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APPLICATIONS FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE STUDY.

The Bureau of Navigation will consider requests from officers for assignment to Tokyo next September for instruction in the Japanese language. Applicants must be unmarried and, in general, fulfill the requirements set forth in Article E-1401, Bureau of Navigation Manual. Requests for this duty should be submitted without delay. Applicants on the Asiatic Station may submit requests by despatch.

SELECTIONS FOR COMMISSIONS AS ENSIGNS, SUPPLY CORPS, U. S. NAVY.

The following selections have been made for revocable commissions in the Supply Corps, U. S. Navy:

Ensign Stephen Sherwood, U. S. Navy.

Naval R.O.T.C. Graduates.

William G. Holly	-	University of California
Milton H. Jensen	-	" " "
Stanley J. Kelley	-	" " "
Burrows W. Morgan, Jr.	-	" " "
Boyd Shafsky	-	" " "
John Vinn, Jr.	-	" " "
Bert S. Beasley	-	Georgia School of Technology
John B. Kackley	-	" " " "
David D. Long, Jr.	-	" " " "
Marion D. Sims, Jr.	-	" " " "
Jerry H. Taylor, Jr.	-	" " " "
Portus D. Boyce	-	University of Washington
Max Schlieve	-	" " "
Daniel E. Waite	-	" " "
Albert E. Pallon	-	Harvard University
Lawrence V. Hallberg	-	Northwestern University

Graduates of other universities.

Marion L. Cooper, Jr.	-	George Washington University
James T. Mathews, Jr.	-	The Citadel, Charleston, S. C.

EXAMINATION FOR WARRANT OFFICERS.

The following policy governing the examinations of candidates for appointment as warrant officers is established:

EXAMINATION FOR WARRANT OFFICERS (Contd).

- (a) An examination will be conducted in September annually, for all grades of warrant officers.
- (b) The Bureau will estimate the number of appointments that will be made to each grade during the period between examinations. A waiting list for each grade will be established on the basis of the estimated number of appointments plus 25% for the examination to be held in September of this year. The percentage to be applied in subsequent years will be modified as experience dictates.
- (c) Candidates found qualified on a subsequent examination will be placed on the waiting list following those qualified on a prior examination.

Attention of the service is invited to the fact that the above policy, which will take effect on the date of approval of the list established by the September, 1937, examination, is a departure from that of past years. Formerly the waiting list contained the names of all those qualifying on the examination, regardless of how much this number might exceed the vacancies anticipated for the ensuing year, and those failing to make numbers during the year were superseded by the entirely new precedence list established as the result of the next annual examination. Hereafter the waiting list will be limited to the number of anticipated annual vacancies plus a percentage sufficient to cover unforeseen separations; those on this list who fail to make numbers during the year on account of lack of vacancies will retain their relative positions on this list, those qualifying on the next annual examinations taking precedence below them.

PHOTOGRAPHER SCHOOL, NAVAL AIR STATION, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.

The Bureau desires requests from eligible candidates, who are recommended and considered qualified by commanding officers, for assignment to the Photographer School, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., for a course of instruction. Men recommended for this course of instruction must be qualified in accordance with Article E-5406, Bureau of Navigation Manual. The length of course of instruction in the Photographer School is twenty-six (26) weeks; classes convening in July and January of each year. Upon completion of course of instruction in this school, the four candidates standing highest in the class are usually selected for further instruction at the Slide Film School, Washington, D. C.

SHORE DUTY FOR AVIATION RATINGS.

There is a shortage in certain ratings of the Aviation Branch on the Bureau's eligibility list for consideration for assignment to shore duty. Requests are desired from men eligible for shore duty in accordance with the provisions of Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 6-37, in the following ratings: All Naval Aviation Pilots; Aviation Chief Carpenter's Mates; Aviation Chief Metalsmiths; Chief Photographers, Chief Aerographers; Aviation Carpenter's Mates; Photographers; and Aerographers.

RADIO MATERIAL AND SOUND SCHOOL, BELLEVUE, D.C.

Chief Radio Electricians and Radio Electricians who desire to apply for the next class at the Radio Material and Sound School, Bellevue, D. C., should submit their applications in time to reach the Bureau of Navigation prior to 15 July, 1937. It is planned to detail not more than six (6) warrant officers to this class starting about 1 October, 1937.

ENLISTMENTS OF EX-NAVY MEN IN THE NAVAL RESERVE.

In Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 34-36 dated 8 September 1936, there was emphasized the desirability of enlisting in Class V-4 of the Naval Reserve honorably discharged men of the regular Navy not re-enlisting therein. The procedure to be followed by the commanding officers of all ships and stations in securing such enlistments in the Naval Reserve, upon discharge from the regular Navy, was outlined, and it was directed that the Commandants of the Naval Districts be furnished with the names, rates and addresses of those honorably discharged men declining to re-enlist in either the regular Navy or the Naval Reserve.

The increase in number of V-4 men on the rolls since the date of this letter is almost negligible. This showing is disappointing, especially when it is considered that approximately 75% of the honorably discharged men of the Marine Corps enter the Marine Corps Reserve.

Through a recent multiple address letter, the Commandant of each Naval District has been directed to maintain a list of honorably discharged men of the regular Navy residing within the District, who have been out of the naval service not over eight years. This list is to be known as Class A - Recruit Candidates. Routine monthly reports are to be made by the various Commandants to the Bureau, showing the number of Class A - Recruit Candidates on the list.

RULES OF THE ROAD.

In response to the numerous requests to the Hydrographic Office for information regarding prospective changes in the "International Rules of the Road," consequent upon the 1929 London Conference for Promoting Safety of Life at Sea, a brief history of the proposed changes and their present status is given herewith:

The Convention, or agreement, drafted by this Conference, provided regulations governing the construction and equipment of ships, equipment and procedure for radio and other communication, and certain minor modifications to the existing Rules of the Road.

The Convention was ratified by the U. S. Senate in June, 1936. The President's proclamation of our adherence to the Convention as of 7 November, 1936, put into effect the ship construction and communication provisions but did not establish the revised International Rules of the Road which must, under the Convention, await official acceptance by other nations. None of these has as yet agreed to them and, as there are still changes being considered in these regulations, every one of which requires reference to the countries represented at the Convention, it may require at least two years before they can be made effective.

RULES OF THE ROAD (Contd).

There is pending in the Senate a bill introduced by Senator Copeland, S.1273, adopting regulations for preventing collision at sea based on the Convention. This, however, provides that "This Act shall take effect at a time to be fixed by the President by proclamation issued for that purpose," and this proclamation will not, presumably be issued until after general acceptance of the revised Rules.

The Naval Service will be appropriately informed, prior to the effective date, of the changes ultimately agreed upon.

REVISION OF NAVAL COURTS AND BOARDS, 1923.

Naval Courts and Boards, 1937, a complete revision of Naval Courts and Boards, 1923, has been approved by the President and is being distributed to the Naval Service. The revision will supersede Naval Courts and Boards, 1923, on 1 July 1937.

The revision should be bound in the covers now supplied with the 1923 edition.

Commandants of Naval Districts are being supplied with sufficient extra copies to provide for those activities who may not have been included in the Bureau's distribution.

DEFECTIVE VACUUM TUBES - GYRO COMPASS EQUIPMENT.

When defective vacuum tubes are returned to the Material Laboratory, Navy Yard, New York, as provided for in Gyro Compass Bulletin No. 34, dated 1 June 1936, page 20, this should be done "at no price."

The above-mentioned bulletin should be corrected accordingly.

DESPATCH REGARDING HINDENBURG DISASTER.

The Bureau takes pleasure in publishing to the Service the following despatch received from the Governor of Pennsylvania:

"PHILADELPHIA PENN MAY 6

"SECRETARY OF NAVY

"MAJOR CAMILLE VINET DIRECTOR OF AERONAUTICS COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA EYE WITNESS TO EXPLOSION AND RESULTANT DESTRUCTION OF HINDENBURG HAS JUST REPORTED TO ME STOP HIS STRONGEST IMPRESSION WAS THE MAGNIFICENT AND EFFECTIVE HEROISM OF COMMANDER ROSENDAHL AND HIS MEN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY WHO DOVE INTO THE INFERNO AGAIN AND AGAIN UTTERLY REGARDLESS OF THEIR OWN SAFETY THEIR ACTION AND THEIR ACTIONS ALONE SAVED AT LEAST FIFTEEN LIVES

"GEORGE H EARLE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA"

DECEASED ENLISTED PERSONNEL.

The following is a list of enlisted personnel of the regular Navy who died during the period from 19 to 30 April, 1937, inclusive:

ANGELES, Angeles Pedro, Native Machinist's Mate 1c, U.S.N. Died on 23 April 1937, at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Canacao, P.I. Next of kin, wife, Basilia Angeles, Noveleta, Cavite, P.I.

APERKY, Michael, Ship's Cook 1c, U.S.N. Died on 28 April 1937 at Pearl Harbor, T.H., while attached to the U.S.S. PARTRIDGE. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Sarah Aperry, 530 East 10th Street, Oakland, Calif.

BROADBENT, Marden Frederic, Seaman 1c, U.S.N. Died on 19 April 1937, at the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, father, Mr. James Thomas Broadbent, Box 31, Riverton, Utah.

BUCK, Alfred, Machinist's Mate 1c, U.S.N. Died on 30 April 1937 at Honolulu, T.H., while attached to the U.S.S. BEAVER. Next of kin, father, Mr. John W. Buck, Morral, Ohio.

GOMER, William, Seaman 1c, U.S.N. Died on 23 April 1937 at Villa Franche, France, while attached to the U.S.S. RALEIGH. Next of kin, guardian, Rev. George D. Wittaus, Central Wesleyan Orphan Home, Warrenton, Mo.

JOHNSON, Albert Victor, R.M.2c, U.S.N. Died 20 April 1937 at Hankow, China, while attached to the U.S.S. TUTUILA. Next of kin, brother, Mr. Octavius A. Johnson, Emerado, N. D.

LEWIS, Robert Moore, Sea.2c, U.S.N. Died 29 April 1937 at Allendale, S.C., while on leave from the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va. Next of kin, father, Mr. Armond C. Lewis, Allendale, S. C.

REINKE, Edgar John, Yeoman 2c, U.S.N. Died on 23 April 1937, at the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, father, Mr. Fred Reinko, Willow River Inn, Furkhardt, Wisc.