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OFFICER PERSONNEL

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.

Many requests have been received from ships for the books required for the War College Correspondence Courses to be added to ships' libraries. Unfortunately, funds are not sufficient to provide a complete list of the books required, to all ships. It is the desire of this Bureau to provide all battleships, aircraft carriers, cruisers, and tenders with all the books on the courses in Strategy and Tactics and International Law, insofar as they are obtainable. For other ships, the books not now in the ship's library may be borrowed by the individual officer from the Loan Collection in the Bureau of Navigation.

The following are the titles in the Strategy and Tactics course:

<u>Installment</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
I	A History of Sea Power Joint Action of the Army and the Navy	Stevens & Westcott Joint Board, 1927
II	The Grand Fleet Germany's High Seas Fleet in the World War	Jellicoe Scheer
	The Victory at Sea Jutland, Fifth War College Edition	Sims Frost & Hazard
III	War on the Sea Naval Aviation	Darrius Varlick & Grant
IV	Mahan on Naval Warfare	Westcott
V	Naval Strategy	Mahan
VI	Maintenance of Peace	Vestal
VII	Letters on Amphibious Wars	Aston
IX	Some Principles of Maritime Strategy	Corbett
X	America's Foreign Relations (2 volumes)	Johnson
XI	Morale and its Enemies	Hocking
XII	The Influence of Sea Power on History	Mahan

Of these, "Joint Action of the Army and Navy" is provided by the Office of Naval Operations to all ships, and "Jutland, Fifth War College Edition" is issued by the Naval War College, but they are not included in the ship's library, nor are they under the cognizance of this Bureau.

Unfortunately, the following are out of print and can no longer be purchased:

The Grand Fleet	Jellicoe
Germany's High Seas Fleet in the World War	Scheer
The Victory at Sea	Sims
Mahan on Naval Warfare	Pestcott
Naval Strategy	Mahan
War on the Sea	Darrieus

They are, however, available in many ships' libraries, and a limited number in the Loan Collection. It would be appreciated if any ships having copies of these titles, which are not now in use, would forward them to the Bureau of Navigation where they will be added to the Loan Collection and made available to all officers.

The books in the International Law Course are in the libraries of battleships, aircraft carriers and cruisers, with the exception of the "American Journal of International Law" and the "British Year Book of International Law", the first being a quarterly, and the last an annual. Also the annual publications of the Naval War College are issued from the Naval War College and are not under the cognizance of this Bureau.

As stated in the synopsis issued by the Naval War College, the advanced course in International Law deals with subjects which are still of a debatable or controversial nature, and requires the student to extend and diversify his reading, so that he should have access to larger shore libraries.

This Bureau is desirous of cooperating in the supply of books for these courses insofar as the books are obtainable and funds permit, and will welcome any suggestion for improvement.

In a recent letter from the President, Naval War College, a list was given showing the number of officers taking one or both of the correspondence courses. It was most gratifying to the Bureau to note that 233 officers in 100 ships and 168 officers on shore duty are now enrolled in the Strategy and Tactics course. There were 17 officers in as many ships and 14 officers on shore stations taking the course in International Law. In addition to these officers in the regular service, there were 20 Reserve officers enrolled in these courses.

OFFICERS' VISITING ROOM
AT DETROIT RESERVE ARMORY.

In a recent letter from the President of the U. S. Naval Reserve Officers' Association, Lieut. Comdr. M. R. Wortley, U.S.N.R., to the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, officers of the Navy are invited to utilize the facilities of the visiting officers' room in the new armory in Detroit. Part of the letter is quoted below:

"You will, perhaps, remember the visiting officers' room that we have provided in our new armory and Comdr. Brodhead and I would be very glad indeed if you would cause to be published in the next Bureau of Navigation Bulletin to the regular service that officers visiting Detroit are cordially invited to utilize this facility as our guests."

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

COMMENDATIONS.

The Secretary of the Navy, on 29 September 1931, addressed a letter to Joseph Murden Hogshire, Seaman 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Augusta, home address, R.F.D. #2, Box 57, Princess Anne Co., Va., commending him for his conduct in assisting a fellow passenger after the bus in which he was riding was in collision, by which the patient was enabled to be taken to a hospital for treatment in time to save her life.

The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation recently addressed commendatory letters to the following men:

James Madonna, Fireman 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Dickerson, home address, 389 Belmont Ave., Patterson, N. J., for his rescue of a young boy, Joseph Francis Twing, from drowning at the dock in Fall River, Mass.

William Howard Ballard, Electrician's Mate 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. S-38, home address, 750 Beach Street, San Diego, Calif., for the thought he gave to the problem of submarine battery ventilation and for the thoroughness with which he presented his ideas.

George James Heindel, Chief Machinist's Mate, U.S.N., Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H., home address, Carlsbad, Calif., for the initiative, industry and ability he displayed in connection with the improving of the means for making repairs to submarines.

Peter Joseph Duffy, Seaman 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Henderson, home address, 1048 Mound St., Cincinnati, Ohio, expressing the appreciation of the Bureau for the efficiency with which he carried on his duties in maintaining the tide gauge in South Bay, west of Garachine's Point, San Miguel Bay, Republic of Panama, and for the tact which he displayed in his dealings with the Panamanians.

HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE

STUDY BEING MADE OF AIR NAVIGATION.

The Bureau of Navigation, in its interest in navigation subjects, has recently ordered an additional officer to the Hydrographic Office for the purpose of investigating methods and instruments utilized in air navigation with a view towards their improvement. This officer's work of investigation will be initiated in dead reckoning methods and instruments for heavier-than-aircraft, which branch of navigation has been indicated by the Bureau of Aeronautics as the one most urgently requiring improvement. Instruments and methods for determining course and for measuring and applying the drift will be the first consideration, with particular reference to VS and VT type planes. To assist this officer in his investigation, correspondence is desired from forces afloat as to methods and instruments which have been used for these purposes, together with the results obtained and any comments and suggestions in general or particular. All correspondence on this subject should be addressed to the Hydrographic Office, Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D. C.

MISCELLANEOUS

NAUTICAL ALMANAC FOR 1932.

The American Nautical Almanac was issued up to and including the volume for the year 1931, in the same form in which it had appeared for many years.

In 1929, a supplement to the Almanac was issued under the title of "Lunar Ephemeris for Aviators", September 1 to December 31, 1929.

For 1930, the supplement (Lunar Ephemeris for Aviators) was issued in three parts, each covering four months.

For 1931, the American Nautical Almanac Supplement was issued, covering the whole year and containing substantially the data already given in the American Nautical Almanac for 1931, together with data similar to those contained in the volume of the Lunar Ephemeris for Aviators.

The American Nautical Almanac for 1932, recently issued, is similar in all respects to the American Nautical Almanac Supplement for 1931, described above, and it is proposed to publish future volumes of the Almanac in the same form as that for 1932.

LIMITS OF EXEMPTIONS OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Due to the possibility that the naval personnel may not fully understand the various provisions of the laws governing the collection of customs duties, the extract given below from a letter written by the Treasury Department to the Secretary of the Navy will be of interest:

"On August 13, 1931, the U.S.S. Arkansas arrived at the port of Norfolk from Gibraltar, and on September 12, 1931, the same vessel returned to Norfolk from Halifax. In several instances, officers and members of the crew sought exemption from duty for articles ^{under} acquired in Canada, although they had been allowed free entry ^{under} the \$100 exemption within thirty days for goods acquired in Europe. While no great amount of duty was collected from any one person, the assessment of duty was unexpected and in some instances embarrassing to members of the crew who lacked funds for the payment of duties due."

These duties were collected in accordance with the last proviso of paragraph 1798, Tariff Act of 1930, which reads as follows:

".....Provided further, That up to but not exceeding \$100 in value of articles acquired abroad by such residents of the United States for personal or household use or as souvenirs or curios, but not bought on commission or intended for sale, shall be admitted free of duty: Provided further, That a resident of the United States shall not take advantage of the exemption herein granted within a period of thirty days from the last exemption claimed."

NAVY TO CO-OPERATE WITH MERCHANT MARINE.

From its earliest beginnings, the Navy's mission was recognized as the protection of American overseas trade: - witness our reaction to the piracy of the Barbary States, and the freedom enjoyed by our trade in the Mediterranean when we extended to that trade the protection of our Navy.

Recognizing the continued and continuing relationship between the Navy and an American Merchant Marine for carrying that trade, the Navy Department has designated a captain of wide experience in the Navy and of extended contact with our Merchant Marine to act as liaison between the two services.

This officer will devote himself to the study of Merchant Marine shipping, operation and management, to the end that the Navy on the one hand may be the better informed as to the needs of our merchant ships and of their personnel, and that American Merchant Marine builders, managers, operators and sea-going personnel may, in their turn, the more certainly cooperate with the Navy in its task of protection.

While the primary mission of the Merchant Marine is the carrying of our overseas trade, and while it is devoted exclusively to that function throughout the years of peace, in time of war the efficient performance of the carrying trade requires naval protection; and that protection can be the more surely accomplished if the Merchant Marine have available and place at the Navy's disposal vessels suitable as auxiliaries, that is, such vessels as the country could not be expected to build as naval auxiliaries and operate to advantage in time of peace.

Thus the Navy and the Merchant Marine have much in common to study in the interest of the efficient carrying and protection of our overseas trade. And it is this common mission that prompts the Navy Department to detail the officer indicated above for the important duty of liaison.

LIBRARIES.

During the past fiscal year, over a million books have been read in the service. The exact number is 1,297,981, and this is divided: 609,967 read from ships' libraries and 684,014 from shore station libraries. With fewer men ashore, this would seem to indicate more leisure, more efficient libraries or more accurate records.

The Bureau is glad to receive, at all times, recommendations of books to be included in libraries, either for ships' libraries or for the circulating library. These recommendations should be accompanied by an informal review, if possible, and the reason for the recommendation.

The current quarterly shipment of new books is now on order and will be forwarded from the Naval Supply Depot, Brooklyn, to all libraries. In the case of destroyers, it should be noted that the four destroyers of a division are considered a unit with no duplication of titles to the ships of the same division. This makes available a wider selection, as where not operating under the General Supply System, fiction is not on charge and may be exchanged between vessels.

NAVALACILITY.

The Captain casually inquired
If so and so had yet transpired
And whether, too, beyond a doubt,
His program had been carried out.

The First Lieutenant raised his head,
"I gave the order, sir", he said;
Denoting he had done his share
In that as yet undone affair.

The officer who paced the deck
Sweet meditations seemed to check,
"I gave the order" was his claim;
"The Boatswain must have been to blame".

The Boatswain sore with wounded pride,
Forthwith resentfully replied,
"I passed the word; that boatswain's mate
Aint worth his salt; he's always late".

The boatswain's mate looked much abused
To be so wrongfully accused,
"I passed the word", he answered quick,
"That coxswain must have gotten sick".

The coxswain looking daggers at
The other, roughly touched his hat
And said "I passed it - sure I am -
Them boys aint worth a tinker's damn".

The stroke oar said he told the bow,
To tell the others anyhow;
The others took a higher ground
And swore they hadn't heard a sound.

And so it happened plain as day,
When everyone had had his say,
That all were alike in zeal intense,
And each had shown his innocence.

The Captain let his blessings fall,
Impartially on one and all,
And, mingled with his strong conviction,
A sulphuretted benediction.

The moral of this endless chain,
Is instantly plain -
Just give the order, look astute,
Then nothing more - don't execute!

Don't budge or stir - don't turn a hand
To get the gear or whaleboat manned;
Be firm and zealously avow:
"I gave the order anyhow!"

OFFICER PERSONNEL

SELECTION BOARD MEETS DECEMBER

A Board on Selection to recommend officers of the Line for promotion to the grades of rear admiral, captain, and commander will be convened about 1 December 1931.

Records of all officers in the grades of captain, commander and lieutenant commander who, on 30 November 1931, will have served therein for a period of four years, will be submitted to the board for its consideration.

1931 NAUTICAL ALMANAC TO BE USED IN EXAMINATIONS.

The President, Naval Examining Board, has requested the Bureau to publish the following notice in the Bulletin, so that as many officers as possible will be informed of it:

"All ships and stations are requested to retain for next year the 1931 Nautical Almanac for use in examination for promotion in Practical Navigation."

BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR GENERAL READING COURSE.

The professional bibliography for the use of officers who may desire to plan a professional reading course has been revised by the Naval War College and is published herewith:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
A History of Sea Power	Stevens and Westcott
The Maintenance of Peace	Vestal
*Mahan on Naval Warfare	Westcott
The Influence of Sea Power upon History	Mahan
Introduction to World Politics	Gibbons
America's Foreign Relations (2 vols.)	Johnson
*War on the Sea	Darrieus
*Some Principles of Maritime Strategy	Corbett
*Naval Strategy	Mahan
Strategy	Meyers
*On War (Vol. I)	Clausewitz
Operations of War	Hamley
*Reality of War	Murray
Letters on Amphibious Wars	Aston
*Life of Nelson (2 vols.)	Mahan
The Campaign of Trafalgar	Corbett
The Campaign of Waterloo	Ropes
England in the Seven Years' War	
(2 vols.)	Corbett
Statesmen and Soldiers of the Civil War	Maurice

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Stonewall Jackson (2 vols.)	Henderson
*Through Thirty Years (2 vols.)	Steed
The World Crisis	Churchill
Origins of the World War (2 vols.)	Fay
*The Grand Fleet	Jellicoe
*Germany's High Seas Fleet in the World War	Scheer
*The Victory at Sea	Sims
My Memoirs	Von Tirpitz
The Dardanelles Expedition	Puleston
Jutland, Fifth War College Edition	Frost & Hazard
National Policy and Naval Strength	Richmond
Foreign Policies of the United States	Dealey
Latin America and the United States	Stuart
*Influence of Sea Power upon the	
Political History of Japan	Ballard
China	Peffer
America and the Atlantic	Ballard
America Conquers Britain	Denney
International Law and the World War	
(2 vols.)	Garner
Air Power and War Rights	Spaight
Naval War College Annual Publications	Naval War College,
(Blue Book)	Newport, R. I.
The Washington Naval Treaty	State Dept. Publication
The London Naval Treaty	" " "
Psychology	James
Morale and Its Enemies	Hocking
Leadership	Parker
	(Naval Institute, March, 1921)
Military Character	Sims
	(Naval Institute, March, 1917)
*Frederick the Great	Carlisle
*First Napoleon	Ropes
*Types of Naval Officers	Mahan
Battle Studies	DuPicq
The Conduct of War	Von der Goltz
Brain of an Army	Wilkinson

*This book is now out of print and cannot be supplied. It is probably in many libraries. The War College publications are issued by the College.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
AWARDED TO CHIEF BOATSWAIN POWERS.

The President of the United States, on 12 October 1931, presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Chief Boatswain Patrick F. Powers, U. S. Navy, U.S.S. Blackhawk - "For exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility while serving

on board the U. S. S. Blackhawk.....Chief Boatswain Powers closed a valve through which gasoline was escaping into a fire which might have resulted in serious damage to the entire ship, and possible loss of life.....The action of Chief Boatswain Powers was above and beyond the actual call of duty and was taken at great personal risk."

COMMENDATIONS.

The Secretary of the Navy, on 10 October 1931, addressed commendatory letters to each of the following officers:

Commander Gordon D. Hale, (MC), U.S.Navy,
Lieut. Comdr. Horace R. Boone, (MC), U.S.Navy,
" " W. T. Brown, (MC), U.S.Navy,
Lieutenant Hugh E. Mauldin, (DC), U.S.Navy,
Chief Pharmacist Leon H. French, U.S.Navy.

In these letters, the Secretary of the Navy stated:

"The Department takes great pleasure in commending you on your devotion to duty, and for your zeal and industry in rendering all available assistance to the unfortunate sufferers of the recent earthquake disaster at Managua. Such conduct is in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES SELECTED.

The following officers of the Navy were selected to represent the U. S. Naval Academy and the U. S. Navy in the state competition for the Rhodes Scholarships from the United States:

Ensign H. Payson	-	Rhode Island
" A. L. Reed	-	Arkansas
" R. Cullinan	-	Maryland
" T. D. Tyra	-	Minnesota
" V. Hawk	-	Utah
" W. P. Schoeni	-	Oregon
" E. A. Wright	-	Virginia
" R. L. Taylor	-	Michigan

They were selected on the basis of one for each of the eight districts of the United States, and before they finally are given the Scholarship, each must appear before a State Committee in competition with civilian candidates. If they are successful in this test, they then go before a District Committee which makes the final selection of the men to represent the entire country. In the first competition in which naval officers were allowed to enter, six were selected.

NEW SUBMARINE TRAINING CLASS SELECTED.

Selections have been made for the class in submarine training which will convene at New London, Conn., on 4 January 1932. The class will consist of the following twenty-two officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Station</u>
WILFONG, John L.	'26	S-40
CAMPBELL, Gordon	'26	Cole
COHN, James E.	'27	Jacob Jones
CHAMBERLIN, Leonard C.	'27	Zane
DICKEY, George D.	'27	Idaho
MC KINNEY, Eugene B.	'27	Idaho
SCHUMACHER, Jules F.	'27	Wasmuth
MORGAN, Robert B., Jr.	'27	Badger
IRVIN, William D.	'27	Southard
CROSS, John H.	'27	Naval Academy
MILLICAN, William J.	'28	Nevada
THOMPSON, Wells	'28	Idaho
BURROWS, Albert C.	'28	California
STRANGE, Robert O.	'28	Idaho
WALDEN, Albert J.	'28	Maryland
PERSONS, Henry S., Jr.	'29	Texas
FOLGER, Edward C., Jr.	'29	Idaho
KENNEDY, Marvin G.	'29	Idaho
HANNON, Edward R.	'29	Colorado
MC GREGOR, Rob R.	'29	Childs
MILLER, Cleaveland D.	'29	Concord
MATTIE, Dominic L.	'29	Hopkins

The orders for these officers will provide for transportation of their dependents, if any, to go to New London, Conn., from their present stations. The course of instruction will last about six months and those successfully completing the course will be assigned to duty aboard submarines.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS OF WARRANT OFFICERS.

In the examinations held during the week beginning 20 July 1931, a total of 128 candidates competed for appointment to the warrant grades of Boatswain, Gunner, Radio Electrician, Electrician, Machinist, Carpenter and Pharmacist in the Navy.

The examination for Acting Pay Clerk was held during the week beginning 13 October 1930, at which time 75 candidates were examined and 20 found qualified, of this number two have been appointed and the remaining 18 are on the waiting list.

The following table shows the number examined in the 20 July 1931 examinations, the number found professionally qualified in the warrant grades indicated and the number appointed at this time to fill present vacancies. The remaining candidates who qualified will be placed on the waiting list.

	<u>Number Examined</u>	<u>Number Qualified</u>	<u>Number Appointed</u>
Boatswain	21	12	12
Gunner	7	4	4
Carpenter	9	9	1
Pharmacist	16	5	0
Electrician	31	Number not available	0
Radio Electrician	9	" "	0
Machinist	35	" "	15

The following list shows the names of the candidates to be appointed at this time to fill the vacancies now existing in the warrant corps.

	<u>Boatswains</u>	<u>Present Station</u>
1. DOWLING, Cecil E.	B. M. 1c	U.S.S. RIGEL
2. HARTLEY, Robert E.	C. B. Mate	U.S.S. ONTARIO
3. PLATT, Wilbur D.	B. M. 1c	U.S.S. VESTAL
4. BOYD, Eugene L.	S. M. 1c	U.S.S. S-28
5. ANDERSON, Harvey M.	C. S. M.	U.S.S. DOBBIN
6. GUTHRIE, Frank	C. Quartermaster	U.S.S. BOBOLINK
7. MORAN, Francis P.	Quartermaster 1c	U.S.S. TENNESSEE
8. WOLEY, William T.	C. A. Pilot	U.S.S. LEXINGTON
9. STEDMAN, Charles H.	S. M. 1c	U.S.S. Swallow
10. HINES, Joseph A.	Signalman 1c	U. S. S. Koka

<u>Gunners</u>		
1. SMITH, William T.	Ch. G. Mate	U.S.S. MARYLAND
2. NICHOLS, George C.	G. Mate 1c	U.S.S. ARIZONA
3. MC GOVERN, Samuel W.	G. Mate 1c	Navy Recruiting Sta., Salt Lake City, Utah
4. MEDARIS, Paul B.	G. Mate 1c	U.S.S. V-2

<u>Carpenters</u>		
SEWARD, Jack	C.S.F.	U.S.S. MEDUSA

WAITING LIST

The following-named candidates passed the examination for the warrant grades mentioned but will not be appointed at this time. Their names have been placed on the waiting list for further consideration as vacancies occur in the warrant corps:

Carpenters

1. EDWARDS, Benjamin F., Jr.	S.F. 1c	USS IDAHO
2. CLEMENS, Albert R.	C.S.F.	Navy Recruiting Station, Chicago, Ill.
3. FOX, Louis W.	C.C.M.	USS LANCLEY
4. MILLER, Harry H.	C.M. 1c	USS ROCHESTER
5. LADZINSKI, Stephen A.	C.M. 1c	USS VESTAL
6. STUBBEN, Charles	S.F. 1c	R.S., San Francisco, Cal.
7. DIEFENBACH, Karl B.	C.M. 1c	USS VEGA
8. SIMS, William T.	A.C.M. 1c	V.S.IOS, Fleet Air Base, Hampton Roads, Va.

Pharmacists

1. KEELING, Oscar D.	C. Pharm. Mate	Nav.Hospital, Puget Sound, Wash.
2. MILLER, George A.	" "	" Hdq. 13th Naval District
3. TODD, George W.	" "	" Nav.Hospital, League Is., Pa.
4. GOSNELL, Clyde E.	" "	" Navy Recruiting Station, Little Rock, Ark.
5. MC COMAS, Max	" "	" Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

Final results of the examination for appointment as Boatswain in the case of Walter S. Parr, B.M. 1st class, U.S.N., and John J. O'Brien, C.A.P., U.S.N., will be delayed pending receipt of report of the Medical Examining Board.

Results of the examination for Machinists, Electricians, and Radio Electricians are not available at this time.

NEED FOR ECONOMY IN TRAINING COURSES.

The Bureau of Navigation has less than half the funds available for 1931-32 for production of training courses than were available in 1930-31. This condition will extend into the future.

It is believed that even with reduced funds it will be possible to furnish courses to all men who should have them. It is requested, as a measure of economy, that ships and stations ask for courses only when they have men ready to take them.

COMMENDATIONS.

The Secretary of the Navy has addressed commendatory letters to the following men for the reasons given:

Vincent Frank Battistoni, Fireman 3c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Pensacola, home address, 500 Worthington Street, Springfield, Mass.

For heroic conduct in rescuing seven persons from a train wreck on 3 July.

John Chambers Torian, Pharmacist's Mate 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Wickes, home address, Foley, Alabama; John Quincy Williams, Chief Pharmacist's Mate, U.S.N., U. S. Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Va., home address, 437 12th Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.; and Lee F. Curtis, Chief Pharmacist's Mate, U.S.N., U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Cal., home address, 223 North 15th Street, Allentown, Pa.

For the meritorious services rendered by them subsequent to the earthquake in Managua, Nicaragua, on 31 March.

Arthur John Cox, Fireman 2c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Pinola, Home address, General Delivery, Greer, South Carolina.

For rescuing a man and woman from drowning.

Everett Ray Musgrove, Seaman 2c, U.S.N., U. S. Navy Hospital, San Diego, Cal., home address, 275 Washington Avenue, Medford, Wisc.

For rescuing a girl from drowning.

Walter Thaddeus Doeg, Aviation chief machinist's mate, U.S.N., Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, C. Z., home address, 1000 E. Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

For his prompt and efficient action on the occasion of an explosion and serious fire in an airplane at the Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, C. Z.

John Felix Trippler, Seaman 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Pinola, home address, R.F.D. #2, Box 110, Altoona, Pa.

For rescuing a man and woman from drowning.

Verne Warren Harshman, Chief aviation pilot, U.S.N., V.F. Squadron 2B, home address, 3346 Vancouver Avenue, San Diego, Cal.

For his presence of mind, good judgment and courage exhibited during the period of five days while afloat in the open sea after being compelled to make a forced landing off Cape Marzo, Colombia.

Tony Simmer, Chief Pharmacist's Mate, U.S.N., U. S. Navy Hospital, Pensacola, Fla., home address, Warrington, Florida.

For his commendable conduct during operations against the bandit force near Puerto Cabezas, April 12 to April 17, 1931.

Michael Black, Chief Boatswain's mate, U.S.N., U.S.S. Chicago, home address, 1012 E. Washington Street, Muncie, Ind.

For rescuing a man from drowning.

Walter Emerson Allen, Seaman 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Northampton, home address, 1957 E. Cook Street, Springfield, Ill.

For rescuing a man from drowning.

The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, on 17 October, commended Arthur Oscar Blumburg, Chief electrician's mate, U.S.N., U. S. Navy Receiving Station, Philadelphia, Pa., home address, 333 Central Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

For his work aboard the Arctic Submarine Nautilus.

ENLISTED MEN RECEIVE LIFE-SAVING MEDALS.

The Secretary of the Navy has recently transmitted to the enlisted men named below, the life-saving medals awarded them by the Secretary of the Treasury for the reasons given with their names.

Albert Curtis Shafer, Aviation machinist's mate 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Argonne, home address, 4075 Illinois St., San Diego, Cal., a gold life-saving medal in recognition of his heroic conduct in rescuing an officer of the Naval Reserve Force from drowning on 25 October 1928.

Glow Burma Phillips, Chief radioman, U.S.N., U.S.S. Upshur, home address, 1544 West 50th St., Norfolk, Va., a silver life-saving medal for rescuing an enlisted man from drowning on 10 April 1929.

Olney Bert Collson, Yeoman 3c, U.S.N., Receiving Station, Puget Sound, Wash., home address, 513 2nd Avenue South, Fort Dodge, Iowa, a silver life-saving medal for rescuing a shipmate from drowning on 30 May 1929.

Stephen Dunn, Chief aviation pilot, (F-2), U.S.N.R., business address, c/o Pan-American Grace Airways, Inc., Cristobal, C. Z., a silver life-saving medal for rescuing a man from drowning on 10 April 1929.

Charles Edward London, Aviation Pilot 1c, U.S.N., VP Squadron 3S, home address, 109 Lafayette Square, Haverhill, Mass., a silver life-saving medal for rescuing two persons from drowning on 14 July 1929.

Henry James Goebel, Boatswain's mate 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. Barker, home address, 284 Lombard Street, New Haven, Conn., a silver life-saving medal for rescuing a boy from drowning on 5 July 1929.

James Caswell Clark, Seaman 1c, U.S.N., Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, Va., home address, Florence, S. C., a silver life-saving medal for rescuing a man from drowning on 11 August 1929.

Paul Fitz Randolph, Chief Radioman, U.S.N., Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J., home address, Salem, West Va., a silver life-saving medal for rescuing an enlisted man from drowning on 10 April 1929.

William Lewin Thomas, Chief boatswain's mate, U.S.N., U.S.S. Argonne, home address, 1195 W. 16th Street, San Pedro, Cal., a silver life-saving medal for rescuing an enlisted man from drowning on 21 February 1929.

John Jackson Parker, Coxswain, U.S.N., U.S.S. Williamson, home address, Station 10, c/o Hackman's Store, Charleston, S. C., a silver life-saving medal for rescuing two shipmates from drowning during February 1929.

William Floyd Atchison, Seaman 1c, U.S.N., U. S. Naval Hospital, Newport, R. I., home address, 114 S. Parcelona Street, Pensacola, Fla., a silver life-saving medal for rescuing a man from drowning on 27 December 1928.

NAVAL OBSERVATORY

GATTY VISITS NAVAL OBSERVATORY.

Mr. Harold Gatty, the navigator of the famous Post-Gatty Around the World Flight, visited the Naval Observatory on 5 October 1931. Mr. Gatty lent the Observatory the drift and ground speed indicator used on the flight. The instrument will be repaired in the Observatory Repair Shop and tested on a naval plane. Mr. Gatty discussed several points which will be given careful consideration regarding the new lunar tables for aviators.

NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS

THREE R.O.T.C. STUDENTS NAMED CALIFORNIA REPRESENTATIVES FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS.

Out of a total of five men selected to represent the University of California as candidates for Rhodes Scholarships in the seventh United States District, three were members of the R.O.T.C. Unit there. These men are: George F. Reinhardt, Turner H. McBaine and David C. Dunlap. These men have shown themselves to be outstanding in their work at the University and on other outside activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION OF NAVAL PERSONNEL.

Numerous cases have occurred where impostors have posed as enlisted men in uniform, and through this misrepresentation have obtained money from banks and business houses on bogus checks. No little concern is felt with the growing misuse of the naval uniform and with unauthorized and dishonest persons posing as members of the naval service. The following precautions worked out by the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, are suggested by the Bureau to all Commanding Officers:

In order to facilitate the cashing of checks by enlisted men, it is essential that they have proper means of identification. It is considered unsatisfactory for a letter of identification merely to state that the bearer is John Jones, Seaman 2c, over the signature of an officer. Proper identification should say, "The bearer, John Jones, Seaman 2c, whose signature appears below, etc.", and this should be signed in the presence of the officer and a seal over both the man's and officer's signatures.

Letters of identification should not be good for an indefinite period, but should be limited for a specific purpose, which data should appear in the closing paragraph.

Naval personnel should remember that precautions taken to insure proper identification are as much in their own interest as in that of the banks or business houses concerned.

WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE
STAMPS.

The Post Office Department has announced that a series of special postage stamps in 12 denominations, from one-half cent to ten cents, inclusive, is being prepared to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of George Washington. They will be kept on sale to the public throughout 1932. The central design of each is a separate likeness of Washington modeled from the works of noted artists. There will also be issued a special series of bicentennial stamped envelopes bearing embossed stamps of distinctive design.

NEW NAVY TRAINING COURSE.

The Navy rating course for Storekeeper 3/c (1931 edition) is now ready for issue to the service.

PROBABLE VACANCIES AT R.O.T.C. UNITS.

At the present time, it appears that there will be a number of reliefs required during 1932 for officers on duty with the Naval R.O.T.C. Units. In filling these vacancies, it is expected that the officers detailed to this duty will have exhibited some aptitude for this type of work. The Units at which these vacancies are expected to occur next year, with the ranks of the officers desired for each position, is given below:

1 captain	-	University of California
1 "	-	" " Washington
1 lieutenant commander	-	" " "
1 captain	-	Northwestern University
1 lieutenant commander	-	" "
1 commander	-	Yale University
1 lieutenant commander	-	" "
1 captain	-	Harvard University
1 lieutenant commander	-	" "