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FOR HEROISM



John A. Macdonald, OMLC, receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Medal from Under Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard. See story on page two.

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Our country will begin its celebration of Christmas in a few days with merriment thoroughly tempered by sympathy and silent prayer for the members of our armed forces now scattered in all corners of the globe.

We, who will spend the holidays in our homes or the comparative security of the station, also offer our prayers along with those of every mother and father, wife and sweetheart, sister and brother, that our buddies may, by the Christmas of 1945, look upon the horrors and tribulations of war as a thing of the past---nevermore to be experienced.

The Editor

THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND STAFF OF
THE UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL (SALVAGE) EXTEND TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN THE SEASONS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

TO OUR GRADUATES
THE BEST OF LUCK AND A SAFE AND SPEEDY RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES.

Cited by Vice Admiral H.K. Hewitt, Commander Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters, for "distinguishing himself by heroism while serving as a salvage diver during the amphibious invasion of Sicily in July, 1943", Carpenter's Mate First Class John Alexander MacDonald, USNR, was presented with the Navy and Marine Corps Medal by Under Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard at the Navy Department, Washington, D.C., on 31 August 1944. MacDonald is the son of Graham Alexander MacDonald, of Boston, Mass.

Congratulations



For skillful handling of American and British salvage forces in the African, Sicilian and Salerno operations, Commodore Wm. A. Sullivan, Chief of Naval Salvage for the U.S. Navy, has received the honorary Commander Order of the British Empire.

Commodore Sullivan, "Father of NTSch(Salvage)", is now on the staff of Rear Admiral John Wilkes, commander of U.S. ports and bases in France.



Are you planning to telephone to the home folks this Christmas or New Years?

D.S. Tutschulte, telephone manager here at Pier 88, warns that the traffic will be heaviest in history. Many calls will be delayed; some may not get through at all!!

Plan to call on Saturday or Sunday early in the morning. Reduced rates apply after 1800 and all day Sunday, Christmas and New Years.



Have you made your will? Sounds funny; doesn't it? However, you may save your loved ones much grief by attending now to matters such as this. After all, it's a lot easier to take care of your legal affairs here in New York City than it will be out on Leyte somewhere.

Taxes, court proceedings, title to automobile, insurance, and all your new benefits now available under the GI Bill of Rights, are some of the subjects discussed in "Personal Affairs of Naval Personnel and Aid for Their Dependents", new pamphlet which may be obtained in the Welfare Office.

If a copy has not been mailed to your wife or mother, be sure to send one. It will tell her what to do, where to go, whom to see while you are away.

In Chicago

The Chicago diving exhibition staged by NTSch(Salvage) in connection with the Sixth War Loan drive, "really stole the show", according to Lt. W.A. Mahan, executive officer, upon his return from a quick trip to the Windy City. Lt. Mahan added that Lt.(jg) E.R. Behnke, who supervised everything from primary plans to publicity, "did a good old first class Salvage job, and Willie Harman won't look at anybody since the Secretary of the Navy shook his hand!"

Just before the show closed, Lt. Comdr. Harvey M. Andersen made a short visit to the scene on Lake Michigan.

DOCTOR: "The best thing for you to do is to give up drinking and smoking, get up early every morning and go to bed early every night."

SAILOR: "What's second best?"

IN DRYDOCK!



Orchids to the staff at St. Albans Naval Hospital!!! Unfortunate 88-ers in need of repairs could choose no better drydock. Speedy yet expert attention returns our boys in record time.

Special pleadsits go to the hull department. W.C. Gilcrease, CM1c, and B.F. Insoce, BM2c, recipients of major overhauls in the nether regions, were both out attending a wedding when your reporter called. I. Rosenberg, BM2c, is mending nicely. Bill Romis, MM2c, is also a lot better. Though still in tough shape, Wilbert Prough, SF3c, may recover in time to pinch hit again for the fast-stepping yeomen's bowling team.

Demn of the stomach sufferers, cheery J. C. Shannon, SF1c, is back in his sack after a short-lived spell on the work detail. J.J. "Gabby" Oakley, CM3c, has been promoted to diet no. 2 (though he can't say there's much difference between it and no. 1). Coxswain Nick Varazo's condition is improving slowly, while ex-truck driver Bill LeMein, S2c, Ben Fiducia, MM1c, and Ed Metz, late of the lathe, are on their feet, but not too-husky.

DESCENDING LINE artist, William Sheldon Fleischell, M3c, radiates his customary charm despite his bum bellows.

Nick Nitti, EM3c, shares an eye ward with coxswain E. J. Monahan, frere of the retired champ. Another coxswain, W.C. Shorkey, has been sent to Sea Gate for final recuperation, after many painful weeks with a nasty wrist fracture.

That recently-dislocated knee doesn't seem to hamper J.W. Sullivan, SF1c. We found his bunk empty. Other lively patients were S.S. Matilla, Flo, and R.E. "Road-roller" Stout, S1c, both a-

waiting tonsillectomies.

Plagued by recurrent headaches, M.A. Wease, SF1c, once of the PYc-30, is again confined. G.J. Dawes, S1c, and W.B. McCurley, S1c, enjoy adjacency in a quiet room devoted to ear, nose, and throat cases.

Heaviest Salvage representation is boasted by ward 14. However, Joseph Benton Smith, S2c, T.L. Wojnarowski, MM1c, L. Pearson, MM2c, and Hugh Ward, BM2c, were all out to the races or somewhere during our visit.

A "leading light" of Pier Maintenance, Chief Electrician's Mate, Bob Keller, is taking it sitting up now, after some very trying days with ailing kidneys.

The local blackout accompanying a movie showing in ward 47 prevented a visit to R.H. Kirkland, SF1c, suffering a deranged knee.

Victim of a bad automobile

accident in Africa, Lieut. I. Kotlier, of the USS Weight, is quite spry in a wheel chair. Also domiciled at St. Albans are Lt. Comdr. T.H. Green, Lieut. L.E. Therrien, Lt. (Jg) Charles E. Lott, and Ens. Charles F. Curran, none of whom we were able to see due to lack of time.

Coxswain F. M. Raco, now walking about and feeling fine, agreed to pass a DESCENDING LINE to D.R. Mott, BM2c, Coxswain Bob Hanrahan, and B. S. Lutren, whom we missed. Others we were unable to contact included J. C. Stuhlman, S2c; H.D. Smalley, CM2c; Chief Boilermaker Ernie Hall, and Earl Edward Snyder, S2c. Better luck next time!!

One "sailjer" is hospitalized at this writing, namely: Pvt. W. B. Taylor, down with pneumonia. All hands join to wish him a speedy recovery.



Proving the old adage "A Salvage Diver Can Do Anything", is Robert B. Hayes, MM3c, hard at work overhauling a typewriter. If this issue of the DESCENDING LINE is more readable than our past efforts---thank Bob, 'cause he did a bang-up job and the machine is better than new. Hayes not only is a darn good typewriter mechanic but can make anything from watches to pianos click as they never clicked before. (P.S. Hayes, who busts the scale at 329 lbs., minus the weight of his diving gear, is the proud papa of five little Hayes' -- A Salvage Diver Can Do Anything!!

DESCENDING LINE



"SNOOP" EMERSON ASKS

WHAT ARE YOUR POST WAR PLANS?

"I plan to stay in the army air corps. As a rated engineer on gasoline and Diesel engines, there will be plenty of work for me". Dickowitz, 25, S/Sgt., USA, now here for diving, is connected with the air-sea rescue service.



Mel Cobb, 23, RM2c, USNR, plans to return to his job as shearman in Bethlehem's plant at Granite City, Ill., where he lives with his wife and four-year old son, Don.

"I'm going back to my job of watchmaking and jewelry repair in McConnellsville, Ohio", says Bob Hale, 21, Sgt., USA, "and eventually hope for my own shop, perhaps with the aid of the GI Bill of Rights program".

Ross Stahl, 32, CM2c, who was a clerk in the transportation dept. of the Boston & Maine R.R. isn't sure whether he'll go back to that quiet job. "I may decide to go in for fishing", he admits. Ross and his wife, Ruth, live in Kennebunk, Me.



YOUR BEST BET IS War Bonds

Last year's total of \$975 in war bonds and \$40 in stamps has been knocked for a boneyard of Japanese derelicts in the present Pearl Harbor Day Extra Cash War Bond Sale.

With the drive not yet completed at this writing, enthusiastic Pier 88 buyers have already more than tripled the 1943 score.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Tex Collings invested in two crisp \$1000 passports to victory. The medical dept. proved its knowledge of good medicine when Lt. (jg) Chester B. Hoyes and Chief Pharmacist's Mate Ben Stamp wrote out prescriptions for \$600 and \$225 respectively. Miss Orsola "Lee" Ranieri, snazzy executive office fixture, showed she has brains, too, by buying \$200 worth. A like amount was subscribed by Chief Shipfitter Bill Watson.

Scribe Paul Emerson, CM1c, coughed up for \$150 in bonds, while I. Olsen, Y2c, and Cox Jim "Shiny chevron" Daly each invested in a half-century certificate.

Numerous \$25 sales boosted the total substantially.

The Pearl Harbor drive climaxed a campaign to "Sink the Rising Sun", symbolized by Bill Fleishell's big poster near the post office. Averaging weekly sales of \$415 in bonds, the campaign started with the close of the Independence Day drive and continued for 19 weeks till the likeness of a Nipponese warlord was buried under 108 bond receipts representing 3 at \$1000, 20 at \$100, 31 at \$50, and 54 at \$25, a grand total of \$7900.

In view of the fact that most cash buyers already allot part of their pay monthly for bonds, the above is no mean showing.

American fighting men are wise to all weapons. That's why tough Fifth Army troops in Italy put 10% of their pay in U.S. War Bonds.

Keep up the good work! Don't forget that it's good business, too; \$4 for \$3 in ten years.

Give a war bond for Xmas. Remember, it's even patriotic to present one to your mother-in-law!



The rapid thuds oscillating round the second deck after 1600 don't all come from punching bags in the gym. Gloved diving dresses being in style these days, you'll often find Alfred Paul Beaulieu on hand catching up on the next day's work.

Al's missus, Edith Irene, has been doing her share, too, in the shape of a 7 1/2 pound boy, Paul Alfred, born 31 October.



American war prisoners, the USO, United Seamen's Service, plus 28 foreign, national and home front causes benefitted by a total of \$192.08 collected at Pier 88 in Nov. for the National War Fund.

In a joint collection handled by yeoman I. Olsen, the executive and personnel offices turned in \$18, or an average of \$2 per man. The recreation and welfare dept. came second with \$9.50 from six men approached. At the diving tanks, a 17-man swing shift crew under instructors Tinsley and Halligan gave \$17 while sixteen men on the YF-336 accounted for \$16.

Comparable contributions were made by smaller groups, the enlisted men, on the whole, making the best showing.

Look for a complete statement on the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DANCE!
SPONSORED BY THE ANVS
AT PIER 88
FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER
300 TO 400 GIRLS!!



Reminiscent of the first mimeographed DESCENDING LINE is "Service Force Salvage", new overseas paper just received here. Congratulations to staff members Barrington, Pascale, and Napolitano, working under Comdr. L. Curtis and Lieut. J. Mihalowski!

A long-lost group of NTSch. (Salvage) graduates has turned up aboard the USS DIVER (ARS-5). Via Xmas card the following divers greet all hands at Pier 88: J.J. McKeever, S.B. Murphy, F. J. Quigley, W.E. Syrjala, P.X. McCall, R.P. Wilson, A.E. Libbra, and J. E. Weaver. The boys receive mail through the FPO, N.Y.

Lt. Fred Wallace, one of three brothers to have trained here, and now diving officer at the Naval Frontier Base, Mayport, Fla., writes to commend the DESCENDING LINE, which he has just seen for the first time and to request a subscription.

Now on limited duty as an SP in Boston, Fred Arsensault, SFle, holder of the Navy Cross for heroism in the African invasion, greets his mates now returning from that area. Fred served on the USS Brant under Lt. Comdr. Andersen, and wishes him success in his new command.

Next to room 924 in the Belvidere Hotel, "What more could we want?", asks Ens.

W.J. "Slim" Thurmond in describing living conditions at his present station in France, "just a two hours' drive from Paris". "We have a nice camp for the men. "The food is good and we have plenty of warm clothing". Thurmond asks for his offspring, Laffy.

Wherever it is that ex-barber C. R. Albano, MM2c, made his first dive in North African Waters, "at 100 ft. you can see about 5 ft. ahead of you". Albano says hello to all the lads, "Pointy Sideburns" Obzanski in particular.

Newsiest letter of late comes from Chief Machinist's Mate Charlie MacKay, still in South America, which continent he has seen pretty thoroughly now from the air, travelling between jobs. Charlie has a diving tank patterned after the one at Pier 88, where he teaches underwater burning and welding. Bulk of MacKay's letter, written to Ens. Doig, describes in detail the attempted salvage of a grounded freighter. Obstacles, ranging from 15 ft. breakers and terribly swift tides to native steamship company indifference bordering on sabotage, combined to defeat, in the end, a superb engineering feat. All hands, however, gained invaluable experience from the job.

MacKay sends regards to all,

and appeals for letters from his diving partners on the USS Lafayette: Murphy, Caligari, McAlpin, Wolfe, McDonough and McDermott. (Address: Naval Camp, Navy 120, Des. Rep. 12, FPO., N.Y.)

Pharmacist's Mate second class Norman F. Witte, one time, "Doc" of the ancient YF-189 under skipper Grandall, writes from the Pacific that he misses diving. "I have made myself several sets of goggles and with these I go swimming underwater". "The only equipment we have is a little hand pump that with a lot of grunting and groaning can be made to create a 30 lb. pressure". Witte's mate on the USS Caliente, Jim Bilotti, says for us to keep mailing the DESCENDING LINES because it makes a guy feel good to find out how his pals are going and making out". Jim reports he has met divers Marr, Ashlock and Petito.

In a very common request--George Ashlock, SF3c, himself pens an SOG for a new diving log, diving manual and last but not least, a subscription to the DESCENDING LINE.

Another who yearns for our rag is Ray Klima, MM3c, of the ATF-110. Together with 88ers Crystal and Paris, Ray works for another grad, Lt. P.F. Barter.

Now in the South Pacific, A.G. Tinsley, EM2c, admits those waters compare favorably with the Hudson. Tinsley, on the ARSD-4, informs any interested parties that Carpenter Hall, "When a lot of you knew at Pearl Harbor, was our diving officer till a few weeks back, when he returned to the States because of very poor health".

Most beautiful handwriting of the week is that exhibited by H.L. Mike Hendrickson, in a letter penned while waiting for the rain to stop in Terminal Island, Cal. Mike is still looking for a ship or a dive. In nearby San Diego, Stan Slevin, MM3c, is also biding his time, just dying for a glimpse of his new daughter, Judith Ann, born here in New York on 25 October.

Welcome Home!



"Hard work and no eats", is how Fred Alexander, MoM1c, one of two score Salvageers just in from Marseilles, Toulon and points east, accounts for his new slim figure. Indicating an entirely different explanation however, is Alco's admission that the liberty was fine in Italy.

All hands enjoyed their shore-side moments in old Napoli. Chief Boilermaker Earl Goodrich was in on the

opening night of "La Boheme", first opera shown after Il Duce's "resignation". On his first night back in New York, though, Earl didn't bother looking for the local opera house.

Dick Tuck, SF3c, expressed keen interest in the many improvements to NTSch(Salvage) since his graduation.

Chat Wolfe, M1c, was glad to see the school again, though he stressed that, when overseas, all the oldtimers

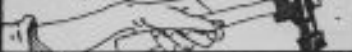
were too busy doing their jobs to allow for homesickness. Chat likes the looks of recent graduates and says, "If the new guys hold up the traditions like the old gang did, NTSch(Salvage) will remain outstanding".

Lawrence H. Doll, MoM1c, drank in the bright lights here with gusto. Another returning grad is Malcom F. Means, MM3c.

Diligent search in the lower group picture will disclose an eye peering from abaft the chief standing third from the left. Its owner is none other than Paul McDonough, M1c, the quiet man from Dover.

Just after their photos were snapped, the boys all scattered on long-awaited thirty-day leaves. Welcome home fellows!!

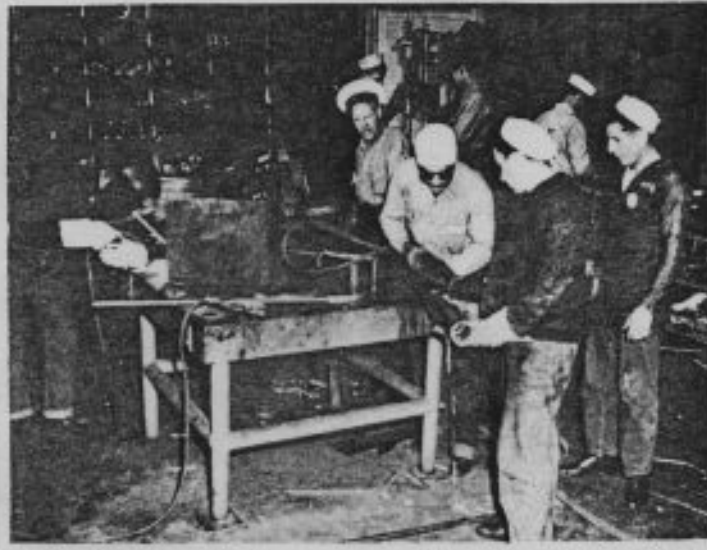
Carpenter Shop



After many hours of experimenting, Earl "No-coffee-time" Thomas, OCM, claims he has a new technique for splicing band saw blades which leaves the joint almost imperceptible. Speaking of bandsaws, it is a remarkable daily sight to watch Chief Joe Foster dressing his fingernails on the big "36" machine.

Carrying lumber has become a chore of no little moment lately, what with all the construction going on. Besides the new mezzanine deck, where Pete LeHoullier is lending the maintenance crew a hand, many hundred feet of 2 x 8 undressed fir has gone into the rugged boardwalk on the stringpiece. J.J. "Husky-but-hesitant" McGuirk, S1c, totes a mean plank. Patternmaker first class Carl Brust seems to take not too unkindly to such rough work, while G. C. "Edison" True, SF2c, exploits his ingenuity with a hammer and saw this time O yes, two carpenters are on the job, we might add: Virgil Brown, O1c and George West, O1c.

SHIPFITTER SHOP



Structural steelwork for a new 60' x 40' mezzanine deck proved no challenge for six topnotch workers selected by Chief Shipfitter M.E. Rucker, USN (inset). Supervised by Oscar Swanson, SF1c, fabrication and erection of the bar joists and 8" I-beams was handled by Bill Basley, SF1c, Harry Lemneck, SF2c, Paul Ingardia, SF3c, Nelson Tenney, SF3c, and Bill Wenc, S1c.

Designed to accommodate an office for Lieut. J.P. Coghlan of the supply dept. and a ward room for the salvage pool, the big project is suspended by its eyebrows between the diving office and no. 4 elevator (courtesy of blacksmith Russ Locke, S3c, who fashioned the 8 heavy beam-clamps and hangers).

Above: Chief Ray Gatchel waits impatiently for two hard workers to stand clear of one of the steel awning bows he is shaping for the

new Chevrolet pick-up truck. (Note, however, Gatchel has his own foot on the bow, just to be sure it won't fly up and hit him).

At this writing a posse is being sworn in to scour the Jersey shore in search of C. R. "Manifold" Martin, SF1c. Aided by G. M. "Red" Hiers, SF1c, R.S. Beggs, SF1c, and D.C. Lindow, SF1c, Manifold was last seen heading west along the pier running a gas pipeline for the hot water heaters in the laundry.

Installation of 3 showers, 3 lavatories and 3 toilet bowls in the CPO quarters near the pierhead was taken care of (due to the transfer of Geo. "Clean-my-trap" Foley) by W.F. Lambertson, SF3c, and H.A. Webster, SF1c, with Joe Ridley, also SF1c, pinch-hitting in behalf of the pier maintenance department.

Later, when rotted timbers on the stringpiece had been replaced by a pile-driver crew, Ridley, together with Ivan Allen, SF1c, and others, reassembled the long air and water lines to the floats.

Among countless jobs in progress or already finished,

Rucker's experts point to the expansive metal bulkhead and doors in the motor shop office, pride of Al Hogan, MoMM3c now on the PTC-30; an open air garage for the security of supplies left overnight on the truck after its daily trip to the Navy Yard; two ladders for the tank at the Chicago exhibition; mooring brackets (to be used as self-tending lines) for both diving floats and new finger pier; handrails for the diving tanks; an emplacement for a heavy motor and pulley shaft in the machine shop, plus all kinds and quantities of minor repair and manufacturing work.

All hands join in welcoming toolkeeper L. I. Carleton, SF1c, on his return from a 3 month sojourn at St. Albans,



R.S. "Pete" LeHoullier (left), gives "Buster" Vise, S1c, and Roy Reeves, CM1c, of Pier Maintenance a hand to cover up 2400 square feet of shipfitters' mistakes.

With Ens. Jack Martin in the saddle for 7 days while Lt. J. Schmeda takes a holiday, work on the improvement of Pier 88 continues apace.

E.G. "Man Mountain" Munn, EM3c, relieves Wilbur Otto, EM3c, who has gone to San Francisco FFT.

Say Merry Christmas with
WAR BONDS

Shipmates



Navy men, soldiers, and Coast Guardsmen generously share the joys of night-diving in the phosphorescent Hudson.



Two U. S. tars lend a hand while able seaman E.T. "Jock" Cairns, Royal Navy (standing, center) adjusts the dress of leading seaman Harry H. Bryan, also of the Royal Navy.

Again in its oft-repeated role as world center for diving training, U.S. Navy Training School (Salvage) has played host of late to an Englishman, a Scotsman, several lads of the U.S. Coast Guard and scores of aspiring divers of the US Army's engineer corps and air corps.

Oscar Haller's swing shift crew helped the two sailors from the United Kingdom, both good divers, to familiarize themselves with American equipment.

During the daylight hours, Chief W. "Even money" Zakulec, decided it was too quiet with Ens. Harman in Chicago and instructor Don Hammer, SFic, home on leave in the "Show Me" state, so Zac installed a saucy one-cylinder non-stop compressor right out on deck. It certainly fills the bill.

With three-quarters of float personnel in khaki, old Jack Tar found it dangerous to do much rooting while the Army-Navy game was going on.

Over on the sunny side, Chief Walt Buslak is breaking in a big class of short-course

officers. Walt expressed regret at losing two promising underwater experts when Coast Guardsman R. A. Waddell, PhM2c, and Coxswain L. E. Lugannani had to return to their cutter.

Graveyard instructors, Tony Basearo and Tito Prebezich are kept right on their toes with a coterie of advanced dogfaces.

Ward Room

In keeping with the demands of mounting activity in all the world's war theaters, traffic of officer personnel through Pier 88 has increased tremendously.

Commander E. C. Genereaux has just returned from the Azores where he directed successful efforts to free a big freighter stranded a full cable length from deep water.

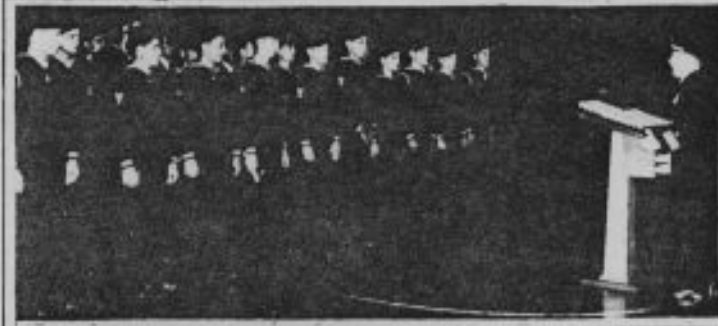
Lieutenants Leo R. Brown and R. F. Dovenar, both well-known in the Mediterranean, are now here for further assignment.

The IX-183 has lost a veteran salvage expert with the transfer of Lt.(jg) Orson L. Crandall to the Pacific. Crandall's old shipmate, Ens. L. P. Ross, also slated for duties in that part of the globe, threw a venison dinner for his colleagues at conclusion of a deer hunting leave. (A very successful one at that!!).

New 2400 master-of-ceremonies is Lt.(jg) "a-taut-ship---is---a---happy-ship" Griffin, just in from MAN.

Ens. George Woelfel, now with Lt.(jg) Stanley Morse directing an advanced diving class in torpedo recovery, tells of the time the boys thought they had a tin-fish hooked just as a furious nor'easter blew up. They stayed on the job till their small boat was badly battered, to bring up--a concrete anchor!! The little craft finally made port using a Stillson wrench for a tiller.

For Further Transfer



"Ship Salvage is determined to keep in touch with its men wherever they may be when their period of overseas service is completed". This statement was made by Lt. Comdr. Harvey M. Andersen in addressing both of two large drafts about to shove off from here in recent days. (As if to prove that this policy already obtains, a group has just arrived from the Mediterranean containing the last of the old gang from that theater.)

Lieut. Wm. A. Mahan, executive officer, preceded the captain with a few timely dos and don'ts for the several score divers and salvage mechanics about to depart for Pacific Waters.

As the lads climbed aboard open trucks for the cold ride to entrain, mixed feelings were expressed. All, however, agreed with Sid Fairbanks, MM3c, DS, who declared, waving his brand new diploma for emphasis, "New York is okay but I don't mind leaving the thermometer here".

Salvage mechanic Earl Westcott, CM1c, one of a score who left on delayed orders, plans to partake of a bit of squirrel shooting near Tulsa enroute.

The "more than adequate" recreation program was Bernie Wosick's favorite feature at USNTSch(Salvage). Wosick, now SF1c, DS, comes from Petluma, Cal., and dove as a civilian for Pacific Bridge before entering the Navy.

Bernie's one regret was that he didn't have more time in the tanks to perfect his underwater burning and welding.

Only statement of Bob Potz, MM2c, SM, was a tight-lipped, "I been framed", but ex-compressor man Fred Loder, MM1c, opined, "Good, I'm glad to go now, we'll be back sooner. I wish Ens. Ross was coming too".

Asked where they hoped would be their destination, John B. "Red" Dyer, SF2c, DS, admitted he'd like to stay in Frisco, but Coxswain Jim Kendall, DS, sighed, "I hope we move into the Philippines. I haven't seen Cavite since 1939".

G.W. Qualls, CM2c, "The Fightin' Deacon", hopes his next encounter will be a "one-round finish fight—with the Japanese".

The question, "What was your favorite job at 88?" evoked from genial Tony Franzaglia, S1c, SM, the answer, "Stowing mattresses in the lucky bag".

Hardest job of Ralph K. Holte, MM3c, SM, was seamanship, under "Minute Man" Cobb. Holte saw action against the Japanese all over the Pacific from Jan. 1942 to June of this year and he likes that duty!

Salvage mechanics George Francis "Under the sink" Foley, SF1c, and Thomas Patrick "Short Bear" McManara, M2c, are prepared for long service in the Orient by the sound of their alogas, "The

Golden Gate in Forty-Eight", but own that they could not be with a better bunch of fellows.

A.D. "Dutch" Rothrock, F1c, SM, liked the motor shop best. Dutch is an ex-auto mechanic anyway, and is tickled to continue at the job he can do well.

"Recreation and good liberty" scored highest with Frank Greenfield, MM3c, SM, at NTSch(Salvage). Frank would like to get a glimpse at the Philippines.

D.W. Kovacs, CM1c, SM, learned most under Ensigns Harvey and Norman when on the YP-224, setting beach gear, etc.

So long fellows--lots of luck!!!



Copies of "Military Diving", new manual just published by the War Department, are now on hand and may be borrowed from the library for the regular seven-day period.

Similar to the Navy's "Diving Manual", the new Army booklet contains important tables, graphs and drawings. Plentiful photographs show a diver in various stages of dress. Incidentally, the diver is none other than our old friend and graduate, R.W. "Red" Baker, T/Sgt., USA.



DESCENDING LINE

BOWLING



SUPPLY

Standing: H. J. Bomberger, J.S. Evans and J.F. Kane.
Kneeling: J.J. Gibbons.



STUDENTS

Standing: J. Schultz, R. Ripper, and G. Runciman.
Kneeling: R. Holder and R. Bowman.

No change at all in the bowling league standings!! Putas was high for his team as they came through to take three more games. This time over the luckless C.P.O.'s. Sealer's 220 and better than 180 average could not do the trick for the Army as the Yeomen copped two to remain in second place----just one game ahead of the fast-stepping Staff Officers. The latter were quite the jinx

to the "pen pushers" during the soft ball season. Wonder if it will be the same old story in bowling as well?

Faced by Ens. Norman's 184 and 497 total these same Staff Officers walloped the Instructors three times to step up a few notches in their quest for top rung.

The Pharmacists (formerly Supply) even with two bowlers missing, were powerful enough to slip down the Students--two games out of the three. F. Davis, with a 452 total was the high man for his team.

TEAM	WON	LOST
SHIP'S COMPANY	20	4
Yeomen	16	8
Staff Officers	15	9
Instructors	12	12
Students	11	13
Pharmacists	10	14
C.P.O.'s	6	18
Army	1	5

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES "HI--5"

NAME	HI-GAME	AVE
ELCEHEN, S.	215	175
Putas, C.	218	170
Schultz, J.	237	158
Halligan, J.	210	158
Davis, F.	226	156



Joe "Forget-me-not" Hudak, MM2c (right) and Winford E. Bowen, SFJc, assert the good cheer and glad tidings in one of Pier 88's most bustling corners.

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Recreation reports



J.E. Barlow, "The Fighting Fireman", wins again. This time it was Private W. Ware that was on the losing end.

SPORTS

MIL0 D. TOWNE

Chief Suslak has done a A.O. job with the station basketball team. Practice sessions have been held at the Sloan House Gym two nites a week and the boys are in fine shape as proved by their recent 88 to 2 win over an aggregation from one of the ships. New candidates will be welcomed with open arms; all equipment is provided.

The Nov. 29 smoker started with that artist of the grunt and groan, Snooky Dearolf tying J. Freley's legs around his neck to cop the decision. H.L. Blake then followed suit and disposed of J.W. Irwin in short order.

In the third match, Wayne Edgington, the 20-year man; finally floored W. Herman, who hadn't lost a bout up to this time. "I'll get him next time", muttered Herman,

on his way to the showers. Ole Ed Murphy began our boxing card by taking it right on the chin from J. Rutherford.

The fifth bout brought two of our Army boys together. F. D. Waltman vs. "Peewee" Crawford. Waltman had the better left and won easily.

J. J. Costello back in the ring after a long lay-off, lost his second fight--this to C. E. Rose. His first loss was to the Deacon--remember??

Pvt. Semler took on C.W. Porter in the next fracas and the Army emerged victorious. Semler, by the way, is a star basketball player and no slouch when it comes to knockin' those ten pins down--ask the yeomen!

The eighth bout saw "Boats" L'Heureaux take Private Dennis after a swell battle.

Dolan and Vick tangled in the next affair. Seein' as how it was Vick's turn to win--he did, and collected the old 72 that went with it.

The main event turned out to be a honey with Matty Moroz and E. Root throwing plenty of leather. Root's classy footwork enabled him to take the decision. Keep your eye on Matty though--he's comin' right along.

The smoker of Dec. 6 saw Edgington win by one fall over Herman. Dunno what our wrestling card would do without these two boys--they're in there every week putting on a good show.

Elwood took twister no. 2 with a fancy fall over W. McCall.

The first leather of the nite was thrown by Frietas and Barnes. Methinks J. Daly's coaching of Frietas in that famous hurdy gurdy punch proved too much for Barnes.

Fourth bout saw sailor Venegas knockin' soldier Crowley for a loop. Plenty of clean sluggin' in this one.

L'Heureaux took the next one from CRM Whitby after a lot of leather slinging.

Next a double army duel in which Bossone whopped Halstead all over the ring to win.



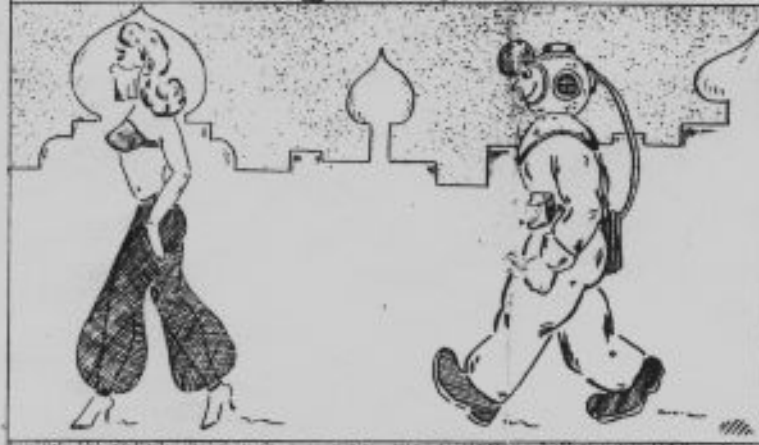
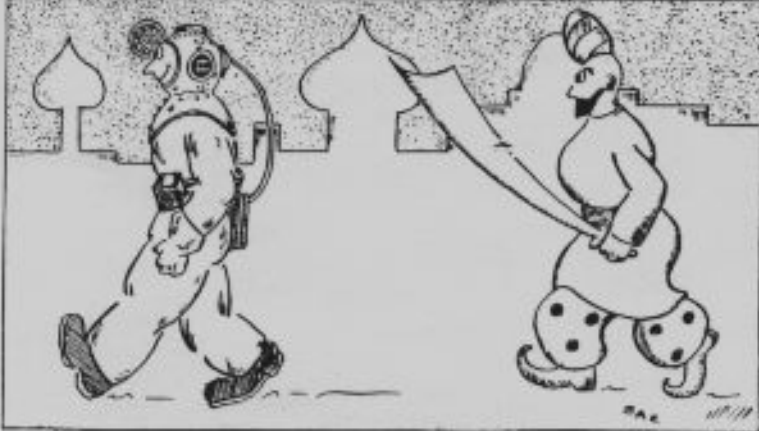
In the seventh the invincible Barlow was accorded a TKO over Swartz at the end of the first round. We have to hand it to Barlow. A swell fellow and one of the gamest boys on the pier. If he could only bowl like he can sock, mmmmmmm!

In the eighth, Pvt. Harvey took a close decision over one of our old time ringers, M. Brzuchalski. This was one helluva good battle and both lads were awarded 72's.

Main bout and real curtain dropper was a terrific go between whip-armed Samy Karinja and Super-durable P. Hoffman. Karinja took the nod but I'll bet he knows that he was in a scrap! This bout also proved to be a top-notch and again 72's were awarded to both contestants.

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	<p>26..ARMY WIVES Elyse Knox Marjorie Reynolds</p> <p>27..SMOKER</p> <p>28..SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS Carmen Miranda Vivian Blaine Perry Como</p> <p>29..THE MISSING JUROR Jim Bannon Janis Carter</p> <p>30..HECKLESS AGE Gloria Jean Henry Stephenson</p> <p>31..THE TOWN NEXT WILD Freddie Bartholomew James Lydon</p>