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MEDALS OF HONOR.

The following four enlisted men of the Navy were awarded the Medal of Honor by the President in the name of the Congress of the United States, with citations as follows:

JAMES H. McDONALD, Chief Metalsmith, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home address: Hoehnes, Colorado.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Marguerite A. McDonald,

612 E. 2nd Street, Trinidad, Colorado.

Washington address: 117 Wilmington Place, S. E.

CITATION.

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as a master diver throughout the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. His leadership, masterly skill, general efficiency and untiring devotion to duty in directing diving operations, making important and difficult dives under the most hazardous conditions, characterizes conduct far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty."

WILLIAM BADDERS, Chief Machinist's Mate, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard. Experimental Diving Unit.

Home address: Terre Haute, Indiana.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Lavaina Badders,

95 East Street, Annapolis, Md.

Washington address: 1613 Ridge Place, S. E.

CITATION.

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession during the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. During the rescue operations BADDERS, as Senior Member of the rescue chamber crew, made the last extremely hazardous trip of the rescue chamber to attempt to rescue any possible survivors in the flooded after portion of the SQUALUS. He was fully aware of the great danger involved in that if he and his assistant became incapacitated, there was no way in which either could be rescued. During the salvage operations BADDERS made important and difficult dives under the most hazardous conditions. His outstanding performance of duty contributed much to the success of the operations and characterizes conduct far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty."

MEDALS OF HONOR.

ORSON L. CRANDALI. Chief Boatswain's Mate. U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home address: 11 Home Street, New London, Conn.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Mary C. Crandall,

11 Home Street, New London, Conn.

CITATION.

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as a master diver throughout the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. His leadership, masterly skill, general efficiency and untiring devotion to duty in directing diving operations, making important and difficult dives under the most hazardous conditions, characterizes conduct far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty."

JOHN MIHALOWSKI, Torpedoman first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.
Home address: 11 Home Street, New London, Conn.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Dorothy D. Mihalowski,

11 Home Street, New London, Conn.

CITATION.

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession during the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. MIHALOWSKI, as a member of the rescue chamber crew, made the last extremely hazardous trip of the rescue chamber to attempt the rescue of any possible survivors in the flooded after portion of the SQUALUS. He was fully aware of the great danger involved in that if he and the other member of the crew became incapacitated there was no way in which either could be rescued. During the salvage operations MIHALOWSKI made important and difficult dives under the most hazardous conditions. His outstanding performance of duty contributed much to the success of the operations and characterizes conduct far above and beyond the ordinary call of duty."

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Rear Admiral Cyrus W. Cole, U.S. Navy, Commandant, Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N.H., was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility as Officer in Charge of the rescue and salvage operations of the U.S.S. SQUALUS from 23 May 1939 to 15 September 1939. By his efficient administration, exceptional ability in planning the operations and his untiring energy in the rescue of the survivors and the salvage of the stricken submarine, he displayed leadership and perseverance of the highest order."

NAVY CROSSES.

Navy Crosses were awarded to the following, with citations as indicated:

Captain Richard S. Edwards, U.S.N., Senior Aide to the Commander of the SQUALUS Rescue and Salvage Operations.

CITATION.

"For distinguished service in the line of his profession as Aide and later as Senior Aide on the Staff of the Commander of the U.S.S. SQUALUS Rescue and Salvage Unit. At the first indication of trouble Captain Edwards despatched the U.S.S. FALCON of his command and proceeded himself from New London, Connecticut, in a destroyer to the scene of the disaster, arriving the following day, 24 May 1939. During the entire period of the Rescue and Salvage Operations he distinguished himself by the superior and outstanding manner in which he performed all of his duties. His advice and cooperation were of inestimable value and contributed greatly to the rescue operations and final successful salvage of the U.S.S. SQUALUS."

Lieutenant Julian K. Morrison, U.S.N. Present duty: U.S.S. SEALION.

Home:

Memphis, Tennessee.

CITATION.

"For distinguished service in the line of his profession as Senior Assistant to the diving supervisor during the entire period of the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. His technical diving knowledge and his ability in handling difficult situations in emergencies were outstanding. His calmness, courage and good judgment inspired confidence in his men as well as in the senior officers of the Unit. He made numerous deep dives himself and was the only diver to attempt to enter the SQUALUS while she was on the bottom, failing only due to circumstances beyond his control. His superior and outstanding performance of duty contributed much to the success of the operations and characterizes conduct above and beyond the call of duty."

Ted D. Fickes, Chief Gunner, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Salt Lake City, Utah.

CITATION.

"For distinguished service in the line of his profession during the salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S.SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. His task as officer in charge of all air hose connected to the U.S.S. SQUALUS and the many pontoons was a most arduous

NAVY CROSSES.

Ted D. Fickes, Chief Gunner, U.S.N.

one and demanded constant attention day and night. His superior and outstanding performance of this duty was an important factor in the final salvage of the U.S.S. SQUALUS and characterizes conduct above and beyond the ordinary call of duty."

Alfred W. Pickering, Chief Shipfitter, U.S.N.
Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.
Home: San Diego, Calif.
Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Pickering,
4067 Mississippi St.. San Diego, Calif.

CITATION.

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as a diver during the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. His courage and devotion to duty in making repeated dangerous dives during the most difficult diving conditions characterizes conduct far above and beyond the call of duty."

George Bugner, Chief Machinist's Mate (PA), U.S.N.
Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.
Home: Newark, N. J.
Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Theresa O'Connor,
387 South 8th Street, Newark, N. J.
Washington address: 2208 Q Street, N. W.

CITATION.

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as a diver during the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. His courage and devotion to duty in making repeated dangerous dives during the most difficult diving conditions characterizes conduct far above and beyond the call of duty."

Walter H. Squire, Chief Torpedoman (PA), U.S.N.
Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.
Home: Los Angeles, Calif.
Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Irene C. Squire,
1809 Burke St., S. E., Washington, D. C.
Washington address: 1809 Burke St., S. E.

Walter H. Squire, Chief Torpedoman (PA), U.S.N.

CITATION.

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as a diver during the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. His courage and devotion to duty in making repeated dangerous dives during the most difficult diving conditions characterizes conduct far above and beyond the call of duty."

MAVY CROSS AND ADVANCEMENT ONE GRADE IN RATING WITHOUT EXAMINATION.

The following personnel were awarded the Navy Cross and advanced one grade in rating without examination, with the following citation:

CITATION.

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as a diver during the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. His courage and devotion to duty in making repeated dangerous dives during the most difficult diving conditions characterizes conduct far above and beyond the call of duty."

CHARLES ACKERS, Coxswain, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: 142 Home Avenue, Trenton, N. J.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. Biagio Ackers, 142 Home Ave., Trenton, N. J.

VIRGIL F. ALDRICH, Shipfitter second class, U.S.N. Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: 6623 Fremont Ave., Seattle, Wash.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Lucille K. Aldrich,

6623 Fremont Ave., Seattle, Wash.

JOSEPH J. ALICKI, Boatswain's Mate, first class, U.S.N.:
Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.
Home: 716 E. Main Street, Bridgeport, Conn.
Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Mary Alicki, 716 E. Main St., Bridgeport, Conn.

EDWARD P. CLAYTON, Metalsmith first class, U.S.N.
Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.
Home: Sewell, N. J.
Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. J. M. Clayton,
7828 Provident St., Philadelphia, Pa.

ROLAND FIEDLER, Gunner's Mate second class, U.S.N.
Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.
Home: Wellston, Missouri.
Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Myrtle M. Fiedler,
2152 Erick Avenue, Wellston, Mo.

WALTER E. HARMAN, Chief Gunner's Mate (AA), U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: New London, Conn.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Mary F. Harman,

15 Terrace Avenue, New London, Conn.

JOHN M. PORTER, Gunner's Mate second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: West Hartford, Conn.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Ethel L. Porter,

48 Elliott St., Hartford, Conn.

HARRY W. ROSS, Torpedoman first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Portland, Indiana.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Ethel Ross,

610 Maryland Avenue, Washington, D. C.

NEIL G. SHAHAN, Coxswain, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Morgantown, W. Va.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Nettie M. Shahan, R.R.#1, Uffington, W. Va.

Washington address: 13 Ninth Street, S. E.

ADRIAN J. VANDERHEYDEN, Torpedoman second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Jersey City, N. J.

Next of kin; Wife, Mrs. Dorothea Vanderheyden,

11 1/2 Eustis Ave., Newport, R. I.

GEORGE F. CROCKER, Boatswain's Mate second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Hope Valley, Mass.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Jean Crocker,

14 Monument Square, Charlestown, Mass.

Washington address: 12 Sixth Street, N. E.

EDMUND B. CROSBY, Boatswain's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Pensacola, Fla.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Crosby,

917 E. Lee Street, Pensacola, Fla.

Local address: Parkland, Md.

JESSE E. DUNCAN, Torpedoman first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: San Francisco, Calif.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Zelda L. Duncan,

764 N. Point St., San Francisco, Calif.

Local address: Parkland, Md.

ROBERT M. METZGER, Shipfitter first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Philadelphia, Pa.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Mary Metzger,

201 S. 9th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Washington address: 1716 B St., N. E.

HENRY H. FRYE, Shipfitter first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Carbondale, Ill.

Next of kin: Son, William H. Frye,

605 Redfield Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Washington address: 715 G Street, S. E.

FORREST E. SMITH, Boatswain's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Amarillo, Texas.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Inez Smith,

404 N. Pierce Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Washington address: 1740 Minnesota Avenue, S. E.

JOHN W. THOMPSON, Torpedoman first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Moose Lake, Minn.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Alice N. Thompson,

Broad St. Extension, Waterford, Conn.

Washington address: 1830 Potomac St., S. E.

LOUIS ZAMPIGLIONE, Gunner's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: New York, N. Y.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Reba P. Zampiglione,

541 9th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Washington address: 541 9th St., S. E.

JAMES E. BAKER, Boatswain's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. R-14.

Home: Havre de Grace, Md.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Ora E. Baker,

477 Pawtucket Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

OSCO HAVENS, Shipfitter second class, U.S.N.

Home: Steff, Kentucky.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Jewell Havens, Gales Ferry, Conn.

ROBERT J. AGNESS, Gunner's Mate third class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. MALLARD.

Home: Houston, Texas.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Clara G. Berry,

3514 Hurley Road, Houston, Texas.

ALVIE A. PHILLIPS, Boatswain's Mate first class, U. S. N.

Present Duty: U.S.S. ORTCLAN.

Home: Los Angeles, Calif.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Hallie M. Phillips, 1146 W. 102nd St., Los Angeles, Calif.

FLOYD M. SYMONS, Boatswain's Mate second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: New Orleans, La.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. Walter N. Symons,

8620 Willow Street, New Orleans, La.

HARRY L. FRICKEY, Shipfitter second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Chappell, Nebraska.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. George W. Frickey,

Chappell, Nebraska.

RUSSELL A. FIELDING, Coxswain, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Revere, Mass.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Glennie L. Fielding,

197 Proctor Avenue, Revere, Mass.

PRENTICE CRITTENDEN, Carpenter's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Louisville, Ky.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Thelma L. Crittenden,

3713 Wheeler Road, S. E., Washington, D. C.

Washington address: 3713 Wheeler Road, S. E.

THOMAS W. FORESTER, Gunner's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: St. Louis, Missouri.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Virginia E. Forester,

828 20th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Washington address: 828 20th Street, N. W.

JOHN GILBERT, Gunner's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Los Angeles, Calif.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Catherine F. Gilbert,

1522 Potomac Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Washington address: 1511 G St., S. E.

EDWARD N. JODREY, Shipfitter second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: West Newton, Mass.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Estelle B. Jodrey,

216 Cherry Street, West Newton, Mass.

FRANCIS H. O'KEEFE, Coxswain, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Cohoes, New York.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Anna M. O'Keefe,

90 Chestnut St., Cohoes, N. Y.

Washington address: 1017 B St., S. E.

FRANCIS L. WESTBROOK, Pharmacist's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: Washington Navy Yard, Experimental Diving Unit.

Home: Wilson, N. C.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Margaret H. Westbrook,

608 Gold St., Wilson, N. C.

Washington address: 117 19th St., N. E.

RICHARD F. CLARKE, Coxswain, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. HOLLAND.

Home: Philadelphia, Pa.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. William T. Clarke,

4624 Penn St., Philadelphia, Pa.

FRANK R. CONWELL, Carpenter's Mate second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Kansas City, Mo.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Zella Conwell,

6841 Indiana Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

BENJAMIN T. MORRIS, Pharmacist's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: San Pedro, Calif.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Arnice I. Morris,

Box 532, Bouchers Avenue, Eastport, Md.

ORVAL S. PAYNE, Gunner's Mate third class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Weston, W. Va.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. Oscar A. Payne,

280 West 4th St., Weston, W. Va.

JAMES B. PHIFER, Gunner's Mate second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Corley, Texas.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Eleanor F. Phifer,

1254 11th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

THEODORE P. SMITH, Boatswain's Mate second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Chester, Pa.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Helen W. Smith,

1916 Spring Garden, Philadelphia, Pa.

NAVY CROSS AND ADVANCEMENT ONE GRADE IN RATING WITHOUT EXAMINATION (contd.).

WILSON F. TUTT, Gunner's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. SEALION.

Home: DeQueen, Arkansas.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. John H. Tutt, DeQueen, Arkansas.

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON, Boatswain's Mate first class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. ORTOLAN.

Home: Ocean Beach, Calif.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. June M. Johnson,

5052 Brighton Ave., Ocean Beach, Calif.

MARTIN C. SIBITZKY, Boatswain's Mate second class, U.S.N.

Present duty: U.S.S. FALCON.

Home: Pedricktown, N. J.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Zelma R. Sibitzky, Pedricktown, N. J.

CITATION.

"For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as a diver during the rescue and salvage operations following the sinking of the U.S.S. SQUALUS on 23 May 1939. SIBITZKY was the first diver to go down to the stricken SQUALUS. He secured the rescue chamber downhaul to the forward torpedo room escape hatch and cleared the hatch while working at a depth of 220 feet in water at a low temperature. The extremely skillful work on this first dive resulted in marked expedition of the whole rescue operations and contributed greatly to its ultimate success."

SPECIAL LETTERS OF COMMENDATION FROM SECRETARY OF NAVY.

Special letters of commendation from the Secretary of the Navy have been awarded to eight officers:

COMMANDER ALIAN R. McCANN, U.S.N.
Present duty: Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department.
Home: 28 Spring Street, North Adams, Mass.
Washington address: 3709 Yuma Street, N. W.

COMMANDER HENRY HARTLEY, U.S.N. Present duty: Hydrographic Office, Navy Department. Home: Bladensburg, Md.

COMMANDER ANDREW I. McKEE (CC), U.S.N.
Present duty: Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H.
Home: Lawrenceburg, Ky.

COMMANDER CHARLES B. MOMSEN, U.S.N.
Present duty: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. SIRIUS.
Home: St. Paul, Minn.

COLMANDER JOHN B. LOMGSTAFF, U.S.N.
Present duty: Aide to Commandant, Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H.
Home: Dover, N. H.

Present duty: Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H. Home: 1808 Kenyon Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN A. SWEETON, U.S.N. Present duty: Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H. Home: Haddonfield, N. J.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WARREN D. WILKIN, U.S.N.
Present duty: U.S.S. SCULFIN.
Home: 4429 9th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

COLMENDATION.

Albert Kanae Kaailau, M.M.Ic, U.S.N., attached to the Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H., was commended by the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation on January 8, 1940, for his "interest and energy" in designing an automatic gasket punch.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Violet Kans Kaailau, 3857 Nosau Avenue, Monolulu, T. H.

Home address: 405 Buckle Lane, Honolulu, T. H.

SPONSORS.

While Acting Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Edison designated Miss Isabel Hoey, daughter of Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of the State of North Carolina, as sponsor for the U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA (BB55), named in honor of that State.

The U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA (BB55) is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, New York, in June, 1940.

The U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA (BB55), the fourth one of that name but the first completed battleship bearing the name of North Carolina, was authorized by the Vinson-Trammell Bill, Act of Congress, March 27, 1934.

The first vessel named NORTH CAROLINA was a ship of the line of 2,633 tons, carrying 74 guns; launched at Philadelphia, Pa., September, 1820; cruised as flagship of the Mediterranean Squadron 1825-27; last cruise in the Pacific as flagship of Commodore H. E. Ballard; 1839-1866, receiving ship, Navy Yard, New York; sold in 1867.

The second vessel named NORTH CAROLINA was an armored cruiser of 14,500 tons displacement, authorized by Act of Congress dated April 27, 1904; named for the State of North Carolina; built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., Newport News, Va.; keel laid March 21, 1905; launched Oct. 6, 1906; commissioned May 7, 1909; attached to cruiser and transport force during World War; named changed to CHARLOTTE, for a city of North Carolina, June 7, 1920; sold Sept. 29, 1930.

SPONSORS (contd.).

The third vessel named MORTH CAROLINA was designed as a battleship and was under construction at the time of the Washington Treaty for the limitation of naval armaments. All work was ordered suspended on the construction of this vessel on Feb. 8, 1922, upon signing of this treaty, in view of the probable scrapping of certain capital ships. The treaty was duly ratified, effective Aug. 17, 1923, on which date the contract was definitely cancelled. This vessel was broken up and scrapped in accordance with the terms of the treaty.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. Irving Spencer, Margaret Hall School, Versailles, Ky., as sponsor for the U.S.S. WOOLSEY (DD437), named in honor of her grandfather, the late Captain Melancthon Taylor Woolsey, U.S.Navy.

The U.S.S. WOOLSEY (DD437) is scheduled to be launched at the plant of the Bath Iron Works Corporation, Bath, Maine, March 29, 1940.

This vessel, the second of that name, was authorized by Act of Congress dated May 17, 1938.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. Charles F. Hughes, of 4235 East Broadway, Long Beach, Calif., as sponsor for the U.S.S. CHARLES F. HUGHES (DD428), named in honor of her husband, the late Rear Admiral Charles Frederick Hughes, U.S. Navy.

The U.S.S. CHARLES F. HUGHES (DD428) is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington, April 15, 1940.

This vessel, the first one of that name, was authorized by Act of Congress dated March 27, 1934.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. Claud Jones, wife of Captain Claud Jones, U.S.N., Naval Inspector of Machinery at the plant of the Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn., as sponsor for the U.S.S. THRESHER (SS200).

The U.S.S. THRESHER (SS200) is scheduled to be launched at the plant of the Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn., 27 March, 1940.

This vessel was authorized by Act of Congress dated 27 March, 1934.

REQUEST FOR DUTY - OFFICER DATA CARD.

The Bureau of Navigation receives numerous letter requests from officers for routine assignment to duty both afloat and ashore. Upon checking these requests against the officer's data card, N.Nav. 278, there has been found to be no change in duty preferences as indicated on the card.

REQUEST FOR DUTY - OFFICER DATA CARD (contd.).

In the event an officer desires to make any change in his preferences for duty or there is any change in data submitted on N.Nav. 278, subsequent to the submission of that form, the correct procedure is to submit a complete new card, N.Nav. 278. Nothing else is required or desired by the Bureau of Navigation in order to bring this information to the attention of the Bureau.

For special courses of instruction such as submarine and aviation training, official requests are required. In such cases circular letters are sent out calling for applications.

DUTY WITH NAVAL MISSIONS OR AS NAVAL ATTACHES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

The Bureau of Navigation welcomes applications on the part of officers for duty with Naval Missions or as Naval Attaches in foreign countries.

It is desired to correct any misapprehensions entertained with respect to this type of duty. Applications by individual officers for this duty are helpful. Also, no officer need hesitate to undertake such duty on account of lack of independent, private means, as cortain official provision is made in connection with necessary, extraordinary expenses incident to such duty.

A recent check of the reports of the various Selection Boards over the past ten years indicates that officers who have served as Naval Attaches or as members of Naval Missions have experienced a higher than average percentage of selection in all ranks, probably due to the fact that the Bureau maintains high standards in assignment to such duties.

The foregoing information is supplied to the service as of interest to those officers who may be logical candidates for such type of duty but who have not requested it under the mistaken idea that it could conceivably be detrimental to their record and prejudice their chances when their records are considered by Selection Boards.

, The Bureau considers duties in connection with Naval Missions or as Attaches of high importance and of value both to the service and to the individual concerned.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS OF LIEUTEMANT COMMANDERS ON THE PROMOTION LIST.

Because of the terms of the Line Personnel Act of June 23, 1938, the Bureau is unable to state at this time the dates of promotion of officers recently selected as best fitted for promotion to the grade of commander. However, it is believed that all such officers to and including Lieutenant Commander William E. Miller will be eligible for promotion not later than May 1, 1940.

All those officers adjudged fitted for promotion to commander and recommended for retention on the active list have already become eligible for promotion.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS ON THE PROMOTION LIST (contd.).

In view of the foregoing, the Bureau will proceed to issue the orders for the examinations of the officers referenced in the above two preceding paragraphs hereof, with instructions that examinations be completed not later than May 1, 1940.

It is anticipated that those officers on the promotion list junior to Lieutenant Commander Miller and serior to Lieutenant Commander John L. Murphy will become due for promotion on July 1, 1940. It is contemplated that the necessary orders for this group will be issued about April 1, 1940, with instructions that the examinations be completed not later than September 1, 1940.

In each instance, consideration will be given to requests for delay beyond the dates stated where delays are justified by reason of special circumstances.

The remaining officers will be examined as they become due for promotion subsequent to July 1, 1940.

RETIRED OFFICERS - TRANSPORTATION.

In connection with officers placed on the retired list, the Comptroller General of the United States has held that in order for such officers to be entitled to transportation for their dependents from the last permanent duty station to their homes, the travel must be performed within a period of one year from date of retirement.

Under the present neutrality program it is the policy of the Department to retain on active duty in some cases officers who have been issued orders to be placed on the retired list, or to recall such officers for active duty without them having the opportunity of proceeding to their homes on the retirement orders. This situation raised the question as to whether or not such officers who were retained on active duty for a period of more than one year from date of retirement would be entitled to transportation for their dependents to their homes when released from active duty.

The question was submitted to the Comptroller General for decision and he states that in cases where the officer's dependents have not traveled to his home in connection with his retirement, when he is released from active duty status, making possible compliance with the directions contained in his retirement orders, he will be entitled to transportation for his dependents to his home if travel is performed within one year from the date of release from active duty, and that such transportation is authorized from the place of release from active duty to his home.

In this connection, it is advisable to call the attention of the service to the fact that rotired officers or reserve officers recalled to active duty from their homes are not entitled to transportation for their dependents from their homes to the first place of duty, nor from their last duty station to their homes when released.

MERCHANT MARINE RESERVE TRAINING CENTER, NEW YORK.

A Training Center for Merchant Marine Reserve officers was established on December 4, 1939, on the Receiving Ship at New York (U.S.S. SEATTLE). Captain H. E. Shoemaker, U.S.N., the Commanding Officer of the SEATTLE, was appointed as Officer-in-Charge of the Training Center. The purpose of the school is to furnish instruction in subjects pertinent to merchant ship defense, such as convoy instructions and tactics, gummery, communications, damage control, and defense against submarines, aircraft and mines. The Training Center has a capacity of 20 student officers for an 8 weeks' course. These officers serve without pay or allowances from the Navy, but in most cases they have been furloughed with pay by the Maritime Commission or the private shipping companies.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES.

Chapter 7 of the Yearbook of Enlisted Training (Edition of 1939) no longer requires the Quarterly Report of Training Activities.

NAVAL ACADEMY CANDIDATES.

Attention is invited to the fact that Form N. Nav. 116 should be forwarded in every case whether the applicant is nominated or not (BuNav. Manual D-6107 (1)(e)).

TRAINING COURSES.

Training courses are available for men preparing for the following ratings:

Seaman Branch.

Apprentice Seaman
Seaman 1c
Coxswain
Gunner's Mate 2c
Gunner's Mate 3c
Quartermaster 3c
Quartermaster 1c and Chief Quartermaster
Torpedoman 3c
Torpedoman 2c
Torpedoman 1c and Chief Torpedoman
Fire Controlman 2c
Fire Controlman 1c and Chief Fire Controlman

Artificer Branch.

Fireman 2c and Fireman 1c

Machinist's Mate 2c

Water Tender 1c and Chief Water Tender

Electrician's Mate 3c

Painter 3c

Painter 2c

Painter 1c

Radioman 3c

Aviation Branch.

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3c

TRAINING COURSES (contd.).

Special Branch.

Ship's Cook 3c
Baker Ratings
Officer's Cooks and Officer's Stewards
Messman
Commissary and Chief Commissary Stewards
Storekeeper 2c

Yeoman 2c Yeoman 1c and Chief Yeoman Hospital Apprentice 1c and Pharmacist's Mate 3c Pharmacist's Mate 2c

General Courses.

A-N
Aviation Seamanship
Blowers
Boilers, Coal Fired
Boilers, Oil Fired
Diesel Engines
Distilling Plants
General Training Cour

Electric Propulsion Main Drive Gregg Shorthand Manual Gregg Progressive Exercises Cyroscopic Compasses Pumps Storage Batteries

General Training Course for Petty Officers 3c and 2c General Training Course for Petty Officers 1c and Chief Petty Officer

Other Publications Available.

Yeanbook of Enlisted Training, 1939
News Handling
Thrit
Benefit Guide
Concessions of Colleges
Motion Picture Handling
Naval Aviation Syllabus

N-1 Training Seaplanes
N-2 Training Landplanes
Methods of Instruction
Collision Cases 1-10
Collision Cases 31-40
Collision Cases 41-50
Grounding Cases 11-20
Administration Cases 21-30

REQUESTS FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION.

There will exist two vacancies in Tokyo, Japan, this summer for duty as students in the course in the Japanese language, one for a naval officer and one for an officer of the Marine Corps.

Attention of naval officers desiring this duty is invited to the requirements of Article E-1401, Bureau of Navigation Manual. Requests from officers of the Classes of 1933 to 1937, inclusive, who are otherwise qualified, will be considered for this duty. Officers of the above-mentioned classes who have previously submitted requests are invited to re-submit them if they desire to be considered. An exception to Article E-1401 is being made this year which permits officers having but three years' service after graduation to be eligible for this detail.

All candidates for this detail should submit applications by mail or radio to reach the Department prior to April 15, 1940.