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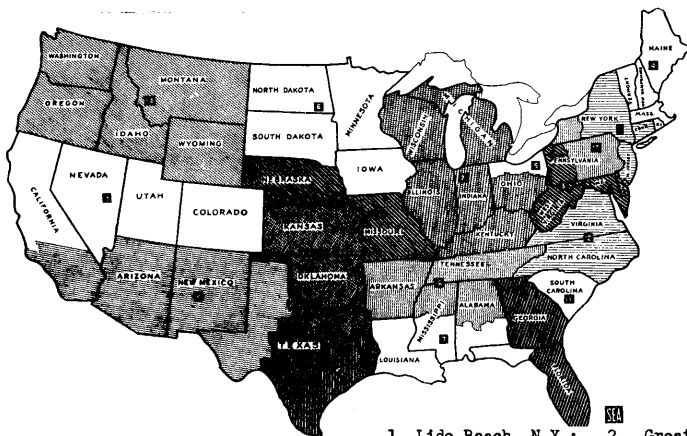
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AV-17 FLAGSHIP FOR FLEET AIR WING

AREAS SERVED BY SEPARATION CENTERS FOR ENLISTED MEN



1. Lido Beach, N.Y.; 2. Great Lakes; 3. Bainbridge, Md.; 4. Boston; 5. Toledo; 6. Minneapolis; 7. New Orleans; 8. San Pedro; 9. Shoemaker; 10. Camp Wallace; 11. Jacksonville; 12. Norfolk; 13. Sampson; 14. Bremerton, Wash.; 15. Charleston; 16. Memphis; 17. Norman, Okla.; 18. St. Louis.

Navy Point System And Demobilization Plan Explained By C.N.

In searching for an answer to the question; what about the Navy point system, the Crew's News with the aid of the Service Editorial Association has compiled the following information.

One out of every two sailors will stow his seabag away with the other family keepsakes in the next six months and don civilian attire, this is the estimate made by the SecNav. as of the week ending 15 Sept.

It was also stated that future reductions in the point system will be made as soon as conditions permit.

A statement made by an official source heralded the Navy demobilization as "the most ambitious and fastest schedule of any armed service." To the 60% of the 750,000 eligible on 15 September, who are still outside the continental limits, this statement is a little hard to believe.

Later information received from SEA stated that "40% of (cont. page 7, col. 2)

Operations To Remain Same Say Rear Admiral Martin

Effective 30 Sept., 1945, the USS Cumberland Sound became the Flagship of Fleet Air Wing Seventeen under Rear Admiral Harold M. Martin, USN.

The wing, a new unit whose job will be to patrol all areas adjacent to the Japanese homeland, is a part of the Fifth Fleet. It will include the USS Hamlin, USS Chanteleur, USS Pine Island and USS St. George all AV's and the AVP's Gardiners Bay, Suisun, Coos Bay, Yakutat, Bering Strait, Corson, Flyods Bay and Mackinac. Servicing squadrons VPB 21, 22, 26, 27, 205, 208 and VH-4.

During the interview the Adm. stated, "all tenders and squadrons will operate as in the past, maintaining searches and providing such surveillance and transportation services as may be re- (cont. page 5, col. 2)

LEFT STATES YEAR AGO ON 28th; ORIGINAL CREW DWINDLED TO 75 %

On the 28th. of October, just 13 days away, the USS CUMBERLAND SOUND will have been gone from the continental limits of the United States one year.

At that time she carried over 700 men, both those who were present in Tacoma Washington, on her Commissioning Day, men who were designated as plank owners and those who boarded her while on the west coast. These men have dwindled off, on small drafts at first, and now that the point system is in effect and fathers with three children or more are being released, on larger ones, until only 550 are left.

Many of the original crew who were transferred early, have since been sent back out on other ships.

During that year, the war in both theatres has ended and several great men have died. There (cont. page 4, col. 2)

Rating Advances Continue As 44 Pointers Leave

October 1, brought another large number of rate advancements with 74 men advancing or making a change, according to the Personnel Office.

"The transfer of 44 point men has caused openings in all ratings," this was the statement made by the Personnel Office in explaining the recent large number of authorized up's.

Third class was high with 25 additions, second had 17. first (cont. page 7, col. 3)



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::: EDITORIAL :::

Many sailors have been surprised to find that the Japanese people exhibit a number of perfectly human emotions.

A recent scene enacted in Yokasuka on a street corner served to illustrate this humane tendency of the natives to several Cumberland Sound sailors.

A tall sailor, noseing along, looking over the worthless souvenirs being offered for sale or trade, suddenly stepped into the street, hollered, "Hey George!" and hurried toward a group of his white-clad countrymen standing on the opposite side.

Singling one of them out, he grabbed him by the shoulder, spun him around and began vigorously to shake his hand, meanwhile uttering such Americanisms as, "Why, you old so and so," "I'll be go to hell," etc, etc. On the faces of both was the inimitable expression of happiness and unbelief which is reserved for such rare occasions.

Small groups of natives standing about with hitherto inscrutable expressions began to smile and to nudge one another. Here was something that meant the same thing in any language. Here was friendliness with a 14 karat stamp all over it.

This was none of your polite bowing and synthetic smiling,

HELP CONSERVE WATER

SPECIAL NOTICE

With the end of the war and the discharge system already in effect, the Crew's News along with several other divisions or departments aboard ship has suffered serious losses.

We appreciate the request by many of the members of ships company that the paper continue, but unless help is given, the job may become too great a task and publication cease.

Writers and cartoonists are needed. If you have worked on high school, college or outside papers and could contribute one story or cartoon a issue, drop in at our office and leave your name, division and what particular type of work you desire.

which could mean anything. This was the Mc Coy.

When the two friends had moved out of sight, still slapping each other on the back, some of the little street's tenseness had gone with them. Traces of genuine smiles still lingered on the faces the diminutive townsfolk turned to other soldiers, sailors and marines who passed.

The people seemed to have learned something about the Americans; and in their display of this knowledge, the Americans, in turn, were learning that the Japanese were not beyond the emotions which play such a big part in their own lives.

A little real friendship goes a long way in any man's language.

Time and a series of such small incidents, which are doubtless being enacted all over the world these days, will go a long way toward the achievement of permanent world-wide peace,

Letters to the Editors

Dear Ed.

As regards to the chow aboard this ship. I don't really think the men have much of a growl coming, but the victuals aboard the best Navy ship that ever floated would not cause anybody to wade through any home cooking to get at them, especially if there are not a few condiments around with which to take the edge off the taste.

Lately I have had trouble finding a salt or pepper shaker in the entire mess hall, and as a result of this, I throw more chow away than I eat. I suggest a sign be posted at the front of the chow line which



Divine Services

SUNDAY October 21,

0900 Protestant Service
Chaplain Cole
CPO Mess Hall

1000 Catholic Mass
Father Ray
CPO Mess Hall

Protestant choir practice
will be held weekly, time is
to be announced.

states whether there is or there
ain't salt and pepper on the
tables.

Joe Bones

Dear Editor

The following clipping, which was sent to me by my sister, appeared in my hometown paper, the Santa Maria Times.

"Mr. and Mrs. Fessler, received a letter from their son, aboard the USS Grimes. Young Fessler wrote 'Believe it or not, I was the first man of the Third Fleet to set foot on the Japanese homeland.' He said his ship entered Tokyo Harbor third, following a minesweeper and the USS Iowa."

There seems to have been an error someplace, why doesn't someone straighten stateside people out on the correct story?

C.H.G.

Dear Editors:

I have two brothers in the Army both were on Saipan when the war ended. They have since that date, been returned to the states and are undergoing discharge now.

My brothers write frequently and tell of their progress in getting out and also of their plans for a Christmas at home. They ask if I shall be out by then and be able to celebrate the yuletide season at home with them. Can someone tell me?

According to Navy system, I have enough points for discharge I have been in the service longer than either of my brothers, yet I will undoubtedly be the last out. It seems to me that some immediate action should be taken or at least an official statement made unabling us to at least plan a little into the future.

Mixed-up...



SPORTS



COLLECTORS



L. Ballsum, L. W. Koster, I. W. Minden

Crouched about in true oriental fashion the above pictured sailors display a good day's catch of souvenirs.

Fans, dolls, chop sticks and other common-place household articles are easily acquired, and here they are shown in abundance.

The Japanese rifle which reposes on Koster's shoulder is much more rare, as is the bayonet in the foreground.

The cigar at the right end of Koster's mustache is of the American make he has chosen to smoke during the opium shortage.

Squatting and squinting on the left is Lee Ballsum. He wears a Jap helmet and holds a Smari Sword. On the deck in front of him is the gas mask of a Jap soldier.

The smile on the right hand side of the picture belongs to I. W. Minden of Moscow, Idaho. He favors articles of wearing apparel such as kimono, pajamas and scarfs.

Just how these three lads acquired the collection is not known, but the fast waning art of the horse trader was probably brought into play.

Send Crew's News Home

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT MAY RE-OPEN SOON

Prospects for a continuation of the softball tournament are not entirely on the pessimistic side, according to Lt. R. Kreick.

An attempt is being made, he stated one day last week, to arrange for division teams to carry on with the sport on one of the diamonds which have been made ready on the beach. Details for this, have not all been ironed out yet, but it is probable that the games will start in the near future.

Mr. Kreick said further that a game was being arranged between this ship's all-star team and a picked team on the USS Hamlin.

The automobile motor would knock and sputter to a stop. After a half hour of such performance it pounded and suddenly wheezed to a final stop on a lonely road.

"I wonder," said the worried sailor, "what that knock is?"

"Maybe," suggested his red haired companion, "it's opportunity!"

SPORTS QUIZ

1. When was the last Indianapolis Classic held?
2. Who won the 1944 Hockey championship?
3. Since 1923 how many years has the US won the Wightman Cup Tennis Matches?
4. Who won the American Bowling Congress Individual Championship in 1942?
5. Who won the Women's professional 14-1 Pocket Billiards Championship in '39?

(Answers page 6, col. 2.)

1945 World Series Re-Broadcast To Crew

Peace-time baseball was well received by men aboard the USS Cumberland Sound, as small groups of men crowded around all radios to keep up on the hits, runs and errors of the 1945 World Series between the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago Cubs.

Broadcast from the playing field by shortwave to armed forces radio stations at Pearl Harbor, Saipan, Guam, Tokyo and others the game was recorded and rebroadcast over more than 100 service stations at a more convenient time. Men stationed in the Japanese homeland were able to hear the game at 12:30 each day over Radio Tokyo.

Seven networks handled the series and aided in its presentation to the armed forces.

The opening game of the 1945 World Series took place in Briggs Stadium in Detroit before 65,000 fans, the largest attendance ever assembled in Detroit to watch their favorite Tigers take the field, since the series in 1940.

Three games were played on the home field of the Tigers and then play moved to Wrigley Field in Chicago where swat fans jammed the stands to see their favorite team take part in the baseball classic of 1945.

Responsible for bringing the game to AV-17 listeners was George Wagner, EM3c, movie operator, who made the necessary arrangements and hook-ups to have it carried over the speaker on the seaplane-deck.

New Sr. Medical Officer Veteran Of Solomons

Already familiar to some of the crew is Lt. Gdr. J.E. Adams new Senior Medical Officer, who has taken over the duties of Dr. Barnard, recently transferred.



Dr. J. E. Adams

Enlisting in the Navy in Aug 1941, Dr. Adams saw action with the Marine Paratroops in the Solomons and was stationed at Washington, D.C., Boston, and Richmond, Va. Finishing up on his Naval status he has 55 pts. and an intense desire to return to sunny California as a civilian.

When quized about his opinion of ship-board life he said, "I find life aboard ship confined, for I like to be where I can stretch my legs."

The 31 year old graduate of Harvard followed in the footsteps of Dr. Mc Carthy, graduating two years later in 1939. Although they were not acquainted while at school the two MD's have spent hours discussing mutual friends.

His wife and three children live in Piedmont, California.

Bob Hearn says that it will be nice to be a civilian again and not have to associate with people one doesn't like. "If a guy gives one any guff," he says, "I'll just get up and move down the street to another bar."

1st Anniversary - cont. -

have been many great general changes which will, perhaps, seem strange to the ship's crew when, eventually, it returns.

Sons and daughters yet unfondled await many of the men; and wives at home are snatching at every new announcement of fleet arrivals as portending their husbands' return.

Time falters under the heavy burden of approaching freedom.

No date, of course, has been given on when the ship will return, but it is generally accepted that there will be no immediate move in this direction.

SHOW PLANNED

On our first anniversary out of the states, October 28, the seaplane deck will be cleared for action, and the first annual "Cucumber Follies" goes on.

Those who were aboard for the first anniversary in commission will recall the entertainment given in the mess-hall during the afternoon. Some of the stars of that particular performance are, or will be gone by that time.

The price of admission remains the same.

HELP CONSERVE WATER

TOPSIDE TOPICS By MITCH

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: "What do you think of the Navy point system as compared with the Army?"

C.P. Inderkum, RT3c: "Army shows progress but not the Navy. It is a good deal for the old married men, but single men seem to be left out. Time in service should hold precedence over age."

(Sacramento, Calif.)

A.F. Salmeron, SSM(T)2c: "The Navy as a whole is nothing to brag about, I think children should enter into the system someplace. The Army seems to have done a good job, why can't the Navy?"

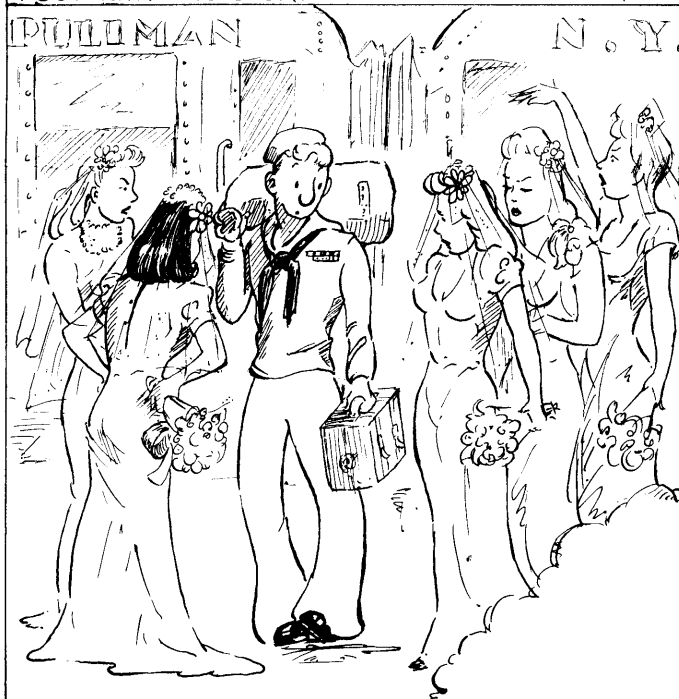
(Houston, Texas)

W.L. Rugh, SSM(L)3c: "Navy point system seems fair to me, at the present anyway. Overseas duty seems to have been belittled, more pts. here would make this matter a little more likeable."

(Redlands, Calif.)

R.R. Wallace, SC3c: "The (cont. page 6, col. 3)

POST WAR PROBLEMS



'Plumb Bob'

Our "Plumb Bob" wasn't much to see:
A sawed-off bit of carpentry
That had a sort of smile, or glow
That through the wrinkles of his face
Would like a twinkkle come and go

He didn't have to join our crew.
He'd passed more time than most of you.
His hair was thin around the crown.
He did not owe our land his time
And could have turned the Uncle down.

But "Plumb Bob" came and quietly
He worked with wood and poetry,
To ease the strain on boat and man.
He set a pace for younger men.
Where others' stopped his work began.

And "Plumb Bob" left as quietly;
And as he went, he said to me,
"Give this of mine to such a mate,"
And named a name, and I took note
Of one more trait that makes men great.

Just plain "Plumb Bob" from day to day.
He never threw his words away.
Just steady, patient work and play
And twice a month some rhyming lines
To say the things he had to say.

Happy Jedson --



BY JONES.

THE TROUBLED MIDNIGHT BY

John Gunther

Those of you who have read "Inside Asia" or "Inside Europe" are familiar with their author John Gunther. For a long time you have wondered why he hasn't written a book that utilized his vast knowledge of this globe and put it down in story form. Cease wondering my friend friends, cease wondering.

Not long ago his book "Troubled Midnight" was published and is at this moment of writing in the library. It is a fine book, with plenty of laughs and plenty of food for thought.

The story revolves around a pretty secretary to the lend lease consul in Turkey. Life



Rear Admiral, H. M. Martin, USN

Fleet Air Wing 17 - cont.

quired. There will be no change in the operational procedure."

Rear Admiral Martin, was born in Michigan and entered Annapolis from the state of Illinois, graduating from the Naval Acad-

in Turkey during war-time wasn't all peaches and cream; especially to a lovely American girl; but one with courage and belief in her convictions was this Leslie Corcoran. Once divorced, once with child, and many times the object of men's affection. There were two espionage agents, one German and one English, who vied for her attention in Turkey. This strange love triangle creates many interesting and exciting incidents.

Some-how a third woman creeps into the story and gives Leslie

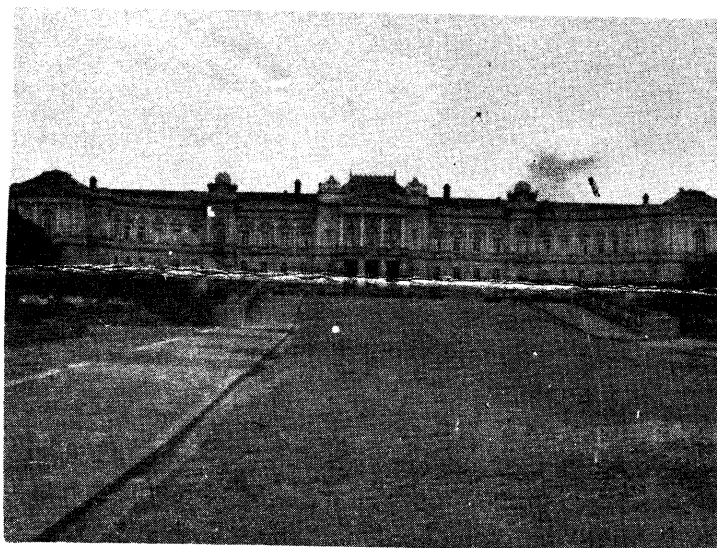
emy with the class of 1919.

At present his wife lives in Washington, D.C. and his 18 yr. old son is a Apprentice Seaman going through boot training at Bainbridge, Maryland.

Prior to boarding the AV-17 and taking the reins of Fleet Air Wing Seventeen, the Admiral was Commander of Carrier Division 23, with flag aboard the USS Hoggatt Bay, CVE 75.

When the question of how soon we would return to the states was put to him, he replied, "that is a fair question, and my personal prediction is that the forces now in the Japanese water will be gradually reduced in the period of one year, undoubtedly personnel will be replaced by permanent Navy personnel as soon as possible, and it is my desire and also the Navy's to demobilize reserves as rapidly as possible."

Detached Palace



It is customary that the Emperor's son, at a tender age, must leave his fathers happy home and go to live in this humble shack of only 200 rooms.

From the time of his departure until the day he releaves his father as Emperor, he is tutored by hand picked professors.

Answers To Sports Quiz.....

1. 1941, won by Maure Rose & Floyd Davis.
2. Montreal Canadians
3. 13 won by US
4. John Stanley, Cleveland, 756
5. Ruth Mc Ginnis, 1932 - 39

Topside Topics - cont. -

Army seems to lay its cards on the table, while the Navy is not informing us. Either the Navy doesn't know which way to move after the 44 pt. men are out or they are worrying too much about keeping islands and ships.

(Des Moines, Iowa)

J.D. Arca, Ylc: "It stinks! If the Navy would make some statement it would help. Most reserves are ready to give the Navy back to the professional sailor (USN). The Navy gives the young fellow no chance, he deserves to get back to civilian life and to continue his schooling which has already suffered by being in the service."

(Oakland, Calif.)

Cover To Cover - cont. -

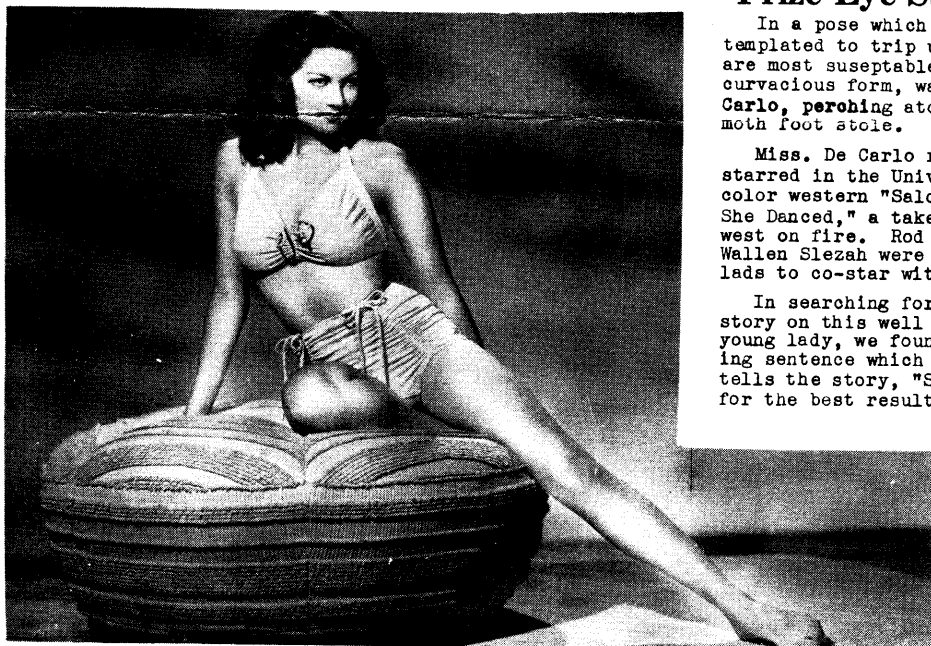
a run for her money; more than once. Florian was her name, and was she a beauty. A honey haired blond with luminous golden-topaz eyes, flashing with pinpricks of brown. Well, there's no use telling the whole story so we'll stop here and invite you to read "The Troubled Midnight" by John Gunther. The lighter side of the book has been touched in this review. There are many dramatic spots which will impress you. Stop by the library and ask for "The Troubled Midnight."

Prize Eye-Surprise

In a pose which seems contemplated to trip up those who are most suseptable to the curvacious form, was Yvonne De Carlo, perching atop this mammoth foot stole.

Miss. De Carlo recently was starred in the Universal technie color western "Salome, Where She Danced," a take that set the west on fire. Rod Cameron and Wallen Slezah were the lucky lads to co-star with Yvonne.

In searching for the inside story on this well preserved young lady, we found the following sentence which completely tells the story, "Shes stacked for the best results."



Strictly for the Birds

by HENEHAN

"When I recollect the reaction of my father in law, the local Justice of the Peace, at Medicine Bow, Minn., when he was told by a defendant that his occupation was that of a listener's helper, I can only hope he doesn't find out some of the things I have been doing the last couple of years," said Clark.

"This defendant was standing trial on a charge of vagrancy, and when asked by my f. in l. if he was guilty, he replied that he was not; that he was employed by the railroad as helper to a man who was what is known as a listener.

"The duty of this man, said the defendant, was to walk down a line of freight cars, tapping the wheels as he went and listening to the resulting ring to see if he could detect a note which would indicate that the wheel was cracked.

"The accused then informed my F. in L. that it was his lot to serve as helper to such an artisan.

"What my F. in L. said in reply to this is of no real consequence here, but I will say that much of it was said in a tone which must have seemed discordant to a man with a sensitive ear.

"I wonder what he would say if I told him that I have often had the job of helping the man who watches the anchor.

"This job falls to me occasionally when a heavy wind comes up and threatens to blow the ship from her position, causing the anchor to be dragged along the bottom. At such times a bosn's mate is stationed in the fore'sle with a set of ICS head phones. Thus placed he is able to observe the anchor chain down to the point where it disappears into the water, and to report on anything of an unusual nature.

"In this he relies on me for assistance, and while it is doubtless a job of no little responsibility, there is scarcely anything about it which would enable my F. in L. to distinguish between me and a listeners helper.

"Of course being the unreasoning person he is, he would make no allowances for the stress of war time, and for this reason, as I say, I hope he does not find out about it."

Hack Drivers



Standing (left to right) O.E. Church, ACMM; R.E. Dietz, CWT; W.D. Cooper, ACOM; M. A. Mc Calla, ACMM; R.A. Reach, CMM; R.O. Ness, CMM; and M. Russell, ACMM.

Navy Point System - cont.

all requests from enlisted personnel for release on hardship grounds are being granted. A CO must forward a hardship request, even though he endorses it as not approved."

The war is over but Navy enlistments go on averaging 700 per day, all new enlistments.

Ten thousand enlisted personnel over 42 have indicated a desire to remain in the Navy, whether these were USN or USNR was not learned, but is fairly safe to assume that the Navy will have no trouble in maintaining a peace time Navy of 500,000 men and 57,800 officers.

Advancements - cont. -

class drew 13 and 12 men moved over into 3lc status.

Highlight of the Oct. 1 list was the appointment of seven new chiefs, four in V Division and three from the Engineering Department. This was the largest number of chiefs to be authorized since the ship's commissioning.

Dad: Son, when I was your age I used to go to bed with the chickens!

Son: Well, Dad, times haven't changed a bit!

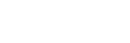
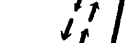
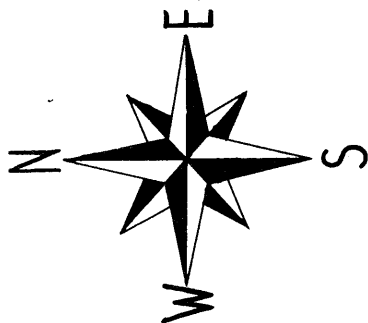
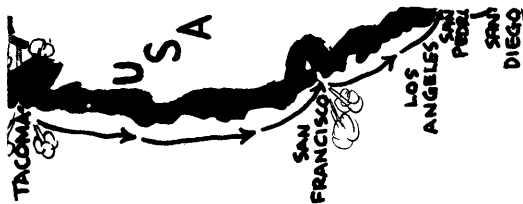
DON'T WASTE FOOD

By SHIP'S EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

The Navy plans to release 75,000 officer and 790,000 enlisted personnel by the end of the year. The schedule for release of personnel through 1 Sept. 1946, the date of the Navy's goal for complete demobilization, provides for the release of 3,000,000 officers and men. Transfers to the regular Navy may reduce this figure. The following is the planned Navy release schedule by months:

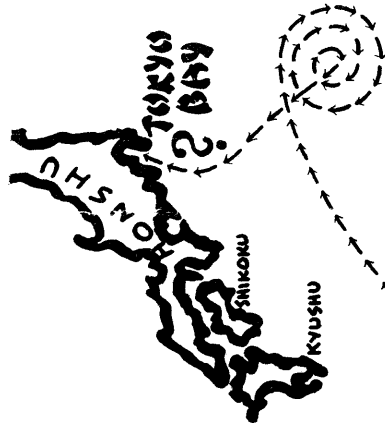
End of Month	Officers Released	Officers Remaining*	Enlisted Released	Enlisted Remaining
1945				
Sept.	11,200	313,700	121,000	2,970,000
Oct.	16,100	298,700	171,000	2,820,000
Nov.	21,100	278,700	221,000	2,620,000
Dec.	26,000	253,800	251,000	2,390,000
1946				
Jan.	25,900	229,000	257,300	2,153,700
Feb.	25,900	204,200	257,300	1,917,400
Mar.	25,900	179,400	257,300	1,681,100
Apr.	25,900	154,600	257,300	1,444,800
May	25,900	129,800	257,300	1,208,500
June	25,900	105,000	257,300	972,200
July	25,900	80,300	257,300	735,900
Aug.	23,700	57,800	256,900	500,000

*Residual figures include estimated input.



" CUMBERLAND SOUNDINGS "

NOTE: LONG ARROWS - MAIDEN VOYAGE
SHORT ARROWS - THEREAFTER



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