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1. LEAVE FOR GRADUATES 1925-NAVAL ACADEMY. In view of the impracticability of granting leave to the Naval Academy graduates of the Class of 1925 prior to their joining ships of the Fleet, the Bureau of Navigation has informed the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, that they will be granted one month's leave, including travel time, in order to visit their homes after their return to United States waters, and has authorized flag officers of the Fleet to grant this leave without reference to the Bureau.

2. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FROM NAVAL ACADEMY. Successful candidates for entrance to the Naval Academy, enlisted men, were received from the following ships and stations:

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4-U.S.S. OKLAHOMA  
2-U.S.S. CALIFORNIA  
1-U.S.S. NEVADA  
1-U.S.S. NEW MEXICO  
2-U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA  
2-U.S.S. COLORADO  
1-U.S.S. MARYLAND  
1-U.S.S. OMAHA  
1-U.S.S. PERCIVAL  
2-U.S.S. RIGEL  
1-U.S.S. PITTSBURGH  
2-U.S.S. NEW YORK  
1-U.S.S. TEXAS

2-U.S.S. ROCHESTER  
1-U.S.S. HURON  
1-U.S.S. BLACK HAWK  
1-U.S.S. SMITH THOMPSON  
2-S/M Base, Pearl Harbor, T.H.  
1-Twelfth Naval District  
17-Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif.  
14-Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I.  
16-Naval Training Station, Hampton Rds., Va.  
10-Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.  
1-Naval Hospital, Washington, D.C.  
1-S/M Base, New London, Connecticut.

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MARINE CORPS.

- 1- U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI
- 10- U.S. Marine Corps

3. NAVAL ACADEMY-SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FROM THE ENLISTED PERSONNEL.  
The forthcoming Bureau Manual will show the following change in D-6102:  
(2) sub-paragraph (c), to the effect that enlisted men must have enlisted prior to July first instead of August 15th as at present, of the year preceding that in which the examination is held.

4. CHANGES IN BUREAU OF NAVIGATION MANUAL, PART D (Continued).  
Chapter 5.

- (p) Regulations regarding mail clerks, assistant mail clerks, money order service and operation of branch post offices on board naval vessels brought up to date.

Chapter 6.

- (a) The qualifications for appointment to the new warrant grades of electrician and radio electrician have been included.

Chapter 7.

- (a) Outlines distribution of men and what commands have authority to transfer and distribute enlisted men.
- (b) Prescribes limits of time for effecting transfers on order of Bureau.
- (c) Directs an officer to be assigned to take charge of drafts when taking passage on vessels of the Navy.
- (d) Directs the proper procedure with regard to pay accounts of men during transportation.
- (e) Prescribes proper action to be taken in case of missing pay accounts, service or health records.
- (f) Prescribes general qualifications for entrance in a service school.
- (g) All references to "trade schools" have been changed to "service schools."
- (h) Outlines procedure in return of patients to own command direct from Naval Hospitals.
- (i) When men are discharged for any cause other than expiration of enlistment and travel allowance is payable, the men are not to be transferred to a receiving ship for discharge, except where considerable saving in Government funds will result, and no excessive delay in discharge will be incurred.

- (j) Outlines requirements for assignment to shore duty in general and special requirements for recruiting duty.
- (k) Instructions regarding furlough without pay have been omitted as such furloughs are no longer approved.
- (l) Continues present practice with regard to authority to grant leave. Directs consideration be given to granting leave prior to a combined leave and overhaul period in order that the work planned may be accomplished without resort to curtailment of leave, liberty and recreation normally given at such time.
- (m) Commanding officers may grant reenlistment leave at a later date if impracticable to approve it at time of reenlistment.
- (n) Length of tours of shore duty and foreign service assigned.

5. ADVANCEMENT IN RATING OF APPRENTICE SEAMEN. The Bureau has been in receipt of some letters from vessels reporting that certain apprentice seamen were not qualified for advancement from that rating, and giving as the reason various offences for which they had received punishment.

It should be noted from the Bureau's Circular Letter No. 27-25 that apprentice seamen are eligible for advancement after serving four months in the naval service and that there are for that advancement no requirements as to marks either in proficiency in rating or conduct.

It is the desire of the Bureau that apprentice seamen who are qualified to perform the duties of seaman second class or fireman third class be advanced to such ratings promptly upon the completion of four months' service. In the revised Bureau of Navigation Manual there will be outlined in detail the knowledge necessary for advancement to all ratings, including seaman and fireman.

6. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS - 1926. The following is quoted from the reply of the Bureau of Navigation to a request for additional men at a certain shore station:-

"With the shortage of funds under the appropriation 'Pay, Navy' for 1926, it is quite probable that it will become necessary to reduce the total strength of the enlisted personnel below 86,000 and the difference must be compensated for by a withdrawal of men from those duties considered of least immediate value to the Fleet.

"In view of the conditions that are likely to obtain in the next fiscal year, this Bureau would not be justified in adding to the already large shore establishment other new activities that will require additional personnel. The requirements of the forces afloat must take precedence in the assignment of personnel and the Fleet must be the last to bear any reductions that may become necessary."

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7. HYDROGRAPHIC NEWS. At the request of the Superintendent of the National Zoological Park, the Hydrographic Office has incorporated the following item in the Hydrographic Bulletin:

"The National Zoological Park at Washington, D.C., solicits gifts of specimens for its collection.

"In the past many officers have interested themselves in this work to the extent of procuring birds and animals in foreign ports, and it is hoped that others may do so. The officers and men of the merchant service, especially those visiting remote ports, occasionally have the opportunity of securing more or less unusual specimens, and it might appeal to them to have a share in this public work. As a recognition of such interest the donors name is carried over the cage of the specimen.

"At present pigs of various kinds, deer and antelope are not desired, owing to the existing quarantine against them, but practically any other living thing would be useful to the collection in Washington. For example, the common bird from the west coast of Africa is the African gray parrot; of these there is no specimen at present in the collection. Monkeys of many kinds, birds, young bears, cubs of various cats, turtles, lizards, and snakes, and other things are offered for sale at nearly all tropical ports. It is not uncommon in some foreign ports to see wild animals as household pets which have become a nuisance and for this reason are readily obtainable.

"The administration of the National Zoological Park will facilitate the delivery of any contributions arriving at United States ports. It has three agents, viz:

"Louis Ruhe, 351 Bowery, New York, N.Y.

"Ansel W. Robinson, 1196-1198 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

"W.C. Fockelmann, 319 Royal Street, New Orleans, La.

"These men will take charge of any animal delivered to them, or if notified by telephone will call for the animal and forward it to the Zoological Park. Should the animal be brought to any other port it may be expressed C.O.D. to the National Zoological Park, and a collect telegram sent to notify the superintendent of the shipment."

Many requests are received by the Hydrographic Office for the Nautical Almanac. This publication is not published or distributed by the Hydrographic Office, but by the U.S. Naval Observatory. It will save time to write direct to the Observatory for such copies as desired.

A new publication - No. 205 - "Radio Aids to Navigation" will soon be ready for distribution. This book will contain location of stations, call letters, latitude and longitude, wave length, and other additional details.

It has been suggested that charts and sailing directions may be made more useful by the incorporation of pictures of lighthouses, land features, and prominent marks. Any pictures which are forwarded by mariners will be greatly appreciated. The intelligent and enthusiastic assistance of captains and navigators is requested.

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8. MOTION PICTURES. The Bureau of Navigation has purchased the following named feature motion pictures for exhibition on Naval ships and stations taking Navy motion picture service:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
The White Monkey	Barbara La Marr
Just a Woman	Alma Reubens
Desert Flower	Collen Moore
Making of O'Malley	Milton Sills
The Manicure Girl	Bebe Daniels
Are Parents People	Betty Bronson
Grounds for Divorce	Leatrice Joyce
Lost - A Wife	Adolphe Menjou
Paths to Paradise	Betty Compson
Light of Western Stars	Jack Holt
Marry Me	Florence Vidor
Adventurous Sex, THE	Rawlinson - Bow
The Crackerjack	Johnny Hines
Alias Mary Flynn	Evelyn Brent
Black Cyclone	Rex-Trained Horse
Price of Pleasure	Valli-Kerry
Kiss Me Again	M.Provost - M.Blue
Every Man's Wife	Elane Hammerstein
I'll Show You the Town	Reginald Denny
My Wife and I	Irene Rich
The Bandits Baby	Fred Thomson
School for Wives	Tearle-Holmquist
Wildfire	Aileen Pringle
Silent Sanderson	Harry Carey.

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