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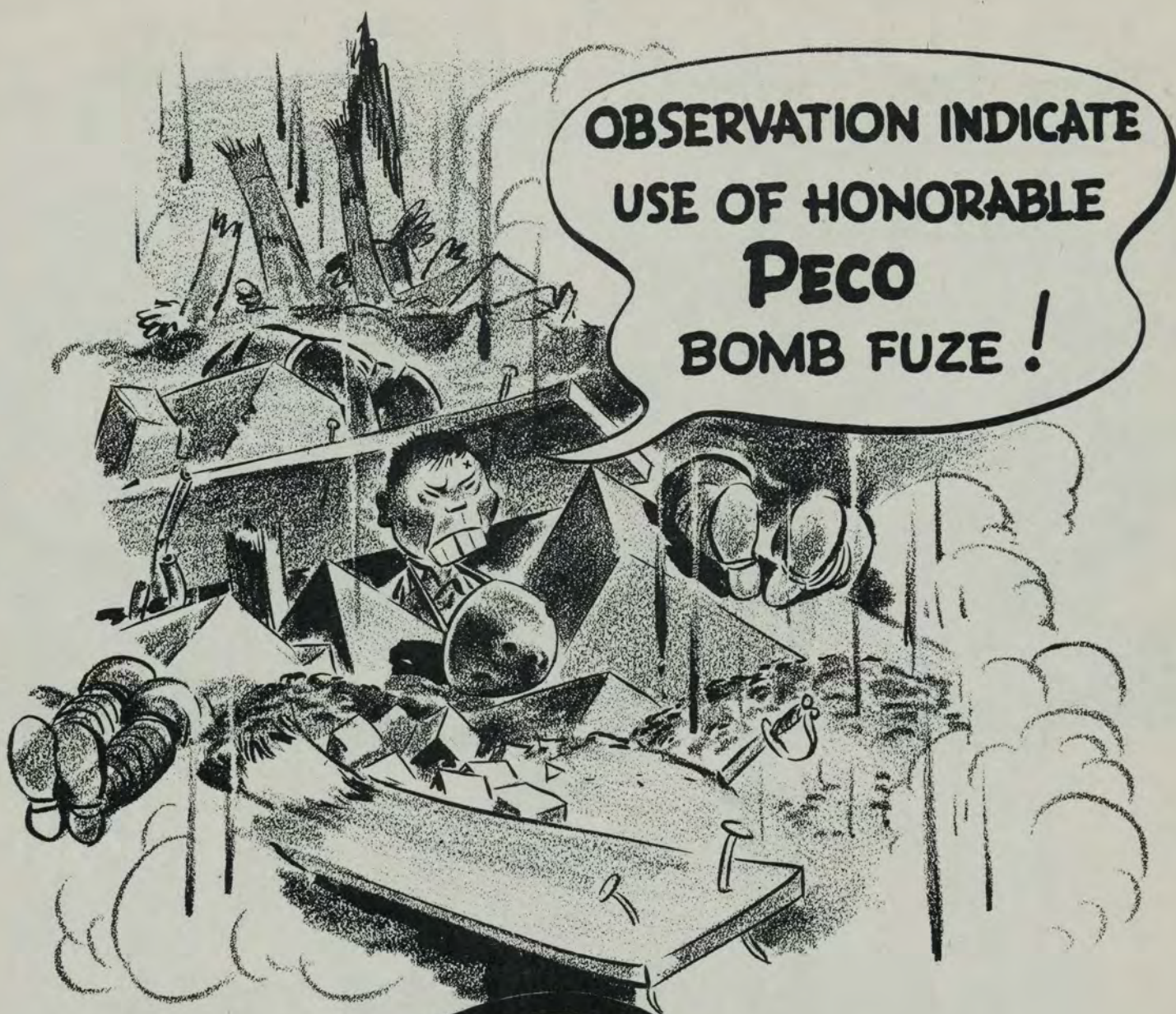


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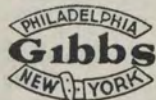
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SECOND WIND

★ Those of us who are in our Faltering Fifties may still be sound enough in mind to remember the days when we were young and vigorous athletes. To such, the term "second wind" will recall memories of, perhaps, the last quarter lap of the mile. All during the third quarter we felt as though our heart was going to choke off our breath, as though our legs were about to petrify. Then, miraculously, we got our "second wind" and it was almost as though we were starting out on the first lap again. The exhausted feeling disappeared. Our muscles contracted and extended almost automatically. As we rounded the last curve before the straightaway, we may even have been capable of a sprint.

Those of us who have been wrapped up in the Class (T) Reserve since the start should now be getting our second war wind. The system should be established. The routine should be set. All the "bugs" should have been ironed out. Our performance should be automatic. From here on in, it should be a cinch. We should even be capable of a bit of a sprint as the tape comes in sight.

No one knows how much longer the war is going to last. But whether it lasts another month or another year or another ten years, we should all have our second wind by now. Our Operations Officers should be able to go to

bed with the confident thought that they can rest in peace; that everything is under control; that men are performing their duties automatically; that the chaff has been threshed from the wheat; and that those who remain can be counted upon to pound into the home stretch under their own power, without any coaching from the side-lines.

Any old-timer who doesn't have his second wind by now, who can't be depended upon to perform his duty without prodding, will never make the grade. He'd better give up before the Coach has to "pull" him.



To: All Members, U. S. Coast Guard
Auxiliary, 4th Naval District

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE DCGO

As we go into the new year, the novelty of service in the Coast Guard may have "worn thin" for many, some of whom are entering their third year of Reserve activities, but it is believed that the desire to continue on volunteer, part-time duty is still as strong as ever and that the men of the Class (T) Reserve from the Auxiliary will continue to serve throughout the duration of the war.

The DCGO takes pleasure in congratulating you for the excellent record of accomplishment, with which he is entirely familiar, and for which he expresses his deep satisfaction. Although the work performed has been, in many instances, monotonous and uninteresting, the men from the Class (T) Reserve have shown that the true motive and "driving force" which spurs them on is one of patriotism and desire to serve their Country.

Our faith in the leadership and might of our Armed Forces gives us courage in the belief that Victory is certain, that this will be the last of the War Christmases, and that 1945 will see an end to the strife and will bring peace throughout the world. But, the war is not yet won, and every effort on the part of those who serve at home is necessary to assure success.

Even though Christmas for many of you will be overshadowed by anxiety for some member of your family serving in the Armed Forces away from home,

with a firm belief in the righteousness of our cause and a confidence that right will prevail, we can all take courage and comfort in the divine love of Christ whose birth we observe.

TO ALL OF YOU, AND TO YOUR WIVES AND FAMILIES, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

/S/ E. A. COFFIN,
Captain, USCG.

6th WAR LOAN DRIVE GOES OVER THE TOP

★ Approximately three thousand men, enrolled in 23 Flotillas in the Fourth Naval District, bought \$190,167.75 worth of War Bonds in the second Pearl Harbor War Bond Drive sponsored by the U. S. Coast Guard. This was more than \$57,000 over the amount subscribed in the first Pearl Harbor Drive, according to Lieut. (T) F. Travis Cox, Chairman of the Drive, whose organization and close supervision of the program was largely responsible for the success of the venture. Eight Flotillas exceeded their quotas—15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 31, 34, and 53. Flotilla 25 exceeded their quota by contributing 193.9% of \$21,075 and Flotilla 34 raised 191.90% of their quota (\$5,700). Flotilla quotas were based on recorded enrollments. The tabulation of results follows:

Flotilla	Cash Sales	Quota
11	\$4,146.25	\$14,100
13	10,217.75	13,650
15	6,838.75	4,800
16	13,506.25	11,325
17	3,767.50	10,425
18	10,158.75	12,900
21	11,403.75	17,925
22	3,675.00	39,600
23	4,112.50	14,400
24	13,438.75	9,900
25	40,685.75	21,075
26	9,568.75	8,325
27	8,170.50	9,525
31	15,850.00	13,875
32	1,675.00	7,800
33	1,537.50	10,500
34	10,938.75	5,700
35	1,368.75	2,700
41	2,500.00	8,625
42	956.25	1,725
51	5,523.75	6,675
52	2,418.75	7,350
53	7,708.75	5,250

Mr. Cox thanks all Flotilla Bond Chairmen for their efforts and all individual members who contributed for their support of a very worthy cause. In the 5th War Loan Drive we made 60% of our quota; in the 6th we made 84%. If we keep on at that rate, we should make better than 100% in the next drive. Let's do it!

FROM the BRIDGE



WAR DIARY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY — FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT
FOR PERIOD OF 16 TO 31 DECEMBER, 1944, INCLUSIVE

By LIEUT. JOHN W. BROWN, Director

★ Sunday, 17 December—The Director, commodore, vice commodore, and Staff Director, attended a Review of Auxiliary-Temporary Reserve personnel of the Third Naval District, as guests of the commodore, USCG Auxiliary, 3rd Naval District. A luncheon meeting was attended at the Hotel Astor before the Review, which was held in the U. S. Army Engineer's Armory, New York City, N. Y. Formal dinner was held following the Review, at which time the Commandant and high-ranking Coast Guard officers attended.

Monday, 18 December—Ensign M. F. Brown, USCGR (W), Assistant to the Director, USCG Auxiliary, broadcast over Station WIP, Philadelphia, on an All-Auxiliary Program.

Wednesday, 20 December—The Personnel Board on Class (T) Reserve ratings met and approved the following policy:

All ratings in the Coast Guard should be adopted by Class (T) Reservists, provided the following specifications are met:

- Man must be qualified to hold rating
- He must have available time to perform the duties of the rating
- The need for the rating must exist

Ratings for radioman, third class, and carpenter's mate, third class, were approved.

Wednesday, 20 December—A meeting of the Delaware River division was held at the Engineer's Club, Philadelphia, at which time reports were received from all Flotilla commanders in the Delaware River division. Lieut. (T) H. L. Schimpf, Jr., USCGR, reported on the Class (T) Reserve Conference held in Washington on 6 and 7 December, 1944.

Thursday, 21 December—The Upper

Anchorage Patrol run by Class (T) Reservists from the Auxiliary were dispatched on an ice-breaking detail on the upper Delaware River as far as Trenton, N. J. This crew stayed on the job 48 hours.

Friday, 22 December—The Auxiliary staff officers presented the regular personnel of the District Auxiliary Office with individual Christmas gifts in token of their appreciation for the splendid cooperation throughout the year given by all members of the regular personnel of the District Auxiliary Office to the Class (T) Reserve officers.

Tuesday, 26 December—A complete re-check of all duty hours served by Class (T) Reserve personnel was undertaken. This survey to be completed on or before 6 January, 1945. When this report is completed, each man's time and duty will be shown for each day that he has served throughout 1944.

Wednesday, 27 December — A re-check of all Flotilla personnel temporarily enrolled in the USCGR was begun, in order to determine for each Flotilla the number of men who have not lived up to the 12 hour contract. The report of this survey will be made available to each Flotilla commander, with the directive indicating that it will be the Flotilla commander's responsibility to show cause why the men who have not fulfilled the Class (T) Reserve contract should not be offered the "Unassigned Status" or be asked to resign from the Class (T) Reserve. This project is in line with the policy to enroll new men only to fill vacancies caused by disenrollments, in order that the force of Class (T) Reserve personnel will not be depleted.

Wednesday, 27 December—A meeting was held of all gunnery officers of the District, and the new schedule of Gunnery Familiarization was explained. This schedule includes all those men

who have been enrolled since May, 1944, and also those men who for good reason were unable to complete the full Familiarization Schedule. When this program is completed, six months hence, approximately 2,200 men will have become familiar with the use of small arms as a result of the instruction gained in this program.

Thursday, 23 December—Plans were approved to hold an Open House Meeting of all Auxiliarists at the USCG Auxiliary Training Base, on 12 January, 1945, at which time, Mr. Peter Schauble, Publicity Manager of the Bell Telephone Company and author, will be the main speaker. These meetings, which include a meeting with the Power Squadron on 26 January, 1945, are designed to promote interest in the Auxiliary. At each meeting, an outstanding speaker will be provided, refreshments will be served, and a program of interest primarily to boat-owning members will be worked out under the direct supervision of the Commanding Officer of the Training Base.

RATINGS & COMMISSIONS CONFIRMED IN DECEMBER

Flotilla	Name	From	To
11	ERRIG, William F.	Ensign	Lieut.(j.g.)
22	CARMAN, Lloyd P.	Bos'n	Ensign
22	LEAVITT, William H.	Bos'n	Ensign
11	HOOPER, Adrian E.	Bos'n	Ensign
27	HARVEY, Carl	CBM	Bos'n
11	SOMERS, Warren, Jr.	Sea.lc	Bos'n
22	CHAPMAN, James H.	CGM	Gunner
52	TAYLOR, Ralph A.	Cox.	CBM
33	DUNLAP, Joseph	BMlc	CBM
31	JONES, Paul P.	BMlc	CBM
23	BAEKEY, Clinton C.	GMlc	CGM
31	HERON, Raymond G.	GMlc	CGM
17	STAFFORD, George W.	GM3c	GMlc
22	MORRIS, Henry F.	Y3c	Y2c
52	WAGNER, Linwood W.	Cox.	BM2c
24	DUHRKOFF, Otto K.	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
27	GREEN, Carl	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
21	SWETZER, Paul P.	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
22	JACOBS, Carmel H.	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
22	LINDE, Norman T.	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
22	BROWN, Richard	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
23	CATLIN, Stephen L.	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
22	FIELD, Edward L.	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
21	MACHT, Lester	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
25	DANIELSON, Geo. H.	Cox.	SK2c
52	OTT, Herbert W.	Y3c	Y2c
22	RISHEL, David H.	Sea.lc	Y3c
25	FOLS, Walter E.	Sea.lc	Cox.
13	MILLER, William E.	Sea.lc	Cox.

BOX SCORE

DURING PERIOD OF

16 TO 31 DECEMBER, 1944, INCLUSIVE

Number of Men Enrolled in the CG Auxiliary	0
Number of Men Sworn in Class (T) Reserve	3
Number of Class (T) Reservists Issued Uniforms	3
Number of Men Disenrolled from Class (T) Reserve	14
Number of Additional Men Assigned to Active Duty	0

CUMULATIVE TOTALS

AS OF 31 DECEMBER, 1944

Number of Men Enrolled in the CG Auxiliary	3476
Number of Men Sworn in Class (T) Reserve	2188
Number of Class (T) Reservists Issued Uniforms and Available for Duty	2115
Number of Men on Active Duty	1735



By NEWELL J. NESSEN, Cox. (T)

★ The official opening of the Base took place, 20 September, 1944. Since that time, various meetings of the Anchorage Patrol, Instruction Committees, Petty Officer Groups of the Port Security Force, and Gunnery Instructors, have been held in addition to the regular meetings of Flotillas 24, 31, and 32, and meetings of Navigator classes.

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Lieut. John W. Brown, USCGR, Director of the Auxiliary in the 4th ND, recently appointed Lieut. (T) Richard W. Nelms, USCGR, as Commanding Officer of the Auxiliary Training Base.

The Management Committee, headed by Lieut. (T) Earl Huston, and the Finance Committee, headed by Lieut. (T) F. Travis Cox, of the Foundation, also act together in an advisory capacity to the Commanding Officer of the Base.

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Flotillas, or Flotilla Committees, may make appointments for the use of the Training Base facilities by writing to the Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Auxiliary Training Base, 1011 Chestnut Street, or by telephoning Lombard 4730, after 1800, for an open date, which will be cleared through and approved by Mr. Nelms if the Base is available.

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Under the direction of Educational Officer Lieut. (j.g.) A. M. LaSor, several classes are now being held regularly, including Navigator, under the direct supervision of John C. Larkin, CBM (T), Flotilla 24. A new class in Motor Mechanics, for men with some experience, under Machinist Dick Russel, Flotilla 22, started Wednesday evening, 10 January, 1945. A beginners' course on the same subject will start in February. Candidates for any of the courses should have their applications forwarded to the training school through their Flotilla commander.

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Flotilla 24, through its commander, J. Kirby Tompkins, acted as "Host Flo-

tilla" for the first regular open house meeting, which was held Friday evening, 12 January, at 2000. An excellent turnout of Auxiliarists heard Mr. Peter Schauble, Vice-President of The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, give the "Amateur Boatman's" experiences and thrills of many trips he has taken along the coast as well as on the Great Lakes. An enthusiastic boatman, Mr. Schauble has written several articles for Motor Boating. Many thanks to Flotilla 24 for their cooperation for this meeting. Other Flotillas will be asked to serve as "Host Flotillas" at similar meetings which will be held on the last Friday of each month beginning 23 February, 1945.

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A special invitation meeting will be held on Friday evening, 26 January, at 2000, for our officers and all members of the Delaware River Power Squadron in this district. There is an interesting program, including a non-technical talk by Mr. H. P. Adams, Senior Meteorologist (in other words, the Weather Man of Philadelphia) who will discuss causes and effects of weather as it pertains to and influences boating. Question and answer period will give navigators (and Cox'ns) a chance to brush up a bit.

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Much interest has been shown throughout the Fourth Navidist in the possibilities of forming a Coast Guard Auxiliary Band. Warrant Officer H. E. Pike, of the Department of Music Education of Temple University, has offered to aid and direct the formation of such a unit, which would be an asset to the Auxiliary and its activities. Will such men as are interested PLEASE fill out and mail the coupon below to Mr. H. E. Pike, c/o Auxiliary Training Base, 1011 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., where it will receive his attention. Further report on the progress of this activity will appear in this column or will reach you through your Flotilla commander.

A QUOTATION

From *The Bulletin*, published by Flotilla 53, we take the liberty of quoting The Commander's Column:

"To some who early found the Coast Guard Reserve (T) the place where they could best serve their country, who joined up with the 'old' Lancaster crowd in Flotilla 52, the going may have seemed a bit slow. Perhaps the weekly grind of about twenty hours (one-half week on the modern, forty-hour standard) has kept us, as individuals, from seeing the progress of the Flotilla as a whole.

"It is less than two years since there was only one Class (T) Reservist in Harrisburg. It is only slightly over one-half year since men from Flotilla 52 were organized into Flotilla 53. During these few months we have been a leader in Spar recruiting; we have been well above the average in contributions to Coast Guard Welfare; we have carried a bit more than our share in making the Fourth Naval District the leader in the country in War Bond drives. Three classes have been trained in seamanship, small-boat handling, chart work, signalling, rules of the road, Coast Guard regulations, and all the incidental training required. We now have 73 men and a new class has just been organized. Four or five months ago, there was no rank above Seaman 1/c. Now, earned by hard work and sacrifice, we have one Yeoman 3/c, one Storekeeper 3/c, 5 Coxswains, one Gunner's Mate, one Chief Boatswain's Mate, one Boatswain, one Ensign, and four more men are now taking examinations for advanced ratings. We have been given important special assignments, the latest being an appointment to represent the entire Fourth ND Auxiliary on the new Disaster System Panel created by the Governor to meet all emergencies which may arise. Our men have served long and faithfully under uniform in every line of duty from radio watch, shore assignments of all kinds, to the most important patrols on the Delaware River. It has taken us about 50% more hours to travel the miles necessary to perform this service, in addition to that necessary to attend District and Division meetings.

"We are greatly indebted to Governor Martin for his helpfulness not only to the Harrisburg Flotilla, but to the whole Coast Guard Service. The Governor's generous support is deeply appreciated.

"So you see we have made progress. We have relieved a large number of regular Coast Guardsmen for duty outside the District. And in return, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have contributed our 'mite' to the cause we represent."

Date _____

Mr. Pike:—

I am interested in joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary Band.

I play the _____

I am available for practice:

Day _____ Time _____ A. M.
1st choice _____ P. M.

Day _____ Time _____ A. M.
2nd choice _____ P. M.

Full Name _____

Flotilla # _____



BEFORE anyone is misled by the title, let us explain that this article has nothing to do with the surgeon's scalpel. Our subject concerns matters of an entirely different nature.

Every phase of military effort, whether it be administrative, personnel, instruction, or training exists solely because of, or for the benefit of, Operations. This is particularly true of our own organization, with its twenty-three Flotillas in the Fourth Naval District.

It is our opinion that the most important position in the Flotilla, next to the commander, is that of Operations Officer. On his shoulders, to a great extent, rests the responsibility for achieving maximum Flotilla performance and coordination in meeting the many and varied demands that emanate from the Auxiliary District Office. In most Flotillas, the Operations Officer is assisted in his work by an Assistant Operations Officer who not only helps with the detail but who is competent to take over in the event that the Operations Officer should be ill.

Duty assignments for Temporary Reservists to meet current operational requirements in the Fourth ND originate in the District Office in the Ayer Building, Philadelphia, where Lieut.

(j.g.) (T) Jack Hayes, Auxiliary Operations Officer, and Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. Lyle Holmes, Auxiliary Personnel Officer, are in charge of this important work.

If we were asked the question, "What constitutes an Operations Officer; what manner of man is he?", we would enumerate these essential qualifications:

- The nerves of a test pilot
- The patience of Job
- The resourcefulness of Robinson Crusoe
- The poise and discernment of a Judge
- The tact of a diplomat

For, in the proper performance of his many and onerous duties he has need of all these qualities at some time or other.

Being the Operations Officer of a Flotilla is not exactly a royal road to popularity, for no matter how fairly or conscientiously he may do his job, he is bound to find himself *persona non grata* with some of the rank and file. However, he has to be thick-skinned and take criticism in stride, for there are times when he will feel that he has the most unpopular and thankless job in the whole Auxiliary set-up. In the final

analysis, his worth will be measured by the extent to which he is able to fulfill his responsibilities in meeting the operational requirements of his Flotilla. Above all, he must avoid as he would the plague, showing any discrimination or favoritism in handing out assignments. There is no greater detriment to the morale of a Flotilla than an Operations Officer who is partial to his best friends among the membership.

One of the first things a newly-appointed Operations Officer should do is to lay in a generous supply of headache remedies. These should always be within convenient reach, preferably alongside his home telephone which, by the way should be right by the bed (with an extension in the bathroom, if possible). He will soon learn that the telephone is the necessary evil in the life of an Operations Officer. One is never permitted to forget its existence at any hour of the day or night, at home or at the office. You may be sure that its insistent, not-to-be-ignored ringing will haunt you at the most inconvenient times, such as at dinner, during a sound sleep, or in the

ample, for the O.O. and his wife to be on the point of leaving for an evening's relaxation at the theatre when the ringing of the telephone upsets their plans for the evening. She soon learns when she hears that mournful sound of the bell, to simply take off her hat and pick up a good book before her husband even answers the phone.

Yes, Mrs. O.O. takes her place with the golf widow and the Doctor's wife. She, too, will heave a sigh of relief when victory is won and she can resume a normal life as wife and companion of a former Operations Officer in the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve (T).

One of the chief gripes of an O.O. (and he is entitled to a lion's share of the griping) is the persistent and pernicious habit of some thoughtless T.R.'s in phoning at the eleventh hour to request excuse from duty, thus making it difficult if not impossible to secure a replacement. Of course there are times when an unforeseen emergency will make this necessary, but as a rule the belated notice is inexcusable. In fact, more often than not, the excuse given over the phone is phony (no pun intended) and the O.O. soon learns to recognize such phonies instantly.

From a survey of some of the so-called "reasons" that are offered as pleas for excuse from duty, it is apparent that some T.R.'s consider that O.O.'s have the

mental capacity of a moron. Here, for example, are a few of the phonies actually taken from the records of one Operations Officer:

"Got a dinner engagement I can't break."
"Wife says I gotta stay home and cut the lawn."

"I want to throw off a cold, so I'd like to be excused from duty for the next three or four weeks."

"My wife is having a bridge party and won't release me; says I have to stay home and help with the preparations."

"The Ayer Building is cold and drafty and I'm susceptible to pneumonia."

"The others on duty talk so loud that I can't get any sleep when my trick is over."

"My gas ration is used up and I can't drive my car, so how am I going to get there?" (Busses and trolleys still run).

"My wife says I gotta stay home once in a while; she thinks I'm on duty too often." (This one usually comes from the super-patriotic type who goes on duty three or four times a week—but it isn't always Coast Guard duty).

The list could be augmented for columns, but why go on? When put in cold type, most of the "reasons" sound rather far-fetched and school-boyish—which they are.



SPEAKING of OPERATIONS...

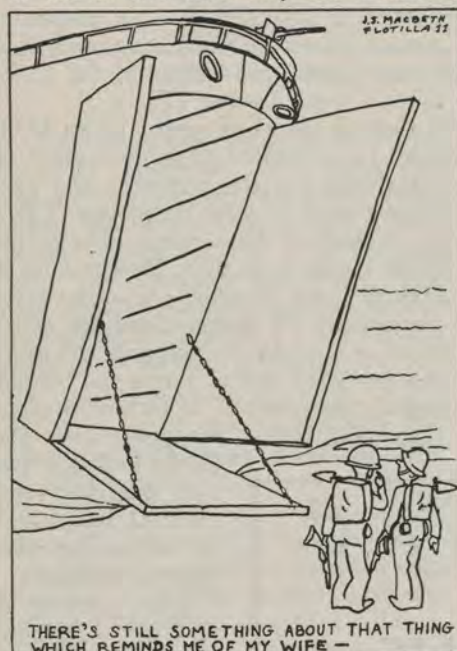
By JOHN T. DWYER, CBM (T)
Operations Officer, Flotilla 25

middle of a shave or shower. If Television were as common today as the ordinary radio, it would be nothing unusual for men who call their Operations Officer to see him appear on the television screen dripping wet and clutching a bath towel about his ample middle—just in case it might be that blonde calling. But it seems it never is—it's just Old Man Trouble, again.

If, as so often happens, the O.O. is a married man, so much the worse—for his wife! She is automatically elected Assistant Operations Officer (unofficial), for in the absence or illness of her spouse she must be able to step into the breach and pinch-hit for him. To Operations Officers who are not yet married, we suggest the wisdom of selecting a bride who has been a telephone operator. It will be a decided asset, more important even than the ability to cook! She soon learns that all social engagements must be accepted with an "if" because last-minute changes or innovations in the operational needs of the District Office can not be anticipated—nor ignored. It is not unusual, for ex-



This is not to create the impression that the foregoing is typical of the average T.R. Not in the least! There are, thank goodness, the great majority who take their twelve hour per week pledge seriously. They are the dependable with service records that reflect credit not only upon themselves but upon their Flotillas, as well. They are the ones who, come hell or high water, rain, snow, or shine, are seldom if ever late or absent and then only for a reason,



not an excuse. The duty may be dull and monotonous but they take it in stride as part of the job they agreed to do when they were first sworn into the Reserve. We have in mind two members of Flotilla 25 who, regularly one night a week for about seven months, stood guard duty at the Ayer Building—probably the least interesting of all Auxiliary assignments. We would include also in this commendable category some members of the following distant Flotillas: Trenton, Maurice River, Reading, and Lancaster. Oftentimes, these men travelled a total distance of from 65 to 120 miles, with aggregate elapsed time of 18 to 20 hours to cover their assignments for which they got credit only for the time they were actually on duty! That's real Coast Guard spirit for you!

These and many more like them realize that service in the Reserve isn't all "beer and skittles" but that regardless of the particular job in hand, know that it is a definitive part of the overall plan which constitutes our contribution to the war effort.

Never was the importance of this better presented than in the interesting report by Lieut. (T) Henry L. Schimpf, Jr., at the December dinner-meeting of the Delaware River Division. Both Mr.

Schimpf and Lieut. (T) Wm. B. Griscom, captain of the Delaware River Division, were delegates to the recent U. S. Coast Guard Conference in Washington on 6 and 7 December, 1944, where they represented the Auxiliary in the Fourth ND. Hundreds of other delegates and many high-ranking Coast Guard Officers from Admiral Waesche down, were in attendance during the two-day session.

Summarizing Mr. Schimpf's detailed report, it would appear that the following were the highlights of the Conference:

1. More than 55,000 T.R.'s are enrolled and on active duty throughout the Nation.
2. These men have released more than 8,000 regular Coast Guards for duty "outside their Districts."
3. Without the existence of an active Class (T) Reserve, "D" day in France might not have been possible, or, at best, would have been considerably delayed.
4. Forty-five men temporarily enrolled in the Reserve have died or been killed in line of duty.
5. The military status of the T.R.'s was re-emphasized from the point of view of such benefits as hospitalization and citations.
6. Legislation is pending to give suitable recognition to those of us who stick it out for the duration.
7. The end of the war is unpredictable and is not expected by high Navy officials before the end of 1946, at best.
8. If and when the war in the European theatre ends, the subsequent tremendous problem of transfer of men and supplies to the States and to other combat areas will surely call for the continuance, if not the expansion of the Class (T) Reserve.

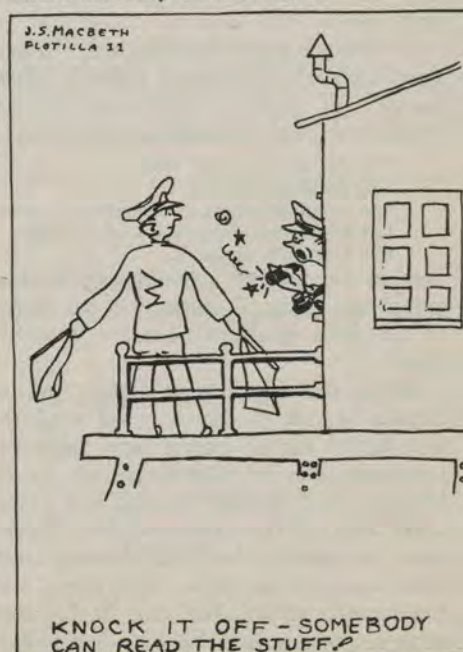
In his closing remarks, Mr. Schimpf stated that, above and beyond everything else, he was impressed with the extraordinary efforts made by officers of the regular Coast Guard from the Commandant down, to indicate their appreciation of, and need for, the Class (T) Reserve as a valuable complement to the regular service. This concern was not the usual sugar-coated and polite made-to-order praise that we are accustomed to hear (and discount) but rather it was the real thing with a ring of sincerity that was unmistakable. Mr. Schimpf further stated that were it possible to transfer his own enthusiasm and impressions of the Conference to all the officers and members of the various Flotillas in the Fourth ND, there would be no operations problem to speak of; for all, like himself, would more clearly realize their need and value to the war effort no matter what their particular assignment, whether it be on a patrol boat, on radio watch, on guard duty at the Ayer Building, on gate or dock watch at the various Bases, or the lonely

vigil of the fog bell watch at Fort Mott—the Siberia of the District.

Mr. Schimpf expressed regret that neither he nor the other Conference delegate would find it possible to attend all Flotilla meetings to give them the same talk. By way of compromise, he suggested that all commanders and Operations Officers try to convey to their respective Flotillas the gist of his report, in the hope that the more indifferent and careless ones might be awakened to a new sense of patriotic responsibility in these still-serious times when so much depends upon the all-out effort of every American and, more particularly, of we Reservists who wear our Country's uniform.

We feel that this article will have served some purpose if it has sufficiently emphasized the problems of operations in your Flotilla and the need for better cooperation, especially from those few who have grown a little careless under the delusion that "it's all over but the shouting." Let us remember that each man, no matter what his assignment, is an important link in the chain of world events. That means you, Seaman Jones, as well as you, Lieut. Smith. Without you there could be no Flotilla and without the Flotilla there could be no Class (T) Reserve. Let's all face the unpleasant reality—that this terrible war is not yet won and that we're needed while there's still a job to be done. Let's stick until it's finally finished. Then when that day does come and we get our Honorable Discharge from the Reserve and lay away our uniforms in moth balls, we can feel honestly that we have played well the part assigned to us.

As Chekov, the great Russian playwright said, "There are no small parts; there are only small actors."





It's a well-worn and oft-proved truism in the business world that if you want to get something done, give the job to the busiest man you can find.

By the same token, if you want to perform a patriotic service, go to a man who's already doing his part. That's why I want to appeal this month to all members of the Reserve Class (T) to make a date with the Red Cross to give a pint of blood. Our men on the other side need it. You men have it. It costs nothing but a little time to give it.

If you're unhappy because present conditions prevent you from giving your twelve hours a week, here's a good chance to make up for it—for one week at least. If you *are* doing your regular trick, here's an extra duty that will increase your self-respect and save a soldier's life.

As you know if you read TOPSIDE regularly, there's nothing more to giving a pint of blood than there is to going into the drug store for an ice-cream soda. All you have to do is to telephone RIT-tenhouse 4427 and make an appointment. (That's so you won't have to stand in line, as you do for a pack of cigarettes). The girl who answers the telephone will tell you what to eat (mostly what *not* to eat) before your appointment. Get to the blood donor center, now located at 119 North Broad Street, a few minutes before your appointment. From then on, all you have to do is roll up your sleeve, recline on a comfortable bed for a few minutes, have a snack and a rest and—make a date for your next donation.

Don't worry about being anemic or weak or having high blood pressure. They won't take your blood unless their tests show you can spare it without ever missing it—and don't try to date the pretty nurses. They're busier than you are!

—Lieut. Comdr. (T) F. B. Hinline, commodore, USCG Auxiliary, 4th ND.



All men who have completed the small arms Gunnery Course of the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary in the Fourth ND will shortly receive certificates of completion, as shown above. These will continue to be issued as men complete the course now in operation.

JOHN BROWN'S BOYS

TOPSIDE is pleased to extend congratulations to two young Army Lieutenants, sons of the Director. These young officers are: Lieutenant John W. Brown, Jr., Company K, 255th Infantry Regiment, and Lieutenant David W. Brown, 469th Amphibious Truck Company, A.T.T. Regiment.

The Director is extremely proud of these two boys, who, at the outbreak of the war, were students at Rutgers University. They were almost immediately enrolled in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and were both ordered to active duty in the Fall of 1942. Lieutenant John, Jr. took his basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, while David went to Camp Fannin, Texas. They were both enrolled in the Army Specialized Training Program — Jack at Rutgers and David at the University of West Virginia. Both were picked for Officers' Training School, one going to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, and the other to the Army Air Base at New Orleans in the Army Transportation Officers' Candidates School.

At the present time, Lieutenant John W. Brown, Jr. is overseas, somewhere in Germany, while David has been assigned to the Amphibious Truck Training Camp at Camp Gordon Johnson, Florida, where he is designated as Beach Control Officer of the 469th Company, which operates the well known ducks.



NAUTICAL AND NICE

"Azimuth" — What it sounds as though the fellow in the other bunk suffers from.

"Broad on the Bow"—Don't let the C.O. catch you with one!

"Sailor's Zoo"—Camel, dolphin, cat, horse, jackass, mole, lizard, roach.

"Throat Seizing"—What you'd like to do to the Operations Officer, but what you'd better do to stop the end of a line on its own part.

"Worming"—A dog fancier's corn-beef & cabbage; a boatman's method of filling in between the lays of a line with small stuff.

"Galley"—Reason for having fire-extinguishers on boats.

"Smack"—What she hauled off and gave him.

"Lead"—What the C.O.'s think their crews have in their pants.

—Bauer, Dwyer, and ED.



★ In welcoming you to this Headquarters' Conference I want to express to you the gratitude and appreciation which I feel toward you and the 48,000 volunteer Temporary Reservists whom you represent. You and they have done a job in this war which has been a distinct help in the winning of the war and which has reflected credit upon your patriotism, ability and spirit.

In behalf of the Coast Guard I say thank you, and I am sure when this war is over and the history of it is written, the American people will also thank you and praise you.

There are certain questions and problems that confront you as Commanding Officers of our volunteer Temporary Reservists on which you need the answers and the help of Headquarters. I am aware of these questions and problems and desire to help answer the questions and help solve the problems while you are at the Headquarters' Conference today and tomorrow, in order that you may return to your duties fully equipped to continue to perform the duties which have been entrusted you.

One of the serious questions facing you has to do with the spirit of complacency that has crept into the minds of the American people in recent months because of the splendid victories which have been achieved by the Allied Armed Forces on all fronts. Too many people in all parts of the Nation have jumped to the erroneous conclusion that the war is practically won and therefore the people in America can shift out of high gear and begin to resume their normal peace time way of life. On every hand and every day we have evidence of this and I know that you men are up against this problem as it affects absenteeism, disenrollment, and new recruiting of volunteer Temporary Reservists.

This is a general problem far bigger than a Coast Guard problem and therefore, Coast Guard Headquarters' officers can't give you the complete answer or the complete solution to this problem.

New Morale Builders

However, we can help by giving you some new "morale builders" and I am going to mention two or three such aids that we are prepared to give you.

1. First, I want to announce to you that it is Coast Guard policy to request that a bill be enacted by Congress which will create a Volunteer Reserve after this war is over. The Volunteer Reserve is part of our proposed legislation for the post war program for the Coast Guard. It is Coast Guard Policy that all volunteer Temporary Reservists during this present war who are still enrolled in good standing when this war is over shall be reenrolled, if they so desire, in the Volunteer Reserve with the same rank or rating held by them as Temporary Reservists at the end of the war. They will be put on unassigned status during peace time and will enjoy a permanent relationship to the Coast Guard as Volunteer Reservists, similar to the status of Reserve officers in peace time of the Navy and Coast Guard.

It is our belief and hope at Headquarters that this announcement will be of aid to you in your endeavors to make clear to the men and women under your command the appreciation which the Coast Guard has for Temporary Reservists and will therefore, increase their desire to continue to render faithful and devoted service to the Coast Guard in the war effort.

If the Volunteer Reserve is authorized by Congress, it is not planned to call Volunteer Reservists into active duty during peace time but it is desired that this Volunteer Reserve shall be provided by law to continue and perpetuate the sentimental relationship of the volunteers with the Coast Guard in peace time, and to retain them as Volunteer Reserve officers and men and women in unassigned status so that the Coast Guard may be able to call upon them in case of any emergency.

Another Aid to Morale

2. Another aid to morale designed to assist you in maintaining the active service of Temporary Reservists during the remaining period of this war is the creation of a "Duration Award" for volunteer Temporary Reservists who remain faithful in their service up to victory.

I am asking Captain Marts to work with the Headquarters' Board on Awards in working out the details of this new "Duration Award." I would like to have it set up so that when the war is over a ribbon, to be worn on civilian clothes, and a Commandant's citation shall be given each volunteer Temporary Reservist who performed at least 600 hours of active duty and who was still in there when the final gong sounded.

I think it would be only fair to include in this "Duration Award" any volunteer Temporary Reservists who might have been put on unassigned status before final victory because they happened to be in ports where the Coast Guard no longer had any active duty for them to perform. In other words, the "Duration Award" would be given to volunteer Temporary Reservists who were performing duty up to the day of victory or who were available to perform duty if the Coast Guard had any duty for them to perform. This would not make available for the "Duration Award" the Temporary Reservist who quit on his own initiative before the job was done. I want to see this "Duration Award" prized by volunteer Temporary Reservists as an outstanding badge of patriotism and faithfulness during the really hard period of this war. I hope the announcement of this will help you in your efforts to appeal to the heroism and fortitude of the men and women in your units.

What I have said up to now has been of equal interest to you volunteer Temporary Reservists who are serving in the Auxiliary type of organization and you volunteer Temporary Reservists who are serving in the Volunteer Port Security Force.

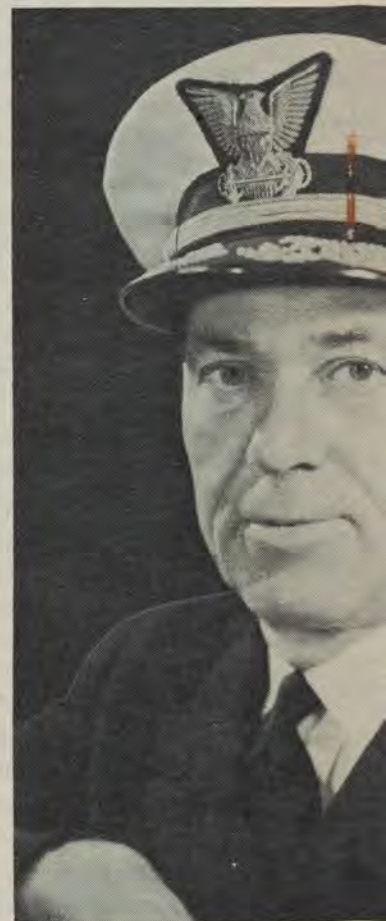
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Post War

I have a special word now to say to our post war plans. It is now comes the Auxiliary as a peace increase in numbers and strength of the Coast Guard. We have already anticipated as far as the Auxiliary is concerned Public Law No. 451. membership in the Auxiliary by owners of aircraft and radio station part owners of motor boats and give the Coast Guard authority over conditions boats, aircraft, radio services of Auxiliary members in the



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Post War Plans

and now to say to Auxiliarists in regard to the future of the organization. It is my desire that when peace comes a peace time organization shall be organized to continue strength and service to the Coast Guard. We have already anticipated our post war legislation and Congress has passed Public Law No. 451. This law enlarges active membership in the Coast Guard Auxiliary by including owners or part owners of motor boats and yachts. This law will also give authority to utilize under certain conditions radio stations, as well as the services of members in their performance of assigned

specific duties. With the authorization given to us under the new law, the Auxiliary will have several incentives to grow after the war and to take over specific peace time duties for the Coast Guard which could not be assigned to it prior to the enactment of this law. Captain Jones will undoubtedly speak to you more in detail about these post war plans for the Auxiliary but I am glad to speak to you this morning of this evidence of Headquarters policy in reference to your post war program.

During the past two months, we have had occasion because of the changing conditions of the war in Europe and of the submarine activity in the Atlantic Ocean to effect changes in port security along the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts and along our inland waterways. It has been found feasible to reduce our port security duties in many localities outside of the major shipping ports because of the reduction of these port security responsibilities. In several Districts it has been necessary, therefore, to put the units of Temporary Reservists who were performing such duties on an unassigned basis for the balance of the war. It was first proposed that the Temporary Reservists who had been performing these posts of duties should be disenrolled with the thanks of the Coast Guard for their past patriotic services. However, upon reflection we instructed the officers in charge of this change-over to give every single volunteer Temporary Reservist, who had been assigned to posts of duty which are no longer required, the privilege of being put on an unassigned status instead of being disenrolled. Our reason for doing this was simply because of our deep appreciation for these volunteer Temporary Reservists and our desire that every one of them who had offered his services to the Coast Guard for the duration of the war and who had been trained to perform his duties should have the privilege of retaining his sentimental connection with the Coast Guard until final victory is achieved even though his active services no longer are required. I hope this decision has increased the satisfaction your men and women have derived from their temporary membership in the Coast Guard Reserve.

Unassigned Status

We are now in the midst of putting some of the units of Temporary Reservists in the smaller ports in the East, South and Mid-West on unassigned status and in each such instance I have directed that a public ceremony be held at which proper Coast Guard Officers will publicly express the thanks of the Commandant and the Coast Guard to the Volunteer Temporary Reservists and will award them the Coast Guard Shield of Honor with the appropriate inscription. I trust that in this way the appreciation of the Coast Guard will be made known to these men and women who have been giving their services so ably and so freely to the nation in this war.

Do not draw any erroneous conclusions from our action in decreasing port security activities in certain of these smaller ports. We are not decreasing port security activities in the important war shipping ports, neither are we decreasing the need for Temporary Reservists in these large war shipping ports which you officers represent here today. The war use of these ports is as great or greater today than it has ever been. You men who are down there on the waterfront and are able to see the ships go in and out know that as well as I can tell you. This activity will continue for many, many months, regardless of this or that turn of the war, and we would delude ourselves and weaken the war effort if we were to lessen our effort in the belief that because we no longer need a Beach Patrol in a lonely spot that we also no longer need volunteer Temporary Reservists down on the piers and docks where munitions are being shipped to our fighting men overseas. As a matter of fact, we are going to need more and more Temporary Reservists in the port security duties in many of our large ports because we are going to need more and more of our young full-time men out at sea and on foreign duty.

A Final Word

One final word to you. You and the men under you have served many a lonesome, weary, tedious tour of duty. You have encountered evidences of carelessness and have prevented great losses that might have come about through fires of careless origin, but very few of you have ever encountered an enemy saboteur, and I know that some of your men are wondering just how important their port security posts of duty are. It is true that they have seldom, if ever, seen the enemy, but it is probably equally true that more than once the lurking enemy saboteur has seen them walking up and down or cruising the harbor in the dead of night, in foul weather and fair, in the uniform of the U. S. Coast Guard. If the enemy has been there he has seen them and, seeing them, has slunk away unable to accomplish his desire to sabotage. How many times such an enemy has seen a Volunteer Temporary Reservist of the Coast Guard no one will ever know but the mere presence of the Coast Guardsmen at the posts of duty has without question been a detriment to whatever plans such enemies may have had. The proof of the value of their Coast Guard duty lies in the fact that they have helped keep the ports of America open and active every day and every night during this war. Not a single serious loss has been suffered in any facility that has been under the protection of the Volunteer Temporary Reservist of the U. S. Coast Guard. This is the practical answer to any questions that may be in their minds regarding the importance of their work and for that splendid record the Coast Guard thanks you and them, and America honors you.



The LOG of AUXILIARY FLOTILLA ACTIVITIES

FLOTILLA 15, POINT PLEASANT
— Now that Santa has paid his annual visit and has departed for the North Lands and the boys have seen the old year out and the new year in, Flotilla 15 is ready to add another year to its service record and is rarin' to go.

Great plans are being scheduled for the new year by commander Moore and his colleagues in crime, Hubbard and Larrabee; and if the schedule is carried out there won't be a dull moment from here in.

Our 5 January meeting was held at our new quarters in the Boat House at Bay Head station and Chief Dave McKelvey surely fixed the old shed up so that it is just like home. The Chief and the boys at Bay Head station are great for making one feel at home and everyone is sure he will like the new hangout.

Speaking about the Bay Head boys, they sure had a swell Christmas with a nice big tree, thanks to Spike Stengel, and, of course, all the trimmings. The Flotilla didn't forget them.

Dame Rumor has it that two of our members will be sporting crowns on their right sleeves within a few weeks, but their names are being kept a secret and in due time these promotions will be recorded elsewhere in TOPSIDE.

Kollman Grollman, S 1/c, has been off duty for several weeks, nursing his fractured ribs. Just how this big boy met up with the accident can not be learned, but we wish him a speedy recovery. Charlie Lemke, S 3/c, is back from the South and has already made a trip to the Clothing Locker for the boys. Some of us gobs who will have a year's service this month will be visiting the locker soon to cash in our yearly allowance.

Head cook and bottle-washer of the galley, Mike Stengel, has promised the boys an oyster stew sometime soon, so bring on your sauce, boys, when this date arrives.

A move is on foot to start a father-and-son club within our ranks. Yeoman Errickson was the instigator. In order to become eligible for membership, a father must either be serving in the armed forces in this war (or must have served in World War I) and must have a son in this battle. A keen idea that may spread throughout the Nation. Within our ranks are several eligible for membership — Sharp, Williams, Boyd,

Stout, Meseroll, Stengel, Errickson, and perhaps others. We will report on this movement as it progresses.

The officers and members of this Flotilla extend the happiest of New Year wishes to all their fellow (T) members and to the officers at the District Office and to all readers of TOPSIDE.

—Elmer K. Errickson, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 11, ATLANTIC CITY

— Flotilla 11 was recently honored at its regular meeting at the A. C. Tuna Club by a very welcome visit of the commodore, Lieut. Comdr. (T) Hine-line; the Director, Lieut. Brown; the District captain, Lieut. (T) Earl Leonard, and Boatswain (T) Keough.

The occasion was the installation of our new officers, namely: Lt. (j.g.) (T) Wm. Errig to the post of commander, Ensign (T) Ev Hooper to vice commander, and Boatswain (T) Warren Somers to the junior commander's office.

After the formal swearing-in ceremonies, the commodore spoke briefly concerning the success of our recent bond drive in which 3,442 men subscribed over \$190,000, and the constant need for continued effort on the part of the men now assigned to duty. He mentioned that the prevailing nation-wide spirit of complacency must be avoided and all our efforts renewed and put behind the drive to shorten the war.

Lieut. (T) Earl Leonard was introduced by Lieut. Brown and, in his usual charming manner, brought out the fact that the Reserve has replaced 7,000 men for active duty. "It was these men", said Mr. Leonard, "who were replaced by us who were able to play such a large part in the success of the invasion". It was also brought out that over 40 Reservists have died while on active duty.

Following the formalities of the evening, everyone present enjoyed a buffet dinner.

—James Dooley, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 17, GREAT BAY — The conclusion of any year is an appropriate time to pause for circumspection along with dutiful planning for the com-

ing year; and that is exactly what the officers and men of Flotilla 17 have been and are doing. A perusal of events both past and future leads us to be exceedingly proud of the enviable record established.

We are indebted to Boatswain (T) William B. Williamson, Operations Officer, for our following report on the year 1944. The report was exhaustive and minute in every detail but is briefly summed up in the short resume.

Flotilla 17, at the end of the year, totaled 129 members in the Auxiliary of which 107 are in the Reserve (T). The membership increase in the former group was 84% while in the latter, it jumped to 100%.

During the year, the Flotilla served 50,296 man-hours in various activities. Boat patrol was responsible for 18,526 man-hours, tower watch 14,553, administrative 5,636, meetings 8,583 and miscellaneous 2,998.

During the hurricane disaster, 64 men served 800 hours. One hundred thirty-three man-hours were spent in gunnery. And one of the most outstanding services in the Flotilla, as well as the District, was one man who spent 600 hours in clothing locker work.

Also, during the year, 88 instruction classes were held with a total attendance of 2,831 men and 3,591 hours were spent in the work. Attendance at meetings averaged 57.3 men and the yearly average membership in the Reserve (T) was 91.5.

Based on the official figures of each five men in the Reserve (T) allowing one regular to be relieved for sea duty, Flotilla 17 was responsible for 18 men being assigned to this branch. Flotilla 17 also had 10 men who answered the call to the colors on an active basis. Consequently, we proudly boast of 28 men being available through the Flotilla.

But we are not content to rest on such an outstanding record and are planning many features for the coming year which will assure an even greater record. Foremost among the coming events is a scheduled and planned program for each meeting. Featured in these programs will be instruction work planned by an educational committee appointed at the first meeting of the year.

Likewise, social events will not be overlooked as a means of diversity and

interest. The first such event took place 18 January in the form of a stag dinner. The program was of such a nature space will not permit a justifiable account of the events.

The banner event of the year socially is always the annual banquet. This year, the dinner will again be held at the White Sparrow Inn, Vineland, and will surpass last year's affair in every way. CBM (T) Stanley Altman is again at the helm of the committee in charge and promises some great doings on 15 February.

—C. J. Loughlin, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 27, SALEM—A lonely vigil is being kept at that bit of Salem County bordering the mighty Delaware which resembles Siberia, namely Fort Mott. Orders are orders and

Semper goes with Paratus, so "27" has taken on another duty while awaiting a new and highly-important assignment in the Delaware Bay area.

Plenty of gremlin ghosts walk in the night at the musty fortress and woe be to any who interfere with the significant navigation aids in that area, while Salem's men are on the alert. Great "Arctic" owls pick our ears, snow bats squeak their defiance, wispy veils brush our cheeks as we climb the lofty, ghastly towers. Countless luminous eyes in the inky blackness of midnight stalk our measured steps as we make the rounds through the brushy wilderness. We whistle (Bos'n or not) while we work (for company and courage?) and carry on for Doyle, Sawyer, Harvey, and dear old "27". We are informed that the Fort Mott detail is the only one of its kind manned by Auks, in the entire country.

Thanks to James Filer, CBM (T), and his able entertainment committee, the dance and supper held recently at the duPont Country Club was declared a success. The gold shone brightly that night in the candlelight.

W. L. Richmond, Cox (T), has taken over the Treasury detail. His opening cry sounded like "Man overboard" and the mates are now sounding the lead lines in their empty pockets.

Melbourne Beebe, Cox (T), Pitman's famous big corporation lawyer, is busy leafing the pages on his new assignment as Secretary.

Realizing that the war is far from won, "27" is mustering its ranks for a rejuvenated 1945 schedule. With a

weather eye to the future, Salem snaps to attention and proudly salutes 1945 and a speedy victory.

George Boehner, CBM (T) declares his educational clipper is being rigged with new sail. A new gunnery course is in the offing. Meetings, drills, and classes are more interesting and efforts are being made to hold the combine to a definite period at the Salem Armory on Tuesdays from 2000 to 2230. Meeting logs are being checked and members are reminded: It shows you up if you let your mates down. A Happier Year ahead for everyone and may it be a "V" year.

—Horace Madden, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 33, WILDWOOD

—Well, the Otten's Harbor Dock Patrol is now nothing but a fond memory. (Who said "fond"? At least, it won't be forgotten for a long time.

In spite of the drudgery of it, there were friends of the Flotilla such as Nels and Russ and many interesting episodes that made the job more pleasant. We feel proud that Flotilla 33 followed the course to the end and took part in a project that was well carried-out.

There are three members of Flotilla 33 who live in Philadelphia and who have made the long trek to Wildwood to report for duty each week without fail for more than a year and a half. Joe Dunlap is one of them who has taken a very keen interest in the Flotilla and who has always participated in the instruction program for new members. The other two are Joe Thomas and his jovial side-kick, Rudy Woehr. Joe never misses a meeting. He is our gunnery instructor.

The Hereford Inlet and Leaming Avenue Watch Towers are still being operated by the Flotilla. Our record is very good on these two Towers, but it is no easy job to keep them manned, as our hard-working Operations Officer, Ray Gibbs, can testify.

Plans are being made for a dinner and entertainment that should surpass any that we have ever had. It will take place during the first part of February, and if all goes well the main course will be that scarce delicacy known as turkey.

Interesting movies were shown at our 29 December meeting, with Frank "Available" Jones operating the projector capably.

—Ed Nesbitt, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 31, OCEAN CITY — Oh New Year comes and New Year goes With resolutions and joys and woes; With mornings after the nights before And the same old wolf at the same old door:

With income taxes and Christmas bills And rationing stamps and vitamin pills; And John Brown issues another directive As Vandegrift seizes another objective; Graham is sending out deadline notes While Sturm is chiseling air-sea boats. Life has little that's new or strange In spite of the annual calendar change. Huston frets with his organizations While Gifford juggles the operations; Hires twists the Flotilla's tail And Bromley clutters the U. S. mail; Merritt takes over a ship on the river As Clayton further assaults his liver; Dugan listens to howl and yelp From guys he and Emmons are trying to help;

Morford lectures his student band And Cliff Clark studies the cash on hand. Let New Years wax, let New Years wane As Snafu and Fubar take over again. McCahan and Heron toy with their gats, Imbesi still pleads for flat-top hats; Bolard he blinks and he sighs and he wags

As Anderson garners in motor boat rags; Barthmaier dopes out a first aid class And Easterby tries to maneuver for gas; Ellis unlatches the High School door, And Moncrief bellows a speech from the floor;

Bill O'Keefe in a truculent mood Sounds off, like Nyman panning the food.

Hail and farewell to the change of the year,

The same to you Davis and Benner and Geare.

Fegley he dreams sweet dreams of blonds While Oldach quietly sells War Bonds. And so it could go for name after name For the whole Flotilla's about the same, And about the same it will always be As long as we have a Coast Guard (T). But there's a philosophy in these rhymes: We've banded together in troublesome times,

Made new friendships, done new chores, Steadily stood to protect our shores, Tackled jobs that we liked or hated With spirit and energy unabated.

Answered the stirring martial call That came to us, as it did to all, To serve our country in pain and strife And guard what we hold good in life. Forgive us, Lord, our frantic jest, But be it said that we stood the test, That we have helped bring Victory near —

Our humble wish for a Happy New Year.

—E. L. Johnstone, Publicity Officer.





FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT

—Proudly we hail the Navy pennant which was awarded to our Flotilla in a fitting ceremony on 17 January for the greatest percentage per member (193.9%), based on a quota of a hundred dollar War Bond per member, of sales of bonds during the Sixth War Bond Campaign. The total sales by members of our Flotilla exceeded forty thousand dollars. This amount was over twenty percent of all War Bonds sold in the special drive by members of the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve (T) of the Fourth Naval District. Harry Heward, Jr., B.M. 1/c (T), and the War Bond Committee of which he was Chairman, as well as every member who purchased or sold bonds, deserve the thanks that were showered on them because of their fine cooperation in aiding the war effort to a greater degree and because of their personal sacrifices of time and money.

First, we joined the Auxiliary; then we were temporarily enrolled into the Reserve; and now each member of our Flotilla has acquired membership in the Farragut Foundation. The organization meeting of our Foundation was held Wednesday, 3 January, 1945, in the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, at which Dr. C. Frazier Hadley, Jr., was elected President; Charles H. Sprowles, Vice-President; Francis W. Sharpless, Treasurer; Linwood G. Moses, Secretary; Louis A. Gray, Custodian of Supplies; Frank C. Ervin, Jr., Emory S. Kates, and Abe W. Topkis, Members of the Board of Directors. Best of all, the Foundation can acquire property for the benefit of all our members which can be held permanently by it and will not belong to good old Uncle Sam.

With the development of more jobs and duties for the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve comes the need for additional Temporary Reservists, so our commander, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) C. Frazier Hadley, Jr., appointed our Personnel Officer, Abe W. Topkis, Y 1/c, to be Chairman of the new Membership Committee. Abe has a mind full of ideas and suggestions about anything and everything, and, accordingly, we can expect unheard of innovations in the membership drive, which we hope will be most fruitful.

The formation of a gunnery team to represent our Flotilla in matches with other teams is in process. As every member will be afforded an opportunity to make the team, all should compete when the qualifying tests are given. The gunnery familiarization program has pro-

vided instructions for the various types of weapons we need to know how to use for our regular guard duties and for membership on the gunnery team. All who have not completed the scheduled program are urged to make arrangements to do so.

—John A. Bauer, Publicity Officer.
(J. J. McCormack, Assisting)



FLOTILLA 52, LANCASTER—It

appears that this Flotilla is due for the busiest winter in its history. Two new courses, Radio and Marine Motors, will be inaugurated shortly with Dan Flory, CMoMM (T), in charge of the embryo Motor Macs and Chief Radioman Faber, USCG, instructing the radiomen. Gasoline and Diesel motors will be covered by Chief Flory who has given previous instruction on this subject.

Chief Radioman Faber attended a recent meeting here and outlined the radio course to a group of our members. Theoretical and practical instruction, with shop training, will be given. The course will run nine months and appears to appeal to a large number of men who have signified their intention of taking it.

Arthur Norris, GM 2/c, reports that fourteen men have completed their course in gunnery and will receive their certificates of accomplishment.

The 6th War Loan Drive is over, and while, we did not have 100% participation we did contribute \$1000 more than in the last drive. We are already

working on plans for the next drive, with 100% as a goal.

Speaking of devotion to duty, our hats are off to Bob Reitz, S 1/c. Last Friday night, while driving from his home in Akron to report for duty at Port Richmond, his car skidded on the icy highway, snapped off a telephone pole and overturned.

His left leg was injured and the car reduced to junk. However, Bob succeeded in getting back to Lancaster where he caught a train for Philadelphia, arrived and reported for duty on time. When we hear some of the trivial excuses offered by some men for not keeping duty assignments we wonder if such an example will not cause them to think twice the next time they think they can't report.

Congratulations, Bob, for a job "well done."

—Vincent Kingston, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 34, MAURICE RIVER

—Chief Alan Thomas, our opportunist V.C., experienced a sample of what "air-sea rescue" may mean to Auxiliarists. He was on the spot soon



after a P-47 from Millville Army Air Base crashed in Union Lake. With a companion, Thomas reached the plane in an outboard motorboat. They found it necessary to break ice in order to make headway. Unfortunately, the pilot had met instant death and there was no opportunity for rescue. However, Chief Thomas cut the unfortunate pilot from



Installation of Lieut. (j.g.) (T) William Errig as commander of Flotilla 11, taken at Atlantic City Tuna Club. Left to right: Director Brown, commodore Hine, commander Errig, Division captain R. Earle Leonard, Bos'n (T) Howard Keough.

his parachute and assisted air base officers to extricate the body, then towed it to shore in another boat. The experience made Thomas realize the importance as well as the requirements for this type of work. Needless to say, Thirty-Four is preparing in earnest for the day when its members will be called upon to perform the much-needed and highly-important duty of air-sea rescue.

The boys are congratulating Al Mundle, Ted West, Dante Parenti, Les Mitchell, and Fiske Campbell who recently passed their second class MoMM exams. Mundle received the commendation of commander Lee Renner for his instruction of this class.

Thirty-Four is proud of its record in the bond drive. Only eight Flotillas in the District exceeded their quotas and Maurice River was just nosed out of first place.

The fact that watch standers at Avalon tower don't miss much is established by the following entry made in the log book. Quote — "One seagull trying to bust open a barnacle. Dropped it six times. Broke it on seventh."

Drillmaster Scott Calkins has dressed-up his weekly session with prayer by Chaplain Heber Loveland and marching to martial music produced by a public address system. Calkins has also introduced a rigid course in military etiquette. Customers wondered why Scotty closed his tailor shop for two weeks until he showed up with an armful of semaphore flags that he and his wife had made for the whole outfit.

Thirty-Four elected a junior commander at the last meeting, but we can't tell you who it will be until the choice is officially approved. The election was made necessary by the loss of Chief Harry Rieck, Jr., who has joined the Navy and is stationed at Bainbridge, Md.

Maurice River Flotilla extends its sympathies to a member, Rocco DiBiao, whose father passed away recently.

Patience and determination have finally rewarded Lew Airey with enrollment in the Reserve (T), the first such enrollment of a Maurice River Auxiliarist in months. Lew did everything in his power to make his hours fit the increased requirements and is really deserving of the break.

—C. M. Scull, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 24, DELAWARE RIVER — On patrol. The ordinary calendar of the coming day has not yet been thought of as we come travelling back from patrol at an accelerated pace. The scene that unfolds seems to be inlaid upon a wide and endless river. It is late December and a heavy mist rolls in from

the mainland. Apparently sunrise is not far away. Directly in front of us there appears to be a huge shape tethered to the waves, cloaked in such a manner as to make it hard to get her lines. With low-hanging mist it is difficult to judge what might be on our bow; but wait, the mist is lifting slightly and a clearer picture presents itself.

We dimly discern straight-sided towers of steel broken only by long, tapering arms pointing in semivertical and horizontal directions. As we run up our line, the shape shows depth, and two twinkling lights determine her extent in length. Surmounting the top of this straight-sided monster a certain smoothness or streamlined outline enfolds itself. With the approaching dawn the mist recedes still further and on a partly-raised tower at our nearest point stands the caped figure of a man. Quite distinctly we see a pinpoint of light gleaming downward from him.

On the port side where the shadows are deeper it is difficult to say what is going on, but we go in for a closer look. Ah yes, in a moment or two the rim of the sun will appear above the horizon and before us is the huge steel shape of a "Liberty" about three hundred feet long, sleek and low in the water. Her occasional gun mounts fore and aft are patrolled by her crews. At the base of her funnel stretches her bridge. As visibility becomes better we see thousands of tons of freight boxed and "welded" to the decks. Apparently, all this stowage has taken a great deal of highly-skilled engineering. Her silhouette now bristles with a spider web of overloaded design. Thus with an inward smile and a mental salute, we leave her astern!

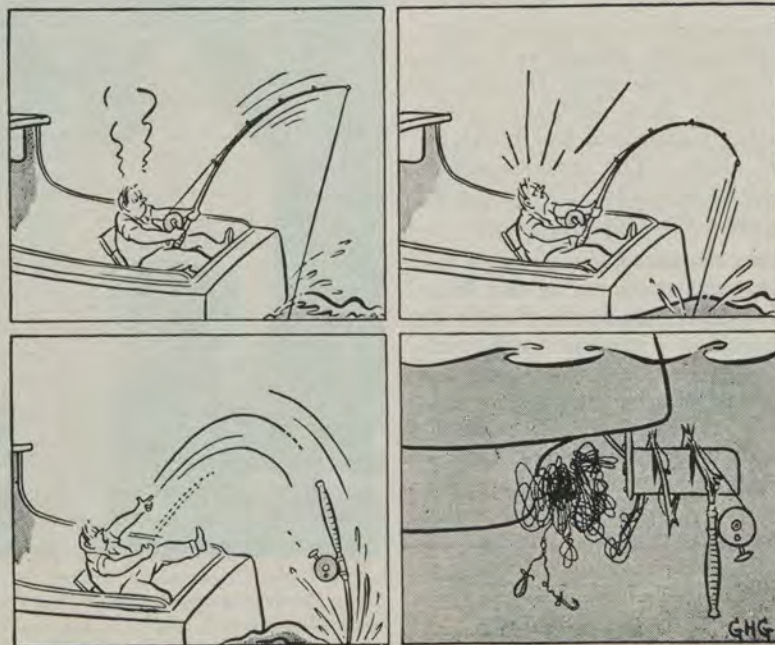
—J. T. Elsroad, Jr., Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 23, DREDGE HARBOR — "Out with the Old; in with the New".

This, the first month of 1945, seems a good time to take stock of ourselves and to determine whether our sincerity in Flotilla matters has waxed or waned. A "Recap" of our Flotilla activities during 1944 finds that after three years of operation, our Flotilla has grown to a well-organized, smooth-running unit that has actively participated in about every duty that has been assigned to Class (T) men. These activities include River Patrol, Gate and Dock Watch, Tower Watch, Ayer Building Detail, Gloucester Immigration Station Patrol, Wilson Line Duty, Essington Patrol, and many others. All these assignments have been successfully handled and no small credit is due to our Operations Officer, Ensign (T) Brownell and his staff for their untiring efforts in their often thankless task. Great credit is also due to the many members of the Flotilla who, in the main, have maintained a commendable interest in, and faithfulness to, their assumed obligations. Accordingly, our Flotilla feels justly proud of its achievements and its operating executives, and pledges itself to the continued fulfillment of duties during 1945.

We were recently informed that our Flotilla-sponsored Spar candidate, Marjorie Hirst, enrolled at the Miami Spar Training Base, had successfully completed her studies and had graduated second in her class with a rating of Y 3/c. (Hi ya, Brother!)

Anyone contemplating the purchase of warmer sleeping garments for River Patrol would do well to counsel with us. It seems that a certain Chief of this Flotilla whose initials are Phil Callaghan, had the happy idea of using a nice, warm



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sleeping-bag. This idea was working swell until the crew was violently aroused one night by the bag's occupant in the throes of a nightmare. It seems that in a dream a flock of pigeons had infested the bag and there was Phil, all buttoned up and fast becoming pigeon-bait. We've heard of bats in the belfry, but this was the first time we ever heard of pigeons in the arky!

Johnny's Inn, second headquarters for some members of this Flotilla, was the scene of a Christmas stag party enjoyed by all but Mine Host who failed to appreciate our Holiday Spirit.

Well, it's time to walk in the gutter in search of a butt. Wish me luck.

—William B. Pyle, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 22, ESSINGTON—We had our annual social night Monday, 8 January, and from all accounts it was one of the best ever. More than 200 members, their wives, friends and guests attended the dinner at the Hotel Philadelphian. Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Walter Whitehead, Flotilla 22 commander, introduced Lieut. John W. Brown, Director of the Auxiliary; Lieut. Allan S. Woodle, USCGR; Ensign M. Brown, USCGR (W); Captain Werner Bauman, USA; Joseph Dugan, C/Y, and Yeoman Emmons.

With the dinner passing off very smoothly accompanied by the melodious strains of the Port Richmond Base U. S. Coast Guard Orchestra, the entire group left for the Arena where, with another 100 members and friends of the Flotilla, they witnessed the "Ice Follies of 1945" show.

Packing three whole sections of the Arena, the members made a snappy showing in their uniforms and the work of Flotilla 22, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary in general was praised in a public announcement made from the ice by Joseph Knable, State Director of the War Finance Committee for the U. S. Treasury Dept. The announcement made a big hit with the 5200 spectators who witnessed the show that night.

Following the show, the program for the evening was continued at the Walnut bowling alleys where the Flotilla 22 team engaged in a special match with the girls from the Ice Follies cast. As another attraction, the Ice Follies men's team competed against the Gretz Bowlerettes girl's team of this city, one of the best women's bowling teams in the country. Needless to say THE GIRL'S TEAMS WON BOTH MATCHES.

Boy, what a gang we had representing the Flotilla! It couldn't have been stage fright from such close proximity

to the stars from the Ice show; or was it? Anyway, our group consisted of Ensigns (T) Bill Leavitt, Lloyd Carmen, Ed. Taylor, Ed. Sweitzer, and Clarence Hill.

The evening offered a pleasing variety of entertainment for which the entertainment committee, which included Henry Lear, Henry Regner, and Herb Brenaman, received the thanks of the entire Flotilla.

It was regrettable that neither Lieut. (T) William Griscom, Jr., Division captain, nor Henry Lear, was able to attend the affair. Lieut. Griscom had to leave a few days prior to the affair for Florida because of the illness of his mother. Henry Lear also left a few days before to spend a three weeks' vacation in Mexico.

Now that the wives and lady friends of the Flotilla have had a chance to meet each other, and also to learn just what their men have, and are doing, perhaps we'll be able to get a better turnout at the meetings.

—Michael A. Devitt, Publicity Officer.

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That opens the door for you eighteen-

FLOTILLA 18, LITTLE EGG HARBOR—Editor Graham's latest release to TOPSIDE's "news hounds" suggests that these columns be used for gripes about TOPSIDE. Is

ers to shoot-the-works. Just send in those gripes to your reporter at 12 South 12th Street any time up to the first of the month and we will see what happens. If you wish to stay anonymous, just say so. As an idea — why not start a "Suggestion Department"? There must be some good ideas among you brain-trusters. Mr. Neff is losing the last bit of his hair trying to figure ways and means to keep up the outfit's morale. He would welcome a good suggestion.

Close-Ups — This month's orchid must go to Johnny Geizel. That S 1/c volunteered for duty at Essington, believing that he would be doing patrol duty. He landed on the coal pile detail — and he's doing it without a squawk. . . . At this writing, we hear that Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Neff is polishing up the gold in preparation for his meeting with Admiral "X". . . . We understand that Personnel Officer Wayne Army will take the "cure", come February. These insurance conventions are getting hard on the constitution since the government released more alcohol for civilian consumption. . . . Word comes from the grapevine that Ensign (T) Sid is cooking up a new duty. What ho!, sailor? . . . Latest news flash has it that Shep Knapp switches jobs from chewing gum to floor wax, via Franklin Research. That's more competition for Bill Mackey! . . . Wes Heilman, vice commander, is seen around Broad and Chestnut these days in a soft hat and Coast Guard overcoat. Sort of a Jekyll and Hyde job — 0900 to 1700, he goes all out for his Alma Mater, Gibbs, and from 1800 to 2200, Coast Guarding up river. . . . Speaking of Jekyll and Hyde, where has



Left to right: Ed Shipstad, owner and performer in Ice Follies; Ann Karrer, Captain of the Gretz Bowlerettes team; Ed Sweitzer, Captain Flotilla 22 bowling team; Charlotte Bracken, featured star and Captain of the Ice Follies Girls' team, and Roy Shipstad, outstanding star of Ice Follies and Captain of men's team.

Maynard Brown been hiding? Long-time-no-see. The roast beef is still good at the Engineer's Club, so break loose from that "stove works" and come across the river. . . . That also goes for "Battle-ship" Charlie Doré and a few other sailors who have been laying low lately. . . . Roger!

—Russell K. Carter, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 13, SEASIDE PARK—

On 30 November, the Dock Patrol completed their final trick. Charles Sutorius and Andrew Pala made fast the door of the "shack" and turned the final papers over to the commander. Thus closes the final chapter in this particular duty of the Auxiliary. Those who served on the Dock Patrol were complimented on a job well done and their splendid contribution to the work will add prestige to the USCG Auxiliary.

The sale of Bonds in the 6th War Bond Drive was lead by Lloyd Case. He accounted for \$7,500 of the total \$12,350 collected.

First Aid instruction is being conducted by Leon Fellows. Those who take this course will find it interesting and it may prove very valuable when an emergency arises, not only during war time, but in peace time as well.

A great deal of interest is added to our weekly meetings by the showing of a series of motion pictures entitled "Why We Fight", in addition to valuable training films which make it worth while attending.

Lieut. (T) Earle Leonard and Lloyd Case of Flotilla 13 played Santa Claus at the Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix on Christmas Day from 1400 to 1800. These two dear old Santas, resplendent with whiskers and gay apparel, visited the patients and distributed gifts. One thing is sure, Flotilla 13 picked out two members who are both big in size, with plenty of good will to match. What more could we ask for the job of Santa?

The Christmas party was held in the Seaside Park school basement, 20 December. Refreshments consisting of "beans and franks" were dished out by our members from Milltown. Byron Rogers led the group in singing. What it lacked in quality was made up in volume. Our old stand-by Harold Conover, naturally was the piano accompanist — when it comes to playing Harold is certainly "hot stuff."

Several of our members are taking the MoMM course, which starts 10 January, 1945, at the Auxiliary Training Base in Philadelphia.

—Leslie Broomfield, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 32, STONE HARBOR

—Excuse it please, but your correspondent was in no humor or condition to send in his customary stint in time for last month's issue. After several months in the Auxiliary he was sworn into the Reserve (T) at the recent oyster supper given by the Flotilla. Subsequently he did his indoctrination watches and came the fateful morning of his first solo hitch at the Corson's Inlet tower. That was the morning the car refused to start. Your correspondent, full of the old "The-Coast-Guard-gets-through" spirit, walked the four-plus miles from his home to the tower in an hour flat — in new G. I. shoes. And thus probably became the first Reservist to stand his first solo watch in stocking-feet.

The First-Aid Classes which are meeting each Friday night under the direction of Bos'n Pike missed a wonderful chance for practice in treating blisters, though. The classes are held at 2000 at the meeting hall on the upper deck of the Avalon Fire Hall.

Members of Flotilla 32 are hoping that the projected MoMM course will be offered upon completion of the First-Aid refresher.

A new feature has been added to the regular meetings every other Friday night, with movies shown at each regular meeting.

—Bill Clark, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 53, HARRISBURG —

Anything psychological is pretty difficult to define and therefore, it's almost impossible to measure out the reasons why Flotilla 53 undertook to stage an "indoctrination" meeting for members and their wives on the night of 15 December. The results however, can be measured in very definite terms and the unanimous opinion can best be expressed as "great".

There didn't seem to be any specific reason why such a meeting should be held but the membership of the Flotilla has grown from a mere handful of men whose membership in the Auxiliary and the Reserve (T) resulted from an affilia-

tion with an out-of-town group, to a lusty aggregation of nearly 75 men working under their own officers and performing their own duty schedules. All this in less than a year's time, mind you.

The Skipper thought it might be a good idea to have everyone together so that those who had never heard the story, and those who had heard it could hear it again, about the seriousness of our job and what the organization means. He set the entertainment committee, of which Franklin Moore is the chairman, to work. They came up with a program which was a dandy and other Flotillas might want to undertake just such a meeting and we are setting forth in detail the objectives and the way the program was developed by the committee.

The meeting was held at the Penn Harris Hotel. Every member of the Flotilla was urged to attend with his wife. The price, which covered the cost of the dinner only, was nominal. It got under way with a social hour at which the members and their wives were guests of the committee chairman. Then, dinner was served and during dinner a few brief ceremonies were observed. Because the whole program was pointed toward the service angle of membership in the Auxiliary and Reserve (T), a special "service table" had been arranged. Seated at it were the six men attending who had the best records of duty performed. Their wives were seated with them and the first order of business was the introduction of these men — rather their wives — who were thanked by the Skipper for the long hours they had spent alone while their husbands were serving on duty. This immediately established the theme of the meeting.

Next, during dinner, the Skipper presented certificates of membership in the Reserve (T) to all who were present. At the conclusion of the meal, the officers of the Flotilla were presented. Emphasis was on the job and not the personality. The speaking part of the program was brought to a close by Lieut. (T) O. L. Williams, captain of the Fourth Division, who was also our skipper when we were members of Flotilla 52 at Lancaster.

The next part of the program was visual and consisted of the showing of three films. The first was a short film, "The Coast Guard Marching Song", which shows the training of regular Coast Guardsmen, against a musical background. The next film shown was "The Coast Guard Auxiliary", which is narrated by Bill Stern, himself a member of the Auxiliary. This picture is slightly



out of date but still shows graphically why the Reserve (T) was formed and how it functions. The final film was entitled "Normandy Invasion", which is a Coast Guard report on that historic event and in very vivid terms shows what active service means for the boys who have been released from shore duty by Reservists.

The meeting closed with a talk by Mr. Moore who is a very effective public speaker. The way he summed it all up was very effective and not only did the ladies present, who had never had the story of our work outlined to them in a formal fashion get a much clearer picture of our objectives, but it also proved to be an excellent booster of

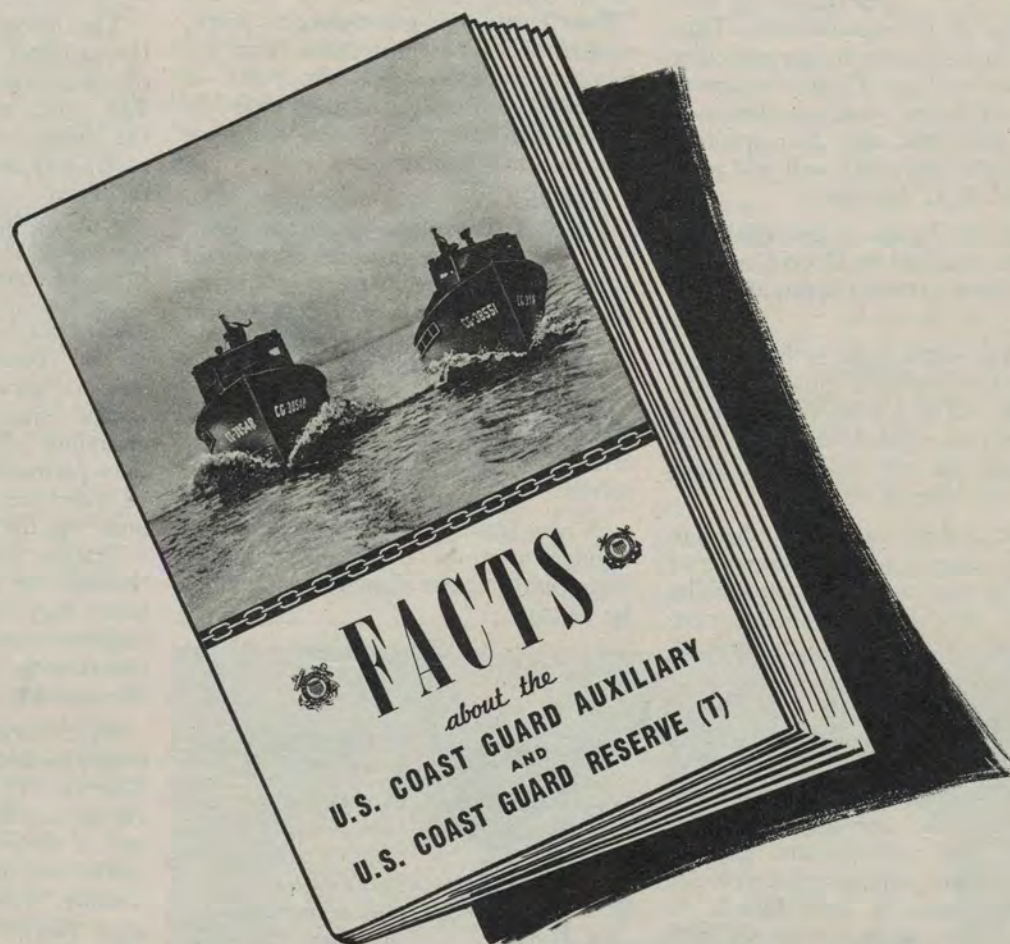
morale among the men themselves. If any other Flotilla would like to try such a program we would be glad to send them further details. Just write to our Skipper, Ensign (T) Sterling G. McNees.

Being one of the "mountain" Flotillas and situated so far from the Training Base in Philadelphia, we have had to make some extraordinary educational plans on our own and on 5 December, a new set of classes got under way which will continue throughout the winter. Right now, members are in the midst of a comprehensive course on signalling for which the instructor is William Shulz. Other classes which will be given in order include First Aid, under direction

of Dr. Sam Fluke; Piloting, Dr. Donald Kadzow; and Seamanship, the undersigned. Meantime, embryo MoMM's are also getting their teeth into the mysteries of an internal combustion engine, under the guidance of John Eslinger. It's interesting to note how many men who did not sign up for the MoMM course have become squatters in the class.

Meantime, duty schedules are getting attended to. I can't remember the exact wording of the motto of the Post Office Department which says something about "Neither rain, nor snow, nor hail, nor sleet, shall keep them from their appointed rounds" of which we have had plenty — but it ain't.

—Paul C. Applegate, Publicity Officer.



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