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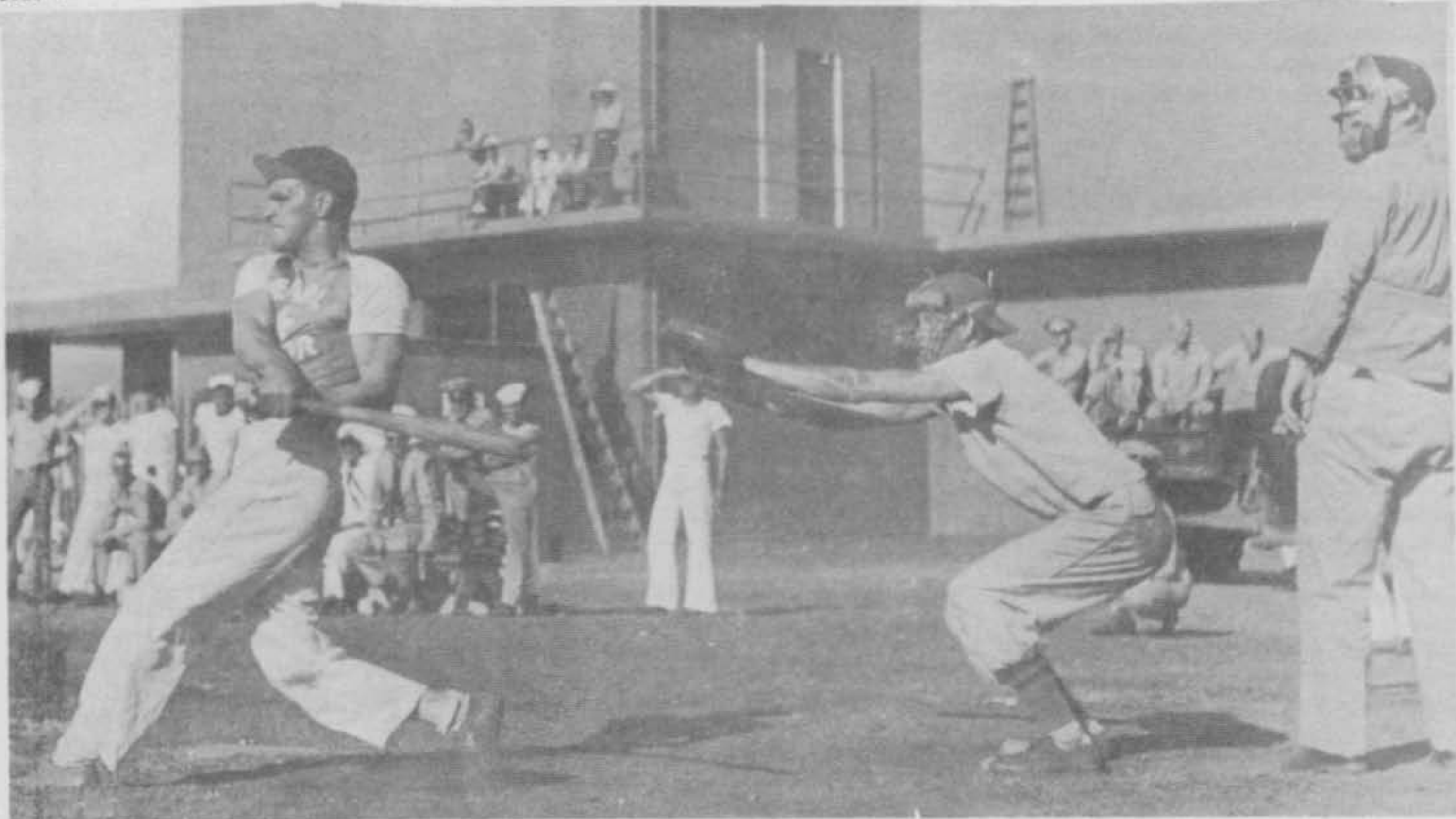
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NAVAL AIR

STATION

PEARL HARBOR T.H.

JULY 18,
1943



Bradford, big Marine left fielder, sends a screaming double over second to score another run for NAS Pearl in the game with Barbers Point. He has wielded the big stick for Ford Island in each game played.

NAS Pearl Leads Softball League

AIR STATION SOFTBALL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	P.C.
NAS PEARL	3	0	1.000
NAS BARBERS PT.	2	1	.666
NAS KANEHOE	0	2	.000
BARBERS PT. MARINES	0	2	.000

By CSp. C. H. Hoar, Jr.

NAS Pearl's scrappy softball team won undisputed possession of first place in the Oahu Air Station Softball League last week by nosing out a tough team from NAS Barbers Point, 5-4. The Ford Islanders had previously won a no-hit no-run game from Kaneohe, 6-0, and a 9-2 victory over Barbers Point Marines.

After "Ski", our portsider, had been relieved in the second inning with three runs scored, the bases full and none out, "Stretch" Smith took the mound. He retired the opposing sluggers after walk-

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Ford Island Enlisted Men Invited to Big Dance Here Sunday; USO to Furnish Wahine Partners

It's here at last! With all the trimmings, Ford Island enlisted men will "step out" Sunday at 1530 with a bevy of USO beauties and trip the light fantastic at Casu Hangar on the Luke Field side. Only enlisted men of the Navy, Army and Marine Corps on the Island are invited, as it is strictly a service man's affair.

Music will be furnished by the inimitable AirPac Band under the talented baton of Chief Bandmaster Bennett. During an intermission, refreshments will be served in the after portion of the hangar. Festivities will secure at 1730.

Dress will be as follows: Navy, undress whites with neckerchiefs; CPO's, khaki with tie; Army and Marines will wear ties.

The dance is being sponsored by the Ford Island Welfare Committee. If it proves a success, more dances will be held in the future. Committee members follow:

Lt. A. C. Schoen, USNR, OinC; Lt. J. S. Winchell, USNR, entertainment;

CPhM C. T. Reil and CSP. C. H. Hoar, co-chairmen; ACMM R. W. Tribber, transportation; CSp. M. Genera, refreshments; A. J. Kahrs, BM2c, police, V. Herbert Segar, AM3c, reception.

CPO'S TO DANCE AGAIN

Ford Island chief petty officers will hold another dance at the House in the Gardens, Jack Lane, Honolulu, from 1300 to 2000 on 22 July. Music will be furnished by Bill Tappy's Orchestra. There will be plenty of beer, specialty numbers, refreshments and transportation. Tickets will be on sale at your mess hall. No charge for ladies.

How To Mail Ford Islander

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NAVY AIR CHIEF WATCHES WAR BOND DRIVE HERE

Story of Ford Island's Favorite Tunesters-

The AirPac Band--And How They Got That Way!

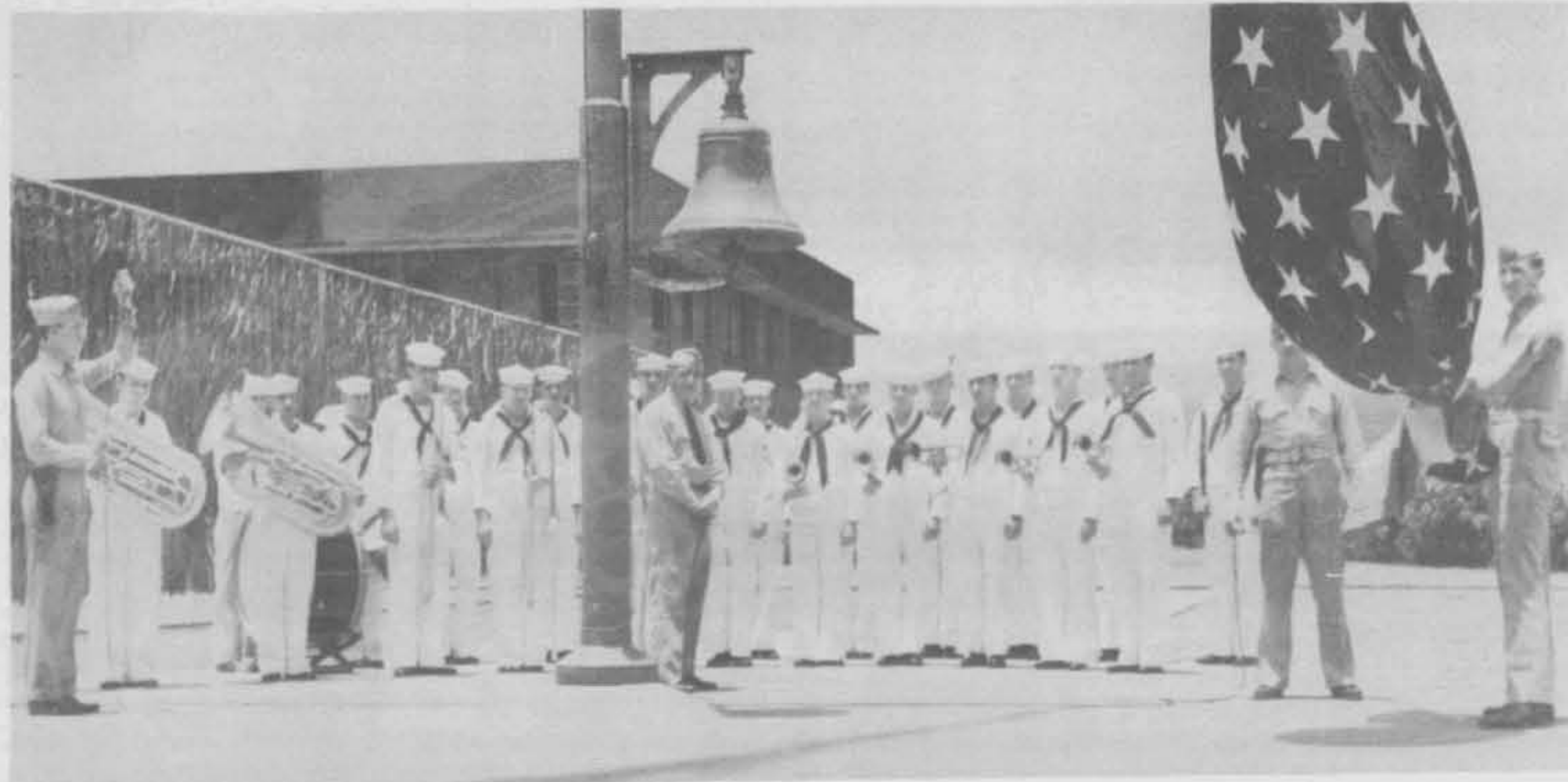
By Roy F. Cromer, RM3c

Versatility is the keynote of the musical organization known to Ford Islanders as the AirPac band and Philip P. Bennett, bandmaster, is largely responsible for the reputation which this outfit is gaining throughout the Navy. Yes sir, whether it be a strong classical interpretation of Bizet's "Carmen" or a pulse pounding swing edition of Harry James' "Feet-dragging Blues", Mr. Bennett and the boys are in there pitching strictly on the solid side.

It all started back in February, 1940 when this group, all of whom were attending the US Naval School of Music in Washington, D. C., got together for their first rehearsal. Their particular brand of harmony was evidently agreeable; so much so, in fact, they were sent to Norfolk in April to learn a few intricate march routines before pushing on to the New York World's Fair, where for a few months they dazzled the customers with exhibitions of which only a first class marching band is capable.

Their New York tour of duty was temporarily interrupted; some one over at the Brooklyn Navy Yard was launching a battleship, the North Carolina, and needed a band. So it was these same lads who provided the musical background for the baptismal splash of this

Chief Bandmaster Bennett and his popular AirPac Band are seen at colors.



mighty battle wagon.

Upon graduation from the School of Music in November, the band was transferred to San Diego where they remained until December, 1942. It was here they added to their versatility, forming within themselves various units which could alternate as a dance or concert band, or a seven-piece outfit strictly swing. From San Diego they came to Ford Island and have furnished much in the way of pleasure and recreation for the men here.

Their duties on the Station, while strictly musical, are many and varied. They play for dances, receptions, and before feature time at the movies. On Sundays they furnish the music for divine services and every day they see that Old Glory is properly raised as they play the National Anthem. Incoming and outgoing ships are usually saluted by their stirring marches and melodious rendition of "Aloha Oe". Their occasional concerts at the beer garden almost charm a guy away from "Royal" and "Primo" back to the days of Budweiser and Schlitz. Such is the power of music.

Mr. Bennett has been contributing to the musical welfare of the Navy for years. He is ably assisted by Maurice Ford, First Musician, who does most of the arranging and wields the baton in the absence of the bandmaster.

Urges Personnel To Allot Bonds

Evidence of the keen interest which the Navy Department in general, and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air in particular, is taking in NAS Pearl's war bond campaign is contained in a letter received by Capt. J. F. Wegforth, USN, Commanding Officer, from the Hon. Artemus L. Gates. The letter follows:

"Dear Captain Wegforth: The May report from the office of the Coordinator for War Bonds points out that the Air Stations as a group lead all other groups for the second successive month in the War Bond Program. This report also states that for the first time, over 91% of all civilian employes throughout the Naval establishment are investing over 10% of their gross pay regularly through the Payroll Savings Plan.

"In recognition of this splendid achievement, the President of the United States addressed a letter of congratulations to Mr. Knox on this remarkable showing. In this same letter the President expresses his approval and pleasure at the news that the same opportunity is currently being offered (through bond allotments) to the officers and enlisted personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

"It is in connection with bond allotments that I am writing you. I feel, as I am sure you do, that the Naval Aeronautical organization should, as always,

lead the way. I am, therefore, requesting you to furnish me as speedily as possible by Air Mail the number of bond allotments signed to date in your Command, with the percentage of total Naval personnel that this represents, and a brief outline of the organization and procedure that has been set up.

"Several air activities have already completed campaigns resulting in 80% to over 98% of their total Naval personnel signed for bond allotments.

"Sincerely yours,

ARTEMUS L. GATES."

NAS Pearl civilian war workers are now over Secnav's 90-10 standard of excellence, with the highest efficiency rating in the 14th Naval District. And if other Naval Stations are allotting bonds up to 98% of personnel, there is no reason why NAS Pearl officers and enlisted men cannot do it.

If you are not one of the 70 per cent who have already signed up for an allotment, don't put it off any longer. See your Division Officer today and he will help you arrange it in five minutes.

Remember — the Navy War Bond Savings Plan is designed to help YOU save money regularly, at a high rate of interest, and with a minimum of trouble. Its flexible provisions permit you to select a plan which fits your own individual needs.

CIVILIAN WAR WORKERS

DEPT.	PER CENT ON 7/15
PUBLIC WORKS	100
SUPPLY	96
ADMIN. BUILDING	87
FIRST LIEUT.	84
A&R	83
I&S	89
Station Percentage	91

NAVY PERSONNEL

OPERATIONS	90
DISB. & COMM.	92
COMMUNICATIONS	82
SUPPLY	79
INS.&SUR.	82
FIRST LIEUT.	56
ORDNANCE	54
A&R	60
MEDICAL	38
Station Percentage	70

Recipe for Victory: Work 48 hours EVERY week, and work hard while you're working.

AT NEW NAS THEATRE

SEVEN DAYS LEAVE—Victor Mature, Lucille Ball, Ginny Simms, Freddy Martin and his orchestra, Les Brown and his orchestra, and THE GREAT GILDERSLEEVE.

LADIES DAY—Lupe Velez, Eddie Albert, Patsy Kelly, Max Baer, and RIDING THROUGH NEVADA—Charles Starrett, Shirley Patterson.

FORD ISLAND SPORTS ACTIVITIES



SMITH CONGRATULATES SMITH!— Lt. N. G. Smith, USNR, newly arrived Athletic Officer at NAS Pearl, shakes the talented pitching hand of "Stretch" Smith, NAS Pearl's star moundman, after the latter won his own game against Barbers Point at Mullinix Field.

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ing in one run, and the score was 4-0 for Barbers Point. We scored one run in our half of the second when Daisy Mac Donald sent a screaming three-bagger into deep center and scored on a wild throw-in to third. In the third our boys came through with three more runs to tie the score, due to some lusty clouting by Williams, Venter and Bradford.

The "lucky seventh" turned up with the score still at 4-4. Hunter sent a scorching single to center, stole second and went to third on a passed ball. With Smith at the plate the stage was all set for a Frank Merriwell finish, and "Stretch" came through in storybook style by rapping a clean double to center, scoring Hunter and winning his own game, 5-4.

Our team plays next at Barbers Point, taking on the Marines for a second time Sunday. Last Sunday's scheduled game between Kaneohe and the Marines was postponed until August 8.

Ford Islanders Win No-Hit No-Run Game at NAS Kaneohe

Bradford's big bat and perfect pitching by Smith and "Ski" Wojewicz set the Kaneohe Klippers back on their heels at Kaneohe recently, NAS Pearl winning easily, 6-0.

Our boys collected six safeties. Smith struck out five Klippers in the five innings he worked, while "Ski" whiffed five of the six men who faced him.

Next game to be played at Pearl Harbor is scheduled for next Sunday, July 25, when NAS Kaneohe will appear at Mullinix Field. All fans are urged to come out and support our hustling ten.

PUBLIC WORKS WAHINES SCRUB LAUNDRY, 16-5

Public Works Wahines really poured it on to the Laundry Queens last week when they took the first game of the newly organized Girls Softball League, 16 to 5.

The Wahines have been practicing every day during their lunch hour and were really "hot". There were plenty of sparkling plays as well as a barrel of laughs. Ruth Wedemeyer was the star at bat for the Queens, poling out a homer in the third with the bases loaded, and was equally brilliant in the field. Rose Lorfink distinguished herself by gathering in two towering flies.

The game was better than the best USO show, boys, so don't miss the next one!

FORD ISLAND BOXERS BUSY

By Russell Jones, Y3/c

NAS Pearl's championship boxing team will be throwing leather again in the near future—this time in the direction of NAS Barbers Point and NAS Kaneohe. No definite dates have been set as yet for these fights, but an announcement will be made soon.

A home-and-home series of matches is being arranged with Aiea Naval Barracks, also. In the meantime Coach Ralph Volkie is rounding his team into shape for a regular series of semi-monthly smokers. New men are urged to turn out for the team, since a large squad will be needed to take on all the opposition.

So far two new boys have made the squad—Red McDermont, 150 pounds, who packs a terrific wallop in his right fist; and Lloyd Estopinal, a fast-stepping 118-pounder.

The boys are all sorry to lose Lt. W. H. Compton, boxing officer, who has been detached. His successor will be announced next week.

SUPPLY BOWLING LEAGUE

After four weeks of hard and fancy bowling at the Pla Mor Bowling Alleys, the NAS Supply Women's Bowling league is in a three-way tie for leadership. Stock Control, Timekeepers and Outgoing have been undefeated so far.

The pretty lassies from Outgoing are the team to bear watching. They might be able to upset the two strongest teams in the league, namely, Stock Control and Personnel Timekeepers.

The other teams are not to be taken lightly, as they are right behind the leaders.

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Job Absentees Fined, Jailed

During the past few weeks many war workers have been given stiff fines or jail sentences, or both, in Honolulu provost court for unauthorized absence from work, according to the Honolulu Advertiser.

The drive against absenteeism is continuing with indications that it will soon spread to many other war activities, the newspaper said.

One war worker, a truck driver, was fined \$100 and sentenced to two months in jail. Two dozen others were punished by fines ranging from \$50 to \$500 and jail sentences from one to two months.

Here on Ford Island, where all war work is so closely related to the fate of our forces on the South Pacific battlefronts, is the last place one would expect to find absenteeism. But look at the summary just compiled for June: 8,153 man hours lost due to absenteeism; 20,929 man hours due to authorized absence, and 7,277 man hours due to sick leave. Think of the number of war-worn airplanes we could repair with 8,153 man hours! Then think of the boys down there in the tropic swamps who may die because these same planes were not there!

One of our number who has chosen to be known as "Namron," has submitted the following on the subject of absenteeism:

He was doing urgent war work,

While his friends were—you know where;

But he liked to loaf an extra day—

To heck with his full share!

So he stayed away another day,

While his friends were battling Japs;

The Griper--

"Hey, Mac,

ain't they

gonna

have a

Mickey

Mouse?"

--By

Cluff



No days off for them from blood and sweat—

But do you think he gave a rap?

He boasted when he came in late:

"That's my own ---- affair!"

But will his friends be glad to hear

That he's the Man Who Wasn't There?

Let's all pitch in and sweat and work

To help make all men free;

Let's give our boys a great big lift—

LET'S PURGE THE ABSENTEE!!

**NAS ABSENTEEISM
 JUNE 1943**

DEPT.	Number of Man Hours lost		
	UNAUTHOR. ABS. (LWOP)	AUTHOR. ABSENCE	SICK LEAVE
A&R	2011	9749	2309
PUB. WKS.	3023	5577	1066
SUPPLY	3022	5482	3814
1ST. LT.	81	105	24
I&S	16	16	64
TOTALS	8153	20,929	7277

Why take only 1 per cent from a bank when Uncle Sam will pay you 2.9% through the Navy War Bond Savings Plan?

NAS Metalsmith Is Honored

Valuable suggestions made by workers on how to speed up the war effort are not always filed in the wastebasket, as some people believe. At least that's what J. W. Thomas, Aviation Metalsmith, Inter., A. & R. war worker, discovered the other day when he read a letter received by Capt. J. F. Wegforth, USN, Commanding Officer, from the Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics. The letter stated:

"1. The subject suggestion (made by J. W. Thomas) for a lead-in and seating tool for wing attachment bolt is under consideration by the Committee of Awards, Bureau of Aeronautics.

"2. In the meantime it is felt that the suggestion may be of value to other stations engaged in similar operations.

"3. It is suggested that a copy of the drawing and a description of the use of the tool be forwarded to the following stations (list of 11 of the largest U. S. Naval Air Stations).

"Every dime and every dollar not vitally needed for absolute necessities should go into War Bonds."—President Roosevelt.