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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

A Distinguished Service Medal has been awarded to William T. Vail, Eng., 2c, U.S.N., for services during the World War, as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For heroic conduct and devotion to duty while serving on the U.S.S. GEORGE G. HENRY, gasoline tanker. On September 29th, 1918, that vessel, at sea, was shelled by an enemy submarine. One shell entered the engine room, exploded and carried away a steam exhaust line, broke the gauge glasses on lubrication oil tanks and precipitated burning oil around the engine room. Vail, climbing an almost red hot ladder, closed the gauge valves, and was thereby seriously burned and scalded."

Note: Medal and citation were forwarded to Vail during 1920 at 813 Spring Road, Ranger, Texas, but were returned by postal authorities unclaimed. His present address, 233 Geneva Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, has recently become available and original citation was forwarded to him February 17, 1940, and medal was forwarded May 13, 1940.

NAVY CROSS.

A Navy Cross has been awarded to Lester K. Layton, H.A., 1c, U.S.N., for services during the World War, as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism while serving with the U. S. Marines in action near Vierzy on July 19th, 1918. Did cool and effective work in caring for wounded under heavy fire in the open and without adequate shelter."

Note: The Citation and Medal in this case were originally forwarded to Layton at Hankinson, North Dakota, but were returned by postal authorities unclaimed. His mailing address has recently become available to the Bureau.

A Navy Cross has been awarded to Charles Edward Jones, W.T., U.S.N., for services during the World War, as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism as a member of the crew of boats sent from the U.S.S. WHIPPLE to the rescue of men from the 'FLORENCE H.', which vessel loaded with explosives, was burned in the harbor of Quiberon on the night of the 17th of April, 1918. Almost immediately after the outbreak of the fire, the water in the vicinity of the FLORENCE H. was covered with burning powder boxes, many of which exploded, scattering flames throughout the wreckage. The crews of the WHIPPLE's boats drove their boats into the burning mass without thought of danger to themselves, and, assisted by boats from the other ships present in the harbor, succeeded in saving the lives of many men, who, but for the help so promptly and heroically extended, must have perished in the wreckage."

NAVY CROSS (contd.)

Note: The Citation and Medal in this case were originally forwarded to Jones at R.F.D. 147, Layton, California, but were returned by postal authorities unclaimed. His mailing address has recently become available to the Bureau.

COMMENDATION.

Milton Mander Evans, A.M.M.lc, U.S.N., has been commended by the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation for his diligence and ingenuity in connection with the development of a bearing puller for use on Curtiss Electric Controllable propeller.

SPONSORS.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. George L. Harrison of 1 East End Avenue, New York, N. Y., as sponsor for the U.S.S. GRAYSON (DD435), named in honor of her former husband, the late Rear Admiral Cary Travers Grayson, Medical Corps, U.S.Navy.

Mrs. Harrison is the former Alice Gertrude Gordon, daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs. James J. Gordon and widow of the late Admiral Grayson, who was President Wilson's personal physician.

The U.S.S. GRAYSON (DD435) is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C., August 7, 1940.

This vessel, the first of that name on the Navy List, was authorized by Act of Congress dated March 27, 1934.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. Lewis Compton, wife of Honorable Lewis Compton, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, as sponsor for the U.S.S. ALBEMARLE (AV5), named for Albemarle Sound, North Carolina.

The U.S.S. ALBEMARLE (AV5) is scheduled to be launched at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N. J., August 3, 1940.

This Seaplane Tender (large) was authorized by Act of Congress dated May 17, 1938.

PROMOTION OF NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS ON ACTIVE DUTY.

The Comptroller General in Decision B-8923, dated April 16, 1940, held that commissioned officers of the Naval Reserve who may be advanced to a higher grade or rank under the provisions of Section 312 of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938, while on active duty in time of war or national emergency are entitled to the pay of the higher grade or rank from the date of issuance by the Secretary of the Navy of their commissions.

This is a reversal of the Comptroller General Decision B-8076, of February 5, 1940, as reported in Bureau of Navigation Naval Reserve Bulletin No. 95, dated March 15, 1940, pages 8-9.

PROMOTION OF NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS ON ACTIVE DUTY (Contd.)

This decision does not change the Decision of the Comptroller General of October 16, 1939, reported in Bureau of Navigation Naval Reserve Bulletin No. 93, of November 15, 1939, which allows ensigns of class A-V(N) the pay of the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade) when promoted, from the dates stated in their commissions.

DECISION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL REGARDING MILEAGE
OF NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS.

The Comptroller General in Decision of May 9, 1940, B-9915, advised the Secretary of the Navy as follows:

"Where orders to active duty are directed to a Naval Reserve officer at the place of his official residence, his allowance of mileage is fixed thereby, and may not exceed the distance from such place to his active duty station. 24 Comp. Dec. 371. The statute in providing for travel "to and from" his duty station contemplates returning the officer to the point from which he was entitled to mileage when ordered to active duty. It has been the policy of the law for many years to provide for the return of persons temporarily in the armed services of the United States to the place from which they entered the service. More is not contemplated in providing mileage to and from active duty for officers of the Naval Reserve. The obligation of the United States under the statute is to return him to the place from where he was taken. There is no obligation to pay travel allowances for any greater distance."

In view of the above decision of the Comptroller General, a Naval Reserve officer who changes his official residence while on active duty or training duty, will not, upon release from active duty or training duty with pay, be entitled to mileage greater than that from his last duty station to his official residence of record in the Bureau of Navigation at the time of entering on such duty.

ENSIGNS A-V(N).

The following is a list of Ensigns, Class A-V(N), U. S. Naval Reserve, who were designated as Naval Aviators and commissioned as Ensigns, Class A-V(N), U.S. Naval Reserve, to rank from dates as indicated:

<u>Ensign, A-V(N), U.S.N.R.</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
	<u>Ranking from March 25, 1940:</u>	
GREEN, Frank O.	3528 Marshall Ave., Overlund, Mo.	Fighting Squad 5 USS YORKTOWN
McPHERSON, Irvin H.	465 Bryant Ave. Glen Ellyn, Ill.	Torpedo Squad 6 USS ENTERPRISE

ENSIGNS A-V(N) (contd.)

<u>Ensign, A-V(N), U.S.N.R.</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
TIMBERLAKE, Claude V., Jr.	Youngsville, N.C.	Fighting Squad 4 USS RANGER

Ranking from April 1, 1940:

LACKEY, John H., Jr.	1164 Mt. Vernon Ave. Akron, Ohio	Fighting Squad 3 USS SARATOGA
RECTOR, Edward F.	R.F.D. #3, Marshall, N. C.	Bombing Squad 4 USS RANGER
WALTERS, Clifford R.	212 1/2 S.4th St. Rockford, Ill.	Bombing Squad 6 USS ENTERPRISE

Ranking from March 25, 1940:

ALTER, Paul Harry	485 Virginia Court Winter Park, Fla.	Patrol Squadron 51
SKELLY, Hubert T.	North Miami Beach, Fla.	Patrol Squadron 32
TEPUNI, William	969 Bay Street San Francisco, Calif.	Patrol Squadron 44
TODD, Forrest Arlo	Max, Nebr.	Utility Squadron 2 USS RIGEL

Ranking from April 1, 1940:

McQUIRE, Leo William	2026 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	Patrol Squadron 43
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Ranking from April 15, 1940:

ARBUCKLE, John M.	1202 Kanawha St., Charleston, W. Va.	Patrol Squadron 32
BINNING, Edward G.	11405 Lakeshore Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio	Patrol Squadron 31
CROCKETT, Lewis D.	1902 Elliott Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	Patrol Squadron 32
LORD, Wilson F.	632 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif.	Utility Squadron 1 USS RIGEL
ROBERTS, John W.	900 Hauser Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.	Patrol Squadron 14

ENSIGNS A-V(N) (contd.)

<u>Ensign A-V(N), U.S.N.R.</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
<u>Ranking from March 25, 1940:</u>		
GRUBER, Richard D.	1144 Commonwealth Ave. Brighton, Mass.	Patrol Squadron 54
HALMAN, Robert M.	511 Broad Street La Grange, Georgia	Patrol Squadron 51
HOWE, William H.	3300 Fairmount Drive Nashville, Tenn.	Patrol Squadron 23
<u>Ranking from April 15, 1940:</u>		
NEWELL, Dale S.	Portis, Kansas	Patrol Squadron 41
<u>Ranking from March 25, 1940:</u>		
ELLINGSON, Albert M.	First Street Milo, Maine	Patrol Squad 54
GOODING, Francis G., Jr.	1126 Forest Lane Anniston, Alabama	Patrol Squad 43
<u>Ranking from April 1, 1940:</u>		
HENRY, Edward G.	962 Union Street, St. Paul, Minn.	Patrol Squad 22
<u>Ranking from April 15, 1940:</u>		
BRADY, Norman K.	P. O. Box 512 Sanborn, Iowa	Patrol Squad 25
LEE, Robert E.	P. O. Box 133 Far Hills, N. J.	Utility Squad 2 USS RIGEL
MORRIS, Jaime S.	R.F.D. Box 213 Valley Mills, Texas	Torpedo Squad 6 USS ENTERPRISE
O'NEILL, Hugh D., Jr.	1611 Francisco St., Berkeley, Calif.	Fighting Squad 5 USS YORKTOWN
RAVEN, Julius A.	555 S. Seventh Avenue Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Patrol Squad 41
RODMAN, David B.	5243 S. LaGrange Rd., La Grange, Illinois	Bombing Squad 5 USS YORKTOWN
SWARTZ, Frank W.	416 N. Blakely St., Dunmore, Pa.	Torpedo Squad 5 USS YORKTOWN
VARY, Ernest W., Jr.	414 Grand Avenue Watertown, N. Y.	Utility Squad 1 USS RIGEL

ENSIGNS A-V(N) (contd.)

<u>Ensign A-V(N), U.S.N.R.</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
<u>Ranking from April 15, 1940 (contd.)</u>		
WHYTE, Donald D.	259 Church Rd., Winnetka, Ill.	Torpedo Squad 5 USS YORKTOWN
<u>Ranking from March 25, 1940:</u>		
ANDREGG, John N.	Fairbanks, Alaska	Patrol Squad 43
BOWMAN, Donald W.	809 Fifth St., Bismarck, N. D.	Observation Squad 1 USS PENNSYLVANIA
DOWNES, William B.	2029 Conn. Ave., N. W. Washington, D. C.	Cruiser Scout. Squad 8 USS PHILADELPHIA
REID, Andrew H.	1205 S. Seventh St., Springfield, Ill.	Patrol Squad 26
WEBER, Frederick T.	1089 Bateman St., Galesburg, Ill.	Bombing Squad 6 USS ENTERPRISE
<u>Ranking from April 1, 1940:</u>		
WOOD, William M.	5326 Virginia Avenue Hollywood, Calif.	Utility Squad 1 USS RIGEL
<u>Ranking from April 15, 1940:</u>		
ANDRETTA, Fred C., Jr.	924 Third Ave., North, Great Falls, Mont.	Patrol Squad 53
BINION, Lamar E.	532 Hardendorf Ave. Atlanta, Ga.	Patrol Squad 53
BORSODI, Frederic A.	1318 North Blvd., Houston, Texas	Observation Squad 1 USS NEVADA
COOPER, Stuart T.	Narragansett, R.I.	Patrol Squad 54
HELME, Robert E.	311 Hayden St., Sayre, Pa.	Utility Squad 2 USS RIGEL
HUDGINS, Houlder	Crickett Hill P.O. Virginia	Patrol Squad 52
HUNTER, Frederick B.	606 Cleveland St. Durham, N.C.	Observation Squad 4 USS COLORADO

Ensigns A-V(N) (contd.)

Ensign A-V(N), U.S.N.R. Home address Assignment

Ranking from April 15, 1940:

KAUFMAN, Willard R.	212 Conn. St. San Francisco, Calif.	Patrol Squad 33
KNOX, Leslie L. B.	35 Hurden St. Hillside, N. J.	Scouting Squad 41 USS RANGER
MARKS, Robert R.	Gladstone, Va.	Bombing Squad 4 USS RANGER
MCCARTHY, John R.	Apt. K-4, Highland Village St. Paul, Minn.	Scouting Squad 6 USS ENTERPRISE
PETACH, John E.	186 State Street Perth Amboy, N. J.	Scouting Squad 42 USS RANGER
PROVOST, Thomas C., III	45 Small Avenue Caldwell, N. J.	Fighting Squad 6 USS ENTERPRISE
ROMBACH, Severin L.	4246 West 36th St. Cleveland, Ohio	Torpedo Squad 6 USS ENTERPRISE
SCHULTHEIS, Anthony J.	306 Second St., N. E. Little Falls, Minn.	Torpedo Squad 5 USS YORKTOWN
SHOLES, Woodrow E.	27 Sholes Avenue Norwichtown, Conn.	Patrol Squad 43

Ranking from June 7, 1940:

RINEK, John A.	405 N. Wade Avenue Washington, Pa.	Scouting Squad 5 USS YORKTOWN
STEPANEK, Edward G.	441 26th St., S. E. Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Fighting Squad 5 USS YORKTOWN

ENLISTED MEN WHO PASSED THE NAVAL ACADEMY
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, APRIL, 1940.

The following enlisted men have passed the Naval Academy Entrance Examinations, and on passing the physical examinations will be eligible for appointment as midshipmen by the Secretary of the Navy:

Men from the Naval Academy Preparatory School,
U. S. Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ship of Origin</u>
ADAMS, Carl J.	USS NEW YORK
BALESTRIERI, Salvatore	USS PHOENIX

Men from the Naval Academy Preparatory School,
U. S. Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va. (contd.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ship of Origin</u>
BASS, John Roy	USS NEW YORK
BAUMBERGER, Harold E.	USS ARKANSAS
BEARD, Paul M.	USS NEW YORK
BERGEN, James H.	USS BROOKLYN
BICHE, Robert Charles	USS MARYLAND
BLACKBURN, Elmer E.	USS WEST VIRGINIA
BOURQUE, Donald H.	USS POTOMAC
BRUCE, Dean W.	USS DOBBIN
BURK, Raymond W.	USS ARIZONA
BURKHART, Harry W., Jr.	USS ROPER
CALDWELL, Warren L.	USS NEW YORK
CAMP, James C., Jr. (Pvt.)	USS WICHITA
CAMPBELL, Norman F.	USS WEST VIRGINIA
CASEY, George D.	USS MARYLAND
COOK, Robert H.	USS NEVADA
CORCORAN, Lawrence A.	USS SAVANNAH
CRUSE, Donald A.	USS HULL
DASHKO, Nicholas	USS MANLEY
DAVIS, Shirley A.	USS MARYLAND
DEDERICK, James H., Jr.	USS TEXAS
DENNIS, Lowell F.	USS PHILADELPHIA
DUGGAN, George L.	USS MARYLAND
DWYER, Jolly V., Jr.	USS NEW ORLEANS
FANNING, Ernest G., Jr.	USS CUSHING
FAUBION, Richard D.	USS OKLAHOMA
FITZPATRICK, John W.	USS GANNET
GIRARDET, David L.	USS LANG
GREELEY, Robert B.	USS OKLAHOMA
HARTLEY, John D.	USS MARYLAND
HEINTZ, John W.	USS INDIANAPOLIS
JENNINGS, Carl R.	USS ENTERPRISE
JONES, Robert L.	USS NEW MEXICO
KLEIN, Theodore G.	USS PHELPS
KNOTTS, Sanford L.	USS NEW YORK
LOSURE, John E.	USS WEST VIRGINIA
MacLEOD, Alan R., Jr.	USS MISSISSIPPI
McDERMOTT, Francis M.	USS S-23
MOHR, Glenn I.	USS HOUSTON
MOREHOUSE, Russell A.	USS MISSISSIPPI
MURRAY, Delbert N. (Pvt.)	USS NEW YORK
O'REILLY, Thomas B.	USS PHOENIX
OZIMEK, Emil A.	USS MELVILLE
SHERWOOD, Wilbur G., Jr.	USS WEST VIRGINIA
SIMPSON, Cecil H.	USS ST. LOUIS
SMITH, Norman S.	USS LANGLEY
STANDARD, Roy E.	USS WEST VIRGINIA
STEINER, Philip	USS WYOMING
STEG, Louis H.	USS WEST VIRGINIA

Men from the Naval Academy Preparatory School,
U. S. Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va. (contd.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ship of Origin</u>
SUHRE, Francis J.	USS NEW YORK
TALBOTT, Joseph W.	USS NEW MEXICO
THOMPSON, E.N.C.	USS MARYLAND
WAGNER, Merrill E.	USS PENNSYLVANIA
WINDSOR, James M.	USS IDAHO

Men who Passed the Examinations at Sea.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ship</u>
BRISTOW, R. I.	USS NASHVILLE
CAHN, H. M.	USS SIRIUS
EIMSTAD, H. A.	USS CALIFORNIA
JUBB, G. F.	USS WEST VIRGINIA
LEFF, J.	USS WEST VIRGINIA
PETERSON, J. E.	USS SIMS
RANDOLPH, R. R.	USS OMAHA
STOCK, E. J.	USS LOUISVILLE
TROTTIER, A. R.	USS HELENA
TRUXLER, W. A.	USS WEST VIRGINIA

It is interesting to note that a third of the successful candidates came from three vessels, the WEST VIRGINIA with 9, the NEW YORK with 7, and the MARYLAND with 6.

REQUESTS FOR SHORE DUTY.

Requests are being accepted from radiomen (all classes), qualified in aircraft, and from all ratings in the Aviation Branch, eligible for shore duty in accordance with Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 8-1939 (corrected), for the Naval Air Stations, Alameda, California, and Jacksonville, Florida, and for aviation shore bases to be established at Key West and Banana River, Florida; Cape May, New Jersey; Quonset, Rhode Island; Floyd Bennett, New York, and Squantum, Mass.

REDUCTION IN RATING - PRACTICE.

The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation deems it desirable to again bring to the attention of the service at large the Department's attitude toward reduction in rating as shown in Naval Digest 1916, page 516, paragraph 18.

NEW CONSTRUCTION.

The Bureau now requires personnel for newly commissioned ships to have one year's obligated service after date of commissioning and for recommissioned ships six months' obligated service.

ALLOTMENTS FOR DEPENDENTS.

The following communication received by the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation is quoted herewith for the information of the service:

"June 1, 1940.

"FROM: The Secretary-Treasurer,
 Navy Relief Society.
TO: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

SUBJECT: Allotments for dependents.

1. This Society is faced with a really serious situation due to unexpected orders for vessels to leave the continental limits of this country. Such orders have frequently caused the vessels to leave on short notice, prior to pay day with the result that many families who have been counting upon the two weeks' pay, which is due the men, are left stranded without any means of support.

2. These families, more and more, are turning to this Society for aid in the trying situation and so far all such calls have been met. With the unsettled conditions which exist at present, however, and the likelihood that even greater demands will be made upon the Society's funds in the future, it is earnestly requested that this condition of affairs be promptly brought to the attention of all Commanding Officers and that they be directed to urge all officers and men who are contributing to the support of mother, wife or child to make proper provisions for their dependents at once, through the means provided by the Department, viz., by monthly allotments. This will save this Society from the increased drain upon its resources, which should be husbanded for the dependents of those who die in Service and will also spare such dependents much unnecessary anxiety if not actual suffering from want.

3. It is realized that funds can be provided by larger contributions to the Society's funds or from the sale of its securities, but the latter course is far from advisable at the present condition of the money market.

4. It is hoped that the contributions from the Fleet will come in promptly and that they will be much larger than usual.

/s/ SPENCER S. WOOD."

In this connection attention is invited to BuNav. Circular Letter 38-40 of June 5, 1940.

TRAINING COURSES.

Training courses are available for men preparing for the following ratings:

Seaman Branch

Apprentice Seaman
Gunner's Mate 2c
Gunner's Mate 3c
Quartermaster 3c
Quartermaster 2c
Quartermaster 1c and Chief Quartermaster
Torpedoman 3c
Torpedoman 2c
Torpedoman 1c and Chief Torpedoman
Fire Controlman 1c and Chief Fire Controlman

Artificer Branch

Fireman 2c and Fireman 1c
Machinist's Mate 2c
Machinist's Mate 1c and Chief Machinist's Mate
Electrician's Mate 3c

Painter 3c
Painter 2c
Painter 1c
Radioman 3c

Aviation Branch

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3c
Aviation Machinist's Mate 2c

Special Branch

Ship's Cook 3c
Ship's Cook 2c and 1c
Baker Ratings
Officer's Cooks and Officer's Stewards
Messman
Commissary and Chief Commissary Stewards
Storekeeper 2c
Storekeeper 1c and Chief Storekeeper

Yeoman 2c
Yeoman 1c and Chief
Yeoman
Hospital Apprentice 1c
and Pharmacist's
Mate 3c
Pharmacist's Mate 2c

General Courses

A-N
Blowers
Boilers, coal fired
Boilers, oil fired
Diesel engines
General Training Course for Petty Officers 3c and 2c
General Training Course for Petty Officers 1c and Chief Petty Officer
Gregg Progressive Exercises
Gyroscopic Compasses
Pumps
Storage Batteries

TRAINING COURSES (contd.)

Other Publications Available.

Yearbook of Enlisted Training, 1939
News Handling
Thrift
Concessions of Colleges
Motion Picture Handling
Naval Aviation Syllabus
N-1 Training Seaplanes
N-2 Training Landplanes

Methods of Instruction
Collision Cases 1-10
Collision Cases 31-40
Collision Cases 41-50
Grounding Cases 11-20
Administration Cases 21-30

SCHOLARSHIP.

Ogontz School, Montgomery County, Pa. Due to one of the present incumbents withdrawing, one of the partial scholarships granted by Ogontz School will be available this year. This scholarship is valued at \$900. a year and represents one-half the fixed school charges. Scholarship applies to two years in the junior college. Only daughters of graduates of the Naval Academy on active duty are eligible. Applications should be made to the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, or to the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District, prior to July 15, 1940. Application should be accompanied by photograph of candidate, recent school record, and two letters from pastor or friends of the family. Applicant should be prepared for interview with boards appointed by the Superintendent of the Naval Academy or the Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District. For further information see BuNav. Bulletin No. 244.

SHIP'S SERVICE INSURANCE.

The Judge Advocate General has received and placed on file an insurance policy of the Citizen's Insurance Company of New Jersey. This policy is considered to afford protection for ship's service activities commensurate with that afforded by policies listed in BuNav. letter JF/L13-2(624), of March 5, 1940. Communications in regard to this policy should be addressed to the Citizen's Insurance Company of New Jersey, at Hartford, Conn., or its agents.

SHIP'S SERVICE INSURANCE POLICIES.

The Judge Advocate General has received and placed on file the below key or master insurance policies. These policies are considered to offer protection for ship's service activities commensurate with that offered by policies listed in BuNav. ltr. JF/L13-2(624), of March 5, 1940.

New York Underwriters Insurance Co., New York City
Agents: A. and J. H. Stoddart,
90 John Street, New York.

Aetna Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.
Agent: J. B. Kinghorn Insurance Agency,
Beaufort, S. C.

PURCHASE OF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT.

One copy of the Procurement Division (Treasury Department) General Schedule of Supplies "Athletic Equipment (Class 37) for the period April 1 to September 30, 1940" is being forwarded to larger ships and stations for information. It will be noted that purchases of good quality athletic equipment may be made on this schedule without advertising and with considerable saving. The prices given in this schedule are for purchase with Government funds; privilege of purchasing with semi-official funds is not automatically extended but may be extended at the discretion of the contractors.

CARE OF NAVIGATIONAL MATERIAL.

From time to time equipment is returned to the Naval Observatory from the Fleet and from naval stations, which has been surveyed as unfit for use. Recently 12 sextants were surveyed as useless because the marks on the arcs had been partially or wholly obliterated by the use of some improper kind of cleaning paste to polish the sextants. In such a case it is probable that these instruments can be re-etched at a reasonable price, and rendered again fit for use.

This information is of particular importance at this time and is given publicity so that sextants unfit for use may be returned to the Naval Observatory where an effort will be made to have them restored to fit condition.