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COMMENDATIONS

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

Francis Leonel Donahue, Seaman 1c, U.S.N., of VP Squadron Six, for the extremely hazardous and heroic night rescue of William Lander, civilian, from a dangerous sea. The Secretary of the Navy has also recommended Donahue to the Secretary of the Treasury for the award of a silver life-saving medal in recognition of this act.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. Anthony J. Donahue, Oxford, Iowa.

James Herbert Haynes, M.M.2c, U.S.N., Naval Hospital, Phila., Pa., for the rescue of a civilian, Mr. R. M. Vittitoe, from drowning at the Isle of Palms. He also made a courageous effort to rescue Mrs. Vittitoe, who, unfortunately, could not be resuscitated.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Laura Pratt Haynes, 16 Park Place, Cobleskill,N.Y

Robert William Hoag, Ph.M.1c, U.S.N., of the U.S.S. DETROIT, for rescuing John C. Bakota, Coxswain, from drowning in San Diego Harbor, 4 April 1937.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Marie Hoag, 331 Capitol Street, Vallejo, Calif.

Alexander Stassel, Torpedoman 3c, and Herman Joseph Weixler, Radioman 3c, U.S.N., of the U.S.S. BARRY, for an unsuccessful but bold attempt to save the life of Cecil Roy Jordan, Seaman 1c, from drowning in San Diego Harbor, 3 June 1937.

Next of kin: Father, John M. Stassel, 406 Bach Street, La Porte, Ind.
Father, Herman H. Weixler,3914 Michigan Ave.,Louisville,Ky.

SPONSOR FOR U.S.S. LANG.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. William D. Leahy, wife of Admiral William D. Leahy, U.S.Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, as sponsor for the U.S.S. LANG (DD390), named in honor of Seaman John Lang,U.S.Navy, who was a seaman on board the U.S.S. WASP, commanded by Master Commandant Jacob Jones, in the engagement between the WASP and H.B.M.S. FROLIC, October 18, 1812.

This vessel is building at the plant of the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Kearny, N.J., and the tentative launching date has been set for 16 April 1938.

The U.S.S. LANG (DD399), the first vessel so named, was authorized by the Vinson-Trammell Bill, Act of Congress dated March 27, 1934.

SPONSOR FOR U.S.S. MAYRANT.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. E. E. Sheely, of Gulfport, Miss., as sponsor for the U.S.S. MAYRANT (DD402), named in honor of her great-great-great grandfather, the late Captain John Mayrant, U.S.Navy, who led the boarders in the fight between the BON HOMME RICHARD and the SERAPIS, September 23, 1779.

SPONSOR FOR U.S.S. MAYRANT (contd.).

The U.S.S. MAYRANT (DD402) is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., 1 February 1938.

This vessel, the second one of that name, was authorized by the Act of March 27, 1934 (Public No. 135 - 73rd Congress).

SPONSOR FOR U.S.S. TRIPPE.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Miss Betty S. Trippe, of 930 Park Avenue, New York City, as sponsor for the U.S.S. TRIPPE (DD403), named in honor of her first cousin, five times removed, the late Lieutenant John Trippe, U. S. Navy, who was appointed a midshipman in 1798. He received thanks of Congress and a sword for distinguished services performed with Preble's squadron in engagement before Tripoli in 1804.

The U.S.S. TRIPPE (DD403) is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., 1 February 1938.

This vessel, the third one of that name, was authorized by the Act of March 27, 1934 (Public No. 135- 73rd Congress).

OFFICERS TO ATTEND NEXT SUBMARINE TRAINING CLASS.

The following 26 officers have been selected to attend the next class in submarine training to be convened at the Submarine School, New London, on 3 January 1938:

Lieut. (jg) James F. Tucker (Sturtevant)
" " Enrique D'H Haskins (Babbitt)
" " Robert A. Keating, Jr. (Salt Lake City)
" " Charles E. Loughlin (New Mexico)
" " Henry S. Monroe (Reuben James)
" " Edward J. Fahy (Cruscofor)
" " Robert H. Close (Concord)
" " Eric L. Barr, Jr. (Cushing)
" " William H. Lawrence (Dahlgren)
" " Melvin H. Dry (Batfor)
" " Henry H. Greer, Jr. (Lamson)
" " George W. Lautrup, Jr. (Hatfield)
" " Joe M. Alexander (Raleigh)
" " Richard H. O'Kane (Pruitt)
" " James H. Ashley, Jr. (Tennessee)
Ensign John H. Eichmann (Lexington)
" John R. Middleton, Jr. (Hoper)
" Lawrence L. Edge (Maryland)
" Robert E. Dornin (Perry)
" John A. Hack (Lawrence)
" Francis D. Walker, Jr. (Quincy)
" Norvell G. Ward (Salt Lake City)
" Frank L. Barrows (Houston)
" Marshall H. Austin (Milwaukee)
" Kenneth G. Schacht (Tillman)
" Rogers M. Keithly (New Mexico)

OFFICERS TO ATTEND NEXT SUBMARINE TRAINING CLASS (contd.).

These officers may expect to receive orders detaching them from their ships as early in December as is consistent with their ship's gunnery schedule, with delay until 3 January in reporting. Government transportation will be made use of to such extent as it is available.

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING DUTY ONLY.

On 4 October 1937 the following officers were chosen for Aeronautical Engineering Duty Only:

OSTRANDER, John E.	Commander, U.S.N.,
LOCKHART, Wilber M.	Lt.Commander, U.S.N.,
SPANGLER, Selden B.	Lieutenant, U.S.N.,
PERRILL, Harlan K.	"

Officers who had not completed the required eleven years of commissioned service were not given consideration.

ADDITIONS TO OFFICERS EXAMINATIONS.

The President of the Naval Examining Board feels that there is a need of greater knowledge of the United States Merchant Marine among officers of the Navy, as the efficiency of the Merchant Marine greatly depends upon the cooperation and interest displayed by the regular Navy towards it. He believed that officers should be conversant with United States shipping in general, which will not only make them better naval officers but will tend to a better understanding between the Merchant Marine service and the regular Navy. To this end, the President of the Naval Examining Board has issued instructions to include questions in regard to the Merchant Marine in the examinations for promotion to the grades of lieutenant commander and below. These questions will involve communications between naval vessels and the Merchant Marine, tonnage, routes, distinguishing marks, etc., of the various lines.

EDUCATION OF OFFICERS' SONS.

The Georgia School of Technology offers a sound engineering education and military training for about $500. per year. This includes tuition, room, board, books, and uniform. Residents of Georgia, and naval officers' sons under certain circumstances, may obtain the same for $100. less.

In addition to the many graduates who are yearly commissioned in the reserves of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, this year 6 entered the regular Navy (Supply Corps), 2 the regular Marine Corps, and 6 Army or Navy Aviation Cadet Corps. Six undergraduates went to Annapolis or West Point.

For further information, inquire of the Professor of Naval Science and Tactics, Naval Armory, 154 Third St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

AFTER THE ARMY GAME.

The Naval Academy Association of Philadelphia is sponsoring a Dinner Dance for the entertainment of the officers and Alumni of the U. S. Naval Academy and their friends at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, November 27th. Tables in the main ballroom will seat ten persons and will be assigned in order of receipt of reservation, and by classes. No reservations can be accepted after November 13th, though they will try to accommodate everybody. Send your check to the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel and go prepared to have a good time. Price is $4.25 each with no refund after November 20th. Remember to make your reservations early.

TEXTBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE NAVAL ACADEMY.

The Bureau of Navigation has on hand a number of textbooks, some new and some old, which may be used in preparing enlisted candidates for the Naval Academy Entrance Examinations. These textbooks will be issued by the Bureau of Navigation, on request, to vessels having recommended Naval Academy candidates or Naval Academy Preparatory School candidates on board, in quantities not to exceed three (3) sets to a battleship or carrier, two (2) sets to a heavy or light cruiser, and one (1) set to any other vessel.

A set of textbooks is made up of one Algebra, one Plane Geometry, one Physics, one United States History, one Ancient History, and four textbooks on English. Textbooks may be requested in sets, or if not all of the books listed in the set are required, requests should be made by subject.

Textbooks supplied for the coaching of Naval Academy candidates will in no instance become the property of the candidates, but will be retained on board for instruction in successive years.

REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED ON THE ASIATIC STATION DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 1938 to 30 JUNE 1938.

SEAMEN BRANCH	ARTIFICER BRANCH	ARTIFICER BRANCH (E.R.Force)	SPECIAL BRANCH	COMMISSARY BRANCH
7-CBM	# 5-CEM		2-CY	2-CCStd
10-BM 1c	* 9-EM 1c	3-CMM	11-Y 1c	2-SC 1c
10-BM 2c	4-EM 2c	###25-MM 1c	5-Y 2c	4-SC 2c
2-CGM	3-CRM	### 20-MM 2c	2-CSK	2-Pkr 1c
3-GM 1c	7-RM 1c	5-CWT	4-SK 2c	
5-GM 2c	14-RM 2c	16-WT 1c	13-CPhM	10 Total
2-CTM	2-CM 1c	4-Bmkr 1c	16-PhM 2c	
* 4-TM1c	3-CM 2c	1-Mldr 1c	17-PhM 3c	
**10-TM 3c	1-Pmkr	5-Msmth 1c	15-HA 1c	
1-CTC	1-SF 1c	***100-F 1c	6-Mus any class	
3-QM 1c	2-SF 2c	70-F 2c		AVIATION BRANCH
6-SM 1c	2-SMM 2c	30-F 3c	91 Total	1-AOM 2c
3-SM 2c	2-SMM 3c			1-Aerog 1c
1-CFC	1-Prtr 2c	279 Total		1-Aerog 3c
4-FC 1c	2-Prtr 3c			1-CP
200-Sea 1c	1-Ptr 2c			1-P 1c
225-Sea 2c	59 Total			2-AOM 2c
496 Total				7-Total

GRAND TOTAL 942

REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED ON THE ASIATIC STATION (contd.).

* Includes two qualified for submarine duty
\# Includes one qualified for submarine duty
** Includes four qualified for submarine duty
\#\#\# Includes six qualified for submarine duty
*** Includes ten qualified for submarine duty

The foregoing includes the following special requirements:

4-Divers first
3-Sound Motion Picture Technicians
3-Dental Technicians
3-Dental Technicians Prosthetic
2-X-ray Technicians
3-Laboratory Technicians
1-Pharmacy
1-Drum Bass
3-Clarinets
2-Trombones

REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED NAVAL STATION, GUAM, M.I., DURING PERIOD 1 JANUARY 1938 to 30 JUNE 1938.

VIA JANUARY-MARCH TRANSPORT

NAVAL STATION	FOR GOLD STAR	FOR PENGUIN	FOR R.L.BARNES
1-Mus 1c Trombone	2-BM2c	1-GM 1c	1-Cox
1-SK 2c	1-Cox	1-CM 1c	
1-CCStd	1-RM2c	1-Y 1c	
1-CRM	4-MM 2c	1-Sea 1c	
	1-WT 1c		
	2-F 3c		

VIA APRIL-JUNE TRANSPORT

2-CSK	1-MM2c	None	1-BM 2c
1-CBM	1-SK 3c		
1-CRM			

REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE NAVAL STATION, TUTUILA, SAMOA, DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 1938 to 30 JUNE 1938.

NAVAL STATION

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
1-CBM	**# 2-MM2c	1-RM 1c	1-CMM	1-CM 1c	1-CEM
*1-EM 2c					1-Y 2c
1-RM 1c					
2-RM 2c					
\#\#1-SC 2c					

REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE NAVAL STATION, TUTUILA, SAMOA (Contd.).

USS ONTARIO

1-RM 3c	1-EM 2c	1-EM 1c	1-QM 3c	1-BM 1c	None
2-Sea 2c		1-RM 1c	1-F 1c		
		1-MM 1c	2-Sea 2c		
		1-MM 2c	2-F 3c		
		1-Sea 1c			

* Qualified Sound Motion Picture Technician
** One qualified Motor Boat Repairman
\# One qualified Machineshop Man
\#\# Qualified Butcher

COMPASS OFFICE INFORMATION, U.S.NAVAL OBSERVATORY.

New Ships. When the service of a gyro compass contractor or a dead reckoning tracer contractor is required, the request should be sent to the Inspector of Navigational Material, Navy Yard, New York, and not direct to the contractor.

Sperry Mark XI Compass. On Sperry compasses having duplicate sets of thyratron tubes, with one set in use as a "standby," when the standby set is put in operation; that is, current flowing in the plate to filament circuit, a whitish color will be visible. This is a perfectly normal condition and does not indicate that the tube is becoming defective. It will be noted that the purple glow will return after a few minutes of operation.

Dead Reckoning Tracer Equipment. The use of petrolatum as a corrosion preventive on the friction disc and roller surfaces should be made standard practice on all ships instead of using oil. The instruction books on all equipment should be amended accordingly.

Information has been received to the effect that timekeeping characteristic of the tracking unit clocks can be improved by winding and setting each clock every 24 hours. They should be regulated accordingly.

DECEASED ENLISTED PERSONNEL.

The following-named enlisted personnel died during the month of September, 1937:

ANDERSON, Arthur Thorwald, Fireman 1c, U.S.N. Died 20 September 1937, Naval Hospital, Newport, R.I. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Thomine Anderson, Canby, Minn.

ANGLEMYER, William Willard, C.B.M., U.S.N. Died 30 September 1937, U.S.Naval Hospital, Canacao, P.I. Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Frieda D. Anglemyer, 284 Bonita Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

BARKLEY, Kenneth Norman, Sea. 1c, U.S.N. Died 23 September 1937, aboard U.S.S. RELIEF at San Pedro, Cal. Next of kin, father, Mr. Clarence T. Barkley, 7608 Reading Road, Apt. 110, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DECEASED ENLISTED PERSONNEL (Contd.).

CASON, Joseph Hugh, M.M.2c, U.S.N. Died 27 September 1937, U.S.Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Francis A. Cason, 4118 E. 61st St., Huntington Park, Calif.

CAVANAUGH, Arlington Dale, M.M.1c, U.S.N. Died 10 September 1937 in New York City while on liberty from U.S.S. NEW YORK. Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Ellen Cavanaugh, 626 W. 139th St., New York, N. Y.

CHARLES, Earl Sinclair, Sea.1c, U.S.N. Died 4 September 1937, Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass. Next of kin, father, Mr. Thomas M. Charles, Laurel, Va.

CHARLTON, "R" "J", Sea. 1c, U.S.N. Died 28 September 1937, Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, uncle, Mr. Henry W. Bendy, Doucette, Texas.

CONNELL, John Joseph, Sea.1c, U.S.N. Died 11 September 1937 at Ichang, China, by drowning (attached USS MONOCACY). Next of kin, father, Mr. Thomas J. Connell, 8154 Bay 16th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

COSTA, Jose August, Jr., Fireman 3c, U.S.N. Died 10 September 1937 at Hankow, China, by drowning (attached USS PANAY). Next of kin, father, Mr. Jose A. Costa, 1499 E. 4th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

HOLLAND, Wilson, Sea.2c, U.S.N. Died 19 September 1937, Ft. Monroe Hospital, Fort Monroe, Va., (attached USS DECATUR). Next of kin, father, Mr. Grover Holland Upper Fairmount, Md.

JOHNSON, John Samuel, M.Att.3c, U.S.N. Died 14 September 1937, Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Next of kin, father, Mr. John S. Johnson, 118 West St., New Ber N.C.

LOVE, James Lawrence, A.M.M.3c, U.S.N. Died 20 September 1937, Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Fla. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Dora M. Love, 137 W. Whitman St., Leavenworth, Wash.

MARIN, Rafael, Mus.1c, U.S.N. Died 27 September 1937, Naval Hospital, Mare Island Calif. Next of kin, sister, Christina M. Lamzon, Janiuay, Iloilo, P.I.

MC PHERSON, Ralph Webster, A.M.M.2c, U.S.N. Died 19 September 1937, Naval Hospita Pensacola, Fla. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Thomas E. McPherson, Route #2, McKenzie Ala.

MULLENIX, Byron, Sea.2c, U.S.N. Died 7 September 1937, Naval Hospital, Puget Sound, Wash. Next of kin, father, Mr. William Mullenix, Arcanum, Ohio.

MYERS, Clay, App.Sea., U.S.N. Died 16 September 1937, Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, foster-mother, Mrs. Anna H. Myers, 4188 Park Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

NORRIS, Charles William, Sea.1c, U.S.N. Died 10 September 1937, off coast Rockland, Maine, by drowning. (Attached USS DAHLGREN) Next of kin, father, Mr. Charles S. Norris, P.O. Box 85, Cowles, Nebraska.

DECEASED ENLISTED PERSONNEL (Contd.).

ROBERTSON, James Ocie, B.M.1c, U.S.N. Died 10 September 1937, off coast Rockland, Maine, by drowning. (Attached U.S.S. DAHLGREN) Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Thelma McGrady Robertson, 406 Mass. St., Martinsville, Va.

SANTOS, Gregorio Cruz, Native Mus. 2c, U.S.N. Died 21 September 1937, Naval Hospital, Guam. Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Adela Q. Santos, Agana, Guam.

SHIPPEE, Ivan Allen, A.M.M.3c, U.S.N. Died 23 September 1937, at Blytheville, Ark., while on leave from Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Next of kin, father, Mr. Edward J. Shippee, Route #4, Plainfield, Wisconsin.

THORPE, Edward Michael, M.M.1c, U.S.N. Died 28 September 1937 at Hankow, China, by drowning. (Attached U.S.S. PANAY) Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Rose del Thorpe, 133 Arqueros St., Manila, P.I. Also survived by mother, Mrs. Luc Thorpe, Route #1, St. Mary, Kansas.

WATSON, Robert Harrison, Fireman 3c, U.S.N. Died 1 September 1937, at Tsingtao, China, aboard the U.S.S. CANOPUS. Next of kin, father, Mr. Benjamin H. Watson, 31 Admiral Blvd., Dundalk, Md.

AVIATION CADET COMMENDED.

On 9 July 1937, at Port Angeles, Washington, Aviation Cadet Thomas M. Wold, U.S.N.R., exhibited admirable control and courage in attempting to prevent the loss of a sinking patrol plane and in rendering assistance to a member of the crew. For this high standard of duty, jeopardizing his personal safety, the Secretary of the Navy has awarded him a Special Letter of Commendation.