

OFFICER PERSONNEL

COMMENDATIONS.

The President of the United States presented Navy Crosses, with citations, as follows:

Lieutenant Commander Giles C. Stedman, U.S.N.R., for services as set forth in the following citation:

"For distinguished service in the line of his profession as Commanding Officer of the S. S. American Merchant, when that vessel was engaged in the rescue of twenty-two members of the crew of the British freighter "Exeter City" which was sinking in the mid-Atlantic, on 20 January, 1933. His excellent seamanship, keen judgment, and professional ability displayed in saving twenty-two lives during a howling wind and a dangerous sea without detriment to his own command is of the highest order and in accordance with the best traditions of the Naval Service".

Ernest Will Cagle, Chief Turret Captain, U.S.N., for services performed on the occasion of a powder bag fire in the after twin mount of the U.S.S. MILWAUKEE, as set forth in the following citation:

"For having distinguished himself by display of extraordinary heroism and excellent judgment in the performance of his duty on the occasion of a powder bag fire in the after twin mount of the U.S.S. MILWAUKEE during the conduct of Day Division Practice by that vessel on 11 May, 1933. His prompt action and efficient coolness on this occasion prevented any damage to personnel or material. His conduct was of the highest order and in keeping with the best traditions of the Naval Service."

Letters of commendation were forwarded by the Secretary of the Navy as follows:

Lieutenant-Commander Thorwald A. Solberg, U.S.N., for extremely valuable work in producing a new formula as well as a new and improved method of water testing. Lieutenant-Commander Solberg was made a member of the Executive Committee, sponsored by six of the engineering societies, due to his study and becoming proficient in chemical analysis of boiler water and scale.

Ensign Gordon F. Maxwell, A-F, U.S.N.R., for the high order of skill and courage displayed in the manner he handled his plane in the collision with that of Lieut. (jg) T. C. Van Stone, and safely landing it at the base without further damage.

Elmer J. L. Boeckstiegel, Flc, V-1, U.S.N.R., for commendable actions in keeping with the best traditions of the naval service when he stood by his engines after a collision until his ship had been beached, even though water was rushing into the engine room.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

NON-RATED MEN FOR SUBMARINE DUTY

More non-rated men, both firemen and seamen are required for submarine duty. Requests from non-rated men should be forwarded to the Bureau provided men are physically and otherwise qualified for submarine duty. Men with at least a year's sea service are preferred. Those selected will be sent to the Submarine School, New London, for instruction.

Attention is invited to the extra pay possible to men serving in submarines and qualified for such duty.

MISCELLANEOUS

TUITION RATES - EMERSON INSTITUTE

In addition to the concessions offered by the Emerson Institute, Washington, D. C., as noted in the Bureau of Navigation pamphlet "Schools and Colleges Granting Concessions to Sons and Daughters of Officer and Enlisted Personnel, U. S. Navy, 1928", the President of that school has authorized the following: To the children of enlisted men in the Navy and Marine Corps, 50% reduction from the regularly advertised tuition rates.

SPONSOR FOR U.S.S. "CUTTLEFISH"

The Secretary of the Navy has today (11 September) designated Mrs. Marjorie W. Bullard of 30 Guthrie Place, New London, Connecticut, as sponsor for the Submarine SS171 "Cuttlefish" which is to be launched at the Electric Boat Company, Groton, Connecticut, 21 November, 1933.

Mrs. Bullard is the wife of the Superintending Constructor, Lieutenant Commander Beirne S. Bullard, U.S.N., of the Electric Boat Company, and the daughter-in-law of the late Rear Admiral W. H. G. Bullard, U.S.N.

Submarine SS171 "Cuttlefish" was authorized by Act of Congress August 29, 1916.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF MOTION PICTURES

The attention of the Bureau has been called to violations of existing contracts with motion picture producers in that the general public has been permitted to view programs from docks when the exhibiting ship was moored to the dock.

In order to avoid future curtailment of the present arrangements with producers, the attention of the service is again called to the provisions

of the contracts contained on page 4 of "Instructions, Navy Motion Picture Film and Projecting Equipment, 1931", as corrected by Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 33-32.

DEBTS

The Bureau has advised many firms and individuals in effect that by mass indoctrination naval personnel are encouraged to pay their financial obligations. It is properly to be assumed that all commands have taken, and will continue to take, such steps as will justify the Bureau's statement in this regard. Financial integrity and responsibility are among the traits of ordinary good citizenship.

The Bureau of Navigation, while adhering firmly to its long-established policy in the matter of debts, is particularly desirous that nothing in this policy shall be construed as releasing any person in the naval service from his personal responsibility for the prompt payment of any just debt. The good repute of the service depends upon the proper attitude of all members of the service, and commanding officers are urged to see their crews well instructed in this regard.

SWASTIKA FLAG ON GERMAN MERCHANT VESSELS

The German Government has issued instructions that after 1 May, 1933, all German merchant vessels will wear, besides the flag black, white, red at the stern, the swastika flag, hoisted at the signal stay or at the starboard signal yard arm.

LIBRARIES

Attention is invited to the fact that funds for ship and station libraries previously provided in the appropriations "Instruments and Supplies" and "Recreation Enlisted Men" are this year provided in the appropriation "Training, Education, and Welfare, Subhead 8, Libraries". In submitting requisitions for books this appropriation should be used.