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(It is requested that the News Bulletin be circulated among all officers and that items of interest to enlisted men be published to them).

1. Recruiting: 269 Canvassers at 28 Recruiting Stations were requested to state the reasons why recruiting has fallen off. The reasons given, with the percentage of Canvassers reporting same, are as follows:

Scarcity of labor and high pay in civil life: 84.4%
Four-year enlistment too long: 37.5%
Disgruntled ex-service men's reports preventing first enlistments: 28.2%
Parents objections: 17.1%
Physical requirements too high: 11.9%
No Trade School Guarantee: 5.6%
Other prominent reasons assigned were dependency and inability to furnish satisfactory evidence of birth.

Desertion reports received in the Bureau on Friday, June 15th, totalled 127. This exceeded the first enlistments for that date by 57.

Total authorized strength.....	86000
Total strength 28 June	83074
Shortage.....	<u>2926</u>
1st. enlistments since 1 July 1922.....	29282
Deductions due to underage and physical disability discharges.....	<u>1778</u>
Net 1st. enlistments.....	27504
Total 1st. enlistments week ending 28 June.....	506
Re-enlistments week ending 28 June..	83
Extensions..... " " " " "	<u>1</u>
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2. Education and Training: Practically one third of the entire station complement at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. are enrolled in the Navy Education System. During the month of May an average of more than one assignment per man enrolled was completed.

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The Bureau announces that the following additional courses are now available upon request to the Bureau of Navigation.

1. Boiler Care and Repair, prepared by the Bureau of Engineering.
2. Pharmacy, prepared by Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.
3. Geography.
4. Citizenship.

Reports received from the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet on communications in general have materially aided the Training Division in revising its radio school curriculum.

Attached to a request from one of the ships for the Bureau's course on Parsons Turbines is the following remark.

"The Bureau's Courses on Curtis Turbines and Boilers, previously received have been taken up, studied and discussed by the Engineers Force with obvious improvement in operation and a more intelligent interest in the machinery resulting in a higher engineering efficiency of this vessel."

Official correspondence is still coming in the Bureau addressed to the "Morale Division" and "Sixth Division", notwithstanding the fact that this Division no longer exists as indicated in Bunav. Circular Letter #23-23. The correct name is "Training Division".

3. Miscellaneous: The Selection Board for the promotion of officers of the Line of the Navy of the grades of Captain, Commander and Lieutenant Commander to the next higher grade respectively, will meet in the Navy Department on July 9, 1923 - and will be composed of the following named officers:

Admiral R.E.Coontz, USN.
R.Admiral C.S.Williams, USN.
" Joseph Strauss, USN.
" W.R.Shoemaker, USN.
" N.A.McCully, USN.
" A.H.Robertson, USN.
" R.H.Jackson, USN.
" B.F.Hutchison, USN.
" T.P.Magruder, USN.

On 20 August 1923, competitive examinations will be conducted for the appointment of 72 Gunners (ordnance), 29 Gunners (electrical), and 58 Gunners (radio). This examination is not only open to chief petty officers, but also to petty officers first class. In view of the small number of applications received so far, Commanding Officers are requested to give this examination as much publicity as possible.

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Instructions relating to the preliminary examination are contained in the Bureau's Circular letter 31-23 of 10 May 1923.

The following is the present number of applicants for the Pharmacists and the Gunners examinations: -

	<u>Vacancies</u>	<u>Applications</u>
Pharmacists	17	25
Gunners (ordnance)	72	4
Gunners (radio)	58	10
Gunners (electrical)	29	2

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