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BROADSIDE XVII

Thursday, April 3, 1941

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS

We extend best wishes for many happy returns of the day to Admiral Kidd, who celebrated his birthday March 26th, and to Captain Van Valkenburgh, who will celebrate his April 5th.

BATTER UP!

The baseball team has been working out each day the ship has been in port, and last week beat the Pennsylvania 7-2 in a practice game. Trying to get enough practice when all ships are trying to use one ball diamond is the biggest problem at present. However, two new diamonds are expected to be available early in April, so perhaps the ball season will have a real chance to get started soon. Now that the Nevada has arrived, the Division One championship series should be getting under way soon. The "Cheer Up" team at present is a mystery, as no one has seen her squad in action as yet. Watch for the schedule, and be on hand when the games are announced. Each team in the division will play the other two teams for two out of three games.

DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS TO DATE

A recent athletic bulletin listed the following Division Championships won to date: BATDIV ONE—football, swimming, and boxing, U. S. S. Arizona; basketball, U. S. S. Pennsylvania; wrestling, U. S. S. Nevada: BATDIV THREE—basketball and wrestling, U. S. S. New Mexico; swimming and boxing, U. S. S. Mississippi: BATDIV FOUR—basketball, swimming and boxing, U. S. S. West Virginia; baseball, U. S. S. Colorado; wrestling, U. S. S. Maryland: CARDIV ONE—basketball, boxing and wrestling, U. S. S. Lexington; swimming, U. S. S. Saratoga. Some excellent competition is assured when division champions meet.

LEGENDS OF HAWAII

(From Thrum's Hawaiian Annual)

Hawaii is steeped in legend. There is not a valley, crater, hill, bay, or stream in the island that has not some connection with legendary characters or events of times past. These tales have come down through generations of Hawaiians who not only enjoy telling them but are proud of the progenitors of their race for almost super-human deeds done in the days when the mightiest ruled, and the deities walked and talked with men.

In spite of Hawaii's modern development as an American territory, the influence of the native legend remains. If there is any sign of activity in the active craters of Mauna Loa or Kilauea on the island of Hawaii, Pele, Hawaiian fire goddess, is the most talked of person in the territory. If Mauna Kea, highest mountain, thrills residents by exhibiting a fresh blanket of snow, old-timers smile and say that Poliahu, the snow goddess, has come back again in defiance of her ancient enemy, the fire goddess. If the waters off the coast of Waialua, on the island of Oahu, beam with phosphorescent glow on certain nights, it is generally known that the Menehunes, gnome-like Hawaiian fairies, are fishing. If the hills and ridges of Honolulu hang heavy with clouds on certain evenings, it is whispered that the giant wonder-dog Poki has returned and has stretched himself on the mountains. Perhaps there is an off-shore wind blowing on certain nights at Waikiki. Then the combers, famed the world over for surfing, roll in with white manes flowing. Manes? Perhaps, but it is suggested that characters in the old myths like to come back to Waikiki and rule the waves, and if you look close enough you might catch a glimpse of them sporting in the roaring froth.

Early Hawaiian history is entirely legendary. Up until the time the New England missionaries arrived (1820) there was no written language. His-

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OUR SYMPATHY EXTENDED

On behalf of the ship's company, At 'Em Arizona extends sincere sympathy to Robert Bickel, who was enroute to Denver on emergency leave when word came that his wife had passed away. Mrs. Bickel and their six months' old baby had been living with her parents in Nebraska, where she was stricken with infantile paralysis and rushed to a hospital in Denver, which has an "iron lung."

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Maybe the softball series doesn't make the sports page of the metropolitan dailies, but it certainly brings out a lot of enthusiastic players. We are now playing a schedule on a straight elimination plan, winning teams playing teams as determined by drawing after each bracket is completed. In the first drawings, already played off, results were as follows, winner named first: Marines vs Storekeepers; 3rd vs 4th; R vs C-Signal; 6th vs C-Radio; F vs A; 2nd vs M; 5th vs E; Mess Attendants vs N; V vs 7th; 1st vs B; C-Yeoman (bye). In the second bracket the following games have been played, winners again named first: 1st (bye); V vs 2nd; R vs Marines; 5th vs 3rd. Games to be played in this bracket are 6th vs C-Yeoman and F vs Mess Attendants. Watch the boards for announcements of games completing the series, which we hope may be accomplished soon. (F.S.L.)

GIVE WAY TOGETHER

Those who saw our whaleboat crews when we raced a week ago Monday will agree that they put up a good fight even though we had to be content with 3rd, 2nd and 4th place in the respective races between crews from Divisions 7 and E, and the Yeoman-Storekeepers force. From all reports the Wee Vee oarsmen seem to have run away with the competitive series

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good of the ship and the service.

Chaplain T. L. Kirkpatrick, Editor

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ARMY DAY

Since 1932, April 6 has usually been observed in the United States as "Army Day," when the Army has held open house much as the Navy does on October 27th. While we have not seen any official announcement regarding such an observance this year, we take this opportunity to salute our brothers in khaki. This date was originally selected because on April 6, 1917, the United States entered the greatest war of our history, in which we called 4,355,000 troops, as against 2,129,000 Union troops during our Civil War. In spite of being in that war for only nineteen months, we had 126,000 die from sickness or wounds, and 234,000 others wounded. Yet these figures are small when compared to Russia's 1,700,000 killed; France's 1,357,000 killed, and Great Britain's 908,000 killed. Our total casualties (killed, wounded, and missing) mounted to 8% of our total number mobilized, while with Russia they reached 76%, with France 73%, and Great Britain 35%. It is interesting to note that April seems to be the "war" month with the United States, for of our six major wars five started in April, the Revolution, April 19, 1775; the War with Mexico, April 24, 1846; the Civil War, April 15, 1861; the War with Spain, April 21, 1898; and the World War, April 6, 1917. Lest anyone criticize the term "major wars" it might be well to remember that the Historical Register of the Armies of the United States lists 105 wars, rebellions, insurrections, and expeditions between 1775 and 1917, in which the United States Army has taken part. Unless we are prepared to repudiate our forefathers and their actions, history teaches us to honor the Army of the United States, which has ever been ready for the nation's defense when the call to arms has been sounded. Army, we salute you!

GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS AWARDED

Twenty shipmates were awarded Good Conduct Medals or Clasps recently. For the benefit of those who wrongly think that these mean little, the following needs to be borne in mind: to receive a Good Conduct Medal one must have a clear record, with no offense or qualifying remarks entered in the service record, and with a final average of 3.5 in proficiency of rating. A Good Conduct Medal may be awarded for the first three years of a 6-year enlistment, and a clasp for the remaining period, if discharged with an Honorable Discharge; also for a minority enlistment, for a 2nd subsequent enlistment, an extension of three or four years, or for a total of four years in extensions of enlistment. Consequently At 'Em Arizona congratulates the following on gaining this award: CWT J. R. Aplin, Cox. J. T. Callaghan, F1c C. J. Hamilton, MM1c O. V. Harr, CGM J. W. Horrocks, Mus1c R. L. Howald, Sea1c R. E. Kline, SF1c G. S. Lamb, CY F. E. Malecki, BM1c J. A. Martin, BMkr2c H. R. Mathein, BM2c F. J. Morse, BM2c H. C. Nelson, Cox. H. J. Ray, CPhM C. T. Roberts, MM2c J. M. Robertson, GM1c E. L. Sanders, CM2c R. D. Sikkema, CSK L. F. Weller, and BM2c C. I. Williams (both medal and clasp).

ANNAPOLIS EXAMS MAY 7

Congress has recently passed a law authorizing an additional appointment to the Naval Academy for each Senator, Representative and Delegate in Congress and increasing the appointments allowed from the Naval Reserve from 50 to 100 annually and the appointments at large by the President from 15 to 25 annually. A provision was added to the effect that in the event the quota of midshipmen to be appointed from the enlisted men of the Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve is not filled in any one year, the Secretary of the Navy will have authority to fill such vacancies with enlisted men from the Regular Navy and Marine Corps. As this increase in appointments has been so recently authorized, it has become necessary to postpone the examinations of candidates for midshipmen scheduled for April 16, 1941 to May 7, 1941.



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 6

PROTESTANT MORNING
WORSHIP

U.S.S. Arizona
10 o'clock—Quarter Deck
Special Music by the Band
Sermon by Chaplain
Kirkpatrick
Communion Service following.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
SERVICE

U.S.S. Nevada
Holy Mass at 10 o'clock
Church Party will leave in time
for confessions before Mass.

Next Sunday begins the week known to all Christians as Holy Week, which commemorates the final week of our Lord's earthly life, leading up to his Crucifixion and Resurrection. There will be special services at many churches in Honolulu, to which all men of the Arizona and Fleet are invited. The daily papers will carry the announcement of these services. For those who wish to follow the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly life, the following daily readings are given:

Palm Sunday: Matt. 21:1-11;
Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44;
and John 12:12-19.

Monday: Matt. 21:12-17; Mark
11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48.

Tuesday: Matt. 21:18-26:16;
Mark 11:16-14:11; Luke 19:45-
22:6; John 12:20-50.

Wednesday: No record.

Thursday: Matt. 26:17-56; Mark
14:12-52; Luke 22:7-53; John 13:
1-18:12.

Friday: Matt. 26:57-61; Mark
14:53-15:47; Luke 22:54-23:56;
John 18:12-19:42.

Saturday: Matt. 27:62-66.

Easter Sunday: Matt. 28:1-10;
Mark 16:1-14; Luke 23:56-24:
43; John 20:1-25.

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GERMAN BOMBERS VERSUS BRITISH DESTROYERS

— An Eye-Witness Account from West Virginia "Mountaineer" —



ABOUT noon one sultry summer's day last year a number of minesweeping trawlers were carrying out a routine sweep in the North Sea escorted by two destroyers which had fought in the Great War. Little of interest had occurred up till then with the exception of an attack made on the destroyers just before breakfast by a single German aircraft which had suddenly appeared through a gap in the clouds. As none of the bombs fell within 150 yards he was regarded as an amateur and assigned no nuisance value.

Early in the afternoon another German plane was seen flying at a high altitude in an easterly direction. A few rounds were fired at him from the 3 inch A. A. gun by the Divisional destroyer leader to indicate to him that his presence was known, and to expedite his departure. As he disappeared out of sight surrounded by the white puffs of the bursting shells the general opinion among the Officers on the leader's bridge was that he would certainly report the position of the sweepers and their escort, and that some form of unpleasantness could confidently be expected in the near future. This anticipation was to be quite correct for at 5 p. m. sixteen large, dark and ugly shapes were seen above the horizon away to the northward, and were soon identified as big German bombers. Being bombed was no novelty to the destroyers, who had not long ago been evacuating troops from Dunkirk, and they at once hauled out clear from the sweepers so as to gain sea room for maneuvering, at the same time making ready to engage the enemy as soon as they came within range. The leader's 3 inch A.A. gun again came into action against the hostile aircraft, which were by now flying fast toward the destroyers in a compact formation, and to everyone's satisfaction the third round hit one of the leading planes. As it crashed down into the sea the remaining machines split up into units of three and commenced to dive bomb their targets, nine planes attacking the leader and the rest her consort.

The situation now became spectacular and very noisy. Both ships were twisting and turning at full speed to dodge the bombs, while the air was vibrating with the thudding of pom-

poms, the rattle of machine guns, and the concussion of bursting bombs, while over all was the dominating roar of the enemy planes. The Germans came down at a steep angle to within about 1,200 feet of their targets before releasing their 500 lb. bombs, and as they pulled up out of the dive their rear machine gunners came into action adding still further to the din.

The attack on the Divisional leader was very well carried out, and sticks of bombs fell in close succession 100 yards astern, 50 yards on the port beam, and as near as 12 inches on the starboard beam, drenching everybody on the quarterdeck with spray. On the bridge it was thought the ship must have been hit, so violently did she shudder and heave as the bombs exploded alongside. These "near misses", although not doing much injury to the hull, resulted in one engine and the steering gear being put out of action temporarily, while the escape of live steam from fractured pipes and glands necessitated the abandoning of the engine room for a short period.

The other destroyer unfortunately received a direct hit and sank rapidly by the stern with considerable loss of life. Her bow remained floating vertically for some time until the frames inside finally collapsed and she disappeared forever in a rapidly widening circle of thick fuel oil, dotted with the survivors of her crew and floating wreckage.

During the time that the leader was stopped due to damage below, a single large German aircraft was sighted coming in on the starboard beam with the evident intention of finishing off the job started by its predecessors. As the enemy came within range every available gun opened fire, but this did not prevent him releasing his bomb when some 1,000 feet away from his target. This missile looked like a big football, getting larger every second, and apparently a certain hit on the bridge. Suddenly the bomb was seen to detonate in a brilliant red flash when about 500 feet away, having been hit in mid-air by a shell or bullet from the ship. (It was never decided which gun's crew was responsible for this superb achievement, as each claimed the honor.) Fragments from the bursting bomb apparently caused some vital harm to the plane,

which was not far above the explosion when the latter took place, for instead of pulling out of its dive it continued at headlong speed toward the ship.

Every gun had by now got the range and pieces of the wings and fuselage were being shot off in rapid succession. It seemed a certainty that the plane must strike the ship forward but by good fortune its great bulk missed the foretopmast head by not more than five feet and it crashed with terrific velocity into the sea some sixty feet away on the port side, disappearing completely beneath the surface. Nothing remained of the enemy aircraft or its crew except a slowly spreading pool of petrol into which fluttered down a few pieces already shot off the vanished machine.

The destroyer suffered no casualties to her ship's company and reached harbor without further incident after what was universally agreed to have been a not unexciting day.

NAMES ASSIGNED SIX CRUISERS

Secretary of the Navy Knox recently announced that the President of the United States has selected the following names for six cruisers which are under construction:

ALASKA—Named for the Territory of Alaska. Third vessel so-called.

GUAM—Named for the largest of the Marianas Islands. Second vessel so-called.

HAWAII—Named for the Territory of Hawaii. First vessel so-called.

PHILIPPINES—Named for the Philippine Islands. Second vessel so-called.

PUERTO RICO—Named for the island of Puerto Rico, an island of the West Indies 70 miles east of Haiti, ceded to the United States by Spain August 12, 1898. First vessel so-called.

SAMOA—Named for the Samoan Islands in the Southwest Pacific Ocean. Second vessel so-called.

First Yeoman—Whence the black eye?

Second Ditto—I went to a dance last night and was struck by the beauty of the place.

LEGENDS OF HAWAII

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tory can only be traced through the ancient "meles" (chants), songs and traditions which were passed from father to son orally. Like the ancient rulers of Europe, each Hawaiian king or chief had his retinue of bards who kept alive the stories and songs of heroes and their deeds; composed and chanted dirges, exaltations, and love songs. At that time the religion of Hawaii was entirely pagan, idolatry was practiced, and there was a deity named for each element in nature. These deities were in close relationship with men, and in the struggles of man's everyday life they either approved or disapproved of his actions.

However, the main essential of the Hawaiian legend was the imagination of the natives. He heard more than the beat of surf on the shore,—he interpreted it in many cases as the beat of a divine gourd (drum-like instrument); the night wind passing through the trees was the whine of a ghostly ceremonial flute; the gauze-like waterfall that floated down from a thousand-foot precipice was the tears of some divine being; the appearance of the stormy sea suggested to him a battle between the various water gods; the run-off of a sudden rainstorm over the red lava soil, which naturally caused the water to assume a blood-like color, perhaps carried a portent of war; the rumble of an earthquake denoted the anger of the gods. And around this primary belief was woven the fabric of legend.

As time went on, as much imagination was involved in telling of deeds of chieftains and gods as there was in bringing the mythical deities into being. There was historical fact—certainly, and the physical prowess of Hawaiians in present-day sport bears out the fact that in ancient times great feats of skill and daring were accomplished. Kamehameha the First's conquest of Maui and Oahu with a fleet of war canoes, propelled by sail and paddles, is one outstanding example. But the accomplishment of such deeds apparently served to bring imagination into fuller play in the relation of them.

Ancient Hawaiian religion, which does not differ materially from that of all Polynesia, centered around the

SHIPMATES LEAVE ARIZONA

During the last few days a number of well known characters have left the good ship Arizona for other duty, among them Chief Printer Bernard who is en route to the Navy Recruiting Bureau in New York, (where they turn out those posters that draw you in); W. A. Glasson, the genial Ship's Service BM2c (who used to take all your cash) to Philadelphia for duty on the U.S.S. Vulcan; First Musicians K. K. Adams and J. O. Hildebrandt (dispensers of sweet music) to the bands at Pearl Harbor Navy Yard and the San Diego Training Station; and K. J. Krueger (GM3c), C. E. Deaton (GM3c), J. J. Carter (RM2c), C. G. Rogers (CM2c), E. O. Smith (F2c) and J. L. Ferrell (F1c) all to the U.S.S. "Outside" (so they say). Others transferred include C. W. Graham (SF3c), G. W. Hartzell (S1c), W. O. Hausman (SM3c), J. Jackson (Cox), T. S. Miller (SF3c), V. D. Thomas (Cox), J. W. Poe (Cox), L. O. Smith (S1c), W. H. Thomas (SF3c), and Wiley Watkins (S2c). To them all, we say, good-bye and good luck!

worship of four chief gods. One was Kane, creator of the world, after whom man was fashioned. Kanaloa, his brother, was another; Ku, another, was a cruel god whose chief enjoyment was in seeing humans suffer. Lono, fourth, was of a slightly lower order and controlled the rains. Then came the deities associated with forces of nature. Naturally Pele, fire goddess, was the most powerful, Hawaii being a volcanic country.

Other legendary characters included Maui, who at one time captured the sun as it went over Haleakala crater and after whom the island of Maui was named; Kamapaa, pig god, a veritable rogue; Kawelo, of Kauai, whose physical strength won him much fame and power; and Ku-ula, the fish god.

Boot: (just arrived) Say,—lookit,—is this half bucket of water to brush my teeth in?

BM: Yeh, then you take your bath in it, wash your clothes in it, and if you have time after that use it to swab down the compartment.

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they have been in, while the Pennsy has done the same in our series.

The seventh division crews came very near to getting second place, as they were only one quarter of a boat length behind the runner up at the finish.

The crews who represented that At 'Em ship in these races were as follows:

7th Division 3rd place

Funk, Cox. (Coxswain), Egnue, S2c, Kosec, Cox., Smith, Cox., Simms, S2c, Clemens, S1c, Dobey, S2c, Crawley, S1c, Malaskie, S2c, Estes, S2c, Stuart, S2c.

E Division 2nd place

Nides, EM1c (Coxswain), Griffin, S2c, Nelson, S2c, Thoma, F3c, Griffiths, S1c, Holton, F3c, Clark, S2c, Martin, S2c, Caldwell, F3c, Wilson, S2c, Horn, F3c.

Yeomen and Storekeepers 4th place
Hicks, SK2c (Coxswain), Malson, SK3c, Bridges, S2c, Cybulski, S1c, Gholston, Y3c, Hays, SK3c, Carey, S1c, Owens, SK3c, Manske, Y3c, Criscuola, Y3c, Ward, S1c.

WELCOME

At 'Em Arizona extends greetings to Lt. John R. Cox, who has recently joined us from the Reserve Force; Ensign H. L. Walsh, our new paymaster; and Ensigns R. C. Glenn, L. Grabowsky, D. Hein, E. A. Malcolm and Frank Welch, Jr., all of the class of 1941, U. S. Naval Academy. We wish you a happy cruise on the good ship Arizona.

NAVY Y EVENTS

The Navy Y in Honolulu announces the following specials for Saturday; 1515, "sing" around piano; 1600, "quiz"; 1800, Bible study class; 1915, band concert by 64th Artillery Band; 2015, Hula show by Honolulu Girl's Glee Club. Sunday's offerings include; 1700, a pageant, "Christ vs Kukailimoku", presented by the Wahiawa Community Church; 1800, fellowship supper, with the Rev. Galen M. Weaver, pastor of the "Church of the Crossroads" speaking on "Americans of Japanese Ancestry"; 1915, popular "sing" in lounge.