

Bond Sales Top Hospital Quota

Smashing all records, Captain J. A. Bowen, hospital War Bond officer, flashed the word at press time, that the hospital beat its quota with a total cash sales of \$37,640.00 in the Pearl Harbor Day extra cash War Bond Sale.

"All Hands" Dance Planned for Holidays

Rhythm Doctors will play, jive hounds will jump . . . at the "All Hands" Holiday Dance planned for Friday evening, December 29. Christmas decorations will lend gay atmosphere to the Rec. Hall ballroom in addition to tasty refreshments with a Yuletide tang.

Gorgeous University of Washington coeds will arrive early to assure everyone a dancing partner. Invitation is extended to bring your own partner also in an evening of frolic that will continue from 2000 to 2330.

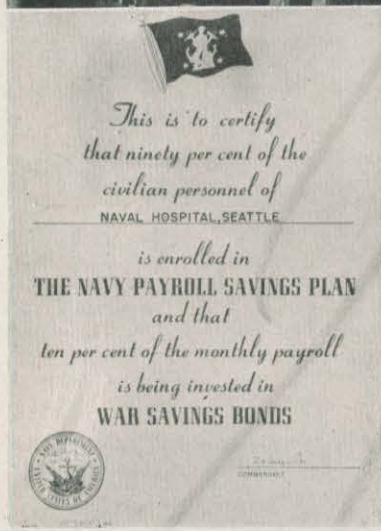
Santa to Visit Navy Children's Christmas Party

Children of all officers, patients, corpsmen and civilians attached to this hospital will party in the Recreation Hall auditorium with Santa Claus on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. Entertainment and individual gifts donated by the Welfare and Recreation office of the Navy will climax the kiddies Yuletide festivities.

The party will begin with Santa's arrival at 1600 in the Recreation Hall. Parents are urged to register their children for this gala event with Miss Fogg in the Red Cross Recreation office on or before December 18. Age limit is 12 years or under. Information needed by Santa to successfully entertain your youngster is the name, age and what he or she wishes for Christmas in the \$1 price category.

Reservations must be made by December 18 to allow Santa Claus plenty of time for adjustment of his worship schedules.

CIVILIAN'S BOND PURCHASES WIN COMMANDANT'S PENNANT



Rear Admiral Robt. Griffin, Acting 13 ND Commandant Presents Award

Honoring Seattle Naval Hospital's civilian employees, Rear Admiral Robert M. Griffin, USN, acting commandant of the 13th Naval District, presented the Commandant's War Bond Honor Pennant for civilian bond activity at a War Bond rally held last Tuesday, 5 December, in the Recreation auditorium.

The pennant which certifies that 90% of the civilian personnel are enrolled in the "Navy Payroll Savings Plan," was hoisted up on the Rec' building flagpole which overlooks the entire hospital. The civilian's "Bond Savings Plan" is an arrangement that includes 10% of the monthly payroll invested in War Bonds.

Calling attention of all present to the Pearl Harbor attack, Rear Admiral Griffin said, "We have avenged in many ways and in many places, that act of treachery! We have demonstrated that this Nation can gather itself from the depths of disaster and impending peril—drive back into the face of the enemy, and in turn send him reeling in desperate flight."

Admiral Griffin then stated, "The accomplishments of this hospital are well known throughout the Navy—your results in medicine, surgery and care for our sick and injured are a source of constant pride to all of us—now that the employees of the hospital have qualified in another important part of our overall war plan—the purchase of War Bonds—another honor comes to this great Naval hospital."

He further commented that this hospital was the first in the 13th Naval District to win the Commandant's War Bond Honor Pennant. He closed his remarks by expressing confidence that the War Bond Pennant "will fly from the yardarm over this hospital until final victory is won!"

Receiving the pennant, Captain (Continued on Page 2)

Presentation of the Commandant's War Bond Honor Pennant climaxed last week's bond rally. Admiring the pennant which flies daily over the Recreation Building are left to right: Captain J. A. Bowen, Mrs. Robert L. Thrasher, Rear Admiral Robert M. Griffin, Captain J. T. Boone and Captain F. C. Hill.

The hospital was the first in this district to receive such an award.

Apply For Auto Licenses In Ship's Service Store

Applications for 1945 automobile licenses are now accepted in the Ship's Service Store. Renewal licenses only will be handled, and the service will continue until 31 December, 1944.

Out of State licenses or change of ownership must be transacted through the county auditor's office. Temporary offices for "Out of State" business have been established at the State Patrol Office on 325 Westlake N. from 1200 to 1830.

Out of state cars owned by Naval Personnel on duty in this state under official orders may be registered in their own state by mail.

Five Hospital Corpsmen Advance to Ph. Mate 1c

Medical questions were successfully hurdled last week by five aspiring hospital corpsmen who advanced to the "hard-to-get" rating of Pharmacist Mate 1c.

Cigar-passing "rate-catchers" were Charles D. Thomas, Jack P. McClellan, Jack L. Stanley, Matthew C. Lynch and Orville L. Miller.

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FROM YOUR SKIPPER

In the award of the Commandant's War Bond Honor Pennant, the Commanding Officer accepted it with mingled feelings of pride, appreciation and resolve in the name of the civilian employees of the Command. It is with pride that he recognizes that he has been informed that the Seattle Naval Hospital is the first hospital in the Thirteenth Naval District to be so honored. To have a personal presentation by the acting Commandant, Rear Admiral Robert M. Griffin, U. S. Navy, added to the honor of the occasion. We here resolve to live under this pennant with increasing endeavor to maintain or even surpass the goal achieved. We full well recognize the conditions under which the award was made and are determined to continue in our resolve to meet the standard necessary to keep it permanently at this hospital. As the pennant flies here it will serve as a stimulus and challenge to all the members of the staff, both military and civilian. While the pennant was awarded primarily by the purchases of bonds on the part of the civilian employees, the excellent response made by the military members of the staff and their families has contributed in no small measure to the attainment of the pennant.

With the Sixth War Bond Drive coming to a close today, the Commanding Officer wishes to further congratulate the Command on its response to new bond purchases. The quota set for the hospital has been relatively high. It is with inexpressible gratification that this quota has not only been reached but has been exceeded by almost \$3,000.

To those who have been in charge of the bond sales on the hospital compound a "WELL DONE" is most deserving and is extended with a heart full of gratitude.

J. T. BOONE, Captain (MC) U. S. Navy
Medical Officer in Command

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Joel T. Boone, commanding officer, expressed the hope that the hospital would live under this pennant with increasing accomplishments that would maintain or even surpass the goal achieved. He then presented the pennant to Mrs. Robert L. Thrasher, representing the hospital civilian workers.

Mrs. Thrasher modestly accepted the pennant on behalf of the civilians with the statement, "As civilian workers here . . . seeing the men coming back day after day, our small donations are minute in comparison to what they have given." She further added, "I sincerely hope that the sight of this pennant flying daily o'er the hospital will serve to stimulate bond purchasing efforts of we civilians."



Thrilled at the sight of the new chapel, members of the Navy Mothers' Club voiced praise in appreciation of its fine architectural lines. Particularly proud were the mothers of the chapel organ which they donated.

Holiday Tea Dance Reception Given in Recreation Hall

On Friday, December 1, from 1700 to 1930, Captain and Mrs. J. T. Boone entertained with a tea dance reception for staff officers, their wives, staff nurses, Red Cross workers and other guests. Also on the receiving line were Captain and Mrs. F. C. Hill, Lt. Commander Ida Netter, chief nurse, and Commander R. Taylor.

The room was decorated with a floral array of massed orchid and bronze chrysanthemums enhanced by soft lamp light. A large tea table was centered by a mound of white chrysanthemums surrounded by red carnations and graced by huge silver candelabra.

Distinguished guests were: Rear Adm. and Mrs. W. L. Mann, Rear Adm. and Mrs. S. A. Taffinder, Rear Adm. and Mrs. J. J. Ballentine, Rear Adm. and Mrs. C. A. Trixell, Commodore and Mrs. C. T. Simard, Captain and Mrs. R. G. Riskey, Captain and Mrs. F. J. Maxson, Captain and Mrs. J. A. Tartre, and Captain and Mrs. V. S. Armstrong.

Hospital Host To Navy Mothers' Club

Thursday, November 30th, the hospital was honored by a visit from the Navy Mothers of Seattle and vicinity. The ladies assembled in the Recreation Hall for a short informal program as Sp(W)1c George Groher played a medley of songs on the melodious Hammond organ. The Mixed Choir of waves, corpsmen and nurses sang the hymns "Heavens Resound" and George Groher sang two solos "Without a Song" and "Pale Moon", accompanied on the piano by Sp(W)2c Bruce Rodgers.

The program closed with Captain J. T. Boone giving a short talk and complimenting the Mothers for the fine work they are doing and expressed his gratitude and appreciation on behalf of everyone for the two organs presented to the hospital by the club.

Chaplains Corner

DIVINE SERVICES Hospital Chapel CATHOLIC

Chaplain.....Oliver P. Zinnen
Sunday Masses.....0620 and 0930
Weekday Mass.....1615
Choir Rehearsal.....Fridays, 1700
Confessions: Half an hour before each Mass on weekdays. Sunday confessions before both Masses.

PROTESTANT
Chaplains.....W. Boyd Thrift
Lloyd A. Doty
Divine Services.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 1700
Vesper Services.....Sundays, 1600

The Only Debt Never Fully Repaid

By Chaplain Lloyd A. Doty

The man (or woman) who says he owes no one anything is either near-sighted, or a fool, or both. No one can escape this life without running up a debt of some kind or other. Just to make a casual mental inventory of the people to whom we are indebted will reveal the magnitude of our debt. It is obvious that the debt spoken of is not one of money; perhaps we should call it, for lack of a better word, a debt of love.

A debt of capital or money is a simple thing to repay—it is a matter of accumulating a specific number of units of the coin of the land. But a debt of love must be repaid in kind, if it is ever repaid. This season of the year should make us mindful of those debts. That one who thinks in terms of giving presents in order that presents be received, has missed the point completely. If gift-giving is not on the basis of freedom from obligation on the part of the receiver, then love, friendship, and fellowship have been lost from the act of giving and it ceases to be a gift.

The wise person strives to be without debt. However, the debt of love, the only debt never fully repaid, is on the ledger of every life. We usually repay a part of our love debt by our thoughtful consideration of those from whom no obligation is felt. One world traveler in writing a letter to the Romans said: "Owe nobody anything—except the duty of mutual love." How can we repay the gift of God at Christmas time if we fail to think and act in terms of love?

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There are many people who are always willing to receive service from others, but are usually unwilling to give of their own service.

If a man gives freely of himself . . . his service and his thoughts . . . he truly gives his best, and as his reward receives life in full.

. . . Forced service means unhappy service!

—Taylor.

New Discharge Emblem Released For Uniforms

WASHINGTON—A new Honorable Discharge Emblem has been adopted by the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, under an agreement signed by Secy. of War Henry L. Stimson and Secy. of the Navy James Forrestal. It is a cloth device with the same design as the Honorable Service Lapel Button and will be worn on the uniform of all honorably discharged personnel.

The new emblem, worn as a badge of honor, will be sewed above the right breast pocket of all outer uniform clothing at the time of discharge. Honorably discharged personnel may wear their uniforms until they reach home, and thereafter, at official ceremonies.

The basic design of the emblem will be embroidered in gold, with the background material varying to match the color of the uniform on which it is to be worn. Supplies of the emblem are not yet available for distribution. Regulations pertaining to the emblem will be published in the near future.

SECURITY OFFICER LEAVES FOR SEA

Chief Pharmacist Harold S. Edick, security officer at this hospital since last March left for duty aboard APA 148 last Monday, 11 December.



H. S. Edick

Mr. Edick who served with the 3rd Marine Division on Guadalcanal, was best known here for his "iron man" control of the gasoline rationing situation. Boasting 24 years service, Mr. Edick's expressed ambition to "go out on 30", and his adventures have brought him to practically every port in the world.

Quaint and witty, he endeared himself to the hospital with a hard exterior, but a heart of gold. A man of action, he displayed remarkable organizing ability in the handling of periodic incoming drafts of patients.

12 MILLION IN ARMED FORCES

Washington (CNS)—Net strength of U. S. Armed Forces was 11,859,000 on Oct. 1, M/Gen Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service Director, reported to the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The figure includes 109,000 women in the Navy—nurses, Waves, Spars and Marines—and 80,000 Wacs.

69 DIVISIONS CAPTURED

France (CNS) — At least 691,989 prisoners—the equivalent of 69 German divisions—have been captured by Allied armies on the Western Front since D-Day.

Civilian Guard Won Congressional Medal Of Honor 45 Years Ago In Philippine Islands

Graying Stanley E. LeBrook, civilian guard of this hospital, went to the Philippines, saw the fighting and won the Congressional Medal of Honor . . . forty-five years ago.

The names "Samar" and "General MacArthur" portray double meaning to him. Besides their significance in the present fight for freedom, to him they recall vivid memories of the Battle of Marliao, north of

Manila, on March 27, 1899, in which Rebel Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo's personal regiment of red-uniformed Filipinos was defeated. Lieut. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, father of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, was commander. Our veteran campaigner bears scars over the left eye, on his jaw and legs from wounds inflicted by "bushwhackers" during his most hazardous experience in the earlier war at Samar.

"Yes, I know well the territory around Leyte and Samar," says the guard who has been a familiar figure around the compound for his past two years of service.

"We fought with Indian tactics in the bushes," he explained, describing the soldierly qualities of the men now allied with the Americans against a common foe.

Etched on his mind is the perilous trip he and eight others made in frail barotas (native boats) from Balangiga to Basey (40 miles). This experience brought a dramatic climax to several years of fighting the "bushwhackers." His episode began on September 28, 1901. The some 78 soldiers of the garrison at Balangiga were at Breakfast. LeBrook was among them. Suddenly without warning they were treacherously attacked by a mob of bolomen who had hidden in the church. Beset on all sides by yelling savages, minus their leaders whom the Filipinos had murdered, the Americans fought terrifically and scattered their assailants. All but 26, two of whom were wounded, then took to the native boats, headed for the American post of Basey.

LeBrook, wounded in the face, tore off his scivvie shirt for bandages, and grabbed an oar.

The natives pursued all day, kept at a distance by the rifles of the Americans. The blistering sun and thirst added to the sufferings of the wounded men, who endured also a harrowing night before only nine of them, which included LeBrook, reached the post safely.

The South Pacific is not the only battle theater in which LeBrook has fought. The Spanish-American war interrupted his cow "punching days" in Idaho.

"Do you smoke?"
 "Nope!"
 "Do you drink?"
 "Nope."
 "Do you eat hay?"
 "Nope!"
 "Gad, you're not a fit companion for man or beast!"
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Then there was the dentist's daughter who ran around with the worst set in town!

Stanley E. LeBrook



Philippines Vet has Congressional Medal of Honor, Spanish War Medal, Philippine's Insurrection and Purple Heart.



3. What is the origin of the word "Ahoy"?

Ans. This was once the dreaded war cry of the Vikings—a distinct nautical hail.

4. What is the origin of the word "Charlie Noble"?

Ans. This is a sailor's nautical name for the galley smoke pipe. Derived from the British merchant service captain, Captain Charlie Noble, who required a high polish on the galley funnel. The funnel was made of copper and its brightness became known in all ports visited.

5. What is the origin of the word "Chit"?

Ans. It is derived from the Hindu bird, "Chitti," which means letter, note or receipt. It was probably adopted by the U. S. Navy on the Asiatic station years ago from the "Pidgin" English.

7. What is the origin of the expression "Son-of-a-gun"?

Ans. In the early days, sailors were permitted to keep their wives on board. The term was actually used to refer to children born alongside the guns of the broadsides.



By Jane Raymond, PhM3c

It's a reality! No longer talk of what's going to happen but hot news—a WAVE of this hospital actually SAW her orders to go overseas.

WAVE A. E. Black, nick-named "Little Blackie," the gal who may be spending Christmas in Hawaii, is the first of many, perhaps, embarking from here for foreign posts as the WAVES' service expands outside the continental limits while the United States Army, Navy and Marines, push the fighting circle closer and tighter around Tokyo . . . Although "Blackie" was the only WAVE officially notified of her overseas orders at the time the Stethoscope went to press, some eight others are momentarily expecting to "get the word." . . . Seen around the barracks: Letha Duea, PhM3c, writing nightly to David Hoppes, PhM1c, who is undergoing the trials and tribulations of 10-weeks' instruction at Independent Duty School, Portsmouth, Va. She quotes from David's frequent letters, "We muster three times a day to walk 1½ miles to chow—and then muster to walk back. That's nine miles of walking daily just to eat!" . . . No sailor ever scaled a rope faster than WAVE Pat Lovejoy, who clambored up a ladder into an upper sack the other night. The inspiring factor was a little gray mouse that stuck his head out of her locker, meeting her eye-to-eye, while she was cleaning for locker inspection. Sisters of the Navy blue occupying the same cubicle burned their lights an extra hour after "Lights Out" completing the search for the monster. Lovejoy watched from her perch on the upper sack as WAVES Esser, Parrott and Place fearlessly shook out each garment and article pulled gingerly one-by-one from the deep recesses of the locker. Evidently the mouse mustered somewhere else that night, for he failed to make a second appearance . . . Newest food fads among the WAVES: Brewing hot tea with tea bags and hot water straight from the faucet swept the C wing recently. Among the mates nightly sipping tea is WAVE Lois Kuegle. A coffee-pot circle forms around the cubicle of Ann Denner, coffee-pot owner. Then there's also the fad of carting jelly to morning chow and adding the taste of grape, apple, cherry, marmalade or home-made preserves to Navy toast. Consistent "jelly-toters" are WAVES Gudeman, Nunnally, King, Parker and Max . . . "Doing fine" is the latest report on condition of WAVE Mary E. Teel. HA1c, who underwent major surgery last week.

YOU CAN BUY A HOUSE AND LOT WITH A U.S.-GUARANTEED LOAN

By Camp Newspaper Service

Here's the procedure outlined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs for obtaining a government guaranteed loan for purchase of a home.

First, go ahead as if no GI Bill of Rights existed by applying in his customary way to any bank, building and loan association or other loan agency or to an individual lender for the amount you will need. Agencies empowered to make loans will have the official application forms and will know all the latest dope about the program.

It's up to you to convince the prospective lender that the property is suitable for a loan, of a reasonable value, and that you can repay it out of income. (You usually will find the lender anxious to accommodate you, since that is the way he makes his money.) When you've sold your proposition to him, you're finished. The lender carries the ball for the rest of the way.

He will communicate with the nearest Veterans' Administration office and will be informed of the amount that will be guaranteed by the government. The amount that can be guaranteed has been fixed

by law at a maximum of \$2,000, although you can borrow as much as your credit is good for and an appraisal of the property justifies. The government is authorized to guarantee up to 50% of loans of \$4,000 or less. The government itself does not lend any money.

(If a man and wife both served in the armed services and are eligible for the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights, they may combine their rights and may be able to obtain a guaranty up to \$4,000 on a single property.)

On the government-guaranteed portion of the loan, a maximum interest rate of 4% is permitted. B/Gen. Frank T. Hines, Veterans' Administrator, emphasized that loans will be based on the "reasonable normal value" of a property, and pointed out that market prices in many sections of the country today do not qualify under the formula required by law.

Yule Shopping, Wrapping Offered in Rec' Hall

Silvery ribbons and holiday tissue have stolen the limelight in the Red Cross Gray Ladies' daily Rec' Hall program that offers free mailing and gift wrapping for all hospital patients and staff members.

Popular also is the free shopping service handled by the Gray Ladies, which operates in the following manner:

Joe Blow, A.S., wishes to purchase a gift for his gal, Sassie. He doesn't know what to buy! So, Joe merely goes to the Rec' Hall Gray Lady Shopping Service . . . plunks down a 10 spot or less (depending on Sassie's worth) tells 'em he wants a present for his gal who sings, works, or just talks. Two or three days later he receives a gorgeously already gift-wrapped necklace, compact or something appropriate. Simple, this Gray Lady gift shopping, isn't it?

Serious attention is called, however, to the convenience of both services which are available every day except Wednesday.

Unarmed Chaplain Captures Two Germans

France (CNS) — Major Jordan Brown, of New York, a chaplain, stepped on two sleeping Germans while strolling in what he thought was an abandoned garden. They awoke and started to run, but Chaplain Brown shouted and pointed his hand at them with his finger cocked. So they changed their minds and surrendered.



Glass Tubing Saves Limbs Of Battle Casualties

Belgium (CNS)—Maj. W. T. Mustard, of Toronto, has discovered a new method of surgery which may save the limbs of many wounded soldiers.

Working in a casualty clearing station near this front, Maj. Mustard has inserted glass tubing to bridge shattered arteries temporarily and thus maintain a blood supply in wounded limbs which normally would have to be amputated.

Cleveland (CNS) — Small Fry Freddie Farrell, 10, dug a discarded comic book from an ash can. It contained \$1150 in war bonds.

Hospital Ship Features Red Cross Activities

WASHINGTON, D. C.—First American Red Cross women assigned to Navy Hospital ships will sail shortly aboard the U.S.N.H.S. "Refuge", Red Cross National Headquarters announced today. This marks the beginning of a new service requested by the Navy.

Red Cross workers formerly had been assigned only to Army hospital ships which give medical care and treatment while transporting patients from overseas.

Naval Hospital ships, however, serve as floating hospitals, giving complete medical treatment from the time a patient is wounded at sea until he has completely recovered.

Two Red Cross hospital workers who previously served with domestic hospital units, will sail on the "Refuge" to assist the patients with their personal and family problems and to provide recreation for them.

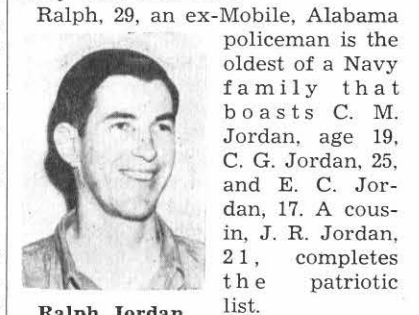
Among the supplies put aboard the ship for distribution to the patients by Red Cross are 3,000 chocolate bars, 150 boxes of chewing gum, 250 pairs of bedroom slippers, 600 washcloths, 13,500 sheets of stationery, razors and combs, 6 victrolas, 20 albums of records, 600 books, stereoscopes and 300 sets of films, harmonicas, 864 decks of playing cards, water colors, crayons, plasticene and a variety of games.

Special Christmas kits containing tree ornaments, tray favors, holly wreaths, Santa Claus suit, Christmas candy, phonograph records and song sheets of Christmas carols have also been furnished by the Red Cross for use on the "Refuge."

"You left your medals off," snapped the Marine Captain. The Pfc. looked down at his chest. "Great Scott!" he cried, "I forgot to take them off my pajamas."

Galley Cook Member Of "Sea-Going" Family

Ralph Jordan, SC3c, in the hospital galley has reason to be proud of his kinfolk what with three brothers plus a cousin wearing the Navy blue with him.



Ralph Jordan

Coming from a family of 16, Jordan believes in doing things big. He already has embarked in matrimony and maintains a home in Mobile. A total of seven boys, five girls and four half brothers muster on the Jordan log.

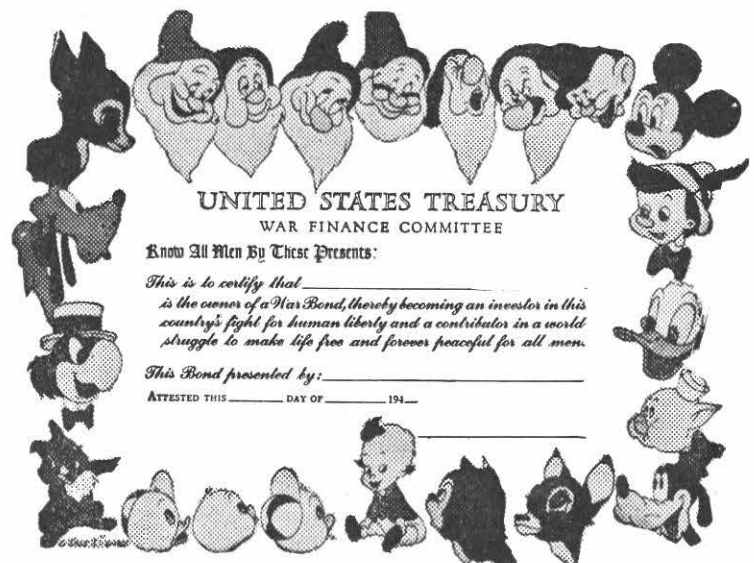
New Form To Assist Navy Personnel Reemployment

In order to facilitate the return of naval personnel to their former jobs on release from active duty, as provided for by existing laws, former employers are to be notified by the commanding officers whenever service men or women are either discharged from the Navy or returned to inactive duty.

Copies of BuPers Form 143 are now being sent to COs of all naval activities within the United States.

The directive provides that former employers will be given only the following information: name, date of birth, date of separation or return to inactive duty, name of naval activity and check-mark indication as to whether individual is being separated from the naval service or returned to inactive duty.

Christmas Gifts For Wartime Babies



UNITED STATES TREASURY
WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Know All Men By These Presents:

This is to certify that _____ is the owner of a War Bond, thereby becoming an investor in this country's fight for human liberty and a contributor in a world struggle to make life free and forever peaceful for all men.

This Bond presented by: _____
ATTESTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 194__

Gift tip of the season for Baby! A War Bond, accompanied by Walt Disney's Treasury Certificate, are the perfect Christmas present. Through them, Baby becomes an investor in the safest securities in the world. Securities that assure baby of many Christmases to come. So, this Christmas, and on every other occasion, buy your child U. S. WAR SAVINGS BONDS, the gift with a future.

Russian Navy Captain Who Helped Defend Stalingrad From Nazis Hospitalized Here

Modest Captain Eliswevich Alexander Ostroukhov of the Russian Navy can rightfully lay claim to a brilliant naval career, for at the youthful age of 33, he is already a Captain and has been decorated four times by the Soviet Union.

Recuperating from a recent illness, Captain Ostroukhov is quartered on SOQ-F, being attached to the Russian Legion in the 13th Naval District.

Captain Ostroukhov's medals include the Order of the Red Banner, Order of the Patriotic War, For Distinguished Service Medal and For the Defense of Stalingrad.

1. Order of the Red Banner

To Red Army men for outstanding courage and achievement and to civilians for aid rendered in Red Army operations.

2. Order of the Patriotic War

Awarded to Red Army and Navy men and to guerrillas for actions which contribute to the success of operations.

3. For Distinguished Service Medal

Awarded to Red Army and Navy Men and to civilians for aid in developing military operations.

4. For the Defense of Stalingrad

Awarded to Red Army and Navy men and to civilians who partici-

**CAPTAIN
E. A. Ostroukhov**



Wears 4 Soviet Decorations

pated directly in the defense of Stalingrad.

Born in Moscow 33 years ago, the Russian Navy captain attended regular public school and completed one year of high school. Then he joined the Navy and went to the Naval Academy.

Music is outstanding among his hobbies.

In 1943 Captain Ostroukhov left Russia for duty with the Russian Legion in the 13th Naval District.

NURSES' NOTES

By Ens. Francis Bacalis

CHATTER:

Quarters on the "Hill" are humming with activity and sheer excitement . . . Misses ZIEGLER and SYKES have received orders to Attu, Aleutian Islands, Alaska. They will report to the Commandant of the 13th Naval District about December 15. Don't forget the "Red Flannels" ladies.

It seems there is another ocean going trip to be taken. Thirty nurses are to report to San Francisco on December 16, for duty. "Bon Voyage."

Lt. (jg) E. Purvis, who has been an assistant to the Chief Nurse, was detached December 6 for Alameda Air Station, California, for temporary duty. She will report to the Flight Commander of the West Coast for further assignment with a group of 20 nurses to be trained as Naval Air Evacuation flight nurses. Miss Purvis was stationed here for 16 months.

WEDDING BELLS:

This isn't June or a month of brides . . . still we find Miss Ross changing her name from MISS to MRS.

Miss Donnell is leaving us to become a sweet homemaker . . . while Miss Cook takes the step to wear the traditional white with orange blossoms . . . CONGRATS!

Doctor Black Detached For Overseas Duty

Commander S. H. Black, one of the few remaining plank owning doctors, left early last week for overseas duty.

Doctor Black was a pathologist and ward medical officer while stationed here. He arrived from the U. S. Naval Medical School in Bethesda, Maryland on 1 August, 1942, in time to assist in commissioning this hospital. Through his efforts the laboratory developed into a clinic of efficiency.

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SWEDES BEWILDERED BY JITTERBUG JOES

Stockholm (CNS)—U. S. aviators interned in Sweden have introduced jitterbugging to Swedish girls.

"I assume," remarked a bystander after watching the gyrations, "that they get married afterwards."



Dr. Black

SPORTS

E. Mayhew . . . SPORTS EDITOR

Varsity Starts Service League With a Win . . .

Six Navy and four Army teams squared off for the Seattle Service League championship as the Hospital whipped the Seattle MP's 32 to 26 when the loop opened play last Friday night. Army teams entered in the league are Seattle M.P.s, Superforts, Port M.P.s, and the Ack-Acks. Naval entries are Arlington N.A.S., CASU of Sand Point, Port Headquarters, VR-5s from Sand Point, Naval Station, and the Naval Hospital Varsity.

Most teams with pre-league competition under their belts, displayed signs of potency in scoring ability. So set back and enjoy some fine play. The Superforts show signs of being the top Army entry, while the Navy contenders are led by the CASU five and the Hospital Varsity.

Our home squad, while presenting a serious threat for the title, will suffer a momentary setback when they lose the services of Starnes, top man in the scoring column. However, Lt. (jg.) Beebe, former U of Michigan basketball star, and "Butch" Nash, of Minnesota, have found the range in late games and can be counted on to supply the scoring punch needed.

Hospital Five Wins Thriller

Though leading all the way, the Hospital's Varsity basketball team resorted to a final thirty second layup shot by "Butch" Nash to nose out the Renton Boeing Bombers 39-36 in their meeting at the Lakeside Gym, December 4.

Taking control of the contest from the opening whistle, the home team, led by Starnes' 14 points, piled up a 20-17 half-time lead. Woodward topped the Bombers' scoring with 10 points.

BOX SCORE HOSPITAL (39)

	fg.	ft.	pts.
Patrick, f	0	2	2
Beebe, f	4	1	9
Stanger, f	0	0	0
Starnes, c	5	4	14
Brewster, g	1	0	2
Nash, g	5	2	12
Total	15	9	39

BOMBERS (36)

	fg.	ft.	pts.
Slapnick, f	3	0	6
Woodward, f	4	2	10
Hautala, f	1	0	2
Reed, f	1	0	2
Heatherington, c	1	0	2
Lee, g	3	1	7
Thomas, g	1	1	3
Erates, g	2	0	4
Total	16	4	36

HOSPITAL VARSITY'S OFFICIAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Dec. 16—Hospital vs. Seattle M.P.s. Rainier Field House...1845
- Dec. 18—Hospital vs. Super Forts Lakeside High2000
- Dec. 22—Hospital vs. Arlington Naval Air Station...Lakeside
- Dec. 26—Hospital vs. Port M. P.'s. Camp Jordan.
- Jan. 2—Hospital vs. Sand Point Casu. Sand Point gym.....1830
- Jan. 5—Hospital vs. VR-5 at Rainier Field House.
- Jan. 8—Hospital vs. Ack-Acks. Lakeside High School 2000

Hospital Varsity in Second Win Of Week on Tuesday, Dec. 5th

The hospital basketball team gave the Craven Center squad a 50-23 shellacking for their second triumph in as many nights.

WARMIN' THE BENCH
By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Jumping Joe Savoldi, fullback on one of Knute Rockne's last great teams at Notre Dame, was a sweet football player although no genius in the classroom. Flunked by a professor on the eve of the Army game one year ago, Savoldi was barred from the team—to the dismay of his teammates and the sporting world in general.

At last, however, the entire student body bore down to such an extent that Savoldi's professor relented, agreed to give him another test. His classmates crammed him for a week and a large cheering section waited outside the professor's house when Joe's ordeal began.

"Now, Joe," the prof assured him. "I'm going to ask you two questions. If you answer one of them correctly I'll pass you."

"Shoot," said Savoldi.

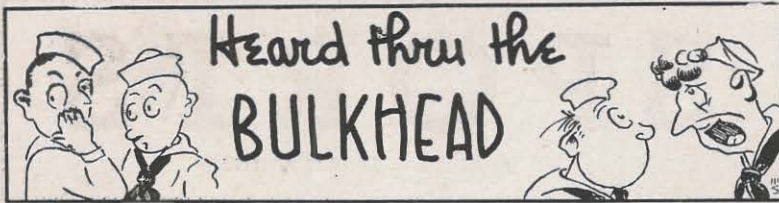
"First," the prof said, "what does the chemical formula H₂O stand for?"

"Ink," said Savoldi.

"Wrong," said the prof. "Now, take your time on this one: What is the chemical formula for water?"

"I dunno," said Joe.

"Right!" said the professor in triumph. "You don't. I pass you."



Heard thru the BULKHEAD

What's this about Hazel Hawbaker and Dick Carter of the Post Office Dept. "Paying Off" concerning letters? Who's blackmailing who?

Every morning "Speed Ball" Hansen, Marine guard at the brig receives a daily visit from a certain Wave Messenger. Is this a secret romance?

"Silence Is Golden" Wave Shirley Pritchard is being admired by Marine Votaw, patient on Ward 20.

**Before I heard the doctor tell
The danger of a kiss,
I had considered kissing you.....
But now I know biology,
And sit and sigh and moan.
Six million mad bacteria...
And I thought we were alone.**

Tragedy occurred on Ward 32 when Bessie Elwood, PhM3c, crushed her wrist as the window fell on it.

The Stethoscope staff regrets to announce the departure of Glen Wald, Phm2c, Circulation Manager, who left for civilian duty. We wish him the best of luck.

Corpsman Livasy of Ward 37 is in urgent need of a temporary buddy until Henninger gets off night duty. Livasy, where is your will power?

Wave buddies of Doris Parker, HA1c, from Lake Union, former Dental Technician here, are sorry to hear that she is in sick bay. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The happy bride from B Wing is Wave Kenny who married Marine Sgt. Boyd Williams, patient of Ward 32, December 2nd.

"Here's a letter from your wife saying you are the father of a ten-pound boy."

"Does she say anything else?"
"No, except at the end of the letter she says, Truly yours."

Patient (coming out of ether): "Why are the shades drawn, doctor?"

Doctor: "Well, there's a fire across the street—and I didn't want you to think the operation was a failure."

Bradentown, Fla. (CNS)—Two nifty thieves stole a safe here, found they couldn't open it, then telephoned the ex-owner to ask for the combination.

Vancouver, Wash. (CNS)—Clarance Williams was bowled over by a speeding car. The driver then stopped, ran back, stole Williams' wallet and sped away.

**The sea-gull is a merry bird
And either day or night
Hits the mark unerringly
Without a Norden sight.**

Wave Lila Heille has a habit of asking Marine Cpl. Raul the time of day when she goes in his office on Ward 41. Time just doesn't fly fast enough for her.

Helen Parker of Physical Therapy is "postwar planning" as her "Bill" bought a bungalow while on leave in Iowa.

Did Rita Stancel, Lab Technician, hear that doughnuts were rationed when she tried to crash the doors at "Strawberry Lane" to get some for morning breakfast?

Right from Paree, arrived a bottle of dashing Paris Perfume to PhM3c Norma Schecter. She was the envy of girls from surrounding cubicles.

Heavens! What Next? It seems that Mary Maston acquired a new pet, she called it "Butch," a cute caterpillar, but Helen Martin got a "squash" the next morning, as Mary had put "Butch" to sleep in Helen's shoe.

Ads 'n Stuff

NOTICE—Anyone who knew 1st Lt. Sidney C. BEINKE, USMCR, who was attached to Regimental Weapons Company, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, and was killed in a action 3 October, 1944, at Peleliu, in the Palau Islands please communicate with Marine Office on Ward 41 immediately.

WANTED—35 mm. Camera. See Major H. K. Jackson in SOQ (a) Room 10.

LOST—Waves regulation purse. Finder please return to Recreation office.

NOTICE—Anyone knowing Lt. Howard A. Scholz, 3rd Amphib. Tractor Division who was buried at sea please contact Ensign Scholz, GA. 9605 or SE. 4352—Ext. 309.

FOR SALE—Eddie J. A. Krempa of Ward 29 has a Gold Montre Watch which he will sell to anyone. Only cash will be considered.

FOR SALE—Lady's diamond ring and wedding ring. A real deal for anyone interested. See Recreation Office attendant. Afternoons only.

Dental Clinic Technician Pays \$2,000 For Leave

Cal C. Christensen, Dental Prosthetic Technician (V-12), wanted a few days leave before shoving off for V-12 training at the University of Indiana. "I don't mind paying for it," quoth he.

Commander R. W. Taylor, Dental Clinic head, heard of the yen, went into a quick huddle with Ch. Pharm. L. Tracy, Corpsmen Personnel officer, and the net result was the sale of a \$2,000 WAR BOND with seven days' leave thrown in.

Moral of the episode is . . . If you want leave . . . buy a \$2,000 War Bond!

MOVE OVER, POP

Pfc.: "What are you going to tell your kids when they ask, 'What did you do in the big war, Daddy?'"

Cpl.: "They won't hafta ask. Hell's bells, they'll probably be fighting it with me!"



Solomon Islands—Comdr. Myron Graybill asked a native chief if he had seen any women at Japanese installations near his village. Yes, the chief replied, he had seen at least one Jap woman at the camp. "How can you be so sure?" Comdr. Graybill asked. "I ate her," said the chief.

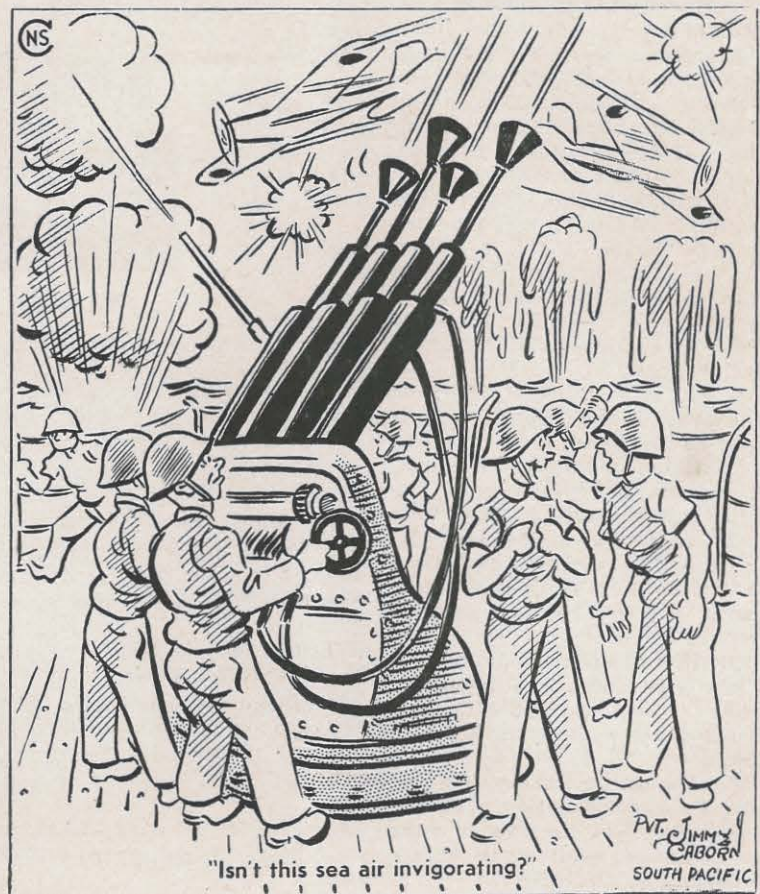
"IT'S COLD UP THAR..."



"Stretch" Crone

Blond and tall . . . very tall, in fact almost too tall to get into the Navy. With the height of 6 feet 9 inches, "Stretch" had to get a special waiver from the late Secretary of Navy, Frank Knox, before being admitted as a sailor. Darnel Crone, S1c, left the hospital last week to return to duty. He hails from Hollywood, California, where he once played basketball with the Hollywood "All-Stars."

A true friend is one who knows all about you, and still likes you.



Pvt. Jimmy Caborn
SOUTH PACIFIC