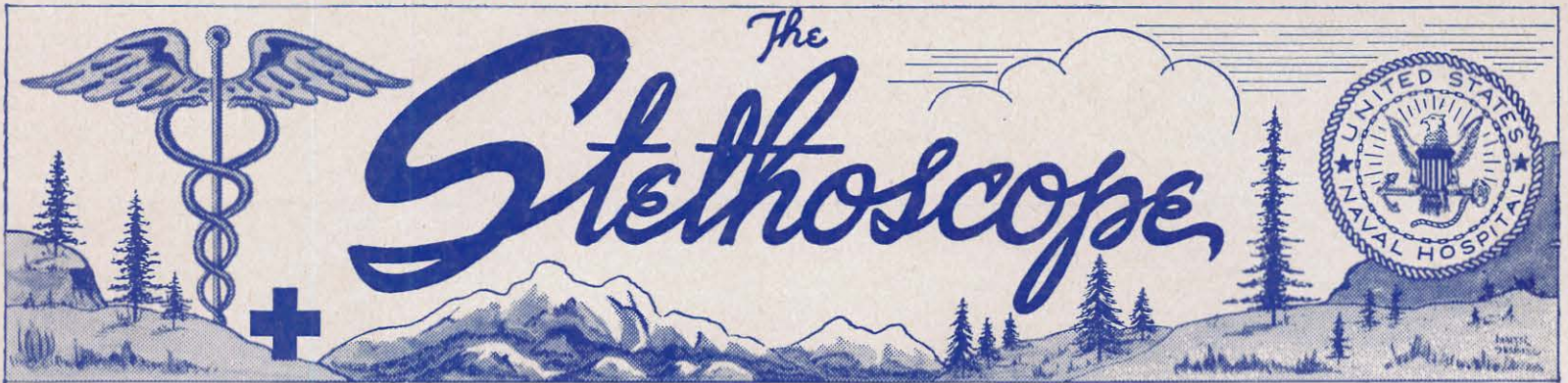


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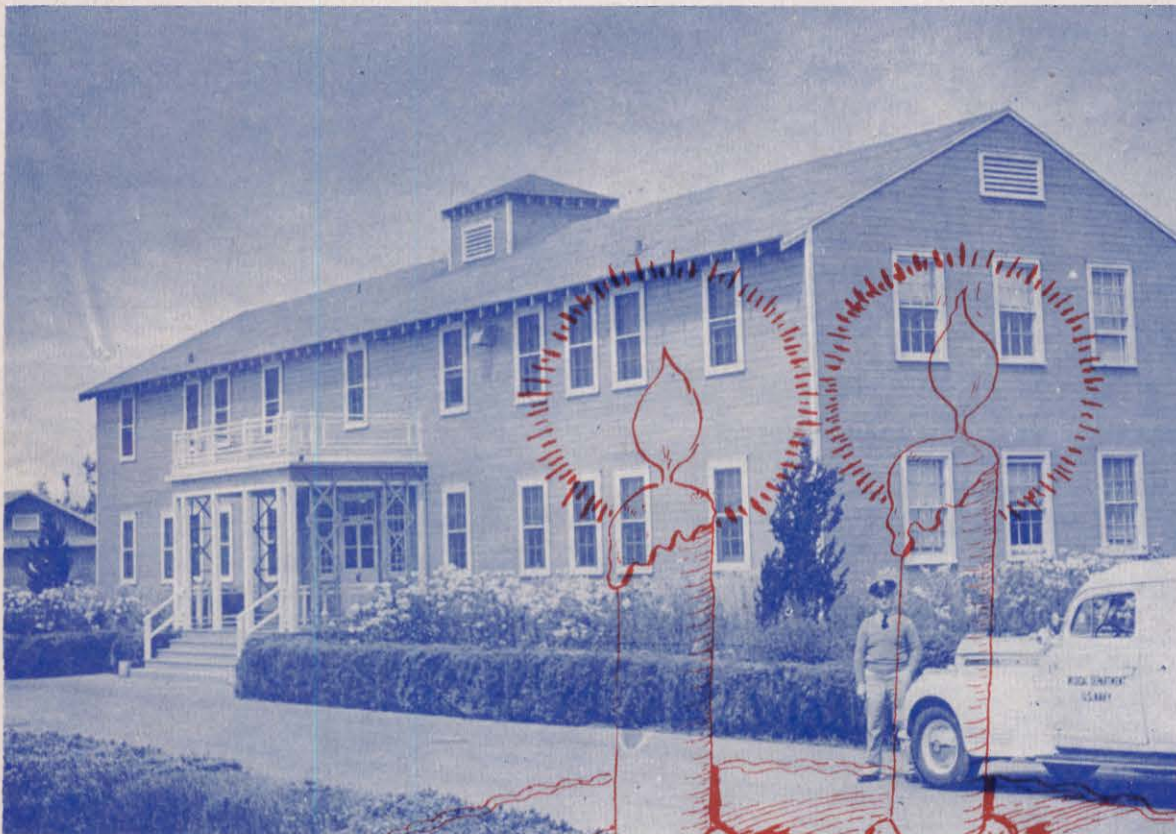


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USNH TWO YEARS OLD TODAY



Hospital Vastly Changed From Appearance 2 Years Ago

Hoisting of colors officially opened the Seattle Naval Hospital two years ago as the entire hospital staff and civilian workers attended the commissioning ceremony which was conducted by the first commanding officer, Captain F. F. Murdoch.

On that date, August 22, 1942, civilian civil service employees and the skeleton hospital staff consisting of doctors, nurses and hospital corpsmen plus a Red Cross staff of one, Miss Virginia Farr, stood in front of the Administration building during the brief program.

A far different station then, it featured dusty roads that turned to mud with every rainfall. Today finds such inconveniences merely memories with modern medical facilities that impress all who visit.

It was back in January, 1942, when the wheels for a hospital began to turn with the first clearing of a virtual forest that finally yielded to an 800 bed hospital. Its first patient was admitted on the afternoon of August 22. Since then admission has grown to almost staggering numbers.

Today as we celebrate our birthday construction activity continues in a tempo that is constantly increasing the size and scope of medical possibilities at this hospital.

Special Anniversary Dinner

August 22, 1944

- Cream of Tomato Soup
- Waldorf Salad
- Roast Tom Turkey
- Corn Bread Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Giblet Gravy
- Fresh Lima Beans
- Mashed Potatoes
- Buttered Corn
- Ice Cream
- Fresh Apple Pie
- Coffee

NINE PLANK OWNERS RECALL COMMISSIONING

Nine staff members compose the remnant of the original crew that commissioned the Seattle Naval Hospital two years ago today.

Consisting of four doctors, three Hospital Corps officers and two enlisted men, the group honor this day with memorable pride. Their assistance to establish this hospital was realized two years ago at a commissioning ceremony, but a richer satisfaction exists today in their good fortune to be still attached and be part of an institution that has more than doubled its size, quality and function.

The "Plank Owners"

Leading the list of 'plank owners' is Commander A. M. French, Chief

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Congratulations . . .

Two years ago on the 22nd of August the Seattle Naval Hospital came into being and was commissioned. Captain Franklyn F. Murdoch became its first Commanding Officer, and in six months this new Naval Hospital had replaced a forest area. Captain Murdoch had worked indefatigably in directing the construction of the hospital in a comparatively brief period of time. The 22nd of August, 1942, must have been to him a day of gratification as he gazed upon his handiwork and found that it was a hospital in reality. He well knew that it was not a completed project, but he had the satisfaction of knowing it was a new haven for the casualties of war. In two years the hospital has grown to maturity and is no longer a fledgling but has taken its place in full maturity as one of the largest naval hospitals in the United States. Originally it was developed as a 800 bed hospital. Today, on its Second Anniversary, it has a patient colony of approximately 2500. Surely a growth in patient load multiplied by five is a progress statistically measured as remarkable. Never during its two years of existence has it ceased to grow. Today on this its Second Anniversary, it is still expanding. Its ability to meet the challenge placed upon it has only been possible through spiritual development, for its attainments have been realized by the spirit of the Naval and civilian staff which has given of its life blood. The general appearance of the hospital has shown continuous change and progressive improvement in its physical appearance is noticeable. All buildings are now freshly painted, attractive and becoming to the general landscape of the area. Green grass, trees, shrubbery and flowers cover the hospital grounds. When another spring arrives the plantings of the present year will bring forth a very beautiful appearing

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The Stethoscope

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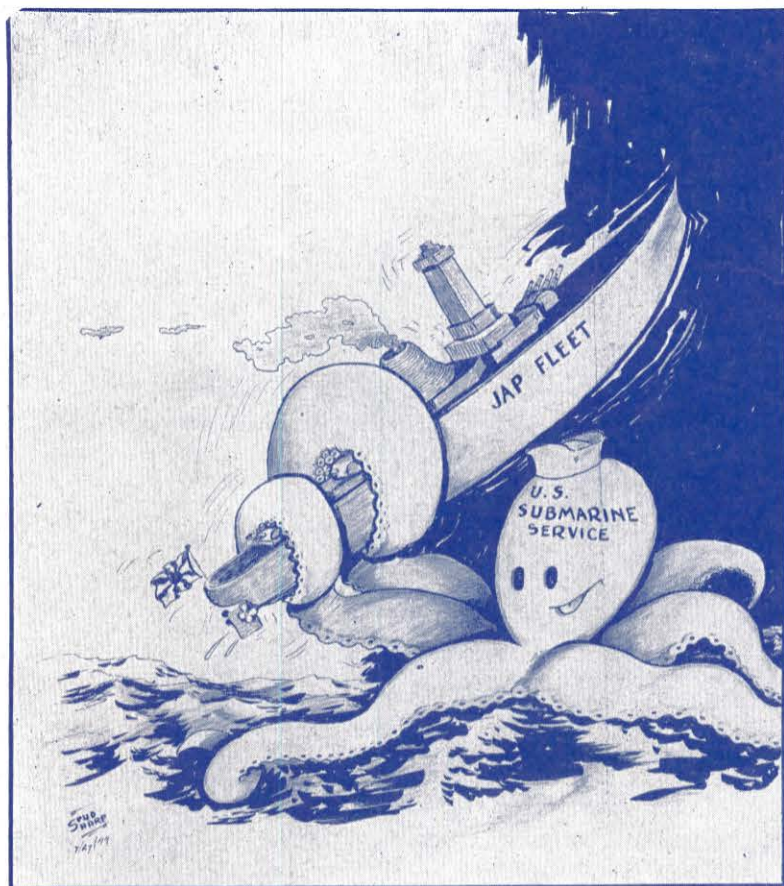
Congratulations . . .

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hospital reservation. The entire inner appearance of the buildings has been greatly improved. Shortly a new lighting system throughout the compound will remove the last vestige of the depressing dim-out period of early war days. The complimentary reaction by inspectors and general visitors surely gratifies and encourages to greater effort those who are held responsible for the administration of the hospital. The professional attainments cannot be surpassed in any other hospital, governmental or civilian. The morale reflected in the will of ALL HANDS to have this hospital in the forefront of the Nation's provision for its sick and injured of war is the surest harbinger that the Seattle Naval Hospital looks backward with satisfaction, but more importantly, it looks forward to greater opportunities for service.

To all who have shared in the accomplishments of the past two years, it is the privilege of the incumbent Commanding Officer to, from the depths of his heart in behalf of the hospital, say Thank You and Congratulations.

J. T. BOONE, CAPT. (MC) USN,
Medical Officer in Command.



NINE PLANK OWNERS RECALL COMMISSIONING

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of Surgery, who came here as a survivor from the U.S.S. Yorktown, which was lost. He maintained his pre-war practice in Logan, West Virginia.

Commander S. H. Black arrived at this hospital from the Naval Medical Center at Bestheseda. His private practice was conducted in Akron, Ohio.

Commander W. K. Slack was ordered here from the San Diego Naval Hospital and before the war practiced in Saginaw, Michigan.

Lieutenant Carl Jensen was assigned to this hospital, assisted in its commissioning, and then sent to sea. He is now attached here again, and is in his home town of Seattle.

Chief Pharmacist R. L. Thrasher, 25 years in the Navy, came here from an aircraft tender, the U.S.S. Wright.

Chief Pharmacist R. T. Day, 23 years in the Navy, was ordered to this hospital from Navy recruiting duty in Salt Lake City.

Lt. (jg) D. L. Finch, of the Hospital Corps, 21 years in the Navy, arrived here from the U.S.S. Minneapolis.

Enlisted plank owners are Dale E. Brewster, PhM1c, who arrived from the U. S. Naval Station, Seattle, and F. A. Olson, PhM1c, from the Bremerton Naval Hospital.



Of the time the gals tried a dance —no good!
Not forgetting the success of a party —with food!
Even though they gripe about USNH, Seattle—
You should hear what they write back—sympathetic prattle!
Except a few that say they're glad to go—
And when they get "THERE"—what a tale of woe!
Right now we have quite a crew aboard—

And some of us may at times be slightly bored—
Geeh, who isn't at times?—why not nurses?
Only we laught about it—no curses!

"DIS IS DATA"

In addition to about fifty new nurses, we also have had with us for the past six months, about forty-one Cadet Nurses. (It will be very interesting to see how many of them come into the Navy.

(A slight pause—in sad remembrance for "Pansy"—the ugly, little alley cat that grew on us (well, it grew anyway!) and was finally killed in a way too horrible to mention—so, we won't.)

Our Dining Room of Blue and Gold—where the food is hot and the water cold! (The color scheme was Captain Boone's idea and we think it's swell!)

Mrs. Gladys Shaw Heads Civilians In Service Time

"First Lady" of the hospital is Mrs. Gladys Shaw, who boarded this hospital on January 19, 1942, even before it was constructed.



Mrs. Gladys Shaw

She assisted two Hospital Corps Officers, Mr. McWilliams and Mr. Hunt with all pre-commissioning work in a small office in the Exchange Building. She helped hire many of the present civilian staff and organized the clinical record department. Mrs. Shaw is now on duty daily at her desk as chief stenographer of the Personnel office.

Second to Mrs. Shaw in length of service is Mr. H. Hawker, civilian head of the maintenance department. Other civilian "plank owners" are Carl A. Foss, Mrs. Nola B. Burruss, Mrs. R. T. Day, Mrs. Vera B. Caldwell, Mrs. M. McArt, Oscar Davis, Carol M. Hinckley, Mrs. C. O. Reilly, Albert Ayres, Mrs. C. Cecchi, William Clark, Mrs. E. Foss, Ellis Guyor, William Howlett, William James, Wilbur Karschner, Byron Lamphere, Meta Lancaster, Oscar Mathisen, I. N. McCurdy, John McLaughlin, Thomas Meeker, Bert Niles, Allen Northrup, John Saarela, James T. Sawyer, George Schnellhardt, Ira Skelton, Pearl Stanaway, Art Wallin. ,

Remember When . . .

Civilian women of the Administration building staff wore military type uniforms.

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Coca Cola dispensing machines were stationed in various buildings throughout the hospital.

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Our first patient, Ensign D. E. Sisson, arrived three hours after commissioning.

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Half the compound became submerged after every rainfall.

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Only one hospital telephone existed on the compound, and the Chief of the Day stood the night telephone watch.

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Lt. (j.g.) J. Johnson, now at sea, told of a Whale appendectomy he completed.



This isn't spring but love-light and marriage takes the limelight even in the fog.

If anyone wants to know why Jerry Gray is so exuberant lately, just look into her eyes. They have that certain telltale sparkle. Then there is Helen Gilbert and Lillian Dalton both dating PhM1c of this station. And what about Shattuck trying to find out all the particulars about getting married? Working in the educational department, she should know; but maybe they don't have a course on that subject.

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We are all sorry to hear that Edna Unger's "Johnny" was wounded in action in Italy.

Family Affairs: With Jean Black's mother from Salt Lake City to see her, Clinical Records Office has heard nothing else for weeks. No wonder she is so happy. Wouldn't you be?

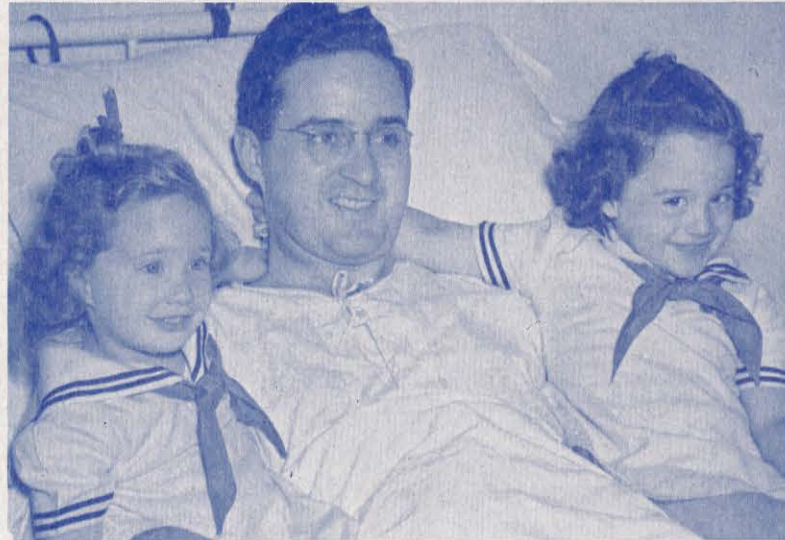
Anniversary Recollections: When Gertie Salzberg, PhM2c, and Dottie Chapman, PhM2c, arrived here as the first Waves, back in May, 1943.

THIS WEEK'S FUNNY BROADCAST

San Francisco (CNS)—"The Russians," the Tokyo radio reported in a masterpiece of understatement, "are aiming to disturb the German withdrawal."

Brooklyn (CNS) — Hungry Joe Asaro recently ate six chickens in one sitting. He claims it's a record.

SAILORETTES VISIT DADDY IN SOQ



A long ways from home is Nancy, age 2, and her sister, Charlotte, age 4, from Denver, Colorado. They are currently visiting their daddy, Ensign W. W. Parsons, a patient in SOQ(c).

BuPers Classify H. C. Staff Here

On Wednesday, August 9, a group of 10 Specialists (C) under the supervision of Chief Yeoman W. B. Stay, conducted personal interviews with all enlisted members of the hospital staff that lasted four days.

The interviews were for completion of BuPers classification card 609 which delegates one copy to the bureau and retains the other in the enlisted man's service record.

All data and information pertinent to personal qualifications, education, hobbies, diversions, previous service (military or otherwise) was noted on the card. BuPers classifies each individual by this system.

These classification cards are used by Personnel officers in determining the placement of personnel in jobs and ratings.

Sept. 15-Oct. 15 Set As Christmas Mail Month

Washington (CNS)—The Army Postal Service has issued a call to GIs overseas, urging them to tell the folks back home to post GI Christmas mail from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

During this period, which will be known as "Christmas Mail Month" for soldiers, Christmas packages may be mailed overseas without the presentation of a request from the soldier. Gift packages will be accepted for mailing only within the present limitations of weight and size—five pounds in weight and 36 inches in length and girth combined—and only one such package will be accepted to the same addressee during any one week.

Send this Stethoscope home

B'NAI B'RITH HELD YACHT CRUISE FOR PATIENTS



A yacht party and trip for sailor and marine patients from this hospital was held recently by the War Service Committee of Seattle Lodge of B'nai B'rith. A 62-foot yacht, the Nooya, shoved off from the dock at Sand Point Naval Air Station. Entertainment and tasty chow highlighted the cruise, which covered Lake Washington, Portage Bay, Lake Union, Salmon Bay, the Government Locks and Puget Sound.

Chaplain's Corner

DIVINE SERVICES

Recreation Hall

CATHOLIC

Chaplain Oliver P. Zinnen
 Sunday Mass..... 0630, 0730 and 0930
 Week-day Mass..... 0620, (unless otherwise announced).

Confessions: Before every Mass in the Recreation Hall. Saturdays: 1530 to 1700, and after the first movie, in the Chaplain's Office. When there is no movie, 1800 to 1930.

PROTESTANT

Chaplain..... G. W. J. Hartzel
 Holy Communion..... 0830
 Morning Prayer and Sermon..... 1030
 Choir Rehearsal..... Wednesdays 1700

Anniversary Message

Two years ago this institution was officially commissioned as the U. S. Naval Hospital in Seattle. From humble beginnings it has grown constantly in capacity until now it is the largest Naval Hospital in the Pacific Northwest. Even as you read this there are 23 projects of expansion and improvement under construction which on completion should make our Hospital one of the finest equipped and staffed in the entire Naval Service.

Our physical equipment is the best that money can buy, but the success of a hospital is measured not by the physical plant alone, but by the spirit which inspires the staff, and which leads them on to the successful completion of their severally appointed tasks.

From the Commanding Officer down to the newest Hospital Apprentice this sense of sacred obligation to duty is the primary factor in building and maintaining that intangible something called morale. Morale is not something that can be bought or sold like a used car or a pair of shoes, but rather it is a spirit, a cooperative spirit of willingness to sacrifice for the other fellow in order that the whole outfit will be a better organization and a happy one.

On this Second Anniversary let us determine in our own minds to keep up the tone of our morale both individually and as a group so that we can continue to be proud of the Service and the Hospital in which we serve.



1. What was the term first used to designate the man or boy detailed to assist in the care of the sick and injured at the beginning of our Navy?

Answer: The LOBLOLLY BOY.

2. When was the first Hospital Corps organized?

Answer: June 17, 1898.

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"Who is the undersecretary of the Navy at the present time?"

Answer: Ralph A. Bard.





GIVE ALL BURNS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Prompt and proper treatment of burns is essential to bring relief, prevent infection and promote healing.

Burns are produced by flame, hot solids, hot fluids, caustics such as strong acids and strong alkalis, wires charged with heavy electric current, sun's rays and X-rays; scalds are produced by hot liquids. A burn in which redness alone results is known to be of the first degree; if blisters are raised they are of the second degree; if there is charring and destruction of the tissues the burn is that of the third degree. Symptoms of burns are shock, chilly sensations and pain. In extensive burns internal congestion often results.

Treatment

The treatment of burns is both constitutional and local. Constitutional treatment consists in the treatment of shock and pain, while local treatment is to remove the cause, allay pain, prevent infection and promote healing. The greatest factor in the causation of pain in burns is the movement of air over the inflamed area, and therefore local treatment in first-degree burns consists of covering the burned surface so that air is excluded. This may be done by means of vaseline, olive oil, cream, boric acid ointment or even boric acid wet packs. **Never apply iodine to any burn.** If the burn has been caused by a caustic the acid should be neutralized with bicarbonate of soda or ordinary baking soda. In second or third degree burns, the body may be immersed in cold water as an emergency treatment to exclude air. In burns of second or third degree it always is best to consult your Medical Officer, for burns not properly treated can be extremely painful and often disfiguring.

Thanks Voiced For Bond Rally Help

Letter Voices Thanks for Bond Rally Participation

Appreciation for the support of War Bond rallies by this hospital's staff and patients was extended through the medium of a letter to our commanding officer, Captain J. T. Boone from the War Finance Committee of the State of Washington.

To quote the letter in part, "Particularly do we wish to commend the marvelous spirit of your wounded men who volunteered to appear at many of our War Bond rallies—such as those at Victory Square. Full well do we know that most of them would have preferred to remain undisturbed during their periods of recuperation from the ravages of war. Yet they came—because they sensed the fact that, in the public's desire to see them and hear them, was nothing of vulgar curiosity—but rather an urge to render homage to those who had suffered much in their service to the nation.

"Our thanks are deep, sincere and affectionate—to all your men who have understood, and who willingly undertook the difficult task of trying to bring to our home front their knowledge of war-front psychology."

DOCTOR JOINS X-RAY STAFF

Lieutenant Commander D. Von Breesen recently joined the X-ray department as assistant to Commander Scott. Doctor Von Breesen was formerly stationed in Adak, Alaska.

And speaking of red tape, even the invasion had to go through the proper channels.

Meet Our Chief Nurse . . .

Military nursing that extends back to World War I is the story of a brilliant career by our chief nurse, Lieutenant Ida Netter.

She finished nurses' training at Asbury Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and entered the Army during 1918 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Transferred to a base hospital in France, she cared for casualties in sectors where current fighting now exists.

After a brief return to civilian life, Miss Netter joined the Navy Nurse Corps in New York during the summer of 1923.

Her active service since that time has included duty at the following hospitals and stations: Annapolis, Mare Island Hospital, Manila Navy Hospital, U.S.S. Chaumont in China, 1928; Washington, D. C., Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., Naval Hospital, League Island, Penn., Philadelphia Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Hospital, back to Chelsea, Mass., Brooklyn Naval



Lieut. Ida Netter

Hospital, San Diego Hospital and Seattle Naval Hospital.

Famed for contributing homelike atmosphere to every station she has served, Miss Netter is largely responsible for the interior neatness of the various wards and beauty of the nurses' quarters.

OUR CHIEFS—"The Backbone of The Hospital"



Taking a cue from traditional Navy lore which has proven that the CPO is "The Backbone of the Navy," are 18 Chief Pharmacist Mates attached to this hospital. Front row, left to right: R. J. Smith, C. C. Cuendet, A. H. Harding, O. D. Jensen, D. E. Nice, R. J. Meyer. Middle Row: G. Smith, A. S. Christiansen, L. H. McKerley, C. R. Grimes, W. T. Taylor, W. L. Jackson. Back Row: W. R. Stanberry, E. A. Barricklow, W. E. Egger, A. E. LeMasters, J. E. Reed and L. A. Peters. Not present was G. Chaddock.

RATINGS GREATLY RESTRICTED UNDER RECENT REGULATIONS

Petty officer ratings and advancements are severely limited for permanent Ship's Company and curtailed for temporary crew in a recent letter from the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Under new regulations:

1. **Permanent personnel may be advanced in rating only to fill vacancies in complement.**

2. **Temporary duty men are eligible for advancement only as high as seaman, first class, or fireman, first class.**

3. **Service requirements for advancing beyond third class rates are modified.**

As a result of the new policy, men who pass rating board examinations will be placed on waiting lists until vacancies in permanent crew occur as a result of transfers. Formerly such rates as Y, SK, MM, MoMM, Cox, BM, SM, QM, GM, HA and PhM, M, EM, SC and Bkr were open to unlimited advancement to all who could qualify. Such advancement is now restricted to S1c and F1c.

The ban on ratings for temporary ship's company means that non-rated men, who were seldom transferred to permanent crew in the past now are eligible for such assignment if they meet the minimum age requirement of 26 years or are in the special assignment category.

Men in permanent crew may still strike for a third class petty officer rating, with no time requirement except a minimum of three months' striking for Yeoman third.

New service requirements for advancing above third class petty officer are:

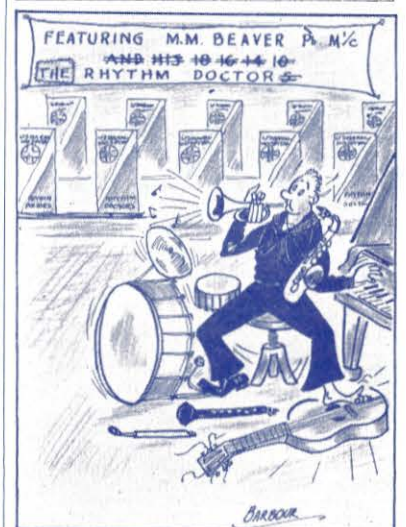
1. **Petty officers, third class, must serve at least six months in pay grade four.**

2. **Second class men must serve for nine months in pay grade three.**

3. **First class men must serve 18 months in pay grade two.**

Alternate requirements of one year total Naval service to advance to second class, or three years' total Naval service to advance to first class have now been cancelled. Eligibility for chief petty officer rating is restricted to those having six months' sea duty in pay grades two or three for all except those in specialist ratings.

Specific problems arising as a result of the changes may be clarified by consulting BuPers Circular Letter No. 134-44 or instructions issued by the Director of Personnel.



After only 2 more drafts

Buy War Bonds!



At the Classification Interview:
Chief McKerley: "I milked three cows a day and never wore shoes before I entered the Navy. How will I be classified?"

To kiss a miss is awfully simple, To miss a kiss is simply awful, Kisses spread disease, 'tis stated—Kiss me, kid, I'm vaccinated!

The answer to how "Steamboat" at the Gate House manages all those trips to Mary's on two gallons a week is that he . . . swims!

A cute little trick from St. Paul Wore a newspaper dress to a ball The dress caught on fire And scorched her entire Front page, sport section and all.

Mr. Lusk to Liberty Seeking Patient: "The afternoon off . . . the afternoon off! What do you think you are . . . a human being?"

Chief "Red Face" Sez . . .

To remove lipstick stains from white shirts or handkerchiefs use an even mixture of hydrogen peroxide and ammonia, then wash stained fabric in soap and water.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS:

"But—I haven't had any leave for 6 months!"

Hospital Members Fed at Victory Square . . .

How hospital corpsmen administer life-saving first aid treatment within a matter of minutes after they are wounded in battle was described at Victory Square in downtown Seattle last week by members of this hospital.

The whole program was devoted to the hospital, with Capt. C. E. Watts, chief of medicine at the institution, acting as chairman of the day.

Captain Watts interviewed four wounded Marines—Lt. William M. Sumner, Sgt. R. W. Cobb, Cpl. Joseph Dougherty and Pfc. Robert Hund—and two hospital corpsmen who had gone into action with the Marines in the Solomons—Chief Pharmacist's Mates A. S. Christensen and A. E. LeMaster.

Others who described the work being done by the hospital corps included Lt. Gertrude Buvinghausen, Lts. (jg) Carol M. Perry and Hilda W. Combes, Dr. E. F. MacCamy, Comdrs. J. F. Ramsay, Walter Voegtlin and E. A. LeCocq and Lt. Comdr. John B. Hassberger.

Music was provided by the "Rhythm Doctors" from the hospital.

Civilian: "How perfectly splendid to think that you're one of our heroes who went over there to die for your country."

Salty: "Like hell I did, ma'am! I went over there to make some other guy die for his."

Master-at-arms "Swede" Vilsen alias Nilson the Necker, holds his own with the current detail of being true to two femmes . . . but his greatest work is yet to come, for a certain Wave from Texas is out to get him. (Adv.)

Femine compliment: My dear, what a perfectly stunning gown! Didn't they have it in your size?

ADVICE TO THE LAB:

A man is drunk when he feels sophisticated, but can't pronounce it.

How to tell the sex of a goldfish . . . To the water in the goldfish bowl add ½ ounce of sulphuric acid. If he comes to the top, he's a boy. If she comes to the top, she's a girl.

The Difference

The difference between a regular sailor and a Seabee is that while the sailor is looking for a park bench the Seabee builds one.

Discovery

So, she dated a sailor and found that he was A-W-O-L-F.

Characters "The Square"

William Gerald Eaton

He toots a little ol' E flat alto saxophone in the hospital orchestra by night and functions as Urinalysis technician of the Laboratory by day.

Christened William Gerald Eaton, our hero cultivated his barber shop vocal chords while selling fish and clams as a youngster in Aberdeen, Washington. The fruit of this labor was displayed recently when his foursome won the Stethoscope Barber Shop Quartet contest.

As a fish-peddling boy, he bore the nickname of "Hook," but to Seattle jive-fiends at the Servicemen's Center the affectionate title of "The Square" prevails every Thursday night.

"The Square" lives in constant fear of being shipped to "Squeegeville," some mystic atoll that exists in his imagination. This is augmented by a violent "love affair" with a Barbara in South Bend, Washington, who is apparently the cause for his weekly "special liberty" requests.

A hep creature on the sax, "The Square" also doubles on the clarinet



"The Square"

and wears a size 37 zoot suit. He's come a long way during the past year from diggin' clams to diggin' the jive!

Advice
to the
Lovelorn
By DOCTOR QUACK

Doctor Quack:

I feel silly writing to you, but as long as you promise not to disclose my name, I will tell you my true problem.

Oddly enough, I fall in love with almost every man I meet . . . that is to say, every man who dates me several times and whom I get to know. Perhaps I'm wrong, but I have the impression that one can fall in love several times during their life. I can honestly say that I love three men at the present time and am secretly engaged to two of them. I really don't want to get married until after the war, but when these different men wished to become engaged I just couldn't say no!

I'm 20 years of age and old enough to know better. What should I do?

Yours truly,
Anonymus.

Dear Anonymus:

Please accept my apology regarding the delay in publishing your letter. Since its receipt two weeks ago, I have done some undercover work . . . and I know Who You Are!!

To advise honestly, I must state that you are a very silly young girl, and much too young in mind and ability to go on dates unchaperoned. Inform your "waiting" young men of a mistaken choice, and for future security and happiness, go out more with the girls until the "thrill" of chasing young men subsides.

Good luck.
I Quack.

The Wolf by Sansone

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Sgt. Sansone
Thanks to
CPL LEN ZINBERG
ITALY—

"Shotgun wounds, Doctor—and we've an idea how it happened!"

