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New Bus Schedules In Operation Today

TRIPS EVERY FEW MINUTES AT PEAK HOURS OF LIBERTY

An elaborate new bus schedule went into operation today for the personnel stationed at USNATB.

Rapid non-stop liberty service is now in operation during early morning and evening hours between the Base and the Indian River USO.

The Transportation Department will operate a fleet of buses at fifteen minute intervals between 0545 and 0730 and at ten minute intervals between 1630 and 0030 daily.

Morning buses will leave the Indian River USO at 0545, 0600, 0615, 0630, 0645, 0700, 0715 and 0730. Evening buses will leave Camp Three every ten minutes between 1630 and 0010, and will leave the Indian River USO every ten minutes between 1645 and 0030.

During the period from 1630 to 1800 extra buses will originate from Camp One and the Main Gate. All such liberty buses will transport both officer and enlisted personnel. The destination of all liberty buses and all trucks transporting liberty personnel leaving the Base will be the Indian River USO. There will be no stops between the Main Gate at the east end of the causeway and the Indian River USO.

Similarly, all buses running from town to the Base will make no stops between the Indian River USO and the Main Gate. However, all regular stops on the Base will be made by the liberty buses.

During the day there will be shuttle bus service continually from the Main Gate to Camp Three between 0730 and 1630, except for trips approximately every hour to the FEC Railroad Station for the purpose of meeting trains.

New Year's Message

I take pleasure in extending warmest personal greetings to the men of the USNATB, and to each of you, I extend best wishes, and wish you well throughout the coming year.

On this fourth New Year of the United States at war, I need not describe in detail progress of the past year. In training, and in action, our men have fulfilled every expectation.

Our enemies are harassed on all fronts. Rapidly we are destroying their will to take freedom from the world. We are pleased with our successes, though we must be realistic about the future.

The road to victory is sure, but it will be trying. We must deal the enemy new and more powerful blows. At this Base, we prepare to deliver them, and I encourage all hands to do their utmost throughout 1945, to bring nearer the day of victory, and an enduring peace.

C. GULBRANSON
Captain, USN
Commanding



Lt. Comdr. Emmons Earns Bronze Star

Lt. Comdr. K. B. Emmons, former O-in-C of Attack Boat Training here, has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for services in the Southern France landings last August. Now at Coronado, Cal., Lt. Comdr. Emmons was decorated by Rear Admiral B. J. Rodgers, under whom he served as assault boats officer for the action.

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New Education Office

A new educational office has been opened in Camp Four. Personnel in the Receiving Unit may now obtain study books for advancements in rating and other educational services at this new unit, housed in the Camp Four War Bond office. E. W. Herge, Y8c, and G. E. Hays, S1c are handling the work of the Camp Four Education and War Bond office.

It's safer to walk on the LEFT side of the road facing approaching cars.

HONORABLE DISCHARGE EMBLEM AUTHORIZED

A new Honorable Discharge Emblem has been adopted by the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, under an agreement signed by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal. It is a cloth device with the same design as the Honorable Service Lapel Button and will be worn on the uniform of all honorably discharged personnel.

The new emblem, worn as a badge of honor, will be sewed above the right breast pocket of all outer uniform clothing at the time of discharge. Honorably discharged personnel may wear their uniforms until they reach home, and thereafter, at official ceremonies.

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War Costs 250 Million Every Day — FDR

Cost of the war for a single month has been placed by President Roosevelt at \$7,500,000,000—roughly \$250,000,000 a day.

THOUSANDS ENJOY HOLIDAY SEASON

Religious Services Well Attended, Throngs At Special Shows And Parties

Christmas was both a happy and religious holiday for thousands of men stationed at USNATB. The program of church services and Christmas entertainment sponsored by the Chaplain Corps and the Welfare and Recreation Department was well received.

All Sunday and Monday religious services were well attended, with at least 1500 present in Gulbranson Hall for the Catholic mass last Sunday midnight.

The two fireside Christmas parties in the Gulbranson Hall Annex were attended by over 1600 men. At the special dispensary party 190 patients and 90 corpsmen were in attendance. All movies over the holiday were packed, with more than 2000 seeing the special Laff-movies on Sunday afternoon and 3200 present for the stage show featuring talent from Miami night-clubs and theaters.

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Lady Identified



The lady in the case, unidentified in the \$64 picture of CPO club scenes last week, is Mrs. Melba Bette Nickels, former Wave, Sp(T)2c, who was a link trainer operator from December 1942, until 9 September 1944. Jack Miller, CSF, at NCDU, is her dancing partner who did not steal the picture.

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THEY DO NOT 'LOSE' THEIR LIVES, BUT 'GIVE' THEM

A young man who used to do some early work for us during the editor's country newspaper days in the midwest, has written a letter. Now a major, for more than two years a public relations officer on General MacArthur's staff in Australia, New Guinea, and other points enroute back to the Philippines, Robert M. White II has written pertinently to his father, Mitchell White, publisher of the Mexico, Mo., Ledger. From the front, the soldier-son straightens out his Dad, and others, on a very important point, in sincere, earnest, yet profound manner:

Dear Dad:

I have just received the Ledger.

It is an historic issue for on Page One are pictures of the fourteen Audrain County lads who have met death in the War to date.

But there was one thing I didn't understand. The headline over those pictures read:

'AUDRAIN COUNTY MEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE'

That isn't like the Ledger. Men in service don't "lose" their lives. People lose umbrellas, golf balls and at poker . . . but men in service don't "lose" their lives.

They GIVE their lives.

Once a man faces the stark reality of death under fire he knows why he is "in service." He's not wearing a uniform merely to fiddle around in training camps in the States, to march up and down parade grounds with a rifle on his shoulder, to go to USO dances.

No, there is only one reason to be "in service" and that is to fight the enemy. And fighting the enemy is to look death in the eye. It's not easy to do.

There are no volunteers or selectees on the battle field. When the order comes to charge, there is no draft board there to pick you up and lead you forward into fire. You get up on your own and with your own freely given strength charge forward amid the blasting, screaming hell which may mean death.

You can't say a man "loses" his life under those conditions. He gives it. He gives it knowingly and for good reasons. The reason he is there, "in service" is to help bring Victory for a cause.

Our cause today is not "to make the world safe for democracy" or any other pat phrase lifted from some politician's speech. Our cause is to kill off the enemy and defeat him before he can gain strength to come to America and there rain horror among those we love. Can there be a better cause?

True, some of our fourteen lads didn't die under fire. Some

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"FACING 1945"

CHAPLAIN W. B. LEONARD, Jr

With the joyous message of Christmas still ringing in our ears, the world in 1945 is facing another year of bitter war. With little expectation of "peace by next Christmas," we will experience in these coming days the loss of many more of our fighting men, continued separation, hardship and trial. Already our leaders are preparing the nation for the spartan-like existence which will be necessary in the all-out effort of 1945. For many, at home and in the armed forces, the outlook for the coming year is blue indeed. To some the oft-repeated Christmas message, "Peace on Earth," is pure mockery.

But is the Christmas message wrong? Is there peace for men in the midst of war? Those who are tempted to doubt are like my young son, who early Christmas morn was more interested in the beautiful paper wrapped about his first gift, than in the gift itself. But those who have found the real meaning of Christmas are those who have received God's Gift, and have the joy of salvation and the Peace of God. There is real peace for men facing our fourth year of war.

Yes, for the one who has received God's greatest gift, there is real peace! Peace of mind, peace of conscience, that carries men through bitter trial, peace that will enable us to view with courage and determination this coming year. Norway's Bishop Berggrav (Lutheran Church), in solitary confinement for two years past in a German prison camp, gives stirring testimony that in this battle to which God has called us, this peace becomes most real.

Let us face 1945 with this peace of God in our hearts — this peace which comes only as the result of accepting the gift of God's Son as Saviour and Redeemer. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:12) "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For HE IS OUR PEACE. . . ." (Eph. 2:13) Our Lord, in His final instructions to

of them died in accidents, in hospitals, sick, and in airplane wrecks. But there is no difference. It is just that they gave their lives while enroute to the battle field. That is where they were going. They were just unlucky. Maybe "unlucky" isn't the right word, for to die for a cause is not to be unlucky. It is, rather, to follow the footsteps of another Young Man who long ago fought for His cause and did not hesitate to give, not lose, His life . . .

Sincerely, BOB.

EIGHT RECOMMENDED FOR ACADEMY EXAMS

EM Include Three With College Training, Named From Field Of 20

Eight enlisted men whose records warrant it, including Edward L. Bascho, S1c of Newark, N. J., who played a lot of tackle for the Amphib football team, have been recommended to take admission examinations to the Naval Academy, Captain C. Gulbranson, USN, Base CO, said today.



A review board will study the individual records and the examinations, for those certified by it, will be taken in the spring.

Other applicants approved by an interview and examining board here, from a field of 20, included James Dennis Murphy, F2c, Camp Two, Flotilla 63, Oshkosh, Wis.; Amos L. Rogers, Memphis, Tenn., newly detached; Harold Rosen, S1c(RM), Camp Two Radio School, Philadelphia; Robert T. Fagan, S1c, Camp One, Flotilla 62, Chicago; Calvin K. Agger, S1c, Camp Three, Chicago; Gordon R. Loomis, S2c, Camp Two, Flotilla 61, Cleveland, O.; Harvey F. Smith, S1c, Camp Two, Flotilla 69, LaGrange, Ga.

Smith and Bascho have had college training at Georgia Tech, and Agger attended the University of Illinois for a semester. Members of the examining board were Lt. Comdr. Bruce A. Hood, Lt. C. H. Schooley and Lt. R. E. Iddings.

the disciples before His crucifixion, and just preceding His triumphant prayer of intercession, concludes His message with these words, "These things I have spoken unto you, that IN ME ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." In the Lord, in 1945, Peace in the midst of War!

AROUND THE BASE

By CHARIE NOBLE, *Mussc*

THE MAN behind the gun for the Christmas entertainment was Lt. Comdr. B. M. Klivans, the busy man who got his start selling the Toledo



B. M. Klivans

... Lt. Comdr. Klivans heads a widely ramified organization, and does many things as "just another service of Welfare and Recreation," with the Base CO approving items in a budget that now approximates \$15,000 monthly.

... Barney's problems are many. ... One concerned where to buy needed decorations for the Base Christmas, that couldn't be found on the open market. ... This was solved by purchase of the entire lot of Miami Burdine's 1943 decorations for a song. ... Again, candy purchased for the boys and girls at the Captain's Christmas party was being put into the stockings so fast by the mate assigned to that detail that the supply on hand was not going to be enough to go around. ... A second look at the mate's hands — and he had been told to put a handful in each stocking — showed them to be almost as big as a ham. ...

When a man with more modest mitt was assigned to finish the job, Charlie noted the candy supply proved sufficient, as estimated. ... In civil life, the W and R O-in-C is a Toledo attorney. ...

THE DAY'S mail brings an interesting collection of Around the Fleet news: Admiral Ernest J. King, CominCh and CNO, is now flying his five-star flag as Fleet Admiral, on the USS Dauntless, Washington, D. C. ... Other Fleet Admirals, under the new law, are Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, CincPac, and Admiral W. D. Leahy (Ret.), special aide to the President. ... Sleeve insignia includes four half-inch gold stripes and one 1 1/2-inch stripe. Shoulder boards carry five stars. ... The new SecNav policy re beer on Naval vessels, contained in AINav 208, involves no "basic change" in regulations. ... Naval casualties now total 78,759. ... During November, FPO New York handled 42,038,351 pieces of mail, and FPO San Francisco, 69,326,502. Including 85,000,000 letters and 17,100,000 packages. ... Eight U. S. admirals have lost their lives in this war to date,

'Lady' Plays Title Role In International Triple Play



Found when her master, Chief Warrent Officer K. C. Adams, Little Rock, Ark., was routing a hiding German from a foxhole during landing operations in Southern France, the police dog Lady and her three puppies are favorite mascots at NCDU. W. G. Baxter, EM1c, and Ralph Benzino, MM2c, were with CWO Adams when he found Lady. Lady's progeny were conceived at Salerno, Italy, with a fine police dog as head of the family. The litter was born in this country, completing the Germany-Italy-USA triple play. As is frequently the case at NCDU, names of the pups are "not for publication."

though not all due to enemy action. ... Naval personnel quota is 3,700,000 end of 1944. ...

TWO CHIEFS at NCDU came through with real Christmas spirit to provide their camp with a most appropriate decoration for the holiday season. Malcolm Sherwood, CEM, and William F. White, CBM, spent the entire night on Christmas eve building, painting and lighting as attractive a holiday display as anyone could desire. By 0800 Christmas morning a large landscape scene, showing a peaceful, snowbound mountain community, was ready for display. A few feet in front of the scene was an American doughboy, head bowed, rifle at his side. The brief but powerful title written across the sky was, "And Peace On Earth." ... LT. (JG) JOHN R. Tripson, who earned the Navy Cross in North Africa, then served as Scouts and Raiders instructor until he was assigned to duty in the Normandy and Southern Mediterranean invasions, and returned to duty here the past few months,



Wheel Watch (NAS, Cape May, N.J.)

"Seaman Murdock, if you don't mind, we'll discuss your rate some other time."

has again been detached for duty overseas. ... Lt. (jg) M. U. Pitt, Jr., who wears the Purple Heart for wounds received from German artillery fire during the Normandy landings, has been transferred from the Base Operations Office to Attack Moats. ... Ensign Nicholas Wazylik is newly assigned to Operations to succeed him. ...



**Sunday
Worship
Schedule**

Chaplains
K. D. Perkins
J. C. Fitzgerald
E. C. Helmich
W. J. Walsh
W. B. Leonard
C. J. Hurst
F. J. Fleming

BASE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Area One at Salvage School	
Protestant - - - - -	0815
Catholic - - - - -	0915
Area Two at Gulbranson Hall	
Catholic - - - - -	0700 and 1045
Protestant - - - - -	0845 and 0930
Area Three at S & R Casino	
Protestant - - - - -	0845
Catholic - - - - -	1000
Area Four at Gator Club	
Catholic - - - - -	0815 and 1600
Protestant - - - - -	0915
North Island — DRU	
Catholic - - - - -	0830
Protestant - - - - -	1100

Week Day Schedule (Catholic)

Masses at 1630 daily in Chaplains' office in Camp One, Two and Four areas. Novenas Tuesday and Friday. Confessions every day and religious instructions anytime. Office hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 0830 to 2000.

Fort Pierce Churches

PROTESTANT

Methodist - - - - -	1100 & 1930
First Presbyterian - - - - -	1100 & 2000
Parkview Baptist - - - - -	1100 & 2000
First Baptist - - - - -	1100 & 1930
St. Andrew Episcopal - - - - -	0800 & 1100
First Christian - - - - -	1100 & 2000
Church of Christ - - - - -	1100 & 2000
Church of God - - - - -	1130
Christian Science - - - - -	1100

CATHOLIC

St. Anastasia - 0800, 0900, 1000

JEWISH

Services Friday at 2000 in Methodist Church Annex
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**Services In Georgia
For ATB Sailor, 19**

Remains of Grover Cleveland Johnson, Jr., 19-year-old S1c at this Base, were returned to his home at Alma, Ga., for services, following the finding of his lifeless body in the road near Clearmont Fla., where he had gone on authorized liberty to visit his mother, Mrs. Marie Johnson King. There was no known or apparent cause of death, and a Navy board of investigation and civil authorities of two Florida counties were inquiring into all the circumstances.

BOAT FACILITY O-IN-C EARNS PROMOTION

Lt. Comdr. J. Marshall Brown, Officer-in-Charge of the NAOTC Boat facility and crash boats here, received his promotion from rank of lieutenant recently.

Lt. Comdr. Brown, who succeeded Lt. Comdr. Norman Banks on 1 July 1944, was graduated in the third class at Quonset, R. I., served as officer-in-charge of the Naval fielding station, Sand Bay, Alaska, for a year and was ship operations officer for another year at Dutch Harbor before reporting here.

Prior to World War II, Lt. Comdr. Brown was with the Gulf Oil Company, in Venezuela and Colombia, and was superintendent of the Leader Oil Company, Tulsa, when he came into service. Mrs. Brown and their two children are with him here in Maravilla. The NAOTC Oin-C expects to live in San Francisco after the war.

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TENTH STREET USO

Supplementing entertainment and other general activities, the 10th St. USO conducted a varied Christmas program.

The Christmas eve movie, "Road Show," was so largely attended that it was necessary to use ushers to keep the boys from congesting the entrance. Immediately following the movie, Douglas Payette, formerly with Boro Minivitch, played carols on his harmonica to the point where servicemen followed him out and through the town caroling at points of interest.

The throng returned to the club before going to St. Anastasia church for midnight Mass. At the request of the servicemen who had liberty until 0400, the Club was reopened after Mass and all present were served coffee and donuts.

Christmas day found the Club crowded at 0900, when the men began to come in for the breakfast, served on Sundays and holidays until noon. At noon the turkey was carved and served with all the fixin's.

The afternoon tea dance was thoroughly enjoyed. Manny Lopez and orchestra supplied the music, with Manny as Master of Ceremonies, and a floor show was presented. At conclusion of the dance, turkey platters were again served to those present and the popular movie, *Holiday Inn*, was shown with the social hall again crowded.

On Wednesday evening the Club will again have the home-made pie Bingo, and on Sunday, New Year's Eve, the club will have open house all day, with a game night planned.

Ceremony Of Changing From USNR To USN



From time to time, Naval reservists transfer to the regular Navy, to serve with Uncle Sam in the postwar era. One such officer, Lt. E. C. Helmich, of the Base Chaplain Corps, is shown at right, taking the oath from Capt. C. Gulbranson, Base CO, as he becomes (ChC), USN. In civil life Lt. Helmich was a minister of the Moravian faith.

CB 1011 Honored At USO Party



At a party at the Tenth Street USO, honoring the CB 1011 detachment, these SeaBees gather around Mrs. Clyde Harris, of the USO staff, as the roving cameraman flashes a bulb. Left to right, kneeling, R. Koras, S1c, and E. T. Ford, S1c. Second row, M. W. Riccardi, S1c, and A. S. Buda, CM3c. At rear, R. S. Hughes, S1c, and N. Freno, Svc.

FOUND: New officer cap, with name W. L. Devries, on Jensen road. Now at Ward's Camp, Jensen.

Phil Baker says, "Kissing a girl in the dark is easy if she's been eating onions. You just inhale and come in on the beam."

TELEPHONE CENTER GETTING BIG PLAY

The new telephone exchange in the Gulbranson Hall Annex is now in operation 24 hours a day for the personnel of USNATB. Between 1000 and 2200 daily, when the recreation pavilion is open, an attendant is on duty.

The caller can place a call, then use the recreational facilities while waiting. The attendant will page the caller over the public address system when the connection is completed. The Welfare and Recreation office can make the correct change for any call.

Over the holiday, hundreds of men made use of the eight new phones to call home. Naturally, the telephone circuits all over the country were crowded at Christmas time, but the hours of waiting at the recreation hall were pleasant ones because of the games and reading and writing room.

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AT THE MOVIES

GULBRANSON HALL

Today and Saturday
SUNDAY DINNER FOR A SOLDIER

Sunday and Monday
MINISTRY OF FEAR

Tuesday
THE THIN MAN GOES HOME

Wednesday and Thursday
FAREWELL MY LOVELY

SUNRISE THEATRE

Today and Saturday
IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

Sunday and Monday
CAN'T HELP SINGING

Tuesday and Wednesday
SONG OF THE OPEN ROAD

Thursday
ABROAD WITH TWO YANKS

RITZ THEATRE

Today and Saturday
SAN ANTONIO KID

Sunday and Monday
MADE FOR EACH OTHER

Tuesday
SOUL OF A MONSTER

Wednesday and Thursday
SILENT BARRIER

INDIAN RIVER USO

Saturday, 2030; Sunday, 1600
TOPPER RETURNS

Tuesday, 2030
HOLD BACK THE DAWN

Thursday, 1130
ACTION IN ARABIA

TENTH STREET USO

Sunday
HENRY ALDRICH GETS GLAMOR

SeaBees, Three Years Old, In Every Major Amphibious Invasion

TWO UNITS HERE PLAY USEFUL ROLES IN BASE TRAINING

Thursday, December 28, the Seabees at USNATB joined their brethren throughout the world in the third anniversary of the Naval Construction Battalions. The congratulatory message of the Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal, explains why all Seabees are justly proud of their organization:

"Three years ago, on December 28, 1941, the Navy's Seabees were organized to build the advance bases the Navy needs to press its attack against the enemy. Today, on their third anniversary, they can look back on a record of fighting and building that has won the admiration of the American people and the respect of other branches of the service. They likewise have provoked some highly satisfactory consternation and bluster from the enemy.

"The Seabees were first organized as a regiment of some 3,300 men, officered by the Civil Engineer Corps. Immediately, they proved their worth in building the bases which strengthened our supply line to Australia. A demand came back for more Naval Construction Battalions. America's skilled workmen, from approximately 60 different trades, answered the call, with the result that today, more than 234,000 Seabees, and approximately 8,500 Civil Engineer Corps officers have been trained. More than three-fourths of them are now overseas, and other thousands will follow.

"They have participated in every major amphibious invasion in the European and Pacific theaters. By their unloading of supplies under fire and by their construction and repair of airfields, roads and other shore facilities, they have literally paved the way for the success of each.

"Therefore, on this third birthday of the Seabees, I extend my congratulations to an organization which chose for its motto the words, 'Can Do,' and then proceeded, by courage, skill and hard work to live up to it."

Here at USNATB the two Seabee detachments are in the process of effecting personnel transfers. All of the old familiar faces among the officers and men of CB 570 have gone, most of them heading toward the Pacific for their tour of duty overseas. Replacing them is a group of veterans from the Aleutians, Hawaii, Midway, the Johnson Islands, the Solomons, and other Pacific outposts. The revamped unit is headed by Lt. E. S. Obenshine and Lt. (jg) C. L.

SeaBees Back From Pacific to NCDU Duty



These SeaBees, back in the States from action in the Pacific, are again on duty with the NCDU. Left to right, S. D. Mansonen, CCM; Cleve E. Mickley, SF1c; William D. Cochran, GM1c, and Heloys P. Potter, GM1c.

Scott, who recently replaced Lt. F. M. Davis and Lt. (jg) J. H. Keller as O-in-C and Executive Officer, respectively. Since arriving here over a year ago CB 570 has been closely allied with JANET, building underwater and surface obstacles for experimental demolition purposes and building and maintenance work on North Island.

After nearly 18 months at this Base, CB 1011 is also undergoing a transformation. All enlisted personnel of the original unit have been transferred, being replaced by South Pacific veterans. Lt. J. H. Hewitt, Sr., is soon to be relieved as O-in-C, and Lt. (jg) J. E. Plotts, Jr., is now being relieved by Lt. (jg) F. M. Schnurr. The primary job of CB 1011 has been the construction of training courses for NRDU, but they have also built docks, maintained a ferry service for heavy equipment and have rescued two airplanes from watery graves.



"Get back in there—you ain't any better than the rest."

FOUR FROM PACIFIC BACK TO DUTY HERE

NCDU Veterans Do Jobs Against Japs, Then Return To Base

Glad to be back in Fort Pierce, and the Florida clime though the weather was fine during their duty in the Pacific, are these veterans of Pacific war zones, here again with new assignments at NCDU.

S. D. Mansonen, CCM, of Berkeley, Calif., left here in July, 1943, with the first demolition team to go out, and has since been in action at Kiska, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan and Guam.

Heloy P. Potter, GM1c, Duluth, Minn., who was here on his first duty tour from November, 1943, until Easter Sunday, 1944, was at Saipan and Tinian. Cleve E. Mickley, SF1c, Minneapolis Minn., shipped out as did Potter, and participated in the Guam and Saipan shows.

William D. Cochran, GM1c, East St. Louis, Ill., was trained here, did advance demolition on Oahu, and was at Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan and Guam.

All had praise for training given here, and advanced work at Maui, under direction of Lt. Cdr. Draper Kauffman, first NCDU O-in-C here.

Ensign and Mrs. John Bittenbender, of Chicago, are the parents of a daughter. Jacqueline Marie, born to them at Fort Pierce Hospital, Monday.

BULLDOZER AT WORK ON BEACHHEAD



This bulldozer immediately began gouging gun emplacement after coming ashore from LCT during recent amphibious operations demonstrations here. The bulldozer is used in numerous ways after beachheads are established.

KICKOFF NEXT FRIDAY FOR TOUCH LEAGUE

14 Teams In New Loop, Three Games Booked Weekly

The Base touch football league will get under way Friday evening, January 5, according to Lt. (jg) Don Ahern, Physical Training Officer.

Each team will play three games a week in a round robin tournament. Seven games will be played each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, starting at 1830, on the Camp Two drill field and the Demolition athletic field.

The 14 teams that will participate in this new league are the Corpsmen, Scouts and Raiders, Camp Three, Camp Four, Attack Boat Headquarters, Gunnery Department, Personnel, Receiving Unit, Disbursing, Central Rocket School, Beach Party School, Demolition, 1688th Army Engineers and the Fort Pierce Hotel stewards.

Ens. Frank Smagacz, end on the undefeated Amphib football squad and recently assigned to the Physical Training Department, will handle supervision and direction of the league.

✦USNATB✦ BOXING SHOW

The NCDU-Scouts and Raiders smoker and boxing show, at 1930 Friday night, will be staged in the new NCDU arena.

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SEEKS MARKET FOR FISH

A young ensign appeared at the Executive office this week, seeking permission to leave the Base to market his 17 pounds of fresh fish. Permission not granted, according to Lt. G. H. Putman, Aide to the Executive Officer.

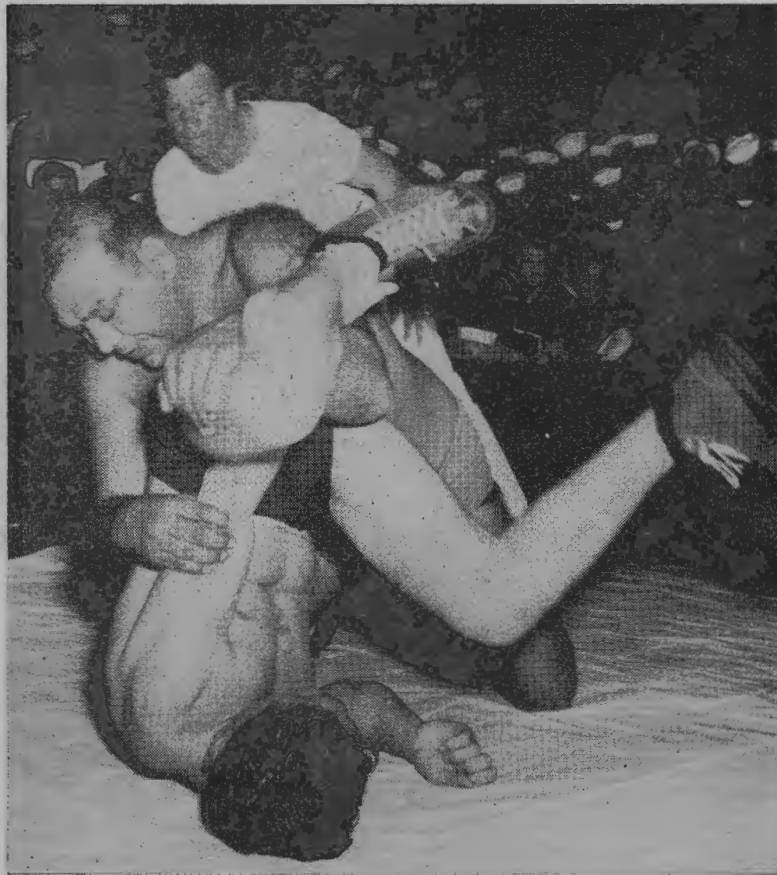
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A dumb girl is a dope. A dope is drug. Doctors give drugs to cure ills. Therefore, a dumb girl is just what the doctor ordered!



Pointer (Naval Drydocks, Hunters Point, Calif.)
"Well—where do I sign up?"

Expert Action At Base Mat Show

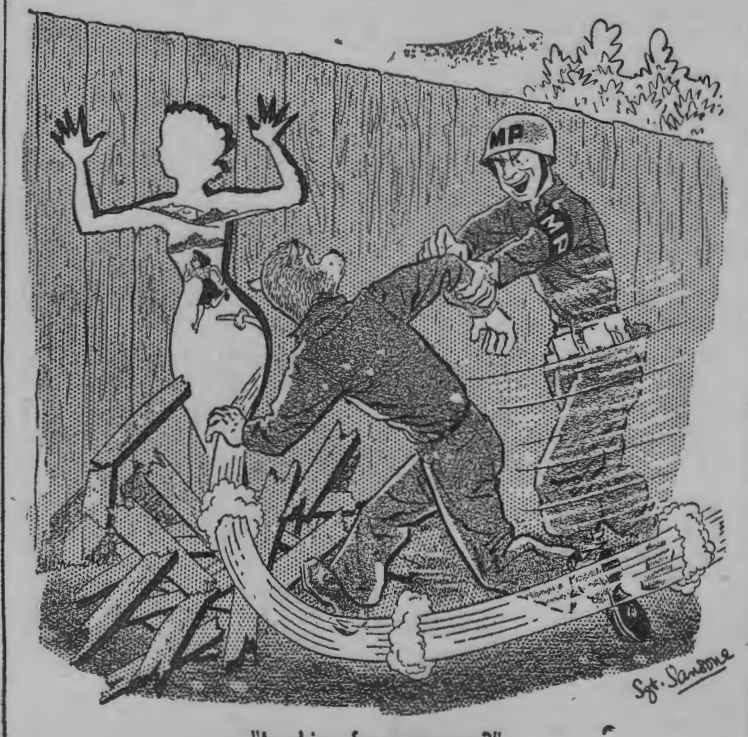


CSp(A) George Mitchell, who has been known as Gypsy Daniels and as Chief Chewacki in professional ring and mat careers, has the upper hand in this situation, at an Indian River USO athletic show. Earl Clark, of M and R and Bristol, Tenn., is providing opposition in the exhibition, CSp(A) Addison E. Warren, former boxing and wrestling coach at Duke, is the referee.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Looking for someone?"

'Lit' Ratings Give Amphibs 26th Place

Final standings of college and service teams, by the Litkenhous rating system, gave the Navy Amphibs 26th place, with 99.5 points.

The unbeaten and untied Base eleven was ranked tenth among service teams, with Randolph Field, Second Air Force, Iowa Pre-Flight, Great Lakes, Fourth Air Force, Lincoln Air Base, Fort Warren, Norman Navy and El Toro Marines rated in order.

Third Air Force, with 99.4 and Bainbridge, with 98.8, came just behind the Amphibs. Army, leading all clubs, was tops with 141.8, followed by Randolph with 124.2.

✦USNATB✦ TENTH STREET USO ADDS STAFF MEMBER

A life-long resident of Patterson, N. J., is now greeting the service personnel as the new assistant director of the Tenth Street USO, Fort Pierce.

Peter J. Maher Jr., served eight years as district supervisor of recreation in Patterson after finishing his education at St. Peters College and Seton Hall. Before coming to Fort Pierce last week he completed the indoctrination course for USO work at Columbia University.

Frank Brennan, director of the Tenth Street USO, says Mr. Maher will be in charge of maintenance and the overall program of the club.

✦USNATB✦ WARNED AGAINST GUESSING ABOUT WAR

In a recent letter to the Secretary of the Navy, the President of the United States warned not to speculate on the length of the war on the part of military personnel.

The text of the letter follows: "At a most critical time, when production of essential supplies vital to the war effort must be kept at a high level, speculative public statements by responsible military and civilian public officials at home and abroad indicating an early termination of the war tend to curtail production of essential war materials. It is highly necessary that this condition be remedied and to this end all government officials are directed to refrain from such public statement."

The SecNav has directed all personnel in the Naval service to comply with the President's directive.

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Thrift is a wonderful thing, especially in an ancestor!

NAVY TO TRIPLE ROCKET PRODUCTION

Termed Vital To Success Of Amphibious Operations In Pacific

Production of rockets to blast the way onto enemy beaches will be stepped up "nearly 300 per cent within the next few months," the Navy announces today.

Rear Adm. George F. Hussey, Jr., Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, said "every offensive ahead in the stepped up Pacific war must of necessity be an amphibious operation calling for thousands of rockets."

Rear Adm. Hussey revealed that the Navy is now producing Navy type rockets for all the armed forces, and also cited the "success of the Navy's latest airplane rocket" as reasons for the huge production increase now necessary.

The Navy disclosed that landing craft of all sizes now lay down rocket barrages to clear the approaches and beaches of anti-personnel defenses and enemy forces. The 4.5 inch or beach rocket which the amphibious craft use carries the punch of a 105 mm. shell.

Large landing craft, specifically landing craft tanks, the Navy reports, carry hundreds of rockets which are fired in salvos. "The total number of salvos from an LCT," the Navy said, "is equal to approximately 2½ times the fire power of a battleship of the New Jersey class."

Three types of rockets are carried. The principal one is high explosive, another has incendiary compounds to determine the accuracy of range. A smoke rocket is used in screening troops.

"Fired so that each salvo overlaps previous ones, they eliminate virtually all secondary fortifications, including mines, wire, machine gun nests, shallow pillboxes, and will temporarily stun men in larger fortifications. They are similar to heavy mortar fire," it was stated.



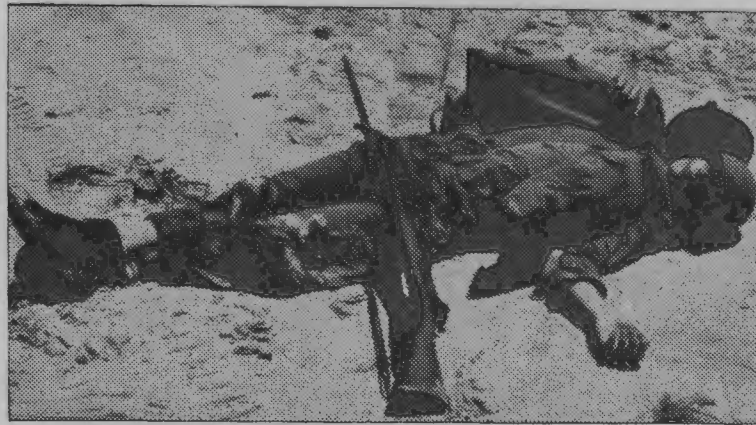
"Look, Henry, I'm back! Gee, you look good enough to eat!"

BASE BARBERS KEPT BUSY



TONSORIAL SPENDOR—G. Kosanke, MoMM3c, one of the Base barbers, is pictured as he prepares to perform some of his tonsorial artistry on H. B. Cook, BM1c, Fort Pierce Hotel MAA. Servicemen are provided barber shop treatment at minimum cost.

'CASUALTIES' MAKE INVASION REALISTIC



A CASUALTY — This trooper was a victim of the simulated invasion on the "Banzai Beach" in recent demonstration here. The soldier pictured simulates death on the beach to make the show more realistic.

Wolf: A member of the male species who devotes the best leers of his life to women.

The reason they call a sailboat "she" is that she makes her best showing in the wind.

NAVY HAS HONORED 18,042 IN THIS WAR

Medals, decorations and ribbons awarded during the current war to personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and by the Navy to personnel of the Army and of foreign nations:

Medal of Honor	56
Navy Cross	1,687
Distinguished Service Cross (Army)	40
Distinguished Service Medal	146
Legion of Merit	1,008
Legion of Merit (to foreigners)	115
Silver Star Medal	3,319
Distinguished Flying Cross	1,973
Navy and Marine Corps Medal	1,584
Soldier's Medal (Army)	45
Bronze Star Medal	1,176
Air Medal	5,288
Commendation Ribbon	1,611
Life-Saving Medal	4
Total	18,042

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Auto Industry Has Jobs For Servicemen After War Is Over

Returning servicemen will find an "untapped job bonanza" in the sales and servicing branches of the postwar automobile industry, according to Joseph W. Frazer, chairman of Graham-Paige Motors Corp.

"From the service and maintenance viewpoint," he said, "thousands of veterans will possess expert technical knowledge acquired in handling and servicing every type of motorized military vehicles. Many of these men entered the service directly from high school or college and consequently will not have prewar jobs awaiting them when discharged."

Club Manager



Lt. (jg) C. B. Jarratt, manager of the Army and Navy Officer Club since its opening in September, 1943, hosts many functions. The next is the club's second annual New Year's Eve event.

ADMIRAL INGRAM SENDS GREETINGS

Confident Atlantic Fleet Team Will Be 'Even Better' In 1945

From Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet, comes the New Year's wish that "the Atlantic Fleet team will be even better in 1945."

In forwarding greetings to all hands in an ALLant, Admiral Ingram said:

"History will record the Battle of the Atlantic as one of the decisive battles of the war. Upon its success has depended our campaigns in North Africa, in Europe and currently in the Pacific.

"You officers and men in ships, air force, training commands and bases of the Atlantic Fleet are winning this grim battle. With typical American spirit, courage and patience you have engaged the enemy and put the convoys across. You have fought extremes of weather. You have carried out best traditions of the Navy. I am proud of your accomplishments. Yours is a job well done."



Reception Guests Served Buffet



Buffet service at a recent Base reception at the Officer Club was generous, as this photo shows. Nearest the camera, Lt. N. M. Murburg, Lt. Comdr. W. L. Chesman, Lt. Comdr. R. A. Collins and Major Randall L. Stallings.

A woman may put on a riding habit and never go riding . . . but she may put on a bathing suit and never go swimming. . . but, brother, when she puts on a wedding gown she means it!

LEGAL STAFF READY TO COUNSEL ALL HANDS

The Legal Office, Administration Building Annex, urges those in need of aid in drawing up wills, powers of attorney, assignments of interest transfers and other legal matters to come in now, and not wait until just prior to shipping out.

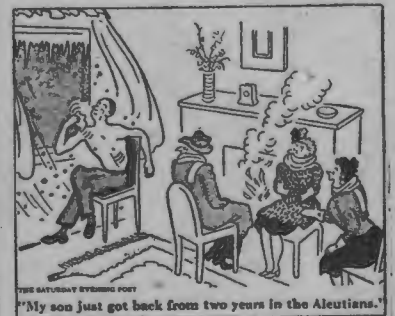
Lt. Comdr. Bruce A. Hood, Senior Legal Officer, says last-minute rushes by outfits leaving the Base mean that the Legal Office does not have sufficient time and personnel to properly handle all problems. Also, many cases require correspondence for additional information, which cannot be obtained on short notice.

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Veteran Now Has 90

Days To Ask For Job

President Roosevelt has signed legislation extending from 40 to 90 days after discharge the time in which a veteran of the present war may apply for re-employment in his pre-war job.



Cheery USO Scenes as Servicemen Find Bit of Home Away From Home at Christmas Time



These cheery scenes at the Indian River USO show how servicemen, at the season for America's wartime Christmas, could find a bit of home away from home. At left, there's a package for

all from the big Christmas trees, while at right, the crackling, popping fire burns warmly to brighten a circle, that reminds all hands of a fireside that's home.