



★ ★ "ONCE ARIZONA — ALWAYS ARIZONA" ★ ★

ADMIRAL J. M. REEVES ON RADIO BROADCAST

Admiral J. M. Reeves, U. S. Navy, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet, upon his taking command of the U. S. Fleet, spoke in part as follows in a radio broadcast:

"To the mothers of the boys who man the ships of the fleet I wish to pay special homage. To the people of our country I wish to state that never before have vessels of your fleet been manned by better men. If you mothers could have seen your sons, three thousand strong, marching Sunday morning to divine service, together with their officers, from the commander-in-chief down, your eyes would have been dimmed with tears of thanksgiving—thanksgiving for such a son, thanksgiving that he was in the service of his country where such precepts and teachings exist.

"The men who man the fleet are clean-cut American citizens, representatives of the best manhood of our country. Many are college men. High school graduates are legion. During the cruise of the fleet from the Pacific, Foreign ports were visited. The enlisted men of the fleet on shore made a record in behavior which could not have been excelled and rarely equalled by any number of young men from any walk of life. The men of the fleet acquitted themselves with credit on shore. Their faithful, cheerful, and proficient performance of duty afloat inspires even greater confidence.

"No group of citizens of our country is more strongly opposed to war than the Navy. Many officers and men of our service have been through and have suffered the terrible trials of war.

"Victories in war are won by some factor of superiority. There are two elements of superiority—one, the superiority of material, such as ships and guns, and, the other, superiority of tactical skill, brains, and valor of officers and men. The factor of material strength is provided the commander of a fleet. Superiority in tactical and strategical skill he

S. R. B. P.

Well, all you bullet pushers and powder monkeys, that **BEER PARTY** looks like a wonderful possibility—the possibility for over 400 of you to guzzle same free beer and lay a lip over a juicy bit of the cow's carcass.

Besides we don't want to spoil the effect of the outside paint work by just hanging an "E" here and there. They call it "Easy" so lets keep the paint work symmetrical by draping one on each turret and gun.

Just two weeks from today is the day of the "Big Game." Old Lady Rumor has been circulating the dope that Turret IV thinks it is going to hang a bit of crepe on the muzzles of the other "loud speakers," and that they are ready to back it up with something besides "yap." A bit cocky, Eh what! See what you can do about it, you other turrets.

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UP THE LADDER

The following named men have been advanced in rating:

- Effective 1 August.
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| Hosfield, Earl E. | Bkr3c to Bkr2c |
| Fisk, Arthur W. | Seal1c to SC3c |
| Byard, Ralph D. | Sea2c to SC3c |
| Rodriquez, Balbino | Matt3c to Matt2c |
| Salanga, Justino | Matt3c to Matt2c |

- Effective 9 August.
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| Faircloth, Sherman T. | Yeo3c to Yeo2c |
| Mason, W. O. F. | F3c to EM3c |
| Petrie, F. A. | F1c to EM3c |
| LeCompte, R. G. | F3c to EM3c |
| Foster, S. C. | F3c to EM3c |
| Gaerin, W. J. | SF3c to SF2c |
| Callahan, C. J. | Seal1c to SF3c |
| March, W. T. | Seal1c to RM3c |
| Layton, J. E. | Sea2c to RM3c |

spends his life in an effort to acquire.

"As commander in chief of the fleet, I repeat that I have implicit confidence in the officers and men who man your ships. They will meet emergency which confronts them in accord with the highest traditions of the service."

PANAMA CANAL

Last Wednesday, August 15, the Panama Canal reached its twentieth birthday. That is to say, twenty years ago the Canal was opened to the world commerce, saving a matter of 7873 nautical miles in a trip from New York to San Francisco. The Hay-Herran Convention ratified in 1903, provided for the payment to Colombia the sum of \$10,000,000.00 and an annuity of \$250,000.00 for the lease of the strip of land six miles wide across the Isthmus of Panama.

The Colombia Senate declined to ratify the convention. The people of Panama revolted from Colombia and President Theodore Roosevelt intervened with the result that the United States guaranteed the independence of the Panama Republic and on November 18, 1903, that Republic agreed for the consideration of \$10,000,000.00 with an annual rental of \$250,000.00 to begin nine years later to grant to the United States in perpetuity, a strip of land across the Isthmus, ten miles wide for the construction of a canal.

This treaty was confirmed in 1904, and the United States then acquired the interests and franchise of the old French canal company for the consideration of \$40,000,000. After several attempts to get under way with civilian leadership, President Roosevelt turned the project over to the Engineer Corps of the United States Army, which after three years of preliminary work, completed the actual construction of the Canal in seven years at a total cost, including the original sum paid the Panama Republic and the French interests of \$366,650,000.

During the time the French attempted to build the Panama Canal, more than 22,000 laborers died annually and of these, yellow fever and malaria fever took the greatest toll. When the United States took charge, the death rate of yellow fever was 40 per 1000. Major William Crawford Gorgas took charge of sanitation and in less than a year—the yellow fever was eradicated and there has not been a single case in the Canal Zone since 1906.

AT 'EM ARIZONA

Published by and for the
Crew of the United States Ship Arizona

CAPTAIN M. MILNE, U. S. N.
Commanding Officer

COMMANDER A. D. DENNY, U. S. N.
Executive Officer

A MAN'S LEISURE TIME

In the Service, as out of it, what a man does with his leisure time is not only indicative of the man himself, but it is frequently indicative of what a young man will make out of himself.

For instance, it is not surprising that a man who studied the U. S. Constitution by the light of a pine-knot fire at night should later be vitally interested in the interpretation and application of that Constitution in public life. Nor is it astounding to find a youngster who constantly used a large part of his leisure time in studying books in chemistry, office management, and salesmanship, at present time to be the manager of a branch of a large corporation whose specialty is a product in chemistry. It is not amazing either to find a certain first class petty officer receiving an appointment as Acting Pay Clerk in the U. S. Navy, if you happen to know that said first class P. O. had been using his leisure time to enlarge and make accurate his knowledge of general accounting, and to familiarize himself with the work of the Supply Department.

While undergoing training, a recruit may feel that he has little time for anything but to try and get into step with the many and strange things that are going on about him. But after his training, when he gets so that the Navy routine is second nature, and he has his particular situation aboard his ship well in hand, then comes the test. For it is then that forces are formatively determining, under his own direction, how far he is to go in the Navy; and, frequently, how far he will go out of the Navy if and when he returns to civil life.

Watch the fellow who instead of hitting the sixteen-thirty liberty boat every chance he gets, may be seen sticking around in some lighted compartment, or a corner of the ship's library, or down by his locker, or in some quieter nook on deck, with a text book, a training pamphlet in his hand. He will surely land somewhere, and the fact is that he is ALREADY ON HIS WAY.

The GOOD THINGS of life are not usually passed around on a silver platter. They have to be WON.

Many an up-and-coming man is helping himself along powerfully, by properly using his spare time. Think it over.

"The Hoist"

WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Edythe:

This weak has been a regular scorcher Edythe like those scorch singers you read about. You know I gotta sing a scorch song and like that and the boys certainly have been singing them too. And just try and get some water to bath yourself in. I had heard the gang all wailing about no fresh water but I did not think much of that because there is always some people always wailing. But Thursday come around and I figured I should go and get a bath so as to be all nice and fresh for going through the canal. You know Edythe when I opened the wash room door three seamen fell out and I would have never have gotten inside if they all hadn't got behind me and pushed. But my biggest mistake was in warning my clothes inside. I am kind of bashful about undressing just anywhere and then going to the wash room. You never can tell who might come by outside and see you through the ports. So there I was all dressed up and with my shoes on and the only thing I could get off was my skivvy shirt. I was getting a swell bath without no effort to me at all on account everytime anyone near me soaped up or rinsed off they soaped me up and rinsed me off. I was twenty minutes trying to get outside again so I could take my shoes and clothes off but I could not make it until after the water was turned off and then I couldn't go to my locker for fresh clothes because of Mess Gear had gone and the Boats would not let me eat with all those wet clothes on. I tell you Edythe it just about discouraged me.

We are supposed to go through the canal today but this letter has to be in the mail when we get there so I can not tell you anything about it yet. I have been trying to find out how it works but it is too complicated to explain except it is kind of like a earagation ditch but bigger with gates making the water run different ways. Another thing is the careless way they handle time around here. I asked a Electrician's Mate about it and he said it was from going south when the sun is going from east to west making us cut lines of force which gives a difference of potential which has to be wrecktified by changing the time. Of course Edythe you would not understand that bean so technical but you can see how it is. I will explain it better when I can talk to you.

I will say so long now as it is too hot to wright and I have to find some one to borrow a stamp from.

Zeke.

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One of the finest forms of Public Service is Cheerfulness. It is like the rays of the sun which penetrate into the lives of those with whom we come in contact, warming and refreshing them.

DIVINE SERVICE

Mass will be celebrated at 0700 every Sunday morning in the Crew's Recreation Room for those especially, wishing to receive Holy Communion.

Confessions will be heard at any time upon request in the Chaplain's room and also before Sunday Services in the Crew's Recreation Room.

Morning Devotions for all hands and followed by the celebration of a second Mass at 1000 in 1st Division Compartment.

The men of the Arizona are strongly urged to attend this public worship in honor of Almighty God.

If you believe in God, you must be convinced that you have certain and well defined duties to render Him. One of these duties is, attendance at Divine Service, which is held not occasionally but every Sunday on this and other ships in the Division. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these services. If you wish to attend Protestant Services, it is your privilege to do so and for this purpose, a boat is put at your disposal which will take you to another ship.

Official signals will be sent out from Flagships to all ships present, when at anchor, announcing the time for the different Divine Services held on each ship.

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THE WORD OF A MAN-OF-WAR'S MAN

I will do my level best to attend Divine Service according to the religion to which I belong.

I promise unswerving loyalty to my ship and shipmates, afloat and ashore; to be honest and fair with them as I expect them to be honest and square with me; to base my expectations of reward on a solid foundation of service rendered and be willing to pay the price of success in honest effort; to look upon my duties as an opportunity to be seized with joy and made the most of, and not as a painful drudgery to be reluctantly endured; to mix brains with my efforts and use system and method in my work; to keep my future unmortgaged by debts; to save as well as earn; to steer clear of dissipation and guard my health of body and peace of mind as a precious stock in trade. Finally to fight against nothing so hard as my own weakness and endeavor to grow in strength, a gentleman, a Christian.

I want the people of the United States to realize that we fighting men of the Navy, believe in God and live up to the teachings of our religion.

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Try doing your best from day to day and eventually you will find that you have bettered your best.

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Send the At 'Em Arizona Home. Extra copies at the Chaplain's Office.

RANDOM SHOTS

Nixie-wixie and "Brownie" Belk want to know "Huccum we don't stop at Panama?" Since reading Darwin's Theory of Evolution they are seriously thinking of advocating monkey suffrage. The sixth division emphatically denies any relationship whatsoever to these two native-lovers.

To see a man tearing an ordinary deck of playing cards isn't very unusual, but—when you see a man tear a quadruple Pinochle deck—He's mad. Isn't he Bardin?

Susie "The Suicide Kid" Szewczyk of the superior sixth (yeoman practice that name on your typewriters!) thinks number one deck winch is a lady visitor on the main deck.

What new coxswain wrote his better half a \$1.20 Air Mail letter explaining the importance and responsibility that goes with a third class crew. "Momsy, Popsy made Boatsy."

When the stalwart sixth division was told to check up and see that everyone had a full regulation bag, who was the wit who absent-mindedly remarked, "Last time I had a full bag was the time I took my gal to the division beer party."

The noon-hour sun-bathers suggest that at 1300 the word be passed, "Turn over." The reason for this request is that the word, "Turn to" tends to confuse the afore mentioned bathers, and besides, the sick-bay's supply of calomel solution is being rapidly depleted.

If appearances aren't deceiving "Shanghai" second division P. O. must be starting a new fad on board. But we would rather go to a barber shop to have our hair combed (if we were unable to do it ourselves) than to sit on a bench in a compartment and have a seaman comb it.

New Office Boy: "I've added those figures up ten times, sir."

Employer: "Good boy!"

Office Boy: "And here's the ten answers, sir!"

An exhibition in the manly art of wordcuffs may be witnessed from the armory door on any week day. The principles in the joust are "Diver" Benson of saluting battery fame and his "boss," "subcaliber Dizzy" Stewart, who is also familiar with the music of such composers as Liszt, Wagner, Chapin and Irving Berlin.

Phyllis (after week-end party): "Wasn't Peg a wonderful chaperon?"

Bill: Oh-h-h! Was she our chaperon."

Studying for SK3c last Wednesday, Burak was heard to say in an undertone "Nothing is better than knowledge. Dry bread is better than nothing. Therefore dry bread is better than knowledge."

Young Man: "I've called to ask your consent to marry your daughter, sir."

Father: "Have you seen her mother."

Young Man: "Yes, but I'd rather have your daughter."

After patiently cultivating such a ducky hirstute adornment on his upper lip, why did Woodson suddenly shave it off, and make his face look so naked? The secret is known only by himself, and possibly one other person.

And speaking of mustaches—according to the statement of a New York physician, shaving increases the liability of the individual to neuralgia and other nervous troubles of the face, and close shaving of the upper lip each day often has been credited with weakening the nerves that affect the eyes, causing acute eye trouble that disappeared when the mustaches was permitted to grow. Now, we won't vouch for the authenticity (?) of this statement but I'll wager a lot of glasses will be thrown away and mustaches sprout when this is read. And you save on razor blades, too.

"Polireman, that ruffian took my wife's arm."

"All right, sir, we'll search him at the station."

What sort of motions is that girl over yonder making?

Why you nut, she's trying to pull down her skirt.

What's the matter—can't she find it?

Guest (at a tavern): "Do you serve lobsters here?"

"Why yes," said the waiter, "we serve anybody."

NAVY MEN VERSATILE

Among the large number of men on board this ship, at this time who are not only able to handle their Navy work shipshape, but who also have interesting avocations, is Albert Abelt, Sea2c, of Home Trail, Oregon. While at the San Diego Training Station, he completed a number of landscape paintings in "Oil" and donated to the Station, which have won praise from the cognoscenti.

At present Albert is in the deck force but is anxious to make the Paint Locker before his cruise is finished. Ata boy Abelt.

DID YOU KNOW?

To feed the crew of a Battleship for one month, no less than 35 head of cattle, 30 sheep, 25 calves and the loins and hams of 200 hogs are required; other items include 86,000 pounds of fresh vegetables, 29,000 pounds of fruit, 8700 dozen eggs and 24,000 pounds of flour.

That if you hang around the bridge while we are underway, you may hear the quartermaster refer to the navigational star Antares. Most blue-jackets have heard of a ship by that name. Anyway, Antares is the largest star in the heavens so far measured. The diameter is 400,000,000 miles. Compare this figure with the diameter of the Sun—864,000 miles, or with our puny earth—8,000 miles and you may gain some idea of the enormous size of this star. The material of which only one three-thousandth as dense as the air around us. Antares is a sun, even as our own sun, and as far as we know, may have planets, such as the earth, revolving around it.

Profanity is neither an art nor a science but a habit that does not belong to a gentleman and your efforts to succeed at any thing else are useless unless you are a gentleman.

That enlisted men of the Navy have been permitted to make money allotments to their dependents since 1800.

That the late Theodore Roosevelt is reported to have said that a "second-best" navy is like a second best hand in poker—good, but not good enough.

That most people who carry their heads too high, miss a lot of the good things of life.

England has recently built a submarine of 29,000 tons which has a surface speed of 22.5 knots and is armed with 8 inch guns.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The At 'Em welcomes from the U. S. S. Utah, Laux, L. H. Bug1c.

From the Receiving Station, San Diego, Vorherr, W., Cox; Sparks, W. H., AS; Schwartzman, A., AS; Tilton, D., Sea2c; Weaver, H. A., AS; Shelton, A. V., AS and Kenney, J. J., MM2c.

From the U. S. Training Station, San Diego, the following Apprentice Seamen, Wright, J. A.; Wilson, V.; Meurer, G. R.; Kusel, O. G. Jr.; Johnson, B. F.; Fazzino, Frank and Murdock, Thomas D., Yeo3c.

From temporary duty with VO Squadron 2B; Tully, D. E., Sealc and Parr, D. D., Sealc.

The At 'Em regrets to lose, Wolff, Francis R., CMM, to Receiving Station, San Diego, Calif.



BASEBALL

Baseball is an athletic, sporting competition between two teams of nine players per team. However a baseball squad consists of one manager, one or two coaches, one field captain, four to six pitchers both right and left handers, two or three catchers, six to seven infielders, and five to six outfielders, and one score keeper for the individual records of each man and team. The manager must be sole boss with the coaches assisting him at all times; (As Connie, John J. McGraw and Miller Huggins).

There are two kinds of baseball teams, a winning or losing one. The winning team must have nine men with confidence in each other, adaptability for his assigned position, smooth and flawless teamwork with a thorough knowledge of all the fine points of the game, a fighting heart to win, a scoring punch to push across runs, and true sportsmanship. The losing team naturally lacks the above qualifications, and is unable to push over winning runs.

Baseball like most contests requires fighting offensive and impregnable defensive efforts, with each team demonstrating their ability of each condition during an inning. The offensive team is putting men on base by hits, walks, being hit by pitcher, or by errors made by the defense players, then pushing these men around the bases to score. The batter must have camera eyes to correctly judge good balls to hit, perfect coordination in timing to accurately follow the ball in order to put the full power of his arms and body in the swing, and to properly lay down a bunt when signalled. He must be able to hit outside, inside, high, low, fast, slow, curve and straight balls. In order to fully succeed in this the batter must correct his faults by batting practice.

The batter must be able to assist the base runner in advancing another base by timely hitting or counting so as to make it difficult for the defense to handle the ball. Timely hitting is accurately following the ball from the time it leaves the pitcher until it arrives just in front of the plate so as to meet the ball at the center of the swing and driving it where the outfielders cannot successfully handle it to make a play on. Bunting requires more nerve and greater accuracy in following the ball without moving until the ball is just in front of the plate. Bring the bat slowly in line of flight of ball stepping in the direction to lay bunt, where most difficult to handle; after bunting try

COLORADO WINS ENGINEERING TROPHY

Another year of engineering competition for battleships was completed on June 30 of this year, and after careful computation of statistics by the Bureau of Engineering, the Chief of Naval Operations has just announced that the winning ship is the U. S. S. Colorado. Second place goes to the Pennsylvania; the relative positions of the remaining battleships are Texas, Oklahoma, West Virginia, New York, Arizona, Tennessee, Nevada, Maryland, and California. The New Mexico and the Mississippi did not compete.

COLON TO BALBOA

When you are told that the Atlantic door to the Panama Canal is farther west than the Pacific door, you naturally are inclined to be a bit puzzled, since you know that the Atlantic Ocean is east of the Pacific. The anomaly is explained by the fact that the general direction of the waterway is from northwest to the southeast, thus placing the Pacific port of entry about 27 miles farther east than the Atlantic port of entry.

This is the place where the sun rises in the Pacific and sets in the Atlantic.

hard to reach first safely.

The baserunner must be fast, alert and able to steal bases, slide, and keep the pitcher worried; also to pull the defense fielders out of position, thereby improving the batters chance of a base hit. The base runner must watch the base coaches and pitcher, make proper turns on the bases, touch all of them, and run hard, never slowing up or stopping until he has scored or signalled by the base coach. He must catch and obey all signals, and keep the scoring threat paramount.

The team is on the offensive until three men have been called out by the umpires, therefore it must make and capitalize the breaks, keep on their toes, and fight to score as many runs as possible, thereby demoralizing the defense. Even though the team is behind while on the offensive it must fight harder to overcome the lead with a determination to win and never to admit defeat until the third out has been called in the last inning (As the Athletics in the fourth game of the World Series against the Chicago Cubs, and again in the fifth game, same series 1929).

TABOGA BILL

"Taboga Bill," a shark estimated to be 32 feet, inhabited the waters around Taboga Island, Panama, for many years and was well known to seamen sailing in those waters. He was more of liability than asset, for he was bountifully rationed by all ships boasting his acquaintance. On approaching Taboga Island, Bill's habitat, men kept a sharp lookout for their comrade of the sea, and renewed old acquaintance.

However, a motor launch from the Tulsa, trolling off Taboga, spied an enormous shark asleep on the surface of the water. Coming up near enough the boat's crew harpooned the shark, landed him only after practically a day's battle and found that he had towed them a great distance from Taboga towards the Perlas Islands. Upon return to the ship, it was found they had bagged none other than Taboga Bill. He was hoisted on a boat davit and found to be 27 feet and one inch in length and weighed (estimated) 5,000 pounds. Seen by the author of this article triced upon the davit, he looked like a young submarine of the O-boat type.

In this same connection, up to 1920, two sharks, well-known to the natives, used to inhabit the Bay of Gonaves, Haiti. Around these two sharks had grown up quite a local tradition, but this writer cannot say whether these two sharks are still living, as the Bay is now regularly visited by various ships. (J. R. T.)

BARGE WHISTLE CALLS BIRD

A striking example of wildbird intelligence has been observed on the Panama Canal in connection with the underwater blasting that is carried on there. A barge has been especially equipped for drilling blast holes below the water and depositing charges in them. When a blast is ready the craft moves off to a safe distance, and before setting off the dynamite the barge whistle is blown several times to warn all vessels in the vicinity. Instantly numbers of wild birds may be seen coming from all directions, the reason being they have learned that many dead and stunned fish rise to the surface of the water following each explosion. To them this particular whistle is like a dinner gong. More remarkable still, they readily distinguish between this whistle and others. Canal workmen and natives also share in the harvest.