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## Officer Service Record

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ACCEPTANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE	INSTRUCTIONS: Use ty	porter or print in ink
NAVPERS-339 (REV. 8-50)	Original and one white copy t Blue copy—Appointee	
	Comdt.)	officer (If inactive, copy to CNART or District
(Name of appointee)		active or in Organized Reserves) orps)* (File and designator numbers)*
From: Walen FL//	4 Ens. U	SNR(D) 433020-1105
To: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (Bureau of Na (Title of commanding officer (or) reporting senior)	vál Personnel)	
Via:		
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from the 22 day of Jel	, 19 do accept such appointi	ment.
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	OATH OF OFFICE*	
Having accepted the appointment indicated ab of the United States against all enemies, foreign	ove, I do solemnly swear (or affirm) t or domestic: that I will bear true faith	hat I will support and defend the Constitution and allegiance to the same; that I take this
obligation freely, without any mental reservatio	n or purpose of evasion; and that I wil	l well and faithfully discharge the duties of the
office on which I am about to enter: So help me	Gou.	
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	(Signat	ure of appointee in full)
*Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of	, 19
*When appropriate.	(Signature a	nd rank of witnessing officer)
EFFECTIVE DATE	IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST APPOINT- MENT TO OFFICER RANK IN NAVY,	AUTHORIZING REFERENCE (Enter the word "Commission" or indicate origina-
(Enter "effective date" stated in appointment or com- mission; if not so stated, leave this box blank)	GIVE DATE OF BIRTH	tor and file number of appointing letter or dispatch)
	ENDORSEMENT—1	
FROM:		DATE
	officer (or) reporting senior)	
TO: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (Bureau o	i Naval Personnel)	
1. Forwarded.		
	(Signature of comm	nanding officer (or) reporting senior)

(Return both copies in the envelope provided)
<u>Ens</u> , Lilly Walen <u>F</u> DATE Nov. 9, 1954 FROM: RANK NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) / FILE NUMBER/DESIGNATOR <u>811 Cottonwood</u> Deer Lodge, Mont 433020 ADDRESS: (Street & Number) (City) (Zone) (State) / DATE OF BIRTH Quyes + 13, 1925
TO: CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL (ATTN: PERS-B1134)
VIA: COMMANDANT NAVAL DISTRICT
SUBJ: Status in the Naval Reserve
<pre>1. It is requested that (check only one):</pre>
Availability: (Detailed information concerning Reserve Training may be obtained from Naval Reserve Training Centers, Naval Air Stations, or from your Commandant) I be transferred temporarily to the Standby Reserve (Inactive Status) to fill a mobilization vacancy because:
(Inactive Status officers cannot be promoted or earn retirement points)
of: age; active duty dates from to; total commission- ed service
My resignation from the U. S. Naval Reserve be accepted. I desire to resign because: have completed & years in the machine reserve (Signature)
FIRST ENDORSEMENT Noval District NOV 1 6 1954
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M. P. WIEDMAIN BY DIRECTION

### NOTIFICATION OF READY RESERVE STATUS UNDER THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE ACT OF 1952

FROM: Chief of Naval Personnel

TO:

SUBJ REF:

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: Assignment to Ready or Standb (a) Armed Forces Reserve Act	oy Reserve of 1952, Public Law 476, 82d Congress, approved 9 July 195	52
accordance with the provisions of	f reference (a) effective 1 January 1953 you are assigned to	th
	STANDBY RESERVE (ACTIVE STATUS)	

2. Your branch and class of service is changed to:

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	USNR-EV	

3. As a Ready Reservist you are liable for active naval service in time of war, in time of national emergency declared by the Congress or proclaimed by the President, or when otherwise authorized by law. As a Standby Reservist you are liable for active naval service in time of war, in time of national emergency declared by the Congress, or when otherwise authorized by law. Section 21 of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, subjects all Reservists (Ready, Standby, or Retired) to order to active service until 1 July 1953. Public Law 779, 81st Congress, the Doctors and Dentists Draft Act, subjects all doctors, dentists, and allied medical specialists to order to active service until 1 July 1953.

STANDBY RESERVE (INACTIVE STATUS)

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4. Personnel assigned in the Ready Reserve not on active duty may request transfer to the Standby Reserve if they have performed the following service:

- a. A total of five (5) years' active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; or
- b. Not less than twelve (12) months' active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945 and not less than twelve (12) months' active duty since 25 June 1950; or
- c. A total of eight (8) years' service as a member of one or more Reserve components subsequent to 2 September 1945; or
- d. A period of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States which when added to satisfactory service in an accredited training program of one or more Reserve components totals not less than five (5) years.

5. Reservists who believe they are qualified for transfer to the Standby Reserve and who desire such transfer must initiate a request for such transfer on NAVPERS 3092 (Officers) or NAVPERS 3093 (Enlisted) which can be obtained from the command that holds your service record. Requests for transfer should be submitted by 1 March 1953 if possible.

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(Signature)

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#### FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Bupers 1tr Pers-B1134/ao dtd 8 December 1952

From: Commandant Thirteenth Naval District To: LTJG Walen LILLY, USAR 811 Cottonwood Street Deer Lodge, Montana

Subj: U. S. Naval Reserve Officer Inactive-Status List; transfer from

1. Forwarded.

M. J. COLPOYS By direction Aide Staff Secy. **Chief Clerk Public Info** Reserve Coord. Planning Insp. General ACS for Pers Naval Pers **Civilian Pers** Training Comptroller BuPers **Special Services** Discipline Chaplain Passenger Trans. ACS for Admin. Legal Records Pubs & Print. ACS Oper. Dist Oper. Intelligence Security Fire Marshal Communications Harbor Defense Dist. Marine Off. ACS Logistics Material Dist. Supply Budget NADO Dist. Civ. Engr. Ordnance Medical Dental Public Works N. W. Sector



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

Pers-B1134 /ao 433020/1105 8 December 1952

Chief of Naval Personnel From: To:

LTJG Walen LILLY, USNR, 433020/1105 Deer Lodge, Montana.

Via:

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Commandant, THIRTEENTH Naval District U. S. Naval Reserve Officer Inactive-Status List; transfer from Subj:

Ref:

(a) NavRes MultAddLtr No. 10-51 (incl change #1 thereto) (b) NavRes MultAddLtr No. 11-51

1. Reference (a) requires the retention in an eligible status of those officers who have eight (8) years of obligated service by reason of contract or law or by virtue of having received education or specialized training at government expense. Inasmuch as it has recently been determined that you are in one of the categories defined by reference (a), you are hereby transferred from the subject List effective 1 July 1952.

2. With this reinstatement you are considered eligible to participate actively in the Naval Reserve Program and to accrue retirement and promotion credits in accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b).

H. D. SIPPLE By direction

Copy to: NROPRA, Omaha PERS B132

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

> In reply refer to BUMED: 3352: (A) LILLY, Valen Francis 435 030 7 January 1962

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery To: Chief of Naval Personnal

Subj: ENS Walen Francis LILLY, USWR: Physical fitness in the case of quadrantial examination

- Ref: (a) Paragraph 2118.2 ManMedDept. (1945 Edition)
  - (b) Paragraphs 2118.1 and 2118.5(a) ManMedDept. (1945 Edition)
  - (c) 34 USC 853c-5
  - (d) Paragraph 2118.1(a) ManMedDept. (1945 Edition)
  - (c) ALSTACON 2019482 of July 1950
  - (f) Item 51-591, NDB, 15 August 1951

Encl: (1) Copy of Standard Form 88 in subj case did 23 November 1951

1. The subject officer's available medical record has been reviewed in connection with his physical fitness for service. It is noted that he has presented certain impairments, which while disqualifying for original appointment in accordance with standards set forth in reference (a) are not considered to be disqualifying for retention in the for orders to extended active duty, in accordance with the physical standards set forth in references (b) and (f), provided a waiver is issued as required by references (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

2. In the event it is desired to retain subject officer in the or to order him to extended active duty, the defects listed below in addition to any defects or disabilities which might be reported on the occasion of subject officer's physical examination incident to extended active duty, should be waived under the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), (e), and (f).

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3. The impairment, noted in paragraph 2 above, is (not) considered to be of sufficiently serious nature or severity to warrant notation on a control card Bureau of Mavel Personnel since it is (not) likely to limit in the his duty assignment. The appropriate administrative classification based on physical fitness is noted below.

- ( ) B-1 Physically qualified for all duty with waiver
   ( ) B-2 Physically qualified for active duty with waiver,
  - only if services are particularly desired.
- () C Physically qualified for duty incident to mobilization 1/23/52 in AR Entered in AR only; or if on duty, for completion of current tour.

Copy to: >Com THIRTEEN

E. C. SWEENEY By direction

BUMED-348 (Rev. 10-51)

Chief of Staff Aide **Chief** Clerk CODE 28 LBS:WC Legal Serial 284882 **Public Information** 21 February 1950 Records FIRST ENDORSEMENT on BuPers ltr Pers 3124/er Serial N-001909 of 9 Feb 1950& Printing Asst C of S for Personnel The Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District Ensign Walen F. LILLY, 433020/D, USNR From: Chaplain To: 508 - 1st Street Civ. Pers. Roundup, Montana Discipline Distribution Subj: U. S. Naval Reserve Officer Inactive-Status List; transfer to Fiscal BuPers Appns. Pass. Trans. Delivered. Your attention is invited to paragraph two (2) for 1. Training compliance. Welfare H. H. GOOD Women's Reserve Asst for Naval Reserve Plans L. B. SCRIBNER Budget By direction **General Inspector** Asst C of S for Operations Intelligence Sec. & Fire Marshal Communications **District Marine Officer Port Director District Operations** Asst C of S for Logistics Insp & Survey Supply NADO Salvage Conservation **Public Works** Ordnance Medical Dental A.I.M. NWSector



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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL WASHINGTON 25. D. C.

433020 Pers-3124/ er 9 February 1950

Ser: N-001909

From: Chief of Naval Personnel To: ENS Walen F. LILLY, D, USNR, 453020 508 1st Street Roundup, Montana,

Via: Commandant, THIRTEENTH, Naval District

Subj: U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Inactive-Status List; transfer to.

- (a) Your request undated with fwdg. end.
  - (b) Title III, Public Law 810, 80th Congress
  - (c) "Rules for Eligibility of Naval Reserve Officers to Earn Retirement Credits" approved by the Secretary of the Navy on 12 May 1949.

1. As requested by reference (a) and in accordance with the provisions of references (b) and (c), you are hereby transferred to the U.S. Maval Reserve Officer Inactive-Status List effective

2. While you are on the subject list you will not be eligible for promotion or for training in the Naval Reserve Program. You will not be considered immediately available but may be called to active duty in the event of any future national emergency. Attention is invited to two of your continuing responsibilities: (1) advising the Commandant of any change of address, and (2) completing and submitting the Annual Qualifications Questionnaire (Form NavPers 319).

3. In the event you are again able to participate actively in the Naval Reserve Program and desire to do so, you are advised to submit a request for reinstatement to eligible status. Such request will receive consideration together with others in the same category and, provided a mobilization vacancy exists, you may then be transferred from the subject list.

> G. T. FERGUSON By direction



2 February 1950

Done 2-2-50

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Ens. Walen F. LILLY, 433020/D USNR's undtd 1tr.

From: The Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District To: The Chief of Naval Personnel Via:

Subj: Transfer to Inactive - Status List.

1. Forwarded for consideration.

H. H. GOOD

L. B. SCRIBNER By direction

copy to: Ens. Walen F. Lilly, D, USNR 508 First St. Roundup, Montana

From:	Ensign	Lilly, Walen F.	D	133020
	(rank)	(name)	D. (classification)	(file no.)

To: Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District

Subj: Status in Naval Reserve Program

1. It is my desire that action be taken in connection with my Naval Reserve Status as indicated below:

a. Continue me on the Eligible-Status List. I will:

(1) Keep the Commandant informed of my "Present Address".

(2) Submit my Annual Qualifications Questionnaire (if not yet submitted).

(3) Contact a Naval or Naval Reserve activity and take the Oath of Office for my permanent rank (if not already done).

NOTE: I understand that for future planning:

(1) Reserve officers may be transferred to the Inactive-Status List for other reasons than "lack of interest" which is being invoked at this time. Rules regarding "lack of progress", not now being considered, require that Reserve officers participate in Naval Reserve peacetime activities (drills, training duty, or correspondence courses) sufficiently to obtain 12 retirement points each fiscal year in addition to the 15 which are gratuitously credited by reason of membership in the Naval Reserve. This is a minimum requirement and does not give a "satisfactory year" toward retirement; the latter requires 50 points.

(2) Reserve officers will be placed on the Inactive-Status List for "age-in-grade" unless they qualify for and are selected for promotion.

(3) Reserve officers must take and pass quadrennial physical examinations for which orders may be expected when due.

b. I Transfer my records to the Inactive-Status List for the present time. I will:

(1) Keep the Commandant informed of my "Present Address".

(2) Submit my Annual Qualifications Questionnaire each year.

c. [] I hereby submit my resignation from the U. S. Naval Reserve. REMARKS: (If resignation is desired, the precise reason should be stated). PRESENT ADDRESS is defined as the place of actual residence or location at which you can be reached quickly at any time by official communications with a certainty of delivery. When a change occurs in an officer's PRESENT ADDRESS, it is incumbent upon the individual concerned to so inform the Commandant. Normally the records of each Naval Reservist shall be in the custody and be maintained in the office of the Commandant of the Naval District in which his PRESENT ADDRESS is located unless they are on Active Duty or a member of the Organized Air Reserve.

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HCME of RECORD is defined as being that address which Reserve Officers may maintain for personal reasons and, in general, is that address to which they would normally expect to be returned after a tour of Active Duty. when changes in HOME of RECORD occur it is incumbent upon them to so inform the Chief of Naval Personnel via the District Commandant who is the custodian of his record.

PRESENT ADDRESS and HOME of RECORD may be one and the same and in the event of a subsequent change in one or both a separate report is required as indicated above.

My PRESENT ADDRESS is:

508 First St.

Roundup, Montana

DO NOT LEAVE BLANK

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ENDORSEMENT
From: U.S. NAVAL PERSONNEL SEPARATION CENTER (OFFICER)
End. # Com 5/Norfolk, UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER ND9/433020/mch orders dated 6 June 1966eat Lakes, Illinois
To: Ens. Walen F. LILLY D UNIX C/P2
1. Reported 13 June 1946 Director (1946)
<ol> <li>Reported 10 June 1940</li> <li>Examined and found (not) physically qualified for release from active duty.</li> <li>14 June 1946</li> <li>14 June 1946</li> </ol>
14 June 1946 Paul 7. King
(Date) P.F. KIONKA, Cendr. MC(S) USNR
3. Civil Readjustment Process completed. Veterans' rights and be efits made known.
14 June 1946 Recotant
Ř.W. Hart, Lt. Comdr. S USNR Civil Readjustment Officer
4. Detached 14 June 1946 (Date, Proceed to your home. You are granted
0 months and 29 days leave, upon the expiration of which, at midnight of
13 July 1946
active duty. (Date), you will regard yourself released from all
5. Government quarters were available and were assigned for your occupancy from date of reporting to date of detachment.
6. Inform the Bureau of Naval Personnel and the Commandant of your home Naval District of any change of residence.
7. During the period of leave granted you under these orders you may, at your option, wear civilian clothes, and while wearing civilian clothes, you are authorized to engage in any occupation NOT contrary to law.
8. You have certified that you were called to active duty from
Manhattan, Montana
(city or town where initial active duty orders were addressed)
9. You have certified that your official residence at time of going on active duty was
Manhattan, Montana
(city or town)
10. The Chief of Naval Personnel has determined that your separation from active naval service is considered to be under honorable conditions and that you are entitled to a Certificate of Satisfactory Service at the termination of your accumulated leave.
cc: Disbursing Officer carrying accounts DNI Navy Department
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Comdt. Home Naval District
OSCGL Rec 1 D. O. Van Ness, Comdr. USNR

#### **OFFICER BIOGRAPHY SHEET** NAVPERS 979 (REV. 5-53)



This form is to be completed in triplicate and submitted in accordance with current BuPers directives.

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(b) Newsworthy data on personal life, such as "Wife was former Wave," "Son at Naval Academy," "Escaped from Corregidor," etc.

(c) Unusual war experiences, campaigns, operations.

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(d) List decorations (M of H, Navy Cross, etc., PUC + NUC with units, include stars + devices).

(e) List campaign and service medals, with stars, clasps, etc.

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(f) Outline chronologically all Armed Forces Service (include enlisted service, reserve activity, all promotions with effective date of rank, PUC or NUC awards): (Estimate dates, if unknown)

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NAVPERS 319 (REV. 4-51)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

#### IMPORTANT—Read Carefully and Prepare Accurately

DO NOT USE THIS AS A MEANS TO REQUEST TRAINING DUTY, CHANGE OF DESIGNATOR, RESIGNATION, ETC. SUCH REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE.

YOUR ACTIVE DUTY ASSIGNMENT IN THE EVENT OF MOBILIZATION WILL BE DETERMINED IN PART BY THE INFORMATION HEREIN SUBMITTED. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE, AS WELL AS THE NAVY'S, THAT YOUR CURRENT AND TRUE QUALIFICATIONS BE PROPERLY INDICATED. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE FACT THAT FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ANNUALLY AS REQUIRED MAY RESULT IN YOUR BEING PLACED ON THE INACTIVE STATUS LIST OR ULTIMATELY BEING DISCHARGED, (BuPers Manual Art, H-6202).

1. PURPOSE: Sound mobilization planning requires maximum utilization of the skills and experience possessed by each individual in the Nation's manpower pool. For this reason, the Bureau of Naval Personnel, through its Officer Qualifications and Selection Program, maintains a complete inventory of each officer's civilian and naval skills. This data is obtained from the active duty naval records of the officer, supplemented by the information submitted by him in the Annual Qualifications Questionnaire. The composite records are reviewed periodically in order that the qualifications inventory may be kept up to date. This inventory is then used as a basis for the selection of the officer for a specific duty assignment in the event he is ordered into active naval service. For the foregoing reasons, it is essential that you submit the completed Questionnaire promptly each year, in order that the Bureau may be kept informed constantly as to your significant qualifications.

With reference to Item 3—Availability for Active Naval Service, it is to be noted that the information desired is to be obtained by consultation with your employer. It is the best estimate of the time required before you would be available to report when ordered into active naval service as authorized by law.

2. DISTRIBUTION: Each inactive Reserve Officer shall submit this questionnaire as follows:

- (a) The original directly to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.
- (b) A copy directly to the Commandant of the Naval District having custody of your records (or CNART, if appropriate).
- (c) A copy should be retained for your personal files.
- 3. GENERAL: The original and the copies of the questionnaire should be prepared legibly—typewritten if possible. In general, information furnished should indicate only changes in qualifications which have occurred since the last questionnaire was submitted. Additional questionnaires may be obtained from the Commandant of your Naval District.

NOTE: Be certain that the CURRENT DATE and your FILE NUMBER are on the questionnaire.

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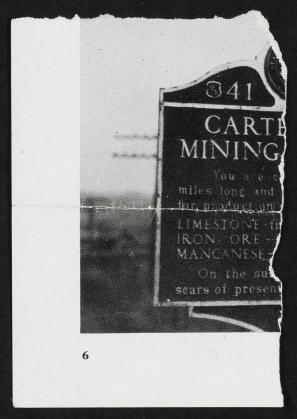
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PISA'S FAMED BELL TOWER, WHICH IS UNDISTURBED BY THE WAR, STILL INCLINES SOME FIFTEEN FEET OFF CENTER. AT THE LEFT IS THE APSE OF THE CATHEDRAL

PISA'S LEANING TOWER

Unscarred by war, it is now welcoming tourists

The old Italian city of Pisa was shelled many times in the last five years but no harm came to its famed leaning tower. Standing far from the center of town, the campanile (bell tower) was spared, although shells damaged its companion Romanesque buildings on Pisa's Piazza del Duomo.

Few European landmarks were destroyed by air raids and future tourists will find virtually undamaged most of the great buildings listed in prewar guidebooks. The leaning tower already is open for business. Admission: two lira: free on Sundays.



CHILDREN'S HOUR

New York's millions of avid comic-strip readers, who were unable to follow the adventures of their favorite characters in the Sunday funnies during the newspaper deliverers' strike, were entertained by flamboyant Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, who read them, with many gestures, on his Sunday broadcast. Above, the newsreel camera catches some of the Little Flower's histrionics as he describes the doings of *Dick Tracy*.

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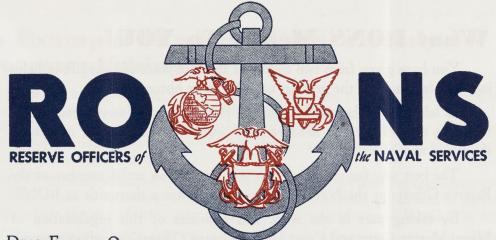
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#### DEAR FELLOW OFFICER:

Please regard this communication as a personal invitation to you from the officers of RONS to become a member of this rapidly growing organization. It is our first opportunity to establish contact with you.

**RONS** was formed in September, 1945, to provide a medium through which more than 350,000 Reserve Officers of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, who return to civilian life may work together for the betterment of the Nation, the Navy and the Reserves.

As a nation-wide body of citizens of mature experience, who served the Navy during war-time, we will be able to exercise effective influence on policies, programs, and legislation involving the Navy and the future of the Reserve.

**RONS** is completely independent of the Navy and all other organizations and groups. Its membership alone will at all times determine its policies and activities. It will function on a completely democratic basis. RONS will not hesitate to make constructive criticism of Navy policies and organization and fight before Congress and the Navy Department for what its members regard as for the best interests of the Nation and Navy.

RONS is here to stay and take a continuous active interest in naval affairs. It has proper backing and support and its acceptance by more than 20,000 members to date assures its future. More than 30 local Chapters had been established by June 15 with correspondence indicating that many more now are in the process of organization. Local chapters will be established in all communities where there are ten or more members.

**RONS** now has permanent headquarters in Washington, D. C., with a staff of ten people and a membership growing at the rate of 150 new members daily. The first election of officers has just been completed by mail. The first national convention is scheduled to be held next winter.

We publish a regular Newsletter sent to all members to keep you completely informed of the activities and work of the organization and other news of interest to Reserve Officers who have returned to civilian life.

We have endeavored to answer all important questions about the organization in this pamphlet. If there is any additional information desired, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Meanwhile, we hope you will join and take an active part in our work.

Sincerely yours, Engene C. Carmi President.

P. S. If you are already a member please give this pamphlet to a fellow officer.

## What RONS Means To YOU

You have given from two to five of the best years of your life in helping the Navy achieve the greatest victories in its history.

In addition to the satisfaction and pride of having served your country in its time of greatest need you will want to continue your interest in the Navy and its welfare.

The best way for you to do this is to become an active member of the Reserve Officers of the Naval Services—known for a short title as RONS.

By taking part in the work and activities of this organization of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve Officers, including women's reserves, you can exercise an effective influence in the determination of future policies of the Navy and the Nation, particularly as they concern you as a Reserve Officer.

## Through Your Membership in RONS you will:

1. Help build and maintain the influence of Reserve Officers in the postwar period.

2. Have an effective medium for making your views and thinking known to Congress and the Navy Department on matters in which you are interested.

3. Keep accurately and completely informed on all happenings and developments in Congress and the Navy Department in which you may be interested.

4. Be part of a group that will have influence in the determination of future naval policies.

5. Be able through united action to accomplish definite and tangible results toward maintaining a strong national defense and preventing future wars.

6. Be able to continue your old associations in the Naval Services.

These are just a few of the many benefits you will derive from being a member of RONS.

# **RONS Needs You-You Need RONS.** It is your Association.

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# An Example of what RONS already is accomplishing

As part of its requested appropriation for the next fiscal year, the Navy Department requested the sum of \$84,350,000 for the maintenance and training of the Naval Reserve. This request was cut by the Bureau of the Budget to \$78,811,000. After careful study, RONS Executive Committee decided that neither of these amounts would be sufficient to adequately maintain and train the Naval Reserve.

RONS therefore submitted to the House Subcommittee on Naval Appropriations on April 13, 1946, the results of its study proving that additional funds would be required to provide for a Reserve of the size and efficiency proved necessary by the experiences of World War II.

After six weeks of study, the Appropriations Committee recommended and the House of Representatives approved an appropriation for the maintenance and training of the Naval Reserve in the amount of \$133,800,000—an increase of \$54,989,000—which was in direct accordance with RONS recommendations.

This is only one of the many issues, problems and questions involving you as a Reserve Officer on which RONS is working.

## **Secretary Forrestal Endorses RONS**

While RONS is completely independent of the Navy Department—the majority opinion of its membership alone will determine its policies and program—the organization has the approval of Secretary Forrestal, who recognizes the value and need of an independent and representative association of Reserve Officers among the civilian population.

Here is what the Secretary wrote President Piper when RONS was formed:

## THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

My dear Mr. Piper:

September 19, 1945

I want to congratulate the newly-organized Reserve Officers of the Naval Services on the action you have taken to unite the Reserve officers of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard as an articulate group of citizens interested in Naval policies. I am pleased to see that you have all branches of the Navy represented, including the Women's Reserves.

The officers and men of the Naval Reserve know from actual experience the complications of building and manning a Navy under extreme pressure. They should be the leaders in insisting that the Navy be maintained at all times in a condition which gives us command of the ocean areas vital to our security.

Control of the sea by peace-loving nations also is our best guarantee for a lasting peace. We can have that guarantee if our citizens demand it and do not lose their interest in national and international affairs when they return to their peacetime pursuits.

Your organization can be of great public service, and I wish you success.

Sincerely yours, JAMES FORRESTAL

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A National Organization of Reserve Officers of the NAVY, MARINE CORPS and COAST GUARD

If you want to have an effective voice in the determination of future Naval policies—particularly those affecting your future status as a member of the Naval Reserve—then you will join RONS.

In Union there is strength—as an individual officer your voice will be lost.

But as a member of RONS you will be able to take an active part in a nation-wide organization of Naval, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers who will have influence and can work effectively with both Congress and the Navy Department.

Use the enclosed membership blank. RONS needs you-You need RONS. It is your association.

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Interpretent to be enrolled in the Reserve Officers of the Naval Services. My annual national dues, \$2.00 are enclosed.

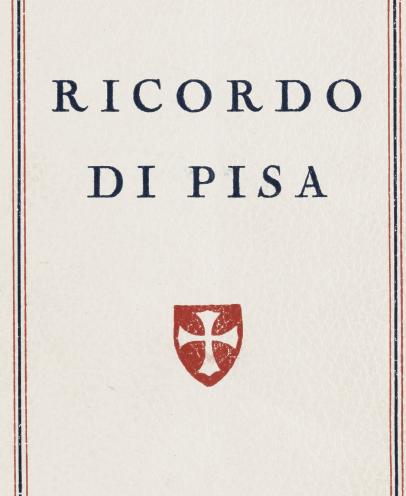
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### "HISTORY OF PISA"

Pisa chief-place of Province has 75.000 inhabitants :

It is devided into two parts (Referred to as north and south Pisa) by the Arno river, her climate is mild and many glorious traditions and artistic works are surrounded by her ancient walls.

Pisa is the native land of many illustrious men wkon among the Sculptor Nicola Pisano, his son Giovanni, the celebrated astronomer Galileo Galilei, the Physicist Antonio Pacinotti etc.

Pisa is an important communication center and an assential railway station, it has factories and a celebrated University.

It was borne some centuries before Rome, most likely with a greek origin, was dominated by Liguri and Etruschi who contested each other for her possession.

Roman people compelled her to become a vigilant sentry to the Latinity.

Pisa became the colony «Julia Obsequens» and representad the Italian great power on the sess in the middle age. She fought many times against the «Saraceni» conquering Sardinia, Corsica, and the Balearic Isles: She partook to the «Crusades» and was a Ghibelline center. In the year 1284 the Pisana fleet was defeated by the Gehovese one near the Meloria rock and for the Town began since then the period of her declining.

Now, seen from the height of her mountains, Pisa appears softly streched, as if she were tired of her wonderful history, on a green sea of grass, furrowed by the silvery creeping of the Arno.

### "THE SQUARE"

The square forms a vast irregular right angle: on the right, coming from the Town, the Leaning Tower, in the middle the Cathedral, on the left the Baptistery, behind the artistic Churchyard. No tree distracts our attention which is attracted by the four great Monuments, all in marble to which time has given a natural jellow varnishing of an admirable tint.

These four stupendous Monuments seem to be risen for an enchantment on the green grass as soft as a carpet. They rise out with an exstraordinary relief on the azure background of the mountains which are perceived beyond the embattled walls. Before the leaning tower one may see the artistic fountain by Vaccà with the three amours which bear the Pisa's Blazon.

These are the first artistic works risen in Italy after many centuries of obscure barbarity to witness to all the world that Pisa was to the acme of glory.

### "THE CATHEDRAL"

The foundation of the Duomo was owed to the religious soul of the Pisani, who thankful toward god for the glorious victory had against the Saraceni of Sicily, employed all the conquered riches, rising this sumptuous temple. It rose on 1063 Author was the architect Buschetto; it was accomplished by his disciple Rainaldo and its consecration was done 1018 by Pope Gelasio II. It has the shape of a latine cross, with its front eastward according to the old custom; it is divided in s naves and it is 100 meters long, ss meters large and s4meters High. Its lower part is formed by z blind arches with «lesene» and rhombs; it has three big doors bordered by columns: those ones of the central door are particularly valued.

These doors are of bronze, they were made by architects of the XVII century in replacement of the celebrated ones of the XII century which were destroyed by a fire on 1595.

It remains only the very interesting lateral door by Bonanno Pisano, in front at the leaning tower.

#### "INSIDE OF THE CATHEDRAL"

When one enters the cathedral for the first time is taken by a sense of astonishment for its majestic structure : the naves which form the main block of the building are s and s those of the transversal sides.

The columns are wonderful for the variety of the valued marbles and for the carved works; the ceiling of the central nave is wooden and richly decorated with gold. The twelwe altars were built on projects of Michelangelo. The high altar is of 1500 and the balaustrade of the choir in marble inlaid with lapis-lazulis of the 1774; another master work is the inlaid work of the seats of the choir. The paintings which adorn the walls were painted by artists of the 1700.

Above the high altar are three big golden figures which rapresent the Saviour, the blessed virgin and S. Giovanni painted on the declining of the XIII century by Cimabue and Vincino da Pistoia.

The Christ of Bronze of the high altar is by Giambologna wonderful is the pulpit by Giovanni Pisano, sustained by six columns with splendid capitals two of which lean on the back of admirable lions, looking at this celebrated master work it appears that the sculptured figure palpitate before us.

In the middle of the church is hung up the famous lustre from which oscillation, Galileo Galilei discovered the laws on the isochronism of the pendulom.

#### "THE BAPTISTERY"

The Baptistery was begun in the year 1153 by the architect Diotisalvi, it is circular shaped, 55 meters high; There are four big doors the main ones of which are riehly ornamented. On its dome there is a statue of bronze representin S. Giovanni Battista; inside the pulpit, by Nicola Pisano, hexagon shaped is sustained by seven columns, it is an admirable master work of the greatest artistic worth.

In the middle of the temple rises majestically the font by Guido Bigarelli of Como, built in the yeav 1240. It is all adorned with valvable carved works to which time has given a splendid ivory tint.

The altar is in the same Comacino, style; very interesting is also the mosaic floor. The singular charadteristic of the Baptistery is the echo which repeats, with 260 vibrations for about seven seconds, the sounds emitted. This temple is imposing and beautiful: it is one of the monuments which demostrate the glorious supremacy of the Italian mediaeval art

#### "THE ARTISTIC CHURCHYARD"

The artistic Churchyard was begun in the year 1278 by Giovanni di Simone and accomplished in the year 1283; tradition says that the ground was taken from Calvary and schipped to Pisa on Pisane galleies. One cannot imagine anything more austere and simple than its architecture.

This monument completes the admirable view of the artistic works which are included in so limited a space.

The main door is surmounted by a gotic tabernacle orna-

mented with six statues, among which the holy virgin sculptured by Giovanni Pisano.

Inside there are large porchs with columns and a series of 72 open archs in the richest gotic style, shedding a floon of light. Many old sculptures near the walls a great lot of very old sarcophaguses, statues, and busts of marble, on the walls there are beautiful painting from the middle age to the renaissance among which the very celebrated « Triumph of death » by Andrea Orcagna; the histories of the « Old Testament » were paintend by the great artist Benozzo Gozzoli. In the churchyard are shown the famous chains of the old harbour of Pisa.

#### "THE SQUARE IN THE NIGHT"

The «Meadow of the miracles», as was called by Gabriele d'Annunzio acquires the great relief by the light of the moon. It is impossible to imagine a more imposing spectacle: the archs, the columns, seen to palpitate, blessing those hands by which thay were sculptured.

These four monuments appear as visions of dream caressed by the light of the silvery moon, looking at them one cannot help addressing the thought to the great artists who created them.

#### THE "LUNGARNI"

The «Lungarni», after the square, are the most singular characteristic of Pisa; in the middle age along the two banks of the river were several palaces, towers, and churches. Many of these buildings were transformed into houses and in many of them we may recognise a mediaeval structure. Santa Maria della Spina, is a small church all of marble, it is a jewel of the Pisana art with a gotic inspiration.

It was built in the years 1325 by Cellino Nese and Nino Pisano for holding in custody a thorn of the crown of christ, inside there are two images of the Holy Virgin by Nino Pisano.

The views along the arno are beautiful when the sun is above them, refrecting its flame-colored ray's on the surface of the river; they are also beautiful in the night when the pale light o of the moon silvers the placid wave flowing beneath the bridges of marble. Now, this sweet and silent Town has been bereft of some of her beauties by this tremendous war, but, remembering her past glory, she will rise again to her previous fame.

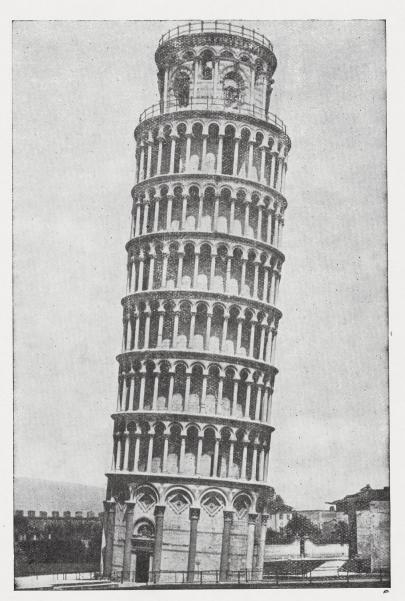
### "THE LEANING TOWER"

The tower called also leaning tower, was begun in the year 1174 by Bonanno Pisano and accompliched on the half of the 1300 by Tomaso son of Andrea Pisano, to whom the tradition attributes the uppermost story where the bells are placed. The tower is a cylindrical one, all of marble, composed of 207 columns forming six open galleries which get her to be beatiful, ornate, and light. While the third story was going to be accomplished, the foundations howered on a side for about 15 centimeters and the tower leaned: the construction was then interrupted for about 70 years in order to see if the gradient increased: as it remained the same, the construction of the other stories was decided.

She is \$4,32 meters High, her gradient is 4,30 meters its weight 14300 tons. From its top Galileo Galilei made some experiments about the fall of the bodies; by means of a stair case of 293 steps escaved in the thickness of the wall one may go from the first to the seventh story, in which are six big windows which let the ligh enter into the inside which presents a concave shape like a vast and deep well accomplished, as the rest, with the greatest perfection.

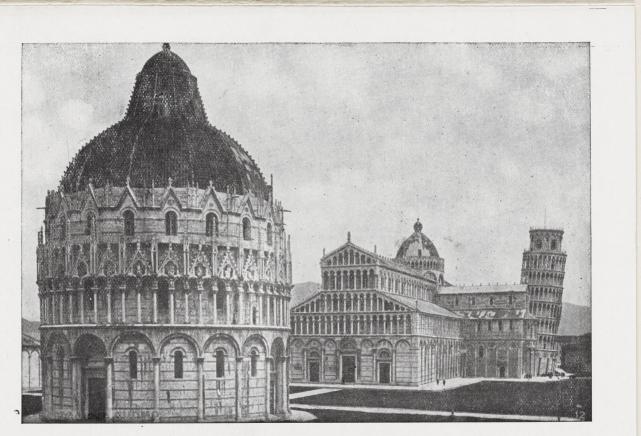
The sound of Each of the  $_{7}$  bells corresponds to one of the seven musical notes: the oldest of them twelfth century, called the Bargello's bell because at the time of the Pisane Repubblic it rang for the sentenced to death.

The material used for the construction of the leaning Tower, was gotten from the Pisane mountains. Its wonderful beauty, besides to the austere and genial architecture, is owed to the characteristic static. People refer to the leaning tower as the eighth wonder of the world.



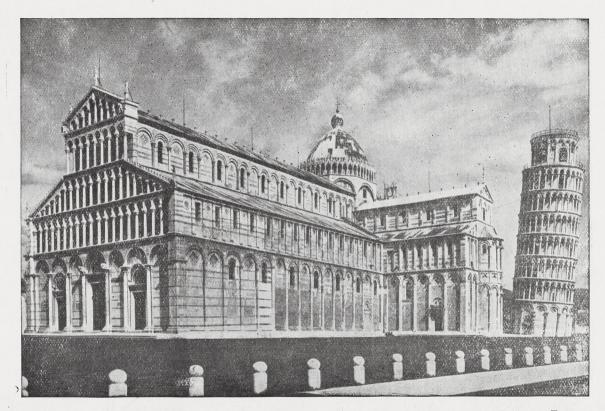
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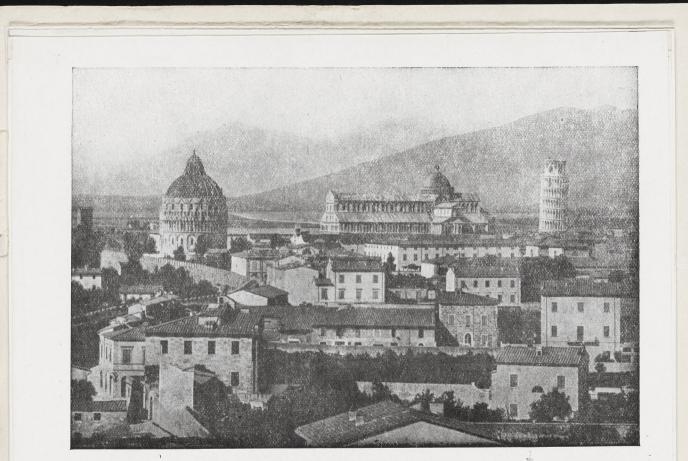
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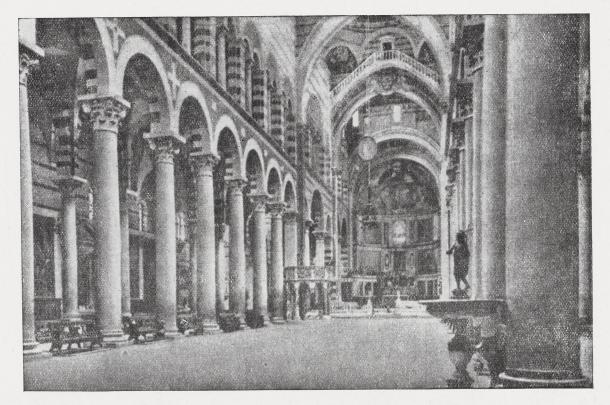
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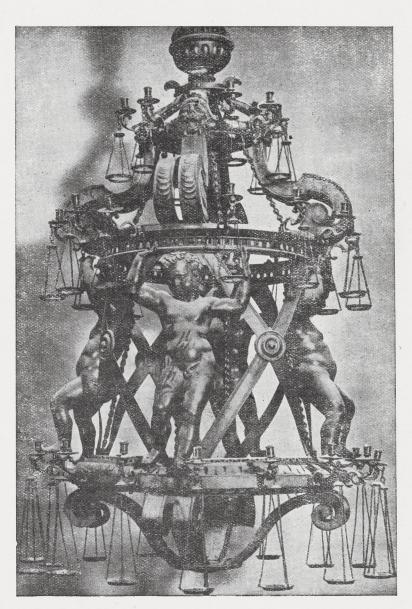


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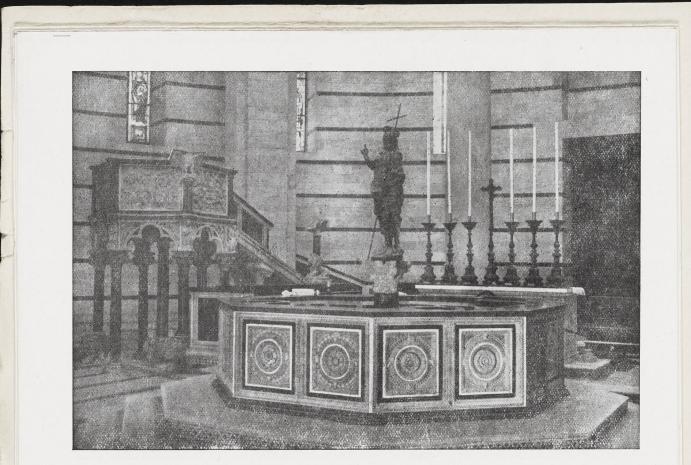


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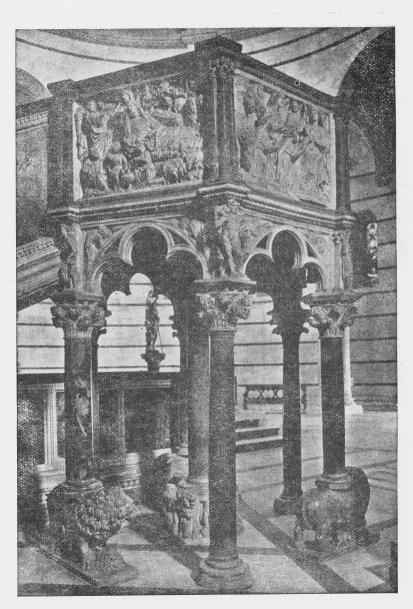
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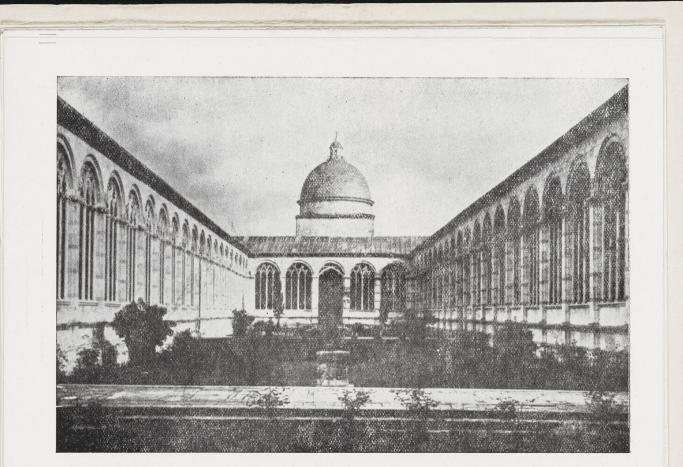
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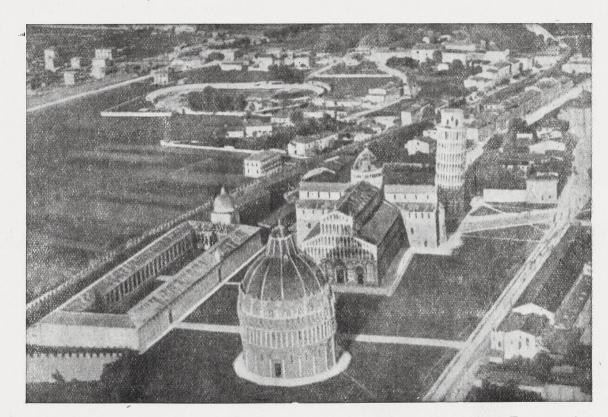
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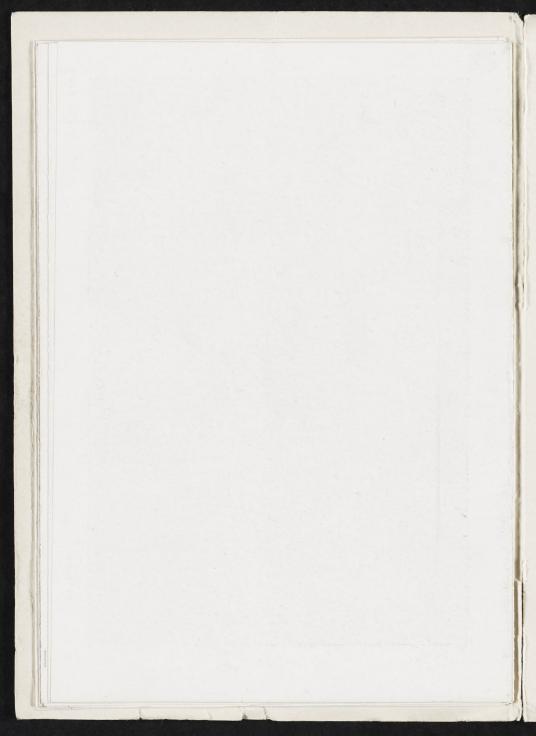
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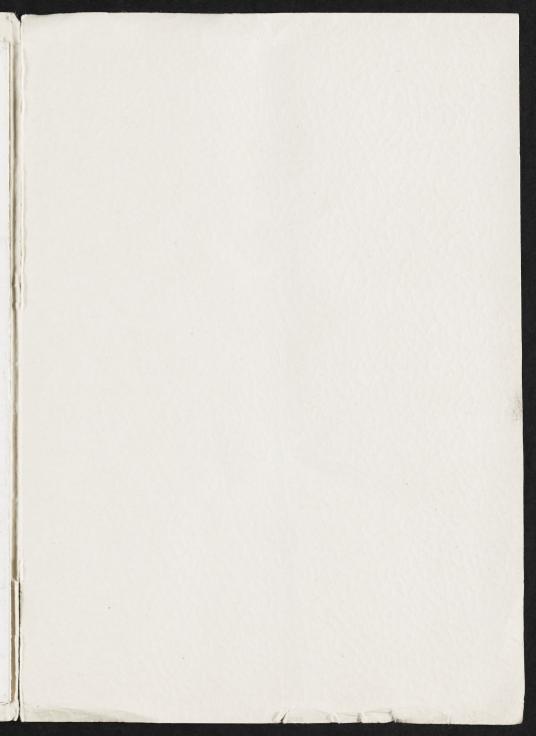
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PANORAMA AEREO

FROM THE AIR







# Montanans Due Back in the Setter U. S. Are Listed

#### (By Associated Press)

Twelve Montana soldiers who have served in the Pacific theater of war are due to arrive back in the United States Saturday aboard the General Blatchford, docking at Seattle, it was announced Thursday.

The men are Lt. Herbert T. Warren, Grass Range; S-Sgt. Merlin A. Harwood, Valier; S-Sgt. Frederick J. Goettel, Lewistown; S-Sgt. Willis B. Rigby, Conrad; T-4 Arthur E. Bundrock, Kalispell; T-5 Oliver L. Belgard, Libby; T-5 Roland K. Ridpath, Columbia Falls; T-5 Ervin J. Shanley, Glasgow; Pfc. Richards J. Murphy, Circle; Pfc. Frank Zimmer, Miles City; Pfc. Guy McCarthy, Somers, and Pfc. Anthony J. Regan, Anaconda.

Pfc. Everett J. Byers, Rexford, was listed as having arrived in San Francisco last Monday aboard the General Gordon.

Men due to arrive back in the United States from Europe Friday aboard the Chapel Hill Victory include T-5 William J. Johnson, Havre; T-5 Robert W. Susag, Helena; T-5 Donald S. Vesledahl, Brooten; Pfc.-Leo L. Stone, Columbia Falls; Pfc.-Laurence R. McIntyre, Somers, and T-4 Charles F. Poulton, Miles City.

Two Montanans, Pfc. Roxie D. Reynolds, Cut Bank, and Chris Ramie, Libby, were listed as having arrived in New York Tuesday aboard an Air Transport Command plane.



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# The Class of Reserve Midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Fort Schuyler

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# Ensigns

United States Naval Reserve

Cathedral of St. John the Divine

New York City

Tuesday, March sixth

nineteen hundred forty-five

Announcements have been received of the graduation of Midshipman Walen Francis (Buddy) Lilly of the Class of Reserve Mid-'shipmen's school at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., Tuesday, March 6th, 19455 for commissioning as Ensign of the United States Naval Reserve. The exercises were held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, N. Y. Ensign Lilly is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. (Bud) Lilly of Manhattan and after graduating from the local high school, entered the School of Mines in Butte for 16 months V-12 training course before completing the four months of midshipmen school at Ft. Schuyler, N. Y. From there he will be sent to Maryland for one month of special training.

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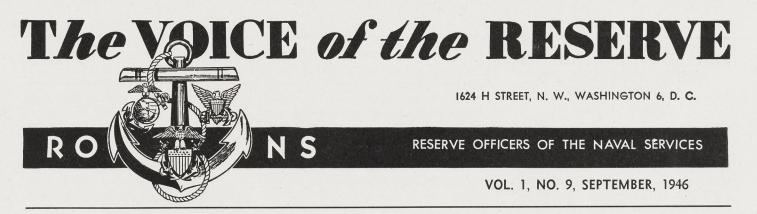
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## Walen Francis Lilly

### Ensign United States Naval Reserve



### RONS OBSERVES FIRST ANNIVERSARY WITH LARGE MEMBERSHIP, NETWORK OF 51 CHAPTERS AND MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR RESERVES

With this issue of the NEWSLETTER RONS observes its first anniversary as an organization.

It was in September 1945 that 12 officers meeting informally in Washington decided to form an organization of Reserve Officers of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

They took this action because, during the war, wherever Reserve officers gathered, one of the topics of conversation was that after the war some type of organization should be created, whereby Reserve officers could continue their associations developed in the Navy, and at the same time provide a mechanism for them to continue to work together for an adequate Navy and Naval Reserve in the postwar period.

#### Started With 12 Members

From 12 members RONS has grown in one year to a nation-wide organization of more than 30,000 members with 51 active local chapters. Its membership continues to increase at the rate of more than 150 daily.

While achieving this growth, it has at the same time rendered valuable service to Reserve officers and obtained recognition and influence before both Congress and the Navy Department.

The letters from Secretary Forrestal, Admiral Nimitz, Senator Walsh and Representative Vinson appearing in this issue are the best testimony of the progress RONS has made and its standing and influence today.

#### **Record of Accomplishments**

In addition to overcoming the many problems involved in the establishment and development of a new national organization including all types of "growing pains" RONS can point to an impressive record of major accomplishments of direct benefit to all Reserve officers during its first year of existence.

Here is a brief summary of the most important of them:

1. Was successful in having Congress appropriate \$133,850,000 for Naval Reserve activities for the fiscal year of 1947, an increase of more than \$54,000,000 over the amount originally allowed by the Budget Bureau for the Reserve. In making this sum available, Congress overrode both the recommendations of the Budget Bureau and the Navy Department and appropriated funds in accordance with proposals made by RONS after a careful study by a special Budget Committee of this organization to determine the amount needed to officiently maintain and operate an adequate Reserve.

#### **Protection for Reserves**

2. Successful in its efforts to help obtain enactment of legislation providing protection for all officers participating in Reserve training activities by providing compensation for Reservists injured or disabled while on training duty between De-

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### RONS DEMANDS SPEEDIER **RESERVE PROGRAM**

Taking action on reports that have been received from RONS chapters in every section of the country that the Naval Reserve program is lagging, RONS has forcibly called to the attention of the Navy Department the fact that the Navy has neglected to adequately implement the plans for the post-war Naval Reserve.

As the first step, RONS presented a letter to Admiral Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, pointing out that the Navy so far has not provided either the necessary personnel or facilities for training the surface and submarine units of both the Organized and Volunteer Reserves and contrasted this situation with the Naval Air Reserve training program which is well organized and operating efficiently because the necessary personnel and facilities were provided at the beginning of the program.

#### **Conference Held on Program**

Presentation of the letter was followed by a conference with Admiral D. C. Ramsey, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, who was acting in the absence from the city of Admiral Nimitz and Rear Admirals McCrea and George Dyer during which the whole subject was thoroughly dis-

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## ALL OUT FOR RONS

The first anniversary of the founding of RONS is a most appropriate and ideal occasion for every local Chapter to launch an all-out campaign to increase the size and influence of your organization.

Now is the time for every Chapter to begin immediately a drive to obtain a 100 per cent enrollment of all Reserve officers in its area. Appoint special committees to make certain every officer is visited by a member of your Chapter and invited to join. Set your goal to complete this job by Navy Day, October 27.

Second, now is the time for every Chapter to make it a major part of its program of activities to see that Chapters are started in all adjacent cities and communities. Your Chapter members — through special committees should establish contact with fellow Reserve officers in these areas and sponsor the establishment of these new Chapters.

Third. Individual members residing in communities where Chapters have not yet been established on this first anniversary of RONS should lay the groundwork for the formation of their local Chapter.

It is a three-point program offering every Chapter and every individual member an unusual opportunity to make a most vital and constructive contribution to the continued growth and development of RONS.

Special mention and recognition for the successful carrying out of these campaigns will be made in subsequent issues of the Newsletter.

### RONS COMPLETES FIRST YEAR WITH SUCCESSES ON **EVERY FRONT**

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cember 1 and the technical end of World War II.

3. Has achieved substantial progress in convincing the Navy that it should take steps to change existing policies to put a stop to discrimination by the Navy against members of the Naval Reserve as compared with members of the Regular Navy in the matter of disability retirement.

4. Worked out a program with General Bradley whereby Naval officers were given greater recognition in the filling of top jobs in the Veterans Administration.

5. Was successful in having some Reserve officers still on active duty exempted from the terms of the Terminal Leave bill which otherwise would have required them to take terminal leave in non-negotiable bonds.

6. Successful in obtaining important amendments to the Holloway bill for the procurement and training of future Naval officers leaving the door open so that additional improvements in this important legislation can be obtained at the next session of Congress.

#### **Expedite Reserve Activities**

7. Successful in obtaining temporary postponement of the expansion plans for the U. S. Naval Academy until post-war Naval officer training policies were definitely decided.

8. Has made substantial progress on a continuing program to expedite the organization and activation of Organized and Volunteer Reserve training units.

9. Sponsored program aimed to improve relationships between the Reserve and Regular officers in each Bureau of the Navy based on experiences in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

10. Has undertaken the drafting of proposed legislation designed to give the Naval Reserve greater recognition and standing in the Navy Department.

11. Has initiated a study of proposed legislation to provide non-d-ability retirement for those officers who serve in the post-war Reserve so that they may obtain proper recognition for the services they are rendering the Navy and the Reserve.

#### Personal Service Increased

In addition National Headquarters has rendered personal service to more than 2,500 individual members seeking information, advice or assistance on more than a score of subjects concerning them as Reserve officers. The number of requests for some type of personal service is increasing daily and Headquarters Staff members believe it will become one of the most important functions of the organization.

### TO THE MEMBERSHIP

When the national dues were established at \$2.00 by the founders of RONS a year ago, it was done with the thought in mind that the dues should be kept as low as possible but that they could and should be raised in the event that experience showed the organization could not be run satisfactorily at that rate, or in the event we decided to send a publication regularly to every member.

Primarily because of the facilities provided in the early days by the Navy without charge and by the extension to us by our printer of a long-term credit of \$10,-000.00 without interest, we were able to build up a substantial bank account. We were thus enabled to finance the opening of our own national headquarters with the employment of an adequate full-time staff, thus becoming completely independent of the Navy, and also to conduct an expensive direct mail membership promotional campaign.

Furthermore, it became evident early in November 1945 that the membership wanted a regular publication so that they could be kept completely informed of all activities and developments concerning RONS and the Navy. Therefore, we began the publication of this monthly newsletter which has been increased gradually in size from one page to its present size of six or eight pages. On our present operating basis, and without including the cost of our membership promotional campaign, our overhead expenses, including the NEWSLETTER, average \$5,000.00 per month, or \$60,000.00 per year.

On top of this, we will have approximately \$20,000.00 in promotional expenses for this calendar year and we can reasonably expect promotional expenses in the future of somewhere near this amount in the maintenance of membership and acquiring new members.

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### RONS MAKING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST RESERVES

RONS is making substantial progress in its efforts to put a stop to discrimination by the Navy against members of the Naval Reserve as compared with members of the Regular Navy in the matter of disability retirement. (See August issue of NEWS-LETTER.)

As a result of the RONS letter on this subject sent to Secretary Forrestal a series of conferences were held between RONS officers, the Secretary and other top Navy officials at which the whole question was thoroughly explored.

The RONS letter and subsequent series of conferences have resulted in the Navy seriously considering a plan incorporating a series of RONS proposals which should go a long way toward correcting the whole practice of discrimination against Reserve officers.

#### **RONS 5-Point Program**

These RONS proposals which the Navy has under consideration are:

1. Provide for hearings before Retiring Board for all officers already released to inactive duty who have appeared before a Medical Survey Board and who desire to be considered by a Retiring Board.

2. A change in the precept of each Naval Retiring Board including in the precept a reference to the Federal law which requires equal treatment in retirement matters for members of the Naval Reserve while mobilized.

3. All officers in the future released to inactive duty will be definitely advised of their right to a hearing before a Naval Retiring Board.

4. To establish in the Secnav's office a reviewing section to review decisions of the Naval Retiring Board including decisions heretofore made on men already demobilized to insure that there is no discrimination against Reserves.

5. To have a majority of each Retiring Board composed of Reserves.

As mentioned in the August NEWSLET-TER, if you know of any cases of discrimination you will be helping in this campaign to obtain fair treatment for Reserves by forwarding all facts in the case to **RONS** National Headquarters.

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### SCUTTLEBUTT— ODDS AND ENDS

Despite the refusal of Congress to act on legislation to merge the armed services there are indications that several important phases of the merger soon may be brought about by Executive Order under the President's war powers. Leading advocate of this action is Senator Thomas, of Utah, Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. Specifically, he has suggested that the President form the "Council of Common Defense" and the "National Security Resources Board" which would be in line with Title II of the bill (S. 2044) which would have also provided for complete merger. . .

According to authentic Washington reports Fleet Admiral Wm. F. Halsey, Jr., has changed his mind with regard to an earlier acceptance of a high position with Pan American World Airways. Instead he will accede to a request of the President to accept appointment to a board of strategy of which others members yet unnamed are naval and military officers with distinguished records in the war. . .

. . . Seven escort "baby" carriers and eight submarines which cost more than \$20,000,000 to build have been declared surplus and brought bids totaling \$862,-800. . . . Work on the Lockheed Constitution, the Navy's newest and largest transport aircraft, is essentially completed, and the 168-passenger plane will make its maiden flight on or about Sept. 20. The 92-ton, four-engine, monoplane is now undergoing final ground checks. . . . There is much speculation as to who will be assigned to duty as commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean areas. Admiral Towers, who assumed command in November 1945, reaches the age of 62 years on January 30, next, and therefore, will go to the retired list Feb. 1. Thus it is necessary, sometime before that date, to designate his successor in the Pacific. . . . Rear Admiral John L. McCrea has been assigned as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (administration).

The Office of Naval Research, created by the last Congress, giving permanent status to the Government's biggest program in support of fundamental research, has been officially established. . . . Pay increases on a sliding scale, from 50 per cent for apprentice seamen to 10 per cent for lieutenant commanders and above, are now in effect throughout the Navy as a result of a recent law passed by Congress. . . . Intensive studies of the Navy's pre-war promotion system are now in progress in the Bureau of Naval Personnel to determine the basis for legislation to be requested of the next Congress for a new permanent promotion system for the Navy and Marine Corps. . . . The USS Oklahoma, salvaged from the mud of Pearl Harbor, is

### RONS CHAPTERS AND NAVY DAY, OCT. 27

RONS Chapters and individual members are urged to participate actively in various ceremonies in connection with the observance of Navy Day on October 27.

Since Navy Day falls on Sunday it is suggested that local chapters attend appropriate Naval religious services as a group where possible. They also can play an active role in the customary dinners, parades and other features of previous Days which can be held on Saturday, October 26 and on Monday, October 28.

In announcing the date Undersecretary John L. Sullivan sounded the keynote for the observance of Navy Day this year when he said:

"This first Navy Day following demobilization from mankind's greatest war is an especially appropriate occasion at once to honor the veterans of World War II and to emphasize the importance to our nation of maintaining a strong peacetime Naval Service, trained and ready to man our fleet in the event of national emergency. In this connection, Navy Day 1946, also offers an ideal opportunity for public recognition of the peacetime mission of the Navy: to guard our nation's fought-for freedom."

to be scrapped. . . . Secretary Forrestal has directed that both parties shall have full knowledge of the fact when any telephone conversations with other than Naval personnel are being recorded and even made provisions for furnishing transcripts of such conversations to persons who demand them for their files. . . .

The Holloway bill to provide for procurement and training of future naval officers was signed by the President Aug. 13. The Navy now is making plans to put the law into effect but owing to the short time remaining before the regular courses begin at NROTC institutions and to the crowded conditions at these colleges and universities, comparatively few of those eligible for the training can be put under instruction this year under the terms of the bill. . . . The Navy's new program of postgraduate study for members of the Navy Nurse Corps, will be in full operation by the end of Sept. . . . An "integrated supply system" in which the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts would supervise all procurement and purchasing for the Navy, has been submitted to the Chief of Naval Operations for Approval. ... Some Bureaus are reported opposing

the plan, preferring the present system.

. . . The Navy has plans for both new types of submarines and surface vessels to be propelled by atomic power. . . .

The Navy is planning to expand its science training program next year to provide for its 4,000 scientists and technicians to study about 40 graduate courses in the fields of engineering, physics, chemistry and mathematics through cooperation with universities. . . . Navy Nurse Corps Reserve Officers must submit applications for transfer to the Regular Navy Nurse Corps by Oct. 1. . . . Honorably discharged Waves will be reenlisted in the New Volunteer Reserve at their highest wartime rating for inactive duty in the postwar "civilian Navy." Wave units have been given designation of V-10 comparable to Class V-6 for enlisted men. . . . No active duty is planned for Waves in this category, but legislation pending before Congress would permit women to serve on active duty in peacetime. Acting under present authorization, 500 officers and 5.000 enlisted women are being retained on active duty until July 1, 1947.

Brainard Jackson Darneille, formerly president of the Suburban National Bank of Silver Spring, Maryland, former Executive Director of RONS and at present a member of the RONS National Council, has become associated with the Maryland Trust Company in Baltimore in the development of new business.

The history of the Navy's famous Seabees is to be preserved at a museum under construction at the Port Hueneme, Cal., Naval Construction Battalion Center. Dedicated to Seabee veterans of World War II, the museum will contain trophies, souvenirs, photographs, models of floating dry docks, rubber relief maps of island bases, captured Japanese and Nazi equipment, recruitment posters and exhibits, and unique plaques made by each Seabee unit.

The first two volumes of a series which record the interrogation of various members of the Japanese naval command have been made available by the Navy Department. The interrogations are said to be of inestimable value to the Navy, both from a historical point of view and from a technical standpoint. . .

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Navy Department has asked RONS to call for volunteers from its membership to come to active duty for limited periods to promote and assist in the organization and activation of Naval Reserve Training units.

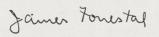
All members who are qualified for this duty and are interested are urged to immediately write National Headquarters. TOP NAVY AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CONGRATULATE AND



Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WASHINGTON 26 August 1946

One year ago twelve officers met after working hours in a room in the Navy Department to form an organization perpetuating the ideals which had prompted them to enter the Navy, the Marine Corps and Coast Guard. I wished that meeting every success. Today my greetings are to a nation-wide organization of more than 30,000 members which in the first twelvemonth of its career has already proved to be a substantial and constructive influence in the United States on the naval reserve program particularly, and, in general, on the maintenance of a sound naval policy. To the Reserve Officers of the Naval Services I extend my congratulations and regard. To wish RONS continued success is unnecessary. That accomplishment is implicit in the record of its first year.





Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz Chief of Naval Operations

#### In reply refer to Initials and No.

NAVY DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS Washington 25, D. C.



20 August 1946

#### Dear Mr. Carusi:

On this first anniversary of the founding of Reserve Offlicers of the Naval Services, it is a pleasure to extend my congratulations on your growth and development, and to wish you continued success in the future.

Through your organization reserve officers of the Nevy, Merine Corps, and Coast Guard who have returned to civilian life have a real opportunity to exercise constructive leadership toward insuring the national security of our country.

As reserve officers who did their part in helping the Navy achieve the greatest victories in its history, I know you realize the vital immortance to our national welfare of at all times maintaining the Navy and the Naval Reserve at adequate strength and full efficiency.

The Navy looks to the members of RCNS to take a continuing interest in the future of the Navy and particularly to make it your responsibility to assist in every way in the building and maintenance of a strong Naval Reserve, which will be constantly prepared to again defend our country in the event of an emergency.

With all good wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely, C. W. NIMITZ Fleet Admiral, U. S. Navy

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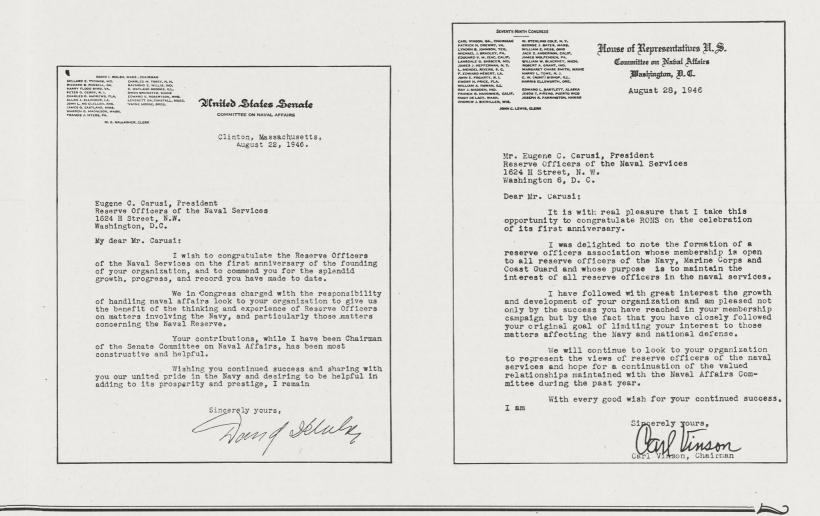
# ND COMMEND RONS ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZATION



Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts Chairman, Senate Committee on Naval Affairs



Representative Carl Vinson of Georgia Chairman, House Committee on Naval Affairs



### CHAPTERS TO STUDY RESOLUTIONS ON NATIONAL SECURITY

A series of resolutions dealing with national security and international policies will be submitted to all local Chapters of RONS for consideration.

These resolutions have been worded in such a manner that they merely set the sights for the immediate problems which this organization will attack. The broad objectives are set forth; problems of particular, immediate danger are emphasized and the national headquarters has been instructed to keep the membership advised on specific remedies.

The resolutions have been drafted and presented by George S. Piper, Chairman of the RONS National Council and first President of the organization.

The resolutions, as they will be submitted to local chapters for consideration, declare

- 1. RESOLVED that the United States should take a position of leadership in the international effort to find a practical program of security which will provide guarantee of peace through international cooperation.
- 2. RESOLVED that the United States must recognize that the hoped for ultimate goal referred to in paragraph one is not yet a reality and that the United States must continue to maintain adequate armed forces consistent with its position as a leading world power so that its voice will not be weakened in the international deliberations seeking to create patterns of security.
- 3. RESOLVED that the failure to reach decisions on certain vital issues is causing a reduction in the efficiency of our armed forces at a time when other foreign powers are maintaining their armed forces at a high degree of efficiency.
- 4. RESOLVED that the retention of Sea-Air power by the United States sufficiently strong to control the Sea-Air approaches to the American continent is our best presently available guarantee of peace and that this must be maintained pending the time when reduction in armaments by all nations may be undertaken concurrently with the consequent benefits to our world economy.
- 5. RESOLVED that among the vital issues referred to in paragraph three clarification and appropriate action is essential on the following:
- a. A plan which will provide adequate trained personnel for the armed forces and their auxiliaries.
- **b.** A definite policy as to the retention of island bases essential to the protection of the American continents.
- 6. RESOLVED that the National Head-

ATLANTA CHAPTER GETS CHARTER



Here is a picture of the official presentation of the Charter to the RONS Atlanta, Georgia, Chapter. The presentation ceremonies were held August 6 and were attended by more than 400 people. Minor Hudson, RONS Executive Director, is shown presenting the charter to Allen Post, President of the Atlanta Chapter. Others in the picture from left to right, Fred Sington, Executive vice president; Post; Rear Admiral L. T. Dubose, Commandant of the Sixth Naval District who came from Charleston, S. C., to address the meeting; Hudson, and Robert Mayo, Secretary. Robert McGill, editor of "The Constitution," was the other speaker. The splendid work being done by the Atlanta Chapter is reflected in the fact that at the time of the Charter presentation it had a membership of 300 or 50 per cent of all Reserve officers located in the Atlanta area.

#### TO THE MEMBERSHIP

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Thus, under our present budget, we will need a minimum of 40,000 members each year to break even. We now have 30,000 members and can reasonably expect a total of 40,000 members by January 1, 1947, but this would give us barely enough members to cover our overhead and does not allow for loss on re-newal of membership

The Executive Committee has, therefore, concluded that the best solution to the problem of keeping RONS on a sound financial basis is to increase the dues as of the end of our first year from \$2.00 to \$3.00 with the extra dollar being primarily allocated to the publishing of the NEWSLETTER which we can then materially improve.

We are confident that the increase will cause no financial hardship on any member. On the other hand, it will result in providing RONS with a sound financial foundation and will enable us to increase service to the individual members and Chapters by National Headquarters.

Incidentally, the volume and variety of the service and assistance requested by individual members is increasing daily and now has become one of the major ac-

quarters be instructed to give constant attention to the foregoing resolutions, and to poll the membership on specific pertinent proposals to the end that the membership of RONS may become an informed electorate on questions of national defense and may register its majority opinion on vital issues. tivities of the national headquarters. We believe this service is so important and helpful to the membership that you will all want it continued if only as a practical matter of insurance and protection to you.

To summarize: The increase in dues means to you as a member of RONS that you will:

1. Receive an improved and more comprehensive Newsletter or magazine which will keep you completely informed of all activities and developments concerning RONS, the Navy and the National Defense as well as other happenings of interest to you or affecting you as a Reserve officer.

2. Make it possible for RONS to increase the scope of activities it is carrying on in behalf of Reserve Naval officers as a whole and enable the organization to perform all of this most important work more efficiently.

3. Will be assured of a staff at National Headquarters than can render the highest type of personal service to individual members on an increasingly wide range of subjects. You can never tell when the availability of this service may be of the utmost value to you.

To make approval of the dues increase as democratic and representative of the membership as possible, we are asking the approval of each chapter and will then submit the increase for final action by the National Council at its meeting in October.

Before final action is taken National Headquarters wants to know the reaction of all chapters and individual members.

### RONS DEMANDS RESERVE PROGRAM BE EXPEDITED FASTER

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cussed. The matter also has been presented informally to Secretary Forrestal.

During the conference it was pointed out that members of the Naval Reserve were waiting to see if the Navy really intends to give the post-war Naval Reserve the importance which they profess and which World War II has proved to be so necessary.

So far the plans for the Naval Reserve have not been backed up by assignment of necessary personnel to adequately organize even the Organized Reserve and no steps have been taken to activate the Volunteer Reserve which will include by far the largest group of Reservists.

Navy officials pointed out the heavy personnel drain caused by demobilization, the crossroads operation and the necessity for maintaining a fleet ready for any emergency had delayed the Reserve program. While admitting this, RONS officials pointed out that the Reserve program had been neglected in the overall picture and asked that the post-war Navy plans be reevaluated to make certain that proper emphasis was placed on Reserve training. In pointing out how the program of organization could be expedited RONS emphasized that more Reserve officers could be utilized and thus relieve Regular officers for other duties.

**RONS** officials contended that **Beserve** officers are as well fitted as Regular officers for this work, particularly as they are more acutely aware of the problems of Reserves on inactive duty whose civilian pursuits must come first in their lives, and would probably prefer this duty more than a Regular would. The utilization of Reserve officers for this work is entirely consistent with Naval policy, RONS pointed out, citing a recent announcement from the Chief of Naval Personnel. It invited Reserve officers on inactive duty or terminal leave to volunteer for active duty until July 1, 1947 in connection with the establishment and administration of the Organiz ' Reserve. The statement further pointed out that while the normal term of active duty will be until next July, district commandants may approve requests for shorter terms.

It is hoped that many RONS members, particularly those with organizational experience, will volunteer for active duty for a limited period to assist in the organization of Reserve units. All interested members should immediately communicate with national headquarters.

RONS officers are hopeful that the campaign they have launched and will continue to wage to speed-up activation of the Reserve, will produce results. National Headquarters will appreciate any suggestions from the membership to help accomplish this objective. The letter sent to Admiral Nimitz opening the drive to expedite organization of Organized and Volunteer units follows:

August 26, 1946

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN Chief of Naval Operations Navy Department Washington, D. C. DEAR ADMIRAL NIMITZ:

RONS has been actively engaged both nationally and locally for the past several months in lending every assistance possible to the organization and activation of training units of the Naval Reserve including units of both the Organized and of the Volunteer Reserve. This program is a matter of the greatest interest to our individual members and has been one of the primary activities of each of our local chapters.

RONS National Headquarters has maintained close contact and the finest relations with Rear Admiral John Gingrich, USN, who is Director of Naval Reserve. The plans he has developed for the post-war Naval Reserve training program are, in our opinion, fully satisfactory and comprehensive enough to form a solid foundation upon which an adequate post-war Naval Reserve can be established. However, the necessary personnel and facilities to implement these plans in the field have not been provided and we are appealing to you in an effort to have this situation corrected.

From the reports we have received from individual members and presidents of the chapters, organization of surface and submarine units of the Organized Reserve throughout most of the country has been delayed primarily because of lack of qualified personnel to administer this vitally important program and no action at all has been undertaken to organize surface and submarine units of the Volunteer Reserve, which comprises by far the largest Reserve group. In addition, the program for provision of training facilities and for conversion of surplus Quonset Huts for use as armories has been neglected by the Navy Department with the result that adequate training of the Reserve units will be further delayed through lack of a place to train. By comparison, the Air Reserve training program appears to be well organized and functioning satisfactorily because the necessary planes and adequate facilities were all assigned at the beginning of the training program, and have been implemented by the early assignment of sufficient regular and reserve personnel to adequately carry the program.

It is our conviction that, for much of the organizational work involved in activating the reserve units, reserve officers are as well fitted as regular officers, particularly as they are more acutely aware of the problems of Reserves on inactive duty whose civilian pursuits must come first in their lives and would probably prefer this duty more than a regular would. Therefore, the fact that regular officers may not be available in sufficient numhers to adequately man the program would not by any means be fatal to the program, as Reserve personnel can be assigned or brought back to active duty for that purpose.

### TO REACTIVATE NAVAL RESERVE POLICY BOARD

The Navy Department plans the reactivation of the Naval Reserve Policy Board which can become a most important agency in the future expansion and training of the Reserve.

Rear Admiral John Gingrich, Chief of Naval Reserve, has asked RONS to suggest names of officers who would be both qualified and willing to serve on this Board. He wants between 12 and 15 members representing different sections of the country and also representing different branches of the Naval Reserve. He also would like to include some enlisted men on it. Serving on the Board probably will involve a two-week tour of duty in Washington in October or November.

If you know of some Naval Reservist whom you believe is particularly well qualified would you please advise National Headquarters so that we may transmit this information to Admiral Gingrich.

### NAVY DOES NOT NEED DRAFT

As the draft was resumed on September 1 after a 60-day holiday the Army announced it is going to need 185,000 draftees in the next six months while the Navy needs no draftees whatever.

Maj. Gen. W. S. Paul, head of Army personnel, said that if the Army is to maintain its authorized strength, and if recruiting continues as expected, it will be necessary to draft 25,000 men in September, and the remaining 160,000 before the Draft Act expires next March. If the Army depends on volunteers, he said, it can expect to have 885,000 men on July 1, 1947, instead of the 1,070,000 authorized.

In sharp contrast, Admiral Denfeld, Chief of Naval Personnel, said the Navy not only did not need any draftees to meet its procurement schedules, but that there actually was a waiting list of would-be enlistees. He said the only current need of the Navy in the way of personnel is electronic technicians, and it is intended to train men in that specialty.

The Navy Department has recognized the necessity for organizing and training an adequate Reserve but has not, in our opinion, faced the necessity of immediate provision of the necessary factors to meet this responsibility. As you will recall, the Congress in enacting the 1947 Naval Appropriations Bill increased the funds for maintenance and training of the Naval Reserve from \$78,811,000 to \$133,800,000; at the same time, pointing out the necessity for a greatly augmented program of Reserve training and expressing the will of Congress that a large and well trained Naval Reserve be made immediately available as an integral part of our program of national security.

> Sincerely yours, EUGENE C. CARUSI.

### PROPOSED BUDGET CUT THREATENS RESERVE PROGRAM

Influential members of Congress have been urging President Truman *not* to insist on his recent order directing a \$1,000,-000,000 cut in the Army budget and a \$650,000,000 cut in the Navy budget. They declare that neither the Army or Navy should be compelled to abandon any of their necessary activities at this time due to the explosive situation in world affairs.

Meanwhile, there continues to be widespread speculation in Washington over what effect the President's economy order (if he insists on it being carried out) will have on the Navy and particularly on the Naval Reserve appropriation of \$133,850,-000.

Reliable sources predict that the order will necessitate a cut of \$15,000,000 in the Naval Reserve funds while a well informed member of the House Naval Affairs Committee expressed the opinion the reduction might run as high as \$25,000,-000.

The first tangible evidence of the Navy's compliance with the Presidential directive has come in the form of an order to all commands to effect drastic reductions in the officer strength of the Navy. Citing the new budgetary restrictions as the reason for the order, the Navy directed that requests for separation to inactive duty once again may be accepted from any male line or aviation officer of the Naval Reserve who has volunteered or contracted to remain on active duty until July 1, 1947 or for lesser periods.

### MORE THAN 400 ATTEND LOS ANGELES BANQUET

More than 400 members of RONS attended the inaugural banquet of the Los Angeles Chapter on August 22. The banquet was held by the Chapter for the induction of the new permanent officers and was featured by Vice Admiral J. B. Olendorf's speech on the Battle of Surigao Strait. Admiral Olendorf now is Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District.

Among the notables who attended were Rear Admiral Wiltsie, USNR; Vice Admiral Higbie, USCG, Retired; Commodore Gene Markey, USNR; Col. Rupert Hughes, well-known writer and movie producer; Commander Gene Biscaluiz, prominent as Sheriff of Los Angeles County, and Generals Donovan and Pierce of the U. S. Army.

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., former Commander and a member of RONS National Council, acted as toastmaster and master of ceremonies.

The newly installed officers are: Col. William J Fox, President; Freeman Lusk, 1st V. P.; Wayne Morris, 2nd V. P.; Robert V. Sibert, 3rd V. P.; Frances Shoup, V. P. Women's Reserve; John Grant, treas.; Wade Bennett, sec.

### NEW RONS AIDE



Lt. Frederick Larkin, Jr., USNR

Your national officers take this means of introducing to the membership your new Assistant Executive Director, Lt. Frederick Larkin, Jr., USNR, who saw active duty aboard several ships in both the South Pacific and European zones during the war.

Lt. Larkin was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on August 17, 1918. He received his elementary and high school education in schools in California, Florida and Virginia. For two years he attended the University of Virginia and then enrolled in Pomona College, Claremont, California, from which he was graduated in June 1942.

He entered the Navy as an Apprentice Seaman (V-7), USNR, January 3, 1942. He was called to active duty August 11, 1942, after completing his college work. He immediately went to sea and remained on sea duty until April, 1946.

His first duty was aboard the USS Mervine, a 1,630-ton class destroyer. While on this ship he participated in the occupation of Morocco, the invasion of Sicily and in escort duties in both the Mediterranean and North and Central Atlantic. He then was assigned to the USS Alfred A. Cunningham where he was engaged in antisubmarine duty and in the destroyer-carrier strikes against Wake Island and in the Okinawa campaign.

For service in the Navy he received, in addition to the usual battle stars, two commendations, one for his part as boat officer of a motor whale boat which was credited with saving and of towing to safety over 800 people during the night of November 6-7, 1942, and the other for his services as Damage Control Officer aboard the *Cunningham*.

His duties will be to serve as general assistant and aide to Minor Hudson, Executive Director, in handling the increasing volume of work at National Headquarters.

### NAVY AID PROGRAM

To carry on the Navy tradition that the welfare of its members and former members is paramount, SecNav on June 12, 1946 directed that the Civil Readjustment program be made a permanent activity of the Navy. Begun as part of the Demobilization program to aid Navy men and women returning to civilian life, the Civil Readjustment program will remain on active duty to aid the almost 4,000,000 Navy "alumni" in any way possible.

The Civil Readjustment program in no way duplicates the activities of the Veterans Administration. It is being continued to insure that Navy men and women will receive all the rights and benefits to which they are entitled under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

The Division of Civil Readjustment was recently transferred to the Executive Office of the Secretary of the Navy under the Director of Civil Relations. A District Civil Readjustment Officer and his staff will continue to function in each naval district.

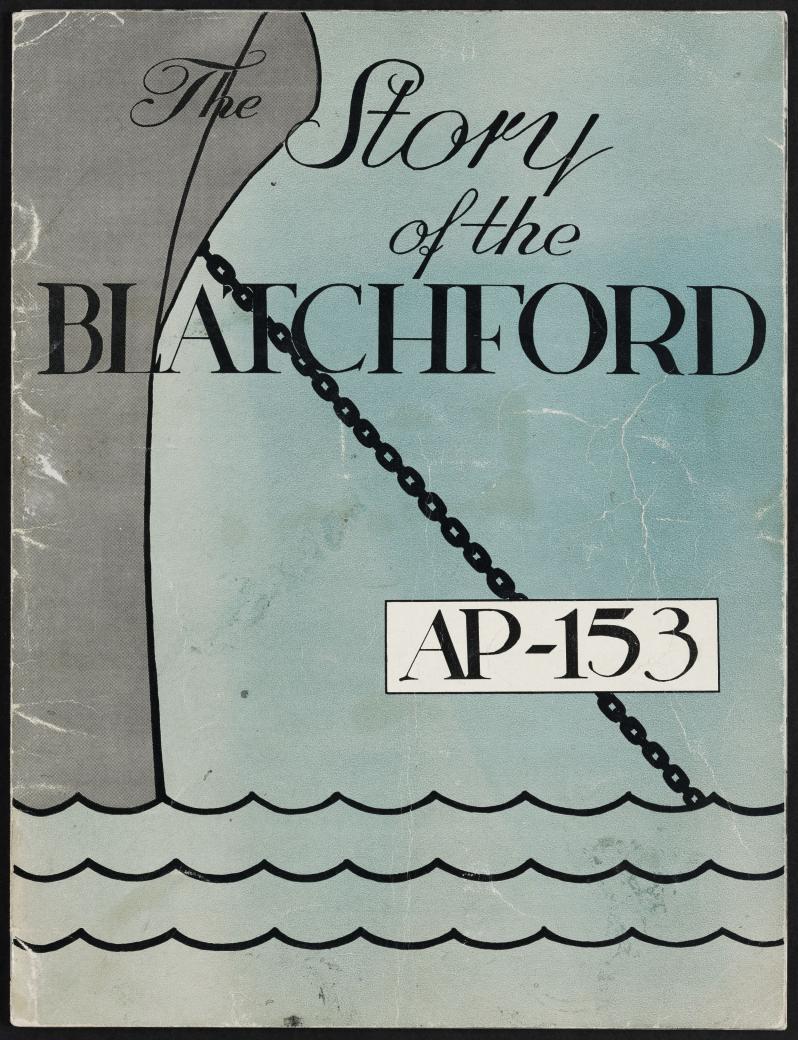
The Civil Readjustment Officer in each naval district is there to aid naval veterans in any matter on which they wish to ask his help. He serves as an officer dedicated to giving personal information to former Navy men and women regarding their current problems. It is to this office that they may turn for help and guidance when faced by difficulties and confused by the complexity of organizations and services at their disposal. No problem of a former Navy man or woman is too large or too small for the District Civil Readjustment Officer and his staff. Their function is to reach former Navy men and women with information regarding vocational matters; show Navy "alumni" and employers the relationship of Navy skills to civilian jobs; and keep former Navy personnel informed of the activities of related government agencies.

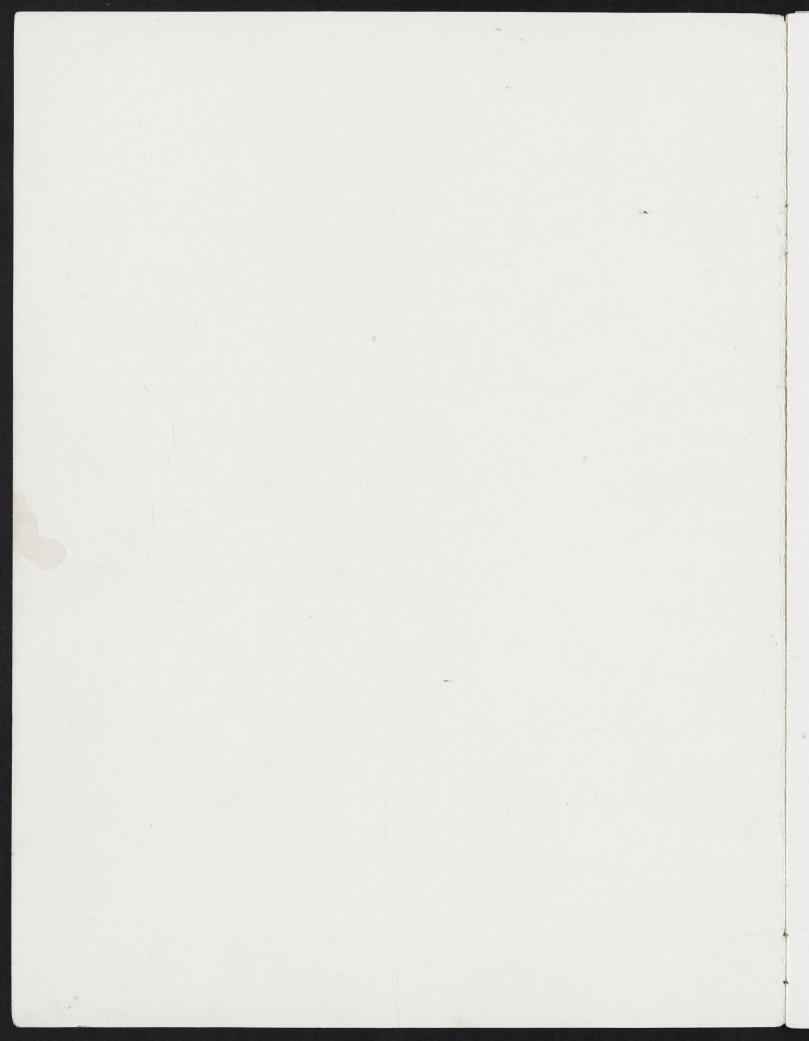
The District Civil Readjustment Officers will welcome any cooperation or assistance RONS chapters can give them.

It is suggested that each chapter send a representative to confer with, or if this is not possible, to communicate by letter with the DGRO in your Naval District.

### RONS NOW HAS 51 LOCAL CHAPTERS

RONS now has a total of 51 active local Chapters, an increase of nine since the last issue of the NEWSLETTER. Several more are in the process of formation. The new Chapters are located in Portland, Oregon, Boston, Mass., Flint, Mich., Roanoke, Va., Seattle, Wash., Kansas City, Mo., Fresno, Cal., San Mateo, Cal., and Green Bay, Wis. Complete information about the new Chapters will appear in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.





# THE STORY OF THE U. S. S. GEN. R. M. BLATCHFORD (AP-153)

An illustrated account of the career of the U. S. S. GENERAL R. M. BLATCH-FORD (AP-153) from keel laying to the end of the last war time voyage, published for the ship's officers and men out of the Ship's Store Profits Fund under the supervision of Lieut. Commander E. G. Hutchinson (SC) USNR, with the assistance of Lieut. D. G. Mc-Giffen USNR, Lieutenant (jg) R. W. Edwards (SC) USNR, Ensign L. G. Barraza USNR, Master Sergeant R. Willis, Quartermaster 1st Class H. O. Glittenberg and Radarman 3rd Class D. W. Zuercher.





# COMMANDING OFFICER COMMANDER ALLEN H. GUTHRIE USN (Retired)

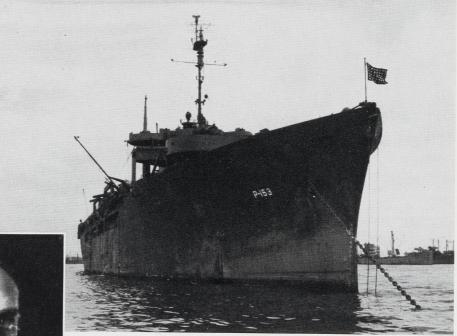
Captain Guthrie has had a long and varied career in the U. S. Navy, during which he has served in all types of Naval vessels and has visited practically every major port in the world, serving for extended periods of time in Europe, China and the West Indies. The ships in which he has had duty include the Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Montana, Nebraska, K-3, K-7, R-3, Rainbow, Parrot, Simpson, Helena (Gunboat), Huron, New York, Sheridan and Blatchford.

He was appointed to the Naval Academy from Lancaster, Penna., where he was born July 26, 1890, and graduated in the Class of 1912. Upon graduation he was assigned to battleship duty, his first ship being the Mississippi. He was serving on board the Louisiana during the shelling and landing of Vera Cruz, Mexico, in 1914, and commanded an artillery detachment in the landing force. During all of World War I he was in the submarine service, commanding the submarine K-7, Submarine Division Three, and the Submarine Base at Key West, Fla. Immediately after the end of the last war he was commanding officer of the R-3. Then followed several years of service on board ships of all types in various capacities, including command, and duty on the China Station, in Europe and the West Indies until his retirement on June 30, 1933.

Soon after the present state of emergency was declared, Captain Guthrie returned to active duty, reporting on June 5, 1941. His first assignment was with the Naval Inspection Service in the Southern District, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. But the sea called again and it was not long before he was with the Amphibious Forces in the Pacific as commanding officer of the U.S.S. Sheridan (APA-51). He participated in the landings at Eniwetok, Guam, and Leyte, being Task Unit Commander at Eniwetok and Task Group Commander at Guam. Immediately after the Leyte landing he received orders to report back to the states to assume command of the Blatchford. He reported as Prospective Commanding Officer early in December and formally took command on January 26, 1945, when the ship was delivered to the Navy by the Kaiser Co. at Richmond, Calif.

Having already transported 50,000 troops 100,000 miles in this war, the Captain feels that the time has come to settle down in a relatively isolated and immovable spot. The ideal place for this is his ranch in the middle of the Colorado Desert at Garnet, Calif., and he plans on returning there as soon as the Navy releases him.







### MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD M. BLATCHFORD, U. S. A. (1859-1934)

Richard M. Blatchford entered the Army as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1883, his first assignment being on frontier duty at Fort Sully, Dakota Territory. He continued on duty in the West, serving at various Army posts such as Fort Apache and Whipple Barracks, Arizona, until 1898, when he joined the Army of Puerto Rico under General Nelson A. Miles. Following the Spanish-American War he was the first American military mayor of San Juan, P. R.

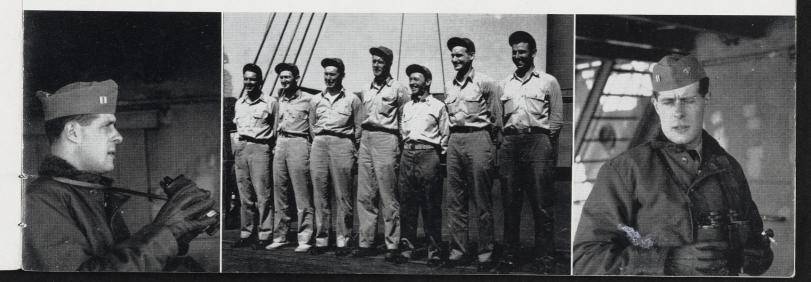
In 1914 he arranged the peace conference between General Alvaro Obregon of the Mexican Federal Army and General Pancho Villa of the Mexican Revolutionary Army. During World War I he held the post of Commanding General of the Lines of Communication of the American Expeditionary Force, being cited by General Pershing for his meritorious service during this period.

After returning from France, General Blatchford commanded the Panama Canal Department and various important posts on the Pacific Coast, including the Presidio of San Francisco until his retirement from the Army in 1922.



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT JOHN F. MUSSER, JR., USNR





Lt. Judson Hadley, Gunnery Officer Lt. (jg) Jerome Lewis Assistant Gunnery Officer G-Division Officer

Ens. William Rich Junior G-Division Officer



# **GUNNERY DEPARTMENT**

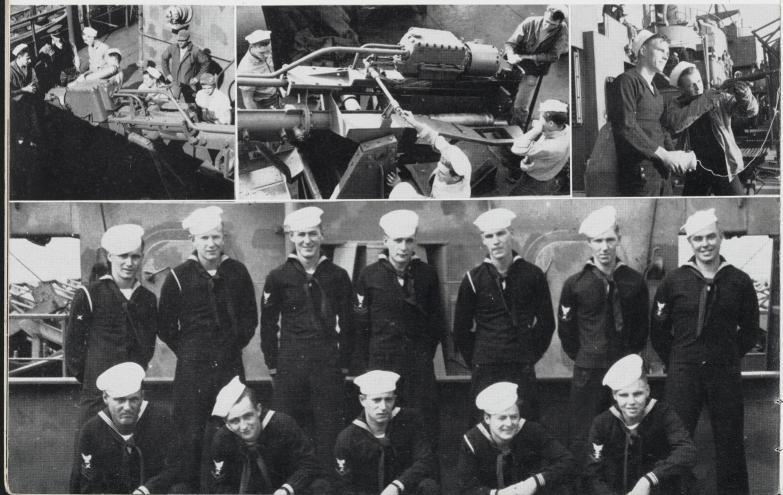
 $(\ensuremath{\textbf{Above}})$  LEFT: Ens. Rich holds instruction at the loading machine.

CENTER: Loading machine drill in progress.

RIGHT: Gunner's Mates Peters and Casey aim line-throwing gun prior to docking.

#### (Bottom) G DIVISION

FRONT ROW: Gaske, Casey, Morabito, Blake, Heinecke. BACK ROW: Benteley, Jones, Condon, Wyckoff, Furlong, Friss, Cairns.





(Above) N AND C DIVISION—FRONT ROW: Walmsley, Kremeier, Bergquam, Callan, Montgomery, Corrie, Datz, Sooter, Vetrano. SECOND ROW: Prentice, Crow, Campbell, R. L.; Wall, Alwine, Davidson, Folloni, Meyers, Haring. THIRD ROW: Brown, W. E.; Speaks, Sloan, Jones, Dean, Archer, Glittenberg, Tanis, Brown, P. J.; Zuercher, Kis. (**Below**) — LEFT: Signalmen at work on the signal tower. LEFT CENTER: Cross section of the wheel house. RIGHT CENTER: The radio shack in operation. RIGHT: Quartermaster Glittenberg at work on the Plotting Chart.

# NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Lt. Duncan Hughes Navigator

Lt. John Flanigan Communications Officer N and C Division Officer

Ens. Sherwin Kapstein Assistant Communications Officer Ens. William Bowdren Radar Officer

Ens. Richard Reynolds Assistant Navigator







Ch. Carp. John Tarpley First Lieutenant



Ens. Paul Gillesse R Division Officer

Ens. Lionel Barraza Jr. Second Division Officer

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Ens. John Sommerville Junior First Division Officer

Ens. Lawrence Larsen First Division Junior Officer



Ens. Walen Lilly Second Division Jr. Officer

# CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR DEPARTMENT

(Above) Field Day on the forecastle,(Below) Lt. (jg) Faucett supervises dropping the hook.

Lt. Donald McGiffin

Second Division Officer

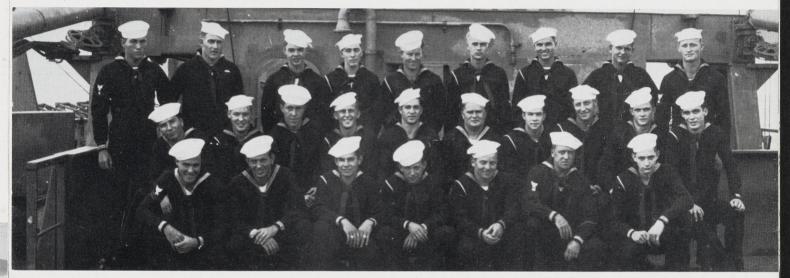
Lt. (jg) Eddie Faucett First Division Officer

> (**Above**) Taking inventory in the foul weather gear locker. (**Below**) First division drying hoses after Field Day clean up.





**R DIVISION**—FRONT ROW: Dean, Stieper, Despain, Amato, Cox. SECOND ROW: Stewart, Dixon, Skinulis, Johnson, Kaminga, Moberly, Hirsh.



**FIRST DIVISION**—FRONT ROW: Lacer, Berry, Tovar, Chinander, Howard, Bartholomew, Shildt. SECOND ROW: Rodriquez, Pierce, Rel, Backman, Rezzoffi, Morris, Roberts, Hinzman, Cade, Vedder. THIRD ROW: Fitzgerald, Dubois, Hoover, Sheeley, Struble, Anderson, Thomas, Schebil, Prettyman.



**SECOND DIVISION**—FRONT ROW: Perry, R.; Sullivan, Smith, S. G ; Bauman, Medcalf, Stouffer, Faulkner, Dees. SECOND ROW: Jones, C. D.; Pherigo, Jennings, Fagan, Pritchard, Smith, C. E.; DeGrandpre, McGuire. THIRD ROW: McCray, Dahl, Vaser, Knudston, Snyder, Krandall, McDuffee, Koenig, Cort, Colbert, Simpson, Hurley, Hughes, H.



Lt. Comdr. I. R. Bennett Engineering Officer

Lt. Robert Pound Asst. Engineering Officer

Lt. (jg) Jacques Darrouzet Ch. Elec. John Martin E-A Division Officer E-E Division Officer

Ens. Carl Bauer E-B Division Officer

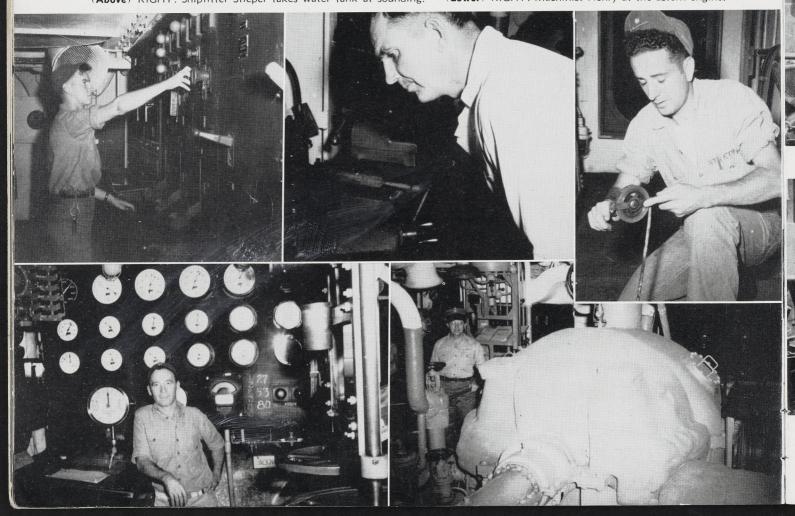
Mach. Joseph Henry E-M Division Officer



# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

 $(\ensuremath{\textbf{Above}})$  LEFT: Electrician Schroeder at the lighting board. (Above) CENTER: Lt. Pound operating a lathe. (Above) RIGHT: Shipfitter Stieper takes water tank at sounding.

(Lower) LEFT: The Chief Engineer at the throttle board. (Lower) RIGHT: Machinist Henry at the astern engine.











**E-M DIVISION**—FRONT ROW: Darst, Dollish, Hartling, Taylor, Jeub, Hughes, Frank. SECOND ROW: Garibay, Llewellyn, Dunaway, Harmer, Cox, McNamee.



(Above) RIGHT—E-E DIVISION—FRONT ROW: Savino, Pogoler, Reynolds, Taylor, Gann. SECOND ROW: Desch, Perus, French, Jonas, Martin. (Above) LEFT: Flora, Brush, Shufelbine, Smith. SECOND ROW: McElland, Phillips, Barcalona.



**E-B DIVISION**—FRONT ROW: Janunas, Minicozzi, Rollison, Dynient, Faber, Medlic, Shook. SECOND ROW: Fields, Read, Carter, Jenkins, Nye, Chapell.



**E-A DIVISION**—FRONT ROW: Brockerman, Adams, Plesha, Southwick. SECOND ROW: Benson, Hinton, Buffington, Hoss, Atkinson, Mack, Hamerick. THIRD ROW: Heilig, Area, Lewis, Gilbert, Ensor, Van Antwerp, Long.





Lt. Comdr. Earl Hutchinson Lt. (jg) Robert Edwards Supply Officer Disbursing Officer S-1 Division Officer

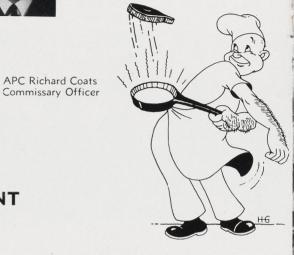
CPC Lewis Guess S-2 Division Officer

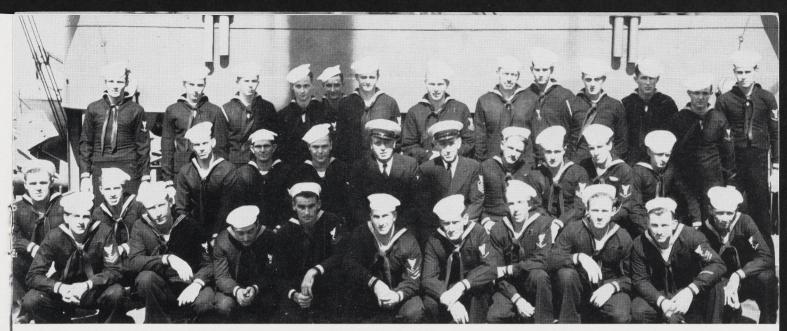
# SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

- (Above) LEFT: Pay line in the pay office.
- (Above) CENTER: The main GSK issue room.
- (Above) RIGHT: Baker Duffey with part of the 600 loaf daily bread output.
- (Lower) LEFT: The line forms at the clothing sales room.
- (Lower) RIGHT: Field Day in the Wardroom.









**S-1 DIVISION**—FIRST ROW: Martanovic, Hedstrom, Camacho, Shaw, Smith, Carter Kankelfitz, Nestell, Fox, Hatch.

SECOND ROW: Wandrey, Shanholtz, Keys, Book, Simpson, Newton, White, Butler, Drietzler, McEwen, Bryan.

THIRD ROW: Bowlus, Perini, Anderson, Moore, Bishop, Guenzel, Darling, Baldwin, Lacey, Summerford, Hinman, Duffey, Coffey.



**S-2 DIVISION**—FRONT ROW: Buckner, Walker, Patterson, Edwards, Bell, McDowell, Lewis, Broyard. SECOND ROW: Atwater, Stevens, Perdue, Hollingsworth, Jackson, Holland, Davis. THIRD ROW: Price, Tatum, Green, Tutson, Girouard, Bennett, Stewart, Welcher, Thomas.



FRONT ROW: Cohens, Cromartic, Hassell, Hobley. SECOND ROW: Watkins, Hammond, Abesilla, Cristobal, Callis, Johnson, Hubbard. THIRD ROW: Winfrey, Harrison, Pate, Tolliver, Rhones, Osborne, Cooks.





Lt. Comdr. Francis McEvoy Lt. Russel Bassett Dental Officer H-Division Junior Officer H-Division Junior Officer

Lt. (jg) Robert Peters H-Division Officer

# MEDICAL DEPARTMENT



(Above) LEFT: Lt. Bassett at work in the Dental Office. (Above) CENTER: An operation in progress, Lt. (jg) Peters conducting. (Above) RIGHT: Chief Pharmacist's Mate Shortall and assistant in the Pharmacy. (Below) H DIVISION—FRONT ROW: Onacila, George, Hofer, Menegay. SECOND ROW: Abate, Austin, Furlong, Shortall, McInerney, Slaughter, Evans. THIRD ROW: Pearns, Bozak, Wooten, Shaw, Loeber.



# **BUILDING THE SHIP**



# U. S. S. GENERAL R. M. BLATCHFORD (AP-153)

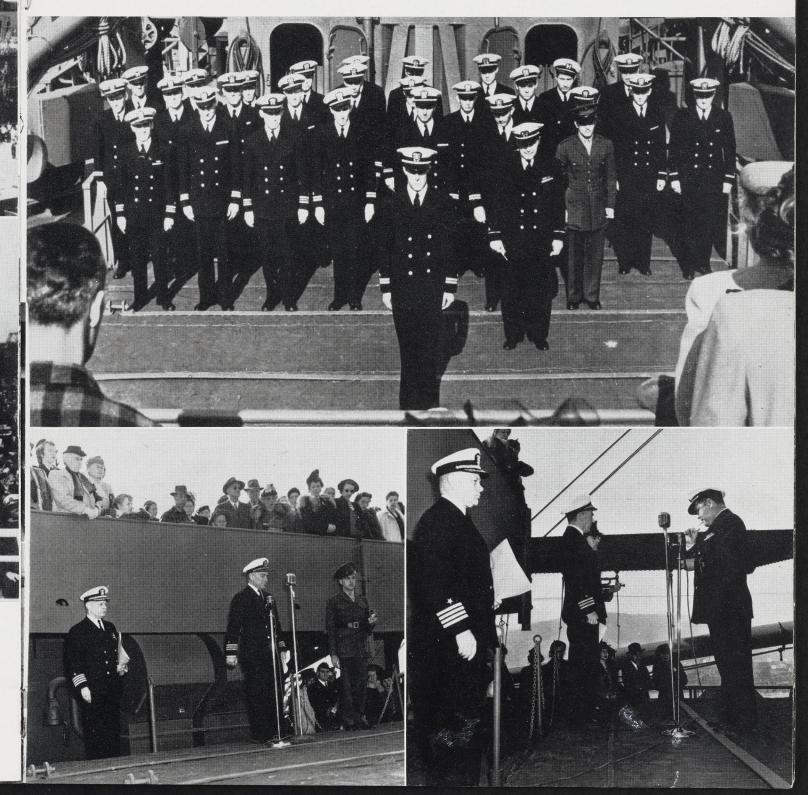
Keel Laid	7 April 1944	
Launched	27 August 1944	
Commissioned	26 January 1945	
Building Yard Kaiser Yard No. 3, Richmond, Cal.		
Outfitting Yard	Mare Island, Cal.	
Length Overall		
Length Between Perpendiculars		
Beam		
Speed (Maximum)		
Speed (Standard)	17.1 Knots	

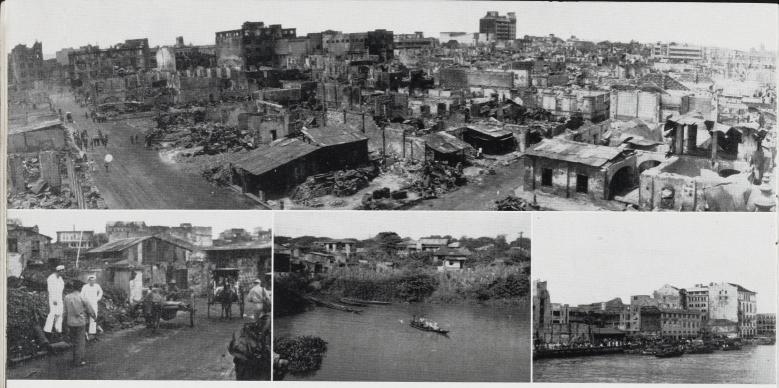
Displacement Tonnage	
Gross Tonnage	12,347
Net Tonnage	9,064
Draft Light	21′ 6″
Draft Loaded	
Horsepower	
Fuel Capacity	557,650 Gallons
Fresh Water Capacity	455,460 Gallons
Weight of Anchors	12,973 Pounds Each
Weight of Propeller	45,000 Pounds



(Above) The Blatchford on Launching Day at Richmond.
(Lower left) Hull 19 in Pre-Launching days in Basin 5.
(Lower right) Mrs. William Anderson sponsors the Blatchford June, 27, 1944.

(Above) Ship's officers form for the commissioning ceremony.(Lower left) Captain Guthrie prepares to accept command.(Lower left) Bos'n Faucett pipes the first watch to stations.





(Above) A cross section of devastated Manila.

(Lower left) Part of the Blatchford Liberty Party "fraternizes" in Manila. (Lower center) Native fisherman on the Pasig River.

(Lower right) The Jones Landing, starting-out point for liberty parties.

### THE BLATCHFORD'S WAR DIARY

#### GETTING READY

**26 JANUARY TO 5 FEBRUARY**—**COMMISSIONING AND FITTING OUT**—On 26 January, in a short but impressive ceremony at Richmond, California, Hull No. 19 of Kaiser Yard No. 3 became the U. S. S. General R. M. Blatchford of the United States Navy. Official time of commissioning, 1315. At 1448 underway for Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, arriving at 1621. 27-30 January busy taking on commissioning allowance, stores and provisions. Tough job. No liberty. On 31 January depermed at Pier No. 27, San Francisco. Five days spent in San Francisco Bay at various drills, tests, and exercises preparing for the Shakedown Cruise. Liberty difficult on account of rough water and few boats.

**5 TO 7 FEBRUARY — UNDERWAY, SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN PEDRO**—Underway for San Pedro at 1556 on 5 February. Sea rough; no sea legs yet; result seasickness prevalent. Plenty of drills on the way. Anchored in San Pedro Bay at 1446 on 7 February.

**7 TO 22 FEBRUARY — SHAKEDOWN AT SAN PEDRO** —Drills, tests, exercises, inspections, maneuvers, training, followed by more drills, tests, exercises, inspections, maneuvers, training. What liberty there was was good. Passed with flying colors.

**23 TO 24 FEBRUARY — UNDERWAY, SAN PEDRO TO SAN FRANCISCO**—Left San Pedro at 0740 on 23 February. More drills, more rough weather, more seasickness. Dropped the hook in Anchorage No. 12, San Francisco Bay, at 1659 on 24 February. No post shakedown availability. Ready for work.

**24 FEBRUARY TO 12 MARCH** — SAN FRANCISCO — Anchored in the bay until 27 February then docked at Pier No. 27, San Francisco, for post shakedown alterations and repairs. On 8 March shifted to Pier 3, Fort Mason, to load Army cargo and Navy supplies. Army advance party came aboard at 1415 on 11 March. Underway for Pier 15 at 1037 on 12 March, docked at 1115, commenced loading passengers at 1305, finished at 1630 and at 1808 underway for Finschafen, New Guinea, and points West.

#### FIRST TRIP

12 TO 29 MARCH — UNDERWAY FROM SAN FRAN-CISCO TO FINSCHAFEN — Underway all this time. Crossed equator for first time late in evening of 21 March. Lots of brand new Shellbacks who were spared the rigors of a proper initiation by plentitude of passengers and lack of space. Given fancy certificates anyway. Crossed International Date Line on 23 March near Nukufeatu Atoll of the Ellice Group, creating a six day week with no Saturday and confusing all wives who were promised a letter every day. On 27 March passed close by Guadalcanal. Arrived at Finschafen at 0640 on 29 March and stood by for orders. The orders were proceed to Hollandia.

**29 TO 30 MARCH—UNDERWAY FROM FINSCHAFEN TO HOLLANDIA**—Underway for Hollandia at 0930 on 29 March and entered Humboldt Bay next day at 1230. Anchored off Hollandia at 1340, dropping the hook for first time in seventeen days.

**30 MARCH TO 2 APRIL—HOLLANDIA, NEW GUINEA** —At 0846 on 31 March got underway for Army Dock No. 2 and disembarked a few passengers shortly thereafter. At 1455 replaced them with passengers bound for the Philippines. Next day took on fuel after leaving dock and tying up alongside a tanker. Underway for anchorage at 1711 and anchored at 1743. On 2 April some Red Cross Workers debarked at 0840. At 0856 underway for Levte, P. I., in a slow convoy of which our Captain was Commodore. Close call for the Red Cross Workers.

**2 TO 12 APRIL** — **UNDERWAY, HOLLANDIA TO MA-NILA**—On 3 April at 0538 main engines stopped due to power failure. At 0545 lost all electric power except lighting and telephones, due to overflowing head flooding electrical panel board. At 0708 power restored and at 0911 rejoined convoy. Good black gang. On 6 April destination changed from Leyte to Manila. Destination changed but speed of convoy didn't. On 9 April at 0652 passed Desolation Point. Well named. On 12 April sighted Luzon at 1006 and Corregidor at 1015. Anchored in Manila Bay at 1512. **12 TO 16 APRIL—MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**— Nothing happened until next day when discharge of passengers and cargo commenced at 0935, passengers having been aboard over a month. To most it seemed longer. All passengers disembarked by 2130 and all cargo discharged by 0145 on 14 April. Swung on hook two more days. Most got ashore to view remains of Manila. Sightseeing only available recreation. At 0909 on 16 April shoved off for Leyte again in a convoy of which our Skipper was Commodore. This one a little faster.

**16 TO 18 APRIL** — **UNDERWAY FROM MANILA TO LEYTE**—On 17 April at 0938 passed Naso Point, Panay Island, and at 1256 passed Sojoton Point, Negros Island. At 2130 passed Silino Island, followed in rapid succession by Siguijon Island. On 18 April at 0902 passed Caligangan Point, Leyte Island. After passing lots of other points which certainly were not points of interest, entered San Pedro Bay, Leyte, at 1346.

**18 TO 26 APRIL—LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**—Anchored in Berth No. 19 at 1501 on 18 April and stayed there too long. Beer was good at San Antonio on Samar, but the quantity was limited and it was a long, wet trip by boat. Loaded fresh provisions from the U. S. S. Pastores on 20 April and on 22 April took aboard a few Navy passengers and then continued the long vigil. Refueled from tanker on 25 April and underway finally on 26 April. Nobody was sorry to leave. Destination, Biak, Netherlands East Indies.

26 APRIL TO 3 MAY — UNDERWAY FROM LEYTE TO BIAK—This time our Captain was not Commodore and the convoy was really slow. God! Was it slow. Ships have been known to move faster just drifting. Finally shook off convoy at 1146 on 2 May and lit out by ourselves towards Biak. Entered Sorido Lagoon at 0807 on 3 May.

**3 TO 4 MAY—UNDERWAY FROM BIAK TO HOLLAN-DIA** — At 0930 stood off Biak awaiting orders which turned out to be—proceed to Hollandia. At 1122 left Biak forever. No one will miss it. Back in Hollandia at 0729 on 4 Mav, 25 minutes ahead of convoy which we left on 2 May. At 1250 loaded a few Army passengers and at 1752 got underway for Finschafen. Things were moving fast for a change.

4 TO 6 MAY - UNDERWAY FROM HOLLANDIA TO

**FINSCHAFEN**—On 5 May at 1110 passed Blupblup Island. There is too an island by that name. At 1707 passed Karkar Island. That sounds silly too, but it's true. Both islands were named by a baby learning to talk. On 6 May at 0715 entered Langemak Bay and docked at Pier No. 10, Finschafen, at 0757. The number is deceptive, there was only one pier.

**6 TO 7 MAY—FINSCHAFEN**—At 1005 on 6 May started loading mail, baggage, fresh water and later on passengers. On 7 May finished loading passengers, water, baggage and mail and at 1508 got underway for the good old U. S. A. Hurrah!

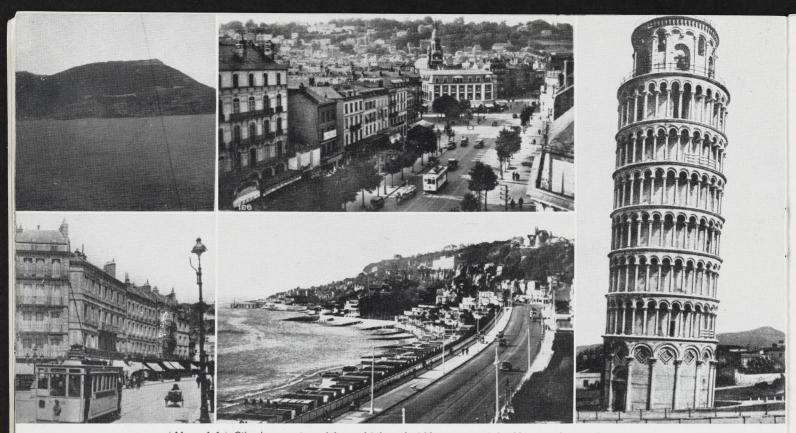
**7 TO 22 MAY** — **UNDERWAY, FINSCHAFEN TO SAN FRANCISCO**—On 11 May passed Funafuti Atoll of the Ellice Group and the International Date Line, this time getting back a Friday in return for the Saturday lost before. This made an eight day week with two Fridays. Fish on only one though. Special dispensation for sailors. On 13 May returned to right side of equator at 0522. Very few aware of it at time as none that could possibly avoid it were awake. On 22 May sighted Farallon Island Light at 0210 and entered San Francisco Bay at 0400. Passed under Golden Gate Bridge at 0441 and anchored at 0553. Home again seventy-one days after leaving. Oh, boy!

22 TO 30 MAY — SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.—Docked at Army Pier No. 7 at 0844. Commenced discharging passengers at 0915 and cargo at 0945. All passengers ashore at 1430, half of crew soon after. At 0804 on 23 May underway for Anchorage No. 12 in San Francisco Bay. Workmen soon came aboard to make minor alterations and repairs which continued until sailing time. On 25 May at 0838 underway for Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, and moored at Berth "A" at 0912. At 0958 began loading supplies. This continued until 0820 on 30 May and at 0856 under way once more. We would like to have stayed longer.

#### SECOND TRIP

**30 MAY TO 7 JUNE—UNDERWAY FROM SAN FRAN-CISCO TO PANAMA**—at 0947 passed within 2000 yards of Alcatraz. That's close enough. At 0958 went under Golden Gate Bridge and once again out to sea. Weather good and trip pleasant without passengers. Arrived at Panama Canal Zone, Pacific side, at 1728 on 7 June and stood by for orders.

(Above left) Manila Street Scene. (Above center) Native Filipino porter with partial load. (Above right) Quonset Hut cluster at Hollandia, New Guinea. (Lower left) Quarato Church at Manila. (Lower center) Trading Center on Escalta Street near the fleet landing on the Pasig. (Lower right) Manila's Chinatown.



(Above left) Gibraltar as viewed from shipboard. (Above center) Le Havre in better days. (Right) The leaning tower at Pisa.

(Lower left) Main Street, Le Havre style. (Lower center) The shoreline Boulevard at Le Havre.

#### 7 TO 8 JUNE—BALBOA, C. Z., AND PANAMA CANAL

—Orders to dock came at 1845 and got underway for Pier No. 16, Balboa, and tied up at 2006. Stayed overnight and took on fuel, water and a few supplies. Good liberty for those who got it. Next morning at 0947 underway for Le Havre, France, via the Panama Canal. Trip through canal took about ten hours. Very interesting.

**8 TO 20 JUNE—UNDERWAY FROM PANAMA TO LE HAVRE**—On 8 June at 2011 passed through the Cristobal Breakwater and into the Caribbean Sea with lights on and ports open. No blackout considerably improved life at sea. First impression of Caribbean not favorable. It was rough, rough enough to slow us down and cause seasickness among those who did not yet have their sea legs. On 11 June at 0940 passed Mona Island abeam to port and soon after entered the Atlantic Ocean by way of the Mona Passage. Entered English Channel on 19 June, rounding Bishop Rock at 2016. Foggy. At 1218 on 20 June sighted French Coast, at 1314 sighted Le Havre and at 1400 entered the mouth of the Seine River. Anchored in Pastures at 1539.

**20 TO 23 JUNE—LE HAVRE, FRANCE**—At 1610 underway for Pontoon Dock No. 3, Le Havre, tied up at 1650 and soon stretched our legs on French soil. Liberty was good but price of Cognac too high. Next day took on fuel and started discharging surplus provisions. On 22 June advance party came aboard and at 0930 on 23 June main body of troops arrived. All aboard by 1645 and at 1937 underway for Boston in the United States of America.

**23 JUNE TO 1 JULY—UNDERWAY FROM LE HAVRE TO BOSTON**—Passed Bishop Rock at 0946 on 24 June and once more entered the Atlantic Ocean, this time headed West. North Atlantic turned out not as rough as expected. No one objected. No land sighted on way. In fact for time nothing could be sighted. Several days of fog and haze. Sighted Boston Lightship at 0441 on 1 July and passed it at 0641 thereby entering Boston Harbor.

**1 TO 6 JULY — BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A.** —At 0806 on 1 July docked at Commonwealth Pier No. 5 and at 0900 commenced unloading passengers and baggage. All troops disembarked by 1420. Those living on East Coast had five days leave, others had good liberty. Best yet, some said. Took on fuel and began loading supplies on 2 July and continued on the supplies until 6 July. Yard workers left at 1550, stevedores at 1555 and 1606 on 6 July were underway for Leghorn, Italy.

#### THIRD TRIP

**6 TO 16 JULY—UNDERWAY FROM BOSTON TO LEG-HORN**—On 11 July went through the Azores, passing Flores Island to starboard at 0847, and Corvo Island to port at 0855. At 1741 passed Graciosa Island about 20 miles to starboard. At 0940 on 14 July entered Strait of Gibraltar and at 1010 had our first look at famous rock. Entered Gibraltar Bay at 1051 and departed at 1140 having received orders to proceed to Leghorn and at about noon entered the Mediterranean Sea. At 1317 on 15 July passed Majorca Island abeam to starboard. On 16 July at 1310 sighted coast of Italy and at 1458 anchored off Leghorn Harbor.

**16 TO 19 JULY—LEGHORN, ITALY**—On 17 July moved inside breakwater and moored to Diga Curvilinea (breakwater) at 1005. At 1550 began loading army equipment from barges. At 1825 advance party came aboard. On 18 July at 1420 completed loading troops. At 1435 on 19 July all Army equipment was aboard and at 1530 got underway for Gibraltar. Liberty good at Leghorn with side trips to Pisa and Florence.

**19 TO 21 JULY — UNDERWAY FROM LEGHORN TO GIBRALTAR**—Trip across Mediterranean calm and uneventful. Rounded Point Europa at 1723 on 21 July. Entered Gibraltar Bay at 1800 and anchored at 1849. Commenced fueling at 1935, finished at 2250 and underway again at 2345. Fast turn around. No liberty.

22 JULY TO 1 AUGUST—UNDERWAY FROM GIBRAL-TAR TO PANAMA—On 30 July at 0731 passed Desecheo Island and 0800 sighted Mona Island and we were back in Caribbean again. This time not so rough. On 1 August at 0814 sighted Coast of Panama and at 1130 entered Cristobal Harbor. At 1213 moored to Pier No. 10, Cristobal, and started taking on fuel, water and supplies.

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# THE TROOPS CARRIED

The shakedown was over! Now for the actual job of carrying troops. The ship was ready and eager. It was aptly summed up by an exuberant mess cook in the galley as preparations were being made for handling the long troop mess line. "O. K.," he said, "Bring on your doggies!"

And on March 12th at San Francisco, they streamed aboard, 3000 strong. Fresh, young, eager infantrymen they were, for the most part, not long out of training camps, on their way to replace the weary and battle-scarred veterans waiting to go home.

At sea, it wasn't long before things settled down. The long planning had not been in vain. Our destination was New Guinea but the war in the Pacific was moving rapidly and we all knew that that would not be our final destination. On board was the USO Camp Show "Oklahoma" recruited from the New York Theater Guild. A jolly bunch they were and they entertained all hands unstintingly. An area on deck was reserved for them and it was a pretty sight to watch the ballet dancers practicing. They helped tremendously to make the trip pleasant.

They got off at Hollandia, New Guinea, along with a group of Red Cross girls and were replaced by veterans of the 1st Cavalry and 11th Airborne Divisions returning to their units which were then in the thick of the fighting in Northern Luzon. We took aboard, too, a small group of Filipino refugees among whom was a five-year-old baby who was promptly adopted by the troops.

After a ten-day trip in a slow convoy we arrived at Manila on April 12th. The city was in shambles. The Japs had only recently been driven out. The docks were demolished and the harbor cluttered with sunken ships. The troops were debarked in small boats and rushed to replacement depots nearby. In a few days they joined fighting units at the front.

Now the voyage home. At Leyte we picked up a draft of Navy men bound for the States; at Hollandia a Ship's Hospital Medical Platoon and at Finschafen the main body of troops; mostly patients and casualties. The vessel was practically converted into a hospital ship. Staterooms were used for litter patients and officers were carried in troop compartments, most of which also held patients, to say nothing of the hospital wards which were filled to overflow.

About a week out to sea we got the electrifying news. The war was over in Europe! It was the Atlantic for us, we knew. Troops had to be redeployed to the Pacific and we were slated for the job. And, sure enough, after only a week in San Francisco, we set out again, this time through the Panama Canal to France. It was kind of nice cruising along without troops, plenty of room, no blackout and the time was used to good advantage. The vessel was made ship-shape in preparation for the new troops to come.

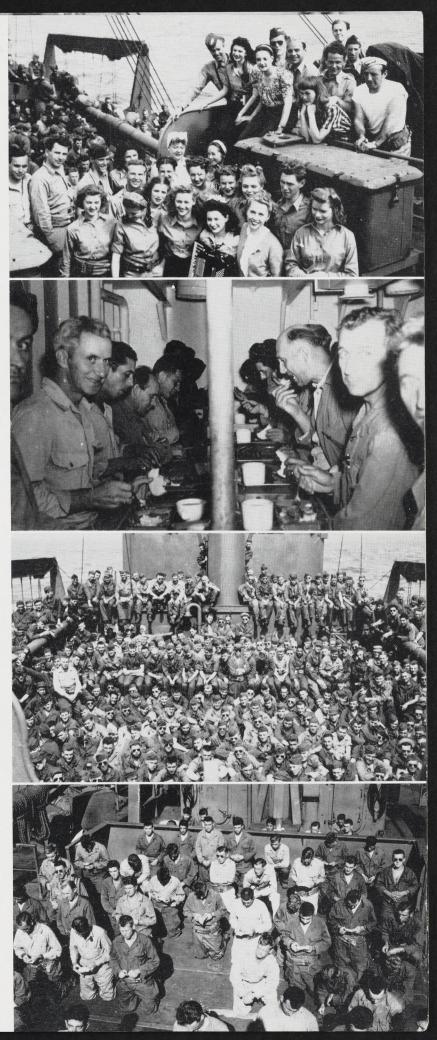
At Le Havre, June 22nd, the crack 379th Infantry of the 95th Division embarked. Heroes of the Ruhr, the Rhine, the Saar and conquerors of the City of Metz, they were a smart looking outfit. They were bound for the Pacific through the States and we carried them to Boston, the shortest haul we made. At the famous Commonwealth Pier in Boston we were hailed by press and public. Colonel Akin, Commanding Officer of the Regiment, had this to say, "May I compliment you on the appearance, efficiency and comfort of your ship . . . the high standard of the mess and comfort of the quarters."

But the time was urgent and much to be done. The six days in Boston were long enough to be re-supplied and to (CONTINUED ON PAGE NO. 32)

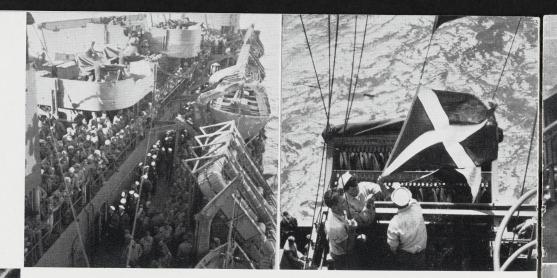
(**Above**) Part of troops aboard the first trip. The USO show "Oklahoma" in the foreground.

(**Top center**) Chow-down for troops in the mess hall. (**Lower center**) Troops assemble for an open-air show on Hatch 5.

(Bottom) Sunday devotions topside.



# VITAL STATISTICS

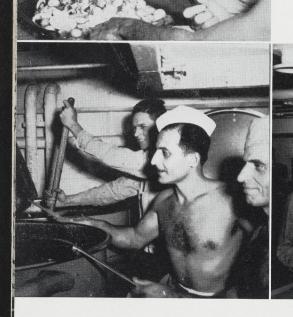


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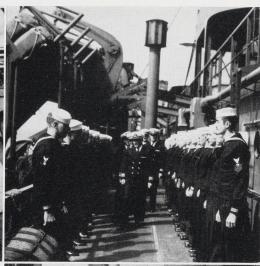
In the six and one-half months of actual operation (from 12 March to 30 September) over 60,000 miles were steamed, an average of almost 10,000 miles per month and better than 300 miles per day. During this time only eleven days were spent in United States Ports and the ship had no availability for alterations or repairs. In the month of June there were only 88 hours during which the ship was not underway.

In steaming 63,000 miles 2,750,000 gallons of fuel oil were consumed and 5,200,000 gallons of fresh water was distilled by the ship's evaporators. About three times that amount of water was taken aboard at various ports.

January .	27
February .	2,408
March	6,922
April	3,516
May	8,434
June	10,882
July	9,234
August	10,850
September	10,872
TOTAL	63,145



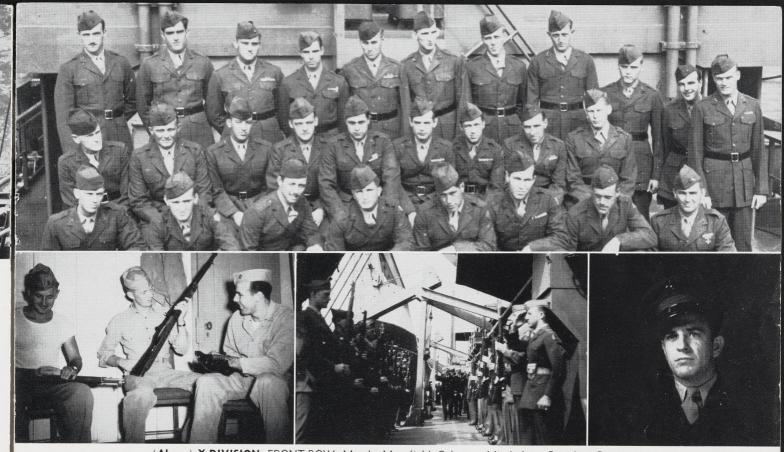




#### PASSENGERS CARRIED

ARMY: NAVY: MARINE:	Officers	18	Enlisted Men 12,694 Enlisted Men 583 Enlisted Men 16	Total	601
TOTAL AR	MED FOR	CES . 994	13,293		14,287
CIVILIANS	: Red Ci	ross . 58	USO 43 Others 28 GRAND TOTAL		129

These figures do not include Navy men carried as temporary ship's company.



(Above) X DIVISION: FRONT ROW: Moody, Mansfield, Coleman, Mitchelson, Bratcher, Bryson, Brown, Sherburne. SECOND ROW: O'Donnell, Ackley, Kubow, Ford, Caron, Toon, Moore, Paden, Nesheim. THIRD ROW: Prince, Napier, Medlin. Livingston, Roselle, Lorenzen, Cable, Robinson, Reynolds, Kopp, Hammond.

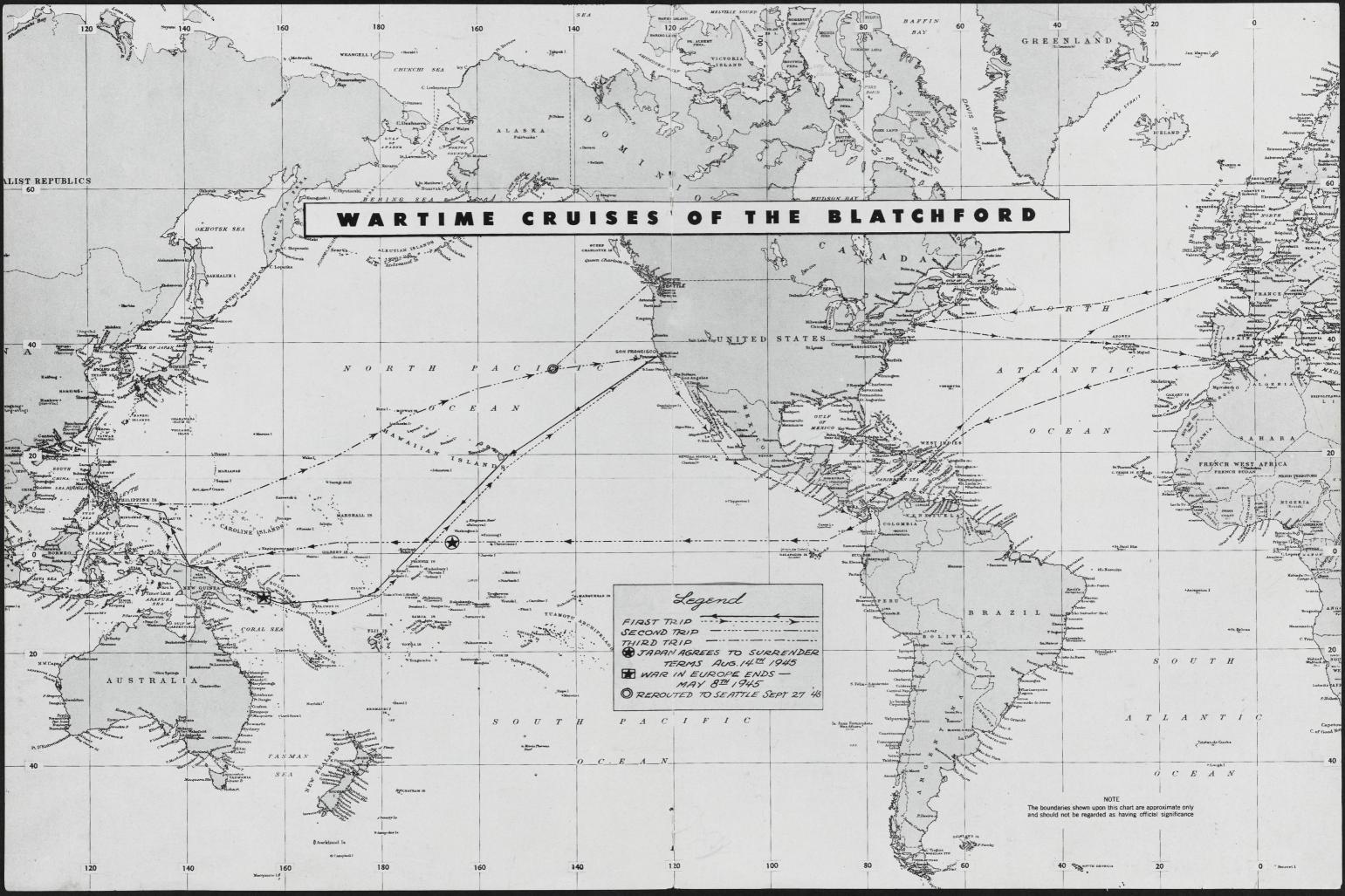
(Lower left) Pre-inspection clean-up for X Division. (Lower center) The Marines at Captain's inspection.

(Lower right) 2nd Lt. John Kreiger, Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment and X Division Officer.

# THE MARINES, THE ARMY AND THE CHURCH

(Upper left) Lt. (jg) Raymond Govern, Chaplain. (Upper center) The Ship's library. (Upper right) The Chaplain at the altar. (Lower left) Captain Charles Hiden, Army Transportation Officer. (Lower center) Sergeants Willis and Woodbury, Army personnel attached to the ship's Transportation Department. (Lower right) 2nd Lt. Paul Pershbacher, Army Special Service Officer.







# ASSEMBLING THE CREW

That part of San Francisco Bay's Treasure Island known as The Pre-Commissioning Training Center was the working nucleus of Blatchford activity prior to the ship's commissioning. The Training Center, besides being an agency for the physical assembly of the ship's company, attempted to indoctrinate the detail with the essentials of shipboard life. Schooling in Firefighting, Chemical Warfare, Sound-powered Telephone Operation and various other requisite skills in war-time ship operation occupied the greater part of the time during the period. But specific planning for the Blatchford's future functioning also held an important place.

The detail began to form in July 1944. Captain Leander Jeffries USNR was designated as PCO and set up his office at 110 Market St. in San Francisco. The PXO, Commander Holger Sorensen USNR, took active charge of personnel from his office in Barracks "F." And gradually the men who had been ordered from receiving ships, shore stations and afloat activities were moulded into a ship's force.

In the meantime, the prospective supply department began the assembly of ship's material in Oakland where the ship's outfitting was to take place, and from Captain Jeffries' Office liaison was effected with the Kaiser Co. and the Navy Department. Later, ship's representatives were sent to Richmond, where the actual ship building was in progress.

When the intense activity in the Pacific called for the acceleration of the APA construction program, other ship building had to be delayed. The Blatchford, originally scheduled for commissioning in late September, was moved to November, then December and finally late January. This delay necessitated the release of the now trained personnel. Over half the officers and most of the crew were ordered to other activities, and practically a whole new complement had to be assembled and trained.

Early in December, Captain Jeffries was ordered to an APA in San Pedro, and Commander Allen H. Guthrie USN (Ret) reported as the new Prospective Commanding Officer. In January, Commander Sorenson was hospitalized, and Lt. John F. Musser, Jr., who had been the prospective Navigator and Training and Barracks Officer, took his place. The January commissioning date remained firm and preparations speeded up. The ship's complement was frozen, and finally after a last moment of indecision as to the exact day, the U. S. S. Gen. R. M. Blatchford became a part of the U. S. Fleet on 26 January 1945.

The period on Treasure Island was a long and tedious one, elongated by the uncertainty and delay, but the memories of this period are not entirely bad. The monotony was broken by training cruises on the Patrick and the Sherbourne, and the hospitality of San Francisco was near at hand. And while mile long lines for every conceivable purpose made life miserable, the recreational facilities of the island were good and there was the satisfaction of adequately preparing for life aboard ship.



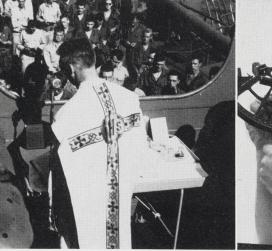
### CHOW

1,210,272 rations were served in the general mess and 50,476 in the wardroom mess from 12 March to 30 September. To feed this many meals 2,500,000 pounds of food were used, of which 1,200,000 was canned fruits and vegetables, 750,000 were fresh fruits and vegetables and 400,000 were fresh meat. 45,000 dozen fresh eggs were consumed. 120,000 two-pound loaves of bread were baked and eaten on board and it took 20,000 pounds of butter to butter it.

With a full load of troops aboard, over 200 men were kept busy preparing, cooking and serving three meals a day for about 4,000 men. As each man consumed a daily average of about 4 1/4 pounds, it was necessary to prepare, cook and serve approximately 8 1/2 tons of food each day, of which almost 2 was potatoes, 1 1/2 was meat and one was vegetables. If fresh fruit was on the menu it would take about 1 1/2 tons of whatever kind it was to give each man one piece of fruit. Needless to say, the galley and bake shop operated 24 hours a day. However, it took an average of only one and three-quarter hours to serve one meal to each of about 3,000 men in the troop mess line.











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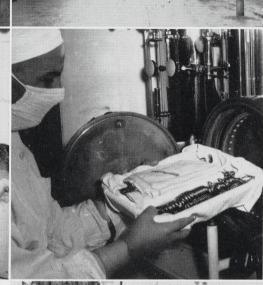
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#### FAMOUS WATERS THROUGH WHICH THE BLATCHFORD SAILED

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San Bernardino St. Suragao Straits Gibraltar Straits Panama Canal





### MEDICAL STATISTICS

Patients treated at sick call . 32,000						
Patients admitted to Hospital 540						
Major operations performed . 13						
Inoculations 5,000						
Units of penicillin used . 60,000,000						
Prescriptions filled 1,823						
Patients carried as passengers 1,501						
Meals served in Sick Bay 23,823						
Sittings in Dental Chair 1,513						
Teeth filled 1,239						
Teeth extracted 198						
Teeth cleaned 604						
Miscellaneous dental						
treatments 1,062						
Dental X-rays						

## CITATION

★★★ In the name of the President of the Unitd States, the Commander Second Carrier Task Force, United States Pacific Fleet, presents the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

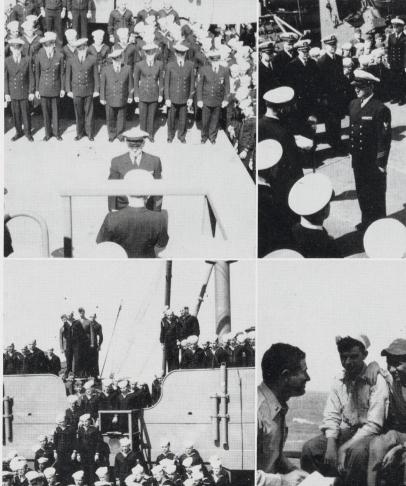
ERNEST C. HOSS, CHIEF MACHINIST MATE UNITED STATES NAVY

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\* "For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy during the period 15 January to 15 August 1944, while serving as leading machinist mate in the U.S.S. COGSWELL, a unit of Task Force 58. He skillfully maintained the engine room machinery in a high state of readiness despite difficult operating conditions and limited repair facilities. His ability to check casualties before they became serious breakdowns, and to keep the plant operating at high capacity for long periods during the seven months which included 12 engagements with the enemy have contributed to the battle efficiency of the ship and have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> /s/ J. S. McCAIN Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy





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**1 TO 2 AUGUST** — CRISTOBAL, C. Z., AND PANAMA CANAL—Good liberty for those who got it. Hard work for some. Completed loading stores and provisions at 0705 on 2 August and at 0813 were underway for trip through the Canal. By 1558 out of Canal and standing out of Panama Bay once again headed for Hollandia. No one happy about it.

**2 TO 23 AUGUST—UNDERWAY FROM PANAMA TO HOLLANDIA**—On 13 August at 1739 passed Christmas Island abeam to port only three miles away. First sight of land in eleven days. Next day Japan accepted surrender terms and it looked like war was over. But we were plumb in the middle of the Pacific Ocean headed in wrong direction. On 16 August at 2014 crossed International Date Line once more, this time jumping from Thursday to Saturday. Sighted land again on 18 August, but it was only Matthew and Charlotte Islands. This excited no one. On 20 August at 1827 again crossed equator from North to South. On 22 August sighted Emerson Island, Purdy Island and Rat Island. Not much to look at. Back in Hollandia at 1240 on 23 August, after longest continuous time at sea. Too long.

**23 TO 25 AUGUST** — HOLLANDIA, NEW GUINEA, N. E. I.—On 23 August at 1338 moved alongside tanker and took on fuel. Next day loaded a few stores and at 0648 on 25 August got underway for San Fernando, Luzon, P. I., leaving Hollandia forever, we hoped.

**25 TO 30 AUGUST—UNDERWAY FROM HOLLANDIA TO SAN FERNANDO**—On 28 August sighted Samar Island at 1446 and at 1800 entered San Bernardino Straits. On 29 August passed Fortuna Island at 1026 and Bataan Peninsula at 1212. At 0500 on 30 August stood into Lingayen Gulf and at 0615 entered San Fernando Harbor.

**30 AUGUST** — **SAN FERNANDO, LUZON, P. I.** — Anchored at 0727 on 30 August and an hour later got underway for Army Pier, docking at 0955. At 1317 all troops for this port had debarked and at 1401 underway for Manila.

**30 TO 31 AUGUST — UNDERWAY FROM SAN FER-NANDO TO MANILA**—Passed Corregidor at 0630 on 31 August and at 0818 anchored in Manila Bay and waited.

31 AUGUST TO 8 SEPTEMBER-MANILA, LUZON, P. I.

—On 1 September still waiting. 2 September got underway to inner harbor at 1638 and anchored at 1721. Waited. On 3 September at 1020 started debarking troops after forty-six days aboard. Completed at 1120. At 1122 began discharging Army equipment. On 4 September still discharging cargo and waiting. 5 September, same thing. 6 September, no change, until 1820, then underway to Dock No. 15. At 2240 resumed unloading cargo and waiting. 7 September waited and discharged cargo. On 8 September loaded troops and supplies, finally completed discharge of Army equipment and got underway for Leyte at 1150. Took only eight and one-half days to do one day's work.

**8 TO 10 SEPTEMBER—UNDERWAY FROM MANILA TO LEYTE**—On 9 September at 2222 entered Surigao Strait. At 0230 on 10 September stood into San Pedro Bay, Leyte, and anchored at 0304. At 0743 underway to Berth No. 12 and anchored at 0935.

**10 TO 14 SEPTEMBER—LEYTE AND SAMAR, PHILIP-PINE ISLANDS** — On 11 September took on fuel from tanker. At 0631 on 12 September moved to Berth No. 20 and at 1630 debarked Army passengers for Leyte. On 13 September at 1000 started embarking troops and at 1341 began taking aboard patients. At 1604 underway for Guiuan, Samar, and anchored there at 1919. At 0700 on 14 September began embarking Navy patients and corpsmen. At 1353 underway for San Francisco, we thought.

14 TO 30 SEPTEMBER—UNDERWAY FROM LEYTE TO SAN FRANCISCO SEATTLE—14 to 21 September steaming along, passed near Wake Island and Midway but did not see them, Nothing interesting until cry of "Man Overboard" at 1008 on 21 September. At 1015 lowered No. 3 Boat, at 1023 picked up man, at 1030 picked up boat with man, at 1035 resumed course and speed. Fast work. Steamed peacefully and happily along towards San Francisco until the bolt struck on 27 September, when, only three days from home, orders arrived diverting the ship to Seattle. Changed course to the North on 28 September, entered Puget Sound on the foggy morning of 30 September and at 1800 docked in Seattle which was the wrong port for all but a few. But the U. S. A. looked good after eighty-six days, especially to those who were eligible for discharge.

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give the crew members who lived in the East a short look-in on the folks at home and we were off again.

This time to Leghorn in Italy. There we took on a shipload of Service troops, units of Quartermaster and Medics, but mostly Combat Engineers who had seen service in North Africa and made the long trek up the Italian Peninsula with Mark Clark's V Army. Ahead lay the long voyage, more than half way round the world, to the Western Pacific. We settled down, through the Mediterranean, back into the Atlantic towards the Canal. An eleven-piece orchestra was assembled from the troops, the shows, "International Musical" and "Victory Parade", were put on by the soldiers, an amusing newspaper "Deckings" was published and other events to lighten the tedium of the long trip were organized.

Speculations were rife as to our exact destination. Events were happening so rapidly there was no telling the place these troops would debark. At Cristobal they were given a chance to go ashore, obtain refreshments and stretch their legs and then on again into the Pacific. Two weeks later, in the middle of the vast ocean, the news broke. Japan accepts unconditional surrender! Joy was unconfined! Thanksgiving services were held by all denominations. But the sober business at hand had to be carried through.

At Hollandia, we found our next stop would be San Fernando in Northern Luzon. We debarked some Quartermaster and Medical Units there and moved on to Manila. The city had not changed much but docks had been built and we were able to tie up. Troops were debarked and others took their place, but plenty of room was left for the patients we still had to pick up at Leyte. From there we made our last stop at Guiuan in Samar to take aboard a draft of Navy patients and corpsmen and then off for home.

We were rounding out our first year of duty. For many of us it would be the last voyage. The war is over! And, although there is still much to be done by a ship like ours, we can safely adopt the motto of the famous 41st Division, many of whose men we carried . . . "Mission Accomplished."



