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## Morale Office Lends, Comforts, Entertains

All that shoots and kills does not make up the whole picture of the military game known as War. As in most of man's complicated human enterprises, there are certain intangible factors dealing with the small, human problems of individuals. And these must be dealt with if the military machine is to be kept running on an even keel.

Thus it is that a non-combatant organization known as the Military Morale Office has been set up to meet such issues as welfare, insurance, marital problems, entertainment, War Bond sales, athletics, financial stress of servicemen's families, assistance in maternity cases, certain types of funeral arrangements and numerous miscellaneous situations.

Headed by Lieut. (jg) George M. Fry, the Coast Guard Welfare is probably the most important function of the many the Military Morale Office conducts in the Fourth Naval District. The Welfare organization is subdivided into 10 units, each operating under its own by-laws and headed by their respective C.O.s, although all are governed by the general rules of the National Welfare Society in Washington.

The 10 Welfare units are to be found at Atlantic City, Barnegat and Beach Haven, Cape May L/B Station, Cape May Base, Strathmere, Seaside Heights, Lewes, Philadelphia, Wildwood Barracks and Wildwood L/B Station.

Membership dues are one dollar a year and more than 90 per cent of District personnel carry paid-up Welfare cards. From the revolving fund thus set up, enlisted men and women may apply for, and if approved by the Welfare Officer, obtain emergency loans without interest to be paid back in small monthly amounts.

The Welfare Office estimates a total of \$2,500 a month is loaned out to personnel in momentary financial straits. In certain cases, funds are given outright to needy families or to families of deceased CGs who died without insurance.

A considerable portion of Welfare funds is being used in connection with a hospitalization plan affecting dependents and enlisted personnel. In maternity cases, the local Welfare unit supplies application forms and information relative to obtaining State assistance for men in the first four pay grades (apprentice seamen to petty officers third class inclusive). Assistance to dependents of petty officers second class and above in connection with maternity cases is handled by the individual Welfare unit. In addition, each Welfare unit has been instructed to supply financial assistance to dependents of all enlisted personnel who require hospitalization and treatment for other than childbirth.

In the department of athletics, directed in behalf of Mr. Fry by Al Kreuz, CBM, basketball and baseball uniforms, basketballs, softballs, bats and varied types of athletic equipment, are supplied to dozens of units throughout the District. In addition, Kreuz has the responsibility of setting up athletic programs, organizing leagues, formulating schedules and generally fostering sports activities.

Writing government insurance policies and promoting and encouraging personnel to insure themselves is another function of the department. William Ettenger, Y1c, is Mr. Fry's assistant in this department.

A major activity of the Morale Office in recent months has been the promotion of War Bond sales, a continuous campaign that was climaxed last month when Coast Guard Pearl Harbor Day cash sales topped all units, in the Fourth Naval District, including the Navy and Marines. Leon Stern, Sp2c(PS), is Mr. Fry's assistant in the War Bond program.

Through the efforts of the Morale Office, free tickets to theaters, athletic events, and other public entertainments are distributed to personnel; dances and traveling shows are promoted for men in beach stations and bases. Recreation rooms in barracks and surf stations are supplied with radios, pianos, victrolas, books, magazines and various games.

In more delicate and individual problems,

the Morale Officer is called upon to render diplomatic and strategic service. This involves offering advice in cases of "family trouble" and if the situation is an acute one, the Morale Officer refers the problem to the Chaplain's office for possible solution. When wives of CGs complain they are not receiving allotment checks or other financial aid, the Morale Officer investigates and if the enlisted man is found wanting, he is "persuaded" to do right by the little woman.

Innumerable miscellaneous tasks performed by the Morale Office include arranging funerals of enlisted personnel when so requested by their families; distributing Christmas presents; cooperating with the Red Cross in investigating reports of illness and financial distress of dependents of enlisted men.

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The Staff of the Military Morale and Welfare Office. In the upper photo, cash returns from Pearl Harbor Day War Bond sales are being counted by Spar Sarah Hayes, Y2c, Lieut. (jg) G. M. Fry, Military Morale Officer, and Leon Stern, Sp2c(PS); Inset upper left: Albert F. Kreuz, CBM, District Athletic Director. Lower left: William Ettenger, Y1c, assistant in charge of insurance, is shown explaining a serviceman's policy to "client"; Spar Ensign Isabella Timberlake, right, is assistant Morale Officer, in charge of Welfare records.

### Legal Aids Set Up In 4ND to Help CGs Unravel Law Riddles

Philadelphia—Establishment of legal assistance officers in key stations of the Fourth Naval District, recently authorized by Headquarters, as a convenience and aid to officers and enlisted personnel in handling their legal problems, was announced this month by Lieut. Frederick B. Thatcher, District Law Officer.

The legal assistance officers, to be composed of lawyers, law clerks and law school graduates, will be under the direct supervision and control of the District Law Officer, and will be authorized to assist in the following category of legal problems:

Contracts, criminal law (as distinguished from court martial), domestic relations problems, estates, drawing up of wills, power of attorney, negligence actions, personal income tax, and miscellaneous legal problems.

Legal assistance officers are not authorized to appear in court but may recommend volunteer civilian attorneys if cases presented warrant litigation; they may not handle investigations, courts martial or other official proceedings; or in matters involving administrative decisions, such as questions affecting pay accounts, travel time, service insurance, etc., or matters involving action as a collection agency or in defeating the fair collection of just debts.

The legal assistance officers will perform their legal duties without charge except where personal expenses are involved and will perform same in addition to their regular duties.

Lieut. Thatcher said an All Units Letter will be issued this month outlining the project in full. Names of the appointees will be announced in the immediate future, he said, with approximately 12 men to be named throughout the District.

### SALUTE TO MORE PRE-PEARL HARBOR MEN

The names of enlisted men listed below were not included in SEA BAG's salute to Pre-Pearl Harbor men last month. They are herewith listed:

**Barnegat L/B Sta.**—Walter J. Warren, CBM; John H. Inman, CBM; LeRoy Phillips, CMM; Coleman Raines, CY; Thomas E. Hartley, BM1c; Jennings N. Stackhouse, BM1c; Leonard J. Thompson, BM1c; George R. Taylor, SC1c; Louis A. Dodson, BM2c; Theodore F. Silker, BM2c and Elmer O. Mitchell, CBM.

**Stone Harbor L/B Sta.**—Arthur J. Dennis, CBM; Robert L. Twilley, BM1c; Henry F. Rundio, SC2c; Clarence G. Turner, BM2c and Joseph P. Andrews, Jr., Surfman.

### Sea Bag Writer to Academy

Philadelphia—Henry H. Urrows, Sp2c(D), SEA BAG correspondent at CG Kennels, Elkins Park, was added to the January class of candidates for officer's training at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. He is the eighth member from the Fourth Naval District. Before his departure, "Hank" announced that Mrs. Urrows had presented him with a daughter, Susan, 7½ lbs., born in New York 20 December.

## Cape May Tar Saves Officer At Sea, Wins Medal



Lieut. R. J. Walsh, Commanding Officer of Cape May Base, pins a Silver Lifesaving Medal on John R. Mathis, BM1c, petty officer aboard an 83-foot cutter, for saving the life of Boatswain Robert S. Wynn when the latter was swept overboard in a night storm at sea.

Cape May Base—A dramatic nighttime rescue in a stormy sea of a superior officer who had been swept overboard, won the Silver Life Saving Medal last month for John R. Mathis, BM1c, 23-year-old crew member of an 83-foot cutter.

The medal and a letter of commendation from H. E. Gaston, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, were presented by Lieut. R. J. Walsh, Commanding Officer of the Base here, at a formal ceremony. The officer whose life Mathis saved was Boatswain Robert S. Wynn, Atlantic City. Mathis is a native of New Gretna, N. J.

The rescue took place at approximately 2300 21 October, when Mathis, aboard a small Reserve cutter which had been sent to sea to warn other craft of a storm approaching the Cape May

vicinity, relieved Boatswain Wynn at the wheel of the vessel.

As Wynn headed below decks, Mathis saw a heavy sea sweep him over the side. Sounding the alarm bell, Mathis piloted the boat to the vicinity of Wynn's disappearance.

Encumbered with heavy clothes and unable to swim in the churning water, Wynn was found wallowing helplessly and blinking a flashlight to direct his rescuers.

A life-ring thrown to him fell short. Seeing that Wynn was exhausted and unable to swim, Mathis quickly stripped himself of his heavy clothes and plunged into the ocean. He swam with the life-ring to the drowning man and towed him back to the ship where both were hauled aboard and given first aid.

### Two CG Skippers Honored For Sinking Jap Sub

Ketchikan, Alaska—The Skippers of the McLane and the Foremost, mentioned by SEA BAG in last month's review of two war years, have been awarded the Legion of Merit by Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, it was announced by "The Lookout," the CG weekly here. Lieut. Ralph Burns is C.O. of the McLane and Lieut. N. P. Thomsen, since transferred, was skipper of the Foremost. The two small vessels were credited with a joint killing of a Jap sub.

### Yank Sponsors Contest

Yank, the Army Weekly, last month announced a short-story contest open to enlisted personnel of the armed forces. Original, unpublished stories of 1,000 to 3,000 words will be considered. Editors of Yank will be the judges and will award a \$50 War Bond to the winner. Contest closes 1 March, 1944. Send entries to Fiction Editor, Yank, 205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.



## LEGAL MAST

By Edward Jaffee, Cox.  
Member Pennsylvania Bar

Editor's Note: Coxswain Jaffee and several other CG lawyers serving with units throughout the Fourth Naval District have been authorized by the Law Office to represent personnel as legal counsellors when called upon to do so by enlisted men. Enlisted men are invited to communicate with Jaffee through SEA BAG and submit their legal problems to him. If there is a legal representative in your station and the problem requires a personal interview, it will be referred to him.

QUESTION: When I enlisted in the service I took out a Government Life Insurance Policy for \$5,000 and named my wife, who was 29 years old, as beneficiary. I have been told that my wife will not receive the full \$5,000 upon my death. I have also been told that if I named my son, who is three years old, as my beneficiary he would receive more than the \$5,000. Have I been advised correctly?—D. L., Sea.1c.

ANSWER: Distinction is made in the amount of the payments the beneficiary of a National Service Life Insurance policy shall be entitled to receive dependent upon the age of the beneficiary at the date of death of the insured.

If the beneficiary is under 30 years of age at the date of death of the insured, payment shall be made in 240 equal monthly installments at the rate of \$5.51 for each \$1,000 of insurance. Thus if your son will be less than 30 upon your decease, he will receive 240 monthly payments of \$27.55 or \$6,612, which is more than the face amount of the policy.

If the beneficiary is 30 or more years of age at the date of death of the insured, payment shall be made in equal monthly installments for 120 months certain, with such payments in installments continuing during the remaining lifetime of such beneficiary. The amount of the monthly installment for each \$1,000 of insurance is determined by the age of the beneficiary at the date of the death of the insured, and varies in accordance with a schedule table.

Thus if your wife were 45 years old at the time of your death she would receive \$4.89 per \$1,000 of insurance per month or \$24.45 for 120 months or \$2,934, which is less than the face amount of the policy. But she will still be receiving the monthly payments of \$24.45 during the remainder of her lifetime and if she lives to be 70 she will receive 180 additional monthly payments and will have thus received a total of \$7,335, which is far in excess of the face amount of the policy.

QUESTION: Will I be subject to income taxes on my 1943 earnings? I enlisted in the Coast Guard January, 1943, and will have received at the end of the year \$636 as Coast Guard pay and \$1900 from certain investments.—W. C., Sea.1c.

ANSWER: Yes. Although members of the armed forces of the United States receive under the new pay-as-you-go tax bill special income tax allowances, namely \$1500 of service pay exemption, in addition to the regular civilian exemptions and credit for dependents (\$500 if single, \$1200 if married and \$350 allowance for each dependent) where your service earning is less than \$1500 you are not permitted to apply the balance of this exemption against any other income you may have received.

## SECOND CHAPLAIN APPOINTED



Philadelphia—Lieut. Thomas G. McMahon, USNR, chaplain assigned to the Coast Guard in the Fourth Naval District, was well on his way toward a law degree at Georgetown University when he changed his mind.

Instead he enrolled in the Catholic Paulist Fathers Missionary Society and

became a priest. In 16 years as a roving missionary, Lieut. McMahon's decision against the bar in favor of the pulpit has brought many compensations. One he cites as of particular satisfaction is the fact he has worked and visited in 46 of the 48 States.

Lieut. McMahon is a native of Erie, Pa., and was commissioned a Navy chaplain in July, 1943. The last four years of his missionary activity were centered in Tennessee. He is one of four brothers, another of whom is a priest, the other two being railroad workers. His father, 74, is employed in an Erie defense plant.

He is the second chaplain to be assigned to this District, his appointment having been preceded by that of Lieut. Marcus S. Lewis, USNR. According to a schedule now in force, the chaplains conduct services in each unit and station once every three weeks. The chaplains alternate remaining one week in the District Office.

### CGs Top All Naval Units In 4ND in Bond Sales On Pearl Harbor Day

Phila. (Navy Yard Beacon)—The Pearl Harbor Day War Bond Campaign resulted in \$1,018,843 worth of cash bonds for December 7.

The Fourth Naval District total of \$438,693 was augmented by the sky writing return from the Coast Guard which easily led all units for War Bond performance, both from percentage and participation and number of Bonds issued.

Undisputed first place in the campaign went to the Coast Guard because its sales of \$338,953.75 reached a new high for any single District unit.

Congratulations to Captain Coffin, Lieutenant Fry and Specialist Leon Stern who guided the campaign.

### MORALE OFFICE

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And for those men already released from the Service, Mr. Fry is liaison representative between the Coast Guard and Veterans Employment Service.

Personnel of Mr. Fry's staff includes Spar Ensign Isabella Timberlake, recently named Assistant Morale Officer in charge of Welfare records—a job she took over from Mrs. Helen Brady, CG Civil Service employee and private secretary to Captain E. A. Coffin, DCGO; Chief Kreuz, Yeoman Ettinger, Specialist Stern and Spar Sarah Hayes, Y2c, who describes herself as a "jack of all trades" in handling the maze of varied and disjointed details of correspondence and bookkeeping.

On the shoulders of this small group a vital responsibility rests in the prosecution of the District's role in the War Effort.

### Rating Structure Changed In Headquarters Bulletin

Washington—A change in rating structures, involving nine alterations, was announced in Headquarters personnel bulletin 132-42.

The first two changes included establishment of Chief Soundman (CSOM) and Chief Radarman (CRdM).

Unusual changes include the adding of Machinist Mate third class (MM3c), Motor Machinist Mate third class (MOMM3c) and Water Tender third class (WT3c).

Chief Musician replaces Bandmaster and Musician third class is added. Fire Controlman (FC) replaces Fire Controlman (maintenance) FC(M).

Fireman first class will be changed to any third class engine room rate to which a man is deemed qualified and Fireman second class will be advanced to Flc to prevent loss of pay since the pay grades of each rating were ordered reduced by one grade. Fireman third class was abolished and replaced by apprentice seaman effective 1 January.

First Musician was abolished and replaced by Musician first class.

### Eight New Chiefs Named

Philadelphia—Eight petty officers moved up to C.P.O. status last month. They included: Jack Percival, CMM, Atlantic City L/B Sta., young vet of Pacific combat action; Lloyd R. Crosby, CMM; Herbert Sprague, CMM; Herschel Weatherby, CGM; Joseph H. Inman, CBM, Walter J. Warren, CBM and LeRoy Phillips, CMM, all of Barnegat L/B Station; Otto S. Andersen, CEM, Essington P.B.

### Molar Repair Shop at Barracks

Philadelphia — Installation of a dental clinic in the Philadelphia Barracks Infirmary was under way this month. Completion of the clinic was expected at an early date.

## Wounded by Japs, Overlooked For Purple Heart

By Martin Chicoine, Sp2c(PR)

Coast Guard invaders, like many other GIs who have been in combat areas, have undergone strange and oftentimes terrifying experiences, but hardly any have been more unusual than those endured by Lawrence E. Woods, CBM, a 13-year surfman veteran, recently returned from the South Pacific.

Three weeks after landing Marines under fire on Tulagi Island, Wood's ship was sunk in the night 20 miles off Guadalcanal and though suffering from five shrapnel wounds, he managed to remain afloat until rescued six hours later.

While struggling in the water, Wood's strangest experience occurred when a depth charge from his own burning and sinking ship, the USS Gregory, fell in the sea and exploded. Although fully 100 yards from the scene, Woods suffered a sharp underwater shock from the concussion and several of his shipmates were injured severely by the blast.

Woods and five of his shipmates, two of whom were wounded also, formed a survivors' swim club and thrashed water



Lawrence E. Woods, CBM

### FO'C'STLE REPORTER

By H. W. Taft, BM1c

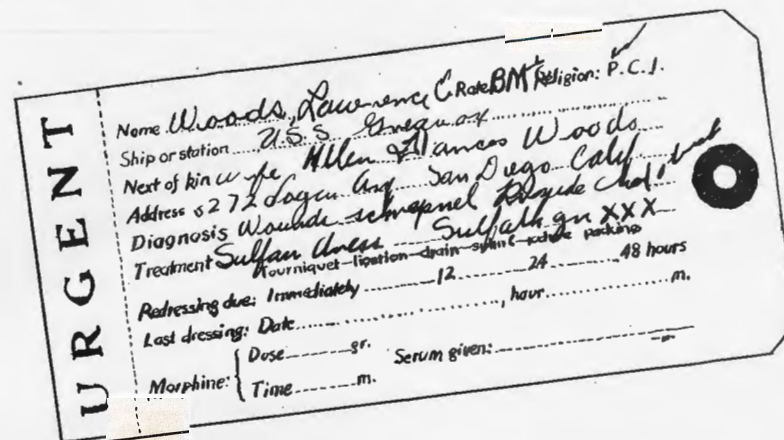
Atlantic City L/B. Station

Moving up into the Front Lines: Donald A. "Guns" Bolduc, GM2c; David Fyfe, GM3c; Stanley P. Kroll, SoM3c; Earl H. Jordan, QM2c; Harold F. Reynolds, EM3c, and Stanley Seigel, RM3c, off for Alameda, Calif., where they're learning to give-and-take-it on vessels capable of going across.

Under the wire: Herbert Sprague, Black Gang overseer on an 83-footer, made Chief Motor Mac on the last day before the 2-year service requirement went into effect.

Off to DE's: CMM Herman A. Maahs, Michael B. Keating, BM1c, and Harold R. Goldenberg, Sea.1c.

It's tame compared with life aboard an invasion barge in the South Pacific, but CBM Lawrence E. Woods, fresh from Los Angeles, says he's content with his new berth on a six-bitter at Atlantic City. Dunked in the drink when the destroyer Little blew



A facsimile of the wound tag issued to Chief Woods after he was treated at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal Island, for five shrapnel hits in his body, leg and arm.

throughout the night after Jap men-of-war had pulverized their vessel and their nearby sister ship, the USS Little. When a rescue Higgins boat landed Woods and his companions on Guadalcanal the next morning, medical attention was delayed for a half hour while the Japs rained bombs on the Marine and Coast Guard beachhead. After the air raid, Woods reported to Henderson Field for treatment of three shrapnel wounds in his back, one in his left knee and a fifth in his right wrist. He was issued the usual "Urgent" tag distributed to the wounded by Medical Aides.

Still in possession of the tag, Woods apparently has been overlooked in the awarding of the Purple Heart Medal. A summary of the regulations governing the issuance of awards discloses the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to "Persons wounded in action against the enemy of the United States while serving with Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard."

However, Woods regards as his greatest personal loss, in the sinking of the Gregory, the disappearance of his Coast

Guard "Good Conduct Medal and Bar." He had received the latter only nine months prior to the Gregory's destruction and efforts to have it replaced have thus far been of no avail.

Woods enlisted at Townsend's Inlet Station 12 August, 1930 as a surfman and served more than six years in the Townsend, Hereford and Wildwood area before being transferred to the New England coast. In the spring of 1941 he went aboard a Navy transport-supply ship and a few weeks before Pearl Harbor transferred to the Gregory, a converted four-stacker destroyer. Woods was in command of the No. One Landing Barge and it was in this craft that he landed members of the First Raider Battalion, Marines, on the hotly contested Tulagi beach, 7 August, 1942.

Chief Woods was married in 1941 and lists his home as Pleasantville, N. J., where both his parents and his spouse live. He was assigned last month to Atlantic City L/B Station where he is skipper of a six-bitter.

### QM School Begins Sessions At CG Station in Groton

Groton, Conn.—A Quartermasters training school has been opened here according to the Groton News, CG Station paper.

Required to have a practical knowledge of everything nautical, a Quartermaster must be "jack of all trades" on a ship, a listing of qualifications indicates. He must be proficient in the use of semaphore, blinker and flag hoist signalling. He must know how to sew, make emergency flags, take soundings, steer and make use of the maneuvering board.

In addition to these duties, he must be an assistant to the navigator, stand O.D. watches on small craft and junior O.D. watches on larger ships.

### Admiral Waesche to Speak

Philadelphia—Vice Admiral Russell R. Waesche, USCG Commandant, will be the guest speaker at a dinner sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary here 10 February, at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

The average soldier or sailor eats approximately five and a half pounds of food daily.





### Atlantic City COTP

Grady S. Thomas, Sea. 1c, hopped down to Plant City, Fla. last month for a 14-day leave and check-up on his Dorothy who had him in a dither in recent weeks.

Richard Leopold, Sea. 1c, lamented recently his difficulty in keeping a girl. His luck runs thus: He finds one, then learns she's married and her spouse is 4-F; finds another and a certain Coxswain outmaneuvers him.

Shipmates are growing curious over what John Kuczek, Jr., Sea. 1c, is doing with his uncashed pay checks. John even declines liberty when he is posted for same.

Walter Tanana, Sea. 1c, was reported depressed last month when it developed that he had received but one letter in six weeks from his WAVE who is stationed out in Iowa.

John "Bird" Calkins, Sea. 1c, has no conception of time when it comes to phoning "her." He grabbed the phone at 0030 recently for a chit-chat.

### Atlantic City L/B Station

Donald W. "No-Hit" Oates, Sea. 1c, who held the Radio School scoreless and hitless in a championship softball game last summer, forsook the lifeboat station to string telephone wire.

Rare specimen: The first "boots" to report to this station in almost a year, fresh from their concentration camps: Joshua J. Baker, Ronald A. Bookman and Alex B. Bulvin, up from Curtis Bay, Md.

Footprints in the sand: David J. Brown, Cox., Harold F. Potter, George Bregman and Charles M. Lewis, Jr., Sea. 1c, fattened up after a year of riding the lifeboats, now pound the Atlantic City beach.

Galley slaves: Basil D. Nolan, SC2c, transferred from Elkins Park stables, admits nostalgia for the dogs and horses. . . . Frank Nawrocki liked K.P. so much they made him a cook striker. . . . Arthur J. O'Connell, SC3c, a success as a cook at the Widener kennels, couldn't take it on a six-bitter and was last seen lugging his sea bag to Wildwood Barracks. . . . Harry A. Moore, SC2c, turned up from Cape May as replacement. . . . Joseph L. Stevens, SC1c, abandoned an 83-footer to transfer to Boston.

Verle C. Brooks, same rate, took over. . . . The station's galley sported a Leo and a Leon, both SC3c's, until Leon Schreder shoved off for Lewes, Del., leaving Leo Carr behind.

Down to Delaware: Coxswains Thomas P. Walls, Donald J. Cameron and James O. Plummer, Jr., now at Lewes.

Wed a month, BM1c Herbert J. Estes shipped out to Cape May where he's checking on horse patrols. . . . Likes the 24's.

Beverly K. "Firebug" Dodds, MoMM2c, who loves to see the engines roll, shoved off for Port Richmond Patrol Base, in company with Alfred W. Bode, same rating.

The Wakefield's Joseph B. Rice, yeoman, who was bowled over in the Singapore bombing, is another chief transferred to this resort. He surrendered a desk at CGSO Wildwood.

A third veteran of Pacific combat attached here, Jack Percival, Higgins-barger whose ship was twice torpedoed under him, has finally made chief, putting him in charge of the station's motor man operations.

Gone is the lifeboat station's Robert E. "Apple" Applegate, CMO, who was regarded as a fixture here, having served for 7 years. "Apple" was drafted when the Marine Training Center at New River, N. C., needed a competent motor machinist to keep the invasion craft rolling.

"Gentleman Jim" Edmund C. Corbett, MoMM2c, found a warm welcome on returning after weeks in the hospital with a bad eye.

Arrivals: Thomas E. Canapp and Jack Craddock, MoMM1c, from Cape May. . . . Joseph L. Lepri, Cox., Harold W. Flomerfelt, EM3c, and Nicholas Cirillo, Sea. 1c, from Brigantine Barracks. . . . William J. Walsh, Jr., GM3c, and Donald E. Sorg, gunner's mate striker, both from St. Augustine (Fla.) gunnery school. . . . Voorhees R. Carson, Cox. . . . Robert M. Morvay and Henry Biernat, gunner's mate strikers.

Departures: Robert E. Abbott, EM3c, to duty with COTP. . . . Frank F. Probst, Sea. 1c, to Brigantine Lifeboat Station. . . . Francis D. O. Nelson, RT2c, and Norman Smith, RM2c, to DCGO. . . . Edward H. Morris, Sea. 1c, to Brigantine Mounted Patrol. . . . Francis E. Chilcoat, Sea. 1c, to Great Egg Lifeboat Station.

### Barneget L/B Sta.

Reporting to this station after the decommissioning of Brant Beach Barracks: Elmer O. Mitchell, CBM; Rudolph A. Johnson, BM2c; William Simmons, BM2c; Charles Bernhart, Cox., and John Russo, Sea. 1c.

Three "boots" logged in here from Curtis Bay last month. They included: James D. Lee, William A. MacCall and Vernon A. Marshall, all A. S.

Tom Hartley, BM1c played host to Joe Kusak, MoMM2c, during Christmas holidays at the Hartley home.

Herb Falck, Sea. 1c, was scheduled to spend his furlough in Wisconsin during the holidays, "barring all accidents."

### Beach Haven Terrace (N. J.)

James Sehlachter, SC2c, transferred here from Wilmington Barracks to assist Carl "Shorty" Hallman, SC3c in his culinary duties.

Friends are reported speculating on how Joseph White, Sea. 1c, stands those cold, windy rides taken in that windowless Model A Ford he owns.



William H. Taft

On leave of absence as city room czar of the Long Island Press (city ed. to you), Bill Taft, BM1c, one-time track star at U. C. L. A., is

### Bethany Beach L/B Station

Joe Engelke, Sea. 2c, reports that he is stationed in the Fifth Naval District.

Shipped to the West Coast recently were coxswains Ernie Balestrieri, Bernie Beck and Larry Parks and Arnold de la Pena, Sea. 1c.

### Barracks Closes Doors

Brant Beach, N. J.—After more than a year of service, Brant Beach Barracks was decommissioned last month. The Barracks was operated at first as a center for foot patrolmen and later as the quarters for mounted patrolmen.

Personnel transferred to other units included: John Boykovsky, Cox., Carmen Geanto, Sea. 1c and Eugene W. Dobson, Sea. 1c, to Ship Bottom L/B Sta.; David J. Calhoun, Cox., Clyde W. Fenstermacher, Cox., and John J. O'Brien, SC2, to Harvey Cedars L/B Sta.; Joseph J. Miller, Sea. 1c and Ralph D'Esposito, Sea. 1c, logged in at Loveladies L/B Sta.; Charles A. Bernhart, Cox., Rudolph A. Johnson, BM2c, Elmer O. Mitchell, CBM, John R. Russo, Sea. 1c and William H. Simmons, BM2c, to Barnegat L/B Sta.

Antonio "Sam" Peretti, Sea. 1c transferred to New River, N. C., at the amphibious training base and Richard B. Berg, Sea. 1c logged out for assignment on the high seas.

### Cape May Base

Albert Galarneau, Y3c, known around the base here as the "Charley Boyer type of lover" transferred last month for duty afloat after having been stationed here for 14 months.

New men logged in last month included Gaston F. J. Dough, Sea. 2c; Joseph L. Fatenbene, Lloyd L. Gump and Robert R. Henry, all apprentice seamen from Curtis Bay Tra. Sta.

Fresh nicknames passed around here last month included "Splinters" for Cox. Peter Hrabosky; "Mouseie" for Ellis J. Beach, SK3c.

Peter D. Bayens, BM2c, the perennial "Boats" on the oldest 83-footer at this Base, laughed so hard at one of his own jokes last month in St. Agnes Hospital at Philly, that he almost snapped the clamps holding his appendix incision.

### Wedding Bells

Cape May Base—Hubert Peters, Sea. 1c, popular star basketball, football and softball player, brought the Coast Guard and Navy even closer together last month when he married his childhood sweetheart, Louise Lutz, SK3c with the WAVES, at their home town, Columbia, Pa. Dave Laverty, GM3c was best man and other CG pals from this Base attended.

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SEA BAG's writing salt at Atlantic City L/B Sta. Bill did a duty tour on an 83-footer and now is asst to operations officer at Atlantic City. Possesses a U. C. L. A. degree (AB), attended San Diego State Coll. and lists Jamaica, N. Y., as home and his wife as his hobby.

### SHORTS FROM SHIPS AND STATIONS

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### Cape May Point L/B Station

Ora Van Heeswyk, Y2c, and Missus made another entry on the Van Heeswyk log-book recently. Subject: A six pound baby boy.

Reported familiar sight at the Station: Robert Reed, MoMM1c, receiving his weekly bag of oysters from home and "Seal" Doluszycki, BM1c, eating them "in the raw."

William Norris, CBM, C. O., officially grew one year older last month. Norris was noted for his activities on the hard and softball diamonds here last summer.

Our scribe reports the men here have hopes of "sharper meals" after Harry Feingold, SC2c, takes the fatal plunge with a Philadelphia Filly this month.

Morris "Moish" Dickman, Sea. 1c, reports he has a diamond but no setting to put it in. Seems there is a "sweet young thing" in Brooklyn with a mortgage on it.

### Cedar Creek L/B Sta.

Edward McDade, BM1c, C. O. of this unit, transferred last month to Little Egg L/B Sta.

### CG 62005

A sudden interest in his "sister" in Washington, plus a recent visit to Wanamaker's lingerie counter, and, in addition, a certain telephone call in which much "hedging" took place, is reported to have friends of Ole Palm, BM1c, wondering if there isn't more than just "a sister of his" in Washington.

### Essington P. B.

Men recently logged out for duty on the "briny deep" include Otto A. Franz, CMM, James R. Vaughn, Sea. 1c, John Kochkowsky, Sea. 1c, Jack Maxwell, Sea. 1c, James J. Heidcamp, Sea. 2c and Norbert B. Sather, GM3c.

Now at Signalmen's School, Groton, Conn., ex-yeoman and storekeeper strikers Milton "Tennessee" Gaines, Sea. 1c and Thomas G. Heutele, Sea. 1c, have been replaced here by Leon Liberman, Y2c and Eugene R. Warner, SK3c who logged in from Wildwood.

Thomas "Grumpy" Dunphy, EM3c, who, it is reported, will argue at the drop of a flat-hat especially in the defense of his home town, Boston, recently spent a seven day leave there.

From the throats of the seamen second class at the base came a deep sigh of relief when a shipment of apprentice seamen arrived last month.

Essington totals on the recent Pearl Harbor Day cash war bond sales amounted to \$625.00.

Self appointed comedian of the Base, Paul Delonardo, Sea. 1c, has a common name for all. It's "Luke." His wit re-



Hendrik A. van Es

With a dual interest in sports and news writing, Hank van Es, Y2c, has taken over the job of keeping Lewes Section in SEA

cently enabled him, it is reported, to explain away those two set shots under the basket in the recent hard court game with Shaw Steel Co. He missed them both.

### Overfalls Lightship No. 101

Lloyd M. Harmon, Cox., reported in from Bethany Beach L/B Station.

### Island Beach L/B Sta.

George Dickerson, CBM, departed this unit for Loveladies Island L/B Sta. where he took over command of the station last month.

### Indian River Inlet L/B Sta.

"Whitey" Howard, Sea. 1c, and Joseph Gruenberg, Sea. 1c, departed for Gunner's Mate training at St. Augustine, Fla.

The horse and dog patrol has been supplemented by the "cat patrol" here. Designed to combat the "mice menace," the cats (and kittens), under the direction of Dave Suggs, Sea. 1c, are proceeding at top speed.

The new winter uniforms are reported to be warming the "hearts" of all concerned.

### Lewes CGSO

Charlie Oldham, CSK, arrived recently to help out in the Supply Section Office.

Pay Clerk John "Boss" Sneary is telling everyone about the latest addition to his family. It's a six-pound boy.

At a recent party given by Chief Dan Graziano and his Mrs. for Nancy Joseph, daughter of Lieut. (jg) Alfred Joseph, Communications Office Third N. D., who logs out shortly for California, Guardsmen "Hank" Wasilewski, Y2c, Fred Savage, Y2c, George Pries, Y2c, Henry van Es, Y2c, SEA BAG scribe, and Phil Cunningham, Sea. 1c, attended with, we hear, "Van" supplying the "thrills" of the evening.

Jim Kennedy's, Y3c, recent trip from Lewes to Atlantic City has never been equalled—even by ox-cart. It took 22 hours. Villains in the scene were three tires—all blowouts.

### Lewes L/B Sta.

Departing from this station as a "boot," Danny Petillo has recently returned after a long absence with the rate of BM1c on his right arm.

Melville C. Quillin, CBM, set the pace for the Lewes Section in the recent War Bond drive by subscribing to a monthly \$75 allotment and purchasing \$275 in cash bonds for the Pearl Harbor Day drive. John Wall, MoMM2c, tied Quillin's latter score with \$275 of his own.

John Lewis, GM1c, logged out and shortly after, Charlie Beaver, GM2c was transferred here to fill the vacancy.

Johnny Wolosenko, CSK, formerly of District Training Kennels, logged in for duty.

Friends are reported wondering if Harry West, BM1c, knows the story of the hunter who shot at a rabbit and hit his dog instead.

BAG's columns. Besides reporting the news, Hank manages and plays on the Lewes CGSO cage team. He is a Philly native, graduate of Overbrook High where he was active in sports and on school papers. Captained a Philly church loop team winner and played with the Philly Guards in 1942-43. Ambition: Journalism and salesmanship.

### Forked River L/B Sta.

All hands agreed Santa did right by them last month when he sent them Henry Dennis, CBM, formerly of Loveladies Island L/B Sta.

Another St. Nick gift came to Thomas Dunn, stable sergeant, in the form of a specialist's 2nd class stripe (D). Tommy is reputed to have a horseman's rep around the country's trotting tracks.

A third Santa item concerns the presentation of a carton of cigarettes to all hands by Flotilla 13 of Seaside Park CG Auxiliary.

Osborne Estelle, CBM, Skipper of this unit for more than a year, departed for Little Egg L/B Sta. last month.

### Phila. Explosives Detail

Off for duty on the high seas are F. S. Horwath, R. B. Watson, Sea. 2c; William H. Hunt, N. Lazarro, William G. Nickell, Alexander Russell, A. R. Starr, Harold L. Thompson and R. A. Anderson, Sea. 1c.

Fresh in from the DCGO, James T. Green, Sea. 1c, now "supers" yeoman activities in the Explosives Office. Green, it is reported, has been "striking for something" since the days of Camden Barracks.

One of the few "Y's" men in the CG, Vladimir HyYnYshYn, BM2c, reported in from Cape May Base for duty last month. "Gunboat" was "star" athlete at ex-Camden Barracks and Cape May.

Russell E. "Oklahoma Kid" Hampton, Sea. 1c, announced that he and a certain Miss Doris Bergmann, Phila., "have agreed on the question but not the date."

Officers recently logged in for duty include Ensigns William J. Baker, C. I. Boutlier, J. P. Carey, H. W. Daly, G. Dicenta, B. D. Greenberg, J. W. Hampe, J. Kennedy, J. A. Letson, J. G. Manning, Fred R. Miller, C. L. Munn, R. R. Sorber, William Vrancker, G. E. Young, K. A. Vrick, J. Zeleznik and Lieut. (jg) J. G. Permut.

Russell E. Hawkes, MoMM2c, reported in for duty after a date with an appendectomy at St. Agnes Hospital.

Off to Motor Mac's school, Groton, Conn., are James S. Aide, Stanley J. Jaskiel, Henry Ruppert and Thomas H. Supple, Sea. 1c.

It's the Binnacle List for John Dascola, Sea. 1c, now ailing in the Baltimore Marine Hospital.

Our agent reports that "even politics" and griping take a back seat when Thomas "Jigger" Joyce and John "Pretty Boy" Donahue,

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CORRESPONDENTS: J. O. Sheridan, Sea. 1c, N. Wildwood; F. L. Barber, Y2c, Cape May Base; T. J. Brzezinski, Cox., Cape May Point L/B.S.; Tim Tansy, Sp2c(D), Cape May Naval Air Sta. Dog Patrol; H. C. Niles, Y3c, Longport Infirmary, N. J.; H. L. Hudson, CBM, Great Egg; Charles F. Bower, Y1c, and Paul Hancock, Sea. 1c, Avalon B.P.; William Leonard, Y2c, Essington P.B.; William D. Reising, Y1c, Sea Isle City; H. H. Urrows, Sp2c, CG Kennels, Elkins Park, Pa.; L. B. McDonald, GM2c, CGC Lila; Hudson Grueley, Y3c, Port Richmond P.B.; Harold Hagy, Y2c, Atlantic City COTP; John Russo, Sea. 1c, Brant Beach, N. J.; T. A. Kealey, CY, Seaside Heights; Dan Ferris, Y3c, Bay Head L/B.S., N. J.; Fred Toff, Sea. 1c, Phila. Barracks; W. H. Taft, BM1c, Atlantic City L/B.S.; Elmer V. Scharf, Y1c, Phila. Medical; Spar Shirley Kephart, Sea. 1c, Scranton Recruiting; Spar Alyce J. Morgan, SK3c, Williamsport Recruiting; Herbert W. Falck, Sea. 1c, Barnegat L/B.S.; D. Shaw, Y2c, CGC Zinnia; Joe Rigatti, Y1c, Civil Engineering; John P. Sauer, Sea. 1c, Ship Bottom L/B.S.; Russell James, Sea. 1c, Phila. Explosives Detail; Eddie Wolod, Y2c, Wilmington Barracks; Hendrik A. van Es, Y2c and Warren L. Nelson, Y2c, Lewes CGSO; J. Lawrence Grennan, Sea. 1c, Toms River L/B.S.; Harry McCormack, Y2c and Francis X. Coleman, Sea. 1c, Edgemoor R.Y.; Phil Butta, Cox., Stone Harbor L/B.S., N. J.



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## First Fleet

"I'd like to meet the guy who named the Coast Guard,  
And find out what coast he had in mind."

This is the puzzled query of a Coast Guardsman which will appear in a new book next month entitled, **FIRST FLEET**, The Story of the U. S. Coast Guard at War. With a foreword by Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, the book is the work of Reg Ingraham, veteran Navy correspondent for Time Magazine.

The title is based on the fact the Coast Guard—then the Revenue Cutter Service—was the Nation's first combat seagoing service from 1790-97. The baffled CG's quotation facetiously questions the name Coast Guard since men of this branch of the armed forces are found on such non-American coasts as Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Tarawa, Morocco, Sicily and Italy.

Ingraham was with the task force that invaded Sicily and there saw the Coast Guard in action. He returned to America, gathered more Coast Guard action stories and spun them all into a war book that is already being described as "must reading" for every man in the Service.

Observing the Coast Guard's wartime activities at close range, Ingraham realized the important job the CG's are doing and at the same time was aware that the American public still thought of the Service primarily as a beach patrol outfit—sandpounders. Recognizing a swell story, Ingraham is reported to have told his story of **FIRST FLEET** well, filled it with a wealth of information, dramatic power and intensity of human interest.

## UP THE LADDER

Atlantic City CGSO—Donald J. Essig, GM2c.  
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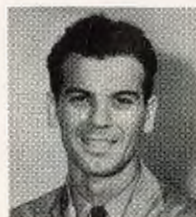
DCGO Kennels—Henry H. Urrows, Sp2c (D).  
Edgemoor Radio Repair Shop—Bruno G. Granata, James R. Hartman, Isaia S. Scandone, Russell Scheferman: all RT3c.  
Forked River L/B—Thomas Dunn, Jr., Sp2c (D).  
Harvey Cedars L/B—Harry J. Everett, Sp1c (D).  
Island Beach L/B—William Curran, Sp1c (D).  
North Wildwood COTP—William A. Freeman, GM2c; Preston W. Gordon, GM3c.

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## ALL HANDS, ATTENTION!

By Joe Cardoni

(Chief Yeoman, District Personnel Office)



A supply of Honorable Service lapel buttons to be worn by discharged enlisted personnel has been received in the District Office. Numerous requests for such lapel buttons (including appeals from discharged soldiers) have been received in recent months.

Enlisted personnel receiving an Honorable, Ordinary, Special Order or Inaptitude Discharge, with character "Good," on or after 9 September, 1939, are entitled to wear the button. To obtain the button:

(a) Applicant must appear in person before any District Coast Guard Officer and exhibit his certificate of discharge; or,  
(b) Applicant must apply in writing to the Commandant, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, 25, D. C., and enclose his discharge certificate.

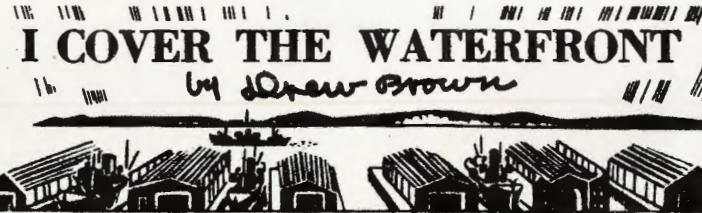
If there is anything that provokes this column it is the illegal wearing of four-year service stripes (hash marks) and service ribbons and medals. In this writer's unsolicited opinion, such a man is a self-centered cheat and faker who avails himself of a privilege that is earned only by industriousness and by ACTUAL PRESENCE in campaign areas.

A recent example is that of an enlisted man who reported to this office from Brigantine Training Station wearing an Expeditionary Medal which is only awarded to officers and enlisted men who have landed on foreign territory and who have engaged in operations against armed opposition. The man's immediate transfer order saved him from court action.

**THIS ILLEGAL PRACTICE IS CONTRARY TO HEADQUARTERS POLICY AND LAXNESS OF COMMANDING OFFICERS AND MEN IN THIS RESPECT IS GOING TO CAUSE UNEASY MOMENTS FOR ALL CONCERNED!** Commanding officers should inspect uniforms of all men departing on liberty or leaving the unit. Shore Patrols have been directed to be especially watchful in this connection.

Although applications for the Academy Reserve Officer's training course will no longer be accepted after the last class has been convened, 8 February, 1943, enlisted men are encouraged to qualify for the regular three-year course through the competitive examination to be conducted 10 May, 1944. (See Personnel Bulletin 114-43 for qualifications).

The curtain dropped, but heavily, when HQ announced that advancements to third and second class yeomen and storekeeper rates were frozen for personnel assigned to shore establishments. A tough break for a lot of hard-working boys and no doubt will be a factor in encouraging men to ask for sea duty since that avenue offers a better opportunity for advancement in their rates.



Put A Real Guy On Your Visiting List: His name's Timothy Francis Xavier Sullivan and he's been flat on his back at the Naval Hospital for over a year. No Portuguese, Sullivan's out of Boston, Mass. and, subsequent to Manhattan Beach training, served briefly on 83-footers at Cape May until a severe leg injury laid him up. Tim who has many friends in Atlantic City and Wildwood will still lay you six to five that within another six months he'll be up and around in Officer's Training School. I'll go him one better and lay you seven to five! . . . Lieut. Jos. Kovalsik celebrated his recent upping to senior grade by turning in one of the high bowling scores of the current season. A snappy 224. . . Al and Marie Corson are taking well-earned bows 'bout a new baby boy. . . That well-known woman-hater, Joe Sweeney, was glommed at the basket-ball game the other night with two tooth-somes he claimed as female relatives. Mebbe so! . . . Joe Cardoni, Grade-A Menace and columnist for this rag, has three brothers in the Armed Forces. Phil's in Army Chemical Warfare, Sam's with the Navy Seabees, and Jim is aboard the CGC CHAPARRAL.

Following a torrid long-distance telephone call to N'Yawlins, Personnel's Bob Corrhied himself off for a short but important furlough to the Vieux Carre. What gives, we dunno! . . . One of the most popular guys in the District, Al Benjamin, of Port Richmond, is off to sea duty via Alameda, Calif. . . . What ever in the world takes Spars Gert McEvoy and Mary Lynch on week-end visits to Elizabeth, N. J.? . . . Former AP hocus-focuser, Warren Winterbottom, is into PR photog lab. . . . Helen Kielbon, pert personnel petite, got herself engaged the other day within the ranks. The lucky guy is Chet Esnes, a CG serving afloat. Nice goin', keed! . . . C. O. Captain Eugene A. Coffin is back to the grind fully recovered from his recent illness and permanently so we hope. . . . Everything Comes To Him Who Waits: Art Simpson, a fellow written up in this column before, has had long and distinguished South Pacific service rewarded. A landing boat vet with a terrific fighting record, Art had real trouble crashing the petty officer class but now goes to the Academy for officer training as Boatswain's Mate First Class. For which we say, "Huzzah!"

Frankie Musto seems to dote on one ballad these winter days. Mary,—Isn't It A Grand Old Name! . . . A courteous curtsy is certainly in order to all the various service centers for the marvelous holiday affairs provided the service folks. . . . Joe Cody, of Philly Barracks, would like to hear from Lieut. Bill Emery and his wife, Spar Pat Dolan, both stationed at Long Beach, Calif. . . . Anybody want a swap? Joe Weber, MoMM2c, now located at Coast Guard Base, South Portland, Me., would like to trade jobs with somebody in the Fourth. . . . Ernie Finizio, of Third and Spruce Sts., and Dorothy Fitzgerald, a breath of Jersey jasmine, walk the plank come June. . . . How many of you guys know that Tom Sortino, Purple Heart hero of Casablanca now stationed with the Horse Patrol, holds a decision over highly-touted heavyweight boxer Lem Franklin, of Chicago?

Week-end Visitors: Hy Rothman, former District kodaker, in from the deep. Dick Teitleman and Bob Konrad in from sea duty on the LAUREL. Bob sported a beard which makes Monte Wooley look like a fuzzless quiz kid. . . . Brick Johnston, one of the gablesque personalities of the area, and Helen Morris go overboard on January 8th, with Hank O'Reilly doing the stand-up honors. . . . As yet I haven't had opportunity to question Ensign June Chapman on her alleged predilection for moving stairways but I'll escalate. . . . Warren Covington, featured vocalist and trombonist with Isham Jones, Vaughn Monroe and Horace Heidt, comes to our Band and radio shows direct from the last named outfit. He's this good! In the same department the Spars refuse to be outdone. They contribute a charming chanteuse, ingenuish Jane Striebeck formerly with the Herby Kay dance combo.

Green Room: The Doughgirls—Rowdy and thoroughly enjoyable survey of the crowded Washington scene. Something For the Boys—Ethel Merman singing Cole Porter's songs. What more do you want? Blossom Time—Barbara Scully, Doug Leavitt and good supporting company give Romberg's score of Schubert melodies a scant-needed shot in the arm. Wallflower—A cute enough domestic comedy with Walter Greaza, Mary Rolfe, Sunny O'Dea and others. Tropical Revue—In January 24th with Katherine Dunham, Brad Gowans and His Dixielanders, Bobby Capo and large cast. Review later.

Chief Commissary Steward Al Murphy, who recently made his radio debut with this writer, has 27 years of CG service under his belt including substantial periods of sea service with both Captain Coffin and Captain L. E. Wells. . . . Lenny "Lubo The Wolf" Pell is into Public Relations over the protesting barks of the Beach Patrol purps. . . . The sincere sympathy of all hands goes to Lieut. (jg) Paul Hannigan, formerly of Philly Barracks, on the unfortunate death of his infant son. . . . Johnny Dascola, ex-Quaker City undertaker, is out of the hospital and back to his Explosive Squad duties. . . . Bandsman Al Leopold and his frau are tromboning heralds of an expected addition in March. . . . Transportation's Georgie Black looks like a barber pole with those new petty-officer stripes on his fin. . . . Sometimes I think that Mike Arabia, Mediterranean vet and Elite Guard, could write a brand new

Arabian Nights all his own. . . . One of the most promising heavyweight boxing prospects to cross the fistic horizon in many a moon, Tony Gangemi, is training with the Horse Patrol at Elkins Park. . . . They tell me that Johnny Myhasuk and Lou Plummer, well-remembered here, are training Axis prisoners in Sicily. . . . The Ed Warneke's, of the Fire Boat Set, are glad up to here—it's a boy! The same goes for the Charley McCann's of the Chester Fire Detail.

Ralph Goodman is back into Philly after a stretch of sea duty. . . . After a long stay in Africa, Pete Schwelling, with lots of friends in this neck of the woods, is stationed at Norfolk. . . . Warrant Machinist Jimmy Burton who climbed into gold from bell bottoms is off for sea duty with the very best wishes of all hands. . . . Tom Dalrymple, Jim Madison, Abe Shoenfeld, Freddy Toff and their assistant mail-men are gradually recovering after the terrific holiday postal and package crush. . . . Santa Claus came three days early to the Herb (Coast Guard Band) Schearer's. A husky baby boy! And Engineering's Joe Rigatti found a sensational Xmas gift from his wife at the bottom of his stocking. . . . her name's Mary Ann! . . . Here's a shotgun wedding in reverse! The boys at Cape May claim that on the day following his marriage to Martha Schofield, Elmer Sabec left on a deer hunting expedition. I think he should go have his head examined! . . . Frankie Zamaris, well-known civil life boxer, in town long enough to trounce one Nap Mitchell, local heavyweight, in eight rounds at Jimmy Toppi's Olympia. . . . Personal nomination for one of the most quietly efficient Spars in this or any other District: Yeoman Third Class Cecile Leonard. . . . Following a repast on gifted venison, Eddie Ahndt broke out in hives. Eddie says—a la Lanse McCurley—it's time to slay the deer-slayer. . . . My old pal Moose Puchalski, of the Clothing Locker, keeps in the headlines. He informs that early summer will see him a pop! . . . Tailor Enea Sarra is one of a Coast Guard family triple-threat. Brother Galileo is billeted in Baltimore and Brother Decio is a seaman in Virginia. . . . I hear that Joe Breen's automobile exploded the other day. Wonder if it could have been "hot" gas?

Item in Irony: Spar Elizabeth Porter received, among her other Xmas gifts, a beautiful gold evening mesh bag! C'est la guerre! And, Tim Tansey of Cape May Dog Patrol informs, Bucko Tardif, of that station, found a bright red four-in-hand tie in his stocking.

The occasional but nauseous declaimers against this, or that racial or religious group should take a gander at the current casualty lists. Those Goldbergs, Lombardis, Callahans and Lukowi's are not sacrificing their lives for the other side—they're Americans! . . . Seamster Carmen Panebianco's son, Albert, also in the CG, is now stationed at Port Richmond. . . . Did you know that—Lieut. John Maconis was an Olympic swimming champ?—Lieut. W. W. Robinson was a member of the U. S. bob-sled team which participated in the world's championships at St. Moritz, Switzerland in 1937?—Lieut. Comdr. D. J. Lucinski was a football, baseball and basketball standout while at the Academy in addition to being an undefeated collegiate boxing star?—Lieut. (jg) John Young, subsequent to starring on the fine 1940 Lafayette College baseball team, emerged as one of the

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By Virginia Rodgers, Y2c



The first scourge of winter, the recent flu epidemic, fought a losing battle with ye olde "Christmas Spirit" and the arrival of that great day found the new Spar infirmary in the Ben Franklin housing but three Spars. Prior to that day, more than a score of our organization had fallen prey to the virus. Edris Bell, Sea.2c, Melissa McIrvine, SK3c, and Mary J. Choate, Sea.1c, were the unlucky victims disabled on Christmas day.

**Topside:** Inaugurating the yuletide season, a party was staged in the newly rigged recreation room in the B.F., 17 December. Liquids and tasty snacks were followed by songs from Cecilia Leonard, Y3c, an appetizing reading of "The One-Legged Chicken" by Sarah Hayes, Y2c, and a Spar-sing. Following this shindig, 14 of our crew journeyed to the Naval Air Training Station, Atlantic City, to celebrate Christmas Eve with the Waves of that section.

**Log Entries:** The daughters of B'nai B'rith have outfitted rest rooms for the Spars on the third, fourth and thirteenth decks of the Ayer Building. Complete with lounges, easy chairs, rugs, pictures and ash trays, they are ideal spots for occasional breathing spells. . . . In the same vein, the rec-room in the B.F. is now complete with radio, games, phonograph, ping-pong table and books. . . . It was a Christmas leave for Ensigns Dow and Chapman. Also for Betty Sabol, Y3c, Virginia Taylor, Y3c, who snared 14 days and Ferne Judkins, Y2c, of Transportation. . . . Dorothy Dronenburg, PhM3c, and Janet Feldkamp, HA2c, can now be found "rolling pills" at the new Infirmary in the Franklin. . . . A recent count of noses revealed 30 new faces among Spar personnel, 16 with Y3c badges and 14 with SK3c crowns. . . . New Spar Officer arrivals include Ensigns Beverly Schmidt, assigned to Public Relations; Isabella Timberlake, assigned to Morale and Christine Wall, a "communicator." . . . Mae Edmonds' (Sea.2c) hubby, a F1c in the USN, logged in from Chicago last month on a three day leave and spent his time looking over the city of B.L. with Mae. . . . The recent hardcourt game between the Philly Guards and the Atlantic City Radio School crew brought forth a number of our company including Ruth Lundstrom, Y3c, Marie Deppen, GM2c, Betty Nugent, Y3c, Marian Higgs, Y3c and Kay Douglas, Y3c. The DCGO team won not only the game but the energetic support from the Spars too.

**Breeches Buoy:** Shirley Peters, Y3c, found herself "knee deep" in trouble as she boarded a downtown trolley at 8th and Chestnut Streets recently. The full story has not been released but the known facts indicate a pair of suspenders are in order for the hapless Miss Peters.

**Reveille:** Arising with the birds, Mae Edmonds, Sea.2c, Janet White, Sea.2c, Abbey Schmitts, Sea.2c, and Elizabeth Bolz, Sea.2c, see us each morn as few other mortals do—sans make-up, fingernail polish and hair-do's. They're the ones who tap you gently on the shoulder in the wee hours of the morn with such phrases as, "Come, arise! The sun is shining and the lark is on the wing." Of the more "genteel" type of buglers, these Cox'n strikers at the Franklin are our "policewomen."

**Spar Plugs:** Spar-sparklers came the way of Marjorie Duszynski, Sea.2c and Theresa Mishko, RM3c, last month. Marjorie's ring came from a Guardsman stationed at Port Richmond and Theresa's "man" is thus far unknown. . . . Sarah Hayes, Y2c, and hubby are apartment-hunting. He was released from the Army recently. . . . Something new—and odd—in the way of sports for a gal is Yolan Doktor's (SK3c) ambition to motor on the macadam on a motorcycle!

#### Specialist (R) Set Up For Spar Recruiters

Washington—A recruiting specialist's rating (R) was established for Spars, according to a Headquarters announcement last month. To be eligible, Spars must be qualified for yeoman's rating after 1 March, 1944. Other qualifications include:

1. High school graduate; 2. Must have test score in upper third on general classification test; 3. Should be affable, interested in people, energetic, tactful, poised; 4. Attractive, well groomed; 5. Pleasant speaking voice; 6. Desirable occupational experience, personnel work, radio, advertising, receptionist or sales promotion activities.

Advancements will be by specific authority of headquarters. Grades include: Sp1c(R), Sp2c(R) and Sp3c(R).

#### First Spar Infirmary Open

Philadelphia — Establishment of a full-fledged Spar Infirmary, the first in the Fourth Naval District, was completed and put into operation last month in Room 804, Ben Franklin Hotel, the Spars' Philly "Barracks." The Infirmary is under the supervision of Dr. J. Sanker, assisted by Spars Dorothy Dronenburg, PhM3c and Janet Feldkamp, HA2c. The Infirmary is a four-bed institution.

Philadelphia—Because of the enlarging of the Spar quota to 12,000 enlisted Spars and 1,200 officers, civilians are once again being accepted for officers training in the Spars.

#### SPAR SILHOUETTE

A student of philosophy, poetry and a school ma'am in civilian days, Spar Ruth Severud, SK2c, has put aside her books, chalk and board for the D.O.W. and is now a CGS in the DCG Pay Office, Philadelphia. Hailing from Chetek, Wis., Ruth was graduated from Chetek High and from there journeyed to Superior, Wis., to attend State Teachers College, where for two years she buried herself in the realm of books, lectures and papers. Sheepskin under her arm, she then left to teach the younger generation in Clearlake, Wis., and later moved on to Prairie Farm, Wis., to impart her "Superior" knowledge to that hamlet's youthful class. One of the original 13 Spars in the DCGO, Ruth delights in a well-done steak and claims Eastern culinary methods have forever ruined her former love of vegetables. Semi-classical music, "meaning in



Ruth's mind the scores of Strauss, is her choice and although she forsook group singing early in her scholastic life, she occasionally trills a trill or two—when there's no one else in the house. Partial to movies and their stars, she would rather fish or enjoy a ski-jump contest as a spectator. She wishes there was more time to read books; likes to dance (even jitterbugs); and has an odd mixture of philosophy and poetry in her attitude toward the male sex, saying that "no one is happy alone—but sometimes it has its advantages. Or perhaps," she added, "you had better not print that, people might misunderstand."

#### UP THE LADDER

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Port Richmond—Frank Sanders, PhM1c; Walter A. Blicharz, PhM2c; Victor J. Rugiero and Leo M. Stankus: GM2c.

Toms River L/B—Cecil Locklear, Sp3c (D); Theodore Stronsky, Sp3c (R).

Phila. COTP—Joseph W. Claffey, Sp2c (PS); William H. Lancaster, Joseph E. Myers, John B. Rodi, Peter B. Trado, Thomas P. Zoumas: All Sp3c (PS); Clarence Schelke, PhM2c.

Rehoboth Beach B. P. Sta.—Emil Martiak, SC2c.

## DAD ENLISTS DAUGHTER IN SPARS



When Lieut. M. J. Morgan, USCG (Ret.), Personnel Procurement Officer, Fourth Naval District, administered the Spar Officer candidate's oath to his daughter, Mrs. Mary Edith Bleimeyer, last month, he had absorbed virtually all the eligible Morgans and "in-laws" into the Nation's armed forces. Mrs. Bleimeyer, a New York University graduate of 1935, is the wife of a Navy Ensign in command of an Armed Guard Detail. Lieut. Morgan's son, John L., is undergoing recruit training at the Coast Guard Training Station, Curtis Bay, Md. Three of Mr. Morgan's brothers are in the Armed Forces. They include Lawrence and John with the U. S. Navy and Joseph with the CG District Fire Detail. A veteran of 29 years' service in the Navy and Coast Guard, Lieut. Morgan served on the battleship, USS Minnesota during the occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico, in 1914, and saw active service in World War I on the Destroyer USS Beale. With the Coast Guard he served on the Cutters Sebago and Campbell and Pontchartrain. He was retired from active duty as Chief Pay Clerk, 1 June, 1941, and recalled to duty a year later. He took charge of District recruiting 5 September, 1942, and was advanced to temporary rank of Lieutenant last June. It is estimated Mr. Morgan has administered the oath to more than 3,700 men and women recruits in his 15 months as Personnel Procurement Officer.

## TOOTLES WAR TIME AIRS NOW



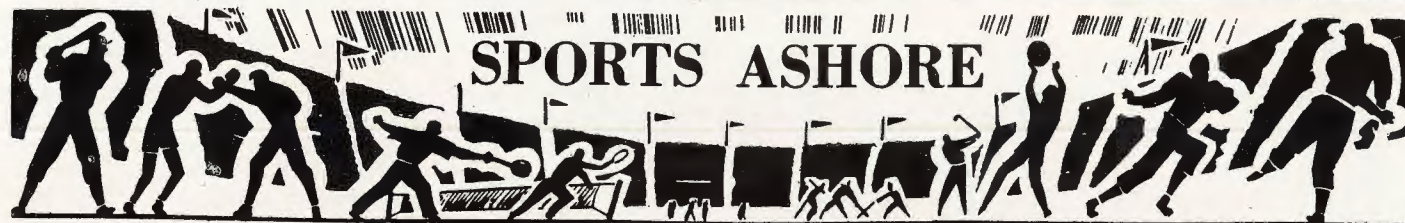
Trombonist with Milt Britton's and Vincent Lopez's orchestras before the war, Eddie Johnson, Sea.1c, is still treading the "sharp and flat" path of music in his CG uniform with the Philadelphia Coast Guard Band and Orchestra. A native of Philadelphia, he was Captain of the Girard College high school military band and president of the senior class. From 1932 to '41 he was with Milt Britton's band and occupied an occasional seat in V. Lopez's aggregation. Toured U.S.A., Canada and tooted six months in the Casino de Urca, Rio de Janeiro. Played in Billy Rose's Casa Manana in New York and appeared in Warner Brothers' movie shorts. Married, he relaxes with a bourbon and soda and Sherry—which is his wife's name. His post-war aspiration: to be a sales representative of a reputable firm.

## SHOO, SHOO, SABOTEUR!



Woe betide the saboteur or invader who would meet up with this Coast Guard Mounted Beach Patrolman on a dark New Jersey beach. Lee Perkins, BM2c, native of Dallas, Texas, is a petty officer member of an all Negro Coast Guard horse patrol unit assigned to a Jersey station.





## Seven 'Tough' Opponents Face Guards In January

### District Team Wins 10, Loses Two in Old Year; One Defeat is Avenged

Philadelphia—Tommy McCollam, the District Coast Guard basketball ace, and his teammate, Len Wiener, kept the hoop net in a constant shimmy as they scored a total of 60 points—30 each—to help their mates defeat the Atlantic City CG Radio School, 79-62, 23 December, in Bok Vocational gym and thus avenge an earlier loss to the Sparks crew.

The Guards ended the old year with a record of 10 wins and two defeats, the second setback having been administered by Swarthmore College by a 41-40 count.

Coach Nicholas Zapple's charges underwent a stunning defeat at the hands of the Radio School in the Sparks' miniature gym by a decisive 56-46 score. The Guards were 16 points in the lead in the final period when the Sparks crew uncorked a rushing strategy on Philly players attempting to toss the ball into play from the sidelines. Because of the smallness of the gym, a series of passes were intercepted and tossed through the hoop before the Guards were aware of what was happening.

When Mr. Zapple rushed the first team back into play to halt the rally, the varsity men were as helpless as the second-stringers. Two weeks later, on a man-size gym the Guards demonstrated their superiority by trimming the Sparks crew with a 17-point margin.

In a return contest with Fort Dix, the Guards ran themselves ragged as well as the soldiers in whipping the dogfaces, 56-44. McCollam hit the hoop for 22 points.

The Guards were forced to extend themselves to halt the Marines, 42-40. Bob McGinn led the Guards' scoring with nine points. The Navy Yard quint was comparatively easy, the game ending 64-47 in the Guards' favor. McCollam scored 25 points. Naval Hospital was the next victim, 53-40.

### Barracks All-Stars Win Over Essington P.B., 49-29

Essington Patrol Base—An All-Star Philly Barracks team under the tutelage of Ensign A. R. Van Tuinen toppled the Patrol Base cagers 49-29 for their fourth straight loss in a post-Christmas game played on Ridley High Floor.

The All-Stars, employing the topnotch players from the seven teams in the Barracks league, sent 15 men into the lineup against Coach Steve Huston's Patrol Base Squad.

Huston and H. Moore each scored 8 points for their team, while the All-Stars scoring was distributed among a dozen shooters.



Len Wiener



Bob McGinn

Contributing to the Philly Guards' victory string on the basketball court are these key players. Len Wiener's scoring and Bob McGinn's heady floor play have been major factors in sinking 10 foes.

### Forked River Wins Five In Seaside Heights Area

Forked River L/B Sta.—Coach Chief Dennis and his fighting horsemen set the pace for cage teams in the Seaside Heights area last month by defeating five CG clubs, including the usually strong Toms River L/B quint, 31-30.

The Forked River aggregation includes "Duke" Copping, "Flash" Fisher, "Dribbler" Burchard, "Lanky" Rudnitsky and "Gunner" Dunn. Reserves include "Beans" Gaudreau, "Salty" Cebulski, "Ski" Borowski, "Jockey" Cole, "Goosey" Brown and "Deck" Molina.

Chief Dennis issued an appeal for games with other CG clubs and advised managers to write to him in care of Forked River L/B Station, Seaside Park, N. J.

### Strong N. Y. CGs Slated For Philly Quint, Plus Aberdeen and Muhlenbrg

Philadelphia — Seven opponents, to be rated in the "tough" class, were on the January schedule for the Philly Guards, who up to New Year's had won 10 and lost two contests.

Heading the list in importance is the powerful New York Coast Guard team which defeated Columbia, Ellis Island CGs (winners over Long Island U.) and other strong Eastern squads, slated for 17 January in Philly; the Aberdeen Proving Ground quint, 21 or 28 January; the Marines, 10 January, and probably the most potent foe of all, Muhlenberg College at Allentown, 12 January.

Rider College is dated for 19 January; Navy Receiving for 24 January, and Ursinus, 26 January.

For the Muhlenberg game, arrangements were under way to pit the Coast Guard "A" team composed of Personnel yeomen, in a preliminary with Muhlenberg junior varsity cagers.

### Transfers Hit Surfmen As They Break Even In Boardwalk League

Atlantic City L/B Sta.—Sabotaged by the transfer of several players, the promising Atlantic City L/B Station basketball team took a lot of water over the bow in the first half of its league season, breaking even in 10 contests.

A 35-24 victory over the Army Medical Corps marked the high tide of the Surfmen's efforts. Wayne "Bucky" Borchsenius, Y2c, at forward, heaved 14 points through the hoop to help win this one.

A severe setback came when Pomona's Naval Air Station squad brushed off the resort Cagemen, 55-31. Another trimming came from the Hap Farley hoopsters, 38-30. The Hap Farleys won the first half of the loop with 10 wins and no defeats.

The worst shellacking the Lifeboaters took was at the hands of the CG Radio School, 72-40. Robert "Bob" Boske, Cox., with 11 points, was top scorer for the losers. The Surfmen took still another drubbing from the COTP outfit, 51-32. Defaults by the Longport CGs and the Atlantic City Taffies brought the L/B average up to .500.

The Lifeboat squad was weakened by the transfer of Cox. Dave Brown, Donald Oates, Sea 1c and Harold F. Potter, Sea 1c. Donald "Jake" Jacobs, Y1c, captain, planned to remove himself from the lineup in the New Year and devote his efforts to coaching and scouting for new material. New candidates include John Grinnon, BM2c and Lennert Pihl, SC3c.

### Cape May CGs Undefeated In Nine Cage Contests; On Top in Navy Loop

Cape May Base—Before 1943 had shut shop, the Cape May Base "Fighting Five" had reduced nine successive opponents without a loss and appeared headed for big things in '44.

In the Naval Base League, the CGs were riding along on the top of the procession after defeating Navy Maintenance, 37-23; Naval Air Station Ordnance, 46-19; Navy Hedron Nine, 35-17, and Navy Signal Tower, 32-23.

Exhibition wins included a 26-19 victory over Rio Grande Ship's Company; 61-21 over Wildwood Coast Guard, marked by Joe Barmak's 16 points and Frank Barber's 12 counters; 38-31 over Atlantic City L/B Station five; 60-21 over Wildwood Naval Air Station Ship's Co., and 33-22 over Wildwood NAS Casu "24."

The Base quintet has been sparked by Barber's total of 98 points in nine contests; the unexpected shooting eye of Joe Barmak, the Naval Base heavyweight boxing champ and the playing of Johnny Chirazzi, Peter Hrabosky, Bob Klenk, Robin Beecham Dave Laverty, Hubert Peters and Vlad Hrynshyn, the latter recently transferred.

Lieut. (jg) C. L. Dain, Jr., is coach and Lieut. R. J. Walsh, Commanding Officer, is assisting in building up this Base's strongest CG hard court squad in two seasons.

### Officers Jump Loop Cellar To Lead in Keglers' League

Philadelphia—After ending the first half of the season in Davy Jones' locker in the Philly District Bowling League, the Officers team shot to the top of the loop in the second half at the turn of the New Year with 13 wins and three losses.

In their last clash the final week of December, the Officers eked through a two-two split with the hot Port Richmond outfit. The alleys went silent when Lieut. Thatcher sought to win the third game by blasting two remaining pins that would have put the gold braids over but his effort failed.

Mr. Sentman, Pay and Supply, moved into the circle of five individual high scorers with a 232 card, and Hudson Gruwell, Y3c, Port Richmond, completed the quintet with a 230 score.

#### Second Half Standings

Officers .....	13	3
Port Richmond .....	10	6
3rd & Spruce .....	10	6
Identification .....	9	7
Clothing Locker .....	8	8
Personnel .....	7	9
Pay & Supply .....	7	9
Intelligence .....	6	10
Permanent Det. ....	5	11
Fire Detail .....	5	11

### Yeomen Humble Officers In Loop Clash, 41-21

Philadelphia—A widely ballyhooed contest between the Coast Guard "A" and CG "B" teams, composed of Personnel yeomen and Officers respectively, ended in a rout of the Gold Braids last month, 41-21, in a YMCA Service League game and left the enlisted men's squad with a clean loop record. Walter Huntoon, Y2c, and Chief Joe Sweeney scored 12 and 9 points each to pace the noncoms.

## SPORTS STRIKER

By M. J. Chicoine, Sp2c(PR)

The CG Radio School cage squad at Atlantic City supplied two of the strangest upsets last month in Fourth Naval District competition. Lagging behind 16 points in the final period against the Philly Guards in their own head-size so-called gym, the Sparks rallied wildly in final minutes to overtake the visitors and win 56-46. But two weeks later, after taking a trouncing from the Philly team on a regulation-size floor, the Radio boys went home to drop a 38-35 decision to an Atlantic City civilian quint known as the Hap Farleys and thereby lose the first round flag in the Boardwalk circuit. Sports followers are still shaking their heads.

#### CG Leading Scorers

Tommy McCollam, Philly Guards' sensational scorer, continued to pace all District shooters last month with a total of 162 points in nine games. Incomplete records show Eddie Sidlecki of Lewes CGSO second with 114; Len Wiener, Philly Guards, third with 101; Phil Cunningham, Lewes CGSO and Frank Barber, Cape May Base, each tied with 98, with a record of 11 and nine games each; Dutch van Es, Lewes CGSO, 61, and Tiny Lewandowski, Lewes L/B Station, 42.

From Dutch van Es, the player-scribe at Lewes CGSO, comes the interesting explanation for his team's name, CA-O's. It stands for Carroll A. Osborne, Lieut. and CGSO. . . . Dutch also calls attention to the scorekeeper's nightmare in his section when such names as Lewandowski, Sidlecki, Wolosenko, Wasilewski, Tumminelli and Petillo are entered in the lineups of both the CGSO and L/B outfits. . . . Chief Al Kreuz's phone is kept humming daily by topnotch college and semipro teams aching for a chance to play the high-riding Guards. . . . Believe it or not, Mr. Zapple and his victory-minded Guards, have gone in for unconscious therapeutic treatment of the wounded. The Naval Hospital gym is crowded to the beam-ends with sailors on crutches and in wheelchairs when the Guards make an appearance. Betting and spirited howling mark each contest, all of which is calculated to stimulate cures. . . . A rare phenomenon last month was the dual total of 30 points each scored by McCollam and Len Wiener in the Guards' 79-62 win over the CG Radio School. . . . Although the Cape May Base team lost five men via transfer last month, they were still undefeated in nine starts, Frank "Skip" Barber, another player-scribe, reported.

#### Barracks Has 7-Team Loop

Philadelphia—In lieu of a Philly Intramural cage loop, the Barracks at 3rd and Spruce Streets, organized a circuit of seven teams under the direction of Ensign Arthur Van Tuinen. The league, at the beginning of the year, was headed by Permanent Detail with three wins and one loss. Other teams included Armed Guard, Maintenance Detail, Galley, Clothing Locker, Waterfront Sections One and Two. Winning team will be presented with a trophy by Lieut. A. Flick, Commanding Officer. Games are played on Thursday nights in Old Christ Church gym.

### Lewes CGSO Takes 10 Drop One in 1943; Erase One Army Loss

Lewes CGSO—Ten victories and one defeat highlighted the record last month of the Lewes CA-O's (Section Office) hard court team, setting the pace for Service cage squads in the Delaware sector.

High spot of the Lewes aggregation's campaign was the revenge victory inflicted on the Army's Fort Miles Salvos in a 65-61 overtime contest. Earlier the Lewes squad had suffered a 28-24 defeat—their only loss in December—at the hands of the soldiers.

The sensational shooting of Seaman Ed Sidlecki settled the soldiers' hash when he bucketed 17 field goals and two gift tosses for a total of 36 points.

Other Lewes victories included the crushing of the Lewes L/B Station quint, 70-38; wallopping of the Lewes Town team, 81-61; 39-36 victory over the Fort Miles Officers; 59-33 win over Fort Miles Cannoneers and 56-28 success over the Delaware Harbor Defense outfit. The Lewes boys have averaged 58 points a game thus far.

### COTP in Fourth Place In Atlantic City Loop With 7 Wins, 3 Defeats

Atlantic City COTP—Seven victories, three defeats and a fourth place standing in the 10-team Atlantic City Basketball League was the first half record of the Captain of the Port team last month.

The COTP quint moved up among the leaders when it took the measure of the CG L/B Station five, 51-32 and the Army Medical Detachment, 36-32.

Most exciting of the COTP wins was over Margate Barracks, 30-28, with Walt Tanana, scoring ace, hooping the victorious counter to break a tie. The worst drubbing was administered by the Hap Farley team, COTP being on the far end of a 61-46 count. Amends were made when COTP whaled Looches Big Five, 84-29.

The strong Naval Air Station aggregation from Pomona stopped COTP, 41-31, but a week later, Tanana-Hagy-Klein and company came back to trounce the Scholastics, 67-31.

Early in the loop competition, COTP put up a strong fight against the potent CG Radio School but lost 66-50. At one time, the undermanned COTP led the Sparks outfit, 15-9.

### Lewes L/B Keeps Pace In Delaware Service Loop

Lewes L/B Sta.—The Lifesavers of this L/B Station were keeping pace in the Fort Miles Basketball League with the Lewes CGSO squad by trimming a soldier outfit from the Fort last month, 34-32.

The surf station team also took the measure of the Fort Miles Cannoneers, 30-15; Fort Miles Artillery, 26-23; Battery "A", 42-22.

Besides a 70-38 thumping at the hands of CGSO, the Lifesavers were trounced by Fort Miles Officers, 42-19.

Featured in the surf station's lineup is Tiny Lewandowski who has piled up 42 points in six games; Danny Petillo with 34 and a newcomer, Bill Holliday who netted 12 points in his debut against the Battery "A" quint from Fort Miles to lead all scoring; Carl Ristow, Tom Johns and Don Mann and Wolosenko complete the roster.



## SHORTS FROM SHIPS AND STATIONS

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## Phila. Explosives Detail

Sea. 1c, start feuding over ownership of the title "World's Greatest Lover."

SEA BAG's "Explosive" scribe, Russell James, Sea. 1c, joined hands with Ralph E. Stuart, Leon A. Hutchinson and Russell E. Hampton, Sea. 1c, in a game of "hands around the refuse pail" this month when they were assigned KP duty.

## Philadelphia Barracks

Gene Gilmore, Cox., logged in here from Wildwood COTP last month.

Reported altar-bound: Harold "Brick" Johnston, Sea. 1c; John Gregorowitch, Cox.; Fred Toff, Sea. 1c, and Paul Silverman, Cox.

Reported interested in wedding bells: Al Ross, Y1c.

Themis Zoumas stitched on his Sp3c(PS) last month.

## Phila. Engineering Office

Joseph E. Silva, CM3c and his frau were looking forward to the New Year with special interest last month as their heir was scheduled to put in an appearance then.

George Slogoff, Sea. 1c, was a delighted chap for three days but things slumped when his anticipated eagle got away from him.

Spars Rose Ciancola, Yolan Doktor and Joan Cody finished a brief tour of sea duty last month when they went aboard the Gentian, a new buoy tender, and cleaned up in short order a fried chicken dinner. The Spars were the guests of Ensign Sam Russo.

Ensign Russo, recently promoted from Chief Watertender, transferred last month to the New York District.

Suspicious minds in this department believe they have identified the "Parachute Packin' Mama" who has been sending telegrams to a Radio Technician attached to this unit. Spar Carol Rock departed this unit for parachute riggers school last November. Connection is regarded as more than faint.

## Port Richmond

Earl W. Stopper, RT3c, reported to this unit from Edgemoor Repair Yard last month with the specific task of repairing several of Lieut. Winter's radios.

Personnel in the Infirmary look to a daily visit these days from Ralph Cherry, F2c.

Three F1c who who departed last month for duty afloat include: James Demitriu, Alexander Myhasuk and Eugene Pipol.

Aaron Benjamin, Cox., listed with mates here as "lover, rigger and truck driver," departed this unit for DCGO last month for further assignment to duty.

The Philadelphia District Coast Guard band now tootles weekly over Philly's Station WFIL Saturday 1305 to 1330.

Joseph Spatola, CBM, logged in here from Essington Patrol Base last month for duty aboard a patrol vessel. All hands were reported looking forward to a gift ration of Spatola Wine.

All but "Manhattans" were included in the Santa Claus menu served by Richard Roland, CCS and his crew.

Cecil D. Bazemore, CBM, who served 26 months aboard the Cutter Walnut in the Pacific and whose ship was fired upon by the Japs when Midway Island was shelled on Pearl Harbor Sunday, reported to this unit for duty last month.

## Philadelphia Medical

Walter Sheldon, CPhM, returned to duty last month after a short leave in which he was winner in a bout with the gout.

The call of the deep drew responses from Richard C. Kriel, PhM2c; Walter J. Werhun, CPhM; John Noble, PhM3c; Basil G. Annanias, PhM3c; Sidney Edelman, PhM3c; Albert J. Grant, PhM3c; Horatio Thomas, PhM3c; Harold Zeff, PhM2c.

Thomas F. Fabry, PhM3c, answered the V-12 call last month.

A junior Spar PhM was greeted at the home of Donald F. Adler, PhM2c, stationed at 321 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Adler.

Lloyd S. April, PhM1c, began a 14-day leave this month in order to be present with the welcome sign when Mrs. April receives the stork.

Chief PhM Andy Anderson logged in with the Explosives Detail at Port Richmond last month.

Those plumes of fragrant stogie smoke curling up from Captain Wells' office during the recent holidays came from the three Corona Coronas lost by Dr. M. A. D'Alessandro who wagered the war in Europe would be won by Christmas.

The snappiest uniform observed in the District Medical Office these days is the tailored outfit worn by Frank Clement, Y2c.

## Rehoboth Beach B. P. Sta.

Ollie Courtney, Sea. 1c, and missus are awaiting a visit from a certain long-billed bird.

Ben Blanton, Sp1c, reported back on duty after recovering from a case of mumps.

B. G. Hendrix, Sea. 1c, is reported still raving "about a certain nurse who attended him while spending a few days at the Marine Hospital, Baltimore."

Joe Tornello, Sea. 1c, logged out for Indian River L/B Station while Merle Webb and Stan Liberty, Sea. 1c, left for Fenwick Island Light Station.

## Rehoboth Barracks No. 2

Passing out cheroots, Bill Hoernlein, Cox., is celebrating the latest addition to the Hoernlein menage. It's an eight-pound boy.

Since Johnny Norvell's wife moved to Rehoboth, Chief Palmer reports him scarcer than "a Nazi U-boat."

## Rehoboth Beach Infirmary

A recent census here showed James "Grandpa" Alessio, PhM2c, to be the oldest enlisted man present. At the ripe old age of 24, Alessio announces that "we're all just a bunch of old men."

## Rehoboth Beach L/B Station

Although this unit looks brand new with its fresh coat of paint, the question still remains: Did the men wielding the brushes apply more paint to their own skins or to the station? It is reported that even the mascot, "Tim" was forced to take a kerosene bath.

Reported offers on the part of the friends of Bill Costa, Sea. 1c, to keep his "flame" from flickering while he's attending EM school are said to have been greeted with emphatic "No's."

Proud of the size of his Delaware Red-skin potatoes, Ward J. Cobb, BM1c, was chagrined to find out recently that they are used as "mere seeds" down in Texas.

## CG Barracks, Selbyville, Del.

Joe Jasek, Sea. 1c, departed for Gunner's Mate School.

Bob Beaupre, RM1c, and Gus Sanders, RM1c, the "Damon and Pythias of Selbyville Barracks," logged out for duty afloat.

## Unit Eats Goose

CG Barracks, Selbyville, Del.—The keen eyes of Alvin Badley, Sp3c, netted this unit one fat goose recently. On duty, Badley spotted a flock of geese and notified a nearby civilian nimrod who proceeded to shoot two of the birds—rewarding Badley with one for his alertness.

## Stone Harbor L/B Sta.

Bill Miller, SC2c and his frau changed their quarters directly across the street from their old tepee last month. Invitations for "coffee and—" were issued to mark the event.

Bob Dennis, Jr., BM2c, Cape May, son of the Skipper of this station, was released from St. Agnes Hospital, Philly, last month. Wildwood beach bathers will remember Bob as a lifeguard there before he enlisted.

Joe Koziol, Cox., purported pride and joy of Chicago's fair sex, treated them to a visit last month.

## Last of His Species

Joseph P. Andrews, Jr., is one of the few remaining Coast Guardsmen to retain the rate of Surfman.

Philip Millard, Sp3c, was reported still dizzy from a fast whirl to St. Louis last month where his St. Loocy woman had him on the ropes.

The site is Camden and the "number" is a new one and pretty, intimates say of Ed Locuson's (Sea. 1c) interest in that Jersey metropolis.

Don Stringari, MoMM2c, has won the admiration of his mates here because of the gentle care he has bestowed on the station's washing machine.

## Toms River L/B Sta.

James J. McHugh, Sea. 1c returned here from Cape May Base where he completed a course in aircraft and service vessel recognition.

Brinkley E. King, CCS, replaced William E. Warner, CCS, in the commissary here last month. Warner reported to DCGO for duty afloat.

On his return from a seven-day leave, Robert J. Kellaher, Sea. 1c, displayed a photo of his sister, a member of the WACs, and shipmates swear she rivals any Hollywood pinup gal for looks.

Robert H. Uffer, Sea. 1c, although stationed here, insists on returning to his old hangout in Bayhead where it is reported he quietly maintains a harem.

William M. Cohan, Sea. 1c, was looking forward to a 14-day leave last month in order to return to St. Louis for a reunion with his spouse and year-old daughter, Carole Ann.

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Camillo "Carrot" Caratelli, Y2c, was observed shopping for a gift for his niece in one of this town's leading department stores last month and he had the choice of the prettiest sales girls assisting him.

William J. Massey, A. S., reported from Third Naval District for duty here.

Richard G. Womer, EM3c, departed on official duty within the District last month.

Eugene S. Davis, Sea. 1c, Andrew G. Tittel, EM3c, Walter J. Werhun, CPhM and John O. Noble, PhM3c, left this station last month for duty afloat.

Roland J. Roy, SC2c and George Gubernator, Sea. 1c, departed on 14-day leaves last month.

Bernard Porcaro, Sea. 1c, expressed satisfaction that the Christmas season had passed and that he had a chance to rest from his overtime labor, to wit: addressing greeting cards.

George R. Yuhas, SC2c, logged in from Chadwick L/B Sta. for duty here.

Howell Duncan, Sea. 1c, is reported having the gals in a whirl—one in every town from Seaside Heights to Trenton.

Shipmates say Ralph L. Anteau, Cox., hasn't been the same since that photo of Chili Williams appeared in a national pix magazine.

Joseph Forgetta, Sea. 1c, hasn't found any noticeable difference since he began singing "People Will Say We're In Love." Forgetta and his helpmate moved into a house in Hasbouch Heights—Frank Sinatra's home town.

## Wildwood Barracks

Lieut. (jg) James W. Hathaway departed for a six-week course at the Damage Control and Fire Fighting school, Ft. McHenry, Md.

Logged out for Motor Mac school, Groton, Conn., were W. W. Jarl and N. Kochneff, Sea. 1c.

Former mailman at Brigantine Barracks, Alvin Terry, Sp3c, (M), has taken over Abe Schoenfeld's job here in the Post Office. Schoenfeld was transferred to the Philly barracks.

G. Andrews, R. Shelton, D. Tracy, Clayton Kramer, L. Flynn, R. Harrod, W. Campbell, D. Boudreau and J. Ibach, all Sea. 1c, departed for the DCGO for further assignment to duty.

H. Dave Dorn, BM2c, is reported on duty aboard an 83 footer.

Warrant Communications Officer Howell was assigned temporary duty at the Atlantic City Radio School.

## CGC Zinnia

Thomas R. Woodrum, MoMM2c, returned to this unit after completing a five-week course in advanced Diesel Motors at General Motors Institute, Flint, Mich. He reports a dire shortage of men in that area.

New members of the crew include Robert N. Carpe, RM3c, Henry H. Warner, RM3c, both from Atlantic City Radio School; James H. Dennen, F2c and Frank Wisnansky, F2c, from CG Training Station, Groton, Conn., and Edwin H. Mead, GM3c, from CG Base, Cape May, N. J.

After appearing on the binnacle list for a long period of time, Wade H. Rutland, F2c, is back on duty.

## Two CG Quints Trowned In Philly "Y" Contests

Philadelphia—The Coast Guard "A" cage team, composed of District Personnel Office yeomen, dropped their first contest of the season to the Harrowgate five, 30-21, in an inter-league contest last month.

The CG "As" were undefeated in the Y. M.C.A. Service League at the beginning of the New Year. The "As" were minus their star, Chief Joe Sweeney in the Harrowgate clash.

The CG "B" quint, composed of District officers, also was defeated on the same bill by Glenolden five, 47-23.

## Seamen Beat Yeomen 6-0

Toms River L/B Sta.—Seamen of this station avenged a loss in touch football at the hands of the yeomen by trimming the feather merchants 6-0 last month. With the score knotted at 0-0 and darkness threatening to end the contest, a bullet pass from Bill "Baugh" Cohan was found lodged in the arms of a seamen in the end zone. Yeomen, who failed to see either the toss or the catch, served notice they would carry flashlights at the next meeting.

## Toms River Whips Chadwick

Toms River L/B Sta.—Toms River grid-ders halted the Chadwick L/B Sta. crew by 12-0 count last month. Ralph Anteau, Cox., scored both touchdowns.

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greatest semi-pro pitchers in this section of the country? Or that he has offers from six major league clubs in his back pocket awaiting war's end? . . . Note to Johnny Worthington: Get that honeymoon picket boat ready! An engraved invitation from Cleveland, Ohio, informs me that Mister R. Harvey Narrigan (of the Narberth Narrigans and known to his intimates as Chowderhead) will be drugged, hog-tied and married to Miss Sally Seelbach of the Ohio city in January. And after meeting the gal, I'm convinced that the luck in the Narrigan family is not confined to the old man who won \$10,000 in a newspaper contest the other year.

Balcony Seat: Happy Land—Olivia De Haviland and newcomer Sonny Tufts in McKinlay Kantor's story of the war and one American family. The gals will go for Tufts. Destination Tokyo—One of the best of the war thrillers, this time by submarine. Cary Grant and John Garfield do fine jobs. Thousands Cheer—Color musical with Gene Kelly and Kathryn Grayson plus guest stars in a good opus which for this reviewer ran a trifle too long. The Iron Major—Eulogy of Frank Cavanaugh who put Fordham on football map. Pat O'Brien does this sort of thing superbly. Sahara—The Humphrey Bogeyman in tense drama of desert warfare. Resembles and is not quite as good as "Lost Patrol". What A Woman—Rosalind Russell plays talent scout this time in a highly implausible but very entertaining yarn. The Gang's All Here—Another color musical. Carmen Miranda, Phil Baker, Benny Goodman, Charlotte Greenwood, E. E. Horton and Gene Pallette add much but to me this girl Alice Faye is super-vacuous. . . . Rubino says that Gene Kordwitz' girl is the kind that knits sweaters and not the kind that wears them. . . . Kordwitz says Rubino's girl deserves first place on the Hip-Parade! X' . . . I'll be seein' you.



Cape May Base—Elmer J. Sabec, Sp2c (CW), married former Martha A. Schofield last month in Roxborough, Philadelphia. Mrs. Sabec is completing nurse's training in that city.

Cape May Base—Hubert Peters, Sea. 1c, married Louise Lutz, SK3c, WAVE, at home town, Columbia, Pa., 17 December.

Cape May—Spar Mary Vaughn, attached to a unit here, became the bride of Murray E. McLeroy, CM2c, USN, at a ceremony in Chicago last month.

Phila. Clothing Locker—Robert H. Smith, Sea. 1c, former Texas prof, recent Brigantine Barracks librarian and manager of the popular Beach Patrol Chorus, persuaded an "I do" out of Philly's Ruby Collins and the pair was wed in Wilmington five days before Christmas.

Phila. Clothing Locker—Spar Mary J. Swett, Sea. 1c, celebrated holidays by becoming bride of Willard Choate, Army Air Corps. Hubby is stationed at Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Phila. Barracks—Harvey Yeakel, Sea. 1c, attached to the Armed Guard, joined ranks of benedicts last month.

Philadelphia Barracks—Joseph R. Lochman, SC3c, decided in favor of home-cooked meals and so married the former Miss Anna Mae Bartel, Philadelphia, last month.

Phila. Barracks Infirmary—Joseph C. Manz, Sea. 1c, wedded the former Dolores Jacques, Philadelphia, last month.

Phila. Explosives Detail—Kenneth D. Gibbs, Sea. 1c, signed up for a lifetime voyage and shipped the former Miss Anna Martocchia, New York, as first mate last month.

Phila. Explosives Detail—It was a case of "Bingham's Birmingham knot" last month as Lawrence L. Bingham, Sp3c, and the former Miss Barbara J. Randall were married in that city.

Rehoboth Beach Patrol Sta.—Archie Ferguson, Sea. 1c, and Ben Blanton, Sp1c, staged a doubleheader when on a 48-hour liberty last month. Archie extracted an "I do" from Henrietta Gabe, Woodlawn, Ill., and Ben exchanged vows with Virgie Mae Russell, Grandbury, Texas. The dual event took place at Salisbury, Md.

Selbyville, Del. Barracks—A belated announcement from this unit reveals Kelly J. Scuderi, Sea. 1c, changed the name of the former Miss Patricia R. Warlich to his own last October.

CGC Zinnia—Edward J. Miller, Cox., and the former Miss Roberta Shockley, New Castle, Delaware, paid the preacher for his performance last month.

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Victor B. Vandling, Sp1c(D) and Mrs. Vandling announced the arrival of a daughter, Annetta, seven lbs., at 0605, 30 November, 1943. Vandling hails from Millville, Pa. and is a former Quaker State policeman.





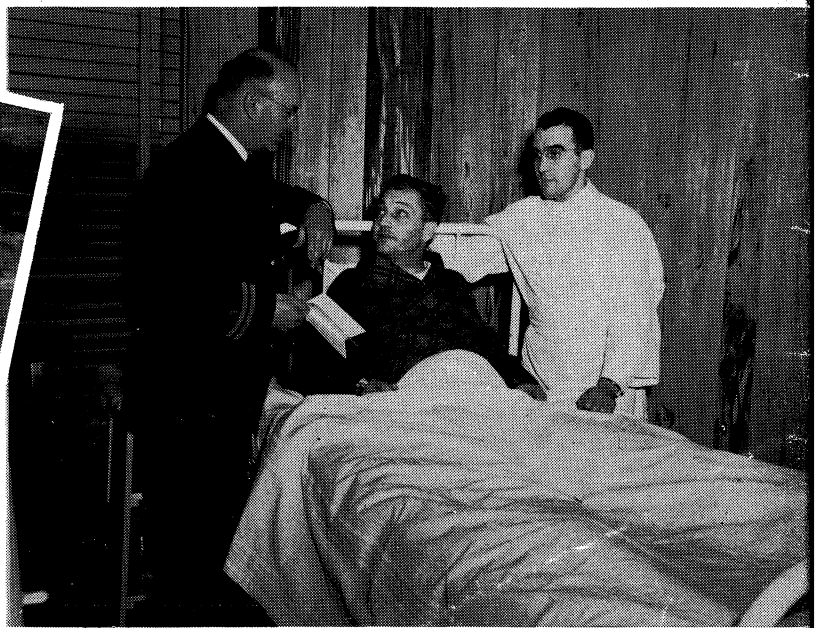
During a visit to Indian River Inlet L/B Station, Lieut. Marcus S. Lewis, USNR, Coast Guard Chaplain (center), joined in a "shooting the breeze" session around the station's old-fashioned stove. Seated to right of Chaplain Lewis is Ensign A. G. Lemaire, Commanding Officer, as other petty officers and enlisted men of the unit listen in.



It's the Chaplain's visiting day at Rehoboth Beach Barracks No. 2 and Lieut. Lewis is shown here conducting services in an improvised chapel in a hallway of the Barracks to a rapt audience of CGs.



The high-flying Lewes Section Office basketball team is shown grouped in front of Ensign Robert Derrickson, squad mentor. Players kneeling left to right: Dan Graziano, Hendrik van Es, George Pries, Jules Goldman; standing left: Harvey Moynihar, Edward Sidlecki, Phil Cunningham, Jerry Nochtar, Henry Wasileski.



Chaplain Lewis in his tour of Lewes Section units, called at the Rehoboth Beach Infirmary and stopped to chat with George P. Overton, CRT, recent patient, and Dr. Harvey S. Taylor, P.A. Surgeon, in charge of the Infirmary.