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## INSIDE . . . . . LOOKING OUT

IN ADDITION to the usual complications we are beset with such as requests for pay chits, baling wire, ferry schedules, tacks, film and special liberty, we have recently been subjected to a barrage of chamber of commerce dialogue concerning the wonders and joys of the beach at Waikiki. Our able assistant, Jim "local boy" Parisi, has somehow found that his soul is attuned to the pounding surf or some such tripe. We are partially to blame, however, because for some time now we have been campaigning against the type of character who arrives in Hawaii determined to dislike the place and not even give it an even break. Jim has gone off the deep end and likes it so much that he is making noises about staying here. Each Monday morning for the past several weeks we have been forced to listen to a heady tale of romance under the moonlit tropic skies, complete with sighs. Each week, or thereabouts, he manages to meet the most "terrific creature" this side of someplace. By Wednesday, of course, heartbreak has set in because the temporary dream girl is preparing to pack up and shove off on the Matsonia for a return to East Cupcake and the corner drugstore where she can tell all the girls, over a fast coke, about the bronze hero on the beach at Waikiki. We'll admit that our boy doesn't exactly look like a bronze god but with the help of the moon, deep shaded palm trees and a couple of milk shakes he might stand in for one. Thus far, he has decided to stop in and visit at Seattle, Albuquerque, Kansas City and a variety of points south on his way back to Des Moines, Iowa. We are doing our best to dissuade him from this because we are afraid disillusion might set in. The moonlit beach is a far cry from Fur Boot, South Dakota, and a dream in a midriff swim suit may be a nightmare in calico.

SLOWLY BUT SURELY the Boy Scout movement among the youthful residents of Ford Island has been taking shape in the past two months. The prospective troop is under the direction of Chaplain Sobel as Scoutmaster and Neill Bowman, USMC, as Assistant Scoutmaster. Bowman, an Eagle Scout, has thrown himself into the work with a will and has produced results. There are now six prospective boy scouts on the island who are eager to be able to call themselves first class scouts. Bowman has taken them on a daylight hike and this last week end the boys went all out on an overnight hike. All of this activity is getting results. The request for a charter has been approved by the BSA and the installation ceremonies of Ford Island, Troop 180, by officials of the BSA from Honolulu will take place sometime during the last week in August. The younger generation on Ford Island is getting a bit of a head start, it would seem, on the infantry training routine.

NOTES ON THE EFFECT OF MOVIES—We recently stumbled across a character who is helping the comb industry on a paying basis. Each night in the movie he bites off a tooth of his current comb and munches on it throughout the performance. During a particularly exciting sequence the other night he swallowed a comb tooth. He has decided to get his hair cut short to eliminate the necessity for carrying a comb.

R.B.B.

## Chaplain's Column

by Chaplain R. M. Ruleman

One always approaches a new duty with a sense of awe and wonderment. This is as well true of a chaplain. As I survey the possibilities at NAS it is evident that many activities in the religious field are possible and probable. This is our common goal.

It is a well known remark "Take your troubles to the Chaplain," but as we plan the future we must all work together on a different level of meeting. Not troubles but the successes and hopes and dreams of a fuller religious program.

Before progress can be made we must get acquainted. I hope to see you in your places of duty, but may this writing be an invitation to each one to drop into the chaplain's office for a friendly chat. I should like to know you better and be

## DIVINE SERVICES

### Protestant

0900 Sunday, Chapel

### Catholic

0630 Daily except Saturday

1030 Sunday Chapel

### Jewish

1900 Friday, CHA-3 Chapel No. 2, Pearl Harbor Ave. and Main Street. (At traffic light, one-half mile outside Navy Yard main gate.)

### Christian Science

1830 Wednesday, 0930 Sunday, CHA-3, Chapel No. 2, Sunday School.

privileged to write to your loved ones at home and especially to your pastor. Let's make it a date.

It is a real pleasure to be able to worship God. We have a beautiful chapel of which we may all be proud. Permit me to encourage you to attend to the services of worship. No activity can replace the humbling of ourselves before the Almighty. If you attended divine services before entering the service continue this joy of worship. If you have not attended worship, come and learn the value of communion with the Divine.

There are many activities in the field of spiritual welfare in which the layman is privileged to assist. You may have talents in music, or in teaching Sunday school sessions or chapel ushering, or young people's organization work or other activities related to religious welfare. If so, you have a special invitation to the chaplain's office. Together we can make the church activities of NAS an achievement for the Kingdom of Heaven.

## COVER PICTURE

The weary trudge along dusty roads at the end of day is an old story to most soldiers but has been a recent experience for the sailors of Ford Island's Infantry Battalion. Platoon C-3 was caught by the camera as they returned from their hike on their way to "attack" and "sabotage" Ford Island. It was the end of a busy day that had included pitching tents, patrols, problems and a chow line. (Story and pictures of hike on page 6)

## book shelf

VERMILLION by Idwal Jones—A tale of gigantic scope, covering three generations and most of the world. Historical romance of early California.

GO-DEVIL by Marguerite Eysen—Action packed oil boom story of western Pennsylvania. Entertaining and easy to read.

THE GREAT SNOW by Henry Morton Robinson—Sophisticated mystery involving a number of stock characters caught in a house by a blizzard. Complications run the gamut from tangling to untangling.

## The Skipper's Column

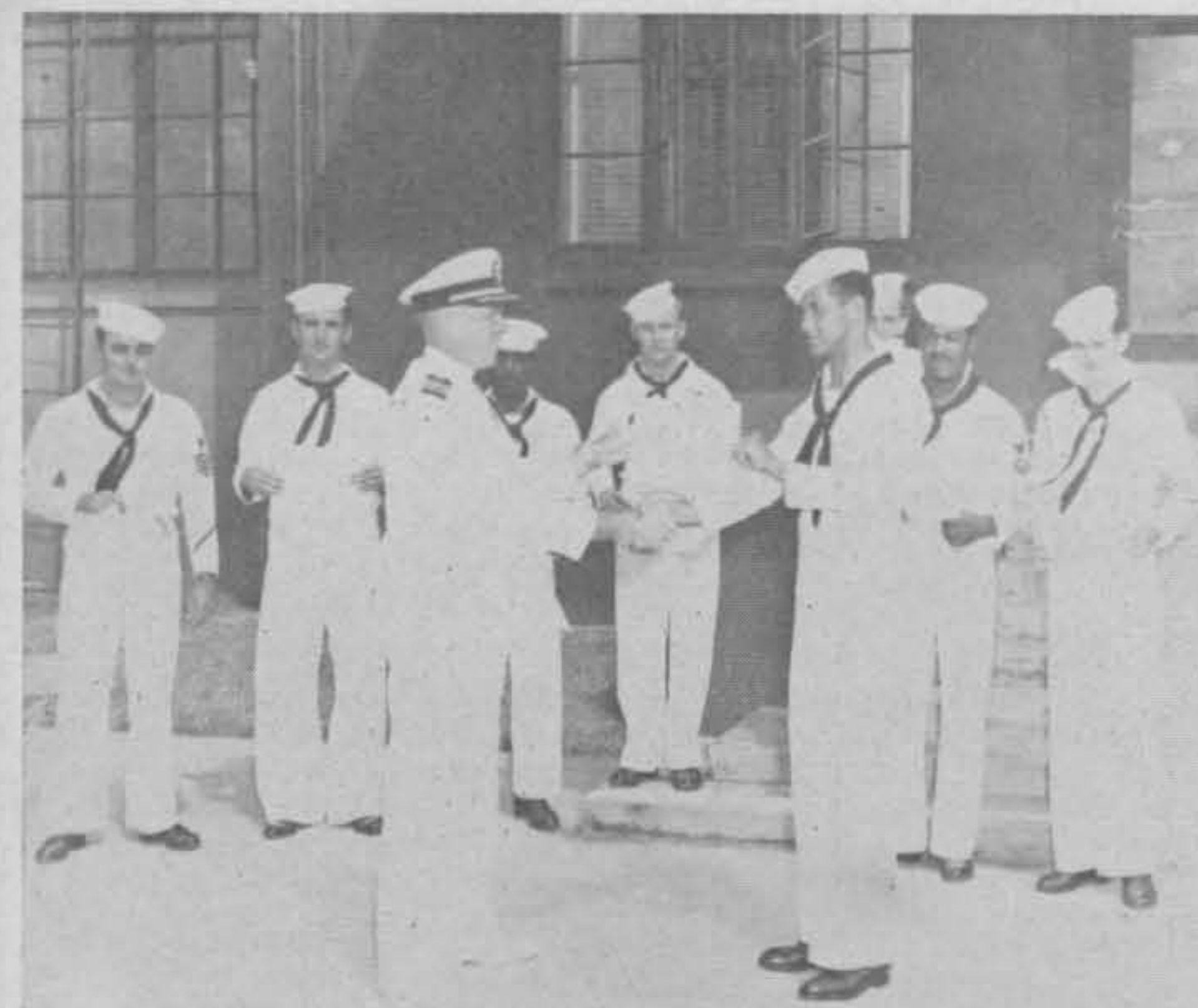
by Captain J. R. Dudley, USN,  
Commanding Officer

You may not believe it, but it's true nevertheless. When the Executive Officer comes into my office and says, "Sir, I have no disciplinary cases for your mast," my whole day is suddenly brighter. It makes me sad to have to award punishments for misdeeds. To me it means that somewhere in our chain of command, through the officers, chief petty officers, and petty officers, there is a weakness. We "supervisors" are not getting the word across to men of lower ratings as to what is the right thing to do and what is wrong.

Most of the young men who compose our crew have been raised in average American homes where character is developed and a realization of the meaning of the "Golden Rule" is implanted. This rule: "Do unto others as you would be done by"—when thoughtfully applied will put a stop to much bullying, cheating, pilfering and committing those many little deeds which are offensive to our shipmates and which lead to a lowering of morale.

There are a few young men on our station who have really been unfortunate. They have been raised in the streets—they come from homes broken up by one cause, or another. "The old man was a tramp"—"My mother died and my step-mother was mean to me." Many similar circumstances have given a few a very difficult experience. They have learned in the school of hard knocks. They never had kindness shown them and they do not know how to show it to someone else. For you who have had this experience I urge you to think about that "Golden Rule." Try to apply it to the things you do. And let's see if we can't make this a "happy station." Take your problems to your petty officers—to your division officer—or to the chaplain. If yours is an especially troublesome problem, see the Personnel Officer or the Executive Officer. If the Executive Officer thinks it necessary your problem can be brought to me. I may not be able to solve it in the way you would like, but during the past forty years I've had some experiences which may help. We do not want to make a bunch of molly coddles out of you. But you are entitled to a fair deal at mast and I will do my best to see that you get it.

## ATTEND CHURCH REGULARLY



Captain J. R. Dudley, USN, Commanding Officer, congratulates Ernest A. Silva BM1, after ceremony of taking oath for service in the Navy. All of the men pictured above took advantage of the early discharge provisions of AINav 147-47 for purposes of reenlistment. The "shipping over" group includes, left to right: John G. Kelly, AOM1, Mike Mikita, AMM2, David L. Cook, Cox, Eugene Woyteck, Lawrence S. Tatten, S1, Willie F. Parker, AMM2 and Harold Fisher, S1. (See story)

## "Shipping Over" Desk Busy Under AINav 147-47

Early discharge and shipping over are the two new bywords of the personnel office. AINav 147-47 announced that enlisted men may be discharged early for the purpose of immediate reenlistment. The new shipping over desk in the personnel office is a result of Ford Islanders rushing to reenlist to take advantage of mustering out pay, reenlistment leave, furlough travel allowance, and certain privileges under the GI Bill of Rights. Upon request, personnel may now be discharged from 3 to 5 months earlier than they would ordinarily be discharged.

ACM Virgil Cunningham, Cox Edgar G. Alsip; Cox Louis Marino; CCS Allen M. Kilby, S1 Harold Fisher, Cox David L. Cook, AOM1 John G. Kelley, AMM2 Mike Mikita, AMM2 Willie F. Parker, BM1 Ernest A. Silva, S1Y Lawrence S. Tatten and Eugene Woytek swamped the personnel office to ship over as soon as the straight dope came out.

All of the questions and angles asked the personnel office about the AINav led to the appointment of a recruiting officer. In order to accommodate these prospective 20 year men, Lt. A. G. Bowers, Station Training and Education Officer, was appointed Recruiting Officer. As soon as

## New Station Secretary Reports Aboard For Duty

Lt. (jg) Marion G. Phillips, USN, reported aboard Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, Tuesday morning, 22 July, to assume duties as station secretary. Lt. Phillips arrived in the 14th Naval District 18 July, via NATS.

Prior to coming to Ford Island, Lt. Phillips was head of the military personnel branch of the Bureau of Aeronautics for nine months. Previous duty includes a tour as Personnel Officer, Naval Air Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Lt. Phillips' wife, Geneva, arrived on the afternoon of 22 July, on the USS LE JEUNE. Because the weather here coincides with his hobbies of golf, archery and fishing, Lt. Phillips foresees a pleasant tour of duty here at Ford Island.

one's discharge date comes up, Lt. Bowers will invite the approaching civvie to an easy chair in the station training office and point out the benefits which can be received under the new AINav.

Under the supervision of Lt. Comdr. Erwin, Personnel Officer, Chief Yeoman Bond rules the shipping over desk. All hands are cautioned to read with care any form with fine print that Chief Bond offers for signature.



## STATION INTRA-MURAL BOWLING IS UNDERWAY

With the clashing of ten pins, everyone on the station realizes that the Station Intra-Mural Bowling league is well underway. The ten teams in the league, representing various units and departments on the station, are showing their enthusiasm over the league by using every available opportunity to practice and play their scheduled games on the 4 nights allotted them.

As of and including the evening of 29 July, Commissary is leading the league with a record of 7 wins and 2 losses. Kelly, who is captain of the varsity bowling squad is anchor man. The Marines, A&R No. 2 and Executive Division have a 2 to 1 victory ratio. Coppa, of the Executive division, is one of the high ten on the board with a score of 238. Brewer, of the Marines also is on the board with a high 245 as are Martin and Conley of A&R No. 2 with a score of 257 and 255, respectively. All men on the high ten have not reached the board through league games because there haven't been enough league games played. ComAirPac and A&R No. 1 have a 500 average from 6 games. ComAirPac misses Borth who led the top ten with a high of 277, but have a prospective high man, Harbert, who has a top score of 240. Both Communications and FASRon have won 3 and lost 6. Chief Machinist Raine, of FASRon, has the highest score in the league so far. His top game is 222 and his top series is 575. Communications is leaning on Lilligren for a boost in winning average. Operations has won 4 and lost 5. Recreation, which has Bowen on the top ten with a score of 246, has won 1 and lost 5.

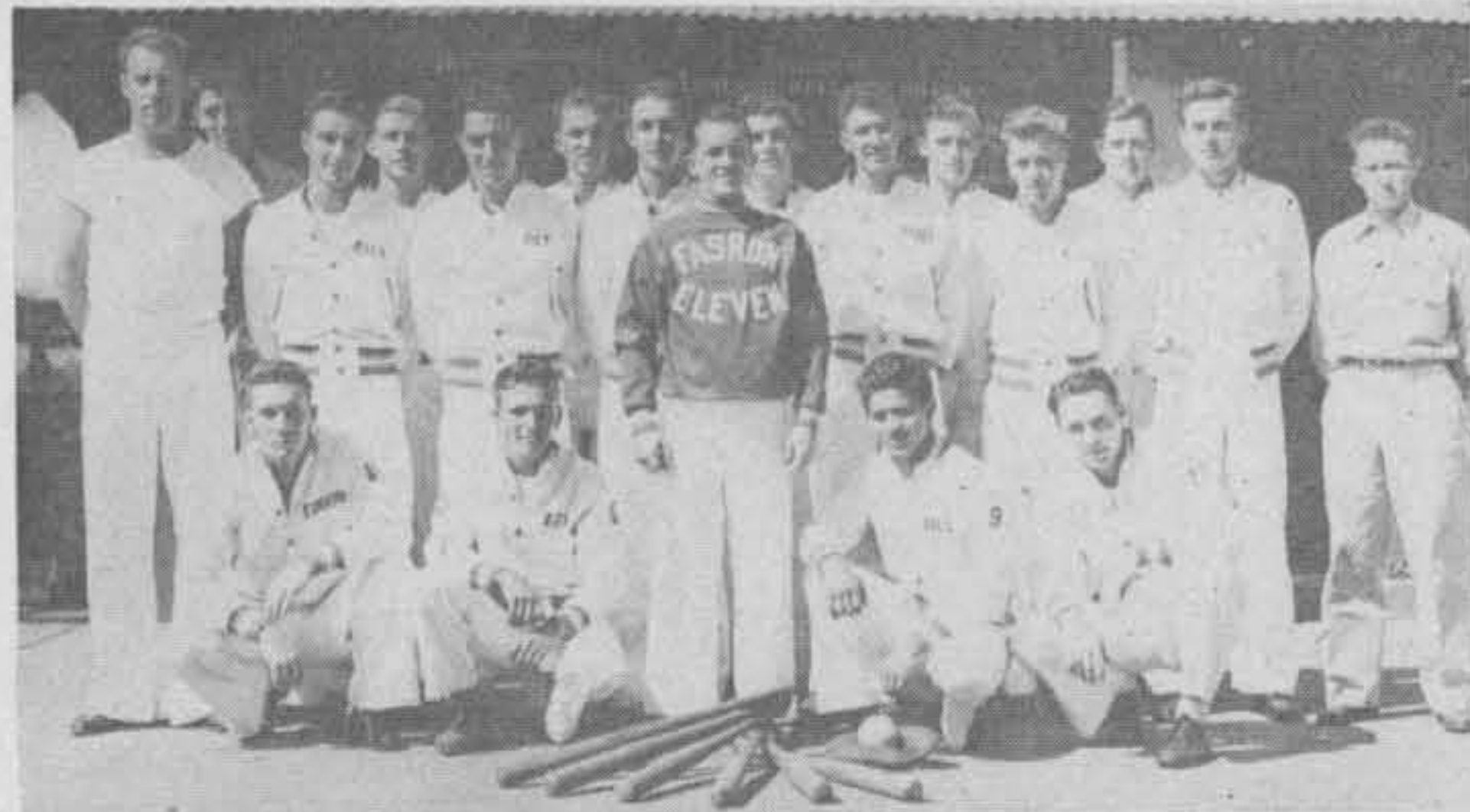
The standings thus far are very close and it is still anyone's league. With competition fairly even and the men with a determination to win, every game will be or come close to being a "hair raiser".

## F. I. In District Swim Meet

Ford Island competed in the District Swimming Meet held at Kaneohe Saturday, 26 July. All Ford Island swimmers qualified or placed.

In the 100 meter freestyle, Adams placed first with a time of 1 minute, 6 seconds. Bohnsack and Schnieder qualified in this event. In the finals of this event the 2nd to 5th places were so close that Bos'n Pressel in his capacity of finishing judge, stated that either a photo finish or a re-swim would have been the most certain way to settle the issue. However, the judges decision was final and the island mermen did not place. There will be another meet held to decide who will form the area team and compete in the All Navy Swimming Tournament to be held at Jacksonville, Florida, in late August.

Bos'n Pressel stated that whatever the



Here are the 14th Naval District American League Softball Champions, The FASRon Outlaws. Led by James' superb pitching, the team garnered 17 wins and 1 loss. They are: front row, left to right: J. B. Buckner, R. Brunner, C. C. Cantrell, W. R. Lares, and D. Burns. Second row, left to right: H. L. James, A. G. Dickhousen, P. Decello, C. A. Blaszyk, R. Wright, J. P. McGonagle, G. Guch, and R. J. Devito. Third row, left to right: J. Harvey, J. Follensbee, P. L. Dunn, C. M. Todd, W. J. Richter and A. E. Counter.

## F. I. Boxers Hold Own In Golden Gloves Tourney

The three Ford Island boxers, who have entered the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament currently being held in Honolulu, are still in the running. Henderson, White and Powell have each had one bout and though White lost a decision in a main event, which was staged as a crowd pleaser to attract attention and a good gate, the loss did not count against his chances to annex the Golden Gloves crown.

White fought Frank Kikuyama of Schofield in the third smoker on 16 July. Kikuyama proved to be a rugged mauler and his continual butting and other roughhouse tactics were enough to upset the less experienced White. The army lad took the first and third rounds by one point each and the second round came out even. White hopes to meet him again in the finals.

On 21 July, Henderson was matched against Joe Boyett of Schofield and won a forfeit when Boyett failed to show up for the match. On the same card Albert Powell won his second bout in two starts for Ford Island when he decisively took all three rounds from Clyde Vasconcelles of Hui Makaala, a civilian club. Powell, though lacking the power needed to down Vasconcelles for the count, did a beautiful job of outboxing his opponent and lived up to his reputation for being one of the smoothest boxers in the area. His only loss to date is a decision lost to Ike Patton, All-Navy champion.

outcome, the Islander mermen made a good showing against high odds. The team had only about 20 training days.

## FASRON FABLES . . .

by J. H. Harvey

The famed FASRon Outlaws finished first in the 14th NavDist softball American League. Needless to say the men who led the team to a 17 win 1 loss record are Jim James, pitcher, George Guch, catcher and team captain, and that slugging second baseman, Ski Blaszyk, who has seven home runs to his credit.

Congratulations are in order for Lt. and Mrs. DeVito—it's a 7½ pound boy who arrived Saturday, 19 July. Also, to Chief and Mrs. Kersey, whose presentation to the cold world is a 7 pound 14 ounce girl.

We are very glad to hear that Mrs. Flannery is back from the hospital and recovering rapidly.

We wish to welcome Lt. (jg) Herbert Fletcher who will relieve Ens. Willie Mills as Material Officer. Ensign Mills will go to school in the states.

### RADAR FLASHES:

Lucero could use a good piece of steak for that eye. . . . What was Zurga trying to do when he just missed tearing down the line shack with the tractor? He gave Joe Bybicki a few new white hairs too. . . . We are wondering why Bilyeu (the local kid) is getting his discharge out here. . . . Who is the girl with the sweet voice that calls up McKeen after securing time? . . . Young sure was tired after his stateside leave—and no wedding ring either. Oh, well. . . . McLaurin and Wells are going to be mighty careful who they associate with after their recent experience in town. . . . Super Flash: FASRon volley boys defeated the Operations six in two straight games to win the Ford Island Championship. Their seasonal record is 15 wins, 1 loss.

## COMAIRPAC COMMENTS

By Fred Gemoules

Fifteen men, returned from leave in the states, have now re-acquainted themselves with the daily routine. The USS REN-DOVA will claim a large portion of the staff. AirPac is losing one of its most colorful characters, Lyle Ekstrom, the mailman. Rivello, of F.A.U. Personnel, Shaffer of Operations and some of the MRI boys are also going aboard.

The fifteen who returned included Bob Hagstrom, Jack Knotts, Irving Kurhan, John Massey, Norm Salmonson, Gifton Smith, Tom Bray, Allen Anderson, F. R. Blackmore, Dave Burkman, Bill Craig, Bill Dickey and Len Daugherty.

The mass awarding of medals has slacked off considerably and many anticipate doing some strutting with them. The awards, Victory Medals, presented by Lt. (jg) Statchen, were for service in the Navy before 31 December 1946.

AirPac Bowlers are wondering whether they had their opponents shaking in their boots or just a lack of organization on behalf of the schedule. A playoff match with Kaneohe has failed to materialize but AirPac hasn't given up hope for future meets with them. The NAS Marines, here on Ford Island, didn't have things well in hand when they failed to show up for a three game series on Wednesday, 23 July. Details as to whether the games will be forfeited or not yet remains to be seen. AirPac, now in the NAS League, is trying to get a match with a team that is supposed to be in excellent standing, the Buddy Prinn Team of Kaneohe.

Lt. (jg) Rosegrant of Operations, Recreation Officer, is in charge of swimming classes now being held for non-swimmers and beginners.

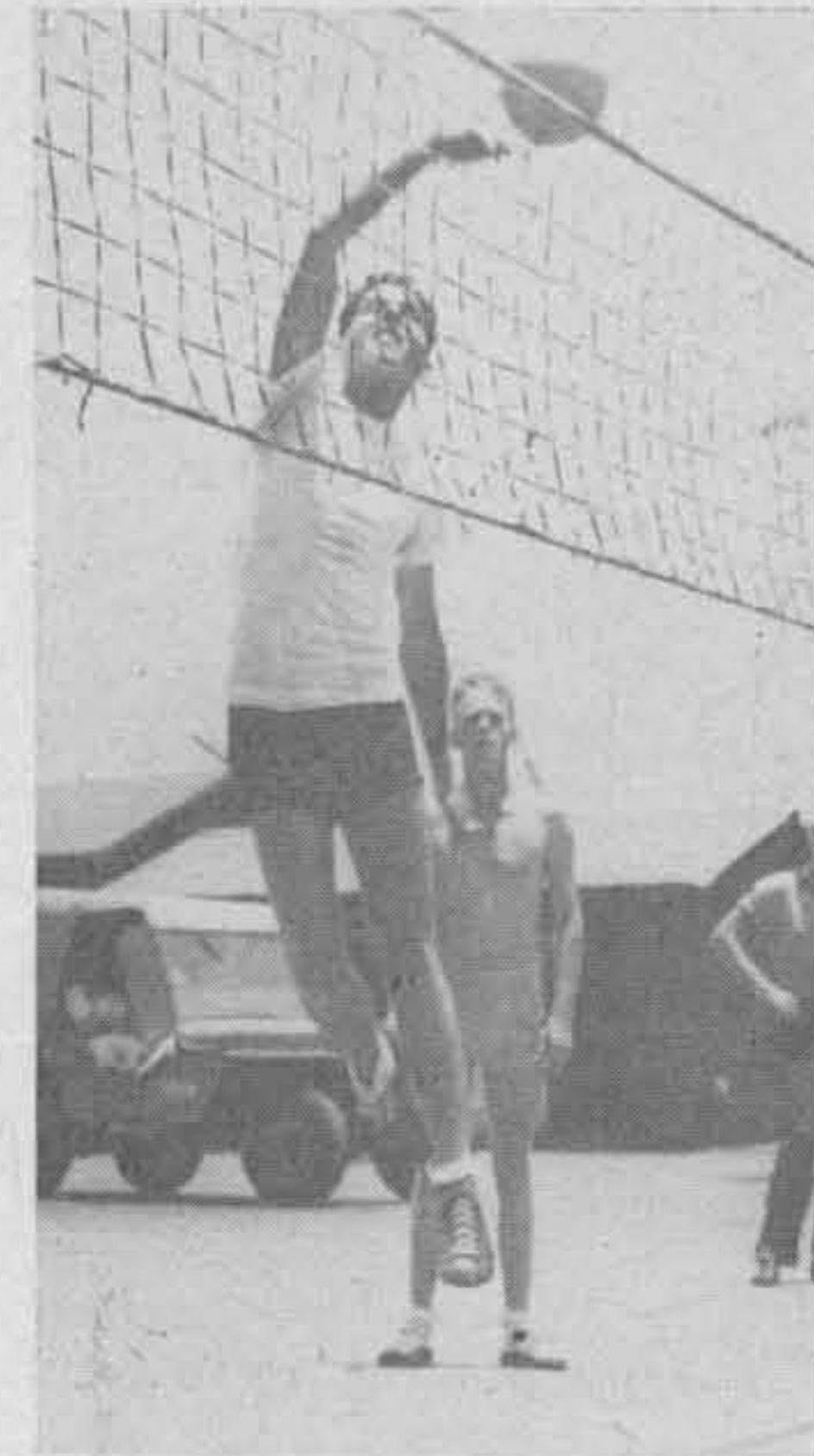
These classes are held in the pool behind the NAS barracks and teach the fundamentals of swimming. Later classes will probably include life-saving and emergency makeshift floating preparation.

## HIGH SCORE IN GED TEST

Being inducted into the Navy before high school graduation may not be very drastic if there is a will toward earning a high school diploma. John F. Smith, S2, of the Rec Hall, has passed the General Educational Development test with flying colors. Smith completed only 9 years of school before induction in the service.

His grades on the G.E.D. test were: English 73; social studies 96; science 98; literature 99 and mathematics 99. Ninety-nine percentile is a perfect score on this test. John's score: 93 percentile.

Smith last attended Fondulac Senior High School at Fondulac, Wisconsin, in April 1946. Final awarding of a Fondulac High School Diploma depends on the decision of the principal. His test grades help him favorably toward receiving the diploma. If Smith receives his dip-



Wilson of the Operations volleyball squad leaps high into the air after the ball in the championship contest against FASRon-11. Operations didn't leap quite enough or high enough. FASRon took the tourney.

## FASRon Wins Intra-Mural Volleyball Tournament

FASRon 11 overwhelmed 5 other volleyball teams in the volleyball tournament to come out winner of both the league and the tournament. The tournament staged during the past two weeks was a double elimination tournament and each team had to lose 2 games in order to be dropped from the tournament.

Surprise of the entire volleyball season was that of A&R 100 div dropping FASRon. This was FASRon's first defeat. In the league, A&R 100 div placed fifth.

The Operations sextet, runnerup in the league, proved to be FASRon's biggest headache. But FASRon's cool, smooth working courtmen held the Operations team.

The players who contributed toward FASRon's successful season are: Lou Hinson, team captain; AMM1 Wheeler, ACMM Husk, AOM3 Guch, AOM1 Flannery, AOM1 James, S1 Harrison, LCDR Adams, Lt. Devito, Lt. (jg) Harvey.

FASRon will be presented a trophy at a later date.

loma, he plans to study law at the University of Wisconsin after his discharge in May 1948.

## Wahine Reporter

by Eunice Chang

TO ALL HANDS AND A COOK: You are invited to drop in and see "Chapple" if and when you are in the vicinity of Portland or, better still, in Tillamook, Oregon, say, about the middle of September, for salmon steaks and cheese sandwiches. He will be leaving us soon and this will be his next duty station. This, perchance, is the reason for the grin on his face being wider and brighter. Or haven't you noticed it?

Proud Daddies are galloping around the department these days. The latest cigar passers are Ralph W. Cote and Thomas Choo, both of whom are in the Material Group, Storage Division. As yet there haven't been any cigars in evidence, but with a little prodding we are expecting them to come along just about anytime now. Cote is the father of another son, his fourth, born 23 July, at the Alea Naval Hospital and tipping the scales at 7½ pounds. Both mother and son were reported doing well. Choo is also the sire of a bouncing baby boy who put in an appearance on July 6. At this writing both babies remain nameless, but we'll congratulate their folks anyway, with the best of everything.

Marian Daniels, the original Wahine Reporter, returned from Mainland leave on 23 July and returned to work Monday, 28 July. She spent two months in her home town, Newport News, Va., and is very glad to be back in "hula land." We'll let her tell you more about her trip when she starts writing this column again.

Also back at work after spending two months on the mainland is Genevieve Albright, who visited such places as Oregon, San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles. There's a little more "pink" in those cheeks of hers, indicating that the trip did wonders for her. "The Mainland is a wonderful place but you have to have a lot of money to enjoy yourself," says Jennie, who ought to know and claims she is most happy to be back to work after a most worthwhile trip.

Returning to the Mainland for leave and reassignment is D. C. Sanders, SK3. Sandy, who checked out Monday, 21 July to report to the Receiving Station for transportation, left a host of friends here and will be missed by all. Bon voyage and the best of luck to you, Sandy.

## Polio Fund Aids Islander

When Ford Islanders contributed so generously to the recent March of Dimes campaign they did not realize at the time that their contribution might help the person who worked next to them. A Ford Islander, whose wife was stricken with polio, applied to the Honolulu Chapter of The National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis for financial assistance. The Foundation assumed the entire hospital

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The infantrymen of Platoon C-3 clamber ashore to start the hike that is part of the Schedule B. training program.



Deep in the woods near the Puuloa Rifle Range the men make camp and pitch tents. The area is secluded and well situated.

## Ford Island Infantrymen Take Hike

The men attached to Ford Island's Infantry Battalion hit the peak of the Schedule "B" infantry training during July when most of the platoons culminated their extended order drill training with a hike and simulated attack on Pearl Harbor at twilight. The hikes started at 1230 when the men were loaded aboard a motor launch and taken to the Yards and Docks boat landing. From there the platoons hiked, route step, toward the Puuloa Rifle Range. The platoon pictured on this page, C-3, hiked along the road and through the woods, along a railway and finally stopped in a wooded area well off the main highway. After tents were pitched, patrols, a squad at a time, were sent out as scouts and lookouts. The area was mapped and a general knowledge of the surrounding territory gained. When the chow wagon showed up, manned by men of the Headquarters Company, the men were ready for it. After chow the strategy for the evening's foray against Ford Island was gone over carefully by the Platoon Leader and his squad leaders. When the plan was finished the men relaxed for a brief period before the trek back to the landing. With the sun well down in the sky the platoon shoved off from the boat landing and approached Ford Island. They landed along the Luke Field side and spread out to do as much damage as possible.



After chow Platoon Leader Falzone goes over the plans for the simulated raid on Ford Island with his squad leaders.



Ready to raid! The C-3 infantrymen start out at dusk to raid buildings and "sabotage" positions and buildings on F. I.

## Chaplain Ruleman Takes Over As Senior Chaplain

Lt. R. N. Ruleman, CHC, relieved Lt. F. M. Graf as senior chaplain 21 July. Chaplain Ruleman arrived at Honolulu on the Mars.

Prior to his arrival here, Chaplain Ruleman was stationed at the U. S. Naval Berthing Facility, Portland, Ore. This was a decommissioning base for ships of the Pacific Reserve Fleet, and it took care of berthing and administrative facilities for the reserve ships. He was stationed there from April 1946 to May 1947, after which he had a leave and journeyed to Pearl Harbor.

Chaplain Ruleman had a 14 month tour of duty with the 92nd Naval Construction Battalion at Tinian in the Marianas Islands, and a short tour of hospital duty on Guam.

Although never stationed in the immediate Pearl Harbor area, the Chaplain has a vague acquaintance with Ford Island. On his way to Tinian in June 1944, he was on the U.S.S. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN when she tied up at Ford Island.

Chaplain Ruleman is very happy to be stationed here and would like to make an acquaintance with the crew at Ford Island. He welcomes anyone to drop in the office but prefers to meet the crew at Sunday church services. Hours of Sunday services have not been changed. Protestant services will continue to be held at 0900 Sundays, and Catholic mass at 1030 Sundays.

The Chaplain's wife, Freda, and their two children, Judy, 4 years old, and David, 8 months old, are on the coast awaiting transportation to join the Chaplain.

## NEW RATING STRUCTURE

The fifth group of the new rating structure is the biggest of the present general service rates. The age old rate of Yeoman, in the eyes of BuPers, is too much for one man, and has been divided among three rates.

### Group V—Administrative and Clerical Teleman—TE

Absorbs present RM (partially), T (partially), SPQRP, MAM, Y (partially). Duties to include communications, clerical coding board, operate voice radios and teletypewriters, perform functions of Navy mail clerk at naval postoffices afloat and ashore, operation and upkeep of electric cipher machines. Emergency service ratings: TEM, mailman; TEL, communications clerk; TEP, registered publications clerk; TEQ, cryptographer; TET, teletypist.

### Radioman—RM

Absorbs present RM (partially), T (partially). Operate and upkeep of voice and CW radio, RDF and teletypewriter equipment. Emergency service ratings: RMN, radioman; RMT, telegrapher.



James F. Wells, AMMP3 of FASron-11

## FASRON FEATURES

FASRON's James F. Wells, AMMP3 is the key man in FASRON's engineering office. In addition to making out various reports, he teaches new men that come into the office.

Wells reported in CASU-1 in February 1946 and is familiar with the routine and duties in the engineering office. He is now supervisor in the office and he is the man who keeps the ball rolling.

Wells, whose home town is Cohoes, New York, enlisted in the Navy in February 1942, at Albany. The boot camp at Newport, Rhode Island, was his home for a few weeks after which he was transferred to the sub-base at New London, Connecticut. After 5 months of sub duty, Wells decided he would like to see the war from the air and entered Naval aviation at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Later he went to prop school at El Segundo and then was transferred to FairWing 8. During this period he was assigned to PBM components 3, 3A, and 4. Following this duty he went to PB4Y mech school at Minneapolis. After completing school Wells had a tour of duty with FairWing 14 at Camp Kierney, California, and then reported to CASU-1 here on Ford Island.

In the near future J.F. is going back to the states for reassignment. It will be with much regret that FASRON bids him adieu. All at FASRON know that wherever his duty station, he will do a fine job as a top petty officer third class.

### Communications Technician—CT

Absorbs present SPQCR, SPQIN, SPQTE (partially), RM (partially). Perform under CNO orders special communication duties. Emergency service ratings: CTY, clerk; CTI, intercept radioman; CTS, special device operation and technician.

### Yeoman—YN

Absorbs present Y (partially). Perform clerical and secretarial duties, including stenography, filing, typing, maintaining records, preparing reports, correspondence. Emergency service ratings: YNT, clerk-typist; YNS, stenographer.

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## Anecdote & Repartee

By Tom Eberle

Charley Duck, foreman of the 100 division, is Mainland bound with his wife and children for a visit to his native state of Indiana. While enroute, Charley will stop in Wisconsin to pick up a new Nash at the factory. All the gang wishes Charley and his family a great trip.

"Poncho" Ellis will act as foreman of the 1000 division while Charley and "Fireaxe" Butts are on leave.

Marion Sheu, Material Section, is slated to be married on 3 August to Mr. Wong. They will fly to Maui for a two week honeymoon. The old gang wishes their trip on the road of matrimony to be a smooth and enjoyable one.

George Langehein, foreman of the 400 Division, reported back to work on 28 July, after a sixty day leave on the Mainland. George reports that he and his wife had a wonderful trip.

The Ford Island Golf Club has been organized and the first tournament was scheduled for 3 August at the Schofield Golf Course. Tee off time was 0900. The Golf Club membership is open to all military personnel and civilian employees aboard the station. Anyone wishing to join the Club may contact the following members for information: Lt. J. S. Desy, Jr., (A&R Dept.), William Hong (Supply), Gilbert Spencer (Public Works), C. R. Lewis (A&R, J. I. Saugh (A&R), Henry Barcelona (Public Works), and Tom Eberle (A&R).

Red Hofler, formerly of Storeroom 1099, has moved to the main office in Material Section, working on material follow-up. Nancy is doing a great job since she took this job over.

## Ford Island Family Affairs

Comings and goings: Lt. Commander and Mrs. Carl Starkes and children sailed for the Mainland on 26 July. . . . Commander and Mrs. Berquist have moved to Barber's Point. . . . Captain and Mrs. Frank Bruner and daughters are now occupying Quarters M. Welcome aboard!

Admiral and Mrs. Price entertained at a delightful dinner for ten in honor of General and Mrs. Wallace, USMC, who leave shortly for the Mainland.

Captain and Mrs. Dudley entertained at a buffet dinner to celebrate the 18th wedding anniversary of Admiral and Mrs. M. B. Gardner on Tuesday, 22 July, at Quarters A.

The summer, approaching its mid-point, has slowed the local social scene down almost to a walk. Most of Ford Island's residents were busy visiting the beaches and enjoying the perfect climate of the emerald isle of the Pacific. Perhaps there will be more news of note in the next issue. Aloha for now.





Miss Harrell, Secretary to Cmdr. Martin.



Mrs. Maletz, Secretary to Captain Dudley.

## Skipper's and Exec's Secretaries Stay Busy

Because of their consistent efficiency, the two secretaries in the executive offices, have been passed unnoticed by most men on this station. Mrs. Maletz is Captain's secretary and Miss Jayne Harrell is Executive Officer's secretary.

Mrs. Maletz came to Pearl Harbor\* to join her Marine sergeant husband who is stationed at the Navy Yard. Exactly three weeks after she arrived, on Nov. 25, 1946, she assumed duties at the Captain's secretarial desk. She had tried to work at the Navy Yard so she could be with her husband, but, as one can see, wound up at Ford Island. And according to the pert secretary, she has not regretted it.

This is not Mrs. Maletz first contact with the armed services. In July 1943, she enlisted in the Marines, and in December, 1945, was discharged as a sergeant. It was during this period she met Sgt. Maletz, and they were married October, 1945, at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Miss Jayne Harrell holds down the numerous secretarial duties in the Executive Officer's office. Miss Harrell is also familiar with Naval routine and duties. She has had almost five years work with the Navy and prior to coming to Pearl Harbor, she worked for ComNavBase Terminal Island.

Included in her numerous duties are: taking proceedings of court martials; making up the plan-of-the-day; and typing of all directives originating from the Executive Officer. She even proof-reads the FORD ISLANDER.

Long Beach, California, claims pretty Miss Harrell as one of its own. Friends of Miss Harrell, who had been at Pearl Harbor, told her how wonderful it was out here. She has yet to receive her first disappointment about the island, her job and the people with whom she works. Under Navy duty orders she reported in the Executive Officer's office 22 April, 1947.

## Airedale University

By Thos. B. Neff

Off-duty education on Ford Island is comprised of two groups, both seeking the same result: (1) afternoon and evening classes taught under competent instructors; and (2) correspondence courses secured through the Armed Forces Institute.

Experience has shown that evening classes supplemented by the Armed Forces Institute texts are more satisfactory than the correspondence courses due to supervised study.

More than seventy men are now attending educational classes at this station in five different subjects. A majority are for high school credit in order to enable the students to attend college under the G.I. Bill after discharge. A method of evaluating a man's Navy trainings for high school training has been devised and most high schools grant such credit toward a diploma. The amount of credit is governed by the individual case, but, depending on many factors, the amount could total eight units or two years of high school work. The average is about one-half year credit for any one course.

Almost one hundred men are now taking correspondence courses through the USAFI here on the station. The only cost to any man taking any number of courses (both high school and college level) provided he takes one course at a time, is a registration fee of \$2.00. The cost of one of these courses for a civilian would be many times that figure. Any personnel desiring to take advantage of this spare time study may make application for the course of their choice at the Airedale University Office.

Visitor (at asylum): "Do you have to keep the women inmates separated from the men?"

Attendant: "Sure, the people here ain't as crazy as you think."

## Training Notes . . .

By Lt. A. G. Bowers

In the next few issues of the FORD ISLANDER, an attempt will be made through this column to set forth to all hands, especially those who want to advance in rate, the necessary information pertaining to the qualifications for advancement in rating, which will become effective about 1 January, 1948.

To permit the orderly advancement of enlisted personnel on a firm and equitable basis, qualifications for advancement in rating have been established by the Bureau of Personnel. The following are definitions basic to advancement-in-rating procedures:

A **RATING** is a name given to an occupation which requires, basically, related aptitudes, training, experience, knowledge and skills.

A **RATE** is a pay grade within a specific rating, reflecting levels of aptitude, training, experience, knowledge, skill and responsibility. Thus, the rating of a Yeoman is reductible to rates of Chief Yeoman, Yeoman first, Yeoman second, and Yeoman third. Personnel in ratings in pay grade five, or below, are classed as "non-rated" personnel.

**ADVANCEMENT IN RATING** is an increase in pay grade within a rating or an increase in pay grade of non-rated personnel. Example: Yeoman third class to Yeoman second class; Seaman apprentice to Seaman.

A **CHANGE IN RATING** is a change from one rating group to another. Example: Yeoman third class to Storekeeper third class, or Seaman to Fireman.

**CHANGE IN STATUS** is a term normally applied to changes from pay grade 1A to pay grade 1, rather than to advancements, reductions, or to changes in rating. Example: Chief Yeoman (acting appointment) to Chief Yeoman.

A **GENERAL SERVICE RATING** is a peacetime or basic rating which encompasses a broad and comprehensive occupational area. In peacetime, this is the rating held by a man on active duty in the regular Navy. During a period of national emergency and at a time to be determined, men in a general service rating will be changed to an appropriate emergency service rating. Example: general service rate of Boatswain's Mate, first class, may be changed to Boatswain's Mate G, first class.

## Polio Fund Aids . . .

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and nursing bill and now she is well on the way to recovery.

In a letter to Admiral Hall, Com14, Mr. R. H. Allen, Chairman of the Honolulu Chapter expressed that "... Because of the extraordinarily fine cooperation the Honolulu Chapter has had from the U.S. Navy in our annual fund raising campaign, we are gratified when we can do something tangible to aid someone of or connected with the Navy in time of need."