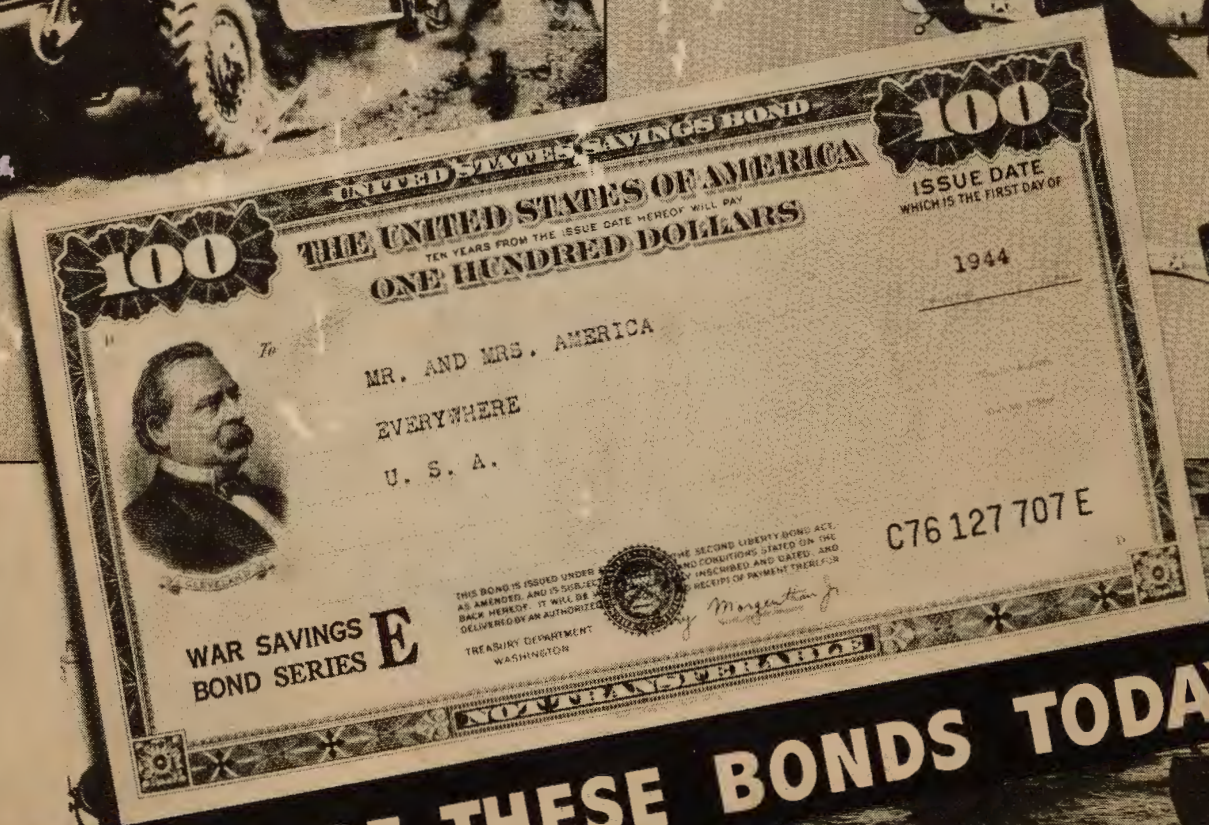


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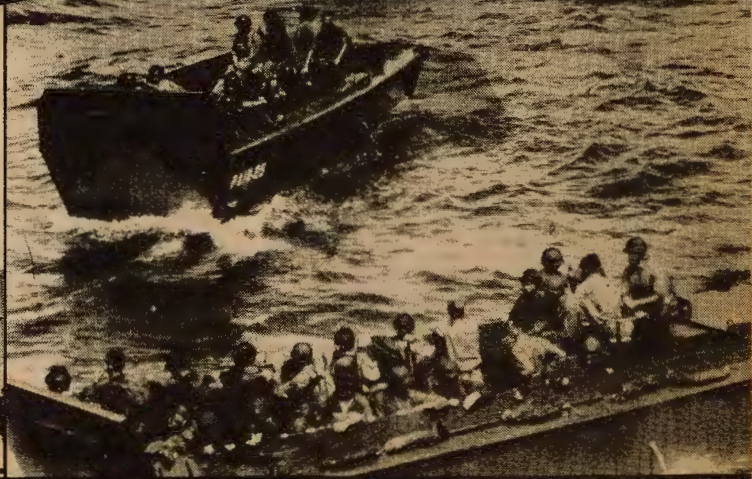
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LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES

★ You and I signed up with the Coast Guard because we wanted to help get this war over. Some of us served in the last war and we are too old for active fighting this time. Some of us are the 4-F's that Uncle Sam couldn't use. Others are forced to stay here because they're in essential industry. We are all left at home during the greatest struggle in the history of the world.

Those 11,000,000 men who have gone to fight the battle for us have a good right to expect us to carry on here at home. They have left their country in our hands. Our twelve hours and more of duty help . . . but not enough—not when they are sweating it out in blood in the South Pacific, in China and Burma, in Italy, and now on the soil of France.

The Fifth War Loan began on 12 June. Our country asked us to subscribe to a new bond issue. Of course we have already bought a lot of bonds. With taxes, charities, living costs, and a lot of other things, there is very little loose money rattling around in our money belts. But remember this: Fifty dollars a month isn't much either, and a lot of those boys are buying bonds, too.

When you were accepted in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, you were accepted because you were an outstanding citizen. You were conscious of your obligation to your country and to those men who are fighting it out, over there. Just as it is your

duty to serve each week, it is also your duty to back the Government on this 5th War Loan. Let's get behind it with the same enthusiasm with which we back up the Coast Guard regulars.

Let's not kid ourselves about buying our share of these bonds. Our share means more than those few dollars we have tucked away in a sock somewhere. It means digging even deeper and making a real sacrifice to get the money together.

Fellow members of the Auxiliary, this is a great country. Probably the greatest in the world, and we made it this way. It is what you and I, and the thousands like us, do that counts. We are called upon to set the pace for those others. Let's do a good job of it, just as we do of anything else we tackle. **BUY BIG BONDS!**—
ATHERTON SEELEY, S 1/c.

FLASH! FLASH!

During the week of 1 July to 8 July, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will join with the Navy in a special War Bond drive as part of the Fifth War Loan campaign. No sales quotas have been set for Flotillas but it is recommended that our goal be the purchase of a \$100 bond by every member of the Auxiliary. These purchases should be made by our own personnel or by firms with which we are directly connected. We made a grand showing in the Pearl Harbor Day Drive. Let's beat that record all hollow in this drive! Buy all the bonds you can . . . but buy at least one \$100 bond during the week of 1 to 8 July and buy it through the Coast Guard.

CARTOONIST WANTED

Those of you who have enjoyed the series of "Stuporman" cartoons in TOPSIDE will be disappointed to learn that their creator has been shipped to Curtis Bay to learn gunnery. "Kordy" Kordowitz, who thought up the ideas and did the pen and ink work for Stuporman is no longer available to us. Is there a cartoonist in the audience who will volunteer to carry on the Stuporman series? Write to the Editor today.

IN AGAIN, OUT AGAIN, HARRISON

Hardly was the ink dry on the issue of TOPSIDE in which we introduced to you Ensign Lela M. Harrison, the charming and competent Spar who had been appointed assistant to the Director, than her abilities were recognized by Captain Coffin. It is with regret at losing her, but with delight in her progress that we now announce that Ensign Harrison has been transferred from the Auxiliary Office and designated by the DCGO as Spar Personnel Officer. Our only consolation is that she is still stationed in the Fourth Naval District.

At a luncheon in her honor, Director Brown eloquently expressed the regret we all feel in losing her services, and, on behalf of the Staff Officers, presented her with a gold identification bracelet, suitably inscribed with the sentiments of her fellow-workers.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD Washington

27 May, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTORS, C.G. AUXILIARY, ALL DISTRICTS

Subj.: Auxiliary assistance stories; "The DCGO . . . Commends" and "Yes, Frances, there is a Coast Guard Auxiliary."

- On 19 May, 1944, the Director of the Auxiliary in the 4th ND submitted to HQ two short stories based on assistance rendered by the Auxiliary in this district. The author of these stories is Mr. E. L. Johnstone, a member of Flotilla 31, who is enrolled as a Coxswain in the Class T Reserve.
- Inasmuch as these stories may be of interest to some districts in making up their monthly magazines, copies are enclosed for your information.
- Subject stories have both been approved for publication by the Public Relations Division.

James H. Kimberly

JAMES H. KIMBERLY,
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR,
Acting Chief, Auxiliary Division.

Editor's Note: Once again, the 4th has gained national recognition because of its initiative and leadership. "Yes, Frances" is published in this issue. "The DCGO . . . Commends" is scheduled for July.

FROM the BRIDGE



WAR DIARY

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT

FOR PERIOD 16 TO 31 MAY, 1944, INCLUSIVE

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

★ Tuesday, 16 May—Commander A. E. Shubert, USNR, Officer-in-Charge, B-8 Section, Naval Intelligence, Cape May, N. J., met with the members of Flotilla Nos. 13, 15, and 16, at the Toms River Yacht Club. At this time Commander Shubert spoke to some 250 Class (T) Reservists and impressed upon them the importance of reports from the Lookout Tower Watches and the Commercial Fishing Docks, in connection with coastal information. At this time, Lieutenant A. K. Brouwer, USCGR (T), Commander, CG Auxiliary, Flotilla 16, tendered his resignation.

Wednesday, 17 May—A Personnel Board was held, at which time the following men were interviewed in connection with their selection as Auxiliary officers:

Donald Applegate, Marvin Campbell, and William A. Barkalow, for Commander, Vice Commander, and Junior Commander, respectively, of Flotilla 16. J. Kirby Tompkins for Commander of Flotilla 24, pending the resignation of Ensign W. Lyle Holmes, Jr., USCGR (T) as Commander of Flotilla 24. Philip Zeigler, Theodore Cuyler, and David Hill, for Commander, Vice Commander, and Junior Commander, respectively, of Flotilla 51 to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of T. C. Auman, Jr., Norman Kline, and G. L. Kreider.

A Division Captain's meeting was held under the leadership of Lieutenant (j.g.) F. B. Hine, USCGR (T), Captain, Delaware River, Delaware, and Eastern Pennsylvania Divisions. This meeting was held at the Hotel Barclay, and reports were received from all Flotilla Commanders of the several Divisions. A discussion led by the Director was conducted for the purpose of clearing up minor problems, and making plans for the future development and participation of the Flotillas in these Divisions. The general atmosphere of the meeting was one of high morale and close cooperation between the Flotillas and the Auxiliary office.

Thursday, 18 May—A report was received from the SPAR Recruiting Officer, indicating that 358 young women were referred to the SPAR Recruiting Division by the several

Flotillas in the CG Auxiliary, 4th Naval District. Of this number, 47 young women were enlisted in the SPARS. The Flotillas doing outstanding work in SPAR Recruiting are Flotilla 52 with 24 enlistments and Flotilla 18 with 11 enlistments. The Lancaster-Harrisburg Group (Flotilla 52) referred 197 women to the SPAR Recruiting Officer. A number of these references are still in the process of being contacted by the SPAR Recruiting Division.

Friday, 19 May—The Director attended a meeting of the Reading Flotilla 51, and inducted into office the new Commander, Vice Commander, and Junior Commander.

The Captain of the Eastern Pennsylvania Division was present and assisted in the installation of the new officers.

Saturday, 20 May—Farragut Flotilla 25, Camden, N. J., held a buffet supper and dance at the Walt Whitman Hotel, at which time the complete membership of the Flotilla, of 135 men, were present, together with staff officers and officers of the Volunteer Port Security Force as guests. Commander C. Frazer Hadley, Jr., was sworn in as Lieutenant (j.g.), USCGR (T).

Sunday, 21 May—A Navigator's Examination was held at the Penn Athletic Club, starting at 1000, at which time, 67 men were examined for the Navigator's designation. The examination was conducted by the Staff Training Committee, and was outstanding in the general atmosphere and seriousness of workmanship which prevailed throughout the five hour examination.

Seventy-three men assumed duty aboard the Wilson Line river boats, running from Philadelphia, Pa., to Wilmington, Del. This duty includes the prevention of any passengers from using cameras, or binoculars, and also includes the prevention of any note-taking, sketching, or letter writing while proceeding past the war plants and shipyards along the Delaware River.

Monday, 22 May—Eight members of the Atlantic City Flotilla 11 reported for duty at the CG RADIO SCHOOL, Atlantic City, N. J., for inside Guard Duty, replacing two regular and Reserve personnel for duty outside the District.

The Director met with the Asst. COTP (Philadelphia) and the officers of Essington Flotilla 22 in conference at the Springfield High School, relative to COTP duties to be assigned to Class (T) Reservists.

Tuesday, 23 May—The Director represented the Assistant DCGO at a meeting of the Atlantic City Tuna Club, Atlantic City, N. J., at which time a discussion was held on the new regulations pertaining to pleasure motor boats and party fishing boats.

Wednesday, 24 May—A Staff Committee Chairman's Meeting was held at the Union League Club of Philadelphia, at which time complete reports were received from all staff officers.

Friday, 26 May—One hundred Class (T) Reservists participated in a public parade commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the city of Camden, New Jersey. These men were from Dredge Harbor Flotilla 23 and Farragut Flotilla 25.

A conference was held at Wildwood, N. J., comprising the members of Wildwood Flotilla 33, Cape May Flotilla 35, and Stone Harbor Flotilla 32, at which time Commander Allan E. Shubert, USNR, addressed the group on the importance of the reports received from the Tower Watch Details and the Commercial Fishing Dock Patrols.

Monday, 29 May—Eight members of the Atlantic City Flotilla 11 reported for duty at the CG RADIO SCHOOL, Atlantic City, N. J., for inside Guard Duty, replacing two regular and Reserve personnel for duty outside the District.

The Sponsoring Committee of the proposed CG Auxiliary Training Base to be built at Kaighn's Point, N. J., has turned over to the CG Auxiliary Foundation, 4th Naval District, the sum of \$17,734.00, which was deposited in the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company, Broad and Sansom Streets, Philadelphia, to the credit of the Foundation. The Committee has retained \$11,311.00, to be turned over to the Foundation in equal amounts on the first day of June, 1945, 1946, and 1947, or immediately on the termination of the war. This fund is to be used in a training program for the CG Auxiliary, 4th Naval District.

BOX SCORE

16 TO 31 MAY, 1944, INCLUSIVE

| | No. Personnel | No. Hours |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Total Afloat | 741 | 19699 |
| Total Ashore | 1142 | 30888 |
| Total | 1883 | 50587 |
| Flotilla Administration . . | 154 | 4224 |
| Staff Administration . . . | 25 | 686 |
| Total Men on Active Duty | 2062 | 55497 |
| Total Men Replaced | 354 | |
| Average Replacement Ratio . . | 5.9 to 1 | |

CUMULATIVE TOTALS AS OF 31 MAY, 1944

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| Number of Men Enrolled in the CG Auxiliary | 3109 |
| Number of Men Sworn in Class (T) Reserve | 2165 |
| Number of Class (T) Reservists Uniformed and Available for Duty | 2070 |
| Number of Men on Active Duty . . | 2062 |

The LOG of AUXILIARY FLOTILLA ACTIVITIES

FLOTILLA 21, QUAKER CITY—Somewhere along the line, last month's release on Flotilla 21 "showed up missing", as one of our erstwhile Flotilla members would say. And since everybody stoutly denies the responsibility, it looks as if "21's" publicity officer is going to be blamed for it anyhow. In any case, this seems like a good time to reassure all avid readers of TOPSIDE that Flotilla 21 has been anything but inactive during this period.

According to the latest figures, it seems that Flotilla 21 has the highest percentage of members in active service of any Flotilla in the District. Yet in spite of a very heavy drain on this, the cream of our man-power, George Jackel, our membership chairman, has been turning in a terrific job and has more than offset our service losses with new replacements.

Special commendation is due Ray Bradshaw, who heads up the instruction of new applicants. In spite of the fact that he has been handling unusually large classes, a number of the men have turned in some of the highest passing grades so far recorded in the examination for rating as Seaman 1/c.

We are also proud to report that a commission has been confirmed for John Bielman, our Vice-commander, who becomes Ensign, and also an appointment for Dave Fuiman, our Junior Commander, as Bos'n.

Of course, the really big thrill of the month was the fact that Flotilla 21 went back in the water again. It has every member right up on his toes, for "21" is determined that the District Office will be shown that the Flotilla merits its assignment to such a fine craft.—F. T. Kessler, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 35, CAPE MAY—Figuratively thumbing its nose at the time-honored maxim that children should be seen and not heard, Flotilla 35, baby of the Fourth Naval District's Coast Guard Auxiliary, is whooping it up in the Cape May area in an effort to increase its personnel.

With the arrival of the summer vacation season and with most men in

this locality faced with their own knot-ty manpower problems, recruiting of new Temporary Reservists has hit a number of snags in recent weeks.

However, a few members are being added to the Flotilla's muster roll, and Ensign Don Lear, Skipper of 35, and his membership committee are confident that a sizable number of recruits will be found among Cape May's summer population.

Members of the Flotilla recently had an interesting experience in the form of anti-aircraft practice at the Cape May Naval Base. Using a new three-dimensional motion picture device, the Reservists got the feel of anti-aircraft firing so realistically that many of them felt they had been through the real thing.

The Flotilla's class of teen-age boys who have been receiving weekly instruction in fundamentals of seamanship, navigation, signalling, and knot-tying hung up an impressive record recently when they passed with flying colors an examination on the work they had covered.

Ensign Lear reported that the youngsters had exceeded even the most optimistic expectations and had not only learned the lessons prepared for them, but had asked for more, howling to the high heavens when it was suggested that the classes be discontinued during the summer because of the press of seasonal activities. Formation of the instruction classes for teen-agers was accomplished by Flotilla 35 shortly after Vice Admiral Waesche had stressed the importance of training young boys for future responsibilities in his address at the second annual Admiral's banquet in Philadelphia.

—F. Mervyn Kent, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 51, READING

—The destinies of the Flotilla at Reading were placed in new hands recently when Philip W. Ziegler, local dairy operator, who has

been serving as patrol officer, was installed as Commander to succeed

Theodore Auman, Jr., under whose direction the unit made big strides in membership. Installed as Vice Commander was Theodore J. Cuyler, 3d, and as Junior Commander, David H. Hill. They supplant J. Norman Klein and George Kreider, respectively. The installing officers were Director John W. Brown, and Lieut. (j.g.) Frank B. Hine, Captain of the Delaware River Division. The staff from the District Office also swore in the following new Flotilla members: Ira L. Custman, Charles S. Early, William L. Hughes, George A. Sands, Charles R. Sheidy, Jr., Bernard T. Shuman, Earl Walker, Lamar W. Wetzel, and Thomas B. Yahner. Recently, two members of the Flotilla started new duty on the Delaware River. They were placed on Wilson Line steamers plying between Philadelphia and Wilmington. Five other men put in 24 hours a week on the 79-foot patrol boat. The Flotilla paid tribute to retiring Commander Auman for his untiring efforts in building the group to its present strength of almost 100 members.

—Matthew P. Romanski, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 26, TRENTON

—Flotilla activities are going strong. A campaign to recruit new men is under way and we hope in the near future to have over a hundred active members uniformed for duty.



A very interesting and instructive talk on radio telephone was delivered by Chief C. W. Faber on 4 May and we learned more in the one session than could be learned by a month of Thursdays from the "Bluejacket". We hope to get the Chief back soon for another session and we will all be finished Radiomen.

Our instruction classes are getting along nicely under Chief Hal Phillips. Higher education is now the vogue and soon every Seaman First Class will be a Navigator, (WE HOPE).

Hurrah!!! Flotilla 26 is now only

partly landbound. Saturdays and Sundays the sailors sail forth, sans sails, yelling "jibe the mainsail". The up-river patrol is ours. We seek the helpless maiden floundering in the briny deep. (So far not a blonde rescued!!)

Military drill under Tom Long is now progressing in the open and soon the "West Pointers" will be primed for their march across the Delaware. They are getting snappy.

Still looking for the "gold-braided" visitors.

—Barnett R. Rochestie, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 33, WILDWOOD

The scene at Wildwood has changed with the passing of winter and the island is seething with activity. Many of the Flotilla members are getting their boats ready for the summer and at the same time are wondering how they are ever going to get time to use them. There is talk of many new duties being assigned the Flotilla as the membership expands. James A. Harris, C.B.M., is polishing his fishing rod and hoping that we soon get Picket Boat duty.

The skipper of this Flotilla was Ensign John J. Kay until he was replaced by Lieut. (j.g.) John J. Kay, and an advancement from C.B.M. to Boatswain has also been approved for our Vice Commander Russell Higgins. Joseph Dunlap has been appointed the officer in charge of fingerprinting for the Flotilla.

On Friday, 19 May, the regular weekly meeting was held around a dinner table which is the way the meetings should always be conducted. Since that meeting the boys all agree that Ed. Countiss makes the best spaghetti there is, and the rest of the meal that he prepared was just as good. He was supported by the efforts of Phil. Decatur and Ed. McAleer. Our guest, Lieut. (j.g.) William E. Sturm gave an interesting talk. Navy training films were procured by our Junior Commander, W. C. Koenke, who has been obtaining them often now.

On Friday, 26 May, Flotilla 33 along with members of Flotillas 35 and 32 had the honor of being addressed by Commander Schubert of the U. S. Navy. He gave an interesting talk on operations and the part that Temporary Reservists are taking. Other notables at the meeting were Lieut. Bertram Wolf, Lieut. Reed, Lieut. Earl

Huston and Lieut. Harry Attmore. Ensign Eric Strandberg of Flotilla 32 and Ensign Donald W. Lear of Flotilla 35 were also present. Lieut. John W. Brown, Director of the Auxiliary, gave a talk that made some of the younger members of Flotilla 33 feel as though they were once more in one of his high school English classes.

"Hold your hats boys." Cox'n Raymond Gibbs was issued a hat many months ago that looks well on him except that his ears don't show. He is trying to trade with anyone who has a smaller one. Joe Heitzman left a meeting late a few weeks ago and the only hat left was one that was too small for him. He and Ray tried getting together but, although two heads are better than one, it did not solve their problem, for neither hat fits.

—Ed Nesbitt, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT

—What makes a United States Coast Guardsman? Is it personality? Experience? Background? Well, they all help, but first, last, and always, it's the WILL to be one. And we might add right here that it's also a privilege to be one. Why not talk it up among your friends? As an inducement (although we are of the opinion that inducements shouldn't be necessary), you might mention that there are free educational courses in Navigation, Gunnery, Motor Mechanics, etc.

And now for the social activities: The Farragut Dance, held at the Walt Whitman Hotel, was a huge success. A short Flotilla meeting was held before the Dance. It was at this meeting that Commander Hadley was informed that he had been raised to the rank of Lieut. (j.g.).

Number 25 was well represented at the City of Camden Parade and a group of our men were present in the Merchantville-Pennsauken Memorial Day Parade.

It was with real pleasure that we welcomed Lieut. Wick, Commander of the Port Richmond Base, when he visited us on 15 May, along with Lieut. Jack Hays, District Operations Officer, and Bos'n Fred Marquard.

Our new and ever-increasing duty areas now include the Wilson Line. John T. Dwyer is Duty Chief and as usual, he and the men are doing a good job.

The members of Flotilla 25 are very happy to extend our hand in welcome to the seventeen new members of our Flotilla who were sworn in at the Monday evening meeting.

We're glad to have you join us, boys, for we know we can count on all of you to help us maintain the record of which 25 is justly proud.

J. J. O'Brien, CPO, has been placed in charge of the Pulling Boat with other Petty Officers assisting him in instructing the men in the use and operation of this boat.

And last, but of course by no means least, Farragut Flotilla 25 takes this opportunity to congratulate the Y.M.C.A. on its 100th Anniversary. Good luck and best wishes for your continued success.—John A. Bauer, Publicity Officer

FLOTILLA 41, WILMINGTON

The toughest job we have had to date was the weeding out of the dead-heads. After due deliberation, our Skipper has asked for the disenrollment of five men. It was a tough job, but worth it.

To get all the bad news out of the way at once, we also report that our efficient and hard-working gunnery instructor, Bob Sellers, has taken a new job in Cleveland, Ohio, and will be away for several months. We know he did a good job for us and feel sure the other Flotillas he worked with will miss him, too.

And now for the more cheerful stuff. The party we had last month at Breck's Mill was a honey. Its purpose was to relieve the tension of a hard winter and it did, thanks to the efficiency of our entertainment committee, headed by Ben Jackson. If the attendance record is correct, all but 6 or 7 men were on hand. Due to a curious error, a whole quarter of beer was forgotten!

Our summer plans are beginning to work out nicely. Last Sunday, the 28th, we took those of our men who have had little or no experience on the water up to Essington for some practical work in boat handling and piloting. To ask a man to study a subject and then give him little or no chance to practice is not so good, and having no river patrol of our own, that was the fix we were in. All of us enjoyed the morning on the river and gained by the opportunity. Did I say all? Well, all but the two motor macs that had to give up church to take us out. By the way, what do the boys patrolling off Sun Ship do to keep cool? It struck us as being kind of hot out there.

George E. Lull is our new secretary now and you can reach him at 804

West Street, Wilmington, Del., when needed. Our former secretary has asked for disenrollment due to business. We were sorry to lose him but George was willing to take over and is doing a top-notch job.

NOTICE — Vice-Commander Bradford is about to become a father. Anybody want to buy a boat?

—William Sellers, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 11, ATLANTIC CITY

We were honored this past week by a visit from Commander Shubert who enthusiastically endorsed the work of our dock patrol and tower watches. The Commander, after a careful inspection of our dock patrol, outlined to the men just how their hourly reports tie in with the work of his office in Cape May. When he concluded his most interesting talk everyone had a much clearer understanding of his work and its importance in furthering of the war effort. Many of us never before realized the importance attached to our seemingly routine reports.

Another assignment of duty at the Radio Training School has been assumed by Flotilla 11 and new men are constantly being put to work replacing regular Coast Guardsmen.

However, all work and no play makes life uninteresting and plans are now on foot for our first annual cruise and outing to be held at a well-known spot on the Mullica River. At that time our first baseball team will probably see the light of day under the direction of that able tactician of the diamond, Coffee Mueller, who also is in charge of entertainment. It is possible that Ed Hogan may whip up a band for the occasion. At any rate, it will be gala day . . . if it doesn't rain!

Congratulations are likewise in order for those men who have successfully advanced their ratings. And to Commander Frank Eskuchen, who is now a Lieut. (j.g.), Vice-Commander Bill Errig, now an Ensign, and Junior Commander Ev Hooper on his advance to Bos'n.

—James Dooley, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 23, DREDGE HARBOR—Spring weather, with all its appeal to amateur yachtsmen, has struck this Flotilla heavily. Dredge Harbor is the scene of scrambled activity on the part of boat owners and ambitious helpers in an attempt to get overboard



"We'd better run. I think he has skates on under his bell-bottoms."

to that little man with the gruff voice, C.B.M. Luther and his able assistant, Tom Traynor, Cox.

—William B. Pyle, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 31, OCEAN CITY

That old, nostalgic bar-room ballad, "It's Always Fair Weather When Good Fellows Get Together", can, with some transposition, describe the

situation in which this Flotilla now finds itself. The cruel and bitter winds of winter have passed away. Spring has come tripping with light feet across South Jersey landscape, decking it with buds and flowers. The tortured retina of highways smile with gelatinous macadam and the synthetic wheels of the Auxiliarists roll merrily beachward. Weekly meetings have been abandoned in Philadelphia. A reunited Flotilla holds forth each Friday and each Sunday at Ocean City. Good fellows of the urban and suburban branches of No. 31 "Get Together on Account of It's Good Weather."

Commander Vandegrift has added a stripe so that he is now addressed as Lieutenant (j.g.) instead of Ensign by those who don't employ more familiar terms.

Herman Oldach has started a course in navigation for those optimists who look forward to offshore fishing. Ray Heron and Bill McCahan have worked out a schedule for gunnery instruction using the Longport police range. Doc Boland continues all out on signalling, and routine instruction of new candidates is the order of the day.

Speaking of enrollments, the muster roll continues to grow and with it the headaches of Dick Gifford and Ralph Clayton as they labor with the operations jig-saw puzzle. A publicity campaign, cordially received by the newspapers of Cape May County has added impetus to recruiting in this area although it still takes the personal touch to get the name on the assorted dotted lines.

A large assortment of mis-mated feet has been discovered in connection with close-order drill which is regularly conducted prior to weekly business meetings.

In line with the morale building program promulgated by officialdom, Flotilla 31 held a dinner meeting on 10 May followed by a social evening.

Marmora Barracks has been closed for the summer and boat-owning mem-

bers of the Flotilla may be found, heavily armed, guarding their gasoline at Holtz' Basin.

The Anchorage Patrol still attracts a number of men from No. 31. Ed Merritt runs the show and photos of this detail recently appeared in the "Philadelphia Record." The shot of Bob Morford is being used by harassed mothers to subdue recalcitrant children and frighten them into good behavior.

—E. L. Johnstone, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 22, ESSINGTON— It was a memorial Memorial Day for Boyd Torelli and Tom Sipple of this Flotilla when that pair of sea-going Auxiliarists decided to put out in Torelli's 28-footer for the first time this season.

Despite the expert knowledge of Torelli, MoMM 2/c, the engine conked out on them in mid-river and the pair drifted down with a strong tide headed into a heavy, holiday traffic.

Fortunately, Torelli and Sipple were in the area patrolled by members of their home base and they were rescued by Curt Bevan and his crew aboard the C.G. 44018.

Once again, this Flotilla is firmly established in a new home and all advance reports about the Springfield High School have been proved correct.

During classroom periods, however, members of the Flotilla are eyeing, with doubt, the large athletic field adjoining the school and wondering when Commander Grisgom is going to order some military drill. That'll be the day!

Allan LaSor, Staff Educational Committee chairman, added more polish to this Flotilla when he was advanced in rank from an Ensign to Lieut. (j.g.).

Lieut. Comdr. Tompkins, USCG, Acting Captain of the Port, paid the Flotilla a visit on 22 May along with Lieut. John W. Brown, Director of the Auxiliary in the Fourth Naval District. Lieut. Brown gave a detailed account of District activities and expressed the need for 2000 more members.

A class for Senior Navigators has been started at Flotilla 22 with Mr. Burton, of the Delaware River Power Squadron as instructor. All those having passed their Navigator's examinations are eligible to join the Senior Navigator's classes. It is an opportunity not afforded to everyone in the Auxiliary and one that should be taken advantage of.

Chief Faber, of District Communications, gave two instructional talks within the last month and if there's anyone in "22" who doesn't know radio telephone procedure, it won't be Faber's fault. The Chief was nice enough to admit that there was a big improvement in procedure of the men taking boats out on

patrol from Essington after his first talk.

Flotilla 22 has made a deal for the use of an outdoor swimming pool for its members this summer. The pool of the Corinthian Yacht Club will be available for Flotilla 22 men on duty. Needless to say, it is a privilege the members will appreciate.

The writer wants to take this opportunity to thank Lieut. Bergen, Navy Public Relations, and Ensign Schmidt, USCG Public Relations, for their assistance in clearing the way to make possible the recent story on the activities of the "Anchorage Patrol."

—Michael A. Devitt, Publicity Officer.



"Ahoy, Theres! Girl, Friend or Enemy?"

FLOTILLA 15, POINT PLEASANT

Faces in the official family of the above mentioned Flotilla have changed so rapidly within the past month that the old roster will resemble a change of address section of a large City Post Office.

The change in the personnel of the Commanding Officers came about early last month when Commander A. E. Carpenter, Vice Commander Henry Moore, and Junior Commander Edwin Dodge, resigned. Carpenter and Dodge resigned due to the fact that they reside out of town and the rapid growth of our crew demands officers of authority within the scope of our membership residence.

Henry T. Moore was elected Commander, Richard Hubbard, our Operations Officer, was elected Vice Commander and Albert Larrabee was elected Junior Commander. These officers will assume their new duties if and when they get the O. K. from the District Office.

At a special meeting Friday evening, more officers were appointed through the

chair. Louis Zarges, a discharged vet of the Army in the current scrap, was named Drill Officer, Arthur Johnson and George Stengel were named as Boat Inspectors, Richard Llewellyn and Andrew B. Sharp, Transportation Officers. Your commentator and Albert Larrabee as Membership Officers. John J. Klass was named Clothing Officer and all these gobs assumed their new duties at once. Paul Chadwick, who has been doing a whale of a job at sentry duty, was elected Flag Sergeant and he'll be a good one.

—Elmer K. Errickson, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 53, HARRISBURG

It didn't take long to get a full head of steam in Flotilla 53. The outfit was formed on 28 April and on 9 May, 27 men who had completed 6 weeks of preparation, took their entrance examinations. We are pretty proud of the job the instructors did, for the group passed with an 84 plus average. Ray Bowman, BM 2/c, chairman of the Education Committee, assisted by Bill Hubbard, BM 1/c, Bill Schulz, S 1/c, George Miley, S 1/c, and Skipper Sterling G. McNees, guided the group through a series of six lessons and a review. The marks speak for their work.

John Stapf, S 1/c, Chairman of the Membership Committee, has been working hard. He had 27 more candidates on deck 22 May to begin the elementary course of instruction and in about six weeks, we will have that many more men ready for enrollment.

Educational work continues even for those who have been enrolled for some time. The committee has set up a schedule of 14 lessons for all members and applicants who have passed their entrance exams, with the idea that they will be able to take and pass the Navigator's examination early in the fall. A carefully-prepared course of study has been arranged, including chalk talks, demonstrations, models, and the like. Smaller groups are also reporting at the Patrol Base regularly for boat-handling instruction. When we finally get squared away and the crew regularly enrolled and uniformed we are sure that the Harrisburg group will be able to tackle and complete any and all assignments.

Meetings of the Flotilla have been shifted from the hearing rooms of the Public Utility Commission to the Harrisburg Academy and we are indebted to Headmaster Kennedy for the fine, new quarters. After 5 June, all meetings and classes will be held in the new location.

Old #79001 certainly has a real appeal

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ON GUARD AT GLOUCESTER

By
JOHN T. DWYER, CBM
Flotilla 25

★ In the opinion of servicemen, Guard Duty ranks with KP among things they would rather do without. The invention of the potato peeler by some brilliant and sympathetic genius has helped to lessen the drudgery of KP, but no one yet has been able to devise a practical sentry robot; so this chore has to be carried on in the old-fashioned way, much the same as in the days of the Caesars. Particularly is this true in war time, as at present, when eternal vigilance is the one effective means of guarding against potential dangers of sabotage and espionage.

More and more are we of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve (T) being called upon to perform this kind of duty; whether it be Gate & Dock or Radio Watch at Pier 181 or, as more recently, Post Patrol at the Gloucester Immigration Station in Gloucester, N. J. While it is doubtless true that those of us who love boats (perhaps even more than we love our wives and with less difficulty in handling) would prefer river duty rather than pounding GI shoe leather on the cinders or hard concrete of a lonely post vigil, yet we realize that, preferences or not, we promised on joining the Auxiliary and Reserve (T) to do the job assigned to us by our superior officers. Since, in the scheme of things, we can't all be "fresh water sailors", let's not overgrape if our assignment is tough and not altogether to our liking. The younger regulars whom we are replacing at Gloucester and elsewhere don't like it much either, and yet they carry on in the face of far greater hardships and difficulties.

Many such regulars were on duty at the Immigration Station in Gloucester at the time we took over in the beginning of this year. A few still remain, but probably not for long. While my own Flotilla 25 had the honor of contributing the first group, others, such as Flotilla 34, of Vineland, have since cooperated splendidly.

Ensign J. Frederick Petry was assigned the task of making the transition from regulars to reservists, and succeeded in doing so even sooner than anticipated. Five posts in all were to be taken over as rapidly as the necessary personnel could be provided by the various Flotillas throughout this Coast Guard District. The period of duty was 24 hours divided into 3 tricks daily of eight hours each as follows: 2400 to 0800; 0800 to 1600; 1600 to 2400. There was, and still is, a rotation system in effect whereby a man never stays longer than two hours in any one post; usually, for most posts, he moved after one hour. The purpose of this system was to break the monotony of continued, eight-hour duty at the same post. Since then, an added and welcome innovation has been the 15 minute rest period every hour between 1900 and 2300, which enables the men to ease the "dogs", get warm, and enjoy a brief smoke. While actually on duty only eight hours, all receive credit for 12 hours.

I well remember my first day, or rather night, of duty at Gloucester. It was 6 January, 1944, and I was on the second trick, i.e., 1600 to 2400. With seven other of these pioneers, including Jim Mears and Joe Stewart of my own Flotilla 25, I arrived in plenty of time to make the necessary changes from sea-going dress blues to regulation guard equipment of leggings, sheepskin coat, watch cap, side arms consisting of pistol and holster, cartridge box, belt, and stick.

Just before the "zero hour" of 1600, the commanding officer, Chief Welfare, gave us a serious talk. He explained to us that we were there to do an important job—that of guarding enemy aliens and other detainees of many Nationalities and of both sexes. We were to regularly patrol five posts located at strategic observation points on the grounds covering approximately three acres, including the pier on which the men's wire-enclosed recrea-

tion pen was situated. Above all it was emphasized that, while on duty, we had a military status the same as any regular Coast Guardsman. Our duties were simple and clear: We were to be constantly on the alert, using side-arms if necessary to prevent an escape; we were not to hold extended conversations with the "prisoners"; we were to be careful in checking identification of all persons unknown to us regardless of seeming importance or rank, and finally, we must not commit the cardinal sin of leaving our post until regularly relieved.

Thus instructed, we fell in promptly at 1600—a group of eight men includ-

ing a regular, as coxswain, in charge. Right smartly, if I do say so, we marched off and, as each post was reached, the detail halted, assigned men dropped out and were replaced by those relieved. This continued until every post was manned, so that when the detail arrived back at the barracks, the starting point, it had the same number as originally.

That first night—a tough one because of biting wind and cold—passed comparatively quickly and without incident. Nevertheless, no one regretted the approach of 2400, which meant relief and afterwards—home!

Like all new experiences, it was interesting because it was something different. I believe most, if not all, of us felt a personal sense of responsibility in proving that we of the Auxiliary and Reserve (T)—"Coast Guard graybeards", as we are sometimes called—could do the job and do it well.

This is but a sample of many nights to follow, some tougher than others, but, of course, it being mid-winter little else could be expected. Snow,

rain, fog, wind, and cold were usually our portion, but the men just buttoned up the collars of their rubber ponchos, or the sheepskin coat a little tighter, and took everything in stride. I recall one long, lonely trick when from about 1950 to 2400 we were enveloped completely in a dense, soup fog—the kind, they say, you could slice with a knife. Everywhere was thick, gray mist. It was as if someone had cut the strings that held up the damp clouds and let them drift earthward to smother men and things. Well, anyway, I got a chance to review my fog signals—there sure were plenty on the river that night!



Visitors, even those in uniform and in official cars, are checked by Auks.

Of course, there were more pleasant nights, which, even though the temperature was cold, made guard duty less irksome and a bit easier. In fact there was beauty about if one took the trouble to glance Heavenward. A bright moon and a million or so twinkling stars against a black canopy of sky can be something to appreciate—even without the romantic touch of femininity! You just begin to realize this when you hear the distant but unmistakable drone of an airplane motor

and soon the dark silhouette of a bomber wings its flight across the soft, peaceful glow of moonlight—a sudden and grim reminder to you that there's a war on and that you, John Smith or Sam Jones, USCGR (T) are a part of it and have a job to do.

The day trick, 0800 to 1600, is probably the most important and interesting one of all, with plenty of activity around the Station, on the river and, yes, in the skies. The Navy Yard Airport is close by and there are always plenty of planes of all types

going through their aerial maneuvers. For the nautical-minded who, next to being on a boat or ship, like to look at one, there are the many gray-colored Liberty freighters, tankers, and others passing silently and majestically on their way to the open sea—and the unknown perils beyond! They remind one of that little couplet:

"Never a ship that sails the sea,
But carries a part of the heart of me."

So, you Reservists of the Auxiliary who are available for the day trick of 0800 to 1600, will have interesting and varied experiences. Day men are urgently needed, so contact the Operations Officer of your particular Flotilla and volunteer for such assignment. After all, it is better to be active in an important duty such as this than to wait around for a boat patrol which may never materialize.

But whichever of the three tricks one takes, he is doing a necessary job that is indirectly a part of the war effort. While our part seems a small one and with no more glamour than a dehydrated oyster, yet it must and will be done!

Aside from the inward self-satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that in our own small way we are serving our country, there are other compensations. For one thing, constant guard duty at Gloucester and elsewhere brings the members of all Flotillas into closer and friendlier contact. It is axiomatic that the sharing of similar hardships in a common cause builds mutual respect and a spirit of camaraderie not otherwise attainable. The same thing may be said of the association between the regulars and the reserves. The former have come to know us better and respect us, in spite of the good-natured ribbing we get at times. Just all good, clean fun!

But, of course, duty at Gloucester has its lighter side. Amusing incidents occur,

like the one concerning the sleepy-eyed and groggy Reservist who, after a tough 1600 to 2400 trick, absentmindedly signed the log for another 8-hour duty. The mistake, you may be sure, was quickly rectified. Or again, there was the one about an equally "unconscious" party who was bringing up the rear of the going-off detail at 2400. At the coxswain's order of "Detail half right—march!", he proceeded straight ahead until, at about twenty paces, he suddenly realized he was a "one-man army"; much to his own embarrassment and the amusement of the rest of us.

The pay-off, though, was the new man on the front gate who followed his orders so literally and strictly that even the commanding officer himself, Chief Welfare, could not get through without producing his identification. While the joke was on the C.O. and he took it good-naturedly, I've an idea he felt that at least that Post was in good hands.

All in all, the good with the bad, it's a great life—this Auxiliary business—and to most of us a welcome break from the monotony of civilian existence these wartime days. When it is all over, we who have had a share can keep our heads high and be justly proud of our part in these stirring times when we serve our Country as active members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve (T).

Auks raise and lower the Colors at Gloucester.



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for the fellows. Did you ever hear of giving up a crow to stay in a vessel? That's exactly what George Miley and Earl Garland did. They struck for and got Coxswains ratings and when they found that they would have to give up their berths on the Anchorage Patrol, they gave up their rates rather than their berths. Harrisburg, incidentally, isn't doing badly in that department. The undersigned served as BM 1/c on the Sunday night and Monday trick until the work here got too pressing. Hubbard, Miley, Swartz, Garland and Solomon, S 1/c, have all been working since the patrol was started. The other few four-stackers who are left piece out on radio shack and gate and dock. The Army and Navy are also taking substantial toll of our roster.

We thought that we could report a banner SPAR month this time but hurry-up orders came through for Alyce Morgan, Y 2/c, and she was on her way to New York in 24 hours. The last word we had from her before she left was that she had nine new recruits for the Women's Reserve for the month of May to the credit of the Harrisburg office. Miss Morgan is a capable and energetic worker and our loss is the gain of her new assignment, whatever it is. Ensign Mina Brown has taken over her work here.

Although a Coast Guard trick by any Harrisburg man involves no less than six hours travel time and the expenditure of at least \$3.00, not a single assignment has ever been left uncovered by the group. We are going to maintain that record.

—Paul C. Applegate,
Public Relations Officer.



sight to behold, and, although there are two schools of thought on the subject, I am very glad to don the comfortable S. E. khaki for the season.

William Landis, CBM, did a nice job of instructing our "tyros" in the art of boat handling, aboard the CG 44001 on the first two Sundays in May. The new men are taking to their duties manfully and the twenty odd are filling out our duty schedule very satisfactorily.

Under the direction of Vice Com-

mander Gardiner Wilson and Junior Commander William Kinn, a new class of about twenty-five will matriculate about six weeks hence. We need them, too!

On 1 May, we lost the services of one of our most valued members, Paul Yeomans, S 1/c, through his removal to Philadelphia. As chairman of the Spar Recruiting Committee he worked tirelessly to get the campaign off to the grand start it had. Dan E. Flory, Mo-MM 1/c, has been appointed as the new Spar chairman and if we know Dan he'll do a swell job, too!

Another visit from Chief Radioman Faber proved interesting and instructive as usual, while Boat Practice, Close Order Drill, Gunnery, and Blocks and Tackle filled out the instructional program of the month.

The increasing problems of operation prompted the appointment on 22 May of Joseph R. Forrest, S 1/c, as assistant Operations Officer. Joe knows all the answers, so, beware your alibis, you guys!

In mid-June a bulletin will be published by the Flotilla, containing all the latest information and vital statistics of each month's activities. Ralph Taylor, S 1/c, is at the helm of "The Garden Spot Gaboon" which (we hasten to add) is not the title of the new publication.

—John P. Samuels, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 16, TOMS RIVER. — Our meeting of 16 May, developed into one of the most interesting we have ever had as it was a combined meeting with Flotilla 16 playing host to Flotillas

13 and 15. The main speaker of the evening was Commander Shubert of the U. S. N., Department of Operational Intelligence, stationed at Cape May. In his very interesting talk he stressed the fact that the quality and accuracy of the reports have improved immensely since the towers are being run by Reservists (T). Other speakers were Lieut. Brown, Lieut. Brouwer, Lieut. R. Earle Leonard, Lieut. Burdge, Lieut. Petry, Henry Moore, Vice Commander of 15, Warrant Officer Levering and Chief Dugan. Not the least interesting part of the evening was the swearing in of two new members for Flotilla 13, so a hearty welcome is extended to Seamen Strickers and Johnson. Refreshments were served after the meeting and just in time to save Lieut. Brown from a horrible death from starvation.

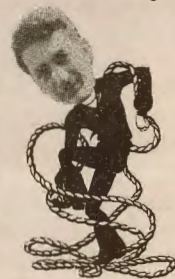
At the meeting of 30 May, 1944, a very touching ceremony was observed at 0900, just previous to the Flotilla's leaving for participation in the regular Toms River Memorial Day Parade, when Lieut. Brouwer, who has been Commander of 16 since its inception, swore in his successor, Ensign Donald Applegate, as Commander of Flotilla 16. The loss of Lieut. Brouwer, because of his increased duties and activities in connection with his position as Vice Commodore and Acting Commodore, will be tempered in a small way by his promise to continue his activities in Flotilla 16 as much as possible.

In having Ensign Donald T. Applegate as new Commander of 16 we are again fortunate in having another man of exceptional ability and experience as a leader. Ensign Applegate, who has served with Commander Brouwer continuously as Vice Commander, has been giving so many hours to Flotilla activities that he probably will absorb the new duties like a sponge and never even notice the additional work. Pleasant sailing to our new Commander who can rest assured that every man in 16 is in back of him. Ensign Applegate can congratulate himself on having two such able assistants as Warrant Officer Marvin Campbell and Chief Barlow as his Vice and Junior Commanders respectively.

The participation of Flotilla 16 in the Memorial Day Parade evoked many comments of approval as we bravely strode along, trying to keep time with two different bands, one in front and one in back, our bones creaking, but our heads held high. But the military training of the Coast Guard held and we got through with flying colors.

The tower watch at Love Ladies station has been taken over with a full complement.

—Leslie W. Reynolds,
Publicity Director.



FLOTILLA 27, SALEM. — The month of May brought Flotilla 27 some promotions, a few new members, a few members deserting for the 79-footer, a successful dance, and a full

month of service on the river.

The new members sworn into the Reserve are Messrs. J. C. Craig, George VonUffel, and John Pedrick.

MacFarland, Holloway, Wakefield, Wallace and Darlington started service on the CG 79001. We suspect that Boatswain Levering has something to do

with these men leaving us, but he won't admit doing anything about such things.

The dance, which was held at the DuPont Country Club, proved highly successful. Imagine soft lights, sweet music, beautiful women, the sparkle of gold braid, plenty of food, and jovial fellowship, and you will know what the dance was like.

Some of the features of the evening were the "few words" of the distinguished guests, including Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown, Director, Lieutenant (j.g.) Frank B. Hineline, Captain of the Delaware River Division, Lieutenant R. W. Nelms, and Boatswain C. H. Baxter, Assistant Operations Officer for the River Divisions. . . .

Everyone scrambling to meet the Commander's lovely bride. . . .

Chief Sawyer's delightful rendition of bird calls, and sundry weird sounds at the mike, periodically. . . .

The presence of "Hoppy" from our Delaware City base. . . .

The "search" of Mrs. Doyle for Larry, who was supposed to be a fugitive from the hospital, but managed to get around as well as the rest of the fellows.

Chief Faber gave the Flotilla another session of radio procedure at our 9 May meeting. He is always welcome at this outfit's meetings.

During the month, the boat was kept on patrol duty twenty-four hours a day, every day, and the Gloucester detail was maintained with no failures.

Thus ends a busy month.

—George Boehner, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 34, MAURICE RIVER.

—At this writing, an even dozen new candidates have just finished their instruction and are ready to take their entrance exams for membership in Thirty-Four. By the time these lines appear in TOPSIDE, Maurice River's membership will have passed the century mark.

Six months ago, Thirty-Four was composed of less than 30 Auxiliaries, with none yet in the Reserve. At this date, we have 30 men working regularly at the Gloucester Station and others are anxiously awaiting assignments.

Members are particularly gratified that a regular gunnery schedule has been set up for them. Gunnery instruction is something we need in quantity.

At a recent meeting, Thirty-Four was the proud recipient of a gift from the Millville Rotary Club as recognition of the "fine, unselfish service you boys are performing" in the words of Vice-President Jimmy Steelman who made the presentation. The gift was a complete

shoe polishing outfit to be kept in headquarters at the 157th Field Artillery Armory.

A recent statement by Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown that competitive drilling among the Flotillas of the Fourth Naval District is a possibility, has been taken seriously by the Maurice River boys and they are rapidly attaining finesse under the bark of Drillmaster Scotty Calkins.

The first public appearance of this Flotilla was made Mother's Day when we attended services at Christ Episcopal Church in Millville.

Etiquette officer Angelo Guida has become a walking military Emily Post. His guidance is sought on all sides at every meeting.

Boat Inspection Officer Gus Eulitz, who makes his home at East Point Light, is set to handle the task ahead of him. Jim Sutton has been appointed signalling instructor to replace Lucius Peterson who has been called by the U. S. Navy.

—C. M. Scull, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 18, BEACH HAVEN.

—At the latest meeting of the Flotilla, it was decided to double the enrollment. This accomplishment will bring 18's membership up to two hundred and

twenty-five, including officers. Every man is to make an effort to enlist at least one man by September.

The Commander, Lieut. (j.g.) Morton Gibbons-Neff, stated that the increased activities of the Flotilla demanded a larger personnel. Several completely-manned Tower Watch assignments on Long Beach Island, a twenty-four-hour inlet patrol, and the assignment of several Flotilla members to the Delaware River patrol necessitated the "Double the Enrollment" campaign.

Bos'n "Wes" Heilman (18's Vice-Commander) and Bos'n "Fred" Remington (formerly Operations Chief) talked on the subject of the Delaware River patrol in an effort to recruit several members for the crew. They both emphasized that the duties of crewmen on the "CG 79001" were such that the training which was given fitted the men for more important work, particularly those seeking higher ratings. Note: Members of other Flotillas should check into this immediately, as there are only a few vacancies. Roger!

—Russell K. Carter, Publicity Officer.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The three following news items were received after the deadline. They had to be condensed because all other available space was taken. Sorry.

FLOTILLA 24, DELAWARE RIVER.—The Commander of Flotilla 24 has gone ashore. Duties at the District Office have taken up so much of his time that Skipper Lyle Holmes has had to "retire." We feel very grateful for his past efforts. Lieut. Holmes will remain an attending active member.

Vice-Commander Kirby Tompkins was unanimously voted in as the new Commander. Kirby has the backing of us all. We know him to be a sincere leader who will win every man's respect in his new job on the bridge. As a boatman and businessman, he has established himself as a very popular man with a big punch.

—J. T. Elsroad, Jr., Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 13, SEASIDE PARK.—A joint meeting of Flotilla 13, 15 and 16 was held at the Tom's River Yacht Club on 17 May. We had the honor of meeting Commander Shubert from Cape May, who, along with Lieut. Burdge, Lieut. Leonard, Vice-Commander Brouwer, Lieut. Brown and Ensign Petry inspected the three Flotillas at muster. Commander Shubert congratulated the men on their appearance and later gave an interesting talk on the importance of the work in the towers and on the docks. The thoughts of Flotilla 13 turn to Oscar Boyd, who is quite ill. Oscar is one of our most faithful members who probably has put in more hours of actual duty than any other member—many times serving four, six and more tricks in one week. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

—Leslie Broomfield, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 17, GREAT BAY.—Our membership is now well past 100 but still far from the goal set by Commander Creely and his staff. One of the highlights of the month was the institution of a Tower Watch. A special group of members, under the direction of Chief Stanley Altman is now ready to take over the entire watch. The program was arranged in less than a week. Chief Williamson, our efficient O.O., announced the new duty and recruited 22 men on the spot. Under the direction of Lieut. Burton and staff our patrol boat was completely reconditioned.

—C. J. Loughlin, Publicity Officer.

PICTURE PARADE



Bill Gorman, S 1/c, Teaching Judo to an instruction class at Flotilla 25. In private life he is Capt. William Gorman of Haddon Twp. Police Department where he has served for thirteen years. This is but one of many instruction classes conducted every week at Flotilla 25.



Mike Hunt, S 1/c, helping two new men with a knotty problem to prepare them for examinations so they can obtain their uniforms and be assigned to duty as members of Flotilla 25. In civilian life, Mike works for the R.C.A.-Victor Division of R.C.A., in Camden, New Jersey.



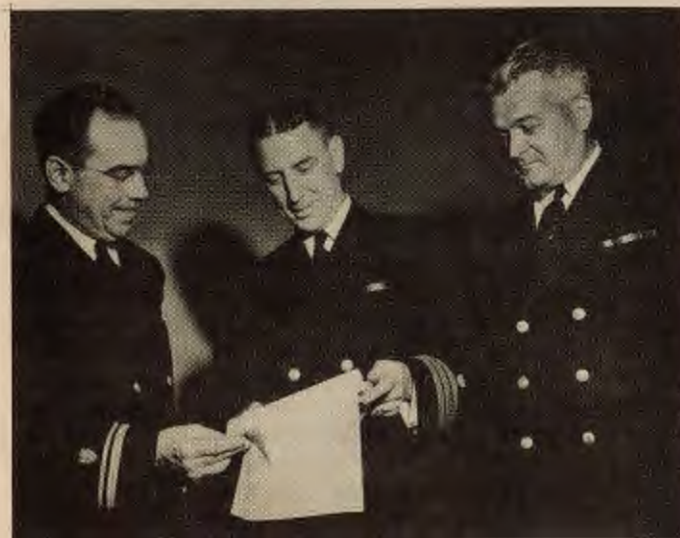
Lieut. Leonard, Captain of the Northern New Jersey Division, tells "a new one" to Bos'n Wesley Heilman, of Flotilla 18 and a C.O. on the Anchorage Patrol.



Captain Coffin, our DCGO, takes the mike in the Camden Armory to address the members of Flotilla 25 on the occasion of his first visit to a Flotilla meeting.



Lieut. Kent Redgrave, loved and revered by all Auxiliaries in the Little Egg Harbor section where he is Commanding Officer and where, as he says, "there's lots of water but it's spread dam thin."



The Volunteer Port Security Force and the Coast Guard Auxiliary get together on future plans at the Washington Conference. Left to right: Director Brown, Commander Harold Scott, and Lieut. Comdr. E. C. Page.



Officers of the new Harrisburg Flotilla 53 who were installed at ceremonies at Harrisburg on 28 April. Left to right: John W. Appleby, Vice Commander; Sterling G. McNess, Commander; Paul C. Applegate, Junior Commander.



Yes, Frances, there IS a Coast Guard Auxiliary

★ Strong and capable hands lifted Frances onto the deck of the Maridirk. It was all over. The stark terror of the water surging into the little rowboat, the frantic bailing of the four adults, their unrestrained cries for help, the desperate moment when, gunwhales awash, the cockleshell settled into the waters of Barnegat Bay. It was over and done with, and in time's nick help had arrived. Then came tears—blinding, convulsive, hysterical tears, for after all, Frances was only four. And the fear on her father's face and in his voice had struck to the innermost recesses of her heart and mind.

Someday Frances will grow up. Indelibly written into her memory will be the afternoon of 8 August, 1943, when her parents and another couple innocently, if unwisely, took her on a rowing expedition on Barnegat Bay back of Seaside Park. In later years Frances may even be skeptical at the lack of parental judgment which resulted in four adults and a child shoving off in a small rowboat on the choppy sea that ran that day. And few there are who will not point the finger of blame at a boatman who would hire out his craft under these circumstances.

But out they went, trusting and unconcerned and utterly lacking in respect for or knowledge of the sea. Ultimately they came to anchor in six to seven

feet of water about 500 yards southwest of the foot of "N" Street. A short anchor line and a gradually increasing chop told the story. With little freeboard, the overloaded boat began to ship water, and, as its weight increased, it periodically surged under until it was entirely awash. Bailing was futile and any attempt to go forward to hoist the anchor only brought the bow down. The adults went overside and clung to the submerged craft, supporting the frightened little girl therein. Their cries for help went unanswered and, apparently, no watcher saw their plight.

Call it fate if you will, but at 1320 CBM (now Lieutenant, j.g.) R. Earle Leonard of Flotilla 13 returned to his home on "N" Street after attending an Auxiliary meeting. Strolling leisurely across the back lot to his dock, the distressed cries of the boating party caught his attention and a brief look indicated that help could not arrive too soon. His own boat not being available, Mr. Leonard sprinted down the street to the home and dock of T. A. Richter, BM 1/c, who lived just a few doors away. Richter was chatting with Brink, CBM, and Tittermary, S 1/c. Mr. Leonard's approach boded no good and even while he shouted out the emergency, the three men jumped aboard Richter's 30-foot Elco. Cruiser "Maridirk", shoved off and sped to the scene of the accident. So great

was their haste that Leonard was left standing on the dock.

It was about one half mile from Richter's dock to the swamped boat. In spite of haste, the three Auxiliaries displayed cool judgment and sound seamanship. Coming into position about fifty feet ahead of the distressed boat, Richter dropped his anchor and drifted back to the people in the water. This maneuver permitted perfect control of the rescue boat and removed all danger of drifting over or past the victims. Once alongside, little Frances was lifted to the security of the deck and the four adults were hauled aboard. Their relief and gratitude for the timely aid was ample compensation for the crew of the Maridirk.

Upon landing the rescued persons at Berkeley Yacht Basin, it was noted that the wrist watch of one of the women had stopped at 1300. This meant that the party had been immersed for about half an hour. When the group was safely ashore, Richter returned to the sunken rowboat and towed it to a nearby lagoon where it was tied to the bulkhead.

T. A. Richter, in private life a prominent dentist of Milltown, N. J., is now a CBM and Junior Commander of Flotilla 13. Lieutenant (j.g.) Leonard is Captain of the Northern New Jersey Division. For them and for Brink and Tittermary, it was all in the day's work. For Frances, and perhaps for any or all of the four adults, it was the gift of life.

—E. L. JOHNSTONE.

JOHNNIE, GETCHA GUN!

Having completed the first course of instruction in the use of firearms, Ensign Norman Derr, Staff Chairman of the Gunnery Program, has announced a new series of classes which started on 23 May for new men who have been sworn into the Reserve since the inception of the regular program. Approximately one thousand men will participate in the new course on eight different ranges. Flotilla Gunnery Officers are urged to back up this endeavor to the best of their abilities and to see to it that every eligible man turns in a 100% attendance record.

The volunteer instructors who are teaching this course are men who know gunnery from A to Z. They are giving freely of their time to help the Auxiliary. Their instruction, if given professionally in peace-time would cost real money. As members of the Reserve, it is available to you free. It is nothing less than foolhardy to fail to take advantage of it. No man knows when a knowledge of how to handle firearms may result in the saving of life—perhaps his own.

N. N. J. DIVISION HOLDS OPERATIONS MEETING

On 2 June, 21 officers and men of the Northern New Jersey Division met at the Toms River Yacht Club for a discussion of Operations in their Division. Representatives were present from Flotillas 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Lieut. Attmore announced the appointment of Bos'n Howard Keough as Assistant Operations Officer for the Division. The retirement of Commander Hitchens as District Coast Guard Officer was also announced. The group spent two, profitable hours discussing operational problems in the Division. The consensus at the close of the meeting was that many improvements could be looked for in the very near future.

RATINGS AND COMMISSIONS CONFIRMED IN MAY

| Flotilla | Name | From | To |
|----------|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| 17 | Nelson, Joseph W. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 17 | Silvers, Samuel A. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 18 | Graham, Robert W. | CY | Ensign |
| 18 | Humpton, John H. | Cox. | BMI1/c |
| 18 | Potter, Charles A., Jr. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 18 | Meitzger, Ralph S. | Sea.1/c | GM3/c |
| 21 | Hays, John M. | Ensign | Lieut.(lg) |
| 21 | Wahl, August C., Jr. | BMI1/c | CBM |
| 21 | Beradi, Philip M. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 21 | McKay, John F. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 22 | LaSor, Allan M. | Ensign | Lieut.(lg) |
| 22 | Christman, John J. | BMI1/c | CBM |
| 22 | Chapman, James H. | GM1/c | CCM |
| 22 | Bulger, John W. | Sea.1/c | CMoMM |
| 22 | Rieger, Harry R., Sr. | BM2/c | BMI1/c |
| 22 | Johansen, John F. | Cox. | BM2/c |
| 22 | Fogg, Lockwood, Jr. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 22 | Hickman, David | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 22 | Jans, Arthur J. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 22 | Mitchell, Joseph E. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 22 | Rodgers, James R. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 22 | Troxell, Andrew T. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 22 | Rodgers, Louis J. | Sea.1/c | SC3/c |
| 22 | Stefens, Clifford M. | Sea.1/c | SC3/c |
| 23 | Knorr, Edward A. | Ensign | Lieut.(lg) |
| 23 | Petry, G. Frederick | Ensign | Lieut.(lg) |
| 23 | Baakey, Clinton | GM3/c | GM1/c |
| 23 | Stubber, Richard H. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 23 | Thorbahn, John R., Sr. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 23 | Glenn, Frank P. | Cox. | Y3/c |
| 23 | McAuley, John W. | Sea.1/c | SK3/c |
| 23 | Hunter, Harry W. | Sea.1/c | SC3/c |
| 24 | Holmes, W. Lyle, Jr. | Ensign | Lieut.(lg) |
| 24 | Marquardt, H. Fred | CBM | SC3/c |
| 24 | Medernach, Harry H. | Sea.1/c | Lieut.(lg) |
| 25 | Hadley, C. Frazer, Jr. | Ensign | CBM |
| 25 | Dwyer, John T. | BMI1/c | CBM |
| 25 | Bryen, George | MoMM2/c | CMoMM |
| 25 | Schatz, George | MoMM2/c | CMoMM |
| 25 | Diamond, David S. | Sea.1/c | MoMM2/c |
| 25 | Duda, Joseph A. | Sea.1/c | MoMM2/c |
| 25 | Kavanaugh, Fred J. | Sea.1/c | MoMM2/c |
| 25 | Lantry, Joseph J. | Sea.1/c | MoMM2/c |
| 25 | Love, Edward R. | Sea.1/c | MoMM2/c |
| 25 | Steen, William R. | Sea.1/c | Y3/c |
| 25 | Mester, George B. | Sea.1/c | SK3/c |
| 26 | Scott, John E. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 26 | Rocheslie, David W. | Sea.1/c | Y3/c |
| 27 | Levering, Frederick W. | CBM | Bos'n |
| 27 | Harvey, Carl | Cox. | CBM |
| 27 | Tice, Linwood | Cox. | CBM |
| 27 | Clark, Robert M. | Sea.1/c | CMoMM |
| 27 | Elbertson, Robert E. | Sea.1/c | MoMM2/c |
| 27 | Pardee, James S. | Cox. | MoMM2/c |
| 27 | Beebe, Melbourne H. | Sea.1/c | Cox. |
| 27 | Richmond, William L. | Cox. | Y3/c |
| 31 | Cole, Frederick L. | BM2/c | CBM |
| 31 | McCahan, William J. | Sea.1/c | GM3/c |
| 31 | Smith, Walter | Sea.1/c | SC3/c |
| 32 | Wolfe, Bertram K. | Ensign | Lieut.(lg) |
| 32 | Buchy, Philip C. | Sea.1/c | CCM |
| 32 | Chew, Robert H. | Sea.1/c | SC3/c |
| 33 | Kay, John J. | Ensign | Lieut.(lg) |
| 41 | Holder, Daniel S. | Cox. | BMI1/c |

NOTE: At the same time, 23 men were reduced to the rank of Sea.1/c for failure to substantiate their ranks by examination.



COMMANDER KAY IS "OKAY"

★ In many cases, when our members are trying to recruit a new man, they hear the following statement: "I would certainly like to serve in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, but I just don't have the time." In reply to that, Lieut. (j.g.) John J. Kay, Jr., Commander of Flotilla 33, Wildwood, N. J., has often been known to reply, "Neither have I, but I do it."

Jack Kay is truly the example of a busy man finding time to serve his country. A few of his responsibilities, in addition to his Coast Guard activities, are Vice President of the Beecher-Kay Realty Co., President of the Wildwood Bungalow Co., President of the Wildwood Real Estate Board, District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America, Director of Publicity of the City of Wildwood, Treasurer of the First Methodist Church of Wildwood, and Vice President of the Wildwood Chamber of Commerce. He has also directed a local Red Cross drive for funds and recently successfully handled the Red Cross Blood Donors Campaign, which went over the top with more than 600 donors.

Commander Kay was born in Philadelphia in 1898. He came to Wildwood in 1920 after he was discharged from the U. S. Tank Corps, following the first World War. His energetic personality proved to be the making of a successful business man and his ability of leadership has been proved many times. It was a natural thing for him to be chosen to take the helm of the local Coast Guard Auxiliary unit in December, 1941, and there is not a man in the city who could have handled it any better.

When Jack Kay took command of Flotilla 33, there were about fifteen boat members and, at the present time, the Auxiliary membership is over 140 men. As Commander of the Wildwood group, he was one of the first to start the operation of a coastal patrol in early 1942, with eighteen boats in the fleet. Many interesting tales can be told from the experiences of that unit. Later, the coastal patrol was done away with, but the work of the Flotilla went on. The next job was the dock patrol at Otten's Harbor, followed by the operation of the three watch towers, Leaving Avenue, Hereford Inlet, and Avalon. It has not been an easy course to follow, but Jack's guidance and leadership have played a large part in making all these operations successful.

Commander Kay has the respect of every man in the Flotilla, but to each and every member, he is just "Jack." He is a regular fellow as well as a good sport and, when this war is over, Jack Kay's boat, the "Nomad", will no doubt be a familiar sight again on the local waterways.

—ED NESBITT

MUSTER ROLL

MONTH OF MAY, 1944

New Enrollments (Male) 179
New Enrollments (Female) 4

Total New Enrollments 183

DISENROLLMENTS

Armed Services 9
Poor Health 8
Pressure of Business 11
Miscellaneous Reasons 6

NET GAIN IN ENROLLMENTS.. 149

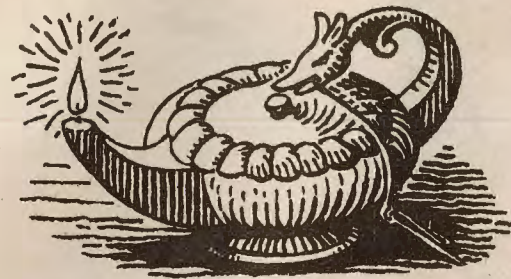
A girl who was named Henrietta
Just loved to wear a tight swetta.
The reason she had—
To keep warm—
Wasn't bad . . .

But two other reasons were betta!

—The Stand-By.

WORDS OF WISDOM

An advance in rating is not so much a reward for past work well done as it is an indication of a man's ability and willingness to assume increased duties and responsibilities.



OUR LIGHT COMES OUT FROM UNDER A BUSHEL

★ Modesty and self-effacement may be virtues but they don't get you any recruits. If you doubt it, ask the U. S. Marines! In the past (the italics are significant) the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has hid its light under a bushel. Now we're out to get all the good publicity we deserve . . . and need!

In this endeavor, we need the help of every Auxiliarist who has any "connections" or "influence" with the sources for publicity — newspaper publishers, radio stations, advertisers, moving picture theatre owners, outdoor billboard plants, and storekeepers with good display windows. We also need the help of every man in the important task of reporting Auxiliary activities — rescues, assistances of more than routine nature, participation in patriotic activities such as bond drives, blood donors, conservation, parades, or any other public-welfare activity in which Auxiliarymen participate as members of the Auxiliary.

Our program has three objectives: 1—To bring to the attention of the public, in a favorable light, the work of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, in order to build recognition and respect for that organization now and after the War; 2—To make the public aware of the nature and importance of the work we are doing as members of the Reserve Class (T); 3—To attract desirable members for the Class (T) in sufficient numbers to double our present enrollment before the end of the summer.

To accomplish these three, important aims, the Director has authorized the formation of a Promotion and Procurement Committee, composed of as many men as may be necessary to do the job in a professional and efficient manner. As Chairman of this Committee, the Director has designated the Editor of TOPSIDE. Committee-members who have already been selected for specific tasks include F. Travis Cox, of Flotilla 24; Robert N. Arndt, Michael A. Devitt, and Ken Murray, of Flotilla 22; James

J. Tomes of Flotilla 18; E. J. Johnstone, of Flotilla 31; Jerry Marcus, of Flotilla 21; and Paul C. Applegate, of Flotilla 53. Other members will be appointed as the need arises and the proper men can be found.

The Chairman will welcome any and all suggestions from any and all members of the Auxiliary on any phase of this Committee's work. In preparation now is a comprehensive booklet that will tell, in A-B-C fashion, exactly what the Auxiliary is; the qualifications for membership; what you get and what you must give as a member of the Reserve Class (T); and finally, an application blank for enrollment. These booklets will be made available to Flotilla members, in quantity, for use in connection with prospecting for new men.

Also in the works are attractive, colorful window displays that can be erected with the minimum of labor. (Start now to pick out the best store windows in your community. A few good locations are better than a flock of back-alley spots.)

The program will also make available to you a series of one-minute radio announcements and station breaks; mats of newspaper advertisements in various sizes; and, if there is enough demand to warrant the preparation cost, copy for 24-sheet or painted billboards.

When the program is ready, a Committee member will be made available, to any Commander wishing his cooperation, for the purpose of explaining the program to the Flotilla members, enlisting their support, and arousing their enthusiasm for the job to be done.

If any reader of TOPSIDE has any ideas or suggestions or is in a position to offer any specific assistance to the Committee, please write in detail at once to Ensign Robert W. Graham, USCGR (T), 12 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa. Don't sit back and "let the other fellow do it."

AUXILIARY PLAYS IMPORTANT PART IN THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

★ The observance of National Maritime Day in the Fourth Naval District comprised a variety of activities, in two of which the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was conspicuous by its presence.

On 21 May, the day preceding the official observance, the Band from Pier 181, long famous as Lieut. Wick's musical Coast Guardsmen, furnished a background of appropriate music at Pier 11 during the visitation of guests to the Keystone State—the Coast Guard School Ship.

On the following day, the most impressive part of the ceremonies took place. A total of 163 guests, chiefly the bereaved members of the families of Merchant Marine seamen lost at sea, embarked on eleven vessels and proceeded to the confluence of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers, where floral wreaths were thrown on the waters in honor of the men who have made the supreme sacrifice. The Flotilla consisted of five Coast Guard vessels from Pier 181, the *Cardita* from the Essington Base, the *Governor Cotton* and the *Floray* from Flotilla 23, the *Janet* and the *Eljean* from Flotilla 25, and the Philadelphia School Ship, *Keystone State*, from Pier 11.

These vessels were manned by Auxiliarists, under Class (T) Officers Hays, Merritt, and Marquardt. Much of the credit for the success of the River Ceremony is due to the splendid cooperation of Mr. Keller, of CG Operations, Mr. Wick, C.O. of the Port Richmond Base, and Mr. Crosby, of Essington — to say nothing of the splendid work of our own Lieut. (j.g.) G. Frederick Petry, upon whose competent shoulders the responsibility for the whole ceremony rested.

The guests, relatives, and friends of the honored mariners boarded the vessels at 1645 and were returned to Pier 4 South at 1900.

The outstanding Auxiliary boat was the *Governor Cotton*. The Bureau of Marine Inspection vessel *Commonwealth* carried the reporters and camera men.

The successful observance of National Maritime Day adds one more laurel to the many that the Auxiliary in the Fourth Naval District has richly deserved for fulfilling its obligation to "assist the operations of the U. S. Coast Guard."



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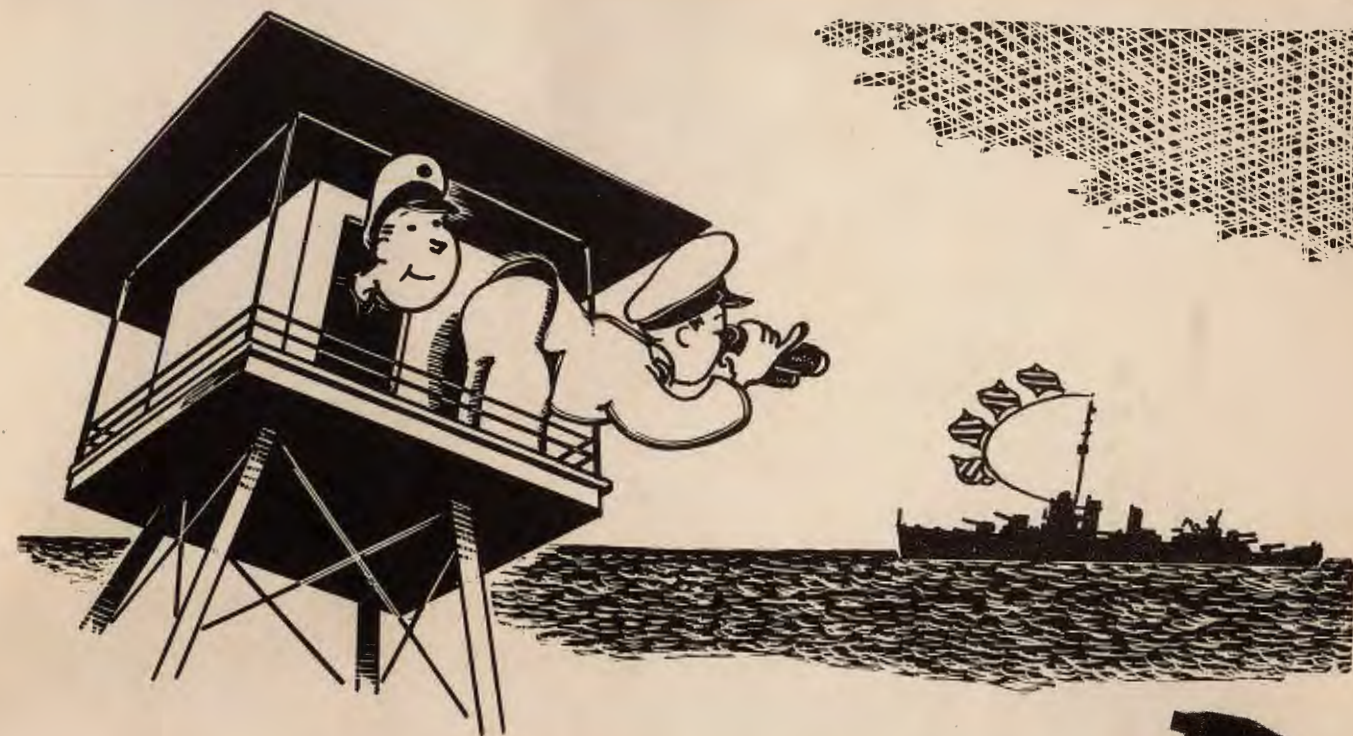
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