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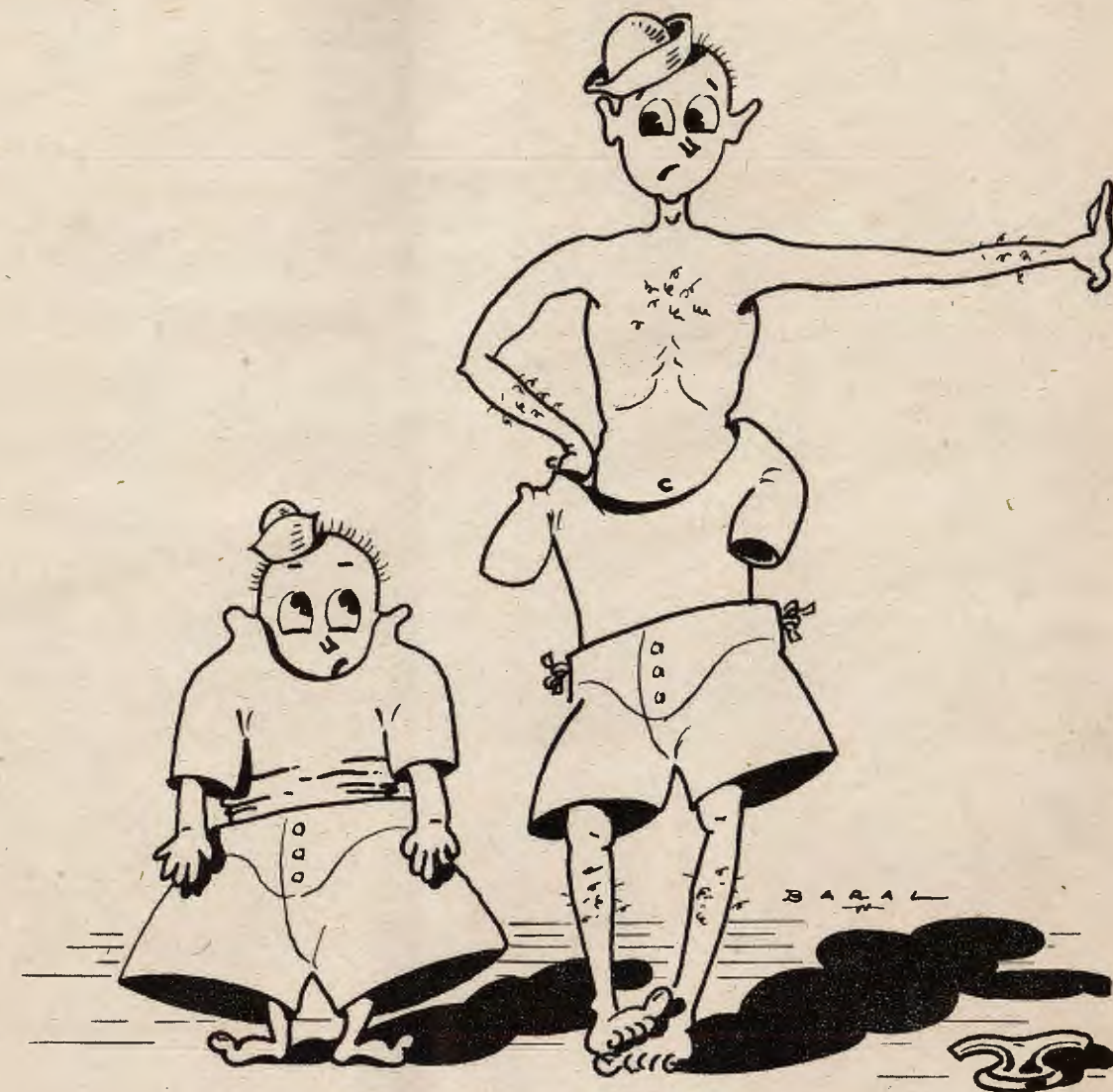
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PUBLICITY OFFICERS

★ One week before this issue went to press, every Flotilla Publicity Officer was notified in writing that the deadline for his news story for this issue would be 4 February.

Only nine out of the twenty Flotillas in the Fourth Naval District sent their material in on time. Four others came through late. The remainder failed to send anything.

Now that TOPSIDE is on a monthly basis, we must adhere to a strict schedule. Otherwise, we shall find ourselves getting out the March issue in April, with the result that we'll eventually have to combine two months. This would seriously upset our advertising contracts, which are based on twelve insertions in the year. It must not happen.

Flotilla Publicity Officers should consider that the assignment of writing a news story each month for TOPSIDE is just as much a duty assignment as is their assignment to a specific patrol, gate watch, or tower duty. The section of TOPSIDE devoted to Flotilla news is the most important part of each issue from the viewpoint both of interest and of space allotted. If we allow this section to deteriorate into a hit-or-miss affair in which only a few

Flotillas are represented, we impair the value of our magazine.

Let's have complete Flotilla representation in the next issue. The copy call will be sent out one week in advance of the deadline.

INCOME TAX NEWS

★ There seems to be no question but that membership dues, unreimbursed costs for uniforms, expenses of transportation to and from a member's station and other out-of-pocket expenses contributed while on active duty such as telephone calls, stamps, etc., may be considered contributions or gifts under Section 23 of the Internal Revenue Code and are, therefore, (subject to the 15% limitation) deductible for income tax purposes.

The Legal Committee was advised by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that the costs of maintenance, repair of boat and miscellaneous equipment were not deductible since they were covered by appropriations of the Coast Guard. It may be implied, therefore, that if maintenance and repairs are out-of-pocket expenses to private boat owners who contribute their boats as well as their services, they are deductible if they are unreimbursed.

The Legal Committee was also advised by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that costs of instruction, subsistence, insurance and depreciation were not deductible "because they were personal expenses." To the extent that these out-of-pocket costs are definitely contributed to Coast Guard activities, there should be no distinction, and it may be argued that the generality of the Commissioner's ruling is open to further consideration and adjustment.

These items may very well be left to the discretion of the individual members.

—ENSIGN BERTRAM K. WOLFE.

A small boy was asked by his father, who was a foreman in a war plant, what he would like for a birthday present.

"A baby sister," the boy replied.

"But your birthday is only two weeks away, son. That doesn't give me much time," said his father.

"I know, Dad," the boy said, "but can't you put more men on the job?"

—Norwester.

"Dusk-to-Dawn Flyer." That's Sparlingo for the girl who comes back from a date and insists on giving a play-by-play account of her romantic adventures to her sleepy buddies.

TRAINING FILMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE . . .

★ Our armed forces of the regular service, after several years of experimentation with various teaching methods, are agreed that nothing quite equals a good training film for getting across an idea and making it stick.

The Auxiliary is very fortunate therefore in having available almost 30 good films which can be shown at Flotilla meetings. If your Flotilla is not seeing these films, put the bee on your Junior Commander. The District Office has



given all JC's the exclusive authority to order these films, as well as the necessary requisition forms. The following is a list of the films currently available. Look this list over and see how many of them your Flotilla could profitably use.

Cadet Cruise; Story of the Coast Guard; Off Shore Patrol; Coast Guard Auxiliary; The Spars; Coast Guard Academy; Men of the Coast Guard; Task Force; Lifeboat & Safety Precaution Kit; The Salute; Swimming Through Burning Oil & Surf; Aids to Navigation; Rules of the Road; .38 and .45 Cal. Revolver Kit; Knot Kit Complete; .30 Cal. Springfield Rifle Kit; H & R Reising Submachine Gun; Flashing Light Signals; Amphibious Warfare, Landing Boats; Amphibious Warfare, Shore Party; Naval Discipline; Safeguarding Military Information; Lifeboat and Safety Precautions Afloat Kit; Rules of the Road; Waterfront Fires; Thompson .45 Cal. Machine Gun.

Wolfe: "I don't often give a quarter for a cigar, but when I do . . ."

Hineline: "You get back twenty cents change."

ADMIRAL'S BANQUET MARKS ANOTHER "FIRST" AS AUXILIARISTS JAMPACK BELLEVUE BALLROOM



★ As Commander Kimberly remarked to our Commodore when the smoke had cleared away, "Well, sir, it looks like the Fourth Naval District has scored another first."

One look at the speaker's table at the Second Annual Admiral's Banquet, held at the Bellevue-Stratford on 10 February, and one would think Fort Knox had been raided. No less than six Admirals honored us with their presence, to say nothing of an impressive array of Captains and Commanders who flanked them on either side.

From the reception before the banquet at the Union League, successfully engineered by Lieut. Henry L. Schimpf, Jr., to the final word of farewell spoken by the Toastmaster, Lieut. Commander Victor Lazo, the entire affair moved at a rapid pace that was not marred by a single mis-step.

Close to a thousand guests and members of the Reserve in the Fourth Naval District, who occupied every available seat in the Grand Ballroom, rose to their feet as Admiral Waesche and his party took their places at the speakers' table. From then until the banquet terminated, there were innumerable, spontaneous tributes to notables when everyone in the room came to Attention.

The music and entertainment provided by the Coast Guard Invaders Orchestra from the "Lucky Chase," supported

by Lieut. Wick's talented musicians from Pier 181, left nothing to be desired. Despite the long list of speakers, there was rapt attention on the part of the Auxiliarists throughout the entire program.

The speeches were fittingly begun by our own Director, Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown, who thanked us all for our support during the past year. Lieut. Brown was followed by Lieut. Comdr. Abbott, Commander Harold W. Scott, Captain Dorothy C. Stratton, Captain A. C. Marts, Lieut. Comdr. James H. Kimberly, Captain Chester A. Jones, Rear Admiral C. E. Rosendahl, Rear Admiral Robert Donohue, Rear Admiral Frank J. Gorman, and Rear Admiral Lloyd T. Chalker.

The concluding address by Rear Admiral M. F. Draemel and Vice Admiral Russell R. Waesche are reproduced in full elsewhere in this issue.

No report of the banquet would be

complete without a word of tribute to the leadership of our Vice-Commodore and our Executive Officer, who gave unstintingly of their time and talent, and to the committee in charge, comprising Stokes Carrigan, Travis Coxe, W. R. Peterson, "Dick" Nelms and Earl Huston, Chairman. The thousand-and-one details necessary to the handling of such an affair were attended to by the Committee without a single hitch. The many hours they devoted to this work were well spent and every Auxiliarist is already looking forward to next year's Banquet.

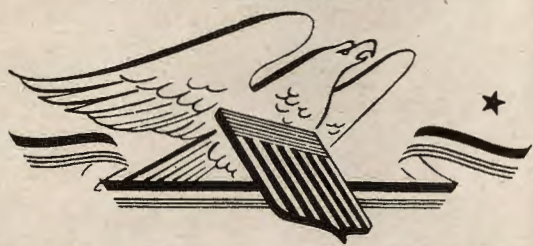


Left to right: Rear Admiral Donohue, Rear Admiral Chalker, Vice Admiral Waesche, Rear Admiral Draemel, Rear Admiral Gorman, Rear Admiral Rosendahl, Commodore Mills.

ADDRESS

by

VICE ADMIRAL RUSSELL R. WAESCHE, USCG Commandant



★ Once again I have the distinct honor and pleasure of addressing a large and representative group of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I appreciate the opportunity to come before you in a sort of annual stock-taking and to discuss with you what has taken place in the last year and what our hopes are for the next one.

Two years ago the United Nations were everywhere on a desperate defensive, short of war materials of all sorts, forced to make bricks without straw and to resort to whatever defense means could be improvised. One year ago we were beginning to take the offensive. We had a foothold in the Pacific and had established beachheads in North Africa. Today we are engaged in an all out offensive on all fronts and there is every indication that this offensive will get stronger and stronger as it progresses. With the war going away from the United States, it has been possible to relax many of the defense measures which we were forced to adopt in the early days of the war. Our coastal blackouts have been modified, our beach patrols have been reduced and our offshore patrols are being provided for by vessels especially designed for that work. What is the effect of this change in the situation upon the Coast Guard Auxiliary?

I think there is only one answer to that question. It means to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and to all of us that the day of final victory is approaching. The transition from the defensive to the offensive reduces the degree to which we need to call upon the Auxiliary for defensive work. Your organization has done an outstanding job at a time

when its services were sorely needed. I know you are proud of having taken part in this work. I cannot regret, and I am sure that you do not regret, that such desperate need for your services no longer exists. I imagine that those British yachtsmen who took part in the evacuation of Dunkirk were proud of their share in that miracle but I am equally sure that they were more than satisfied that the need for their services in a similar operation never again arose.

I cannot say, therefore, that I am sorry that the trend of the military situation has of necessity reduced the combatant activities of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. As a matter of fact, if you will all regard it as highly confidential, I will let you into a military secret. Our ranking strategists have decided that it would be a good idea to give Mr. Tojo's patrols a little work for a change.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary came into being too short a time before the outbreak of this war to permit complete realization of the purposes for which it was created. As you all know, the Coast Guard is the maritime law enforcement body of the United States, operating as a military service under the Treasury Department in time of peace and under the Navy in time of war. In addition to its broad law enforcement duties, it is specifically charged with responsibilities in respect to safety of navigation including the provision of adequate rescue facilities.

I do not need to emphasize to you the magnitude of our peace-time fleet of small yachts and motor boats on all the navigable waters of the United

States nor to point out the varying degree of risk that each one of these small craft may constitute either to itself or, by incompetent handling, to others. It is not necessary to point out to you that many of these small craft are in charge of persons whose qualifications may be extremely limited and who carry with them others, including women and children, whose lives may be positively jeopardized through the inefficiency of the person in charge. A very high percentage of the Coast Guard's rescue activities has been made necessary by this type of vessel.

The task of policing this enormous number of small boats scattered over all the navigable waters of the country would be a stupendous one. Frankly, it would be beyond the capacity of any conceivable Coast Guard organization. To meet this situation to some extent, Congress at my request authorized the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The purpose of this Auxiliary was two-fold. By bringing into being an organization which adopted safe standards for its own boats and for its personnel, it removed those boats from the category of potential risks. It also created an organization upon which the Coast Guard could devolve some of its preventative and rescue functions.

The purpose of the Auxiliary, as set forth in its regulations, covers (a) furthering interest in safety of life at sea and upon navigable waters, (b) promoting efficiency in the operation of motor boats and yachts, (c) fostering a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules and regulations governing the operation of motor boats and yachts and (d) facilitating operations of the Coast Guard. I might point out, in passing, that the word "auxiliary" comes from a Latin word meaning "help or aid," and the dictionary defines it as "conferring help or aid; assistant; supporting; serving to supplement or take the place of." We think very definitely in our planning that the Auxiliary will be a help or aid to the Coast Guard and in some degree will take the place of it.

We believe strongly that the best possible regulation is self-regulation. The Coast Guard has no desire to build up in itself a greatly expanded organization for the purpose of increasing its control of small craft.

Increased regulation will unduly restrict the capable and careful boat owner in order to correct the deficiencies of the inefficient. We should like to see improvement brought about within the fraternity of motor boatmen, rather than impose upon it from without.

To this end we are giving at this

time careful consideration of the organization and administration of the Auxiliary to see where it can be improved or made more helpful to itself and to the Coast Guard. As I have stated, it was in being such a comparatively short time before going on a war basis that we have not really had enough peacetime experience to develop its full possibilities. Now that its wartime duties have slackened off, we can turn our thoughts and efforts towards its primary purposes in time of peace.

The Coast Guard is unique in being a military service which performs civil functions and which is under a civil department except in war-time. This gives us a high degree of flexibility. In like fashion the Auxiliary, although it can be given military status and powers, through the Temporary Reserve, when desired, is constituted as a purely voluntary civilian organization. Its planning and development can largely be conducted on a civilian basis and by its own membership, with only such guidance and centralization by the Coast Guard as it may desire.

We earnestly hope that the Auxiliary, through such over-all Committee or panel as it may devise, shall undertake a study of its own organization, its workings and its purposes, with the view of recommending to the Commandant directions in which these may be improved. We by no means feel that our present procedures cannot be improved upon. We believe that the physical standards of safety of Auxiliary vessels can be clarified and made standard. We are ready to undertake the issuing of standard manuals by the Coast Guard Institute covering the professional qualifications for designation in specialties. We believe that the number and scope of present designations should be increased.

In two directions I am particularly anxious to have the benefit of your advice. The first is how can the Auxiliary extend to other small boat owners the desire to achieve the same standards of safety and boatmanship that are a pre-requisite for membership in the Auxiliary. Can this be done inside the industry with a minimum of additional Governmental regulations? Or to what extent, if any, is such additional regulation desirable?

The second point—and this may require changes in our present regulations—is, what can be done by the Auxiliary to indoctrinate in safety and boatmanship, as well as in lore of the sea generally, some of the younger generation who normally would not have a chance to get out on the water. I am thinking of high school chaps who

REAR ADMIRAL M. F. DRAEMEL, U.S.N. CONGRATULATES US ON JOB WELL DONE

★ It is a great pleasure to be here tonight and to participate in this tribute to Admiral Waesche and through him to our Coast Guard Auxiliary. I have a special admiration for this organization—for it seems to me to be an outstanding example of the real significance of a democracy. Not all of the measures necessary for the protection of a country as vast as ours can be undertaken by the regular armed forces. In a democracy, it is a privilege of those, who for many reasons cannot be in the armed forces to assume a part of the National Defense.

This basic conception of depending upon the people in general for measures involving their own security has been the foundation of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Giving freely of their own time, for the protection of our shoreline, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has not only performed a very valuable service, but has performed that service in a manner that merits universal commendation. These men have given ample evidence of real patriotism, they have given a real example of service to this country. I congratulate them, and through them I congratulate you, Admiral Waesche, on the splendid job that has been done.

We hear a great deal about cooperation between the different branches and corps of the service. In times of peace the training of the Navy and Coast Guard under their respective departmental heads runs along parallel lines.

This permits the ready coordination of their activities under one head, the Secretary of the Navy, in time of war. Neither is striving for personal credit or glory, or for credit or glory for their particular branch of the service. It is a great pleasure to state that the Navy and the Coast Guard use the same test, the same gauge on contemplated actions. This test or gauge is, "Is it for the good of country?" When contemplated actions pass this test there can be but one result; complete cooperation between the branches of the service with close harmonious relations. I am happy to say that these relations do exist here in the Fourth Naval District.

We have had many predictions as to when this war would end. From the character of the resistance in Italy, from the bitterness of the fighting in the Pacific, from the brutal treatment meted to prisoners of war, everyone must now realize that we have a real job ahead; we also know that this is no ordinary war—it is a war of self preservation. Faced with hostilities of that character, there can only be one time when the war can end, and that is when we have beaten and thoroughly beaten, the Germans and the Japanese.

By your vigilance, your cooperation, your splendid performance of duty, you stand as a superb example of the spirit that will speed the day of victory. May that day come soon! I congratulate you on a job "WELL DONE."

would undoubtedly be eager to learn from experienced Auxiliary members. The advantages that would accrue to the Auxiliary, the Coast Guard and the country itself through the creation of a large group of young men who were made sea-minded and safety-conscious and were qualified to become associate members when opportunity offered, would be tremendous. Should, God forbid, we have to engage in another war like this, such youngsters would form a natural reservoir for the regular Coast Guard and one whose members would not need the same amount of boot-camp that land lubbers would.

I entirely appreciate the restrictions imposed by the gasoline situation, the lack of boats and the war-time control of movements. Nevertheless these conditions give the opportunity for careful planning and laying the groundwork for the complete realization of the Aux-

iliary's peace-time operation. We believe that you gentlemen are better fitted to work these problems out than we are. We want to help you all we can and we have a Director of the Auxiliary at Headquarters in Washington for that purpose. He will give you any guidance you desire and his office can act as a clearing house to such extent as you may wish. By and large, however, I feel that the Coast Guard Auxiliary should be your organization, flexible and designed to meet local situations without undue centralization and with a minimum of Coast Guard control. I feel sure that you will recognize the ample opportunity that is offered and I am confident that you gentlemen, through your organization and with such help from the Coast Guard as may be desired, will perfect a procedure to accomplish the needed results. Thank you.

COAST GUARD "INVADERS" GIVE OUT WITH HOT LICKS AT SECOND ANNUAL ADMIRAL'S BANQUET



★ As a special gesture of appreciation on the part of Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D. C., the famous Coast Guard Invaders Orchestra was sent to Philadelphia to provide entertainment at the Admiral's Banquet.

The men in this orchestra were formerly aboard the Coast Guard manned Transport *Samuel Chase*. They have manned everything from invasion craft to anti-aircraft guns aboard and ashore during the three, Mediterranean invasions. Organized aboard the "Lucky Chase" over a year ago, the orchestra was a spare-time activity of the men to provide entertainment for their shipmates and the troops aboard, and for American and Allied troops overseas.

Between invasions, they played more than fifty shows in North Africa, flying to bivouac areas to entertain men directly behind the lines. Their music has been heard in American and British field hospitals, at Red Cross Clubs, and at WAC and nurse's dances. They played for the first WAC company sent to Africa.

Aboard ship, the Invaders played Sunday concerts and as many times during the week as their duties allowed. Often, they were interrupted by air raid alerts. On the way to the Salerno beach, during the invasion of Italy, when enemy planes came over, bringing the call to General Quarters, they played almost until the appointed H hour, in order to keep up the spirits of the men about to go ashore.

Before enlisting in the Coast Guard, these men played with such nationally-known orchestra leaders as B. A. Rolfe, Art Jarrett, Enric Madriguera, Vincent Lopez, Woody Herman, Paul Whiteman, and others.

Their commanding officer, Lieut. Comdr. James S. Hunt, was recently decorated with the Silver Star for his work during invasions, when he was in charge of landing craft operations.

Our applause at the Banquet was ample evidence of our appreciation to these men. Anything further we might say here would only be icing on the cake.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE ADMIRAL'S BANQUET

Admiral Waesche's remark that this was the first time he had ever sat at a table where Coast Guard Admirals outnumbered Navy Admirals. . . . Captain Stratton, Director of the Women's Reserve, topping the stories of the evening with her anecdote about the newly-inducted Spar who, wishing to pass an Admiral, came abreast of him, saluted, and instead of saying, "By your leave, sir," became flustered and said, "Leave me by, sir." . . . Lieut. (j.g.) Cook, of Public Relations, doing a professional job as MC for the Invaders.

. . . The envied privilege of rank displayed by one Admiral toward another when he referred to him as a "bald-headed sour-puss." . . . Silver-haired, mild-mannered Chief Remington, of Flotilla 18, trying his best to act tough in the role of one of Chief Heilman's unarmed guards. . . . The Spar who whispered, when Admiral Draemel rose to speak, "Oh, I'd love to pat his head. He's just like a great, big, friendly Newfoundland dog." . . . The ovation for Admiral Rosendahl. . . . The unquenchable spirit of the wounded Army sergeant, Ed Flynn, touring with the Invaders. . . . The Invaders themselves, as individuals as well as an orchestra. . . . Their cornetist's rendition of "Taps". . . . The tears in the eyes of a few strong men in the audience as the last note died away. . . . The passion for anonymity displayed by our Executive Officer, Lieut. Schimpf. . . . The befitting brevity of the remarks of the toastmaster, Commodore Lazo. . . . The magnificent stage setting behind the Invaders. . . . The beauty of the Spar guests. . . . The surprisingly good food. . . . The one flag that didn't wave during the closing song. . . . Admiral Waesche's introductory remarks out-sparkling his prepared address. . . . The log so cheerfully signed by all the brass hats at the request of Chief Derr. . . . The Director giving full credit to the men of the Auxiliary for the success of the past year's undertakings. . . . The fact that \$5 was all it cost to participate.

STUPORMAN on Patrol — By "Kordy"



"A-hoy Thar — Friend or Foe?"

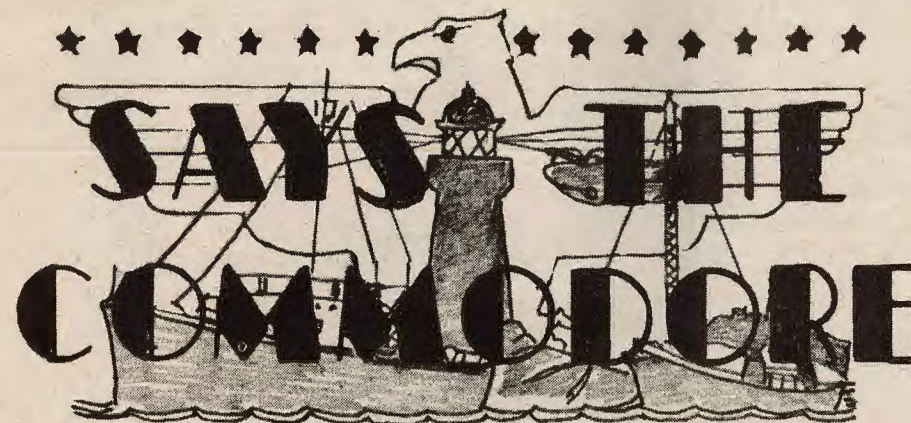
Such cash sales will ordinarily consist of articles that have been lost, destroyed, or worn out. The only exceptions to this at the present time are heavy underwear and flannel shirts which may be purchased, upon authorization, by those whose work calls for them.

Men already enrolled in the Class (T) Reserve for less than twelve hours duty per week may continue to purchase needed items of clothing, as heretofore; but no new men are to be enrolled in this status.

LATEST DOPE ON THE CLOTHING SITUATION

Each member of the Auxiliary who is enrolled in the Class (T) Reserve is required to sign the twelve hours' active duty (minimum) per week contract, and to accept a full issue of uniform clothing. But this issue will not be authorized until the Reservist has a definite duty assignment on a regular schedule.

Cash sales are permissible for any item on the prescribed list, but authorization for such sales must be obtained in advance from the District Office.



★ I am very much concerned over the men who have to travel some distance by automobile in winter to perform their duty. These men should not be exposed to unnecessary hazards of winter and made to travel on poor tires. They already are performing a duty of inestimable value to their Country and to increase the risks and dangers which they constantly face simply does not make sense. For this reason, I want to make sure that every man performing U. S. Coast Guard Reserve Duty knows that the regulations governing issuance of Tire Certificates have been carefully developed to protect HIM.

There seems to be a lack of understanding as to OPA regulations governing tire rationing both on the part of Auxiliarists and Rationing Boards. Naturally I refer to the regulations which apply to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

First of all, there are for our purposes, two classes within our organization who are entitled to purchase tires of Grade One quality. First there are the men whose business requires them to drive more than 600 miles monthly and who therefore have been issued gasoline under the "C" Supplemental Classification. It would obviously be stupid to require such an individual to use poorly recapped tires or tires which have a limited life.

Secondly, any man who is a member of a Volunteer Organization and uses his car "to facilitate the operations of

any of the armed forces of the United States of America" is likewise entitled to Grade One tires.

Just as we are not all individually aware of these regulations, so all members of Rationing Boards may not be individually aware of them. When you find a Rationing Board which is not sympathetic to your request for Grade One tires, do not become impatient but simply file an appeal which takes only a few moments and I feel sure you will have no further trouble.

From time to time, Auxiliarists may be issued Certificates for Grade One tires and find themselves unable to locate any. If you can not wait until they are available you need no longer be too much concerned. At the present time pleasure car tires are being recapped with the same material which is being used for recapping truck tires. I am given to understand that tires recapped with this better quality material will last twice as long, normally, as heretofore.

This information is given, not so that any one will abuse the privilege to which he is entitled, but rather in the interest of extending to every member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary enrolled in the Reserve (T) the fullest possible cooperation in guarding against unnecessary accidents.

LIEUT. COMDR. VICTOR LAZO,
Commodore, U.S.C.G.A.,
4th Navidist.

FLOTILLA 21 HAS OWN MAGAZINE

TOPSIDE has some real competition now from Flotilla 21, who have issued Vol. 1, No. 1 of their own publication, known as "21's Pelorus." It is a four-page, mimeographed bulletin with a pictorial cover. The object of the publication, as stated in the first issue is "to take a sort of monthly bearing on the course of Flotilla 21." No punches are pulled and no holds barred, judging by the first issue. Other Commanders who

may be interested in doing something similar in their own Flotillas might be able to beg, borrow, or steal a copy of the first issue from Commander Klock. It's well worth reading.

IDEAS WELCOME

Readers of TOPSIDE are urged to submit articles, pictures, cartoons, or suggestions for improvement direct to The Editor. Corrections in mail address or requests for extra copies should be sent to the District Office.

FROM THE BRIDGE

By LIEUT. (j.g.) JOHN W. BROWN
Director, CGA, Fourth Navidist

★ The Second Annual Admiral's Banquet was an unqualified success. While this affair is still fresh in our memories, I wish to extend my thanks to the Flotilla Commanders for their outstanding cooperation, without which the Banquet could never have measured up to the standards which it attained.

All the distinguished guests, from the Commandant down, expressed their pleasure in having had this opportunity to meet the active members of the Auxiliary. Many favorable comments were expressed upon the splendid arrangements and the program which the Committee and officers in charge were so successful in carrying through.

Particularly significant was the Reception at the Union League. The success of this part of the program was largely due to the ingenuity and hard work of Lieut. Henry L. Schimpf, Jr., USCGR (T).

Admiral Waesche and the other distinguished guests were more than pleased with the opportunity to meet so many officers of the Auxiliary and of the regular staff of the Fourth Navidist at the Reception. It was greatly regretted that Captain E. A. Coffin, USCGR, was unable to attend because of his severe illness. The Auxiliary is particularly appreciative of the efforts of Captain L. E. Wells, USCGR, acting DCGO, for so ably and graciously representing the Fourth Navidist.

The manner in which Commodore Victor Lazo handled the program at the Bellevue-Stratford, and made the introductions, received the finest comments from everyone present. The Auxiliary is indebted to Lieut. (j.g.) E. P. Cook, Jr., USCGR, for the fine entertainment provided by the "Coast Guard Invaders", and to Lieut. E. J. Wick, USCGR, for the musical background provided by the Port Richmond Orchestra.

To Lieut. (j.g.) Earl Huston and his committee, we wish to say "Well done—an outstanding job—and many thanks."

The inclusion in the program of the Commanding Officer of the Volunteer Port Security Force was particularly commented upon by Captain Jones and Captain Marts and was a gesture which was highly appreciated by both the Chief of the Auxiliary Division and the Chief of the Temporary Reserve Division.

To entertain one Admiral is an accomplishment; to entertain six Admirals is a feat of which we may well be proud.

THE LOG



Spring Association, near Reading.

The praise came from Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown and Lieut. E. J. Wick. Seventy-five members and guests gathered for the affair.

"When men like you", said Mr. Brown, "who are not forced to do it, give up pleasures at home to come down to the Delaware to patrol its shores and to protect its ships and war plants in all kinds of weather, then we have citizens who are helping to make America the safe and happy place it should be. You are preserving the things that our forefathers fought for."

That the Reserves are matching some of the sacrifices made by men in the armed forces, was the opinion expressed by Lieut. Wick. The Flotilla recently completed 5,000 man-hours of boat patrol on the river.

Other speakers at the banquet included Lieut. (j.g.) William E. Sturm, Lieut. (j.g.) Frank B. Heinline, Ensign J. M. Hays, and Chief Yeoman J. F. Dugan. Two new members were sworn in at the meeting. They are Paul A. Adams, in charge of the Naturalization Office at the Robeson Court House, and John M. Leiss, also of Robeson. Two former Flotilla members, now in the regular service, attended the banquet. Henrik Wentink, former Vice-Commander, is now a second officer with the ATC and Elmer M. Ninnie, is now stationed at Ellis Island.

—Matthew P. Romanski,
Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 35, CAPE MAY—Combining instruction of Temporary Reservists with an intensive membership drive, Flotilla 35 is planning a series of meetings at which official Coast Guard motion pictures, showing the work of the Temporary Reserve, will be used to instruct local Reservists as well as to spur interest among prospective members.

Plans are under way to obtain several of the educational films made available by the District Office. As soon as a definite schedule is formed, date of the special meeting will be announced, Ensign Donald W. Lear, Flotilla Commander, said. It is hoped that the plan will result in recruiting a number of new Auxiliary members in the Cape May area.

Baby of the Third Division, Flotilla 35 is making up in enthusiasm what it lacks in age. The new Flotilla, which was formally installed on 16 December, has 24 Temporary Reservists — of its membership of 30 — standing regular watches at the Cape May Point lifeboat station watch tower, and already a number in the group have as high as 96 hours of duty to their credit.

Besides standing watches, members of Flotilla 35 are receiving instruction in signalling, both blinker and semaphore, have received instruction in handling small arms, and have had one session of small arms practice using .38 calibre service revolvers.

High man in the small arms practice was Mulford Stevens, S1/c, a former Cape May County Sheriff, who had a score of 50 out of a possible 60 during his first day on the range.

With its first assignment being fulfilled, Flotilla 35 is preparing to launch an active drive for new members in order to have a trained reserve of men qualified to begin new duties which may be assigned.

A course of instruction in fundamentals of boat operation, seamanship, and other subjects will be given to new members of the Auxiliary to qualify them for assignments which may come from headquarters. Milton Pilot, S1/c, of Del Haven, is education officer of the Flotilla.

It is the Flotilla's plan to increase membership of the Auxiliary and to train as many men as possible so that when enlistments in the Temporary Reserve are re-opened and new duties assigned, the local unit will have a supply of men ready to begin immediately.

—F. Mervyn Kent, Publicity Officer.



meeting. The genial "Earl" gave the members an interesting word-picture of the goings on in the Third Division.

On 3 February, Lieut. (j.g.) Sturm of USCG gave 18's members a swell impromptu talk on Coast Guard history. He brought along one of the new Coast Guard films of patrol activities. Note to other Flotillas: Schedule Lieut. Sturm for one of your meetings—you'll never regret it.

The tower watch personnel of Flotilla 18 of Long Beach Island now comprises forty men, who are responsible for 24-hour duty in the Coast Guard towers at Bond's and Long Beach stations under the direction of Chief Operations Officer Sidney S. Blake and Assignment Officer Walter C. Cranmer. A survey of the size of the job done since last Fall in the two towers revealed that the forty auxiliaries have maintained a continuous watch at the Long Beach station since 20 September 1943, a total of 20 weeks, passing 3360 man-hours of vigilant watch. The record at Bond's Station is only slightly less, beginning 1 November 1943, now in its 14th week, 2352 man-hours of watch duty.

Thus, forty men of Flotilla 18 have served a total of 5712 hours of volunteer homefront service in tower watches. Weekly meetings at 18's headquarters at Beach Haven featured slides and demonstrations on ship-identification by Dr. Tilton Kirk of Flotilla 16, Toms River. A plane identification meeting was scheduled for 11 February at the local G.H.Q.

18 sponsored an unusual "Wanted—25 Men" ad in the "Beach Haven Times" last week, as donated by the Editor, George Willits Parker, Flotilla Procurement Officer for the Southern Ocean County mainland, requesting able-bodied men to volunteer for homefront wartime service in tower watches. Walter E. Cranmer of Beach Haven is the Island procurement official for the

FLOTILLA 18, LITTLE EGG HARBOR—Lieut. (j.g.) Earl Huston, the Third Division's Captain and Chairman of the Admiral's Banquet Committee, was guest of honor at a recent 18

six communities, Beach Haven to Barnegat Light.

QUICKIES—Due to 18's expanded activities, Jack Lamping of the Shore Crew and Secretary of Long Beach Island Board of Trade, has been appointed as Assistant Publicity man in charge of Shore news. More from Jack later. . . . Commander Morton Gibbons-Neff has appointed James D. Matthews as Secretary, the office recently held by Earl Eddy who continues with his patrol duties. "J. D.", during the day, ably holds down the deck of V. P. at Philadelphia National Bank. . . . Wayne Army has been placed in charge of the Meeting Programs. . . . Commander Neff, referred to by certain of those-in-the-know as the youngest-old Ensign in the service, shoves off again on his regular Friday Patrol with a crew of 18's "young 'uns" and a new anchor. . . . Roger.

—Russell K. Carter, Publicity Officer.



Commander Victor Lazo, Lieut. Frank Hinline.

All our visitors had messages of interest, and news of coming developments for the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary which left the men with a feeling of inspiration. Such evenings are good for the morale of the members. Let's have more of them.

There have been some changes in our ranking personnel. C.P.O. Doyle has been appointed to the office of Vice-Commander, and Cox'n. (now C.P.O.) Sawyer, is the new Junior Commander. Ensign Pearson is still Commander. It looks like a good combination, and the men are looking forward to vigorous administration of these offices.

Cox'n. Robinson and Cox'n. Filer are being congratulated all over the place for taking and passing the recent Navigator examination. Filer is now in charge of an advanced group in blinker. Robinson is teaching classes in piloting.

S1/c Clark completed the Coast Guard course in fire fighting at the Baltimore base. Cox'n. Tice has announced that Clark, who has also passed the C.M.M. examination, is going to



"Your ole man sure knows his Morse Code"

prepare a motor mechanic course for our Flotilla.

The latest addition to our training courses is a series of Coast Guard training films, which are shown at each meeting. All courses are progressing smoothly.

The Flotilla has taken on two new details. A guard detail and a very interesting special detail. The boys, for some inexplicable reason, seem to like the special detail. It is the manning of a Spar recruiting office in Salem. It's nice work if you can get recruits, and they did get a few names, ages, addresses and (ahem) phone numbers. We open up for business at 1815, but in case wives read this column, the closing time is a military secret.

—George Boehmer, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 21, QUAKER CITY—To Bob Graham, Flotilla 21 awards its own special "E" Pennant for bringing TOPSIDE into the stature of a monthly even though it gives us twice as many chances for being late and incurring the Graham Growl. However, this is a promise to reform. By way of demonstration . . . with a couple of days left to the deadline . . . there's this to say about Flotilla 21:

The membership drive, spark-plugged by Membership Officer George Jackel, at our January business meeting has borne fruit, and not a Monday night has passed without turning up a good-sized group of applicants. It has been par-

ticularly noteworthy that the recruiting has been carried on in a highly common-sense fashion. A very small percentage of the applicants have been ineligible because of their draft status, and particular emphasis has been given to turning up men who are free to serve during the days and hours most needed to round out the Flotilla's record of service. While our worthy Commander, J. E. Klöck, is one of these never-quite-satisfied Joes (or so he'd like to have us think), every month finds the Flotilla handling a few more jobs than the month before.

The recruiting drive has supplied Ray Bradshaw, boot-class instructor, with a full complement of students. And this is a good place to say that a visit to one of Ray's classes is a real treat. There's no mystery as to why his boots pass their examination for Seaman First with such good averages once you've made such a visit.

21's other instruction classes are going ahead with equal pace. Navigation under Ray Weldon, Signalling under Jerry Marcus and Bos'n. 2nd Classes under Chief Fuiman are well attended and every one shows evidence of making real progress.

On 31 January 1944, Flotilla 21 was honored by a visit from Lieut. Commander Lazo who spoke concerning the dinner in honor of Admiral Waesche. The men and officers were especially pleased to be complimented on the visible improvements noted by Mr. Lazo since his last visit to the Flotilla.

FLASH: Just learned that Jerry Marcus, Ben Morrissey, Herb Bleam and Ray Weldon have won their ratings as Chief Bos'n. Mate . . . Lew Cramer, Chief Motor Mac. Congratulations, all five.

—F. T. Kessler, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 15, POINT PLEASANT—It's all the fault of the Editor of TOPSIDE that Flotilla 15's news story in the January issue turned out to be such a farce. In order to meet the deadline, the story was written before it happened. We simply took a chance and lost, because nothing came off as scheduled. That should have taught us a lesson, but here we are doing the same thing again, for once again the deadline copy falls on the day before our meeting. However, here goes:

On 4 February, seventeen men of this Flotilla were sworn in by Lieut. Leonard. Lieut. (j.g.) W. W. Robinson then gave them an education lecture on the duties of a Tower Watch man.

We expect to go to Philadelphia on 11 February for uniforms and will start active duty on 14 February—giving us just time enough to get our clothing issue re-tailored to fit. Duty will start in cooperation with regular personnel at Bay Head Lookout Tower for one week. On 21 February we expect to take over the Tower ourselves. As soon as this work is under control, it is our plan to start another class of candidates who will take over the Tower at Mantoloking as soon as they have completed their course. Several candidates are already lined up for this second group which promises to be a darn good gang of men. The boys are getting TOPSIDE and enjoy reading it, but they sure gave a grand razzing for my news story last month. Let's hope we guessed correctly this time. —Elmer K. Errickson, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT — With tinges of spring now in the air, Commander Hadley announced that a boat would soon be ready to turn over to Flotilla 25 for patrol duty, and men previously on such duty would again be assigned.

Lieut. Commander Victor Lazo visited Naval Militia Headquarters of Farragut Flotilla 25 on the meeting night of 31 January, 1944, and was impressed by the number of men and the duties performed on the Gloucester patrol, which after all, builds up a more efficient organization. Ensign Petrie also was a speaker of the evening.

Ralph Oldfield, B.M. 2/c, one of Farragut's "early birds", paid us another visit. Ralph's doing fine. That boy really has fighting blood in his veins!

Vice-Commander Frank C. Ervin put the boys on the carpet the other evening. "Take it easy, Chief; that's not like you!" But Frank's a great boy and knows his stuff and he'll back you up if you're right. He knows that by keeping alert and on the job, we can and will help retard and finally stop the Nazi vandals from looting and destroying everything that man has accomplished.

ATTENTION, JAP RATS! Flotilla 25 is now taking up jiu jitsu, learning to tear apart the Japs, or as far as that goes, any saboteurs asking for such treatment.

Your Gunnery Officer reports excellent progress, with the Flotilla in general, asking for more opportunities to learn Gunnery in all its phases.

Here's a suggestion: All Flotilla men

having any worth-while news for publication, kindly write it up and forward it to your Publicity Officer. Thank you.

—John A. Bauer, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 26, TRENTON — Interest continues keen in all activities of Flotilla 26, with its men now being sent to Gloucester as well as Pier 181, Philadelphia, for duty. Military drill and instruction in semaphore, blinker, and gunnery add to the interest of the men each drill night. Chief Petty Officer Halbert H. Phillips keeps the men stepping in military drill and in the use of the semaphore and the blinker, while Thomas Long is gunnery instructor.

A special gunnery course has been started for advanced instruction and Jack Malkin, chief instructor in gunnery at the New Jersey State Prison, Trenton, has gladly accepted a request of the Flotilla officers to take over the new class.

Every good organization sees that its members have entertainment as well as hard work and Flotilla 26 is no exception. Its officers, impressed by the success of a social get-together held late last year, have arranged for a party to be held at Flotilla headquarters in the Trenton Yacht Club on Saturday evening, 19 February. All members and their friends are invited to be present.

—Aaron Himmelstein, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 31, OCEAN CITY — Congratulations to Editor Bob Graham and the members of his staff for the ambitious program undertaken to put TOPSIDE on a monthly basis. At the risk of being accused of doing a little editorializing ourselves, we are constrained to comment on the significance of this revised publication policy: The over-all effort of the United States itself has been thrown into high gear insofar as prosecution of the war and civilian welfare are concerned. We are currently engaged in a Fourth War Bond drive and are determined to double our efforts in purchases. Aggressive campaigns on the fighting fronts in every theatre indicate that the military branches are at least doubling their activities. Reports from various Flotillas in the Fourth Naval District on increase in Auxiliary personnel, as noted in TOPSIDE, illustrate clearly that there has been a vast increase in the amount of work done by Auxiliaries and that enrollments are doubling and re-doubling. So, extending TOPSIDE to a monthly publication

doubles, or more than doubles, the work of the Editorial Staff and every contributor, but it shows a healthy trend—a speed-up, if you please—of increased interest, increased effectiveness, increased energy and determination to do this particular job "on the double." And with the type of leadership existing in this District, the program will succeed and gather momentum in its success.

Flotilla 31, Ocean City, has been far from remiss in adding to its personnel since Tower Watch was instituted. Within the past few months some thirty-three men have been added to the Flotilla roster, uniformed and assigned to the two towers in the Ocean City area.

Whereas this Flotilla was originally composed largely of residents of the Philadelphia vicinity, the men noted above have all been recruited from Ocean City and adjacent territory. An additional ten men are awaiting assignment and uniforms so that the South Jersey section of Flotilla 31 will exceed forty in number in the near future. Thus it might be said that the Ocean City Flotilla, as originally constituted, now has an Ocean City Branch. Weekly meetings are held both in Philadelphia and in Ocean City.

Lieut. Henry L. Schimpf, Jr., gave an inspirational talk to members of this Flotilla in December. It is always stimulating to have District officers appear at regular meetings and, should any such scan these lines, it is hoped that they will serve to encourage them to be present at more of the weekly sessions.

—E. L. Johnstone, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 13, SEASIDE PARK — These are busy days at Flotilla 13 with the regular meetings becoming more interesting as the various activities expand. The lectures on "plane-spotting" have particular interest to the tower men and we appreciate the time that Charles Keifer and Joseph Finley from Flotilla 16, Toms River, are giving to this important work.

The Coxswain course is well on its way to the final examinations with a large class enrolled. Dr. Richter has conducted the lectures in a helpful, interesting manner. Those attending the course have the feeling that Dr. Richter is putting a lot of experienced seamanship into the work, and everyone will surely be benefited whether or not he passes the final test. The course has proved very interesting and is a credit to the educational director. We are happy

to congratulate Dr. Richter on his advancement to Chief Boatswain's Mate of Flotilla 13. We all like "Doc" and take personal pride in his well-earned promotion.

By the time the next issue of TOPSIDE is ready for press we will have a report on the "Motor Mac" course which is moving right along.

New members are continually being taken in and plans are in the making to take over a third tower.

Both Commander Burdge and Lieut. Earle R. Leonard keep us on our toes, never letting us forget for a minute the importance of the work we are doing, and needling us to greater effort for the good of the service and our own satisfaction.

—Leslie Broomfield, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 24, DELAWARE RIVER — On 4 March, Flotilla 24 will celebrate its First Anniversary. Our Chairman, Bland Kilpatrick, and his committee are arranging a banquet to be held at the Sylvania Hotel, with dancing, entertainment, and all the fixings that go with a good time. Our evening of frolic begins at 1830. Dress for the evening is Shore Establishment Blues—and our ladies are invited, to make the evening more resplendent.

The Flotilla now has a total membership of ninety, of which eighty-five are Temporary Reservists. Congratulations are in order for Larkin and Kerr, who have just been made Coxswains.

On 24 January, our Flotilla was honored by the presence of Lieut. Commander Victor Lazo, Commodore of the Auxiliary in the 4th Naval District, who by the way, is a member of Flotilla 24.

A word of appreciation is in order to our Commander for his splendid work and tireless efforts, both in the affairs of our Flotilla and the educational program at the Benjamin Franklin School, where prospective members are trained for entrance into the Auxiliary. After each of our meetings our members have been receiving instructions in marlin-spike seamanship, navigation, boat handling, and radio. In addition to this, we have been attending the gunnery instruction at the Customs House. I am told our members are crack shots.

So, with the year 1943 squared away and the year 1944 ahead, Flotilla 24 is looking forward to many and more interesting duties afloat.

—W. R. Peterson, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 22, ESSINGTON — This Flotilla moved to new and more spacious meeting and advanced instructions quarters on Monday, 31 January, and in the future these activities will be held at the Fleisher Vocational School, 13th and Green Streets, Philadelphia.

Through the generosity of the Philadelphia Board of Education, Flotilla 22 now has a large auditorium for assembly and meeting purposes and a number of class rooms for instruction work.

The rapid expansion of the Flotilla membership and its activities necessitated the moving from Warbler's at Essington to the new headquarters.

Flotilla 22's operational base will, however, remain at Essington as will the instruction classes for those preparing for entrance examinations.

Forty-four new members were admitted during the month of January.

Congratulations to the ten members of Flotilla 22 who successfully passed the recent Navigator examination. Three of them finished one, two, three, being led by Henry C. Bertram who topped the averages of the 30 men from the Fourth Naval District who passed the tests.

New instruction classes already have begun as the expansion program of Ensign William Griscom, Jr., Commander of Flotilla 22, starts to take shape. The new classes include advanced navigation, which also will take in celestial navigation; practical motor mechanic work under the supervision of Richard Russell, C.MoM, at the Essington base, and blinker signalling through the courtesy of Station WFIL.

Members of this Flotilla, under the command of Lieut. F. Travis Cox, were assigned to the door detail at the Admiral's banquet.

The Monday night and Tuesday crews had an excellent opportunity to study the contours of the river bottom adjoining the base at Essington when recent gale winds from the northwest resulted in the meanest low tide that has been experienced in several years.

—Michael A. Devitt, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 52, LANCASTER — January brought with it a new phase in the work of this Flotilla. A two-fold instruction program is now being carried out, at the regular Monday evening meetings for members and on Wednesdays for the embryo jack-tars, for whom an entrance examination will be given late next month. Vice-Commander Gar-

diner C. Wilson and Junior Commander William Kinn have been doing a great job in training the men in the many duties expected of them.

Gunnery practice was started early in December with the use of the service pistol. The second chapter in January gave the men an opportunity to try the Reising Submachine Gun, learning to assemble and disassemble it as well as to fire it on the outdoor range of Camp Appel, near Lancaster. Gunnery Officers J. Arthur Norris and Marlin Bauman are in charge of this course and have had the able and welcome assistance of Sgt. Walter Dill of the Penna. State Guard.

Another course now being attended with great interest by many members is MMM 2/c Dan Flory's course of instruction on motors and their operation.

Active duty is being carried out by the qualified men of the Flotilla, at Port Richmond Base. Operations Officer Jack Schleenbaker having established a very practical and business-like system of rotation duty for each man.

And still they come! Spars Ethel Stevens and Alice Slater, the seventeenth and eighteenth recruits enlisted through the Flotilla left for boot camp at Palm Beach about 4 February.

—John P. Samuels, Publicity Officer.

CHAMP BOND SELLER

The Fourth Naval District is proud to have in its membership the man who sold more Pearl Harbor War Bonds than any other man in any Flotilla in the entire United States. He is Frank Kessler, of Flotilla 21, with a record of \$59,271. Our hats are off to Mr. Kessler for his energetic and resultful work.



FLOTILLA 51 GUNNERY CLASS

Left to right: J. Norman Klein, Vice Commander; George L. Kreider, Junior Vice-Commander; Philip Ziegler, Operations Officer; Theodore Cuyler, 3rd, Classroom Instructor; Frank Satterthwaite, Gunnery Officer; Theodore C. Auman, Jr., Commander.

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