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NEW DIVISION CAPTAIN

At a meeting of the Delaware River Division on 27 September, 1944, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) William B. Griscom, former commander of Flotilla 22, was sworn in as captain of the Division, to replace Lieut. Comdr. (T) Frank B. Hineline, whose duties as commodore made it impossible for him to continue as Division captain. Ensign (T) Walter Whitehead succeeds Mr. Griscom as commander of Flotilla 22.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

PEA COAT: The fact that the enlisted men's overcoat is called a "pea" coat or "pea" jacket has nothing at all to do with the vegetable. The coats originally were made from a heavy, coarse cloth, called *pije* or *pij* by the Dutch. The pronunciation approximates that of the word "pea" in English. In time the spelling was corrupted into "pea" by English-speaking sailors.



★ If anyone has ever doubted the need for the continuance of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary after the war is over, the duty performed by the men of the Auxiliary in the Fourth Naval District during the recent hurricane should cause him definitely to change his mind. This was a marvelous demonstration of what a properly trained and organized group of volunteers can do in a great emergency.

During the entire hurricane alert, the men of this District fully demonstrated that they clearly understood the meaning of "Semper Paratus." They have always been ready and when the call came, they were on the job. No man allowed his personal interests to interfere in any way with the duty that he was called upon to perform. The only complaints voiced were from those men who were standing-by but were not called for duty!

Because of the lack of proper communications, more men were sent to some shore points than were necessary at the height of the storm. That could not be avoided. We all realize that it was much better to have too many men than too few men. At least 500 men were available who would have been glad to answer the call to duty had the need for their services materialized. "They also serve who only stand and wait."

Nothing that you men did on that and the following days surprised me. I have learned never to be surprised at anything you do, nor at how well you do it. To do the hard or the impossible thing seems to be second nature for you. I have, however, learned to be very proud of you. I am now prouder than ever.

Thanks for a grand job, "well done."
—Lieut. Comdr. (T) F. B. Hineline,
commodore, USCG Auxiliary, 4th ND.

NO CAMERAS

The District Office wishes to emphasize to all Auxiliary members the directive regarding the taking of cameras into any Government property such as a Coast Guard base or range; or aboard any vessels, either Auxiliary-owned or otherwise, for the purpose of taking pictures along the waterfronts of the Ports in this District.

If any Auxiliary photographer wants to take any pictures along the waterfront, or wants to take a camera aboard a boat for the purpose of taking pictures, the following procedure MUST be followed:

Application must be made to the District Office of the Auxiliary, in writing, stating the reasons for the application, where the pictures are to be taken, and the dates on which they are to be taken.

This application will be submitted to the District Coast Guard Public Relations Officer and then to the Navy Public Relations Officer for the District.

If permission is then granted, the photographer MUST then submit to the District Office a print of all pictures taken before any pictures can be used for publication.

WE CAN TAKE IT

Typical of the sort of stuff that Auks are made of, is the story told by Ensign (T) J. Norman Derr, Staff Chairman of Gumriery, about an incident that happened recently at the Wildwood range.

While at that range for three days, trying to qualify for gunnery medals, Auks are indistinguishable from the regular personnel. One of our men, up early one morning for a breath of sea air, ran into a Regular CPO who ordered the Auk to join the detail assigned to clean out the head. This unpleasant task could easily have been avoided by a few words of explanation, but the early-riser never questioned the order. He did what he was told to do—and did it well!

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Congratulations are in order for the Director of the USCG Auxiliary, 4th ND, who has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, with no "strings" (j.g.) attached. Promotions come a great deal harder in the regular service than they do among the Auks, you know.

FROM the BRIDGE



COMMENDATION

By LIEUT. JOHN W. BROWN, Director

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY — FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT

★ The conduct of the officers and men of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary during the recent emergency caused by the hurricane which struck the New Jersey Coast on Thursday, 14 September, 1944, has received high praise and commendation from all those with whom the men of the Auxiliary served and to whom they rendered aid and comfort during the emergency.

Many letters of commendation have come to this office, setting forth the exploits of the men in the Auxiliary in all those places where the storm wreaked such great havoc, taking the lives of men, women, and children, and destroying property totaling into the millions of dollars. Officers and men of the regular Coast Guard, heads of municipalities, members of police departments; and outstanding civilians of the stricken communities, have joined in commending the heroic manner in which the men of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary responded to requests for assistance in the emergency.

In the thousands of words contained in the reports, the logs, the newspaper accounts, and the letters from various sources, there is not one instance recorded of a Class (T) Reserve man from the Auxiliary failing to respond to, or "falling down" in the execution of his duty. The wholehearted and immediate response to the cry for assistance and the efficiency with which the organization functioned during the emergency has "brought home" to the citizens of New Jersey, to the officers of the regular Coast Guard, and to Headquarters, the fact that, in the absence of the young men in the Armed Forces of the United States, the Reserves are capable of taking care of the "Home Front" in any disaster.

It became apparent during the period after the hurricane had abated, that the

service of the Auxiliary is of a continuing nature; assistance was rendered to the stricken areas long after the danger of actual loss of life was over, men continued to help wherever requested, in policing the devastated areas, and safeguarding public and private property.

It was thoroughly demonstrated that the training of the Auxiliary in Coast Guard work has been efficient, and that the men and officers have learned to cooperate with the officers of the regular Coast Guard. Plans are already underway to improve the operational structure of the Auxiliary; so that in case of a recurrence of such a catastrophe, an even smoother and more efficient organization will be ready to function.

The Director highly commends the officers and men of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Class (T) Reserve from the Auxiliary for a job "Well Done."

Wrist Tags and Citations For 600-Hour Men

The District Coast Guard Officer has been authorized to present wrist tags and citations to temporary Reservists who have completed 600 hours of active service. The tags shall be of chrome steel and of the type issued at present by the Coast Guard to its regular personnel and shall be inscribed as follows:

NAME
USCGR-T
SERVICE
AWARD
600 HOURS.

A stainless steel chain will also be supplied.

RATINGS & COMMISSIONS CONFIRMED IN SEPTEMBER

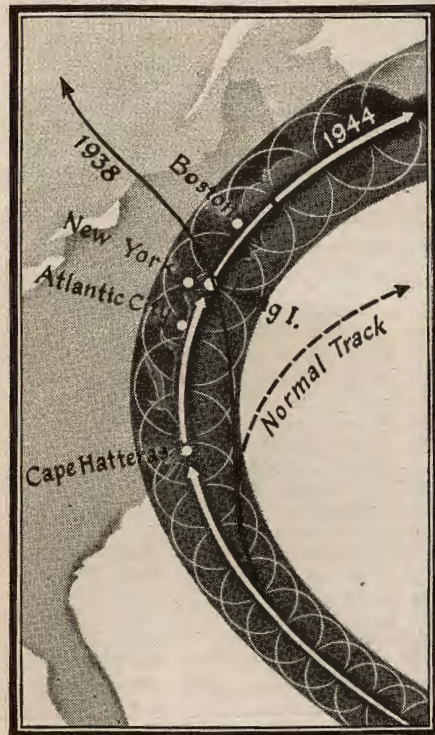
Flotilla	Name	From	To
16	BROUWER, Allen K.	Lieut.	Lt. Comdr.
27	HINELINE, Frank B.	Lieut.	Lt. Comdr.
51	ZIEGLER, Philip W.	BM1c	Ensign
53	APPLEBY, John W.	Sea.1c	Boatswain
33	SUTTON, Arthur V.	CBM	Boatswain
26	FEASTER, William N.	CBM	Boatswain
15	LARRABEE, Albert S.	Sea.1c	CBM
32	HELD, Charles	Sea.1c	CBM
41	STEWART, Chauncey J.	Cox.	CBM
16	KIEFER, Charles, Jr.	BM1c	CBM
11	HOGAN, Edward C. G.	Cox.	BM1c
22	HICKMAN, David	BM2c	BM1c
22	BECK, John D.	BM2c	BM1c
31	HERON, Raymond G.	GM3c	GM1c
32	LARKIN, Edward T.	Y3c	Y1c
22	OGDEN, James H.	Cox.	BM2c
17	FRIE, William E.	Sea.1c	MoMM2c
24	HEINE, Adolph	Sea.1c	MoMM2c
27	DARLINGTON, Frank H.	Sea.1c	MoMM2c
52	SCHWANGER, Orville H.	Sea.1c	MoMM2c
17	HENRY, John W.	Sea.1c	MoMM2c
17	STEWART, John N.	Sea.1c	MoMM2c
31	McCAHAN, William	GM3c	GM2c
52	SAMUELS, John P.	Sea.1c	Y3c
41	ESKRIDGE, Howell	Sea.1c	SK3c
17	EICHORST, Leonard A.	Sea.1c	Cox.
17	DeHAVEN, William S.	Sea.1c	Cox.
17	ELLENBERG, Fred T.	Sea.1c	Cox.
17	SCHWARZMAN, Samuel	Sea.1c	Cox.
11	MYERS, Walter O.	Sea.1c	Cox.
23	THOMAS, Samuel W.	Sea.1c	Cox.
22	KITSELMAN, John C. F.	Sea.1c	Cox.
23	FITHIAN, Charles S.	Sea.1c	Cox.
23	HUMPHREYS, Louis, III	Sea.1c	Cox.
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24	EVANS, James O.	Sea.1c	Cox.
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17	GROSSO, Horace	Sea.1c	Cox.
17	BUTTERHOFF, Joseph	Sea.1c	Cox.
17	FRANK, Theodore L.	Sea.1c	Cox.
23	CAWOOD, Ernest	Sea.1c	Cox.
23	WOLFGANG, Paul R.	Sea.1c	Cox.

BOX SCORE

DURING PERIOD OF 16 TO 30 SEPTEMBER, 1944, INCLUSIVE	
Number of Men Enrolled in the CG Auxiliary	9
Number of Men Sworn in Class (T) Reserve	0
Number of Class (T) Reservists Issued Uniforms	0
Number of Men Disenrolled from Class (T) Reserve	2
Number of Additional Men Assigned to Active Duty	56
Number of Men Enrolled in the	

CUMULATIVE TOTALS AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER, 1944	
CG Auxiliary	3435
Number of Men Sworn in Class (T) Reserve	2229
Number of Class (T) Reservists Issued Uniforms and Available for Duty	2130
Number of Men on Active Duty	1806

THE HURRICANE



TIME Diagram by R. M. Chapin, Jr.

★ It was Thursday, 14. September, 1944.

Forty-eight hours before, the United States Coast Guard had sent out the first, preliminary warnings that a hurricane was on its way from the Caribbean, and was likely to strike the Atlantic Seaboard. When the storm passed Cape Hatteras and failed to take its normal course out to sea, more insistent warnings were issued.

Most of the residents along the New Jersey coast failed to heed the warnings. Their apathy was typified by the belief that "it can't happen here." Of course, there was very little they could have done to prevent the property damage caused by the hurricane; but early evacuation could have prevented loss of life.

At 1330 on 14 September, reports indicated that there would be extensive trouble all along the seacoast of the Fourth Naval District. Immediately, Lieut. John W. Brown, USCGR, Director of the Auxiliary in the 4th ND, set in motion the machinery that within two hours had

alerted every one of the 23 Flotillas in the District with the order, "You are directed to put all members of the Class (T) Reserve under your jurisdiction on a standby alert for 48 hours, or until hurricane warnings cease. Render all possible assistance to Coast Guard Bases, Civil Authorities, and the Red Cross."

The Mobilization Plan that made this fast work possible is reproduced on this page. The fact that the Auxiliary functioned so well in this, our first emergency test, is due largely to this efficient organizational set-up.

By 1430, reports from the New Jersey shore points began to come in to the District Office. Every report indicated that the storm was increasing in intensity and that damage to life and property was imminent. Immediately, the District Office Organization put all members of shore Flotillas, who were on the scene, on active duty with orders to report to local Coast Guard officers at beach stations. Disregarding their own safety and the protection of their own property, these men reported for duty and were put to work at once securing small boats and assisting the civilian population.

As the fury of the storm reached its apex, communications to the coast were cut off, and the Auxiliary pro-

ceeded to set up a communications center outside of Ocean City, New Jersey, and another at Manahawkin, outside of Beach Haven.

Meanwhile, the first contingent of Auxiliarists from this city—a car containing four men of Flotilla 25—left Camden for Ocean city. By 2145, 101 men and 45 cars, including an ambulance and first aid unit, under the command of Lieut. (j.g.) C. F. Hadley, Jr., commander of Flotilla 25, were dispatched to Ocean City where reports indicated that most of the shore resort was under water and large numbers of the civilian population would have to be evacuated.

All night long, as reports of havoc and calls for assistance poured into the District Office, men and cars, equipped with blankets, axes, shovels, flashlights, first-aid kits, foul-weather clothing, and food were sent to critical points along the coast. By midnight, 418 men and 106 cars were assigned to Ocean City, Stone Harbor, Beach Haven, Seaside Park, Ship Bottom and Manahawkin. Meanwhile, 98 men and 29 cars were on stand-by duty at the District Office, prepared to depart on a moment's notice for any shore point that called for help.

At the height of the gale, wind velocities up to 85 miles per hour were

recorded. During this period of the storm, many acts of heroism were performed by members of the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. All the details concerning "who did what" will never be known, because many of the men who performed heroic acts considered them no more than what was expected of them and failed to report what they did. Many others minimized their deeds in the style of the classic "Sight- ed sub; sank same."

As the pictures in this issue indicate, wind and water did extensive damage amounting in some cases to the proportions of a major tragedy. Local police organizations and civilian defense groups found themselves unable to cope with the situation and the service of the Auxiliary proved to be indispensable, as indicated by the resolution adopted by the Sea Isle City Board of Commissioners (see p. 13).

Apart from the assistance rendered by members of the Auxiliary during the height of the storm, the real assistance rendered by the Class (T) Reservists was not clearly apparent until an inspection had been made of the damage. Many people were left homeless by the destruction of dwellings.

Numberless small boats were wrecked and automobiles were washed out to sea. Public utilities were disrupted and water systems were put out of commission, making fire-fighting difficult. Everywhere there was the danger of sudden conflagration from spilled gasoline and from broken high-power lines. Looting of stores threatened to be serious. The influx of curiosity seekers, after the storm subsided, threatened to hamper the work of rescue and rehabilitation. Wherever local authorities requested help, and for whatever purpose, the men of the Auxiliary pitched in and did a job. They guarded live wires, they manned bridge approaches to turn back all but those who had legitimate business in the stricken area, they set up kitchens to feed the homeless, they searched for (and found) many missing persons, they helped to salvage boats, they policed property against thieves, they did everything possible for the comfort and aid of the people of the stricken areas.

In all, a total of 1121 men served 21,332 hours on active duty and almost 500 more were on stand-by

ready to serve. Nevertheless, the Auxiliary continued to perform its regular duties of gate and tower and dock watch and river patrol!

The work of the Auxiliary in this emergency did not go without appreciation from local residents and from the governing bodies of stricken areas, as quotations from letters and resolutions reproduced in this issue indicate. Typical of these expressions of appreciation is that received by the commanding officer of Flotilla 31, from an official of Ocean City who wrote, "If never before, or never hereafter, you are called upon, this one performance certainly justifies the existence and maintenance of the Class (T) Reserve."

The efficient and immediate response of the USCG Auxiliary was a source of satisfaction to the DCGO, 4th Naval District, who expressed himself in no uncertain terms as indicated by his

AUXILIARY HEADQUARTERS GROUP MAINTAINS A FOUR-DAY DIRECTIONAL VIGIL

★ It was only natural that as soon as news of the intensity of the hurricane was verified, everyone wanted to rush to the scene of the action. Obviously, this would have been foolhardy. Some men had to be kept at Auxiliary Headquarters to direct operations, coordinate activities and receive reports.

The Auxiliary Headquarters group functioned without let-up for four days—the Director remaining on duty from the first alert on Thursday afternoon until 0200 the following day. For the next four days, the District Office devoted almost its entire time to hurricane work and many other urgent matters had to be postponed.

Meanwhile, Lieut. Comdr. A. K. Brouwer, USCGR, vice commodore, set up emergency headquarters at Toms River Yacht Club; Lieut. (T) R. E. Leonard set up emergency headquarters at Seaside Park; Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. B. Griscom set up and took charge of an Operational Headquarters at the Ocean City Police Station;

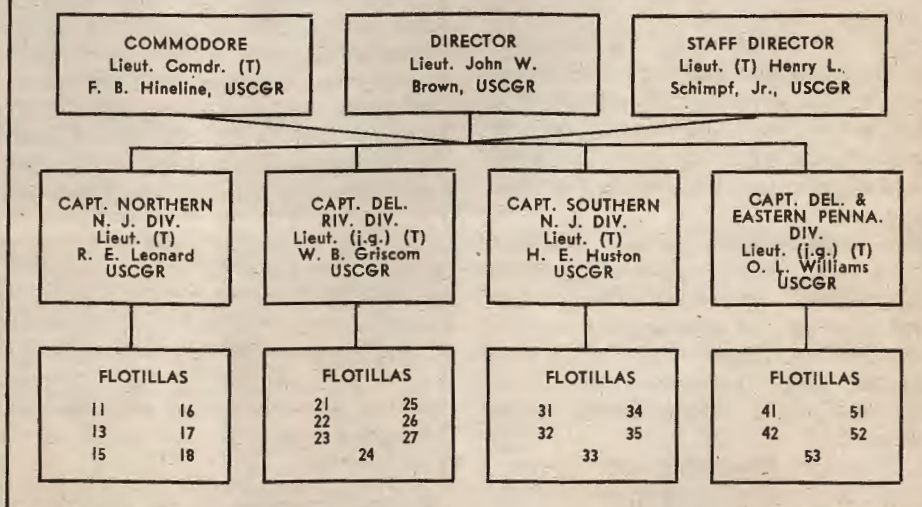
and Lieut. (T) H. L. Schimpf, Jr., was sent to Ocean City to set up communications.

During the four days of the emergency, the following men served at the Auxiliary Headquarters, keeping the log, answering calls for help, and dispatching men wherever, in their judgment, it seemed to be necessary:

Lieut. J. W. Brown, USCGR, Director
Lieut. Comdr. (T) F. B. Hineline
Lieut. (j.g.) (T) J. M. Hays
Lieut. (T) H. L. Schimpf, Jr.
Lieut. (T) F. T. Cox
Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. L. Holmes
Ensign (T) E. L. Merritt
Ensign (T) L. P. Carman
Ensign (T) R. W. Graham
CBM (T) W. H. Leavitt
Michael A. Devitt, SI/c
and members of the Regular District Office personnel.

OUR HATS ARE OFF to the resident of Beach Haven whose home was flattened by the hurricane, leaving nothing standing but the flagpole, and who, at sunrise the morning after the storm, had Old Glory flying from the mast over the wreckage of his property.

MOBILIZATION PLAN



TIME Diagram by R. M. Chapin, Jr.

letter, reproduced on Page 16. It would seem from this report that the Auxiliary is surfeited with self-satisfaction. Far from it. Our experience has taught us many lessons that will enable us to function even more efficiently in the future. A training program is already being considered that has for its object the use of Class (T) Reserve personnel from the Auxiliary to supplement the regular Coast Guard personnel at shore stations, and to fit them to carry out, in conjunction with the Coast Guard, all those duties in connection with the prevention of loss of life and property, and the comforting of people in distress, which result from acts of God, and for which, for 154 years, the Coast Guard has built up a tradition and reputation throughout the world for efficiency and ability in time of emergency.

Let us not now sit back and revel in our glory and gloat over our deeds. Let us look at what we did critically with an eye to how we may do the job better if and when a similar emergency occurs.

We have not seen the last hurricane that will ever strike our District.

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE LOGS OF FLOTILLAS ON

HURRICANE DUTY

★ When it is realized that the hurricane duty logs of many Flotillas covered as many as ten closely-spaced typewritten pages, it can be appreciated that all the incidents and all the acts of bravery recorded on those logs can not possibly be reprinted in TOPSIDE. The following excerpts are intended to give credit where credit is due, with the full realization that not one of the excerpts does full justice to the work of any Flotilla. It is hoped, however, that these brief reports will give an over-all picture of the magnitude of the work accomplished by the Auxiliary.

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Atlantic City Flotilla 11, mobilized 100 men, who reported to the CO, Atlantic City Lifeboat Station. The men immediately went to work securing small boats at Clam Creek and Sun Harbor. Due to the excellent work of this group of men, damage to small boats in the Atlantic City area was relatively slight.

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Under the command of Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. H. Burdge, USCGR, 65 men were mustered for storm duty at Seaside Park, the first group being mustered at 1200, Thursday. The first 10 men evacuated 15 families and brought 65 people to the school house and the Borough Hall where they would be safe from the fast-rising water.

Two men were stationed at the Seaside Park water plant to assist local officials in maintaining the water supply. During the week of the hurricane and its aftermath, 10 men patrolled the ocean front each night to protect property from looting.



Auxiliary finds part of his boat

15

On receipt of instructions from the Director, approximately 36 men were alerted in uniform, with instructions to await orders. Chadwick and Bay Head Coast Guard Stations were instructed to call on the Class (T) Reserve if there was any need. Police Department, Red Cross and First Aid in each town in the area were also notified of our preparedness to assist. Since there was no official call for assistance, the men acted independently in evacuating people from damaged homes and in saving boats and property.

16

At 1100, 14 September, 1944, Ensign (T) D. T. Applegate, USCGR, contacted the CO, Toms River Lifeboat Station, and informed him that men of Flotilla 16 were available for emergency duty. At 1400, C. B. M. (T) Snyder, USCGR and crew patrolled Toms River, checking the moorings and anchorages of boats. Calls were made to some boat owners in Philadelphia and surrounding towns, advising them this had been done and that the Reserve would continue to keep watch on boats.

Men were detailed to patrol Seaside Bay bridge. A detail of men was un-

able to get through to Barnegat City because the bridge was awash. Telephone communication was maintained between the Toms River Lifeboat Station, Lieutenant Commander (T) A. K. Brouwer, USCGR, and Flotilla 16 Headquarters. C. B. M. (T) Snyder, USCGR and crew located the cruiser "ESQUIRE" which had been reported lost.

The morning of 15 September, 1944, Lieutenant Commander (T) Brouwer, Ensign (T) Applegate, and crew surveyed the damage at Barnegat City; and upon advice that no men were needed, returned to Toms River.

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Since Flotilla 17 has its headquarters at the shore, members were available for duty when the storm struck. They rendered all possible assistance to civilians during the storm. A detail left New Gretna at 0700, 15 September, and proceeded aboard the "SILVER CLOUD" to Little Egg Lifeboat Station to report for duty. A total of 65 men were prepared for any duty they were called upon to perform.

18

At 2130, Lieutenant K. M. Redgrave, USCG, waded into the S. S. Blake home, the temporary Flotilla headquarters, to give directions for Temporary Reserve assistance. The Regular Coast Guard and the Temporary Reserve worked tirelessly to protect life and property during the storm.

Beginning at 0600, Friday, details were dispatched to search for bodies. All but that of one child have been recovered. A work detail was sent to clean up a private hospital. There was a motor lifeboat detail for transporting food to the Bonds' area and Little Egg Lifeboat Station.

The Auxiliary-organized police patrols were maintained continuously from 1800, Friday, until 1200 Sunday.

A kitchen was set up at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, serving 231 meals and feeding light snacks to several hundred others. Road block was set up south of Beach Haven, and only authorized persons were allowed passage.

21

During the height of the storm, 20 men of Flotilla 21 stood by at the District Office for emergency assignment.

Having received word from the Director that men were needed at Beach Haven on Friday, 15 September, 26 men were sent. On Saturday, an additional 23 men were sent. These groups under the command of Ensign (T) J. E. Klock, USCGR, and E. Herman Fuiman, S1/c (T) USCGR, Operations Officer, served with the officers and men of Flotilla 18, performing duties as described above.



Cruisers wrecked in the Basin.

22

78 men departed from Essington Base for Ocean City at 2300 under the command of Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. B. Griscom, USCGR, and Ensign (T) W. T. Whitehead, USCGR. Lieutenant (j.g.) (T) Griscom and Lieut. (T) H. L. Schimpf, Jr., USCGR remained in office of Chief of Police, Ocean City, and set up patrol plans after a survey of the damaged area.

23

At 0130, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) E. A. Knorr, USCGR, arrived in Ocean City with a convoy of 14 cars with an average of 5 men to a car.

A group of 5 men which arrived at Ocean City at 0115, 15 September, stood guard duty until 1630.

In response to a request for men, two details were sent to Ocean City

SOME IDEA of the amount of destruction at Beach Haven may be gleaned from the fact that Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Morton Gibbons-Neff, commander of Flotilla 18, put in 80 hours of service, and Operations Officer Ensign (T) Sydney S. Blake logged 97 hours of hurricane duty.

for duty Sunday and Monday. They were placed on patrol duty, protecting property from organized bands of thieves which were taking advantage of the state of chaos. 22 men were mustered at 1800, 18 September, for duty at Sea Isle City. The post was secured at 1200, 19 September.

24

At 2058, 14 September, the Director ordered mobilization of Flotilla 24 for emergency duty. 50 men and 12 automobiles arrived at the Ship Bottom CG Station at 0135. Ensign (T) J. K. Tompkins, USCGR, commander, reported their arrival to the Director by telephone and proceeded to map out a program for best possible assistance to stricken areas. The area from Brant Beach to Surf City, N. J., was covered by patrols. All properties were investigated, and the survivors were contacted to ascertain their needs.

Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. L. Holmes, USCGR, and Ensign (T) Tompkins drove to Barnegat Station, picking their way around wrecked houses, which had washed into the road, finally arriving at 0600. Communications by radio and phone were cut off at Barnegat Station; but since there was not a great deal of damage, Lieut. (j.g.) Holmes and Ensign Tompkins returned to Ship Bottom.

When dawn came, it was possible to begin more active operations. Temporary Reservists ran a shuttle service to Manahawkin for stranded residents, and arranged transportation for 50 persons.

Men were detailed to Harvey Cedars, Beach Haven, and 5 men added to the detail headed by Lieut. (j.g.) (T) M. Gibbons-Neff to search for bodies at Bonds.

Arrangements were made with the Public Service Bus Company to transport remaining residents from the island.

At 1200, 15 September, all men were relieved of duty, with the exception of 4 at Harvey Cedars who remained until 1630.

25

Fourteen cars and the Westmont, N. J., ambulance left the Armory in Camden at 2145, 14 September, 1944, under the command of Lieut. (j.g.) (T) C. F. Hadley, USCGR, and were escorted by state police to Ocean City, N. J. Headquarters were set up at the City Hall, and a report of conditions was made by telephone to the Asst. DCGO. This communication was the first word of any kind received by the District Office from Ocean City since the beginning of the storm.

Men were assigned to police duties in the streets and on the boardwalk. Danger of looting was great since many plate glass store windows were broken and private homes could easily be entered. A live wire was guarded by a detail of 2 men. Entrances to the city were guarded so that only authorized persons might come in.

The Red Cross served food to those on duty.

20 men were sent to Sea Isle City, and 8 men to Stone Harbor on 16 September for emergency patrol duty.



The Watch Towers withstand the blow.

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As ordered by the Director, Ensign (T) C. H. Wyckoff, USCGR, reported to Auxiliary Headquarters when he had reached Somers Point, N. J. at 2230, 14 September, with 37 men. They proceeded to Ocean City, where they were directed to patrol the ocean front and one block inland. The men were divided into 3 groups under the command of H. E. Phillips, C. B. M. (T), USCGR, W. N. Feaster, C. B. M. (T), USCGR, and T. G. Long, Cox. (T) USCGR. During the night, the men were fed by the Red Cross. At 0800, 15 September, men of this detail were released from duty.

B. B. Rochestie, Cox. (T) USCGR, was in charge at Trenton Yacht Club, to protect as far as possible, boats anchored in the Delaware River at Tren-

ton, N. J. This detail replaced 3 moorings, pumped out 2 damaged boats, pulled a tree ashore from the channel, towed a disabled sailboat and speedboat to a yard, notified proper authorities that 2 loaded gravel barges which had dragged their moorings were in the center of the channel. Patrol secured at 1730, 15 September.

27

On 13 September, Ensign (T) L. G. Doyle, USCGR, declared a state of emergency within the Flotilla, and directed that machinery for mobilization be established.

27 men reported for patrol duties in Ocean City on 17 September, and all served for over 12 hours. 11 men were assigned to a special detail at Corson's Inlet.

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Lieut. (j.g.) (T) H. R. Vandegrift, USCGR, commander, Flotilla 31 put his entire flotilla on active duty at 1200 on Thursday, and turned them to securing small boats and other property at Ocean City.

Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Vandegrift took charge of the situation on Friday morning and in conjunction with Lieut. E. B. York, USCG, and Chief Lackey of the Ocean City Police, maintained a police patrol of Class (T) Reserve men who worked continuously through Friday, Saturday and Sunday, policing the stricken area and preventing looting and pilfering by souvenir seekers.

Ensign (T) Richard Gifford, USCGR, vice commander, Flotilla 31, and Boat-swain (T) Ralph Clayton, USCGR, Assistant Operations Officer, Flotilla 31, did outstanding service and remained on duty continuously throughout the emergency.

Lieutenant (j.g.) (T) Vandegrift was successful in obtaining 1000 gallons of gasoline from the local board, which was paid for by the City of Ocean City. This gasoline was used in Class (T) Reservists' automobiles.

The Philadelphia Chapter, American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army supplied the food throughout the emergency. Quarters were obtained for the men at the police station and in private homes.

E. L. Johnstone, C. B. M. (T) USCGR, was relieved of duty in Ocean City, and was placed in command of the Sea Isle City area by Lieut. (T) H. E. Huston, USCGR, at 1630, 17 September. Duty schedules were set up, and accommodations were arranged



Boats and houses jumbled together.

for the men. Posts were established at Townsend's Inlet and 44th Street to prevent unauthorized cars from entering the area. Men were placed on beach patrol to prevent looting. A system for issuing passes in and out of the area was set up.

A resolution appealing for continued aid was passed by the City Commissioners to be presented to the Director of the Auxiliary. In response to this appeal, men from Flotillas 22, 23, 25, 51, 52 and 53 continued to serve in the area until 21 September.

Damage in Sea Isle City was so great that local authorities were unable to cope with the situation without the aid of the Temporary Reservists who served there.

BOS'N (T) RALPH CLAYTON, of Flotilla 31, was responsible for rescuing three women and two children from a stranded automobile on the causeway. As a result, he lost his own automobile which was swept off the causeway into the channel.

This is typical of many acts performed by members of Flotilla 31 who neglected their personal belongings and property in order to fulfill their duty assignments.

32

Flotilla 32 was mobilized for duty at 1400, Thursday, 14 September. Lieut. (T) H. E. Huston, USCGR, set up a roving patrol along the beach at the request of Mayor Biggs. Boat-swain (T) H. E. Pike, USCGR, was assigned to the Stone Harbor CG Station to command the work of the Auxiliary there. Under the command of Ensign (T) Eric W. Strandberg, USCGR, commander of the Flotilla, the Auxiliary prevented extensive looting and assisted the Borough Council in countless duties.

33

Under the command of Lieut. (j.g.) (T) J. J. Kay, USCGR, Flotilla 33 was on standby duty during the storm. Since there was very little damage in Wildwood, the Flotilla as a whole was not called to active duty. However, the men served individually, assisting local authorities wherever possible. Four men were sent to Sea Isle City for patrol duty.

34

Twenty-six men were mobilized and sent to Ocean City at 2300, 14 September, under command of Ensign (T) L. Renner, USCGR. On Friday, 25 men from Flotilla 34 were sent to Ocean City to work on Police Details. At Sea Isle City, 20 men were placed on duty for 24 hours to prevent looting.

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Commander of Flotilla 35, Ensign (T) Donald W. Lear, USCGR, reported to the CG Station, at Cape May, N. J., that the Flotilla was prepared for emergency duty. Patrol work and acts of individual assistance were performed.

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At 1730, all men were notified by direction of Ensign (T) V. R. Coats, USCGR, to report, uniformed, and ready for duty at the Armory. The CO, Lewes, and the CO, Edgemoor, were notified that the Flotilla was prepared to render assistance. The Red Cross, State Police, and city police were also advised that the men were available for duty. A detail was sent to Rehoboth with clothing, cots and blankets furnished by the Red Cross.

While standing by, the Flotilla proceeded with the usual meeting, drill and classes.

42

At 1300, 14 September, Flotilla commander, Mr. Raymond R. Atkins, offered the services of the Flotilla to the CO, Lewes CG Station. Vessels proceeded to the CG Station at 1530, and remained until 1600, 15 September. All members were standing by, but no active duty was requested.

51-52-53

Flotillas 51, 52 and 53 were on standby duty during the storm. There was no damage reported in this area, and the Flotillas were not called to active duty. However, they were prepared to send men to the stricken areas at all times, and men from these three groups served at Sea Isle City.



Pilings fail to save beach-front homes.

Conclusion

Countless acts of assistance were rendered to the state and local police forces, the city authorities, the Red Cross and individual citizens. Reports from Flotilla commanders praise the work of the regular complement of the CG Stations along the beach.

It is interesting to note that in most areas, men of several different Flotillas were working together. All served as one coordinated group, following procedures set up by the officer placed in charge of each area by the Director.

That city officials in the stricken areas felt the necessity and value of having the Temporary Reservists on duty was evidenced by the fact that they appealed for a continuance of Coast Guard activities. Beginning the third day of the disaster, city officials in most areas provided gasoline for the cars and saw that the men were fed. The Red Cross in many cases continued feeding men all night as they changed watches.

The letters of commendation from local authorities reproduced in this issue are the best evidence that the work of the Auxiliary was well done and thoroughly appreciated.

RECORD OF HURRICANE DISASTER DUTY IN TERMS OF MEN AND HOURS

RESCUE AND PATROL DUTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH U. S. COAST GUARD			POLICE DUTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH CIVILIAN POLICE
FLOTILLA	MEN	HOURS	PLACE OF DUTY
11	80	960	Atlantic City, N. J.
13	65	1078	Seaside Park, N. J.
15	36	216	Point Pleasant, N. J.
16	45	846	Toms River, N. J.
17	64	775	Atlantic City, N. J. and surrounding area
18	91	4064	Long Beach Island (New Jersey)
21	49	1506	Beach Haven, N. J.
22	115	1680	Ocean City, N. J.
23	22	294	Sea Isle City, N. J.
	84	581	Ocean City, N. J.
24	49	664	Long Beach Island (New Jersey)
25	101	1414	Ocean City, N. J.
	20	240	Sea Isle City, N. J.
	8	384	Stone Harbor, N. J.
26	37	499	Ocean City, N. J.
	5	41	Trenton Yacht Club, Trenton, N. J.
27	38	788	Ocean City, N. J. and Corsons Inlet, N. J.
31	85	2550	Ocean City, N. J. and Strathmere, N. J.
32	50	1500	Ocean City, N. J., Sea Isle City, N. J., Stone Harbor, N. J.
33	7	70	Wildwood, N. J.
34	26	104	Ocean City, N. J.
35	18	450	Cape May, N. J.
41	8	42	Rehoboth, Del. and Wilmington, Del.
42	8	116	Lewes, Del.
51	3	144	Sea Isle City, N. J.
52	2	86	Sea Isle City, N. J.
53	5	240	Sea Isle City, N. J.
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Docks and boat houses are reduced to ruins.

AT THE HEIGHT of the storm on Long Beach Island, John Bayzath, a member of Flotilla 18, who was suffering from a back injury, brought three people from the main road through the high water to the safety of Long Beach Station Tower. He then returned to get a small girl who, with her arms so tight about his neck that she almost strangled him, clung to his back while the water swirled around his neck. As they neared the station and Bayzath was holding on to a telegraph pole for support, a floating house crashed into the pole, missing the pair by inches. Unable to move, Bayzath hung on until men from the station were able to reach him and effect a rescue.

Due to the preventive work in advance of the peak of the storm performed by 42 men of Flotilla 31, an inestimable amount of damage to small boats of the Ocean City Auxiliary Fleet was prevented. This group also performed many acts of heroism, at the risk of their own lives, in evacuating families whose houses were later destroyed when the full force of the hurricane struck Ocean City.

CIVIL AUTHORITIES PAY TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE AUXILIARY

BOROUGH OF BEACH HAVEN

"Six Miles at Sea"

BEACH HAVEN, NEW JERSEY

September 25th, 1944.

Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Morton Gibbons-Neff
Commander, Flotilla 18
U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Beach Haven, New Jersey
Dear Mr. Neff:

The Borough of Beach Haven and its citizenry is deeply indebted to the service of Flotilla 18 of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary during and following the hurricane emergency of September 14th. I want to express my personal thanks and those of the Members of the Borough Council to your organization for the brave duty and courageous action above the call of ordinary service.

We are especially anxious to have our thanks expressed to Ensign (T) S. S. Blake, of your staff, and Chief Walter E. Cranmer for their foresight in marshalling manpower prior to the fury of the storm and their devotion to duty thereafter. Please express to each man of the Flotilla and to those who came from the outside to join in the service, our profound appreciation for what they did. I am,

Very sincerely yours,

/S/ VAN A. NAGLE,
Mayor.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY

September 23, 1944.

Lieut. H. R. Vandegrift
Commander of Ocean City
Flotilla No. 31, USCGR
408 N. Front Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Vandegrift:

In spite of the fact that a resolution has been adopted by the Governing Body of this City, I cannot refrain from writing personally to you to express added appreciation to you and through you, to your organization for the splendid and timely assistance you rendered this City during the emergency through which we have just passed.

It is said that a General never knows what his Army will do until it is put to the test, and it must have been a pleasure to you to see your organization perform in an emergency which it was largely organized and trained for.

This City would have been hard put

had it not been for the prompt response of your group of men. The result they attained is a fine tribute to you and to the work you have done in organizing and maintaining the group.

If never before, or never hereafter you are called upon, this one performance certainly justifies the existence of this Reserve.

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of this City expressing the official appreciation of our City to you and your Unit.

With every good wish to you and your associates, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/S/ CLYDE W. STRUBLE,
Mayor.

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CITY OF OCEAN CITY CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Resolution

A RESOLUTION commending the United States Coast Guard Reserve and other units under the direction of the Ocean City Flotilla 31, the Salvation Army, Red Cross Mobile Communication Unit, Philadelphia Chapter, and the Local Red Cross.

WHEREAS, the City of Ocean City, New Jersey, was subjected to severe damage, and the probability of loss of life or serious injury to the public in this community became great as the result of the hurricane on September 14th, 1944, and,

WHEREAS, in this emergency, the United States Coast Guard Reserve and other units under the direction of the Ocean City Flotilla 31, the Salvation Army, Red Cross Mobile Communication Unit, Philadelphia Chapter, and the Local Red Cross, supplied many competent and carefully trained men and women who willingly risked their own personal safety to assist the people, the municipal authorities and particularly to supplement the untiring efforts of the employees of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey, and,

WHEREAS, the work and careful vigilance of these men and women has been continued in order to properly maintain order and protect property within this City, and,

WHEREAS, these men and women carry on their work entirely as a public spirited group, without compensation or reward of any character, and,

WHEREAS, this governing body is

mindful of the excellent work performed by them and is deeply appreciative of this splendid public service, and being ever grateful that this community was spared the loss of life and many serious injuries, and,

WHEREAS, it is fully recognized that this, in great measure, was the result of the efforts of the United States Coast Guard Reserve, and other units under the direction of Ocean City Flotilla 31, the Salvation Army, Red Cross Mobile Communication Unit, Philadelphia Chapter and the Local Red Cross, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey, that this governing body, for and in behalf of the people whom it represents, as well as in its own behalf, does hereby express this, a sincere debt of gratitude, to those members of the United States Coast Guard Reserve and other units under the direction of Ocean City Flotilla 31, the Salvation Army, Red Cross Mobile Communication Unit, Philadelphia Chapter, and the Local Red Cross, who so willingly and ably assisted in this emergency, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies of this resolution, certified as such by the City Clerk, be transmitted to such officers and representatives of the organizations herein named as may be designated by the Mayor.

/S/ HENRY ROESER, JR.,

/S/ CLYDE W. STRUBLE,

/S/ EDWARD B. BOWKER,

Commissioners.

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LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF TRADE

OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Representing

Beach Haven Long Beach Township
Surf City Harvey Cedars
Ship Bottom—Beach Arlington
Barnegat City

September 25th, 1944.

Director U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
210 West Washington Square
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Director:

The Long Beach Island Board of Trade and its six member communities, Beach Haven Inlet to historic Barnegat Light, wish to register with you their full thanks for the excellent service of Flotilla 18 of the Auxiliary during the September 14th hurricane along the New Jersey Coast.

Ensign (T) Sidney S. Blake of that unit is to be particularly commended for his foresight in beginning protective measures and the evacuation of civilians as early as 1500 on the day of the storm in the Beach Haven area. The vast amount of aid to the injured, police work, and personal heroism will never be properly praised — except by those whose lives were saved in the midst of almost certain disaster.

In addition to the splendid work of Flotilla 18 under the command of Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Morton Gibbons-Neff, may we also express to you as Director of the Auxiliary, our additional thanks to the members of Flotilla 21 of Philadelphia, many of whom deserted their work and homes at the first call to come to Long Beach Island for lengthy periods of duty following the full fury of the storm. Naturally, our admiration for Lieut. Kent M. Redgrave of the Beach Haven Group and Chief Fred Griffin and the men of the regular service attached to Bond's Station was measurably increased by their brave performance of unusual duties.

Very sincerely yours,

/S/ HOWARD E. SHIFLER,
President.

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REPUBLICAN UNION LEAGUE OF ATLANTIC COUNTY

Office of the Secretary

Mays Landing, New Jersey,
25 September, 1944.

U. S. Coast Guard D.O.

Fourth Naval District

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of this organization held September 21st, I was instructed to write and thank you on behalf of the citizens of Atlantic City and County for the splendid work your unit performed during and after the recent hurricane. Without the efforts of your men undoubtedly there would have been great loss of life and even more severe property damage and this organization desires you to know they sincerely appreciate everything you did.

Very sincerely,

/S/ WM. A. BLAIR,
Secretary.

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CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY NEW JERSEY

October 9, 1944.

Lieut. J. W. Brown

Director of the USCG Auxiliary

210 West Washington Square

Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the people of Sea Isle City I want to express to you our sincere

appreciation for your prompt recognition of the need that was expressed in the Resolution sent to you by the Board of Commissioners as the result of the hurricane of September 14th, and the quick action taken by you to give us men to meet the emergency.

We would like to thank personally every Flotilla member who was assigned and rendered service in our city and this area, but may I, through you, express to those men our thanks and commendation for having rendered such valuable service and met the situation in such creditable manner under most adverse conditions.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ G. FRED CRONECKER,
Mayor.

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BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR NEW JERSEY

September 29, 1944.

Lieut. J. W. Brown, Director

USCG Auxiliary, 4th N. D.

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

On behalf of the members of the Borough Council and the citizens and friends of the Borough of Stone Harbor, New Jersey, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve for their untiring and splendid services rendered the Borough of Stone Harbor during the severe storm of 14 September, 1944.

In the three hours of the storm, we received calls from marooned persons who were in great danger and these men not only got them to safety, but opened their own homes for them. Then there was the guarding of property which these men did until the danger was over, and there were many other things which these men did in Stone Harbor which will never be forgotten. We are indeed indebted to the United States Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, and the Reserve for this wonderful service.

Very sincerely yours,

/S/ JOHN R. BIGGS,
Mayor.

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BEACH HAVEN, N. J.

8 October, 1944.

TO: Director, USCG Auxiliary

Subj.: Operations; USCG Auxiliary,
hurricane September 14, 1944.

1. You have received a report from Flotilla 18 covering its operation during the recent hurricane which caused the loss of five lives and over \$1,500,000 damage in this area. Having received a copy of this report, I wish to take this opportunity of endorsing it in full.

2. The Coast Guard Auxiliary played a very important part in the work that

the Coast Guard was called upon to perform. They worked with our regular men efficiently and in a manner that could reflect only credit on the organization. They performed every duty assigned them, which bore out the value of the training and experience that they have built up during the time that they have been identified with the Coast Guard.

3. I also desire to express my appreciation for the help given by Flotillas 21, 24, and 17, who all assisted in a very able manner.

4. I desire especially to commend Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Morton Gibbons-Neff, commander of Flotilla 18; Ensign (T) Sydney S. Blake, Operations Officer; and Bos'n (T) J. Wesley Heilman and Joseph Haines for their special meritorious work during the time of the emergency operations.

/S/ K. M. REDGRAVE,
Commanding Officer.

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RESOLUTION No. 150 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, It has just been called to our attention that the services of the Coast Guard Reserve for the policing of this City during the present emergency will be no longer available after 6 P. M. today, and,

WHEREAS, The necessity for the continuance of this work is urgent to prevent unlawful acts, chiefly looting; and as conditions become normal, with less people here, the danger increases. Our own police force is totally inadequate in number to cope with requirements, and we cannot find additional men to perform these duties in the City, and,

WHEREAS, To insure having sufficient Reservists available, it is possible that those in the Avalon, Stone Harbor and Wildwood Flotillas could serve here as they are not required for similar work in their respective municipalities, and possibly the tower assignments of these men could be suspended or the work assumed by the regular U. S. Coast Guard, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey, urgently requests that the Coast Guard Reserves continue to aid our stricken City as mentioned in the preamble of this resolution, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to E. L. Johnstone, C.B.M. (T), Operations Officer, Sea Isle City Area, for transmission to the proper officers.

G. FRED CRONECKER,

H. E. F. HAWKINS,

CLAUDE A. VAN HOOK,

Commissioners.



Coast Guard surf boat high and dry.



Houses careen like drunkards.



There is the humorous side, too.



A proud ship down at her mooring.



"I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down."



Learn how to tie 'em, boys!



Boardwalks were demolished.



Scores of boats capsized.



Kinda breczy, wasn't it?



Boats tossed on land like matchsticks.



Sand fills the streets like snowdrifts.



Tossed clear of the water by the storm's fury.



"... with a long, hard salvage job ahead."



"Sea-going houses" are everywhere.



Second stories down to sea level.



Boats are beached in the streets.



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

PHILADELPHIA 6, PA.

Address Reply To
District Coast Guard Officer (D)
Fourth Naval District

Refer to File _____

6 October, 1944

To: Director, Coast Guard Auxiliary

Subj.: Commendation

1. Man's life upon this earth hangs by a slender thread and all of his works disintegrate and disappear when overwhelmed by the tremendous forces of Nature. Recently such a force of nature, a tropical hurricane, raged over the Atlantic Ocean and on 14 September struck the New Jersey coast with tremendous fury. Destruction was widespread and complete. Home were demolished and the inhabitants cast into the swirling flood waters wherein they struggled for their very lives.

2. It was into such a scene that the members of your organization, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, were cast in the role of lifesavers. I have received many testimonials from grateful citizens as well as numerous official reports describing in detail how the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, who were on duty in the affected area, disregarded their own safety and worked throughout the height of the storm and all through the night to save the civilian inhabitants from actual drowning, carrying some and leading others less infirm to places of safety.

3. Nor were the deeds of heroism confined to the Auxiliarists already on the scene; it is a matter of record that you alerted all Flotillas and ordered large reinforcements into the stricken areas according to previously prepared plans. If the work of rescue and relief done by these particular members was less spectacular than that of the Auxiliarists on the spot, nevertheless much was accomplished; all in accordance with the finest traditions of the Coast Guard for lending a helping hand to those in danger and distress.

4. It is my desire that you transmit to all of the Flotillas of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Fourth Naval District—to the members thereof who performed so nobly during the disaster as well as those who stood ready and willing to serve although not actually called upon—my highest praise and thanks. To you all: "Hail and well done."

E. A. COFFIN,
Captain, USCG.

Reprints of this letter, suitable for framing, available free on request to the Director

CAPTAIN JONES, CHIEF AUXILIARY DIRECTOR, ATTENDS FORMAL OPENING OF NEW TRAINING BASE



Lieut. "Dick" Nelms delivers the key to the Base to Lieut. Comdr. Frank B. Hineine, commodore.

★ It was a hot night for Dress Blues, but the weather failed to dampen the ardor of more than one hundred guests and members of the Auxiliary who attended the formal opening of the new Training Base at 1011 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on the evening of 20 September.

Following a dinner at the Union League, attended by Captain C. H. Jones, USCG, Chief Director, USCG Auxiliary; Commander J. H. Kimberly, USCGR, Assistant Chief Director, USCG Auxiliary; Lieut. J. W. Brown, Director, USCG Auxiliary, 4th ND; the commodore and vice commodore of the Auxiliary, 4th ND; and the Auxiliary Staff Director, invited guests assembled on the tenth deck of the Base and spent a half hour in enthusiastic examination of the equipment and quarters, adjourning to the eleventh deck at 2030 for the formal meeting and inauguration ceremonies.

As president of the Foundation, Lieutenant (T) Richard Nelms opened the meeting by stressing the significance of the name of the organization, pointing out that the new base was a firm "Foundation" upon which the future of the Auxiliary could be built. He then presented the key to the quarters to Lieutenant Commander (T) Frank B. Hineine, commodore, who promised

that the base would be used to the fullest extent possible, and paid tribute to the work of Lieutenants (T) F. Travis Cox and Earl H. Huston and their committees who were largely responsible for the collection of the funds and the selection and furnishing of the Base. Lieutenant Cox briefly reviewed the

long history of the solicitation of the funds for the Foundation, which were originally sought with the intention of building a water-front Base where boats could be moored, stored, and repaired. He explained that this was abandoned for several reasons, principally because of the return of the Auxiliarists' boats to private ownership, and that the fundraising committee had then practically to duplicate their previous work by requesting all donors to reallocate their contributions to the new project of a central meeting place and training quarters. The committee's success in every instance, made the present Base possible and guaranteed its future for at least three years.

The purpose of the Base, explained Mr. Hineine, is not to take instruction out of the Flotillas' hands, but rather to provide an advanced training Base, where equipment would be available that might not otherwise be obtainable by an individual Flotilla, such for example, as complete equipment for teaching navigation, complete gasoline and Diesel engines for Motor Mac courses, and classes for Flotilla instructors. He explained that the Base would also provide boats for practical experience in boat handling as soon as arrangements could be completed.

Mr. Hineine then turned the meet-

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Captain Jones declares, "You have given me the pattern I have been looking for for two years."

OPENING OF NEW BASE

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Lieut. Comdr. H. E. Abbott, former Director of the Auxiliary, congratulates us on our progress.

ing over to Lieut. J. W. Brown, Director, USCG Auxiliary, 4th ND, who declared that the establishment of the Base was "one of the highlights in the history of the Auxiliary, in the Fourth Naval District." Now that we have a place we can call our own, Mr. Brown felt that the question of holding the Auxiliary together after the war was well on the way to solution. He declared that the new Base is part of the plan for Post-War Activities of the Auxiliary, which include Sea-Air Rescue work in conjunction with the Regular Coast Coast, Amateur Radio communication Station Duty training, and Seaman training cruises on regular Coast Guard cutters.

Congratulations were then extended by Lieut. Comdr. H. E. Abbott, USCGR; Lieut. Comdr. D. N. Tompkins, USCGR; Lieut. Comdr. Trautenberg, USCG; Lieut. Comdr. (T) Eldridge, of the VPSF; and Lieut. Comdr. Kellem, USN.

The remarks of Commander J. H. Kimberly, USCGR, Ass't Chief Director of the Auxiliary, were music to the ears of all dyed-in-the-wool Auxiliarists present. "The future of the Auxiliary is assured", declared the Commander. "It is going ahead in the post-war era on a bigger and better scale. Our job between now and the end of the war is so to lay our plans that the turning over of the Auxiliary to the direction of the Coast Guard will be as easy as

possible. This transition period is a delicate problem. Legislation has been prepared which is designed to broaden the scope of the post-war Auxiliary by eliminating the class distinction between boat-owners and non-boat-owners and enabling the Auxiliary to enroll men not interested in boating. Specifically, I have in mind those men who have demonstrated their value as ham radio operators and as pilots in the Civilian Air Patrol. As members of the Auxiliary, such men would give us a land-sea-air safety and rescue set-up that would be able to cope with any emergency without depending upon any other organization or outside agency. We shall, of course, still be very selective in building up our membership by selecting the best men possible.

"It is also planned," continued Commander Kimberly, "that the post-war Auxiliary will easily obtain military authority when needed, without the necessity of joining the Reserve, even on a Temporary basis. New uniforms, entirely different from the pre-war Auxiliary uniforms are being planned and Headquarters would also appreciate constructive suggestions for a new name to replace the word 'Auxiliary' which, we all agree, carried a ladies' sewing circle implication."

Commander Kimberly then complimented the men on the new Base, stating that "this is the first District in which the men have been far-seeing

enough to inaugurate such a Base. The Fourth Naval District again leads the way for the country as a whole."

Lieut. Comdr. (T) A. K. Brouwer, vice commodore, asked that all Auxiliarists pitch in to give Commander Kimberly the transition period cooperation he had requested.

Captain C. H. Jones, USCG, the next speaker, offered his compliments on the new Base and stated that "you men have given me the pattern I have been looking for for two years. The establishment of a Foundation as a legal corporation makes it possible for the Flotillas to own property and thereby to receive and take custody of material that Headquarters might see fit to turn over to them." Captain Jones also suggested that a suitable function of the Auxiliary would be to make welcome those Coast Guardsmen who are landed in strange ports and who have no friends there.

The entire meeting rose to its feet in compliment to Captain E. A. Coffin, the final speaker on the program, who complimented the Auxiliary on the new Base and on their part in the recent hurricane disaster. "So many of our regulars are in other theatres of operation", the Captain said "that we simply could not have done the job the public expected of us without the aid of the Class (T) men."

Following a lantern slide demonstration of Auxiliary personalities and activities, with a running comment by Director Brown, the meeting adjourned to the deck below where the balance of the evening was spent in good fellowship, aided and abetted by the excellent refreshments that had been provided by the committee.

The Headquarters group, together with local officers, spent the following day on a tour of the hurricane coast, examining the damage and checking into the activities of the Auxiliary during and after the storm.

NEWSPAPER RECOGNITION IN CONNECTION WITH HURRICANE EMERGENCY DUTY

Daily and weekly newspapers in Philadelphia and throughout South Jersey used 148 column inches of direct reference to the United States Coast Guard Reserve Class (T) or the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Broken down to amount of space used, the total would mean approximately 7-2/5 columns of a metropolitan newspaper; 2072 lines of type, or about 10,360 words.

The LOG of AUXILIARY FLOTILLA ACTIVITIES

FLOTILLA 15, POINT PLEASANT—Now that the debris of the September hurricane has been partially cleared away and the tower watchers have the sand cleaned out of their ears, everyone is looking forward to an exciting time.

The gang is going to hold a ladies' night some time in the near future. Claude Edlehauser is in charge of arrangements. When this big boy, with the aid of Stengle and Lieberman, get together you can bet all your red tokens that the gals are in for a real session.

As predicted in this column some time back, Louis Zarges, our drill officer, has warned the boys about reporting with thick soles on their shoes, because they are going to start picking them up and laying them down from here on. Mr. Dodge, our past vice-commander, has rolled up his sleeves and some of the boys are now delving into the Coxswain course. It won't be long before there will be plenty of crows riding on the sleeves of our members.

Enjoyed the company of a couple of CBM's from Flotilla 23 at our latest meeting when H. S. Stevens and L. R. Dallett paid the old ship a visit. Both gave short addresses and we hope to see many more visitors on deck in the near future.

Seaman Howard Chadwick never thought some 45 years ago that he would be someday standing watch in a Coast Guard tower just 300 feet from where he was born—but Howard is doing just that. He was born 300 feet from the Bay Head tower.

If any of you boat-owners want to know how to raise a sunken hull, contact our Operations Officer, R. C. Hubbard, of Spring Lake. That gent knows his boat-raising and don't let anyone tell you different. Oysters are in season and so is Dick.

—Elmer K. Erickson, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 41, WILMINGTON—With summer activities about over and all vacations out of the way, our operations officer is beginning to breathe normally again. For a while, we thought he would never survive; but as a fellow at the Port Richmond base once said:

"Those Swedes from Norway are damn good men." Mr. Berg, the man in question, is a good man and good operations officers are a major asset to any Flotilla.

Events in Europe have undoubtedly been responsible for the many changes in Flotilla duty assignments. Some Flotillas have more interesting duties than others; some perform duties that are of more obvious value to the security program, but regardless of the character of these assignments, it takes good men to fill them and we recently lost one of our best. Van Coats has been commissioned an Ensign and now is vice-captain of the Delaware and Eastern Pa. Division of the USCG Auxiliary in the 4th Naval District.

To say that Van is a good man is to put it mildly. He was one of the organizers of Flotilla 41 and was elected its junior commander. His success in this capacity was so outstanding that he immediately impressed his superiors. His interest in the work and the imagination he brought to the job led him to organizing Flotilla 42 at Lewes. To watch Van work is a treat and to be associated with him is a pleasure. The men who are to work with him and meet him in the future are sure to have a pleasant and satisfying experience. With the war drawing to an end in Europe and the future activities of the Auxiliary in the planning stage, it is good to know that men like Van Coats are the ones making the decisions.

C. Jud Stewart has been elected junior commander to fill the vacancy left by Van. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. We hope that Jud will hide his light under a bushel, as we can't afford the loss of another man just now.

—William Sellers, Publicity Officer.



Lieutenant (T) Henry L. Schimpf, Jr., spoke before

the Ocean City contingent of this Flotilla the evening of 29 September. The post-war pot is boiling and promises a tasty brew.

Lieutenant York, USCG, took occasion to visit the Ocean City meeting on 22 September and emphasized cooperation between regular service and Class (T).

Flotilla 31, the house divided during fall and winter months, moves merrily on with meetings in Philadelphia and Ocean City. Instruction periods and bull sessions are running neck and neck for importance.

How about a little competition of some kind between the two sections of this outfit? Gunnery, rope tricks, signal contests or custard pies at twenty feet have been suggested. Prizes of slightly used cruisers are probably available.

Read all about the big hurricane in this issue of TOPSIDE and hang on to your copy. It's history, mates, and probably as good a record of the catastrophe as there is in print.

—E. L. Johnstone, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 34, MAURICE RIVER—We hereby nominate Dante Parenti, S 1/c, for the purple heart. He is the first member of Thirty-Four to be "wounded in action" and hospitalized.

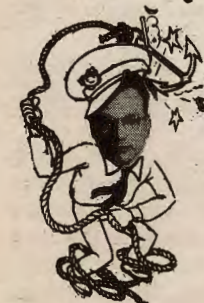
While doing hurricane duty at the shore, Dante struck a match and the head flew in his eye. He was taken to the Coast Guard Infirmary at Cape May in a police car. After receiving treatment from a pharmacist's mate and a physician, the injured Reservist was taken to Philadelphia in a CG ambulance. He was first sent to Public Health headquarters, then transferred to sick bay at Third and Spruce where he remained overnight. The following day, Parenti was sent to an eye specialist and after receiving further treatment was presented with a ticket back to the shore, where he had left his car. In order to save time, Dante hitch-hiked back and turned his ticket in at the

other end. Parenti was profuse in his praise of the treatment and care he received.

Donald R. Sheard is receiving the congratulations of his fellow-Auxiliaries upon his advancement from S 1/c to Coxswain. Leon Barbetti is the fifth member of Thirty-Four to enter the regular service. He has been accepted by the Army.

Drillmaster Scott Calkins has instituted a course in landing force tactics with emphasis on the phases of riot and national disaster duty. The course has been made more interesting by the acquisition of equipment loaned by the Millville Police Department.

—C. M. Scull, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 51, READING—Rear Admiral Robert Donahue, of Washington, D. C., chief personnel officer for the U. S. Coast Guard, was feted by officers of our Flotilla at a dinner held at the Mountain Springs Association, famous for its clam bakes. Admiral Donahue came to Reading to hear Lieut. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps commandant, deliver a talk at the noon luncheon of the local Rotary Club, and stayed here for the evening to attend the Flotilla affair in his honor. Other guests at the dinner were Lieut. Comdr. H. E. Abbott, Coast Guard Personnel Officer in the Fourth Naval District; Lieut. Comdr. J. Bennett Nolan, of Reading, attached to Port Security, and Lieut. John W. Brown, Director of the Auxiliary for the Fourth Naval District. Another fall party is being planned for the entire membership at the same place on Friday evening, 20 October. Other highlights in the activities of the Flotilla during September were as follows: 8 September—O. L. Williams, captain of the Delaware and Eastern Penna. Divisions, swears in Philip W. Ziegler, Flotilla commander as Ensign. 18 September—Reservists mobilized for possible duty in hurricane area. 19 September—Three men leave for Townsend's Inlet Station along with men from Harrisburg and Lancaster. 22 September—Fall instruction classes start. Fifteen men enrolled in coxswain and navigator course and seven members in motor macs. 29 September—Ensign Ziegler swears in vice commander Theodore L. Cuyler, 3rd, as Boatswain.

—Matthew P. Romanski, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 18, LITTLE EGG HARBOR—Comes the lull after the storm and 18 again "counts off." What a job! . . . for most of us it was a means of letting off steam after a stretch in the

"quiet sector" of Long Beach Island. There's lots to tell, but the Editor features the Hurricane Horror and 18's participation therein elsewhere in this issue. Better save your copy—it will make good reading for your grandchildren. Just for the record—the critics of the so-called "Floating Cox's Army" are now eating their words and seem to like it. And as one S1/c aptly put it—"We have now earned our clothing allowance."

There is always a humorous side to everything. Chief Frank Ewing tells us that a well-dressed woman was invited into the Salvation Army Canteen trailer parked on Bay Avenue. Said the volunteer lassie—"Will you have a hot bowl of soup? It will do you good." (Reply) "No thank you, I'd better look over your menu."

Close Ups—This guy, Fred Remington, had better cancel his classes in Signalling and Communications and switch to "Rope and Knots." Fred's method of tying up the "Spindrift" saved her from going to the bottom. . . . Speaking of "bottoms," Wayne Arny's *Kee Bee*, was last seen at the "bottom" of the basin at L.E.H.Y.C. . . . (Special release) Arny has now acquired a 28-footer. My, oh my—what that hurricane washes ashore these days. . . . Any one who can hire a truck can get enough wood from around the Yacht Club to keep the house warm all winter. . . . Inquiry discloses that, although many natives of "the island" lost their homes, no one is destitute, as we understand that the businessmen's club has a fund for such purposes and it has not been necessary to use it. That is a bit reassuring. . . . Your reporter found (Junior) Neff packing up at his cottage—that's a sign that winter is near at hand. . . . "Ensign" Sid—we hear—is getting a couple of pot-belly stoves installed in the Club House. Goody!—toasted marshmallows! . . . (Captains Shryock and Carrigan Note) Now you can haul out that yacht and spend the winter caulking it in a heated room—a pot-belly stove can be obtained if you "see Blake first." . . . Roger!

—Russell K. Carter, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 22, ESSINGTON—Ensign (T) Walter Whitehead was sworn in as the new commander for this Flotilla, replacing Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Bill Griscom, who in turn was made captain of the Delaware River Division. Floyd Carmen was made vice-commander and Bill Leavitt, junior commander.

Changes are due in the operation of the Anchorage Patrol with some of the members of this Flotilla to figure prominently in the announcements to be made by the District Office.

Henry Regner, of the Thursday night crew, is thinking of naming the new (boy) arrival at his house "Hurricane." He came in with a howl, "and whatta howl!" says Reggie.

This Flotilla extends its congratulations on the advancement in rank to full Lieutenant of John W. Brown, Director of the Auxiliary in this District. He's earned it.

When James H. Boucher, of the Tuesday night crew, speaks of his rough crossings he isn't referring to voyages across the ocean. Boucher is probably the only member of the Reserve in this District who goes to his base via water. Living in Paulsboro, N. J., Jim paddles across the Delaware to the Essington base, a trip that requires 45 minutes.

Warren Chadwick, former automobile racer in the days when the gasoline buggies went tearing through Fairmount Park in road race contests, has applied for membership in the Flotilla.

Chadwick, who also is the current match game bowling champion of the Philadelphia District, has had plenty of experience with boats, having owned an 80-foot yacht for the last ten years.

Lieut. Crosby is back on the job as commander of the Essington base, after an absence of a few days. Lieut. Wick is back at the Port Richmond base.

—Michael A. Devitt, Publicity Officer.



interesting talk he said that he had been pretty lucky having lost his clothes only once to the Jap underwater rats. Another visitor was Corporal Bob Young of the USMC, home on liberty. Bob was in on the invasions of Saipan, Guam, and others. He was "only"

FLOTILLA 16, TOMS RIVER—We had as our guest at a recent meeting, Leonard James, CPM in the U. S. Navy, just back from two years of duty in the South Pacific. In his in-

wounded twice, but he still had that old Marine spirit and wanted to go back and finish the job.

An outing was held on Sunday, 17 September down old Barnegat Bay way, and what a time! Food, fish, and grog galore. Ernest Parkyn took over command on the homeward tack. Geodetic Survey please note: many new shoals and shallows found.

Ansley Van Dyke, S 1/c, was appointed Flotilla Chaplain. Congratulations to our several men who were promoted at the meeting of 5 September. Classes are again under way, under the professorship of Chief Farenwald and Chas. Sansome, S 1/c. We have taken over the Tower at Harvey Cedars and a full complement of men has been assigned to the watches. Joe Finley our O.O., is looking forward to opening a Tower on the Florida Coast to keep several of our liberty-bound men busy. We regret the death of one of our most faithful and loyal members, Edward A. Muth, S 1/c, who died on 2 October, at Toms River. Eddie was the man always called on for an emergency watch and was ever mindful of the responsibility placed upon him by his oath of allegiance in the Coast Guard. At the request of his family, he was buried in his service uniform, which he had so proudly worn as a member of the Class (T) Reserve. We offer our deepest sympathy to his family.

—Leslie W. Reynolds, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 21, QUAKER CITY—We are proud this month to devote our TOPSIDE space to James Steele, Chief Storekeeper, and 21's Flotillaman-of-the-month.

Jim has already received many kudos from the District Office, but we feel it's about time his work was made known to the entire Auxiliary in the 4th Navidist.

Because of his experience in related fields, Chief Steele was handed the assignment of helping out on the time records at the District Office. It wasn't a very romantic job, and although it called for plenty of hours, it didn't include any exciting hours on the bounding Delaware. A good many men would have balked at it. But instead of taking it as a job to slide through with as little effort as possible, Jim was soon worrying away at the proper executive officers for permission to improve the system.

To keep the story brief, this is what happened: Upon receiving permission to put his ideas into effect, Jim and a

handful of volunteers put in 400 hours converting the system. The result? A job that formerly took 84 hours per week now requires 15 hours. And Flotilla time records in the 4th Navidist have become an example of accuracy and efficiency.

Do you blame us for being proud of James Steele, CSK?

—Frank T. Kessler, Publicity Officer.

TOWER WATCH

*I stand and search the angry sea—
Or maybe one calm as can be.
I see a ship now and then
And give the clock a punch again.
A plane goes by with a mighty roar;
I wonder what he's hurrying for,
Or if I'm doing any good;
Or if I'm doing what I should.
I look at the time on a sudden hunch,
Then give the clock another punch.
Minute by minute the watch drags by
Until I see with a weary eye
The clock, with a leer, is saying to me,
"I'll make you miss—just wait and see."
I worry for fear I'm getting sappy,
Then realize I'm just TOWER HAPPY.*

—CHARLES KIEFER, JR.,
Flotilla 16.



FLOTILLA 33, WILDWOOD

Things are going along about normal for this Flotilla; and aside from the September hurricane, there is nothing very exciting to report. Wildwood's famous bathing beach proved to be quite an asset. Its 1000-foot width protected us from the extreme damage that most of our sister resorts suffered. Charles Wyncoop was our local hero, marooned in the Avalon Watch Tower for thirteen hours. When he finally got back to the Hereford Inlet station, where he had left his car, he found that it had been under four feet of water. Joseph Clark, manning the Leaming Avenue Watch Tower during the storm, swears that it still can't be in the same spot where it was before the storm.

We are looking forward to interesting movies at our future meetings, as new films pertaining to Coast Guard and Navy activities are listed on the latest District Office catalog.

Congratulations are in order for Bos'n (T) Russell Higgins, our hard-working vice commander. Russ recently embarked on the sea of matrimony.

Al. Barsky, who left the post of vice commander to join the ATC, paid us a visit at a recent meeting, while on a 30-day leave from England. Ray Hyson, Daniel Rossi, Thomas Allen, and Nels Long are other former Flotilla members who are now in the thick of things with the ATC. Art Dare is now doing convoy duty with the U. S. Coast Guard. Some of our boat-owning members, including CBM Harris, are not content to call the boating season ended, but are getting their boats ready for duck-hunting.

Dick Harrison proved to be on the alert recently while on duty in the Hereford Inlet Tower. He reported a plane about to crash and the alarm was sounded even before it hit the water. This is another example of the importance of the man in the tower and the good job that the Reservists are doing.

—Ed. Nesbitt, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 24, DELAWARE RIVER—Our commander, Mr. Tompkins, led his fifty-man patrol through the hazards of the hurricane relief and sustained not a scratch. Later, while appraising his own Cape May damage, the washing machine shifted and broke his toe. Oddly enough, the washer is a Whirlwind with serial No. 9-1944.

Wally MacCrane, who was vacationing at Cape May, manned the rowboat which took Mrs. Tompkins and the two children from their summer home to safety. Wally, and also Larkin, as a result of their exertions, are on a rigid diet—so it is an ill wind which blows no good.

Congratulations to A. Papouschek and J. B. Weiss, who reported at the rendezvous, ready to go, three minutes and five minutes after being called.

Durhkoff and his embryo MMMs did a fine job of starting water-logged cars for grateful owners. He was smart enough to wear boots. Riepen wore hunting rubbers and Brinton had goulashes. The next storm will probably bring out an assortment of footwear, although the issue shoes, with a few exceptions, cleaned up well. Good reports were received for the efficiency of raincoats and other CG clothing. The Uniform of the Day change to blues was timely, but don't leave those muddy khaki pants hanging on the cellar clothes-line.

The search party which braved the Holgate-Bonds marshes discovered one body. Kurtz took the center of the bog and sunk in nearly the length of his long legs. Willard, who was with him, is about a head shorter.

To you men whose cars were gassed up at the CG station—be sure to note this fact plainly on your next gasoline application, or you may be called in by your local board to explain the phenomenal mileage which the old bus apparently delivered from your last scanty coupon issue.

This hurricane relief job was a great morale-builder. The answer to that question, "Is my CG work worth while?" was found on the relieved faces of the stranded survivors and from their expressions of gratitude. The post-war counterpart of the CG Reserve has been crystalized.

—J. T. Elsroad, Jr., Publicity Officer.
(C. W. Sanney, Assisting)



FLOTILLA 11, ATLANTIC CITY

—Of course the big news from our Flotilla, like every other shore Flotilla, is THE HURRICANE. Since that is being told more fully elsewhere in this issue we'll merely take this opportunity to thank the men who so promptly reacted to the emergency and the many others who stayed ready at all times, on call, should they be needed.

The farewell dinner, honoring our former commander, Frank Eskuchen, was well-attended by District office and other local Coast Guard officers. Frank received as a token of our appreciation a gold pen and pencil set showing in a small, tangible way our thanks for a job "well done."

Just before Frank took off for Chicago a poll of the sentiment of the Flotilla was taken concerning the vacancy caused by his leaving. It was unanimously decided that each remaining officer move up in rank. This elevated Bill Errig to the commander's rank and Ev Hooper to vice-commander. To fill the junior commander's post, Warren Somers was chosen in light of the excellent work he has done handling the schedules of the towers.

Several of our posts damaged by the recent storm have now been put back into operation and routine is getting back to normal. Already we are looking forward to our annual dinner-dance to be held probably some time in December.

—James Dooley, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 26, TRENTON

—As announced in previous issue of TOPSIDE and found elsewhere in this issue, Flotilla 26 went to the hurricane rescue in true colors and with "Semper Paratus" spirit.

Paratus" spirit.

On Saturday, 30 September, the regular Autumn Festival was observed by Flotilla 26 in super-colossal style. Our club was scrubbed down and the boys washed their faces and came down in "blues." Their ladies were all present in their Sunday best. Refreshments were served — sweet punch and eats. We swayed to the music of the Coast Guard orchestra graciously loaned to us for the evening by Lieut. Wick, and that band sure can swing it — and are those boys woves with the women! We are very thankful for having a group of Spars down; it sort of equalized things.

On the serious side, our commander, Charley Wyckoff, entertained the officers from the District Office in royal style and introduced our guests of the evening: Frank B. Hineline, commodore; Lieut. John W. Brown, Director; Boatswain (T) Fred Marquardt, and Lieut. (T) Earl Leonard, our Division captain. William Feaster and Hal Phillips were sworn into the Flotilla as Boatswain and junior commander respectively. Many prominent guests were present and we hope they all had a swell time. We did.

It is only fitting to record here the good work done by the boys on the Dredge Harbor Saturday afternoon patrol. On 16 September, while on Coast Guard duty (delivery of 300 lbs. of ice to regulars), our crew was very busy when someone remarked, "My gosh — look quick — but don't turn your head. Two naked girls are approaching us!" Imagine the predicament when the Coast Guard is required to wash down tar with which these girls had tainted themselves. It was quite a job but everything happens to us — and we always oblige. (Did I mention the girls' ages? Both were 4 years old.)

—Barnett B. Rochestie, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 52, LANCASTER

—1 October, 1944, marked the second anniversary of the then furthest-inland Flotilla of the 4th N.D.

Two years of progress can rightfully be considered in retrospect by Lieut. (T) Oliver L. Williams, USCGR, Boatswain (T) Gardiner G. Wilson, USCGR, and William Kinn, CBM,

commander, vice commander and junior commander, respectively, of the organization, and three of its original eleven members.

Now numbering ninety-two members, sixty-four were assigned to duty as of 26 September with all the others filling in on special duties where they can be of service.

Having been a member of the crew, so to speak, since March, 1943, the writer has observed much of interest within the Flotilla during its two-year voyage. Two nights per week of shipyard patrol during the first summer, many nights and days on radio and gate and dock watch at Pier 181, The Anchorage Patrol, Patrol duty out of Essington Base, The Wilson Line with its attendant diversions, special duty on the Jersey shore after the recent hurricane, Spar recruiting, for which we had two drives of several months' duration each.

All this has been the lot of "52" and it has been said that not once did its members fail according to schedule. This exemplifies the Coast Guard Auxiliary, its purpose and its aim. Many instances of initiative have been shown in promotional activities within the Flotilla, by various members, adding zest to the military routine of its meetings, but more than that, showing the interest and devotion of purpose of all its members.

During the summer, the Flotilla enjoyed the distinction of having its commander appointed captain of the Delaware and Eastern Penna. Divisions of the Auxiliary in the 4th ND—an honor much appreciated by the Flotilla and considered well-deserved.

As of the anniversary date, there are sixteen ratings in the Flotilla. With this manpower and an active post-war planning committee now in session, Flotilla 52 is looking forward to many happy returns of this day, which here endeth.

—John P. Samuels, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT

—Lieut. Comdr. J. Calkins, USCG, the new Assistant Captain of the Port and Explosives Loading Officer, was introduced at our Auxiliary meeting, 2 October, by Lieut. John W. Brown, Director of the Auxiliary. He inspected our facilities and class instructions with Director Brown, Lieut. Comdr. (T) A. K. Brouwer, Lieut. Comdr. (T) F. B. Hine-

line, Lieut. (T) Henry Schimpf, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. L. Holmes, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. B. Griscom, and our commander, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) C. F. Hadley, Jr. That night, good fortune favored both Lieut. Comdr. J. Calkins and our Flotilla, as he held the lucky number ticket which won one of the war bonds that we have been awarding each week.

Alex Bartha and his Steel Pier Orchestra will supply enchanting music at our Annual Dance, 25 November, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden. With such a "super duper" orchestra and an admission charge of only two fifty per couple, it is our hope that many of the Auxiliariesmen of other Flotillas and other friends will be attracted to attend with their sweethearts and enjoy a gala evening with us. Get your tickets early from any member of the Dance Committee.

The kitchen detail at Pier 181 want credit for the victory of the crew of their regulars over our crew of Auxiliariesmen in the much-publicized, eight-oar, pulling-boat race of 24 September. They claim that their threat to take over in the event of the defeat of their crew so filled their regulars with fear of possible K.P. duty that they rowed with superhuman skill and defeated our Auxiliariesmen. We congratulate the regulars for their victory but are nonetheless proud of our crew for their performance.

Associate members of the Auxiliary who wish to become boat-owning members should follow the example of Dr. John Hammerle and build their own boats.

Of the men of our Flotilla who were called for duty in Ocean City, Sea Isle City, and Stone Harbor during and following the hurricane of 14 September, there was a hundred percent turnout. Semper Paratus!

Kerns, Johnson, Hegener, Connolly, McArdeell, Fay, and Mears have been attending the movies a lot since the hurricane trying to see the Paramount newsreel which contains pictures that were snapped showing them in action at the Red Cross Headquarters in Sea Isle City. Serposs and Shedwick were delighted that the water supply had broken down because, whenever they asked for water, the Sea Isle City natives served them an amber colored liquid that had foam on the top.

Anyone who completes the gunnery familiarization program at the U. S. Customs House will receive an attractive certificate, our Gunnery Officer has been informed.

—John A. Bauer, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 17, GREAT BAY—The editor of TOPSIDE has asked our cooperation in reducing Flotilla news for this issue and it is with much pleasure that we herewith contribute our regular space in order that he may properly display the part all Flotillas played in the recent hurricane disaster. We feel that a detailed report of the activities of the various groups in this tragic event is much more worthwhile than our humble efforts in reporting individual Flotilla news. Hence it is with the utmost spirit of cooperation that we sign off for the month and wish our esteemed editor success in his great task.

—C. J. Loughlin, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 27, SALEM — A new commander, a new ship, an official inspection, some G.I. regulations — what more could happen to any one Flotilla in one night? Tuesday, 3 October should be a memorable one in our log.

Ensign (T) Laurence G. Doyle has been named our new commander, following the resignation of Mr. Pearson. The well-wishes of every man of "27" are extended to Mr. Doyle—an able skipper

with vision, courage, and determination. To Mr. Pearson, we extend a salute of thanks for many hours of unselfish devotion to duty.

Bos'n (T) J. "Tom" Sawyer assumes the office of vice-commander. Mr. Sawyer has a commendable service record with "27."

CBM (T) Carl Harvey has been named junior commander as a reward for his past work in operations.

George Johnson, Cox., is acting as Operations Officer.

Our patrol boat, "Juno", giving her all with one throbbing motor, is about to be replaced with a beautiful, tug-type, 64-footer — 65 tons of efficiency including a single screw Diesel power plant, fire-fighting equipment, and all the latest gadgets. Naturally, we are happy and proud. Bos'n (T) F. Weir Levering has handled the controls and boasts of her features.

The visit of Lieut. (T) Wm. B. Griscom, former commander of the Essington Flotilla and now captain of the Delaware River Division, was most welcome. Come again, captain.

—Horace H. Madden, Publicity Officer.



(Eagle Staff Photo)

Rear Admiral Robert Donahue, of Washington, D. C., chief personnel officer for the U. S. Coast Guard, and other coast guard chiefs, were guests of honor at a dinner held by the executive committee of Reading Flotilla, 51, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, at the Mountain Spring Association. They are shown here with the local mariners. Sitting (left to right): Ensign Philip Ziegler, commander of the Reading Flotilla; Rear Admiral Donahue, Lieut. John W. Brown, Philadelphia, Director of the Auxiliary for the Fourth Naval District. Standing: Boatswain's Mate Second Class Frank W. Satterthwaite, flotilla instruction officer; Storekeeper Jack Lamson, Warrant Officer Theodore Cuyler, 3rd, vice commander of the Reading organization, and Coxswain William Eaken.

FLOTILLA 32, STONE HARBOR—Our annual dinner-dance was a complete success for everyone except our new Yeoman 1/c, Ed Larkin, Flotilla Secretary, who suffered a temporary blackout toward the end of the festivities. About 125 attended the affair, which was held at the Stone Harbor Yacht Club on 9 September. Ensign (T) Eric Strangberg, commander of "32" was master of ceremonies and introduced the invited guests. Chief speaker of the evening was Lieut. (j.g.) W. E. Sturm, USCG (RET). Other guests included Lieut. John W. Brown, Director, USCG Auxiliary, 4th ND; Lieut. Comdr. F. B. Hineline, commodore; Lieut. W. W. Robinson, USCGR; Lieut. Chas. Wright, USCG, Ensign (T) Donald Lear; Ensign M. F. Brown, USCGR (W); Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Harry R. Vandegrift; Ensign (T) Richard Gifford; Ensign (T) Lee Renner; Chief Walton, USCG; Chief Dennis, USCG; and J. R. Blakely, commodore of the Stone Harbor Yacht Club.

Charles Held and Ed Larkin are receiving congratulations on recent promotions. Now that special storm-duties have been completed, shore-dwelling members of "32" are busily engaged in cleaning up the damage to their own homes.

Our Flotilla is still holding to the reduced schedule of meetings, held on the upper deck of the Avalon Fire Company every other Friday at 2000. Members are urged to attend.

—Bill Clark, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 23, DREDGE HARBOR—Any relationship between last month's printed entry under this Flotilla's heading and the report prepared by this writer is denied. The reporter, whose identity is strongly suspected, maligns this scribe's ability to view erotic scenes although we'll admit our tongue was hanging out just a little. Full details with vivid description will be furnished upon request.

Well, now we've run the gamut! Thru fire and flood for the Coast Guard Reserve brings no praise from the little woman who has the embarrassing thought that we promised to perform that little trick for them long ago.

We wonder if everyone had as much trouble getting rid of sand after the recent flood duty? Even to date we leave a trail of sand wherever we walk. What a night! Summoned to Ocean City, N. J. for patrol duty, this Flotilla was quickly and efficiently put to work. Chief (Goldbrick) Sanville, who early scrounged a patrol car detail, showed of

what stuff Chiefs are made and directed all his talents to the job of dashing off in all directions. Walter (Webfoot) Jones and this writer, unceremoniously pushed out of this patrol car after spending hours polishing 'Chiefy's' stripes, were forced to take a walking patrol in sand up to our necks. The job, however, had its compensations when it was learned that a certain young lady, caught in the flood region, was very partial to the Coast Guard and maintained open house and free coffee for a certain few.

A good job was done by the whole Flotilla, however, and the response by the members was gratifying and showed a continued interest in Coast Guard duties.

Clark Hensch attempted a quick real estate sale of his Brigantine property during the night of patrol, but with no takers he was later forced to advertise a few cords of kindling for sale. Anybody interested in a slightly-used door knob or a clasp lock please contact Clark. (ADV.)

With vacation time over and a usual schedule of weekly meetings provided, interest in instruction classes is revived. In view of the rewards in the way of rating advancements made to those who were active in last year's classes it would appear that present opportunities would be taken advantage of by those of the Flotilla, who to date, have not had the opportunity for boat duty. With the curtailment of several Flotilla duties, more men are being scheduled for river patrol and the same opportunities for advancement are open to these newer members.

Our entertainment committee is working overtime these nights to complete arrangements for our seasonal dinner dance to be held early in November at the Woodbury Country Club and it is the personal recommendation of every one of us who has attended former Hoe-downs that every member be present at this event.

—William B. Pyle, Publicity Officer.

Remember Pearl Harbor ... With Extra Bonds

As a result of the successful participation by the Class (T) Reserve in the first Pearl Harbor War Bond Drive last year, the plan will be repeated this year. Save a few extra hundreds for the Coast Guard drive which will fall in the historic week of 1 to 7 December. More details in the November issue.

ANOTHER FLOTILLA has taken the fatal plunge into the publishing business. Lancaster Flotilla 52 now has a monthly mimeographed news bulletin called "The Log of 52", staff edited under the chairmanship of Ralph A. Taylor. A good job it is, too.



FLOTILLA 13, SEASIDE PARK—Flotilla 13 has been enjoying a series of lectures on meteorology, given by Adelbert Botts, S 1/c. He spoke about the various cloud formations and the origin of hurricanes and their courses.

The dock patrol was discontinued for a short time but has been resumed due to the request from Coastal Information, who deemed it a very necessary duty.

On 1 October, 1944 the Forked River Station was visited by Lieut. Brown, Lieut. Comdr. (T) F. B. Hineline, and Lieut. (T) Earl Leonard. The officials found everything in shipshape order and complimented the men on duty. Al Grice, S 1/c, greeted the officials in the tower and explained the workings of all the equipment.

On 30 September, 1944, Ray Newell, Cox., on duty in the Forked River Tower, observed a tug and tow moving south at 0635. One barge seemed to be in a sinking condition so he notified Chief Dennis to come up and see what he thought. The Chief immediately ordered Ray to contact the Toms River Station. This done, a picket boat was dispatched from Barnegat, which aided in the rescue of the four men aboard. The barge sank at 0925. Newell was complimented for his alertness by Lieut. (T) Earl Leonard, Lieut. Burdge and Chief Dennis.

The hurricane blew away the shack which was used by the Dock Patrol as their headquarters, but it has been retrieved and reestablished upon solid ground.

Seven of Flotilla 13's members visited the range at Wildwood and qualified as marksmen. Several others are studying for the BM 2/c examinations, which are to be held in the very near future.

—Leslie Broomfield, Publicity Officer.

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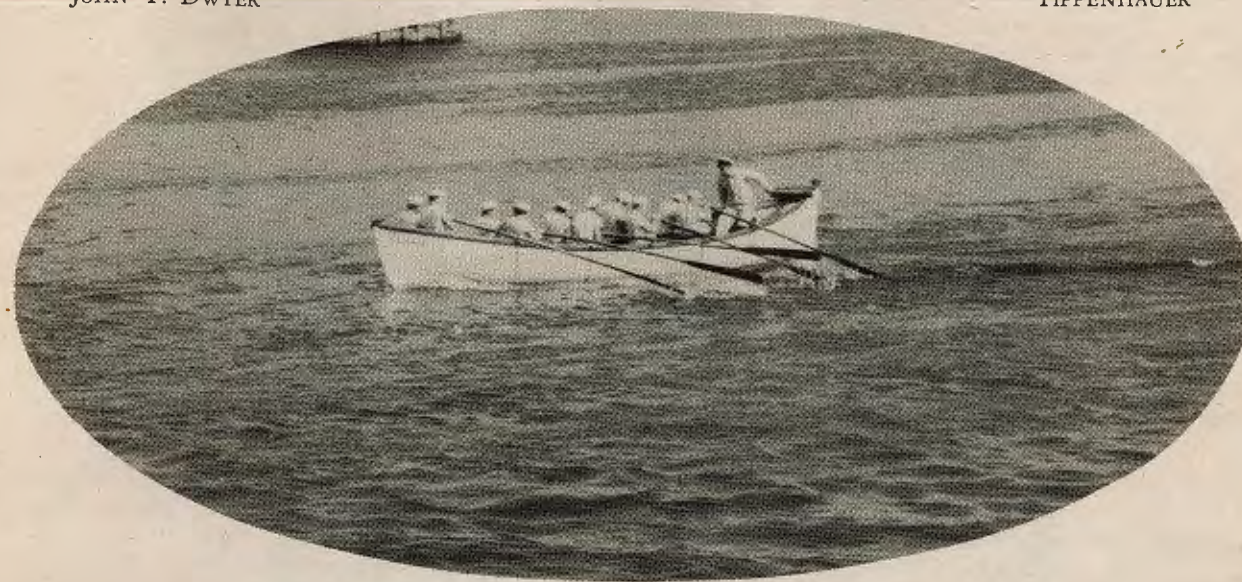
Have you handed in your application for those courses at the Training Base? Your junior commander has sent us some from your Flotilla, but has he sent yours? See that he does, won't you?

—JOHN C. LARKIN.

REGULARS BEAT AUKS IN LONG-BOAT RACE

Story by
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★ On Sunday, 24 September, at 1130, Lieut. Elwood J. Wick, commanding officer of the Port Richmond Base, standing in the bow of the Coast Guard tug #64304, dropped the flag which signalled the start of the long-boat race between the Coast Guard Regulars from Port Richmond and the Auxiliary, as represented by members of Farragut Flotilla 25.

The course raced was a measured mile along the Delaware from a point below the Delair Railroad Bridge to the finish line at the Port Richmond pier. The crews were as follows:

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Port	Starboard
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Kmietek	Cole
Dowds	Deutsch
Snie	(Stroke) Helmacy
Coxswain — Robert Smith, BM 1/c	

AUXILIARY, FLOTILLA 25

Moen	Small
Horn, H.	Horn, A.
Russian	Bruno
Row	Toth
Teall	(Stroke) Miller
Coxswain — John J. O'Brien, CBM (T)	



From the first dip of the oars, it was evident who would win the race. The regulars, pulling with a long, measured stroke, shot into the lead. Not only did they consistently hold this lead, but by the end of the race they had increased it to a full four lengths. Time for the mile was 8 minutes, 15 seconds.

The losing crew tried their best to overcome the obvious disadvantage of their older average age and their inexperience, but effort alone was not enough. However, considering these factors, their performance was creditable. As their coach and coxswain, Chief O'Brien, stated after the race was over, with a little more practice and regular training, they should prove to be a real threat in a return engagement. It is interesting to note that prior to four months ago, none of the Auks had ever handled any type of oar, nor had they ever engaged in a boat race of this type.

Aside from Chief O'Brien, who, it is reliably reported, strained a tonsil as a result of his noble efforts as coxswain, there were no casualties. None of the Auxiliary crew collapsed from exhaustion, as had been freely and hopefully predicted by the big-money boys in the rival camp. As a matter of fact, the Auks were pulling on the oars right up to and across the finish line, and none fell out of the boat at the end of the race. Of course, some muscular strain and soreness developed later and we understand that the neighborhood drug stores did a land-office business in liniments and rubbing compounds. But this was to be expected as the natural result

of pitting "ten old men" against a younger and more experienced crew whose smooth, skillful stroking along the entire course would have done justice to a college eight in a shell.

A cheering section from Flotilla 25 trailed the race in a small cruiser and gave plenty of vocal encouragement to their crew. Aboard this boat were Lieut. (j.g.) (T) C. Frazier Hadley, Flotilla commander; CBM (T) Lewis Gray, vice commander; Bos'n (T) Francis Sharpless; Linwood Moses, Y 2/c, Flotilla secretary; and other members of the Flotilla.

Aboard the official boat, CG 64304, were the referee and starter, Lieut. Wick; Bos'n (T) H. Fred Marquardt; CBM Frank Doan, skipper; Lt. Frank Krug of Engine Company 42, Philadelphia Fire Department; and special guests, photographers, and reporters.

The race was unique in several ways, but most importantly in that it marks the initial step in the promotion of interservice competitive sport between the Regulars and the Auks. It is expected that many more athletic events will be held in the future between the Auxiliary and the Regulars.



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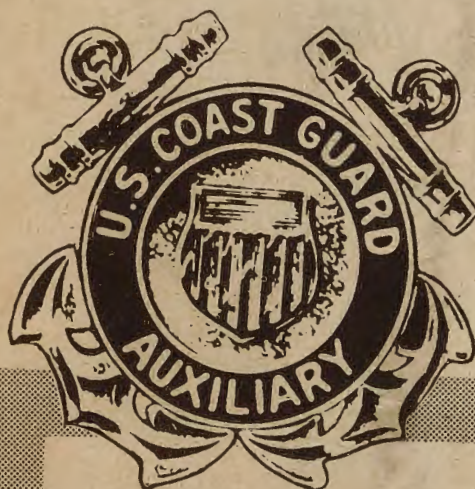
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