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1. Rendition of Fitness Reports. The Bureau has noted a tendency upon the part of reporting seniors to delay the rendition of fitness reports of officers far beyond the date when they should be submitted. It is, therefore, requested that fitness reports for the period ending 31 March, 1926 be forwarded as soon thereafter as possible. A large number of officers are to be examined for promotion in April and May and it is necessary that a complete file of fitness reports in each case be available in order that the Examining Board may make its report.

Furthermore, a line Selection Board is to be convened within the next few months and reports are necessary in order that the Selection Board may have complete information to guide it in its deliberations.

2. Beneficiary Forms attached to Officers' Fitness Reports. In connection with the Beneficiary Forms which are attached to officers' Fitness Reports, attention is invited to the fact that it frequently happens that these forms contain the name of a dependent not previously designated, such as father, mother, or some collateral relative, and that dependents previously designated, such as a wife and children, are omitted. Obviously, in most of these cases it is the intention of the officer to add the name of an additional dependent to those previously designated. The correct procedure in such cases, that is, when it is desired to add the name of a dependent not previously designated or to omit one, is to fill out the form completely, naming therein only those individuals who are claimed as dependent

relatives. It should be understood that newly executed forms for designating beneficiaries are substituted for those submitted previously.

3. Promotion - Officers. It is estimated that officers whose signal numbers are as below will become due for promotion on graduation of the class of 1926 U.S.N.A.

Lieutenants signal Nos. 1529 to 1592 inclusive  
Lieutenants (jg) signal Nos. 3239 to 3382 inclusive  
Ensigns signal Nos. 4079 to 4419 inclusive

4. Bureau of Navigation Circular Letters - duplication of. Attention is called to the following excerpt from a letter received in this Bureau:

"Attention is invited to the fact that this office has recently been receiving copies of Bureau of Navigation Circular Letters from more than one office, resulting in an unnecessary waste of paper and duplication of work of handling, filing, etc."

The Bureau distribution of each Circular letter is noted on the bottom of such Circular Letter and the noting of this distribution by local distributing offices in districts or units of the Fleet would serve to eliminate the above complaint.

5. Interpretation of Paragraphs D-9105 and D-9107, Bureau of Navigation Manual 1925 - Provisions of Discharge. The following is quoted from a letter addressed to the Commanding Officer of a hospital:

"DISCHARGE. - An enlisted man may be discharged within three months of the date of the expiration of his term of enlistment plus any time lost through sickness or injury the result of his own misconduct.

An enlisted man has been absent during his enlistment due to injury or sickness resulting from his own misconduct, and he must therefore make up such time before his enlistment is completed. May he be discharged under the provisions of Article R-3601 (1) U.S. Navy Regulations, prior to the expiration of his enlistment as extended by the time he is required to make up?

The provisions of law quoted in General Order No. 231, page 12, paragraph 3, as amended by the act of 1 July, 1918 (40 Stat., 717, par. 2), has the effect of incorporating in the enlistment contract the condition that the date of the expiration of enlistment is to be postponed so many days as may be lost in excess of one day on account of injury, sickness, or disease resulting from the enlisted man's own misconduct. But an enlisted man does not lose the benefits reserved to him on an early discharge within three months prior to date of the expiration of his enlistment so postponed on account of time lost by absence due to injury, sickness, or disease due to his own misconduct.

In the case presented the date of the expiration of enlistment has been postponed from 15 July 1920, to 1 September, 1920, on account of 48 days' absence due to misconduct. He might have been discharged under the above regulation any time after 1 June, 1920.  
(File 7657-394:29, Sec. Nav., 27 Sept., 1920)"

#### 6. Qualifications for Advancement to Chief and Petty Officer 1st.Cl.

Attention of the service is invited to Article D-5106, Bureau of Navigation Manual. In addition to the requirements of one year's service in rate there is now another requirement that a man must HOLD or HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT before he can be advanced to chief petty officer or petty officer first class. Thorough familiarity with this article will save a lot of unnecessary correspondence.

7. Navy Training Courses. Navy Training Courses covering the ratings of Fire-Controlman second-class, Fire Controlman first-class, and Torpedoman third-class, together with a course on Diesel Engines, are in the hands of the printers, and are expected to be ready for distribution within the next few weeks.

Training Courses "A to N", Apprentice Seaman, Ship's Cook third-class, Carpenter's Mate third-class, Torpedoman second-class, Blacksmith second-class, Aviation Machinist's Mates, Aviation Carpenter's Mates, and Aviation Riggers are in manuscript form and will be printed as soon as funds are available.

The reprint of Chapter V, Part D, of Bureau of Navigation Manual, 1925, covering the requirements for advancement in rating, has been received from the printers, and will be distributed as outlined in Bureau of Navigation News Bulletin #69.

Reports received for month of January show the following ships to be among those using training courses to a marked degree:

<u>Ship</u>	<u>No. of Men on Board</u>	<u>% of men taking courses.</u>
USS NEW MEXICO	1328	57.5
USS OKLAHOMA	1154	35.3
USS WEST VIRGINIA	1309	29.3
USS DOBBIN	456	28.9

Copy of report of the Commander, Destroyer Squadrons, Battle Fleet, indicates that training of enlisted personnel is being energetically carried on, with the use of training courses as a basis of instruction.

8. Motion Pictures. The instructional film "Care and Operation of Oil Fired Water Tube Boilers" being prepared by the Bureau of Navigation and Engineering is progressing satisfactorily. It should reach the Fleet while it is in southern waters. The film will contain, among other features, about

1500 feet of photography showing the proper way to build and repair boiler walls and floors. This part of the picture was taken at the Fuel Oil Testing Plant at Philadelphia and the work was done by the best man there under the supervision of the Officer-in-Charge of the Plant. The Bureau believes that this will be of valuable assistance to officers and men on all ships and stations.

The Bureau has purchased the following feature motion pictures for exhibition on ships and shore stations taking Navy Motion Picture Service:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
Too Much Money	Stone - Nilsson
Just Suppose	R. Barthelmess
Memory Lane	Boardman - Nagel
Girl from Montmartre	LaMarr - Stone
Grand Duchess and the Waiter	Menjou-Vidor
Song and Dance Man	T. Moore - B. Love
Behind the Front	Berry-Brian
Moana	Special Cast
Soul Mates	Lowe-Pringle
The Auction Block	Ray-Boardman
The Light Eternal	Shearer-Myers
Money Talks	Boardman-Nagel
The Torrent	Cortez-Olmsted
What Happened to Jones	Reginald Denny
Skinner's Dress Suit	Reginald Denny
Steel Preferred	V. Reynolds-H. Bosworth
Three Faces East	J. Goudal-C. Brook
Dancing Mothers	Tearle-Joyce
For Heaven's Sake	Harold Lloyd
Sea Horses	Holt-Vidor
The New Klondike	Meighan-Lee
Miss Brewster's Millions	Bebe Daniels
The Untamed Lady	Gloria Swanson
A Social Celebrity	Menjou-Conklin
Let's Get Married	Dix-Wilson
The Reckless Lady	Belle Bennett
Rainbow Riley	Johnny Hines
The Fur Cry	Blanche Sweet
Irene	Colleen Moore
The Dancer of Paris	Tearle-Mackaill
Monte Carlo	Cody-Olmsted
Beverly of Graustark	Marion Daviss
The Ancient Mariner	Clara Bow
The Yankee Senor	Tom Mix
Stop, Look and Listen	Larry Semon
North Star	Strongheart
Smiling at Trouble	Lefty Flynn
The Sea Beast	John Barrymore
Rocking Moon	Tashman-Bowers
Million Dollar Handicap	Vera Reynolds

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
Partners Again	Sidney-Carr
Mare Nostrum	Alice Terry
The Cohens and Kellys	C. Murray- G. Sidney
Flaming Waters	McGregor-Garon
The Man Upstairs	M. Blue -D. Devore
Oh, What a Nurse	Sidney Chaplin
The Cave Man	M. Prevost-M. Moore
Mlle. Modiste	Corinne Griffith
Tramp, Tramp, Tramp	Harry Langdon
High Steppers	Hughes-Astor
Her Second Chance	Nilsson-Gordon
The Run Away	W. Baxter-C. Bow
That's My Baby	Douglas MacLean
The Blind Goddess	J. Holt-E. Ralston
The Crown of Lies	Pola Negri
Desert Gold	Hamilton-Mason
The Lucky Lady	Nissen-Collier, jr.
Brown of Harvard	Jack Pickford
Made for Love	Leatrice Joy
The Volga Boatman	Elinor Fair
The Bat	Jack Pickford

9. Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Club. The following is quoted from a letter received from the Office of the Chief of Staff, War Department:

"A Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Club is located at 1015 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

It is operated by the Woman's Army and Navy League at cost and is intended for use by men of the regular service only. It provides accommodations as follows:

Beds 40¢                      Breakfast 35¢                      Cafeteria Service

Hot and Cold Showers Free

Lockers 50¢ per month, 10¢ per night.

Lounge Rooms

It is a unique and distinctive serviceman's club that compares favorably in equipment, service and surroundings with any gentleman's club in the City of Washington.

The telephone number at present is Franklin 4760.

Those in charge of the operation of the club hope that the enlisted men of the Services will feel free to avail themselves of its recommendations and that the club will prove of increasing value as an accommodation to them."

10. Books. The following list of books has been supplied either entirely or in part to most snips and stations:

Becke, L.	Yorke the Adventurer
Benefield, B.	Chicken-wagon family
Bower, B.M.	Meadowlark Basin
Buchan, J.	John MacNab
Chamberlain, G.A.	Great Van Suttart Mystery
Comfort, W.L.	Somewhere South in Sonora
Connelly, J.B.	Steel Decks
Davis, E.	Friends of Mr. Sweeney
Erskine, L.Y.	Valor of the Range
Evarts, H.G.	Spanish Acres
Garrett, W.	Dr. Ricardo
Gregory, J.	Laid of the Mountain
Grey, Zane	Vanishing American
Holland, H.S.	Minot's Folly
Knevels, G.	Octagon House
Lockart, J.G.	Mysteries of the Sea
Locke, W.J.	The Great Pandolfo
Lynde, F.	Mellowing Money
Marshall, E.	Ocean Gold
Morrow, H.	We Must March
Packard, F.	Broken Waters
Parrish, A.	The Perennial Bachelor
Porter, G.S.	Keeper of the Bees
Raine, W.M.	Troubled Waters
Rath, E.J.	Gas, Drive in.
Seltzer, C.A.	Channing Comes Through
Tarkington, E.	Women
Wodehouse, P.G.	Sam of the Suburbs
Wright, H.B.	A Son of his Father
Hayward & Johnson	Story of Man's Work
Huntington, E.	West of the Pacific
Hurley, Frank	Argonauts of the South
Marquand, J.P.	Lord Timothy Dexter
Marshall, T.R.	Recollections
Powell, R.A.	The Map that is half unrolled
Thomas L. J.	Beyond Kyhber Pass
Van Doren, C & M.	American and Britain Literature since 1890
Wiggam, A.E.	The New Decalogue of Science.

Department Distribution List:

1, 11, 111, 1V, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, a, b, c.