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COMMENDATIONS.

A Special Letter of Commendation was given to John R. B. Sumner, Apprentice Seaman, V-1, U.S.N.R., in recognition of his bravery in assisting in the rescue of Lester Abrams, at the risk of his own life, on 13 December 1937. Sumner and Abrams were members of a skating party; Abrams broke through the ice; Sumner crawled toward Abrams and also went through the ice, but succeeded in reaching Abrams and holding his head above water. Sumner managed to tie a thrown rope to Abrams' body, and due to his assistance Abrams was saved from drowning.

The Secretary of the Navy recently commended the following men for prompt and courageous action:

BROWN, Donald Wynn, Quartermaster 3c, U.S.N., U.S.S. TRUXTUN, for rescuing Boatswain G. F. Keene, U.S.N., from drowning. The Secretary of the Navy has recommended Brown to the Secretary of the Treasury for the award of a life-saving medal.

Brown was also commended for saving a man from drowning who had fallen overboard in shark-infested waters from the U.S.S. McCORMICK during maneuvers.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Dorothy B. Brown, Box 504, Laguna Beach, Calif.

HOWARD, Paul Jones, Seaman 1c, U.S.N., and BERRY, Lawrence Louis, R.M.1c, U.S.N., Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, for saving a man from drowning who had fallen overboard from the dock while working.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. Richard C. Howard, 34 Welsh St., Malden, Mass.
Wife, Mrs. Charlotte G. Berry, 727 Lancaster St., Leominster, Mass.

LOCK, Harold Kenneth, A.M.M.1c, U.S.N., Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H., for rescuing the daughter of Lt. Commander Alexander Martin, (CEC), U.S.N., from drowning at Maile Beach, Waianae, T.H., at the risk of his own life. Lock has been recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury for the award of a life-saving medal.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Dorothy F. Lock, 20734 Meekland Ave., Hayward, Cal.

STRELOW, Floyd LaRue, A.C.O., U.S.N., Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor, T.H., for attempting to rescue the mother of Lt. Commander Alexander Martin, (CEC), U.S.N., at the risk of his own life, at Maile Beach, Waianae, T.H. Strelow has been recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury for the award of a life-saving medal.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Eva M. Strelow, 348 Mt. View Ave., Mt. View, Calif.

TUTT, Alvin Harold, G.M.1c, U.S.N., and TUTT, Wilson Fred, G.M.2c, U.S.N., of the U.S.S. BEAVER and U.S.S. ARGONAUT, respectively, for assisting in the rescue of the mother and infant daughter of Lt. Commander Alexander Martin, (CEC), U.S.N., at the risk of their own lives, at Maile Beach, Waianae, T.H.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Anna Maye Tutt, 1127 12th Ave., Honolulu, T.H.
Father, Mr. John H. Tutt, DeQueen, Ark.

COMMENDATIONS (contd.).

CHAPMAN, Russell Ernest, Aviation Ordnanceman 3c, U.S.N., Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H., for assisting in the rescue of Lt. Commander Alexander Martin, (CEC), U.S.N., and another man from drowning at Maile Beach, Waianae, T.H., at the risk of his own life. Chapman has been recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury for the award of a life-saving medal.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Mayme Chapman, Fourth St., Pilot Grove, Mo.

Lieutenant George K. Huff, U.S.N., Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., (formerly of the U.S.S. LOUISVILLE), for assisting in the rescue of many men and women when the harbor launch RODNEY capsized and sank in close proximity to the U.S.S. LOUISVILLE in the harbor of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, throwing about 140 passengers into the water. Lieutenant Huff's action was particularly courageous in view of the fact that Sydney Harbor is reputed to be infested by sharks.

BRILEY, William Edward, Jr., Sea. 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. LOUISVILLE,
(Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Adele L. Briley, 736 E. Esther St., Long Beach, Calif.)

FARNUM, Charles Henry, Sea. 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. LOUISVILLE,
(Next of kin: Guardian, Miss Catherine Ducharme, 295 Pleasant St., Gardner, Mass.)

SMITH, Jacob Maurice, Coxswain, U.S.N., U.S.S. LOUISVILLE,
(Next of kin: Father, Mr. Ervin Newton Smith, Johnston, S. C.)

TUSIN, Matthew John, Jr., Sea. 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. LOUISVILLE,
(Next of kin: Father, Mr. Matthew John Tusin, Sr., 381 E. 160th St., Cleveland, Ohio.)

WATERS, Louis A., Sea. 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. LOUISVILLE,
(Next of kin: Father, Mr. William A. Waters, Maple St., Black River, N.Y.)

for commendable action in assisting in rescue work on the occasion of the capsizing and sinking of the harbor launch RODNEY in the harbor of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, which is reputed to be infested by sharks.

GAGNON, Walter Eugene, Sea. 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. GUAM, for rescuing a Chinese boy from drowning in Inner Harbor, Chefoo, China. Gagnon has been recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury for the award of a Silver Life-saving Medal.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Angie Gagnon, Long Beach, Calif.

SABBE, John, Torpedoman 2c, U.S.N., U.S.S. PARROTT, for rescuing a British sailor from drowning in the Wangpoo River.

Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. Clara M. Sabbe, 916 29th St., Milwaukee, Oregon.

PRATT, Wilbur Lee, Fireman 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. PEARY, for attempting to rescue a shipmate from drowning in Manila Bay, which is known to be infested with sharks.

Next of kin: Mather, Mr. Hilliard H. Pratt, Wynnewood, Okla.

COMMENDATIONS (contd.)

COUGHENOUR, Robert Edward, Sea. 1c, U.S.N., U.S.S. CHILDS, for rescuing Lieutenant J. E. Fradd, U.S.N., from drowning in the vicinity of the Pioneer Hotel Landing, Lahaina, T.H.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. Roy Coughenour, 216 Woodlawn Ave., Connellsville, Pa.

SERVICE MEDALS.

The Secretary of the Navy has approved the following recommendations of the Navy Department Board of Awards:

The personnel attached to and serving on board the U.S.S. MACLEISH during the period 28 August to 2 November 1931 are eligible for the issuance of the Yangtze Service Medal. Bureau of Navigation Manual, Article A-1027, will be amended accordingly.

In addition to the authorized expeditions listed in Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 13-38 of 22 March 1938, the following have been approved as eligible for the Navy Expeditionary Medal:

HAITI - Landing Force ashore from the U.S.S. EAGLE in Gonaives, Haiti, February 1-3, 1914.

CAPE HAITIEN - Landing force ashore from the U.S.S. TACOMA in Cape Haitien, 18 October - 7 November 1914.

HAITI - Landing force ashore from the U.S.S. MONTANA at Port au Prince, Haiti - 26 January - 10 February 1914.

CHINA - Landing force ashore from the U.S.S. NOA in Shanghai, China, 25 July - 10 August 1925.

CHINA - Personnel on board the U.S.S. PANAY, 12 December 1937.

* * * * * THE MEDAL OF HONOR * * * * *

* On 26 July 1938, the Secretary of the Navy, in the name of Congress, *
* awarded the Medal of Honor to the late Lieutenant Carlton B. Hutchins, U. S. *
* Navy, with the following citation: *

* "For extraordinary heroism as the pilot of U. S. Navy *
* Seaplane PBY-2 number 0463 (11-P-4) on the occasion of *
* a collision with U. S. Navy Seaplane PBY-2 number 0462 *
* (11-P-3) while engaged in tactical exercises with the *
* United States Fleet on 2 February 1938. Although his *
* plane was badly damaged, Lieutenant Hutchins remained at *
* the controls endeavoring to bring the damaged plane to *
* a safe landing and to afford an opportunity for his crew *
* to escape by parachutes. His cool calculated conduct *
* contributed principally to the saving of the lives of *
* all who survived. His conduct on this occasion was above *
* and beyond the call of duty."

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COMMENDATIONS
NAVAL RESERVE FLEET UNITS.

Letters of Commendation have been issued by the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation to the following officers, based upon the recommendations of the Naval Reserve Inspection Board in its report to the Secretary of the Navy regarding the organization, administration, and qualifications of Naval Reserve fleet units for the fiscal year 1938.

By the Secretary of the Navy.

Lieutenant Commander Ernest J. Flannigan, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the First Battalion, Boston, Mass., First Naval District, the battalion having the highest final merit, in competition with thirty-six other battalions.

Lieutenant Charles F. Hooper, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the Third Fleet Division, First Battalion, Boston, Mass., First Naval District, the fleet division having the highest final merit, in competition with one hundred and forty-seven other fleet divisions.

By the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Captain John T. Nelson, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, Director of Naval Reserve for the First Naval District, in which district the Naval Reserve had the highest relative efficiency.

Lieutenant Eugene T. Seaward, U.S. Navy, Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Navy Recruiting Station, Boston, Mass., and Instructor for the First Battalion and Third Fleet Division, Boston, Mass., the battalion and fleet division having the final highest merits.

Lieutenant Commander Harry F. Dobbs, E-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the First Battalion, Atlanta, Ga., Sixth Naval District, the battalion having the second highest final merit.

Lieutenant Alphonsus L. Madden, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the First Fleet Division, First Battalion, Boston, Mass., First Naval District, the fleet division having the second highest final merit.

Lieutenant Commander Francis K. Gundlach, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the Thirty-first Fleet Division, New Rochelle, New York, Third Naval District, the fleet division having the third highest final merit.

Lieutenant William B. Tucker, DE-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the First Fleet Division, First Battalion, Atlanta, Georgia, the fleet division having the fourth highest final merit.

Lieutenant James O. Fraher, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the Fourteenth Fleet Division, Second Battalion, Lynn, Mass., First Naval District, the fleet division having the fifth highest final merit.

COMMENDATIONS (contd.).

By the Commandant, First Naval District.

Lieutenant Roy W. Lajeunesse, U. S. Navy, Instructor, Seventh Fleet Division, New Bedford, Massachusetts; Eighth Fleet Division, Providence, Rhode Island; and Tenth Fleet Division, Fall River, Mass.

Battalion Trophy.

The Battalion Trophy is a bronze plaque presented by the U. S. Naval Reserve Officers' Association and awarded annually by the Navy Department to the battalion of the Naval Reserve having the highest efficiency mark assigned by the Naval Reserve Inspection Board.

For the fiscal year 1938, this trophy has been awarded to the First Battalion, U. S. Naval Reserve, Boston, Massachusetts, First Naval District, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Ernest J. Flannigan, D-O, U. S. Naval Reserve, during that year.

Fleet Division Trophy.

The Fleet Division Trophy is a bronze plaque presented by the U. S. Naval Reserve Officers' Association and awarded annually by the Navy Department to the Fleet division having the highest efficiency mark assigned by the Naval Reserve Inspection Board.

For the fiscal year 1938, this trophy has been awarded to the Third Fleet Division, First Battalion, Boston, Massachusetts, First Naval District, commanded by Lieutenant Charles F. Hooper, DE-O, U. S. Naval Reserve, during that year.

CHANGE IN REQUIREMENTS OF EXAMINATIONS OF WARRANT OFFICERS
FOR PROMOTION TO CHIEF BOATSWAIN, CHIEF GUNNER, CHIEF ELECTRICIAN,
CHIEF RADIO ELECTRICIAN, AND CHIEF MACHINIST.

Pending a revision of the Bureau of Navigation Manual in regard to the examination requirements of the subject officers, the following information is published:

The subjects of Current History, Geography, and Arithmetic will be eliminated from the scope of future examinations for promotion of Warrant Officers to the subject Chief Warrant grades. The scope of future examinations for permanent grade of Chief Gunner will include the subject of Navigation and Piloting as outlined in the examination for permanent grade of Chief Boatswain.

NAVAL R.O.T.C. CRUISES.

Interesting cruises were again made on both coasts by the students of the Naval R.O.T.C.

Sophomores from the Universities of California and Washington cruised in the OKLAHOMA, danced at the Hilo Yacht Club, visited the volcano, tea-danced on the Young Roof, and surf-boarded at Waikiki. But all was not shore leave, for they fired the broadside battery, received turret instruction, and witnessed anti-aircraft bursts, and illumination projectiles in action. They fired machine guns at air targets, and observed catapulting and recovery of planes.

Bending the long oar has always been a keen contest between these two famous rowing colleges. Witnessed by a quarterdeck reception, California won the cutter race from Washington and with it the Colorado Cup. Morale ran high in the Oklahoma.

The students had a chance to do some fleet visiting in San Francisco, and to participate in the Presidential Review. They experienced a real Navy Fourth of July dinner on board and finally went home full of steaks, turkey, cutlets and chops. To quote from the log - "The average gain in weight per student was FIVE pounds."

The juniors cruising in destroyers viewed the totem poles and scenic wonders of Alaska, including the fall of an avalanche of icebergs cracked off the Taku Glacier in response to destroyer whistle vibrations. They met "30-30 Jack" at Humpback Bay, the best guide in that territory and a remnant of the Gold Rush of '98. The Washington crew took vengeance by defeating the California oarsmen.

On the east coast were the lads from the Georgia School of Technology, and Northwestern, Yale, and Harvard Universities. They cruised in the ARKANSAS and destroyers, visiting New York, New England ports, and Havana. They were entertained at the American Embassy in Cuba and at the Biltmore Country Club there. At Annapolis they were guests of the Naval Academy, and lunched in the Midshipmen's Mess. The use of a battleship on the east coast cruise was a welcome innovation. Practical instruction was received in towing and fueling at sea, and in the tactics of night destroyer attack.

NAVAL R.O.T.C. CRUISES (contd.).

All ships fired target practices, at which, in the battleships, California, Washington, and Georgia Tech obtained very high scores. All hands had an enjoyable cruise and the fine quality of reserve officer produced is conclusive evidence of the value of this summer training.

NAVY RECRUITING BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY.

The Navy Recruiting Bureau has been moved to Rooms 1506-1508, Federal Office Building, 90 Church Street, New York, N. Y.

ADMIRAL URIU, I.J.N.

There is being sent to all ships and stations with libraries a copy of the biography of the late Admiral Baron Uriu, I.J.N., which has been presented to the Navy by his son, Mr. Tsuyoshi Uriu, and grandnephew, Mr. Takashi Masuda. The following is quoted from a letter received by the Naval Attache:

"We the undersigned wish to donate the accompanying biography 'Recollections of Admiral Baron Sotokichi Uriu' by Katsunobu Masuda, a grandnephew of the late Admiral, and which has been compiled with your kind assistance, to the following gentlemen and libraries.

"We shall be greatly pleased if the biography of our beloved serves even a trifle as a reminiscent of the friendly associations of the two nations in the past and to the promotion of the traditional bonds of amity in the future, for it was to that end the late Admiral devoted his entire life besides serving our country in the Navy.

"We will appreciate it very much if you would kindly forward the books to America through your Embassy.

"Thanking you in anticipation of your everlasting kindness and generosity."

THE BULLETIN 1938 ALMANAC AND YEARBOOK.

The Evening Bulletin of Philadelphia has presented the service with copies of "The Bulletin 1938 Almanac and Yearbook." These are being forwarded to all ships.

SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL, EMMITSBURG, MD.

The following addition should be made to the Bureau of Navigation Pamphlet "Schools and Colleges Granting Concessions to Sons and Daughters of Officer and Enlisted Personnel, U.S.Navy, 1928":

"Saint Joseph's College High School, Emmitsburg, Md., is located in a valley of the Blue Ridge Mountains about 42 miles from Baltimore. This is a boarding school for girls for pursuit of junior high school and high school studies. The regular board and tuition is \$475. but a discount is granted to dependents of naval officers."