

# The Mock-Up

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## Executive Officer Promoted To Commander

### BASE CO ANNOUNCES SEVERAL ADVANCES IN OFFICER RANK

Lt. Comdr. Perry M. Fenton, Executive Officer, and Lt. Comdr. Britton Rey, a Naval member of the Joint Army-Navy Experimental and Testing Board, have been advanced to the rank of Commander; and Lt. J. E. Griggs, Dental Officer, has been advanced to Lt. Commander, Capt. C. Gulbranson, Base Commanding Officer, announced today.

The Executive Officer is a veteran of sea experiences and prior to coming here last August had completed more than a year of convoy duty in the Atlantic. A graduate of the Naval Academy, class of 1922, Comdr. Fenton served as ensign and junior lieutenant on surface and underseas craft before retiring from the Naval service to become associated with the Marine Office of America in Chicago. For four years he was aboard the Destroyer USS King, which was in the same division as the USS Childs, then under the command of Captain Gulbranson.

Comdr. Fenton returned to the Navy in 1942, accepting a commission as Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve. He encountered many thrilling experiences as commanding officer aboard the Destroyer Escorts USS Marsh and USS Griffin in the Atlantic.

A native of Chicago, Comdr. Fenton maintains a farm at nearby Valparaiso, Indiana, to which he hopes to return soon after the war. At present he and Mrs. Fenton live at 119 South Tenth street.

The date of his new rank is Jan. 1 of last year.

Comdr. Rey is also serving his second enlistment in the Navy, having seen action on subchasers as an ensign in the First World War. Between the two wars this native San Franciscan had interests in commercial aviation and real estate in the Golden Gate area.

Reentering the Navy as a Lieutenant in 1941, he first served as executive officer of the Section Base at Humboldt Bay, Calif.

Nearly a year later he went overseas to help establish the Navy base at Espiritu Santo, New

### Twelfth Beach Battalion Commissioned



Comdr. W. S. Heald, USN; Base Training Officer, right, inspects personnel at the recent commissioning of the Twelfth Beach Battalion. Comdr. G. C. Griffin, USNR, commands the battalion.

Hebrides, which backed up the attack on Guadalcanal.

Switching over to the Amphibious forces, Comdr. Rey became executive officer of the Amphibious Boat Pool No. 8, which later carried out the assault on Munda, New Georgia.

After more than 18 months overseas he came to Fort Pierce in March of last year.

The Reys and their three children make their home at St. Lucie.

The date of his new rank is  
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Comdr. P. M. Fenton

## NURSE CONTINGENT ARRIVES THURSDAY

### 19 Officer Nurses Have Duty Assignments Here

A contingent of Navy nurses arrived here Thursday to become the first feminine personnel assigned to the USNATB.

Capt. C. Gulbranson, USN, Base Commanding Officer, said there are 19 officer nurses in the group, and Comdr. C. V. Hatchette, Senior Medical Officer, said they will have duty at the Base Dispensary and outpatient hospital. They are under supervision of Lt. (jg) Laura M. Kamp (NC), USNR, a veteran of the Aleutians, and formerly stationed at Adak, Alaska.

With the arrival of the nurses the new hospital for dependents of service personnel, located on the third deck of the Burston Hotel, will be opened. Six of the newcomers will be on duty when this new unit commences operations Saturday, said Comdr. Hatchette. Head nurse at the hospital will be Lt. (jg) Gertrude Merz, also formerly stationed at Adak.

The remaining 13 nurses will be on duty at the Base dispensary, recently enlarged and improved to give more effective medical care. Capt. Gulbranson is confident that the addition of the nurses will be a great stride toward giving better and more efficient care to those hospitalized there.

Living quarters for the Navy women have been provided at the old SPAR barracks on North Fourth Street.

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## COMMISSARY TO OPEN SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY

With removal about 15 January of the Navy Postoffice from its present location, opposite the Fort Pierce Hotel BOQ, to its new Island location in Camp Four, remodeling of the present postoffice facilities to house the new Base Commissary Store, is scheduled to begin.

Lt. Comdr. John Kittelle, Supply Officer, was in Miami Thursday to see about fixtures and arrangements, at 7ND, and the opening of the new commissary is expected some time in February. In Camp Four, the postoffice will be housed at the former Ship's Service Unit.

## FLOTILLAS 61, 62 NAME BEST CREWS

The three best crews of Flotilla 61 were chosen recently by group of judges composed of Lt. W. C. Klein, Lt. C. Redline, Lt. D. A. DeLaHoussays and Lt. (jg) F. B. Peik Jr.

The \$25 first prize award went to the crew of R. E. Schneider, S. Kaplan, H. Henson, all S2c, and R. H. Carter, F2c. Winners of the \$15 second prize were J. R. Carlson, F. R. Farrer, J. N. Pettitt, all S2c and A. N. Bowling, F2c. Third prize money of \$10 was awarded to the crew of F. S. Loiacono, S1c H. K. Walls, E. H. Kiernan, both S2c, and T. J. Marshall, F2c.

Several days later the three best crews for Flotilla 62 were chosen by Lt. (jg) J. E. Peterman and Lt. (jg) R. W. Bray.

The \$25 award was won by Howard W. Klug, S1c, Gordon W. Myers, Donald W. Griffith, both S2c, and Dale L. Taggart, F1c. Second prize went to the crew of Andrew W. Voimert, Wayland E. Krieg, both S1c, Gordon F. Davis, S2c, and Donald H. Gunsaulus, F2c. The \$10 third prize was taken by Herbert F. Mitchell, S1c, Arthur P. Schuppe, William A. Casker, both S2c, and Leonard T. Symcox, F1c.

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## Seabees Contribute To Navy

Three years ago—just four days after the fall of Wake Island, the first unit of the Navy's Seabees was authorized to build airstrips and bases in the Pacific from which the Japanese attack could be halted, and later sent reeling backward.

Today, the original nucleus of 3,300 officers and men comprising the first battalion has expanded to 240,000, more than three-fourths of whom are now overseas. Meantime, instead of confining their activities to construction work in the Pacific, the Seabees developed amphibious equipment and techniques that have helped carry the day on the African, Sicilian, Italian and Normandy beachheads.

The feats attributed to the Seabees are legion. Organized essentially for construction work, they were rushed into combat areas with no military training, but in order to carry out their assignments they literally fought with one hand and built with the other.

The Seabees hold a high record for foreign duty. Every commissioned battalion is either currently overseas or has completed a tour of duty outside the Continental limits of the United States, and many battalions are on their second and third tours.

From the time they won their spurs on Guadalcanal, the Seabees consistently have surpassed their self-imposed motto, "Can Do." No matter the task and the dangers involved they have exhibited skill and courage, and only through hard work was it possible to build the net work of air and naval bases in the Pacific from which the Japanese have been thrust back 4,000 miles.

"Can Do" and the Seabees will become a cherished contribution to United States Navy history and tradition. The two detachments on duty at the USNATB—1011 and 570—now almost completely manned by personnel from overseas, are doing their full shares to make this true.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN C. J. HURST

One of the things which enriches life and ennobles character is the matter of keeping faith with or for some one or some thing. The apostle Paul, looking back over his life could say, "I have kept the faith." I verily believe that therein lay the secret of his success as a minister for Christ.

In truth the great majority of both officers and men on this base are civilians in uniform who have come from various vocations and avocations into the navy during this wartime to do our part of a job that must be done. After it is finished we expect to return to our former way of life. This period in our lives should not be thought of as separate and apart from the rest of our span of life. It is to be considered in the right relationship with our lives previously and will undoubtedly have a bearing on our lives in the future. These things being true we must needs keep faith with self, with family, with church and with God.

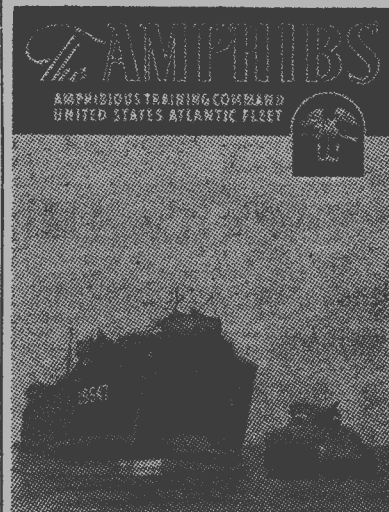
To keep faith with one's self is primary and fundamental. He who does not keep faith with himself cannot be entrusted with keeping faith with others. Moral standards of conduct should not be lowered simply because one is now a member of the armed forces of our country.

Next is the matter of keeping faith with the family. Those whom we love we desire to please. The bonds which tie us to our families can be and are strengthened during this present period as we are faithful in the matter of writing regularly and of being considerate and understanding of the problems and difficulties that may have arisen at home. One man seemed to think that his family was negligent of him but he confessed that it had been several weeks since he had written to his people at home.

We must keep faith with the Church. This should not be a time when solemn vows and sacred obligations are to be taken lightly. Some day we expect to return to our home church and community. We should maintain our contacts with our home church now and send our contributions in just as regularly and faithfully as though we were living again in our own church community. Chaplains do not and cannot receive any fees for services rendered on behalf of the personnel. But let me suggest that the personnel of this base would do well to make a liberal offering to the home church every time some service is rendered to them by the Chaplain.

All of our loyalties and faithfulness to self, to family, to Church and Community, to Country, to service organization, may be em-

## "BOOK OF THE YEAR"



Pictured above is the familiar cover of "The Amphibs," the pictorial booklet devoted in its entirety to "the gang that has, will, and IS making thrilling and dramatic history around the world"; the Navy's own Amphibious Force.

Thousands of these booklets have been sent from this Base to the folks back home as well as to former buddies now fighting in far-flung war theatres.

Under postal regulations, "The Amphibs" may be mailed, unsealed, when marked "Books," for 4 cents, anywhere in the world.

Copies, selling for the exact cost price of 60 cents, are still available at some Ship's Service stores.

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## INDIAN RIVER USO

The Indian River USO is planning more athletic programs in the near future. A recent such event was a decided success, and calls for repeat showings.

Winners at the latest bingo game: Paul W. Huff, S2c, free telephone call; free photos, A. M. Perretta, BM2c, and John C. McAdams, S2c. Other prizes went to: G. W. Overeach, MOM2c, J. R. Cotner, A. L. Sonar, Blackie Moore, B. F. Seidlich, S1c, H. R. Robinson, GM2c, Paul W. Huff, S2c; Howard O. Upton, S2c; E. H. Russell, CM1c; S. L. Barnett, F1c; G. H. Hiers, MoMM2c; A. G. Veal, S2c, and C. E. Wettstein, S1c.

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Married life is not a bad life to lead — only you get too little leading.

braced in and heightened by a sincere devotion, supreme loyalty and undaunted faithfulness to God. Indeed the words of Jesus to his disciples many years ago, "Have faith in God," need to be heard and heeded by us today in order that we may be more noble in Character and more diligent in the things that we do.

# Navy Postoffice Lives Up To 'Mail Must Go Through' Slogan

## BUSY STAFF HANDLES TREMENDOUS VOLUME OF CHRISTMAS MAIL

Lt. (jg) Jack Foster is a big pleasant-faced guy who sits munching a cigar and complacently surveying the orderly confusion that is the Central Navy Post Office, 10059, in town. Over his desk is a color photo of Captain Gulbranson and a color reprint of a sub blowing a Jap merchant ship out of the water. There is also a Rochester insurance company calendar. Beneath a glass plate on his desk are five or six pictures of his daughter, Sarah Kay. These details are important because Lt. Foster is a genius. The twenty-eight rated men and ten seamen who work with him are also geniuses.

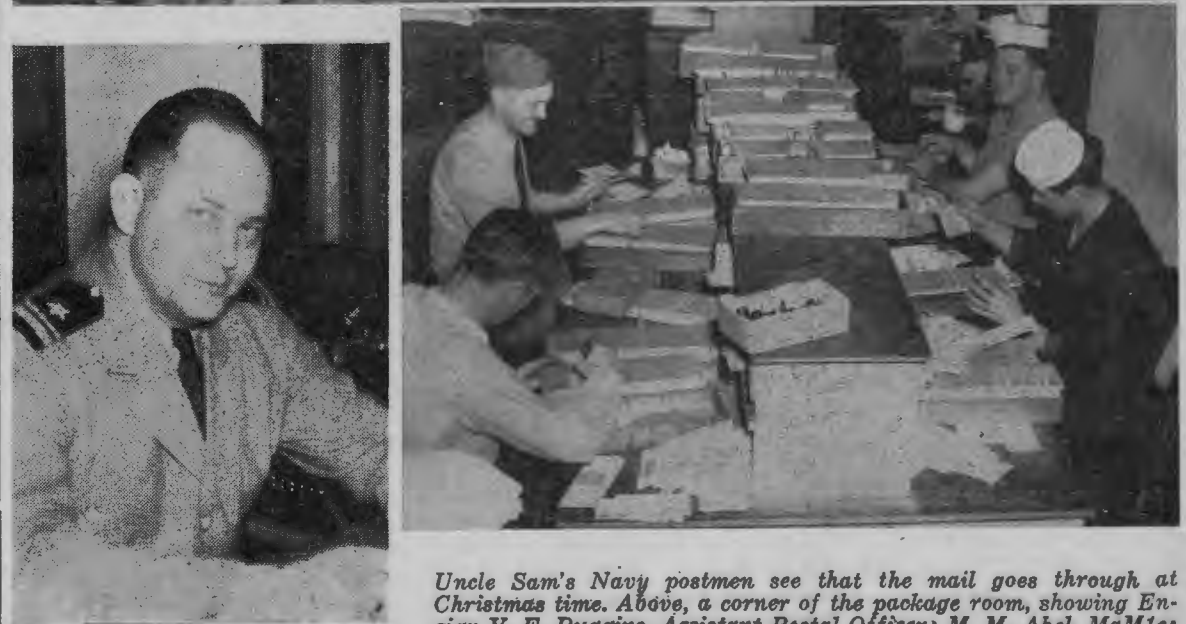
They have the herculean task of handling the in and out going mail for this base. In December this meant that they had 551,265 outgoing letters, and 25,000 outgoing parcels. Though no actual count is taken of incoming mail, Lt. T. McDaniels, ChMaM, estimated that almost twice as many letters come into the base as go out. One gets some idea of the tremendous amount of mail, when despite the free franking privilege for service men, the stamp sales for December were \$10,338.40 (mostly for air mails).

Lt. (jg) Foster and crew break down all military mail (including the Army and the Coast Guard) and deliver it to 85 different units twice a day. There are twenty-five drop boxes on the island, and the letters are picked up from these three times a day, and dispatched to trains three times a day. To live up to the old post-office battle slogan that "neither wind, nor rain, nor cold etc., will keep these couriers from their appointed rounds" requires two shifts starting at 0730 and going through till 0130 on a seven-day working week.

It is not the size of the mail that has made Lt. (jg) Foster think of becoming a Capuchin friar or retiring from the human race to a cave to spend the rest of his days counting grains of sand, but the fact that 25 per cent of all incoming mail must have directory service due to insufficient address. Instead of addressing the letters "Harry Horsehead, 622-82-11, S2c, Flot 70, Group 205, Div 10, ABC No. 1, ATB Ft. Pierce," a quarter of the people merely write "Harry Horsehead S2c, ATB Ft. Pierce," which causes a delay of 24 hours in delivery and requires a gargantuan directory system run by six men working eighteen hours a day.

This directory keeps a card on

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Uncle Sam's Navy postmen see that the mail goes through at Christmas time. Above, a corner of the package room, showing Ensign V. F. Duggins, Assistant Postal Officer; M. M. Abel, MaM1c; R. O. Mela, MaM2c; M. L. Kelly, S1c, and L. T. McDaniels, CMaM. Center, a truck heaped high with island-bound mail, showing K. E. Holbert, S1c, driver, and W. H. Chaney, MaM1c, and R. H. McNealey, S1c. Lower right, around the card directory table, J. J. Bowman, MaM2c; Chief McDaniels, J. M. Allen, S1c, and B. J. Strachan, S1c. Lower left, Lt. (jg) Jack B. Foster, Base Postal and Photographic Officer.

# American Red Cross Field Offices Move To Gulbranson Annex

## ORGANIZATION HERE EXPANDS TO BETTER SERVE PERSONNEL

The Red Cross field unit, formerly located on the main deck of the Burston Hotel, has come aboard to better serve the personnel of the Base. Under Field Director Vaughn Snoderly, the unit is now housed in the new Annex, located at the right as you go up the steps into Gulbranson Hall.

This field office, which serves both USNATB and NAS, Vero Beach, is here at the request of the Army and Navy Departments to serve as the connecting link between the service man and his family. The Red Cross is the only civilian unit on the Island dealing directly with service personnel.

Most of us know something of the work of the Red Cross here, but there is more to it than meets the eye. Emergencies arise often when dealing with such vast numbers of men, and action must be taken quickly in such cases. When a man requests an emergency leave because of the serious illness of his mother, for example, there must be verification of the fact. Sometimes such verification is sent from the home Red Cross chapter, but often the local unit is called upon to determine the necessity for such a leave. Through the cooperation of the 3760 Red Cross chapters throughout the country, located in every country of every state, authentic doctors' statements can be obtained in just a few hours' time over the direct Western Union wire into the Annex.

The Red Cross also makes emergency loans for those at home in deserving cases. The hometown chapter checks into the need for financial aid after the man here requests a loan. If the case is found deserving, the Red Cross will grant enough to comfortably take care of those loved ones until the next allotment check arrives. Loans are often made for the dependents of those who are suddenly shipped away from this Base, leaving families without sufficient income to make the journey back to their homes. These and similar emergency loans last month were granted in 155 cases; a total of more than \$6,000.

But this represents just a small portion of the cases handled every month by the local field unit. Over 1200 new cases were handled in December; an average of 75 telegrams a day are sent to and received from all parts of the nation pertaining to emergency problems of those here and at Vero Beach.

Mr. Snoderly believes the most interesting case handled since his

## POSTOFFICE

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all men ever assigned to this base. The average trainee changes addresses four times while actually on the base, and for Camp 4 which has resembled Grand Central Station in the last month, they really have to do some checking. Lt. Foster's next biggest tooth ache is the pile-up of letters, magazines, newspapers, packages, etc., due to personnel failing to notify their correspondents of change of address. This means that the central navy post-office still gets mail for men stationed here eighteen months ago, and results in over 3000 pieces of mail being forwarded each day to men who have left the base.

The MOCK-UP takes its hat off to a hardworking group of mailmen, whose efficiency keeps us sane and happy.

arrival last summer at Fort Pierce was the case of a boy who had just shipped out for the west coast in a draft. Two hours after the train left a telegram arrived, announcing the death of his father in Arizona. Since the draft had been detached from this Base, this Command had no control over it. Thus, all arrangements had to be made through the Commanding Officer of the boy's next station on the west coast. It was determined that the train would pass within 150 miles of the boy's home. Thus, permission was granted to allow the boy to leave the train at the nearest point to his home, and through the aid of the Red Cross motor corps he was able to make a train connection that allowed him to arrive in time for the funeral.

The Red Cross Field unit is anxious to serve all hands in the time of need. For that reason the Gulbranson Hall office is open fifteen hours a day from 0800 to 2300. No longer is it necessary to obtain special liberty to visit the office, as was the case when in the Burston. Mr. Snoderly and his three assistant field directors, Mike Storm, Walden P. Penn and Melvin Kelman (a new arrival) are striving to do their part in the war effort by boosting morale in that all-important connection between the service man and his family.

The Red Cross brought the first young ladies seen regularly in the central part of the Island! Mrs. Wanda McPheron, stenographer, and Miss Dora Peery, bookkeeper, complete the staff of six. Mrs. McPheron's husband, William F. McPheron, SKD1c, is in the Disbursing office.

He ran around all day trying to get something for his wife . . . but he had no offers.

## WEDDING NUPTIALS FOR BASE PERSONNEL

### Three Recent Ceremonies At St. Andrews Church

St. Andrew's Episcopal church was the scene recently of three weddings involving officers attached to this Base.

Lt. (jg) Wendell C. Eckler, of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Marcia Hammer were united in a ceremony solemnized by the Rev. William L. Hargrave. Lt. (jg) Norman M. Thomson was best man, with Lt. (jg) Fred L. Darlin and Ens. William D. Wiegand serving as groomsmen.

Ensign William T. Meyer of Darien, N. Y., and Miss Dora Louise McDowell of Kalamazoo, Mich., exchanged vows before Chaplain Kenneth D. Perkins.

Miss Dorothy Gale Walker of Mountain Lakes, N. J., became the bride of Ensign Joseph L. Streicher of Brooklyn, N. Y., with Chaplain Perkins officiating.

Ensign Phillip Schwarz and Miss Constance Jane Allen, both of Tacoma, Wash., were recently married at the First Presbyterian church, with the Rev. Ernest Y. Campbell reading the ceremony.

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## TENTH STREET USO

The comradeship of members of the armed forces was nicely demonstrated by Robert G. Brown, S2c, Detroit, Mich., and Camp 2. Bob was the winner of the free telephone call home awarded every Sunday evening but could not accept, inasmuch as his Mother had recently moved, was without a telephone and he did not know the neighborhood. In such cases, the club gives the servicemen a gift equivalent to the cost of the call, which, when offered to Bob, he declined to accept, instead donating the privilege to call home to his shipmate, Ralph E. Cookson, S2c, who called his home at Kinderbrook, Ill.

Tibbie Sewell, a student at Florida State College, appeared in the floor show presented at the 10th St. USO Thursday evening, rendered three vocal selections and delighted the servicemen with her ability and personability. George DiGiore and his accordion added to the program as did Ray Credit and his trumpet and Douglas Payette with his ever popular harmonica.

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First Wave: I know he's rich, but isn't he too old to be considered eligible?

Second Wave: My dear, he's too eligible to be considered old!



## 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)

Holy Mass, 1630 daily, Chaplain offices Camp One, Two and Four areas. Novenas Tuesday and Friday. Confessions every day. Religious instruction anytime. Office hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 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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Either quit following us or get another cadet.

# Christmas Season at USNATB Passes in Review Before Camera



The camera catches the story of the Christmas season just past in these photos. (1) An orchestra plays for a gathering of servicemen in Gulbranson Annex, while (2) Santa Claus arrives at the Indian River USO. (3) Island bus stops are appropriately decorated. (4) The Protestant carol service is held on Christmas Eve, and (6), Catholic men worship at the midnight mass, with both services in Gulbranson Hall. (5) The Base band plays under direction of Hugh McClure, Ch.Bmstr. (7), Capt. C. Gulbranson, USN, Base CO, holds Pamela Higgins, daughter of Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Robert Higgins, on his lap at the

Captain's Christmas party for boys and girls at the Officer Club, where (10) Santa Claus, resembling Lt. Comdr. C. T. Miles, is busy

distributing gifts. (8) Gulbranson Hall is seasonably decorated and bedecked, and (9) the busy orchestra. Inset, Manny Lopez.

## Our Letter Box

Dear Editor:

The "Mock-Up" is coming in regularly in the mail and we all enjoy it. By "we" I mean the rest of the fellows that get to read the

Base paper. They think it is one of the best they ever read and they really wait and ask when the next one is coming in. They are great sport fans on board ship and they follow the old football team in papers. They come to recognize the Fort Pierce Amphib

team as one of the best. Also came across some alumni of the old Base around these waters.

I used to be in the C & R gang as an EM, working for Lt. Snook and once in awhile I see old faces in the paper. Thank you for your trouble and wishing you the Christ-

mas holiday greetings, I remain,

Sincerely,

S. A. Stacey, EM1c  
DE 794, USS Hollis  
c/o Fleet Postoffice  
New York, N. Y.

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Have you written home lately?

# NCDU Boxers Win Five Of Eight Bouts With S And R

## LARGE TURNOUT SEES FIRST OF SERIES OF BASE SMOKERS

NCDU formally opened its new boxing arena last Friday night with an enthusiastic crowd, estimated at 900 turning out to see NCDU take five of eight boxing matches from Scouts and Raiders. One match was a draw, with S & R taking the other two on decisions.

The Demolition fighters, under the tutelage of Ens. Clifford Juedes and R. P. Sledge, CGM, got off to a good start when little Austin O'Conner, S2c won a decision over J. D. Davis, GM3c, in the fly-weight division. Skoka made it two in a row for NCDU when he out-boxed G. N. Cassidy, Cox, in the second bout.

Best fight of the evening was when two lightweights fought hard and well in the third match. At the end of three rounds the judges called it a draw between Charles Moloney, GM1c, (NCDU) and A. J. Berard, MoM3c, (S & R) but the spectators agreed that this battle was an evening's entertainment in itself.

Scouts and Raiders drew their first blood when K. E. Donlan, MoM2c, won a decision from Francis L. LeBlanc, S2c. Two 145-pounders entered the ring for the fifth bout, in which Mario C. Amato, S2c, (NCDU) won by a technical knockout over I. Scheibler, S2c. Amato is the holder of the 1944 lightweight Golden Glove championship of Cleveland.

An Anderson, Ind., Golden Gloves champ of 1943 chalked up another victory for the Demolition squad when J. D. Burke S2c, out-classed R. Bennett, S1c. The other NCDU win came in the seventh bout when Clea Fields, GM3c, took a decision from A. W. Price, S2c.

Lt. (jg) A. E. Evans and his Scouts and Raiders team took the most humorous bout of the evening. In the heavyweight division C. C. Hammer won the decision from Mike Medick, SC2c. Big Mike, with his 240 pounds, charged in for a kill time after time, but Hammer's footwork and science were too much for the NCDU cook.

Officiating at the smoker was Addison Warren, CSP (A), as referee, with Don Zemlock, CSj(A), doing the announcing.

All winners were awarded three dollars, all losers two dollars by Welfare and Recreation.

Because of the fine turnout and enthusiastic reception for this first smoker of the season on the Base, the Physical Training office, under Lt. (jg) Don Ahern, plans to sponsor more of the same at frequent intervals throughout the Base.

## Keesler Field Names Four Base Amphibs On All Opponents Team

Keesler Field, that dropped its lone game in 11 to the unbeaten Amphibs, has named four Base satellites to its All Opponents team. The quartet: Bill Daley, Bo Cohenour, Bill Godwin and Hamp Pool.

Three opponent berths went to Third Infantry, Fort Benning, and two apiece to Fourth Infantry, and Selman Field. Big John Tripson made the honorable mention slate.

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## Officer Cage League Ready To Begin Play

The Officer Basketball League is expected to start next Wednesday, January 10, according to Lt. (jg) Don Ahern, Physical Training Officer. Eight teams are expected to enter, using the outside court at the Fort Pierce Hotel for all games.

Teams entered thus far are Administration and Personnel, Attack Boat Staff Headquarters, NCDU, Scouts and Raiders, Base Training Office and Camp Four.

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## OFFICERS PROMOTED

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March 1, 1944.

Lt. Comdr. Griggs is relatively new here, arriving last September after serving 23 months in the Central Pacific with a Seabee battalion. He entered the Navy in 1942 as a junior lieutenant from his hometown of Jacksonville, Fla.

Two other promotions announced by Capt. Gulbranson are warrant officers. Carp. Joseph Thomas Adams, Salvage School, has been advanced to Chief Carpenter. John Emmett Flynn, CEM, of NCDU, has been made Carpenter.

Word has also been received that Lt. Comdr. Draper L. Kauffman, former O-in-C of NCDU and now on duty in the Pacific, has been advanced to Commander.

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## HORSESHOES

The Transportation Department has developed a horseshoe team that is willing to take on all-comers. They hereby challenge any team on the Base to either a singles or doubles match. Contact O. D. Ellis, BM1c, at Transportation.

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All some girls know about cooking is how to bring a sailor to a boil!

## Touch Football Play Gets Under Way Today

The touch football round robin tourney, in which every team plays every other team entered, got under way today. Between now and early February each of 14 teams will play three games a week, starting at 1830 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Six games on each evening will be played at the NCDU Athletic Field, with the seventh contest taking place on the Camp Two drill field.

This evening's games pitted the Corpsmen against Disbursing, Scouts and Raiders against the Central Rocket School, Camp Three versus the Beach Pary School, Attack Boats versus NCDU, Personnel against the 1688th Army Engineers, Gunnery versus the Fort Pierce Hotel Stewards, and Receiving Unit against Supply.

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## GOLDEN GLOVES BOUTS START JANUARY 18 Eight Teams Entered In First Round Events

USNATB's own Golden Gloves team will be selected during the next 30 days. Lt. (jg) Don Ahern, Physical Training Officer, announces that amateur boxers throughout the Base are preparing for the quarter-final round, scheduled for Friday, January 19.

On that night eight-man teams from eight different units will enter the rings at NCDU, Scouts and Raiders and the Camp Two drill field to battle for the championships in the eight weight divisions.

A week later, January 26, the semi-finals will be staged at NCDU and Scouts and Raiders, with the finals scheduled for the following Friday, February 2, at the Camp Two drill field.

The eight units on the Base that will enter teams for the golden gloves tourney are Scouts and Raiders, NCDU, Rocket School and Gunnery, Camp One, Camp Two, 12th Beach Battalion, LCM(8) Flotilla and the 1688th Army Engineers.

## UNBEATEN AMPHIBS MAKE GIFT TO CO

Presentation At Dinner Honoring Base Team

Capt. C. Gulbranson, USN, Base CO, and No. 1 football fan aboard this station, is immensely pleased with and proud of the handsome new cigarette lighter he carries.

It was presented to him Wednesday night, at a Base dinner given for the football team at the Officer Club, by Ensign Hampton Pool, coach of the eleven, and is engraved appropriately to the Captain "from his undefeated Amphibs."

In an expression of thanks, Capt. Gulbranson repeated his conviction that the Amphibs were the "best team in the country" during the season just closed.

Other talks during the evening, following the serving of the turkey and ham dinner, were by Comdr. P. M. Fenton, Executive Officer; Comdr. W. S. Heald, Training Officer, Bill Godwin, Bo Cohenour, Nick Wazylik, Bill Daley, Bob Sutter, Jack Brown, Earl Crowder, Mel Nelson, and other team members, and Lt. Comdr. B. M. Klivans. Lt. C. H. Schooley was toastmaster for the occasion.

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## 'OFF THE RECORD' COMING JANUARY 13

USO Camp Show Offers Scintillating Cast

Coming to Gulbranson Hall on Saturday, January 13 is the popular USO camp show "Off the Record," featuring a wide variety of talents cleverly assembled to offer sophistication, jive and sentiment all in one show.

Among the featured entertainers are the Trumpet Twins, a brother-sister act that specializes in impersonations of leading orchestra leaders; the Three lovely Crandall sisters who have entertained audiences in this country and Canada with their delightful singing in the Boswell manner; Howard Klein, the mentalist who specializes in putting people to sleep; Lynn Russell, the petite mistress of ceremonies and comedienne who teams with Marion Farrar, a glamorous red-blonde, to do a fine comedy act; Al Seras does a novelty act and Michael Loran is the pianist and musical conductor of the show.

Plus these outstanding attractions in comedy, song, dance and novelty numbers, 'Off the Record' invites audience participation in an act that's new and different.



"There I said 'Yeah!' and he said 'Yeah!' so I said 'Oh, yeah!' and he said . . ."

Senior Dental Officers Get New Assignments Elsewhere



Its two senior officers newly assigned to duty elsewhere, the Base Dental staff is shown for its final picture with present personnel. First row, left to right, Lt. Comdr. C. T. Miles, Senior Dental Officer; Lt. Comdr. A. J. Lilly, veteran of the Guadalcanal campaign and again assigned to duty afloat; Lt. A. B. Nabors, Lt. Comdr. J. E. Griggs, newly promoted to present rank; Lt. R. M. Tetrev, Lt. L. N. Brams, Lt. L. L. Cooperman, Lt. S. W. Becker, Lt. F. C. Kelley, Lt. S.

Sabesan, Lt. Raymond Blais. Second row, l to r, J. E. Persons, CPhM, H. W. Matheny, PhM2c; R. A. Elliott, PhM2c; J. J. Beaulieu, PhM2c; S. F. G. Joyner, PhM2c; N. Sabel, PhM2c; F. P. Graef, PhM2c. Third row, l to r, W. E. Beasley, PhM3c; J. E. Szeenyi, HA2c; J. L. Sanders, S1c; B. B. Jones, PhM2c; W. H. Bowers, PhM2c; M. Fetterman, PhM3c; W. E. Pollock, S1c; H. L. Buxton, S1c.

AROUND THE BASE

VETERAN of the First Beach Battalion, who has been on duty here since early February 1943, Lt. Comdr. Bruce A. Hood, Base Legal Officer, is a former New York attorney, whose civil life home is White Plains, N. Y. A former Alabaman, from Oneonta, Lt. Comdr. Hood was an ensign in the Supply Corps when World War I ended. He took his law studies in New York and has since practiced there. President of the General Court Martial, Lt. Comdr. Hood also heads the Summary Court Martial, is a notary public, and is treasurer of the Navy Relief Society. His legal counsel, and that of a staff that currently includes Lt. Vivion B. Rutherford, former Miami Beach attorney, and Ensign James L. Bomar, Jr., Shelbyville, Tenn., is available to all hands, including all Base officer and enlisted personnel. . . .



B. A. Hood

GREETINGS for a Happy New Year have been received here from Rear Admiral F. W. Rockwell, USN, ComPhibTraLant. They bear Admiral Rockwell's two-star insignia. . . . The Indian River USO, during the Christmas season, distributed to servicemen many crates of fruit contributed by lo-

cal fruit growers, and Santa Claus gave more than 1000 gifts. . . . Some 50 to 75 young officers enjoyed the Junior Officers' Club New Year's Dance on Monday night at the Legion Hall, with music by the Manny Lopez blue-jackets. . . . A letter from the Pacific this week contained a 60c money order for one of the Amphib booklets on sale at Ship's Service to be sent to S. A. Stacey, EM1c, on board the USS Hollis. . . . Ens. George P. Carlin, Camp Four, wrote several items for this week's paper, including the post-office story, while awaiting the start of the next Amphibious Roger class. Ens. Carlin's father, George A. Carlin, is general manager of the United Features Syndicate, New York, that stables such favorites as Ernie Pyle and Bill Maudin. . . .

. . . Comdr. Britton Rey, newly promoted, was greeted on arrival at JANET offices in the Burs-ton the other day with a plate of freshly-cooked scrambled eggs on his desk. An explanatory note wished the Commander luck prior to his qualifying physical exam and hoped that he would be able to use the eggs as adornment on his visor cap. . . .

Recent transfers of officers include Lt. Aaron G. Saidman (MC), Dispensary; Lt. John J. Bell, Demolition; Lt. David Dutcher M. & R.; Lt. William R. Laceyfield, M. & R.; Lt. (jg) John R. Tripson, Scouts & Raiders; Lt. Harry H. Kirby, Personnel; Lt. (jg) John B. Foster, Lt. (jg) George B. Gaul, Lt. (jg) Joseph G. Deming, all M. & R.;

Ens. John S. Watters, Disbursing; and Pharm. Zenith D. Moorehead, Dispensary. . . . New arrivals include Comdr. Alvin C. Hoffpaur (MC), Dispensary; Comdr. Theodore Blanchard, Base Training Office; Lt. Roy N. Puckett, Base Training Office; Lt. John P. Watson, Supply; Lt. Raymond J. Lloyd, Beach Party School; Lt. (jg) John C. Dixon, Supply; Lt. (jg) Clifford L. Fagan, Ship's Service; Lt. (jg) Melvin D. Challis, JANET; and Lt. (jg) Kenneth A. Wood, M. & R.

Masons Invite Servicemen

All Masons are invited to attend next regular meeting, Fort Pierce Lodge, AF&AM 87 with special announcements for service personnel, on Friday night, January 12. Regular meetings, second and fourth Fridays, 2000.

Buy, Sell, Trade, Lost and Found Department

WANTED: Late model Ford. Lt. Botts, Scouts and Raiders.

FOR SALE: 1939 deluxe Indian Chief Motorcycle. Candioto, MAA, Camp One.

Sailor: "Nursie, I'm in love with you. Don't let me get well!"  
Nurse: "Don't worry, you won't. The doctor is in love with me, too, and he saw you kiss me last night!"

LOST—Two-toned gold cigarette case Sunday night. Finder call Mrs. Chas. Jarratt, 513-W. Reward.

AT THE MOVIES

GULBRANSON HALL

Today and Saturday  
GIRL RUSH  
Sunday and Monday  
SNOW WHITE & SEVEN DWARFS  
Tuesday  
HERE COMES THE WAVES  
Wednesday and Thursday  
TOGETHER AGAIN

SUNRISE THEATRE

Today and Saturday  
ABROAD WITH TWO YANKS  
Sunday and Monday  
FRENCHMAN'S CREEK  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
CANTERVILLE GHOST  
Thursday  
AND NOW TOMORROW

RITZ THEATRE

Today and Saturday  
SILVER CITY KID  
Sunday and Monday  
Sunday and Monday  
HARA KIRI  
Tuesday  
CRY OF THE WEREWOLF  
Wednesday and Thursday  
YOUTH RUNS WILD

INDIAN RIVER USO

Saturday, 2030; Sunday, 1600  
ICELAND  
Tuesday, 2030  
CAT AND THE CANARY  
Thursday, 1130  
SWEET AND LOWDOWN

TENTH STREET USO

Sunday  
NIGHT TRAIN TO CHUNGKING  
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Lt. Carl J. Stahl  
Transportation OinC

Lt. Carl J. Stahl, who has newly returned to the States after 16 months of Armed Guard duty aboard a troop transport in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, is the new Navy O-in-C at the Transportation Department. Lt. Stahl, in civil life, was in the industrial truck, crane, and machinery building business in Cleveland, O. Lt. Stahl reported as relief for Lt. A. Reed Wilson, who has held the post since the spring of 1943.



"Well, your mother seems to approve of him."

# Two NCDU Officers Earn Navy Cross For Normandy Heroism

## KARNOWSKI, JENKINS GET HIGH HONOR FOR OMAHA BEACH VALOR

Two former trainees and instructors at NCDU have been awarded the coveted Navy Cross for their heroism during the D-day landings in Normandy.



Jenkins Karnowski

Lt. (jg) Lawrence S. Karnowski (CEC), Ness City, Kan., and Lt. (jg) William M. Jenkins; Everett, Wash., were part of the Navy Combat Demolition Unit which landed on "Omaha Beach" with the first wave of the invasion under devastating enemy artillery, machine gun and sniper fire.

Fifty-three percent of the unit were killed or wounded, but it succeeded in blasting five gaps through enemy obstacles for the passage of assault forces to the Normandy shore and within two days had sapped over 85 percent of the "Omaha Beach" area of German-placed traps.

For this all were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation in ceremonies at Jaycee Field on October 27. And now, Lt. (jg) Karnowski and Lt. (jg) Jenkins have been given the Navy's highest award for their particular part in the operation.

The Navy Cross was awarded to Lt. (jg) Karnowski at the U. S. Naval Base, Port Hueneme, Calif., where he is now stationed. The citation said he succeeded in clearing a 50-yard gap through the enemy beach obstacles under heavy artillery and rifle fire, ex-

### When 45th Division Engineers Trained Here



Veteran personnel will recall when the 40th Engineers, part of the famed 45th Division, trained here under the palms in the spring of 1943, as this headquarters scene shows. The 45th has participated in the Sicily, Salerno, Anzio and Southern Mediterranean invasion landings, and recently smashed into Germany—in the Bavarian Palatinate—just four months to the day after wading ashore in Southern France. They are as famous in the European fighting, as other Base alumni, the 31st and 77th divisions, are becoming in the Pacific.

posed himself to enemy fire while rescuing a wounded member of his crew in danger of drowning in the rising tide, and time after time returned alone to place charges to widen the gap when the rest of his 8-man crew had been killed or wounded. When tidal conditions made further demolition impossible, he tended wounded along the beach and assisted in evacuation of casualties.

The award for Lt. (jg) Jenkins will be made in Washington, D. C., where he is now attached to the Chief of Naval Operations staff as liaison officer for underwater demolition. The account of his

heroic action was similar to Lt (jg) Karnowski's.

Approximately 50 men and six officers who accompanied these two new Navy Cross wearers are now back at NCDU as instructors and administrators. The officers are Lt. (jg) J. C. Allen, Ens. H. E. Duquette, Ch. Carp, J. W. Hill, Ch. Jarp, W. E. Raymor, all (CEC), USNR, Lt. (jg) W. C. Cooper and Ens. W. R. Freeman, USNR.

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SC3c: "I would like to buy a war bond."

Ens. Beck: "What denomination?"

SC3c: "Presbyterian."

## 47 PETTY OFFICERS EARN ADVANCEMENTS

Eight Named Chief, And 39 Others Qualify For New Rate

Forty-seven more petty officers have received advancements in rating at USNATB, Capt. C. Gulbranson, USN, Base CO, announced today as he urged all hands "to keep up the good work."

Advancements are as follows:

To Chief Petty Officer: E. C. Collings, CSF(P); J. G. Ferris, CMM(P); T. W. Hanson, CCM(P); L. J. Hoffman, Jr., CSF(P); P. Y. Little, Jr., CBM(P); J. A. Mahay, CCM(P); J. E. Nagorsky, CSF(P); P. V. Redman, CCM(P).

To Petty Officer, First Class: A. C. Alleca, MoM1c; R. E. Belle-rose, MoM1c; H. O. Boritzki, Jr., BM1c; J. G. Hay, MoM1c; J. A. McDonald, BM1c; J. J. O'Brien, BM1c; C. W. Pick, Jr., MoM1c; G. R. Salter, BM1c; R. M. Stephens, MoM1c; R. F. Sweitzer, BM1c; E. C. Thackston, Jr., MoMM1c.

To Petty Officer, Second Class: Julius Bione, EM2c; C. O. Creel, BM2c; L. W. Deforest, BM2c; A. H. Goff, SCB2c; L. C. Longwell, GM2c; F. E. Melket, MoM2c; C. W. Patryak, BM2c; F. S. Rooks, SCB2c; M. D. Sansalone, BM2c; D. W. Sniper, BM2c; J. W. Verkler, MM2c.

To Petty Officer, Third Class: J. N. Adams, SF3c; E. A. L. Allison, RM3c; F. E. Fitzpatrick, MM S3c; F. J. Froontino, SCB3c; J. R. Hiatt, GM3c; E. A. Homer, RM3c; W. W. Jordan, EM3c; E. L. Lamberth, RM3c; W. T. Martin, RM3c; V. R. Martin, SM3c; J. A. McMillan, SM3c; H. S. Nielson, RM3c; B. C. Payne, SM3c; L. C. Ritter, SK3c; S. H. Snelgrove, Sp(I)3c; Eli Solomon, SM3c; E. F. Tyler, Jr., MoM3c.

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Daughters are finding it a hard struggle to look as young as their mothers!

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The old chief died from drinking shellac. The boys said he had a fine finish!

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### Tetched-nition Fifth Grade

The Wolf by Sansone



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