. Wednesday, November 3rd

Drill Hall vs. Operations

Div. I—Flight Officers vs. Ground School & Cad. Reg.

Div. II—Flight Officers vs. Ordnance—Supply

Officers In Charge of Teams

Drill Hall, Lt. J. B. Crawford
Div. I Fl. Officers, Lt. (jg) E. C. Frutig
Div. II Fl. Officers, Ens. H. F. McDonagh
Ordnance—Supply, Lt. L. S. Earl
Operations, Lt. A. M. Potter
Ground School and Cadet Regiment, Ens. J. F. Quinn

TEAM NAMES

Platoon 1 — Vindicator
" 2 — Kingfisher
" 3 — Wildcat
" 4 — Skyrocket
" 5 — Devastator
" 6 — Helldiver
" 7 — Coronado
" 8 — Mustang



BASEBALL NOTICE

Although the baseball season has officially closed as yet no champion has been crowned.

Due to circumstances beyond control, Selfridge Field has not been able to gather together their records. This has caused some concern since there has been some doubt as to who won the championship this year. Grosse Ile's records show 23 wins with 6 losses for a percentage of 793. Selfridge also has lost 6, but the number of games won is a question mark. Only their records will decide the championship. If Selfridge won 24 they will win by 7 percentage points, if they won 23 Grosse Ile and Selfridge will tie, and if they won 22 Grosse Ile will win by 7 percentage points.

A meeting between Selfridge and Grosse Ile with Ed Hayes of the Detroit Times is scheduled for the near future, after which an announcement will be made as to the champions. **KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED.**

The final averages just released show Jack Lorenz, Navigators shortstop, as the leading hitter with a remarkable average of .420.

Norm Pickon led the pitchers with 8 victories and 1 defeat for a percentage of .888. Bob Hall led the pitchers in earned runs with an average of 1 run per game.

The Grosse Ile Air Station will not be represented on the gridiron this fall. Due to the fact that facilities are not available for home games here on the Station, football has been abandoned for 1943.

It is the hope and wish of all that a gridiron be set up in the near future so that once again Grosse Ile will be represented on the football field.

OFFICER'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE UNDER WAY

With the start of the Drill Hall —Division 1 Flight Officers game on October 6th, the officer's basketball league got into motion.

Six teams comprise the schedule which should turn out to be a nip and tuck affair throughout the whole season.

The Drill Hall team with Lt. J. B. Crawford in charge is listed as the favorite, but should run into a lot of trouble with the Division 1 Flight Officers with Lt. (jg) E. C. Frutig, former University of Michigan star, in charge.

SCHEDULE

Date	Platoon
Tuesday, Oct. 12th.....	5 and 6
Tuesday, Oct. 12th.....	7 and 8
Thursday, Oct. 14th.....	5 and 7
Thursday, Oct. 14th.....	6 and 8
Saturday, Oct. 16th.....	5 and 8
Saturday, Oct. 16th.....	6 and 7
Tuesday, Oct. 19th.....	1 and 2
Tuesday, Oct. 19th.....	3 and 4
Thursday, Oct. 21st.....	1 and 3
Thursday, Oct. 21st.....	2 and 4
Saturday, Oct. 23rd.....	1 and 4
Saturday, Oct. 23rd.....	2 and 3
Tuesday, Oct. 26th.....	5 and 6
Tuesday, Oct. 26th.....	7 and 8
Thursday, Oct. 28th.....	5 and 7
Thursday, Oct. 28th.....	6 and 8
Saturday, Oct. 30th.....	5 and 8
Saturday, Oct. 30th.....	6 and 7

This year seems to be a great year for Bob Hall, Navigator pitcher for pitching no hit games. After pitching 3 "No Hit No Run" games during the regular season with Grosse Ile Naval Air Station, he continued this habit by pitching another No Hit, No Run game in a post season game. Pitching with a group of players from the Detroit area he set down an All Star team from Bay City without a hit or run, and allowed only one Bay City player to reach first base, that by the way of an error in the third inning. Hall struck out 17 men and walked none in his almost perfect game. Only 27 men faced Hall as a double play wiped out the error made by his mates.