



# THE ARIZONA IS PROUD OF HER CREW!

## THE WEARING OF THE "E"

"Only the shots that hit are the shots that count.—

*President Theo. Roosevelt, at the Naval Academy, 1902*

Last week the first hurdle of the S.R.B.P. barrier was taken in stride. The A. A. gun crews dealt out sudden death and destruction on the targets (and the raft) while the main and broadside batteries held their first full dress rehearsal with a critical audience. The Battle of Catalina Island was resumed and finished this week, to the accompaniment of both the bark of the five-inch and the roar of the fourteens while an interested audience tried to figure out whether the big hole was due to a ricochet, three shots in the same hole, or a turret shell being inadvertently fired from a broadside gun. Local dopesters refuse to divulge state secrets but it is authoritatively rumored that many new sleeves will be graced with the most beautiful of vowels—the E—and an equal number of pay accounts will be agreeably bulged for the coming year. Incidentally it showed the check-sight observers that they were not so optimistic after all.

Although S.R.B.P. is the most elementary practice of the year, it holds more interest than any other firing, because of the competitive spirit that is developed in drills and also because not a few of us were receiving our first taste of powder smoke in this practice, and because (strange as it may seem) we like to watch the shells go through the targets.

While the firing of S.R.B.P. resulted in the establishment of records of which the ARIZONA may well be proud, it is not a sufficient reason for  
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## THE POINTER

*Tho' sturdy years may do me in  
Suprise will long outlive chagrin.  
As finger 'round the trigger gripped  
As hell about me widly ripped.*

*No moments twang but stark despair  
Played 'round my face and brushed  
my hair.  
Thru haze and mist came "ready two"  
Another hell I'd make I knew.*

*The buzzer, quick, the key I pressed  
And deep my heel bit in the rest.  
The rumbling roar and yellow flare  
Was followed fast by swishing air.*

*The breech in yawing hunger woke.  
"BORE CLEAR" came hurtling  
thur the smoke.*

*A thud, a shell. With quick despatch  
The powder in. Clicked the Salvo Latch.*

*Train right! Mark! It's a hit I know,  
Steady on the white when I let it go.  
The buzzer again like savage bees  
Four rounds are out, No Casualties.*  
—P. T. K.

## PROCEDURE

Out of the weeks of constant practice that we growled and grumbled about in the preparation for actual firing, there grew a habit, a routine procedure, that left small chance of a failure of personnel. The team work that is vital to the success of any ship's company became such a part of our natures that when the actual test came our smooth working gunnery organization "clicked" even smoother than in practices. Such a record is the result of the efforts of no one man — the entire ship's company is responsible and to the ship's company goes the credit and praise. ARIZONA is justly proud of her crew to serve on a ship that delivers the goods!

## WE WANT A TOUCHDOWN!!

Having learned their final lessons in football to the tune of the barks and roars of S.R.B.P. Coach Hardwick's 1937 Wildcat eleven feels ready for the Idaho. This is the season opener for both teams so nothing definite in the way of a forecast could be honestly made. However, if there is any question in your mind about the quality of football that will be played, we have the answer to that question. The Arizona has the makings of an "E" team. Our coaching staff is both experienced and talented and the At 'Em team is built from a roster of sixteen veterans and a larger number of new men with plenty of beef and fight. The dopesters figure the Idaho as one of the "teams to beat" this year. That combination promises a game full of action and football.

Did you ever hear of the Army-Navy game of 1926 which ended in a 21-21 tie, or the Pittsburgh-Minnesota game of 1935 when the Gophers took all Pitt could dish out for three quarters and then punched out a 13 to 7 win? That's the kind of football we are in for any time this year with Post, Parker, Oldham, Rourk, Hodges, Borries, Tefft, Frizzell and the others on the field.

At 'Em Arizona let's make this a 4.0 season with all the trimmings.

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## IT'S A FACT

The battle between the first ironclad ships is a familiar story to most citizens of the United States. One item little known is that when the action took place, the Monitor was not the property of the United States government, but of it's inventor, John Ericsson, of Vermland, Sweden.



## AT 'EM ARIZONA

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

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Executive Officer

## HIT, NO CHANCE!

There is not the least doubt in any of our minds but that everyone of us has during this past week, experienced that feeling that comes with the completion of a job well done. We are referring of course, to this week's S.R.B.P.. There isn't any other sensation in the world that can quite equal that inner glow of satisfaction that warms our hearts when we look at a job and know that it's over, and that we have done it well.

Coming on the range has its special thrill and it repays one for weeks of drilling in the fundamentals of naval gunnery.

The anti-aircraft crews ripped the target in their part of the show last week and the rest of the AT'EM gunners, manning the broadside and main batteries, demonstrated their speed and accuracy at Short Range Battle Practice this week.

The Wildcats have already tasted the spicy fare of Fleet competition in sports. Our engineers won commendation for their continued fine work and this week the gunners came to bat. They approached their job with the serene confidence of seasoned hands, they knew the feel of the thing and made a score worthy of the grand ship in which we are all proud to serve. ARIZONA is proud of her crew.

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## FOOTBALL FANS, ATTENTION

SPENCER & JONES at 1100 W. Third Street, Long Beach, California, have been appointed as official ticket agents for all University of Southern California football games to be played in the Colliseum at Los Angeles this season.

This arrangement was made possible through the courtesy of the University of Southern California for the convenience of the officers, enlisted personnel, their families, and friends.

## S. R. B. P. PRIZES

Several prizes are competed for each year by the battleships. Some are awarded permanently, some until the next practice.

"Admiral Trenchard section Navy League Medals" — Presented annually by the Admiral Trenchard section of the Navy League to the set of turret pointers of a battleship making the highest merit for turret guns at S.R.B.P.

"Knox Gun Pointer Medals" — Presented annually by the Massachusetts Sons of the Revolution to the set of gun pointers making the highest merit at S.R.B.P.

"Marjorie Sterret Prize Money" — Awarded annually to the battleship turret crew making highest merit at S.R.B.P.; and to the Broadside or A.A. gun crew making the highest merit.

"Navy E" — Awarded annually to all members of crews qualifying for E's.

"Spokane Cup" — Presented annually by the City of Spokane, Wash., to the battleship making the highest turret merit in S.R.B.P.

"The American Defense Society Cup" — Awarded annually to the battleship making the highest merit in S.R.B.P.

In listing the above trophies the word "merit" has been emphasized. All ships and guns compete on a system of handicap scoring. For instance, it is easier to hit with a two gun turret than it is with a three gun. The score necessary for a merit of 100 is, therefore, higher for the COLODADO than it is for the MISSY. A gun is much harder to point on a destroyer than on a battleship. According, the destroyers mounting 5"/51 caliber guns have a much lower score to shoot at than we.

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## ANSWERS

Questions are being asked about how S.R.B.P. scores are computed. And then there are some gun's crews who would prefer not to have their scores computed at all, not us however. But here's how it's done.

FIRST — Hits per gun per minute. The number of hits the gun would have obtained in one minute if it fired with the accuracy and speed that it

## DID YOU KNOW?

That an A.A.S.R.B.P.. cartridge cost \$17.00, a Broadside shell and powder \$20.00, and a turret shell and powder \$286.00. How many hits would we have if the pointers had to pay for those that missed, were fired off the buzzer or at the wrong target?

That the cost of all the ammunition fired on the ship on S.R.B.P. is \$24,606.00. This is an inexpensive practice at that.

That silk is used for powder bags because it leaves a smaller amount of residue and burns faster and more completely than any other practicable material.

That a bore is always foul after a gun is fired using smokeless powder due to inflammable gases present, and that it can be cleared only by the scavenging action of the air jets in the breech.

That the recoil system on a turret gun does the work equivalent to stopping a Ford automobile traveling at about 1,250 miles per hour in about two feet.—Exchange.

did while actually firing. Suppose a Broadside gun got 4 hits in 24 seconds or 1 every 6 seconds. Then for 1 minute it would get 10 hits. This is the SCORE.

SECOND — Percentage of hits. If the gun made 4 hits in 4 shots the percentage would be 100

THIRD—FINAL SCORE is obtained by multiplying the SCORE (10) by the percentage of hits (100) and dividing by 100. Result—10.

FOURTH — Merit is obtained by dividing the FINAL SCORE by the STANDARD SCORE for the particular type of gun and ship and multiplying by 100. Thus, if the STANDARD FINAL SCORE for this gun were 12, the MERIT would be 83.33. A merit of 100 is awarded with an "E"

Suppose in the above case the gun made only 3 hits, but made them in 18 seconds. You might think that the fast time made up for the lost hit—but figure it out. H.P.G.P.M. are 10 as before. But the percentage of hits is only 75, so the FINAL SCORE is 7.50 and the MERIT only 75.

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Send the At 'Em home.



## LAST CALL for CONTRIBUTIONS

The combined drive for contributions to the Navy Relief Society and to the 1937 American National Red Cross High Seas Roll Call will end soon. Every officer and man is morally obligated and is expected to aid these worthy causes by making a donation of as much as possible.

The Navy Relief Society is making their annual appeal for aid to relieve the suffering of **NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY** needy and worthy dependents of those who have

died in the naval service and of those still on active duty. "In the Navy we have our own private 'Community Chest' — We try to look out for our own who are in distress or are unfortunately situated by reason of one thing or another. This coming winter promises to be a hard one on hundreds of thousands of people throughout the country; each state and each lesser community faces the problem of relieving unavoiable distress. Through the medium of the Navy Relief Society, we of the Navy, have the privilege of 'doing our bit' towards looking out for and assisting the 'Navy Community.' The time has come to show our good intentions; let us have a generous and a 100 percent response to this strictly Navy Relief Fund — **BY NAVY PEOPLE FOR NAVY PEOPLE.**

The genuine interest of the officers and enlisted personnel in the Navy Relief Society last year, produced a very large membership that was a source of distinct pride to the service and of exceptional inspirational value.

The Navy Relief is your instrument for putting into effect your impulse to serve the common good.

Moreover the Navy Relief needs and should have our generous support. We should be a participant in its noble work. This is your **NAVY RELIEF FUND.** Give your confidence and support through membership. Join now! Every man can afford to make a contribution, be it large or small. Whatever help you can give this year, will be most thoroughly valued.

A squad of recruits had been out to the rifle range for their first try at marksmanship. They knelt at 250 yards and fired. Not a hit. They moved up to 200 yards. Not a hit. They tried at 100 yards. No results.

"Tension," Range Officer roared, "Fix bayonets! Charge! It's your only chance."

The American Red Cross Society as well as the Navy Relief Society is truly worthy of the support of the men of the U. S. Navy. Every man should be proud to support any organization which renders relief to his dependents and who stand ready to aid him in time of need. The man in the Navy is called on but very few times each year for donations to any relief organization — in proportion, they are called on much less than civilians, and they really receive more services for their donations than any civilian.

Contributions are to be entirely voluntary and funds may be given either to the Navy Relief or to the Red Cross or may be divided between the two organizations. Unless there is a major catastrophe, this will be the only time we will be called upon to contribute to any relief organizations this year.

This is the one opportunity which every man gets each year to show his appreciation for the many cases of assistance rendered to Naval personnel by these two organizations. The Navy Relief and the Red Cross cooperate to the fullest extent, for your benefit and mine. Let us show our appreciation by contributing something to these very worthy organizations.

It is very embarrassing to request relief, running into hundreds of dollars, when that particular ship realizes that it had contributed little or nothing to the organization. The Navy Relief has yet to refuse a reasonable request regardless of this situation. If every man conscientiously makes his contribution which he considers within his means, the Arizona can be kept off of this list.

It can be done, so let's go!

### NAVAL ACADEMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

William and Mary, Saturday, September 26, at Annapolis.

Davidson, Saturday, October 3, at Annapolis.

Virginia, Saturday, October 10, at Annapolis.

Yale, Saturday, October 17, at Baltimore.

Princeton, Saturday, October 24, at Princeton.

Pennsylvania, Saturday, October 31 at Philadelphia.

Notre Dame, Saturday, November 14, at Baltimore.

Harvard, Saturday, November 21, at Boston.

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#### Plebe Schedule

George Washington U. Fresh., Saturday, October 3.

Dean Academy, Saturday, October 10.

Kiskiminetas Springs School, Saturday, November 14.

U. of Pitt Frosh, Saturday, November 21.

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#### "B" Squad Schedule

Yale University "B" Squad, Friday, October 16.

Princeton University "B" Squad, Saturday, October 24 at Princeton.

U. of Penn "B" Squad, Saturday November 7.

Open date, Saturday, November 14.

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#### Honorable Discharges

The following named men were recently discharged from the Naval Service. We wish them a happy voyage on the USS Outside, but hope they will see fit to rejoin us soon. They are:

Burkett, F. E.; Violet, H. L.; Nye, P. E.; Hasz, L. B.; Marshall, R. W.; Goch, S. A.; Rickabaugh, A. P.; Hadley, D. A. and Stanley, R.

#### Advancements

Dorris, F. E. from F2c to F1c and Seitz, L. P. from F2c to EM3c.

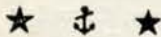
#### New Men

Hurlbert, C. C. from USS Cuyama; Brewer, G. E. from USS Pennsylvania; Brundy, W. H. from USS Relief; Martin, J. A. from USNH, Pearl Harbor, T. H. Greer, H. P. from USNH, San Diego, California.

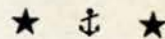
#### Transfers

Hughlett, C. W. to USS Pinola.





## DIVISIONAL SOUNDINGS



## SECOND DIVISION NOTES

Here it is Autumn already, yet Rusky still has Spring fever, or something. Maybe his mad rush for those 'Frisco perfumed letters explains that love-lorn look. Now if it were Spring we'd suggest sulphur and molasses, but—

After expending too much energy cleaning the forward trunks "Bu-Gow" Young has been promoted to the Society of Angle Iron Scrubbers. How does it feel to be among working men again, Young? Well, maybe not working—and I guess they are men—skip it, eh?

Every now and then "Don Juan" O'Kelly comes out of the turret to strut his stuff and now he takes most every liberty! Solution — it rhymes with June, moon, dove 'n love—guess he'll start writing poetry next. Who's the girl, O'Kelly?

According to the mess striker on table number 23 there has been too much food to clear away lately and the only explanation we know of is that Zymroz has indigestion — and isn't eating like he used to. But things balance themselves anyway, for what Zymroz eats up "Little Allen" leaves. He is dieting on sundaes these days.

Speaking of food doesn't E. Johnson look well fed lately? I wonder why? And when Lewis dies and goes to heaven I guess he'll ask St. Peter to share a can of beans with him—and Trantham will most likely share his peanut butter with the devil.

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## "A" DIVISION SNOOPER SHOTS

Kewpie Quersted playing a new role in Romance Across the Bar with the Starlight. "Isn't love Grand!"

It seems that "True" Free cannot understand where the true comes from. It is an old Indian custom Free. Is it true that Donald DeLopp was seen trying to manufacture a new kind of brick, or was he just writing (love letters) in the sand. How about it West?

Its hard to believe that Waxie, better known as the locker club boy,

## THE SNOOPER

What a funny thing Human Nature Business is—when the Spotlight of publicity is turned on some people, they can't take it—others cry for it and can't get it—others want a hot Ship's paper but let some one else make it—The most pronounced dream of a modern Arizona Fireman is, to get promoted to the position of "Evaporation"—Now that he is once more on good terms with his Boss "Weeping Willie" is looking for a 3rd. class crow—Because he has such a swell head,(never mind initials), was his reason for enlisting in the Navy, according to the opinion of some of his shipmates, just to let the world see him—Overheard someone asking "Shanty" if he now knows that they use oil instead of salt water in those bearings in the Shaft Alley. (Goodness Gracious!—"Turn To" Cryer, still wants to know how to spell "bestas and onliest"—Caught one of our rodiomen reading "Petticoat Court" by Lovelace. Tsk! Tsk! Horn was overheard telling one of our recent recruits, "I'm a darn good fighter but my feet don't like to stand around and see my body abused"—Strange as it may seem, "Greasy" was seen taking his quarterly bath yesterday. Last pay day, "Sugar Daddy" was seen busily thumbing his way through a jewelry catalogue. We were wondering why? Tommy, one of our Radio gadgets says that most good looking guys are conceited but that he's not. O yeah! "Gigilo" Powell has a deep respect for forced draft blowers since he walked under one and his ears nearly beat his brains(?)out. Cannon, uses Whoosis Whatis to prevent baldness, but why bring it aboard ship? We thought at first that he had sneaked a skunk aboard as a pet.—

escaped making a three point landing last week end!

Bean-jockey Baccala is never going to Hollywood again. What is the matter? Police, women or both?

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## FIFTH DIVISION FARCE

Congratulations are in order for "Wheels" Weigge and his gun crew on their very good showing in the S.R.B.P. Firing. It seems that his crew never did get in on the ice cream but when they came around for that "E" money they were right there.

"Killer" Red Rawson has earned himself a new title—that of the windiest deckhand on the gig's crew. Anyhow we like it Red.

What has "Scarface" Maxie been keeping from us that we should know aw c'mon and tell us all about your girl Maxie.

It seems that our big bad bold gun captain Lenin was trying to make a showing with "Gunny" Maag's girl friend. She turned and giving him the curl of her lower lip said "I'll tell my Krauty Wauty!" What is this strange power you have over the fair sex Magg? Please tell us.

What happened to Rourk's gun crew this last firing? It seems that they got their usual two hits!

Deadeye Pinoli seemed to go like a veteran this last time—We wonder why he didn't get an "E" just for pointing.

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## ?Que Paso, Chico?

Ships of the same class in the Navy are often so much alike even the members of the crew are confused Witness to that is a mess attendant on the U. S. S. Houston. Returning to the ship one night in a "water taxi", he came aboard ship, and turned in for some sleep. Later in the night, a rude hand shook him out. He was in another man's bunk, aboard the Houston's sister ship, the U.S.S. Chicago.

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us to rest on our laurels however fresh they may be.

Let's keep up the good work and set out to better our own marks for next year and make sure that no other ship has the honor of breaking our record.