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1. Tour of Duty for Line Officers. The normal tour of duty for line officers below flag rank at sea and shore is as follows:

SEA: Captains 2 years, Commanders 2 years, Lieutenant Commanders, Lieutenants and Lieutenants (j.g.) 3 years. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy officers normally will serve from 6 to 7 years at sea before being eligible for duty on shore. Warrant officers making their first cruise after being warranted normally make a 5-year cruise. Subsequent to this 3 years at sea and 2 years on shore.

SHORE: Captains 3 years, Commanders 2½ to 3 years, Lieutenant Commanders, Lieutenants, Lieutenants (jg) 2 years.

Shore duty beyond the continental limits of the United States is considered as shore duty, but in so far as the rotation of a cruise and shore duty is concerned it counts as a cruise in Samoa, Guam, and the Philippine Islands. Other duty on shore beyond the continental limits is counted as shore duty in so far as the rotation of sea and shore is concerned.

Duty with destroyers in reserve, submarine bases although attached to tenders, the MAYFLOWER and the SYLPH are considered shore duty in so far as rotation of sea and shore duty is concerned.

2. Vacancies for Assignment of Officers. There will be a vacancy for an officer of the rank of commander or lieutenant commander as Captain of the Yard at the Naval Station Tutuila, Samoa in the near future. This duty is considered sea duty in so far as rotation of duty is concerned.

In the summer of 1927 there will be vacancies for two officers of the rank of Commander as Port Captains in the Canal Zone.

3. Report of Irregular Dealings of S.W. Rice Uniform and Clothing Company. The Commandant of the Third Naval District has submitted a report to the Bureau regarding the irregular business dealings of S.W. Rice Uniform and Clothing Company whose address is given as #59 Sands Street, Brooklyn, New York. The above address is occupied by a number shop. It has been ascertained that Rice never had a place of business but has been in the habit of getting orders from Navy ships, taking a deposit from the sailors and then employing one Mauris Skorolcusk, who runs the tailor shop G&S Uniform Company, at 85 Sands Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. to make the clothing, taking a chance on collecting the balance due.

Upon interviewing Skorolcusk it was learned that he had thrown Rice out of his shop because of his crooked work in collecting deposits from the sailors and not delivering the goods. Rice is now doing business at 141 Sands Street with a concern called S&J Tailoring Company. He was formerly a seaman in the Navy, discharged about seven years. He took about \$1500.00 from sailors in Balboa and a number of the men never received their clothes - it has also been learned that he received \$5.00 to \$20.00 deposits and never sent the clothes to the buyers.

4. Length of Cruise on Asiatic Station for Officers and Men. The following despatch to the Commander-in-Chief Asiatic is quoted:

"6404 Effective one December nineteen twenty six the length of a cruise on the Asiatic Station for officers below the rank of Commander and Enlisted Personnel will be two and a half years 1500"

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5. Incomplete Information Contained on Forms Reporting Transfer of Enlisted Men. It has come to the attention of the Bureau that in certain cases of transfer of enlisted men to receiving Ships for further transfer the mimeographed forms used for such transfer contain incomplete information regarding destination of transfer, records and papers.

In all such transfers, the man's transfer orders should state definitely whether his records and transfer papers are being forwarded to the Receiving Ship, or to the vessel on which man is to take passage, or to the vessel which is the man's final destination. In any case it should be made clear to each ship and station which handles the man in transit just where his records and papers have been forwarded.

6. Employment of Navy Bands. BuNav. Article D-10204.

The Bureau has had inquiries lately as to the Employment of Navy Bands at other than Naval functions. Attention is invited to Article D-10204 which quotes the law in regard to Employment of Enlisted men in civil pursuits. This applies to the use of Bands.

7. Delay in Payment of Reward for delivered Deserters and Stragglers. The Bureau has many cases arising wherein delivery officers complain of delay in payment of reward for delivered deserters and stragglers because of snips' regulations requiring a statement that the bill is due and just and payment has not been received. The Bureau is of the opinion that any papers other than the copy of Declaration and Reward necessary to the payment of the reward can be prepared in the presence of the delivery officer, his signature obtained at that time, and thus expedite payment of rewards.

Article D-8002 (1) Bureau of Navigation Manual (revised) is in many cases not complied with because the command from which the man is absent receives word that the straggler in question has been apprehended. The fact that a man is apprehended by civil authorities and so reported to the command from which he is absent does not release the commanding officer from his obligation of issuing a straggler's reward after twenty-four hours absence unless he has positive knowledge that the man has surrendered or been delivered to Naval jurisdiction. Recently a case came to the attention of this Bureau where a man was absent over leave, but before twenty-four hours had expired the commanding officer had received word that the straggler was in custody of civil authorities; because of this knowledge the commanding officer decided it was not necessary to issue a straggler's reward. The man in question was not actually delivered until after five days and two hours of absence and inasmuch as no straggler's reward was offered none could be paid. These questions are constantly arising in the Bureau and place the Bureau in a rather embarrassing position, inasmuch as it has to admit to civil authorities that commanding officers of vessels and stations are not complying with instructions.

8. Results of Preliminary Examination for Naval Academy Preparatory Class. Naval Academy Preparatory Class--161 enlisted men of the Navy and 11 Marines passed all requirements in the preliminary examination held 1 September 1926 and have been ordered to the Preparatory Schools which open 1 November at San Diego, Calif., and Hampton Roads. 53 other men who failed in some subjects but made over 2.50 final average on the examination are being sent to the schools. In 1925, 99 men entered the Naval Academy; in 1926, 89 men entered; if more than 100 pass the Naval Academy entrance examination the selection of 100 to be appointed will be made upon a competitive basis.

9. Navy Training Courses. Navy training courses for Blacksmiths, and Carpenter's Mates 3c. have been received from the printers and are available for distribution upon request. Training Courses for Seaman Signalmen, Storekeepers 2c., and Signalmen 3c., A to N, Apprentice Seaman and Gyroscopic Compasses are expected to be ready for distribution within the next two or three weeks, and request for a supply of these courses may now be forwarded.

10. Bowling Alley Equipment - Request for. The Bureau has received requests from outlying stations for Bowling Alley equipment. This kind of equipment is not kept in stock. It is believed that some shore stations might have some such equipment stored away and not in use. In case any

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station has such equipment and no longer needed it is requested that the Bureau be notified. Such stations as Guam, and other outlying stations can use same to good advantage and if any is reported available the Bureau will make arrangements to ship to stations requesting same.

11. Motion Pictures. The Bureau has purchased the following feature motion pictures for exhibition on naval ships and stations taking Navy Film Service:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
The Family Upstairs	Virginia Valli-J.F.MacDonald
No Man's Gold	Tom Mix
Sparrows	Mary Pickford
The Winning of Barbara Worth	R.Colman-V.Banky
The Last Frontier	Wm.Boyd-M.DeLaMotte
The Waning Sex	Greta Garbo-Antonio Moreno
The Waltz Dream	Special Cast
Blarney	R.Graves-R.Adoree-P.Duval
Oh Baby	Madge Kennedy-Little Billy
Take it from Me	Reginald Denny
Kid Boots	Eddie Cantor-Clara Bow
The Campus Flirt	Bebe Daniels-C.Paddock
The Quarterback	Richard Dix-Esther Ralston
The Great Gatsby	Warner Baxter-Lois Wilson
You'd be Surprised	Raymond Griffith-D.Subastian
So's your Old Man	W.C.Fields-Alice Joyce
Eagle of the Sea	Florence Vidor-R.Cortez
The Cat's Pajamas	Betty Bronson
Prince of Tempters	Ben Lyon
Don Juan's Three Nights	Lewis Stone
Forever after	Lloyd Hughes-Mary Astor
Syncopating Sue	Corrine Griffith-Tom Moore
The Gay Deceiver	Lew Cody-M.Day-M.MacGregor
Love's Blindness	Pauline Starke-Antonio Moreno
The Honey-moon Express	Irene Rich-Willard Lewis
The Whole Town's Talking	E.E.Horton-V.L.Corbin
War Paint	Tim McCoy
Prisoners of the Storm	House Peters-Peggy Montgomery
Three Bad Men	Geo.O'Brien-Olive Borden
The Scarlet Letter	Lillian Gish-Kari Dane
Sweet Rosie O'Grady	Shirley Mason-Cullen Landis
Young April	J.Schildkraut-Bessie Love
The Blue Eagle	George O'Brien-Olive Borden
Twinkletoes	Colleen Moore
The Dancing Mayor	Johnny Hines
The Unknown Cavalier	Ken Maynard

TITLES

Men of the Dawn
 The Ace of Cads
 We're in the Navy Now
 Rough Riders
 Wearing of the Green
 Harold Lloyd (Tent)
 Spangles
 The Frontier Trail
 The Tempress
 The Magician
 Atta boy
 The Great K & A Train Robbery
 Breed of the Sea
 The Nervous Wreck

 Womanpower
 The Popular Sin
 Love 'em and Leave 'em
 The Canadian
 Stranded in Paris
 Man of the Forest
 The Waiter from the Ritz
 There You Are

STAR

Milton Sills-Mary Astor
 A. Menjou-B. Trevor-A. Joyce
 W. Beery-R. Hatton
 N. Beery-Bancroft-Kennedy
 Betty Bronson
 Harold Lloyd
 Pat O'Malley-Marion Nixon
 Harry Carey
 Greta Garbo-Antonio Moreno
 Alice Terry-Paul Wegener
 Monte Banks
 Tom Mix
 Ralph Ince-M. Livingston
 Harrison Ford-Phyllis Haver-
 Chester Conklin
 Ralph Graves-Katheryn Perry
 Florence Vidor-Clive Brooks
 Evelyn Brent-Larry Gray
 Thos. Meighan
 Bebe Daniels-Ford Sterling
 Jack Holt-Georgia Hale
 Raymond Griffith
 Conrad Nagel-Geo. Fawcett-
 Edith Roberts.

12. Navy Relief Society. During the last year the families of 229 enlisted men and 38 officers who had died in service were given temporary financial aid from NAVY RELIEF headquarters. In addition, many cases were handled direct from the various Auxiliaries.

The NAVY RELIEF is a private organization. There is nothing official about it. Its purpose is to give assistance in emergencies, especially to the dependents of naval personnel who die. A widow with small children, an old mother too feeble to work, and orphans, are typical examples of those helped.

In every case of death in the Navy or Marine Corps the Society promptly but quietly investigated the financial circumstances in which the dependents of the deceased are left. Sometimes they are very distressing, and temporary aid is always given them when really needed.

It makes no difference where the dependents may live. Information of many cases, in the remote parts of the interior of the country is obtained through the kind assistance of the Red Cross or the local Postmaster. Usually contributions for a few months are sufficient to tide over the emergency until the beneficiaries can become self-supporting. Pensioning for an indefinite period is avoided when possible, and these represent but a small proposition of the cases helped.

Last year a total of \$66,000 was spent in this way, leaving a deficit of nearly three thousand dollars. More than half of what is spent each year comes from money raised principally by the Auxiliaries at shore stations through entertainments and other devices. The plea of the President of the Society, that each man and officer contribute at least the "price of a package of cigarettes" would not go unheeded if the service could know more intimately the great work of the Society.