

EFFECT OF DISHONORABLE, BAD CONDUCT, AND UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGES.

Attention is called to the disadvantage of receiving Dishonorable, Bad Conduct, and Undesirable Discharges from the Navy.

A Dishonorable, Bad Conduct, or Undesirable Discharge bars a man from a pension, from any benefit of the Veterans' Bureau, and from any civil service position under the Federal Government. It may also bar a man from employment in most of the state or city governments, and from some civilian firms. It also deprives him of the right to vote or hold office in many states.

On the other hand, an Honorable Discharge is a testimonial of fidelity and obedience. It is a certificate of service and character, and is always of value to the holder in future years.

Many men fail to appreciate the value of an Honorable Discharge until it is too late. This is borne out by numerous appeals to Congress made yearly by former enlisted men discharged from the Navy without honor. The records cannot be changed except for an error of fact. Of the 140 private bills of this nature acted upon by the Department during the current session of Congress, not one was favorably recommended.

SHORE DUTY - CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS.

In order that consideration may be given certain chief petty officers who desire shore duty east of the Mississippi River and who will become eligible for shore duty prior to 1 September 1932, the Bureau desires that the following ratings submit their requests at this time:

Chief Boatswain's Mates
Chief Gunner's Mates
Chief Torpedomen
Chief Turret Captains
Chief Quartermasters

Chief Signalmen
Chief Fire Controlmen
Chief Yeomen
Bandmasters

Requirements of Art. D-7024(5), Bureau of Navigation Manual, may be waived in the case of men in the above status. Names will be added to the shore duty eligibility list upon receipt of requests, and will be given consideration during the annual transfers in exchange of chief petty officers between sea and shore duty in July-August 1932.

TRAINING COURSES - USE OF PROGRESS TEST AND EXAMINATION PAMPHLETS.

The success or failure of the Bureau's Training Courses to promote skill and efficiency depends in large measure on the correct use of the Progress Tests and Examinations provided.

To make full use of the Progress Test and Examination Pamphlets that accompany all the new type training courses, the following procedure should be employed:

- (a) The progress test provided in the P&E pamphlet should be given the candidate by the division officer following the completion of each assignment of the training course, and before he proceeds with the next assignment. This is to ascertain whether the man is making satisfactory progress in the course.
- (b) When a man has successfully completed the last assignment of the course he should then be given one of the examinations provided in the P&E pamphlet. In case the mark on this examination is not satisfactory, he should be required to review the course and then be given the other examination provided.
- (c) Incorrect answers should be marked on the marginal stub of the question pamphlet by a cross (X).
- (d) When a P&E pamphlet has been used (successfully or unsuccessfully) it should be returned to the Bureau, minus the pages cut out, for use in studying the validity of the questions comprising its Tests and Examinations.

RADIO MATERIAL SCHOOL - PREPARATION FOR.

The Radio Material School has a new pamphlet designed to assist in the preparation of prospective candidates for that school. It is in the form of questions covering the ground work of the course.

Copies may be obtained by request to Officer in Charge, Radio Material School, Naval Research Laboratory, Bellevue, D. C.

U.S.S. PORTLAND.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Miss Mary Elizabeth Brooks, daughter of Mr. Ralph D. Brooks, Chairman of the City Council, City of Portland, Maine, as sponsor for the U.S.S. PORTLAND (Light Cruiser No. 33) which is to be launched at the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Fore River, Quincy, Massachusetts, Saturday, March 19, 1932. Miss Brooks is twelve years old.

The U.S.S. PORTLAND is the second 10,000 ton cruiser to be launched of a program of fifteen which were authorized to be constructed by Act of Congress, February 13, 1929.

U.S.S. DOLPHIN.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. E. D. Toland of St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, as sponsor for the Submarine DOLPHIN which is to be launched at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 8, 1932. Mrs. Toland was nominated for this honor by the Honorable George H. Moses, Chairman of the Committee on Rules.

The Submarine DOLPHIN is the seventh of the Fleet Submarines to be launched of a program of nine which were authorized to be constructed by Act of Congress dated August 29, 1916.

ADDRESS - U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION, SUNNYVALE, CALIF.

The correct address for the above station for mail, telegraph, express, and freight is:

U. S. Naval Air Station,
Sunnyvale,
Mountain View, California.

COMMENDATION.

Luther B. Yoke, C.B.M., U.S.N., U.S.S. OAHU, was awarded a letter of commendation by the Department for his presence of mind and fortitude while an armed guard on Yangtze Rapids Motor Vessel I'Tu, for assisting passengers safely ashore when that vessel was totally burned.

NEW PENSACOLA CLASSES.

The following officers have been ordered to the April and May aviation training classes at Pensacola, Fla.:

APRIL:	ANTRIM, Richard N.	'31	USS New York
	BEEBE, Robert P.	'31	USS Lexington
	BRUSH, Frederick J.	'31	USS Colorado
	COOPER, Robert W.	'31	USS Oklahoma
	CORLISS, Warren G.	'31	USS Saratoga
	ELLIS, Lee A.	'31	USS Maryland
	FELTON, Cleon H.	'31	USS Lexington
	GADROW, Robert E.	'31	USS Oklahoma
	JENSEN, Marvin J.	'31	USS West Virginia
	JONES, Robert F.	'31	USS California
	MURPHY, James A.	'31	USS Tennessee
	PEARCE, Hepburn A.	'31	USS Colorado
	PETERS, James M.	'31	USS California
	PORTER, Samuel H.	'31	USS Arizona
	VanMATER, Schermerhorn	'31	USS Tennessee
	WHELAND, Karl R.	'31	USS Colorado

MAY:	ANDERSON, Jay S.	'31	USS Pennsylvania
	BLACK, Joseph D.	'31	USS Maryland
	CASHMAN, John D.	'31	USS Oklahoma
	DUNN, William A.	'31	USS Pennsylvania
	HAMMOND, Douglas T.	'31	USS Saratoga
	HOLLISTER, William W.	'31	USS Nevada
	JERT, Charles M.	'31	USS California
	LEWELLEN, Bafford E.	'31	USS West Virginia
	MC ALLISTER, Frank C., Jr.	'31	USS Lexington
	MOTT, Carleton E.	'31	USS New York
	MYERS, Horace	'31	USS Tennessee
	SOUCEK, Victor H.	'31	USS Saratoga
	STAFFORD, Arthur E.	'31	USS New York
	TUCKER, Alfred B., 3d	'31	USS Nevada
	WIER, Henry R.	'31	USS Nevada
	CUMBERLEDGE, Arthur A.	'31	USS Saratoga

TRAINING COURSES COMPLETED.

During the quarter ending 31 December 1931, the following number of training courses were completed:

Seaman Branch.....	891
Artificer Branch (E.R.).....	652
Artificer Branch (Deck).....	400
Special Branch.....	307
Commissary Branch.....	61
Messman Branch.....	10
Aviation Branch.....	53
Special courses.....	<u>76</u>
Total	2450

NAVAL ALMANAC FOR MARCH.

- "MARCH 1.
- "1862 USS LEXINGTON AND TYLER attacked Pittsburgh, Tenn.
- "MARCH 2.
- "1815 Peace concluded with England.
- "MARCH 3.
- "1815 War was declared against Algiers this date. Commodore Stephen Decatur sent in command of 10 war craft to attack Algerian stronghold.
- "1883 Act of Congress provided building of 4 steel vessels for United States Navy. (First of new Navy)

"MARCH 4.

"1918 USS CYCLOPS left Barbadoes, W. I., this date, and mysteriously disappeared, carrying a crew of 213 and 67 passengers.

"MARCH 5.

"1865 Boat expedition to Passapatany Creek, Va.

"MARCH 6.

"1918 Captain and 6 survivors of crew of 18 from torpedoed Norwegian ship HAINA were rescued by American destroyer after 50 hours of exposure in open boat.

"MARCH 7.

"1778 Action between the 32 gun Frigate RANDOLPH, Captain Biddell, and British 64 gun ship YARMOUTH. At end of 15 minutes, magazine exploded on RANDOLPH, and only 4 of crew were saved. The RANDOLPH is believed to be the first vessel in our Navy that carried a lightning conductor.

"MARCH 8.

"1862 Destruction of CUMBERLAND and CONGRESS by Confederate Ram MERRIMAC, Hampton Roads, Va.

"MARCH 9.

"1862 Battle between the MONITOR and the MERRIMAC.

"MARCH 10.

"1847 Bombardment of Vera Cruz, Mexico, by U. S. Squadron.

"MARCH 11.

"1794 Congress passed an Act authorizing the building of 6 warships.

"MARCH 12.

"1808 Protocol arranged suspending hostilities between the United States and Spain.

"MARCH 13.

"1862 Naval attack on Confederate batteries near New Bern, N. C.

"MARCH 14.

"1864 Two hundred thousand men drafted for Union Navy.

"MARCH 15.

"1869 U. S. Ships TRENTON, NIPSIC and VANDALIA wrecked at Apia, Samoa, in a terrific storm. USS VANDALIA went down with colors flying and her band playing the Star Spangled Banner.

"MARCH 16.

"1912 Wreck of USS MAINE towed to sea and sunk.

"MARCH 17.

"1898 First submarine war vessel of American Navy and the first of modern submarines made its first dive in Staten Island Sound, N. Y., remaining under the water one hour, forty minutes. John J. Holland, inventor.

"MARCH 18.

"1813 The first Pension Act passed by Congress this date, providing twenty dollars a month to men who served at least nine months in Army or Navy on proof of need.

"MARCH 19.

"1898 USS OREGON began famous trip around the Horn to join U. S. Fleet in Cuban waters.

"MARCH 20.

"1920 USS MARYLAND launched on this date. Displacement 32,600 tons, 8 sixteen inch guns.

"MARCH 21.

"1847 American Naval Forces shelled Vera Cruz, Mexico.

"MARCH 22.

"1921 USS COLORADO 32,600 tons, eight 16 inch guns, launched at Camden, N. J.

"MARCH 23.

"1921 U. S. Naval Tug CONESTOGA vanished in Pacific, 43 lost.

"MARCH 24.

"1852 Perry sailed from Norfolk for Japan.
"1915 F-4 sinks off Honolulu, H. I. - 26 lost.

"MARCH 25.

"1814 USS ADAMS captured H.M.S. WOODBRIDGE, but obliged to abandon her upon arrival of superior enemy force.

"MARCH 26.

"1917 President Wilson ordered increase in enlisted strength of Marine Corps to 17,400 men, the limit allowed by law.

"MARCH 27.

"1794 Construction of six frigates authorized by Congress, 4 forty-four guns, 2 thirty-six guns.

"MARCH 28.

"1814 USS ESSEX captured by British ships PHOEBE and CHERUB after two and a half hours of desperate resistance.

"MARCH 29.

"1847 Combined attack and capture of Vera Cruz by Army and Navy.
"1890 First Naval Militia organization in the United States established in Massachusetts as a part of the organized militia.

"MARCH 30.

"1847 USS SCOURGE captured Alvarado, Mexico.

"MARCH 31.

"1854 First commercial treaty between United States and Japan signed as result of the negotiations of Commodore Perry."