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OFFICER PERSONNEL

SUBMARINE SELECTIONS.

Selections have been made for the class in Submarine Training which will convene on 6 July 1931. The class will consist of the following officers:

Lieutenant (jg)	Cecil L. Blackwell,
"	" Hilan Ebert,
"	" Thomas M. Wolverton,
"	" John O. R. Coll,
"	" Robert E. Braddy, Jr.,
"	" Robert L. Densford,
"	" Loring O. Shook,
"	" Jack F. Bowling, Jr.,
"	" Thomas M. Dykers,
"	" James W. Blanchard,
"	" Arthur K. Ehle,
"	" Roland F. Pryce,
Ensign	Thurmond A. Smith,
"	" Stephen H. Ambruster,
"	" George Fritschmann,
"	" Charles O. Triebel,
"	" Augustus R. St. Angelo,
"	" Robert J. Ramsbotham,
"	" George H. Wales,
"	" Oliver G. Kirk,
"	" Harold Nielson,
"	" Earl Dennett,
"	" Carl A. Johnson,
"	" Donald F. Weiss

FLIGHT TRAINING.

Many individual requests are received from officers for flight instruction at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola. Such requests are unnecessary, for when an officer has successfully completed the regular course of elimination instruction and has stated that he is an applicant for further flight training, he is placed on the Bureau's list of qualified applicants.

Unless the officer concerned subsequently states that he does not desire to be ordered to Pensacola prior to a certain date or does not desire such orders at any time, the Bureau assumes that he desires such orders as soon as possible.

With the aid of ships' rosters showing the employment of individual officers and the schedules of employment of the vessels concerned, the Bureau makes up classes from the list of qualified applicants and issues the individual orders as far in advance of the convening dates of the classes as it is possible to issue such orders. Such orders include as much leave en route as is practicable to grant in such cases. However, no officer is obliged to take leave that has been granted.

COMMENDATION.

The Secretary of the Navy recently commended Lieutenant (jg) H. B. Bell, Jr., U.S.N., U.S.S. S-22, for interest and ingenuity in devising a safety interlock for use on watertight doors, which has been adopted as standard and is now being installed on all submarines.

DESTROYER ENGINEER OFFICERS.

The Bureau has recently inaugurated a policy of assigning lieutenants to destroyers as engineer officers. During the year 1931, 45 vacancies will occur in those billets and the Bureau will fill these vacancies approximately as follows:

(a) From battleships, (reducing the number of lieutenants P. G. engineers aboard each battleship to one).....	9
(b) From Postgraduate course in engineering..	13
(c) From light cruisers (P.G. engineer lieutenants).....	4
(d) From destroyers (non-P.G.'s) some now performing duty as engineer officers...	12
(e) From shore (non-P.G.'s).....	7
Total	45

When assignments are finally made, distribution will be as follows:

	<u>P. G. Engineers</u>	<u>Non-P.G.'s</u>
To Battle Force	11	7
" Scouting Force	15	12
	26	19

Total 45.

A CORRECTION.

It has been brought to the attention of the Bureau that the item in Bulletin No. 155, dated 18 April 1931, relative to the examination of officers for promotion, is somewhat misleading. Paragraph three of that item states:

"In this connection, the attention of all concerned is invited to the fact that the provisions of general law relative to professional or physical failure on examination are applicable to this group of officers."

The Bureau intended to emphasize by that paragraph the fact that by the provisions of general law, each officer is, in the event of failure on professional examination, entitled to re-examination by a second statutory board before final action is taken in his case. Those officers who may fail to qualify on final examination and who are forty-five or more years of age, or have completed twenty or more years of service, will, under the terms of the Personnel Act, be retired except that former chief warrant and warrant officers have the option of reverting to their former status.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

COMMENDATION.

The Secretary of the Navy on 21 April 1931 addressed letters of commendation to the following:

Thomas E. Gorman, Chief Boatswain's Mate, U.S. Navy, U.S.S. HENDERSON. Home address, 49 Rogers Street, South Boston, Mass.

For prompt and courageous action in rescuing Louis Rineberg, Seaman first class, U.S. Navy, from drowning at Pearl Harbor, T. H., on 22 December 1930.

William Starr Davis, Seaman 1c, U.S. Navy, Receiving Ship, San Francisco. Home address, 150 Franklyn Street, Framingham, Mass.

For prompt action in saving the life of a woman who had fallen off the dock at San Francisco, California, about 7 p. m., on 21 December 1929.

The Chief of Bureau of Navigation addressed a letter of commendation to:

William Jacob Bush, Radioman 1c, U.S. Navy, Receiving Station, Washington, D. C. Home address, 1221 West 46th Street, Norfolk,

Va.

For prompt and efficient action in saving Miss
Carrie Wyckoff-Ormsbee from drowning on November
8, 1930, at Washington, D. C.

TRAINING

EX SCIENTIA TRIDENS.

It will be interesting to note in another year, whether the Bureau's recent order making the completion of a training course a prerequisite to advancement in rating will materially increase the demand for these pamphlets. Last year, with many ratings not covered by courses, the Bureau issued almost 90,000 training courses. The year before, 109,000 were issued. The decrease was caused largely by the fact that the Bureau has ceased to distribute courses which do not relate directly to naval trades. Thus, books on general education, languages, and on trades not used in the Navy are no longer issued.

So the issue of these 90,000 pamphlets shows that, on the average, each man in the service took one or more ratings or professional courses during the year. With more than 100 courses to choose from and a keen competition in filling petty officer vacancies, the enlisted men are anxious to avail themselves of every opportunity to better their knowledge and thus increase their chances for promotion.

The voluntary wide-spread use of the Navy's training facilities shows that the enlisted men of the service realize that certain book knowledge is as much of an asset to fighting men as to professors.

RECRUITS UNDER TRAINING.

The following table shows the number of recruits under instruction at the various Training Stations under date of 25 April 1931.

RATINGS	PLACE					
	Great Lakes	Hampton	Newport	San Diego	R. I.	Total
Apprentice Seamen	564	468	604	714		2350
Seamen Second Class	0	0	11	1		12
Other Ratings	0	0	1	2		3
	564	468	616	717		2365

NAVAL R.O.T.C. STUDENTS HONORED.

L. B. Osborne, Class of 1932, Naval Reserve Junior at Yale University, was recently elected Captain of the Yale University Swimming Team for the forthcoming year, and N. B. Bullard, Class of 1934, was elected Captain of the Yale Freshman Fencing Team.

Osborne was a star performer at the recent swimming meet between the Naval Academy and the undefeated Yale Team, at Annapolis.

NAVAL RESERVE

NAVAL RESERVISTS RESCUE MARINES.

The Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington, reports the following:

"Saturday, 18 April 1931. Ensign R. J. Blum, A-F, U.S.N.R., while making a flight over Lake Washington in an NY-2 training seaplane, noticed an overturned canoe with two persons clinging to it. He immediately spiraled down and landed; taxiing alongside he found that they were two Marines. Seeing that the men were nearly exhausted, he and his mechanic placed the men aboard the plane and taxied about two miles back to the station, where the men were taken care of by Lieutenant (jg) Harry H. Kretzler, (MC-F), U.S.N.R., and the regular Navy medical personnel of the Station. The men stated that they had been clinging to the canoe for nearly an hour. When picked up they were nearly exhausted because of the cold water."

MISCELLANEOUS

MOTHER'S DAY.

Sunday, 10 May 1931, will be observed throughout the United States as Mother's Day. Navy Personnel appreciate the full significance of the day and will undoubtedly pay appropriate tribute. No one realizes more fully than those who follow the sea, that "A Mother's heart is always with her children". Every man who has a Mother living should write to her on Mother's Day.

GRADUATES' DAY.

Saturday, May 30, the first day of "June Week", has been designated "Graduates' Day". On this day, the Graduates Association will hold a reunion for graduates and former students of the Naval Academy. Academy authorities and members of the Graduates Association are desirous of having every graduate and every former student, who can possibly do so, revisit the Academy, renew acquaintances and make new ones. Bachelor accommodations for those who desire to spend the night in Annapolis will be available in Bancroft Hall.

The Association will give a luncheon at the Officers' Club, to which graduates and former students may take their families and friends, at a total cost to the graduate of \$1.00. In the evening, the annual dinner for graduates and former students will be held in the Midshipmen's Mess Hall. The price per plate will be \$2.00. Officers desiring reservations should forward their requests to Lieutenant Commander R. S. Robertson, Jr., U.S. Navy, Retired, Secretary, Graduates Association, 2034 Allen Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. Payment for both lunch and dinner may be made at the Officers' Club, Naval Academy.

The program for the afternoon and evening is as follows:

1145	Dedication of Thompson Stadium.
1230 to 1400	Luncheon - Officers' Club.
1400	Annual Meeting of Graduates Association. Sampson Hall.
1415	Baseball - Ohio State University.
1415	Lacrosse - University of Maryland Freshmen vs. Plebes.
1415	Track - Ohio State University.
1530	Lacrosse - University of Maryland.
1930	Dinner - Bancroft Hall.

Details regarding the annual dinner at Bancroft Hall are as follows:

Dinner.

Place - Bancroft Hall.

Uniform - Dinner dress or sack suit.

7.30 P.M. - Formation - Bay side of Bancroft Hall.

8.00 P.M. - March in.

8.00 P.M. to 10.30 P.M. - Dinner.

Toast Master - L. C. Palmer '96.

Speakers - The Committee desires to limit speeches to five minutes and has invited addresses from the following, namely:

The Superintendent (Admiral Hart).

The Commandant (Captain Snyder).

Representatives of the Classes of '81 (50 years);

'06 (25 years); '11 (20 years); '21 (10 years).

It will be noted that the Committee desires to limit speeches to five minutes. The speeches referred to are those on the program.

PASSPORTS.

Information Supplied by the Bureau of Navigation.

For several years the Office of Naval Intelligence has furnished information relative to passports, upon request. This was handed down from wartime procedure when the Navy Department recommended to the State Department upon all requests for passports. Hereafter the Bureau of Navigation will be pleased to furnish any information desired, as a matter of accommodation to naval personnel.

TRANSPORTATION.

Law requires that transportation supplied the wife or dependent child, or children, of an officer or enlisted man to or from stations beyond the continental limits of the United States shall not be other than by Government transportation, if such is available.

It is the practice of the War Department to furnish transportation for naval personnel on Army transports when space is available over and above the needs for transportation of Army personnel. The space furnished is usually first class space which is available only for the transportation of officers or their dependents and is not available for the dependents of enlisted men. Practically no space is ever available for transportation for dependents of enlisted men. Notification to the Transportation Division of the Bureau of Navigation that space is available on Army Transports is only given a few weeks prior to the sailing date, when such space is made available. In view of the law, the Bureau of Navigation has no discretion but must utilize this space for travel of personnel under orders and cannot issue commercial transportation in lieu thereof.

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COMMENDATION.

The Secretary of the Navy, on 29 April, addressed the following letter of commendation to Lieutenant Commander Frederick G. Richards, U. S. Navy, U.S.S. ROCHESTER:

"1. The Department has received information of your rescue of Lieutenant Commander W. J. Forrestel, U.S.N., and Lieutenant (jg) Eugene M. Waldron, U.S.N., from drowning in the waters off Cardon Island Beach, 31 October 1930.

"2. It is noted that you went to the aid of the above-named officers at a point where the breakers were high and the back-wash strong, and succeeded in assisting them both to a point where they could reach the life ring.

"3. The Department considers your timely assistance in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service and desires to express its commendation of your action. A copy of this letter has been filed with your official record."

ENGINEERING DUTY ONLY.

The following officers were selected for designation of Engineering Duty Only (Ordnance) in accordance with provisions of the Act of 29 August, 1916, as amended by the Act approved 11 May, 1928:

Lieutenant Festus F. Foster, U.S.N.,
" Kenneth M. McLaren, U.S.N.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

COMMENDATION.

The Chief of Bureau recently addressed a letter of commendation to William McGee Reed, Radioman 2c, U.S.N., Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., home address, 9405 Fillmore Ave., Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York, for efficiency in extinguishing a fire at the Naval Radio Station, Norfolk Navy Yard, on 20 March 1931.

ENLISTED ALLOWANCES.

The enlisted allowances for the fiscal year 1932 have been issued, dated 15 May 1931. Several important changes appear in these allowances. All fleet aviation units have been assigned individual allowances. Allowances of repair ships and tenders have been increased to meet the heavy work load thrown on these vessels by the 18 months interval between Navy Yard overhauls. The chief petty officer allowances have been adjusted to meet the requirements of the Operating Force Plan and to keep within the appropriation for "Pay Navy".

The following table shows the comparison of the chief petty officer allowances for the fiscal year 1931 and 1932:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Allowance 1931</u>	<u>Allowance 1932</u>
Chief Boatswains' Mates	640	622
" Gunner's Mates	207	189
" Torpedomen	346	318
" Turret Captains	116	92
" Quartermasters	320	311
" Signalmen	129	120
" Fire Controlmen	46	47
" Electrician's Mates	501	480
" Radiomen	476	481
" Carpenter's Mates	138	142
" Shipfitters	73	71
" Printers	32	34
" Machinist's Mates	1123	1125
" Water Tenders	544	528
" Boilermakers	33	38
" Metalsmith	39	56
" Yeomen	383	378
" Storekeepers	375	376
" Pharmacist's Mates	597	589
Bandmasters	135	136
Chief Buglemasters	6	5
" Commissary Stewards	197	322
" Aviation Pilots	129	126
Aviation Chief Machinist's Mates	173	285
" " Metalsmiths	38	35
" " Carpenter's Mates	43	45
Chief Aerographers	21	29
" Photographers	21	31
Aviation Chief Ordnancemen	30	46
Total	6,911	7,057

Allowances to the various pay grades have been adjusted to meet requirements. The following table shows the pay grade allowances for the fiscal years 1931 and 1932.

Pay Grade	Allowance 1931	Allowance 1932
1	6,030	6,168
1 A	881	889
2	12,261	12,163
3	12,814	12,584
4	13,558	12,295
5	17,742	17,173
6	12,742	14,703
7	4,544	4,726
Total	80,572	80,701

Photographic copies of master allowance sheets will be furnished the commands afloat charged with the distribution of personnel.

BUREAU PERSONNEL CHANGES.

The following are recent changes in officers attached to the Enlisted Personnel Division of the Bureau:

Commander L. E. Lindsay, U.S.Navy, has been relieved as Enlisted Detail Officer by Lieutenant Commander B. H. Bierl, U.S.Navy. Commander Lindsay goes to the Staff of Commander Scouting Force as Force Personnel Officer.

Lieutenant Commander V. L. Kirkman, U.S.Navy, has been relieved as Assistant Planning Officer by Lieutenant Commander W. W. Meek, U.S.Navy. Lieutenant Commander Kirkman goes to the Staff of Commander Battle Force as Force Personnel Officer.

Lieutenant H. G. Davis, U.S.Navy, who has been attached to the Enlisted Personnel Division for the last year of his Line Post Graduate Course has been ordered to duty on the Staff of Commander Submarine Force.

PROGRESS OF ENLISTMENT.

During the month of April, 1931, 10,329 men applied for enlistment in the Navy. Of these, 1,151, approximately 11 percent, were enlisted. At one station, 52 selections were made from 487 applicants, which was the greatest number inducted. The smallest was 18 from 319. The best percentage was 20, taken from 65 candidates who applied for enlistment at Newark, N. J.

TRAINING

RECRUITS UNDER TRAINING.

The following table shows the number of recruits under instruction at the various Training Stations under date of 9 May 1931.

RATINGS	PLACE					
	Great Lakes	Hampton Roads	Newport R.I.	San Diego	Total	
:Apprentice Seamen	: 542	: 470	: 577	: 644	: 2233	:
:Seamen Second Class	: 0	: 1	: 62	: 0	: 63	:
:Other Ratings	: 1	: 0	: 2	: 2	: 5	:
: Totals	: 543	: 471	: 641	: 646	: 2301	:

RADIO MATERIAL SCHOOL.

Attention of the service is invited to the fact that the men attached to the Radio Material School, Bellevue, D. C., are now under the separate command of the Officer-in-Charge of that School. As records and accounts are kept at the School, men transferred for course of instruction should be transferred direct and not to the Receiving Station, Washington, D. C.

NEW TRAINING COURSE AVAILABLE.

A training course in the new form with instruction tests and with a separate pamphlet containing progress tests and examination questions is now available for the rating of machinist's mate 2c.

NEW SLIDE FILM.

A new slide film "Shooting the Service Pistol" has been issued to the owners of all slide film projectors.

This slide film stresses the safety features in handling the pistol, and the proper use on the firing line and should find a ready use in instruction in naval units.

NAVAL RESERVE

COMMENDATION FOR NAVAL RESERVISTS.

The Chief of Bureau of Navigation has addressed letters of commendation to the following officers and men for excellent work done by them in connection with handling radio communication

from Managua subsequent to the earthquake:

Lieut. C. A. Briggs, C-V(S), USNR, Washington, D. C.				
CRM B. E. Stahl, V-3	"	"	"	"
RM1c W. J. Swenson, V-3	"	"	"	"
RM2c M. F. Darcy, V-3	"	"	"	"
RM2c W. L. May, V-3	"	"	"	"

ENGINEERS TO BE APPOINTED ENSIGN E-V(S).

Through arrangements with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, some eight of their specially selected young engineers will be appointed as Ensigns in the Naval Reserve, Class E-V(S) for engineering duties only. They are to be given three months' training duty afloat, without pay or allowances, or other expense to the Federal Government. At the end of this time they are to be examined for Ensigns E-V (G).

Five of these young men will be ordered to report to the Commander, Light Cruiser Divisions, Scouting Fleet, at New York, about May 11, for further assignment by him to various vessels of the Fleet. Three others will report about a week later.

It is the plan of the Bureau that the young men in question be assigned to duty on vessels of the latest design, and under such conditions that they may acquire as much experience as possible in the actual operation of machinery under way. While on the cruise they are borne on the pay rolls of the Westinghouse Company.

Through the arrangements completed, the Navy will obtain young engineer officers of high caliber. The instruction afforded will not only react to the benefit of the Navy, but to the young men themselves.

FLEET NAVAL RESERVE RADIO.

In a number of Naval Districts, the Fleet Reserve armories have been equipped with high frequency radio transmitting and receiving sets. In other districts the armories have been equipped with high frequency receiving sets. Considerable stress is now being laid upon the importance of training Fleet Reserve Communication personnel in the duties required of communication officers and men. Along these lines, several examples of the training are noteworthy.

In the Ninth Naval District, regular radio drills are conducted by master control station NDS, located in the Naval Reserve armory in Chicago. NDS uses 4045 kilocycles. The Fleet Reserve stations are licensed as amateur stations, in the name of the Commanding Officers of the divisions or battalions, and use any desired frequency in the amateur band between 3550 and 4000 kilocycles. Regular contacts are made, traffic handled, and a very efficient network maintained. A similar system is followed in the Third Naval District, the control being vested in NDB (4045 kcs), the alternate control station, located at Naval District Headquarters in New York City.

The master and alternate control stations of the Volunteer Communication Reserve in every district are likewise available for similar use. The Communication Reserve (C-V(S)) officers are ready and willing to establish schedules with the Fleet Reserve, from these stations. Much valuable practice and instruction may be obtained by such radio contacts and schedules. The various Commandants can make necessary arrangements.

Individual members of the Fleet Reserve owning amateur radio stations, should make an attempt to listen to the Thursday night schedules from NKF (4045 kcs) beginning at 2100 Zone plus 5 (9:00 PM-EST). At this time the master and alternate control stations of each district are formed into tactical units, for the purpose of conducting tactical signal drills by radio. Various forms of procedure are used for relaying, acknowledging and repeating back signals. The instruction closely approximates the procedure used in the Fleet.

The working out of these communication problems, from the standpoint of procedure and operating, has resulted in a most gratifying improvement. It is understood plans are contemplated in at least two Naval Districts, for putting a similar system into effect in connection with the Fleet Naval Reserve radio drills.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATION RESERVE.

The radio drill attendance competition between the Reserve radio control stations, will terminate for the season on 18 June. The Office of Chief of Naval Operations will award a handsome silver loving cup to the District in which the radio control station attendance has attained the highest percentage.

Present indications are that at least five districts will be tied for first place with a 100% attendance record. In case of such a tie, it is understood that correctness of procedure and operating, punctuality and smartness of operation, will be the deciding factors in selecting the winner this year. The Office of Chief of Naval Operations will appoint a board of two Navy and one Naval Reserve officers, on duty in the Department, to select the winning district.

MISCELLANEOUS

FIANCEES IN TRANSPORTS.

The Bureau receives, from time to time, requests from officers attached to the Asiatic Station, for transportation of fiancées to that station by Naval Transport. In view of the law, which requires that transportation for officers and their dependents entitled to such shall be by Government conveyance, when available, the Bureau cannot place the names of fiancées on the regular sailing list of Naval Transports. They will, however, be placed at or near the top of the waiting list for passage in the event that last minute vacancies are created due to cancellations or change of orders. One of the requirements will be that the officer concerned have a length of time to serve on the Asiatic Station equal to at least one-half a cruise.

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

Directions for Removal Necessary.

It has been brought to the attention of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts that a number of shore activities are encountering considerable difficulty in obtaining directions for removal of household effects, property of Naval personnel shipped under change of station orders. Frequently effects are received and no information is at hand as to address of residence or storage, or as to where the owner of the effects may be located in order to obtain this information. This is the cause of embarrassment and often results in additional costs to the government or the owner for the rehandling of the effects.

General Order 166, Section 10, paragraph 7, provides that -

"The Supply Officer of destination zone shall, upon notice, cause the effects upon arrival at destination to be transported from the freight station of the carrier to place of residence or storage at the new station, and placed therein. Effects shipped to a place of storage upon arrival at destination will not again be moved at public expense under the same change of station orders. Where shipments are consigned to supply officers, directions for removal shall be furnished promptly as there are no facilities at navy yards, stations or bases for the storage of household effects. Any expense incurred due to delay in furnishing directions for removal shall be borne by the owner."

ATTENTION, PHILATELISTS!

New Postage Stamp Issue.

A special postage stamp in the two-cent denomination to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the American Red Cross will be placed on sale May 21, at the Post Office in Washington, D. C., and at Dansville, N. Y. For the benefit of stamp collectors, the new stamp will also be placed on sale on the same date at the Philatelic Agency.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations may send a limited number of addressed covers, not to exceed 25, to the postmasters at the above offices, with a cash or postal money order remittance to cover exactly the value of the stamps required for affixing. Other postage stamps are not accepted in payment of the Red Cross stamps.

The Post Office Department will not comply with unusual requests, such as for the affixing of stamps bearing plate numbers, or the irregular placing of stamps on covers, etc.

The new stamp is printed in two colors, black and red, arranged as an upright rectangle. The stamp is enclosed in a border formed by a heavy black outer and lighter inner line slightly indented along the center on all four sides. Across the top of the stamp in two lines are the words "United States Postage" in white faced Roman lettering. The central design of the stamp, printed in black, is the figure of a Red Cross nurse kneeling before the globe with outstretched hands, reproduced from the 1930 poster entitled "The Greatest Mother." In the upper part of the stamp at the left of the figure is the Greek cross with five equal squares, the emblem of the organization, printed in red. Arranged vertically, opposite the indentation on either side, are the dates in black Gothic figures "1881" at the left and "1931" at the right. In both lower corners within white bordered ovals with black background appears the white numeral "2". The ovals are surmounted by acanthus scroll ornaments. Across the bottom of the stamp in a straight line between the ovals containing the denomination numeral is the word "Cents" in white Roman letters.

AWARDED TROPHY.

Midshipman Harrington Max Drake, First Class, having made the highest score in the pistol match for the Secretary of the Navy's Pistol Trophy is designated to receive that award for the year 1931. Midshipman Drake was appointed from Fresno, California.

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VOLUNTARY RETIREMENTS.

The applications for retirement submitted by the below-named officers have been approved and they will be transferred to the retired list on the dates indicated:

After Thirty Years Service - Act of 13 May 1908.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
SAHM, Leo	Commander	1 June 1931
COOK, Merlyn G.	Captain	1 July "
McKENNA, James L.	Lieutenant	1 Aug. "
OSENGER, Albert	Lieut. Comdr.	1 Sept. "
JAMES, Anthony J.	Commander	1 Oct. "
HENDERSON, Alvin	Lieutenant	1 " "
HENDERSON, Alva	"	1 Nov. "
CONSTIEN, E. T.	Captain	1 Dec. "
THORMAHLEN, Matthias A.	Lieutenant	1 " "
FISH, Herbert E.	"	1 Jan. 1932
CONLON, Michael J.	"	1 " "
BRISTOL, Thomas J.	Chief Gunner	1 October 1931
CHAMBERLIN, Joseph	" "	1 Dec. "
CAMPBELL, Daniel	Chief Carpenter	1 July 1931
CULP, Chester C.	" Gunner	1 " "
GRAY, Eugene L.	Lieut. (SC)	1 Nov. "
HARDIE, William C.	" (CC)	1 Aug. "
HILL, Edwin W.	Chief Boatswain	1 Jan. 1932
KOSSLER, Herman	" Gunner	1 June 1931
LYON, Hamilton P.K.	" Carpenter	1 Jan. 1932
McFARLANE, William R.	" Boatswain	1 Nov. 1931
SMITH, George C.	" Gunner	1 Aug. "
WOLFFE, Murry	" Boatswain	1 " "
LORD, John A.	Lieut. (CC)	1 Mar. 1932
LORD, George E.	" (SC)	1 Oct. 1931
RANDALL, Francis G.	Chief Machinist	1 Mar. 1932
BUCK, Albert C.	" Boatswain	1 Feb. "

On graded retirement pay under provision in Naval Appropriation Act approved 28 February, 1931.

HAND, Earle V.	Lieutenant	1 July 1931
SHIPLEY, Walter M.	"	" " "
PHILLIPS, William E.	"	" Aug. "
NEWELL, Edward L.	"	" " "
SMITH, Arthur A.	"	" Sept. "
McCLARY, Donald R.	"	" " "
MEDUSKY, William J.	"	" Oct. "
ARNEY, Claude B.	"	" Jan. 1932
JONES, Jarrard E.	"	" Feb. "

After 40 Years Service.

RICHARDS, Thomas W.

Lieut. (CC)

1 July 1931

LANGUAGE STUDENTS.

The following officers have been selected for a course of instruction in Japanese Language:

Lieutenant (jg) Daniel J. McCallum, U.S.N.,
" " Alwin D. Kramer, U.S.N.,
" " Henri deB. Claiborne, U.S.N.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

COMMENDATION.

The Chief of Bureau recently commended the following members of the crew of the U.S.S. Trenton for prompt action and skill in rescuing a boy from drowning at Puerto Castilla, Honduras, on 23 April 1931:

William Lewis, Coxswain, U.S.N. Home address, Tallassee, Ala.,
Leton Waddell, Seaman 3c, U.S.N. Home address, Ratliff, Miss.,
Homer Henry Dalhoff, Chief Machinist's Mate, U.S.N. Home address,
4623 S Street, Little Rock, Ark.

A native boy fell overboard from a float and sank to the bottom in twenty feet of water. Lewis immediately dived and brought him to the surface, but the lad's clothing slipped off and he again sank to the bottom. Waddell dived and brought the boy to the surface, carrying him safely to the float, where Dalhoff drained the water from the boy's lungs, applied artificial respiration and restored him to consciousness.

The Chief of Bureau addressed the following letter to George W. Douglass, Gunner's Mate 2c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Maryland. Home address, 3612 West 138th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

"The Court of Inquiry in the case of Lawrence P. Schneider, late fire controlman third class, U.S.Navy, has brought to the attention of the Bureau your conduct in attempting to rescue Schneider and going to the rescue of Thomas A. Goodwin, Coxswain, U.S.Navy.

"It appears that on 20 April 1931, Schneider and Goodwin were thrown overboard from a sailing cutter of the USS MARYLAND in the waters off Long Beach, California, when the hiking board upon which they were riding broke. You, upon noting that Schneider was having difficulty in the water, swam to his rescue but were unable to reach him before he sank. You then shoved the good hiking board to Goodwin which kept him afloat until he was rescued by the racing cutter.

"The Bureau takes pleasure in commending you for your courage and disregard of personal safety in going to the rescue of these men. Such conduct is in keeping with the best traditions of the Naval Service."

MEDICAL SURVEY LOSSES.

During the fiscal year from 1 July 1930 to 30 April 1931, a total of 7,769 men were received at all Training Stations. One hundred and twenty-eight men were discharged by reason of medical surveys, making a loss of .0165% due to this cause.

Losses were distributed as follows:

San Diego.....	.002%
Hampton Roads.....	.010%
Newport.....	.016%
Great Lakes.....	.038%

More recruits were received at San Diego than at any other station. In spite of this fact, however, the percentage of losses by medical discharge was the least. Californians will doubtless attribute this to the salubrity of the climate.

ADVANCEMENT IN RATING.

Completion to Training Courses Required.

The Bureau finds it necessary to return numerous reports of examination for advancement to certain ratings because of the omission of a statement to the effect that the candidate has satisfactorily completed the Bureau of Navigation Training Course where such is available. This results in an injustice to the candidate for a reason over which he has no control, especially so when cancellation of the advancement is ordered. If the referred to omission is a clerical error, it delays his advancement.

The attention of all officers concerned with advancement in rating is invited to Articles D-5104 (1) (c) and D-5105 (3) of the Bureau's Manual.

News Bulletin No. 148 and the Yearbook of Enlisted Training enumerate the courses available, satisfactory completion of which are made a requisite for advancement by the provisions of the previously cited articles in the Manual.

LONG SAMOAN SERVICE.

On 15 May 1931, Frank Uhrle, Chief Quartermaster, U.S. Navy, died at Tutuila, Samoa. Uhrle was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1879, and first enlisted in 1903 at Auckland, New Zealand, on the U.S.S. WHEELING. He served continuously on the Samoan Station from then until his death. His service included the U.S.S. WHEELING, U.S.S. ADAMS, U.S.S. ANNAPOLIS, U.S.S. PRINCETON, U.S.S. SAMOA, U.S.S. FORTUNE and U.S.S. TUTUILA. His sixth and seventh enlistments were served on the Naval Station, Tutuila. On 28 February 1931, he completed his seventh enlistment, and at the time of his death had served twenty-eight years. He married Ada Harrington, and is survived by his widow, seven sons and one daughter.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ernest Lee Jahncke, addressed the following letter to Mrs. Uhrle, who resides at Pago Pago:

"My dear Mrs. Uhrle:

"It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of your husband, Frank Uhrle, Chief Quartermaster, U.S. Navy, on 15 May 1931, at the United States Naval Station, Tutuila, Samoa.

"I desire to express to you my sincere sympathy in your great sorrow. The Navy shares in your sense of bereavement and will feel the loss of his service."

TRAINING

SERVICE SCHOOLS.

Men under Instruction.

On the 30th of April, 1931, the following men were under

instruction at Service Schools:

At Hampton Roads.....	701
At San Diego.....	422
At Washington, D.C.....	150
At Other Stations.....	361
Total	1,634

During the current fiscal year, from 1 July 1930 to 30 April 1931, 3,768 men had graduated from Service Schools. The smallest number of graduates was 2, from the slidefilm class at Washington. The largest number of graduates of any one trade was 389, who graduated from the Radio Operators School at Hampton Roads and San Diego.

RECRUITS UNDER TRAINING.

The following table shows the number of recruits under instruction at the various Training Stations under date of 23 May 1931:

	PLACE				
RATINGS	Great Lakes	Hampton Roads	Newport R.I.	San Diego	Total
Apprentice Seamen	419	403	506	533	1861
Seamen Second Class	3	1	43	1	48
Other Ratings	1	0	2	0	3
	423	404	551	534	1912

THE NAVAL ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Since Congress enacted the 1932 Appropriation Bill, the Bureau has received many inquiries as to what effect the nine months' sea duty requirement for enlisted candidates for the Naval Academy will have. The following is published as a matter of general information with regard thereto.

The Preparatory School at Hampton Roads will function as usual but with reduced attendance, for no one will be ordered there for instruction who has not had at least nine months' sea duty on a ship in full commission by 1 November of the year preceding the entrance examination to the Academy. Those not having this sea duty, but who will have it by June 1 of the year in which the entrance examinations are held, will be given the opportunity, if recommended by their Commanding Officers, of taking the April entrance examination while on board ship. Detailed instructions as to the procedure to be followed in selecting and recommending candidates will be incorporated in the next revision of the Bureau Manual. If,

through delays in printing, the revision is not ready for issue by 1 June, a circular letter giving the same information will be distributed to the service.

In general, the procedure followed last year will govern. Sometime in July, Commanding Officers shall make a survey of all men who are eligible to attend the preparatory school and cause all who desire to apply, to fill out and submit a request on Form N.Nav. 116.

An informal selection board ordered by the Commanding Officer, and composed of three officers, will then look over the candidates. Great care must be exercised in this selection, for though the Bureau desires to admit as many suitable men as possible within the quota of one hundred allowed, it must be remembered that a far more important consideration is that all men must be of officer caliber. It is not sufficient that a man have a clear record and be a conscientious worker. He must possess other qualifications.

The successful applicants will then be examined by a board of medical officers, ordered by the Commanding Officer, who will make a report to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, who in turn will make a recommendation to the Bureau of Navigation.

The responsibility of deciding whether the applicant is suitable material rests on the Commanding Officer, the board's recommendation being only a guide. In making his decision, the Commanding Officer will not consider the physical examination, as this is subject to review by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

By the middle of August all commands will have received the Bureau's preliminary written examination. All candidates who have been nominated by the Commanding Officer will be eligible to take this examination on the first of September. This examination is of the objective type and is designed to show whether the candidate has the educational background necessary to make it worth while to send him to the preparatory school.

After these tests, which cover Algebra, Geometry, English, Ancient History, American History and Physics have been marked by an examining board, they will be sent to the Bureau, when the final decision as to the suitability of the candidate will be made. Many elements are considered in this final selection: general average, general classification test mark, years of previous schooling, etc. As all men who took the examination were recommended by the Commanding Officer, it is considered that they have passed the "officer caliber" test. The successful

candidates will receive orders to report to the preparatory school by 1 November. There they will begin a strenuous course of instruction which will last until they take the entrance examination in April, or until they are dropped. Only those showing that they have no chance whatever of passing the entrance examination are dropped from the school.

The most modern pedagogical methods are used in the instruction given at the school. Students who show a marked aptitude in a subject are grouped together and are allowed to complete that course of study at a much faster rate than those who, due to lack of foundation or to a difficulty in grasping the subject, are somewhat backward. The time thus gained in the study of one subject can very profitably be used in another in which the student needs extra coaching. Every effort is made to make the instruction fit the individual needs of the student. The success of this method has been demonstrated by the results obtained in the past examinations.

The men who did not have the required sea duty to be eligible to attend the preparatory school, but who will, by 1 June 1932, have had one year's total service, of which nine months shall have been on a ship in full commission, will be examined by a selection board during January. The same procedure as to recommendation and nomination will be followed as in the case of the men sent to the school. In this case, however, no preliminary examination will be given.

All men of this class, who are nominated by the Commanding Officer and approved by the Bureau, will be eligible to take the April entrance examination in competition with the preparatory school men. Their task will be more difficult as they will have to prepare themselves on board with such assistance as is available. The entrance examination for these men will be held on board ship, thereby not interrupting their sea service.

The attention of all officers is particularly invited to the fact that the appointments of enlisted men to Annapolis is the only source of graduates that is controlled by the service itself. Too much care cannot be taken in the selection of these men who are forming an appreciable percentage of those receiving commissions each year.

NAVAL OBSERVATORY

NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUMENTS.

A large proportion of the non-bulky navigational instruments formerly carried in stock on the east coast at all Navy Yards and Supply Depots is now being concentrated at the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C. Such items include: Artificial horizons,

Battenberg course indicators, barometers, binoculars, clinometers, clocks, drafting machines, drawing instruments, psychrometers, sextants, spyglasses and stadimeters. The source of supply for the west coast and Cavite for this class of material will be the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., which will act as a reserve depot. This plan will eliminate dead stocks at many points, but more important still, will enable the Naval Observatory to inspect or repair delicate navigational instruments prior to issue. No change has been made in the distribution of magnetic or gyro compass material. The revised edition of the Standard Stock Catalogue will list carrying, distributing and issuing points for all navigational material, thus enabling ships or stations to submit requisitions to the proper Navy Yard or Supply Depot. Reference must be made to this catalogue for details of the new system of distribution.

The Bureau of Navigation has eliminated three power Galilean night glasses from all allowance lists and commenced replacement with prismatic binoculars of six power. This replacement will shortly exhaust the supply of reconditioned war time six power binoculars and enable the Bureau to purchase modern six power binoculars.

NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS

FULL QUOTA ENROLLED.

During the academic year 1931-32, the full quota of students allowed by law was enrolled in the Naval R.O.T.C. At several of the universities, there were many more applicants than there were vacancies available, and it became necessary to institute waiting lists. Students on the waiting lists were authorized to attend all classes and drills in the Department of Naval Science and Tactics, and to be regularly enrolled as vacancies in the quota permitted. The present year has been a most successful one from the point of training Naval R.O.T.C. students for commission as Ensign in the Naval Reserve.

NAVAL R.O.T.C. STUDENTS HONORED.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

On 23 April 1931, Rear Admiral E. H. Campbell, U.S. Navy, Commandant of the Thirteenth Naval District, inspected the Naval R.O.T.C. Unit at the University of Washington, at which time honor awards were made to the following-named students:

Student Commander Tom B. Albin was presented with a pair of binoculars by Mrs. Walter W. Reed, Representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution of the State of Washington, for attaining the highest efficiency in Navigation.

Student Lieutenant (junior grade) Fred B. Doherty was presented with a sword, belt and sword knot by Lieutenant Commander George Grant, U.S.N.R., on behalf of the Naval Reserve Officers' Association of the Thirteenth Naval District, for having shown the greatest efficiency in Ordnance and Gunnery during the four-year course in Naval Science and Tactics.

Student Commander Allan D. Yost, who was deemed to have done the most toward promoting interest in Naval Science during his four-year course, was awarded the honor of having his name engraved on a silver plaque known as the Noble Award. This award was presented to the Naval R.O.T.C. Unit by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Naval Reserve Senior Wallace H. Howe was elected president of the Associated Students of the University of Washington. This is considered the highest honor a student may obtain by popular election at the University. Mr. Howe, upon graduation, will receive a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Naval Science.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Naval Reserve Senior John Winn has been awarded the Daughters of 1912 Medal as the most outstanding Naval R.O.T.C. student at the Georgia School of Technology. The donor of the medal, Mrs. F. E. Brownell, made the presentation. Mrs. C. Decker Tebo, founder of this annual medal, was present at the ceremony.

At the Presidential Review, the Department's Silver Cup was presented to the first platoon of Company "A", commanded by Student Lieutenant B. B. Lewis. Battalion colors were won by Company "B", Student Lieutenant J. L. Russ commanding.

WITNESS FORCE PRACTICE.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Commander, Battle Force, the Chief of Bureau permitted the following members of the faculty of the University and students in the Naval R.O.T.C. Unit, to witness Force Practice:

Faculty Members

Dr. W. W. Campbell,
Dr. F. E. Hinckley,
Professor E. M. Gale,
Professor A. R. Davis,
Dr. R. W. Chaney,
Professor W. F. Meyer,
Professor H. B. Langille (Lieut. E-V(S) USNR),
Professor B. E. Mallary, " " " "

R.O.T.C. Students

Theodore Bergen,
John Ronan,
John Hawks,
Robert Thomas,
Bernard Bowman.

The Naval Reserve students were quartered on the New York. The following interview, published in the Knickerbocker, summarizes their feelings:

"'A breath-taking and educational event', so say the ROTC boys in summing up the events of Tuesday. But here's the whole interview in their own words.

"'At about 1000, five rather bewildered reserve cadets scrambled into the battle lookout in the fore mast. We amused ourselves by watching the battle maneuvers and various plane formations. Around 1100, knowing that the guns were loaded and elevated, we tried our best to be nonchalant while poking as much cotton in our ears as was possible. A few seconds later we got the shock of our young lives as the first salvo of the main battery let go.

"'It was interesting to watch the eight battleships of the column fire. At first we would see a flash, then a cloud of black smoke, and then a hemispherical wave expanding out in the direction of the target. Along with this wave would be seen the projectiles which soon vanished in the sky. Last of all we would hear the deafening roar of the big guns, followed by the splash over and around and in front of the target. While the ship was dodging and attempting to dodge torpedoes we were busy trying to steel ourselves for the next thunder.

"'For us the practice wound up by the firing of the port broadside guns. The report of the broadside guns affected our ears more than did the turrets.'"

YALE UNIVERSITY.

Naval Reserve Senior Sam Pope Brewer has been honored by the authorities of Yale University by appointment to the Sterling Fellowship, which carries with it a year's study in France in order that he may become familiar with the French language, culture and traditions previous to beginning graduate study in romance languages and literature. Mr. Brewer cruised last summer on the U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI, and he will be remembered as an outstanding member of his class and pointer in #2 turret during the students' target practice.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

On 13 May 1931, at the California Memorial Stadium, Rear Admiral William C. Cole, U.S. Navy, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, addressed the Naval R.O.T.C. graduates and presented the commissions as Ensigns, U.S.N.R., to the following students:

Ludwig Stern Altshuler,
Raymond Joseph Biagi,
Robert Wallace Caldwell,
Theodore Diran Dabagh,
Louis Frank DiResta,
Carl William Handy,
Frederick Peter Henderson,
Stephen Gale Herrick,
Ralph Alvin Krause,
Roderic McGinley Krider,
Roger Farrington Miller,
Walter Robert Miller,
Raymond Peter Murphy,
John David Riner,
Richard Barnes Shelley,
Harry Charles Stanley,
Horace Gaither Stevens,
Bernhard Tieslau,
Robert Nathan Varney,
Roland Beaumont Wagner,
Frederick DeBoom Witzel.

The First Company of the Naval R.O.T.C. Unit, University of California, commanded by Student Lieutenant Carl W. Handy, was awarded the Navy Department Cup, following the Presidential Review of combined military and naval units for company general excellence.

Undergraduate scholarships were awarded the following
Naval R.O.T.C. students:

Addison M. Janes	-	State of California Scholarship.
Fred C. Von der Lage	-	" " " "
Otto von Herrmann, Jr.	-	Otto H. Greenewald Memorial Scholarship.
Channing P. Van Camp	-	Carrie M. Jones Scholarship.
Orval Klose	-	" " " "
John T. Ronan	-	" " " "
David C. Dunlap	-	Isaias W. Hellman "

MISCELLANEOUS

ANGLERS, TRY THIS FORMULA.

It frequently happens that fish, remarkable for their great size, are frequently caught but jump out of the boat before they can be taken to a place where scales are available. Naturally, doubt is sometimes expressed regarding the reported size of the catch, but in the future there need be no further cause for doubt if fishermen will apply the following rule before rebaiting his hook:

Take the length and girth; then multiply the girth squared by the length and divide the total by 800. For example - a fish 24 inches long and 18 inches in girth - 18×18 equals 324 (girth squared) by 24 (length) equals 7776 (total). Divide 7776 by 800 equals 9 $\frac{576}{800}$ or approximately $9\frac{3}{4}$ pounds.

The Bureau is indebted to A. G. Spalding & Bros. for the above formula.

TRAVEL BY AUTOMOBILE.

Under the decision of the Comptroller General of the United States of March 24, 1931, A-34067, an officer traveling under orders involving a permanent change of station, with permission to delay in reporting at his new station, such delay to count as leave, and who travels in a privately owned automobile, is not on duty while so traveling within the meaning of Section 1586, Revised Statutes, and is not, therefore, entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred for civilian medical and hospital treatment by reason of injuries received in an automobile accident.

The mode of travel used as the basis for computing travel time is by train, and travel from old to new station under change of station orders and Article 132, Navy Regulations, is required only from such time anterior to date ordered to report to new station as would enable the officer to report thereat if such travel were performed by train over the shortest and most usually traveled route. Where departure from old station on leave is made prior to the date on which the officer is thus required to travel to his new station, the officer is in a leave and not a duty status to time of reporting at the new station and is not entitled to reimbursement of expenses resulting from injuries received while in such a leave status, though at the time of the accident he was actually traveling in the general direction of his new station.

An officer proceeding by privately owned automobile on leave of absence between change of stations is on leave of absence from time of departure from his old station to the time of reporting in at his new station; travel thus performed is for his own personal convenience or pleasure, and when such more hazardous means of travel in lieu of travel by train is employed in connection with travel on leave of absence, the officer must bear the cost of medical attendance resulting from accident in traveling by the more hazardous manner.