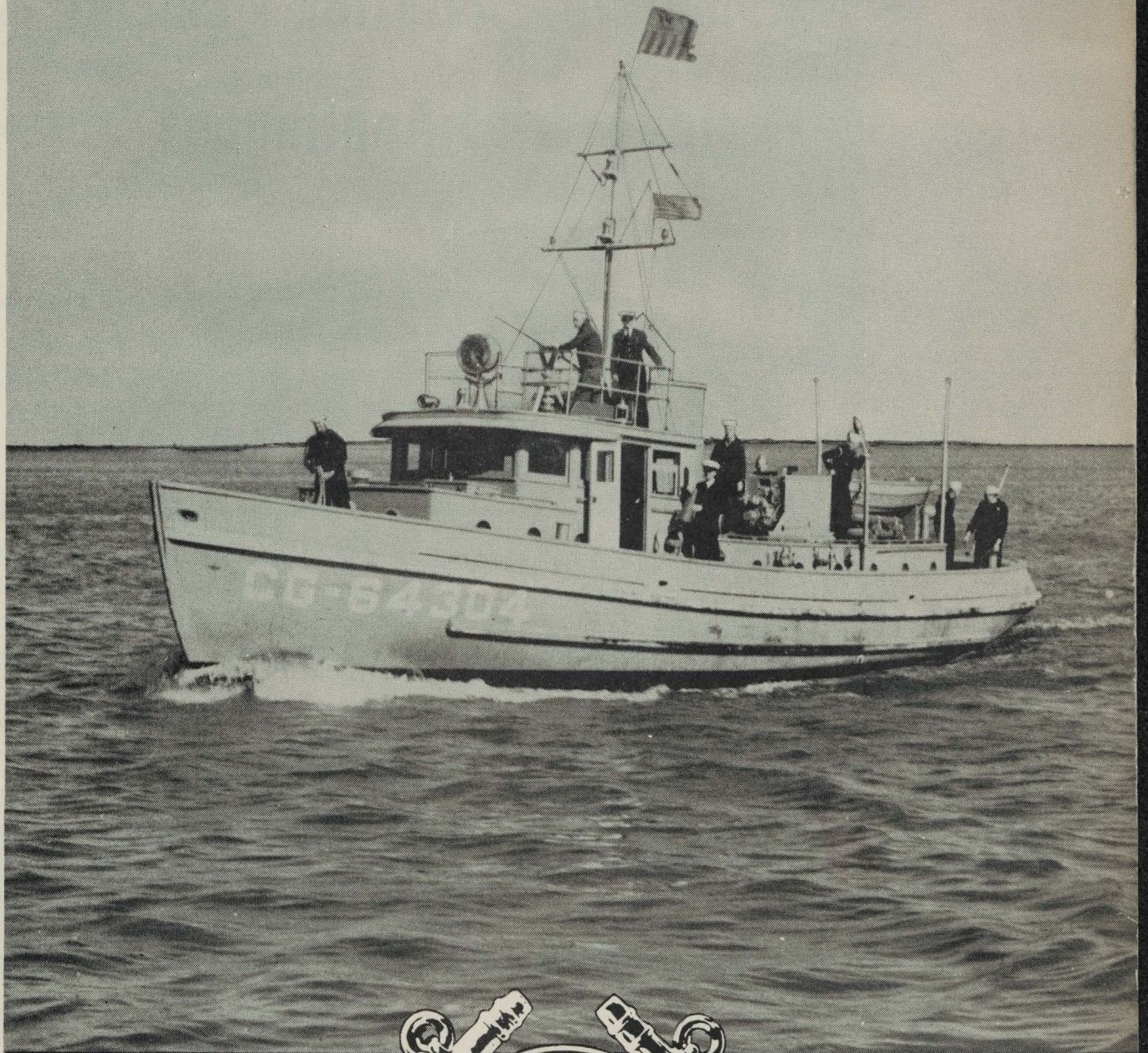


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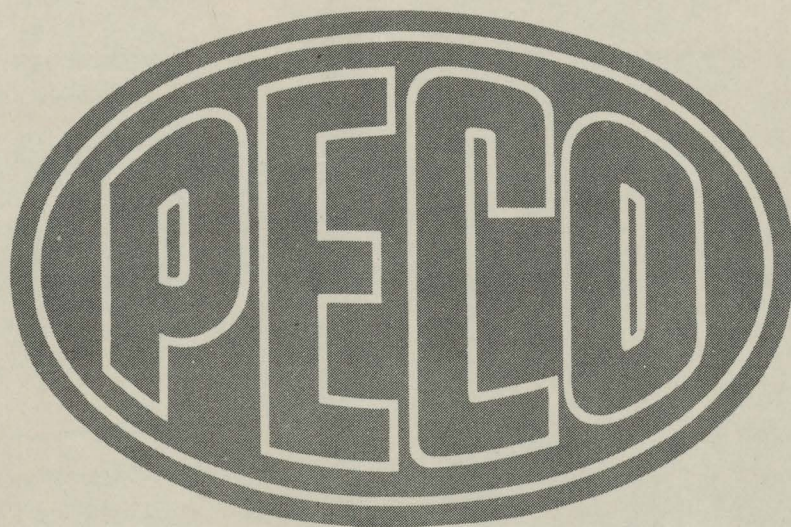
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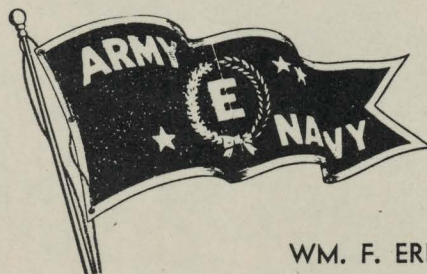
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RESOLUTION PASSED AT MEETING OF DISTRICT BOARD

27 September, 1944

WHEREAS the District Board of the USCG Auxiliary, 4th Naval District, is aware of the many hours of untiring effort on the part of H. Earl Huston and F. Travis Coxe, Chairmen of the USCG Auxiliary Training Base House and Financial Committees, respectively, and their fellow committee members, to wit:

Pearson E. Yeager, John C. Larkin, Stanley E. Haigh, Don May, S. Leroy Wingate, Richard W. Nelms, Newell J. Nessen, Frank W. Harris, Henry Lear, in the financing and securing of suitable quarters, furnishings and equipment for the new Auxiliary Training Base, and further

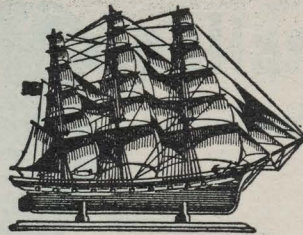
WHEREAS, said District Board has had the pleasure of inspecting the new Auxiliary Training Base and has been the recipient of many favorable comments thereon, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the sincere thanks of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, 4th Naval District, be extended through the District Board to said Earl Huston and F. Travis Coxe, Chairmen, and their committees for the excellent work that they have completed in a manner to bring credit to the entire USCG Auxiliary organization and, be it further RESOLVED that the Secretary is hereby

instructed to forward copy of this resolution to all members of the Auxiliary Training Base House and Financial Committees and, likewise to TOPSIDE and to make it a part of the minutes of the District Board meeting of 27 September, 1944.

O. L. Williams, Secretary,
District Board.

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SURPLUS BOATS

The U. S. Maritime Commission is offering for sale 2,215 small assault boats which have been declared surplus property. The boats weigh 165 pounds each and measure 13 feet 6 5/8 inches in length and are 5 feet 4 inches wide amidships. All will be sold on a "where is, as is" basis on date of delivery. The boats are located and may be inspected between 0900 and 1600 at the following Army Service Depots: Richmond, Va.; Baton Rouge, La.; Memphis, Tenn.; Columbus, Ohio; San Antonio, Texas; Albany, N. Y.; Ogden, Utah; and Belle Meade, N. J. Those interested in buying any of the craft should write to Surplus Property Section, Procurement Division of the United States Maritime Commission, 14th Street and Park Road N. W., Washington, D. C.

HURRICANE PHOTOS

Credit for the excellent hurricane pictures that were used in the October issue of TOPSIDE was given exclusively to John E. Bromley, Jr., of Flotilla 31. In a letter from Mr. Bromley, we are given to understand that the credit should be divided between Mr. Bromley and his fellow-flotillaman, Harold Hemming. Thank you, Seaman Hemming.

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COMPLEMENTS OF TEMPORARY RESERVISTS ESTABLISHED BY HDQTS.

To clarify the extent of the operations of the Temporary Reserve units serving as a part of the Coast Guard, the Commandant has established definite complements for each Coast Guard district. This includes authorization for 20 Volunteer Port Security Regiments with a total strength of 25,578 Temporary Reservists, and a total of 40,153 Temporary Reserv-

ists enrolled from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, making a grand total of 65,731 Temporary Reservists authorized. Of this number, 43,839 are already enrolled.

These complements were determined as the result of a Headquarters survey of all the District Temporary Reserve activities. District Coast Guard officers were requested to submit statements of the number of Volunteer Temporary Reservists they would require for the performance of Port Security duties both ashore and afloat.

—Coast Guard Bulletin, Volume 2, Number 27.

A THOUGHT TO ALL

Are you an active member
The kind that's liked so well,
Or are you just contented
With the badge on your lapel?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay away
And criticize and knock?
Say, do you take an active part
And help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belong?
Do you ever get out and hustle
And help to crack a lick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And then talk about the "Cliques"?
Come to the meetings,
Help with hand and heart,
Don't be "Just A Member"
But take an active part.
Think it over Comrades,
You know right from wrong,
Be an "Active Member"
Instead of a "Just Belong".

BLUE CAP COVERS will replace white cap covers in this District on and after 27 November, 1944.

BOX SCORE

16 TO 31 OCTOBER, INCLUSIVE

Number of Men Enrolled in the CG Auxiliary	3
Number of Men Sworn in the Class (T) Reserve	2
Number of Class (T) Reservists Issued Uniforms	2
Number of Men Disenrolled from Class (T) Reserve	17
Number of Additional Men Assigned to Active Duty	91

CUMULATIVE TOTALS

AS OF 31 OCTOBER, 1944

Number of Men Enrolled in the CG Auxiliary	3445
Number of Men Sworn in the Class (T) Reserve	2194
Number of Class (T) Reservists Uniformed and Available for Duty...	2128
Number of Men on Active Duty...	2003



FROM the BRIDGE



WAR DIARY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY — FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT
FOR PERIOD 16 TO 31 OCTOBER, 1944

By LIEUT. JOHN W. BROWN, Director

★ *Tuesday, 17 October* — 35 men, temporarily enrolled in the USCGR from the Auxiliary, assumed the Radio Watch at the USCG Barracks, 3rd and Spruce Streets, replacing six regular Coast Guard for duty outside the District.

Wednesday, 18 October — The Director and the Temporary Reserve Personnel Officer reported to Headquarters, Washington, for conference on the Class (T) Reserve. As a result of this conference, it was made apparent that Class (T) Reserve members from the Auxiliary in the 4th ND would not be materially affected by the cessation of COTP duties, since the duty being presently performed by Class (T) members of the Reserve in the Port of Philadelphia will be continued.

Saturday, 21 October — Eight members of the Auxiliary temporarily enrolled in the USCGR qualified for "Expert" with the .38 cal. revolver under Navy regulations and have been certified to Headquarters. Thirty-seven Class (T) members from the Auxiliary qualified for "Marksman" with the .30 cal. rifle.

Monday, 23 October — One hundred and twenty-six men from the Class (T) Reserve assumed duty of the Lower Anchorage Patrol aboard the CG-64305. This patrol will work out of the CG Repair Base at Edgemoor, Delaware and will cover the lower river from Artificial Island to Marcus Hook, Pa. Changes in crew will be made at Riverview Beach at 0700 and 1800. Officers in charge and executive officers will remain aboard for 24 hours. Two regular Coast Guard motor machinist's mates presently assigned to this vessel will remain on duty.

Monday, 23 October — Maurice River Flotilla 34 was assigned to the Avalon Lookout Tower, replacing men from Stone Harbor Flotilla 32 and Wildwood Flotilla 33. Members of Flotilla 32 were

assigned to duty at Corsons Inlet Lookout Tower, replacing men from Flotilla 34. This change in personnel does not add any Class (T) men. It was made for the purpose of saving transportation, utilizing those men who live closest to the Tower, in each case.

Tuesday, 24 October — The Director, together with the Operations Officer of Little Egg Harbor Flotilla 18, held a conference with Commander Richard L. Burke, USCG, in New York in connection with the utilization of Class (T) men on CG boats in a program of air-sea rescue work in connection with the Navy and Army fliers on practice maneuvers from bases located in New Jersey. This program promises to be one of the outstanding projects for the utilization of Class (T) men from the Auxiliary. Further conferences are planned in this connection.

Tuesday, 24 October — A meeting was held at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, at which time the War Bond Chairman for the Auxiliary met with the Navy officer-in-charge of the Pearl Harbor Week — 6th War Loan Drive. Plans were formulated for the participation of the Auxiliary in this drive.

Thursday, 26 October — The War Bond Chairmen from all the Flotillas in the 4th ND met at the Training Base under the direction of the War Bond Chairman for the District and formulated plans to conduct a campaign in connection with the Pearl Harbor — 6th War Loan Drive.

Friday, 27 October — All Flotilla commanders in the 4th ND were called to the Training Base for a commander's meeting, at which time a clarification of the following matters was presented: (a) Absentee voting laws (b) unassigned status (c) 600-hour service award (d) interpretation of the DCGO's letter in con-

RATINGS & COMMISSIONS CONFIRMED IN OCTOBER

Flotilla	Name	From	To
22	GRISCOM, William B.	Lieut. (i.g.)	Lieut.
17	CREELY, John R.	Ensign	Lieut. (i.g.)
22	WHITEHEAD, Walter T.	Ensign	Lieut. (i.g.)
42	ATKINS, Raymond		Ensign
15	MOORE, Henry T.	CBM	Ensign
27	SAWYER, George J.	Boatswain	Ensign
22	CARMEN, Lloyd P.	CBM	Boatswain
51	CUYLER, Theodore L.	CBM	Boatswain
15	HUBBARD, Richard	Sea.lc	Boatswain
24	RIEPEN, Frank H.	Cox.	Boatswain
17	WILLIAMSON, Wm. G.	CBM	Boatswain
53	APPEGATE, Paul C.	Sea.lc	CBM
18	EWING, Frank R.	BM1c	CBM
24	KURTZ, Franklin D.	BM1c	CBM
22	BRUBAKER, Claude S.	CMoMM	CBM
22	JOHANSEN, John F.	BM2c	BM1c
24	BRINTON, Caleb J.	Y3c	SK1c
15	ERRICKSON, Elmer	Y2c	Y1c
23	GLENN, Frank P.	Y3c	Y1c
25	HORN, Albert	MoMM2c	MoMM1c
23	HORN, Hugo	MoMM2c	MoMM1c
25	WINTERS, Gerald	MoMM2c	MoMM1c
13	ARTHUR, John	Sea.lc	Cox.
13	BOTTS, Adelbert K.	Sea.lc	Cox.
23	COX, Edward A.	Sea.lc	Cox.
25	DEUTER, Conrad	Sea.lc	Cox.
25	GLOYER, Donald W.	Sea.lc	Cox.
25	HARLOS, John H.	Sea.lc	Cox.
13	HIBBERT, Edmund B.	Sea.lc	Cox.
13	JEMISON, Harold P.	Sea.lc	Cox.
25	MAKIN, Joseph H.	Sea.lc	Cox.
24	MERTZ, Harvey	Sea.lc	Cox.
53	MILEY, George F.	Sea.lc	Cox.
25	MOEN, Maurice S.	Sea.lc	Cox.
24	PALMER, Charles C.	Sea.lc	Cox.
13	PANEK, Victor H.	Sea.lc	Cox.
34	SHEARD, Donald R.	Sea.lc	Cox.
25	SHINN, Alfred B.	Sea.lc	Cox.
22	SMITH, Charles L.	Sea.lc	Cox.
27	WALLACE, Frank F.	Sea.lc	Cox.
25	WELLS, Justin M.	Sea.lc	Cox.
24	WILLARD, Edward P.	Sea.lc	Cox.
13	WILKES, Edward	Sea.lc	Cox.
21	WILLIMAN, Pellman D.	Sea.lc	Cox.
22	ANDERSON, John J.	Sea.lc	BM2c
27	KOEHLE, John L.	Cox.	BM2c
24	RIDGE, Roy S.	Cox.	BM2c
22	TAIT, James B.	Cox.	BM2c
23	HIRST, Louis B.	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
22	MacMULLEN, Stewart G.	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
25	SMITH, Ervin G.	Sea.lc	MoMM2c
34	JOHNSTONE, Douglas	Y3c	Y2c
25	STEEN, William R.	Y3c	Y2c
23	MESTER, George B.	SK3c	SK2c
21	JACKEL, George W.	Sea.lc	Y3c
21	KESSLER, Frank T.	Sea.lc	Y3c
42	MARSHALL, James W.	Sea.lc	Y3c
21	OBERMILLER, Lewis G.	Sea.lc	Y3c
53	WENDELL, Robert B.	Sea.lc	Y3c
27	HEWITT, Charles O.	Sea.lc	SK3c
53	JOHNSON, Guy R.	Sea.lc	SK3c
51	LAMSON, John R.	Sea.lc	SK3c
15	LEMKE, Charles	Sea.lc	SK3c
11	MULLER, Walter H.	Sea.lc	SK3c
34	TOWLES, Walter R.	Sea.lc	SK3c
42	VESSELS, W. Allen	Sea.lc	SK3c
53	HERMAN, John C.	Sea.lc	GM3c
15	WILLIAMS, Lionel	Sea.lc	GM3c
23	YEAGER, Franklin A.	Sea.lc	GM3c
24	SANNEY, Courtland W.	BM1c	CBM

nection with the wearing of the Class (T) Reserve uniform (e) striker's badges (f) new legislation (g) Class (T) officer's indoctrination course.

Monday, 30 October — Lancaster Flotilla 52 held its second annual meeting at the Elks Club in Lancaster. Attending this meeting from the District Office were the District Personnel Officer, the commodore, and Director of the Auxiliary, the Assistant to the Director, several Class (T) Reserve officers and the commanding officers of the Port Richmond and Essington Bases.

Tuesday, 31 October — Orders were received from the Assistant District Operations Officer that the Lower Anchorage Patrol would be discontinued as of 2400, this date. The Patrol will be transferred to Edgemoor and a new patrol area will be assigned.

SAYS THE COMMODORE

★ A year ago, when members of the Auxiliary were given the opportunity to subscribe to the Pearl Harbor War Bond drive, the response was very gratifying. With a self-imposed quota of \$50,000, we actually bought over \$200,000 worth of bonds.

Now, once again, comes the call to commemorate Pearl Harbor and all it means to every red-blooded American. Once again, Uncle Sam needs War Bonds to help avenge December 7, 1941. I feel that it is quite unnecessary for me to tell the members of the Auxiliary why they should put every last cent they can spare — and more — into War Bonds. You men are in this organization for the same reason that I am. You feel that because for one reason or another you can not engage in actual combat, you want to do the next best thing that you *can* do and that is to devote what time you can to the Coast Guard Reserve.

I know, too, that not one of you feels that his service in the Reserve automatically absolves him from the need to do anything else to help win the war.

You all want to do whatever else you can to help.

Buying War Bonds is an easy way to help — in a *big* way. It's easy because you're not giving your money away. You're simply investing it in one of the best securities in the world — at a profit. The hard thing to do — and the thing I hope all of you will do in this drive — is to invest *more* than the cash you can easily spare. I hope that you will deny yourself some luxury, some pleasures, and put *that* money into War Bonds. Give up cigarettes or liquor or movies or the theatre or new clothes or a vacation trip. Figure out what you'd spend on those non-essentials in a year and put *that* money into War Bonds. That's taking a step toward sacrifice. That moves you an inch closer to the pedestal on which I put a Marine I talked to recently at the Naval Hospital. He was a youngster of 22. His left arm was off at the elbow. I tried to sympathize with him. "Hell, mister", he said. "I'm lucky. It's my left arm. Why, I've been right-handed all my life!"

—Lieut. Comdr. (T) F. B. Hinline, commodore, USCG Auxiliary, 4th ND



A framed picture of the "Monjoie II", owned by Maurice Cole, of Flotilla 11, Atlantic City, the Coast Guard Auxiliary boat whose exploits are featured in the book "SANK SAME" is given by Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Walter Whitehead, commander of Flotilla 22, to Lieut. John W. Brown, USCGR, Auxiliary Director, at a meeting of the Flotilla on 13 November. The picture is to be presented by Lieut. Brown to Maurice Cole. William Mellor, Jr., author of the book "SANK SAME", who spoke at the Flotilla meeting, is shown above with Lieut. Brown and Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Whitehead.

CHAPMAN WINS HONORS



Official U.S.C.G. Photo

James H. (Jim) Chapman, Gunnery Chief from Flotilla 22, known to all members of the Auxiliary in the Fourth Naval District who attended gunnery instructions, won two distinctive honors in his field during the past month.

Jim was one of the eight Auxiliarists who won the coveted U. S. Coast Guard Pistol Expert medals. He also has been crowned, for the fourth time in ten years, all-around champion in the United States Revolver Association.

In winning the U. S. R. A. title for slow fire, Chapman shot a 448 X 500 score in Match A, for .38 revolvers; 463 X 500 in Match B, for any pistol (he used a .22); and in Match I, International course, free pistol, he had 515 X 600. He won first place in all three events.

Chapman took second in the .22 National match course with a 285 X 300 score, and third in the pocket revolver with a 209 X 250 score. He had a grand aggregate slow fire score of 1426 X 1600.

Shooting for the past 14 years as a member of the U. S. R. A., in which he is vice-president; president of the Philadelphia Rifle Association; and member of the National Rifle Association; Broomall Sportsman's Club and Keystone Revolver Club, Chapman won the U. S. R. A. championships in 1935, 1937 and 1940.

A field of 300 competed in the U. S. R. A. 1944 championships, which Chapman won. We are happy to announce that Chapman has just been elevated to the rank Warrant rate of Gunner in the Class (T).

37 Men Qualify as Marksmen; 8 as Pistol Experts



★ When the gunnery program was inaugurated in November, 1943, provisions were made whereby men enrolled in the Temporary Reserve would be able to receive supplementary instruction and actual practice with the .30 caliber Springfield rifle. It was not until July, 1944, that this type of Gunnery instruction was made available to Class (T) Reserve personnel on an outdoor range. Permission to use the Coast Guard range at Two Mile Beach, Wildwood, New Jersey, was obtained and an announcement was made of this opportunity. Attendance was excellent from the beginning and the results exceeded all expectations.

All Class (T) Reserve men who signed up for the Wildwood detail were accommodated at the Coast Guard Barracks, 10th and Central Avenue, North Wildwood, and were subsisted at this unit while on gunnery duty. Arrangements were made so that any man could remain at the Barracks for a period of from one to three days.

At the closing of the range for the season on 14 October, 1944, 89 Class (T) Reserve men had reported, 78 Re-

servists actually fired the Marksman's Course and, of this group, 37 qualified as Marksmen in accordance with Table II (a) Chapter 19, Landing Force Manual USN-1938. Ten practice rounds were also fired.

It is worthy of note that many Reservists who qualified as Marksmen far exceeded the minimum score. The highest score recorded was that made by E. L. Chew, CBM, of Flotilla 17, who made 138 out of a possible score of 150. This man would very probably qualify as an Expert Rifleman if given the opportunity to shoot the Expert Course.

Eight members participating in the District Gunnery Familiarization Program have qualified as Expert with the .38 caliber revolver. Names of these members and their scores are listed. These eight men have been recommended to Headquarters for Expert Pistol Medals. Seven of the medals have already been awarded.

While on the range, all these Class (T) Reservists not only fired the prescribed rifle course but also took their turn in the pits along with the regular Coast Guard personnel.

The members of the Gunnery committee and of the Auxiliary staff would be pleased to hear, as I have heard, the many fine reports concerning the Class (T) Reserve men who reported to Wildwood. The District Office has received several letters from Class (T) Reserve men who have indicated their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in this supplementary phase of the Gunnery Program.

—W. E. STURM,
Lieutenant (j.g.), USCG.
Gunnery Familiarization Officer.

QUALIFIED as MARKSMEN .30 Caliber Springfield Rifle

Flotilla	Name	Score
17	Ernest L. Chew	138
31	Paul Ake	134
23	Clinton C. Baekey, Jr.	134
25	John A. Bauer	134
23	Norman H. Derr	134
13	Drew Farr	134
25	Robert W. Biermann	132
11	Albert G. Reid	132
23	Charles Stuber	132
13	Theodore A. Gabriel	131
22	Charles L. Smith	131
25	Ralph E. Kendall	128
27	Daniel Loder	128
25	Charles L. Engel	127
24	Thomas Ackley	126
34	Donald Sheard	126
25	William R. Gorman	125
23	Harry N. Straub, Jr.	125
27	George W. Wakefield	125
34	Dominick Dalesandro	124
23	Frank P. Glenn	124
31	Edward A. Ireland	124
31	Robert Simpson	124
13	Clarence L. Allen	123
13	George E. Gill	123
25	Joseph J. Atzert	122
24	Hans F. Dresel	122
31	Clyde B. Ellis	122
27	James B. Filer	122
31	Raymond Heron	122
25	Eugene L. Bruno	121
31	John J. Sterr	121
24	Otto K. Duhrkoff	120
31	William J. McCahan, III	120
25	Warren H. Reno	120
31	Harry R. Vandegrift	120
23	Franklin A. Yeager	120

QUALIFIED as PISTOL EXPERTS

31	Raymond G. Heron	231
31	William J. McCahan, III	221
25	William Gorman	218
23	Norman H. Derr	216
25	John Bauer	215
23	Clinton C. Baekey, Jr.	214
24	Thomas Ackley	213
22	James H. Chapman	211



FRANK E. MARKLEY
Seaman First Class in Reading Flotilla 51
U. S. Coast Guard Reserve



CHARLES W. MARKLEY
Fire Controlman Third Class

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Frank E. Markley, a Reading steelworker serving as drill master of Flotilla 52, ran away from home during the first World War at the age of 15. He was wounded and reported missing in France. Fourteen years later, he received the Purple Heart. His son, Charles W. Markley is a fire controlman third class in the Navy. He, too, has been awarded the Purple Heart having been wounded by shrapnel in the South Pacific. The elder Markley has served more than 400 hours on radio watch and harbor patrol since joining the Auxiliary. He is believed to be one of the most be-ribboned members of the Class (T) in this District.

RIFLE MARKSMAN

RECORD PRACTICE

Range	Time Limit	Shots	Target	Position
200 yards	None	10	A	Prone
yards	None	10	A	Sitting
yards	30 seconds per string	2 strings of 5 each	A	Prone
Total shots, each firing				30
Maximum score				150
Qualifying score—marksman				120

.38 CAL. REVOLVER COURSE

RECORD PRACTICE

Range (yards)	Kind of Fire	Time Limit	Target	Position	Shots
25	Timed	25 seconds for 6 shots	B	Standing	12
25	Rapid	15 seconds for 6 shots	B	Standing	12
50	Slow	None	B	Standing	12
50	Timed	25 seconds for 6 shots	B	Standing	12
Total shots, record practice					70
Maximum score					240
Qualifying score:					
Expert					210
Sharpshooter					193
Marksman					170

ANTI-AIRCRAFT

By H. EDW. PIKE, Bos'n (T) USCGR



"Stand erect . . . don't crouch . . . don't try to sight, but track your plane by the tracers . . . walk with your gun . . . the next one comes down fast from the right."

★ And, brother, it does just that when Russ Effler, Specialist 2/c, USN, talks to us over the loud speaker.

Down at the Cape May Naval Air Station is housed one of the most interesting training machines that Temporary Reservists have had the good fortune to use. It is the Polaroid Machine Gun Trainer, housed in a special, hurricane-proof building. This .50 caliber machine gun is similar to those mounted on the deck of a vessel. It is a development of the Polaroid Company, in conjunction with many other outstanding U. S. companies.

The ammunition used is inexhaustible because it shoots polarized light beams, in the form of tracer bullets, against a specially-treated concave screen that is larger than those installed in our best motion picture houses. Upon this screen are projected flights of planes attacking you at speeds of between 300 and 400 miles per hour. Glasses are provided giving the gunner a three-dimensional view of the planes in the sky. As a plane gets within effective range of the gunner, he "lets go" and from then on the action is identical to the real thing—with one exception: the attacking plane cannot return your fire.

As you squeeze the trip, a stream of tracers darts from the gun barrel. It's your job to direct that stream at the advancing or moving plane. The gun kicks and barks. The planes get lower and lower. Suddenly, there is a high-pitched "beep"—the signal that a hit has been registered on the automatic counter. Every third shot is a tracer and the gun

fires 750 rounds per minute. It is nearly 100% perfect in its accuracy and has been used by hundreds of gun crews all over the United States. Eleven more are in use overseas.

The men of Ocean City, Stone Harbor, Wildwood, Cape May, and Maurice River Flotillas are being scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays for this training. Each man is requested to take six sessions, after which it is assumed that he has developed a "feel" for the gun. Interest runs high and it is always a tense moment when Russ or his assistant announces the percentage of hits for the group.

Everyone who has had an opportunity to take advantage of this practice is an enthusiast after the first session and the writer has had little trouble in keeping the schedules full. This training program was made possible by Lieut. (T) H. Earl Huston, captain of the Southern New Jersey Division, after a conference with Lieut. Comdr. H. E. Skwer, USNR.

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COMMANDER OF FLOTILLA 24

★ J. Kirby Tompkins was a natural choice to succeed Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Lyle Holmes as commander of Flotilla 24 in the spring of 1944. His record in the Reserve has been long and his experience varied, admirably equipping him for the job.

The commander was first enrolled as a boat-owning member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary with Flotilla 33 at Wildwood. From there, he was transferred to special detail on the Chesapeake Bay where weekly, for five months, he and his beautifully-equipped and perfectly cared-for 41-foot twin screw Chris-Craft the *Bettijack III*, transported high-ranking Army Officers out of Aberdeen to and from undisclosed areas on the Eastern Shore. Transfer to membership in the Delaware River Yacht Club Auxiliary was effected in the fall of 1942.

Mr. Tompkins has since earned his rapid advancement from S 1/c, Cox., CBM (vice-commander), to Ensign (T). His Flotilla 24 duty credits extend through Gate and Dock, Radio, River Patrol out of Port Richmond, emergency cooperation at Essington, Anchor Patrol on CG 79001, and direction of a shore Hurricane Patrol, 50 Reservists strong, in the Ship Bottom area.

Born in Philadelphia in 1902, the commander received his education in his home city, attending Northeast High School. All of his summers from early youth were spent at Strathmere, N. J., where, through the years, he gained a practical knowledge of small-boat handling and coastal navigation. From his first garvey to the present beautiful cruiser, salt air and boats have been a great part of his life. In pre-gas-rationing days, he spent many hours on the Chesapeake, and used his boat for coastal transportation to and from his winter home on Lake Worth, off West Palm Beach, Florida, where sailfish and barracuda abound.

Ensign (T) Tompkins established the Tompkins Label Company in 1928, and a branch plant in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1939. This year, though crowded with Coast Guard Auxiliary activities, he acquired the Fenton Label Company, where he first worked at the beginning of his business career. His home is in Wynnewood—a spacious, four-acre estate, as complete and beautifully cared-for as the *Bettijack III*. Here you will find his charming and gracious wife, and three children, Betty, Jack, and "Tarzan." It is a perfect setting for a quiet, dignified, and completely happy family life.

We, at Flotilla 24, are extremely proud of our commander, and his devotion to our service. Such men are proof that we, in America, have gone at least one step farther on the long road toward world civilization. In his quiet way, he is a good example to us all.

—J. T. Elsröad,
(Stanley E. Haigh, Assisting).

MOTOR MACS WANTED

It is reliably reported that new duties for members of the Class (T), which will soon be authorized, will require considerably more Motor Macs than are now qualified. Almost twice as many, as a matter of fact. Classes are now being started at the Base. If you got your Motor Mac rating on the basis of boot-work but lack practical experience, it would be advisable for you to join these classes to get some practical experience—because you'll need it if you are assigned to the contemplated new duty. See your Flotilla commander.

PATRIOTISM *in Pints*



★ On an afternoon in the early part of September, we came to a determined decision. With our jaw squared, a do-or-die expression on our face, we reached for the hand phone in the office and dialed PEN — 3969. Soon we heard a pleasant feminine voice responding: "Red Cross Blood Donor Service — appointment desk." No backing out then — — — so, we made an appointment for the next evening at 2000.

So, that was that! For some time past we had been promising ourselves that we would make a blood donation, but you know how one can keep putting off such a thing — just like postponing that inevitable trip to the dentist; only this was really more important. Our rather pliable conscience kept bothering us more than usual lately and we had to do something to still that persistent and aggravating inner voice. But probably the thing that influenced us more than any other was the recent tragic news that a friend of ours had had his left arm blown off in combat action out in the S. W. Pacific. That did it, for we felt that if he could give an arm for his country, we could, at least, afford a pint of blood. — — — hence the phone call!

But don't think that, in the intervening lapse of time between making the appointment and keeping it, we didn't have some misgivings; once, we were even tempted to phone and postpone it to a later date. After all, we told ourselves, we may have been too hasty; perhaps it might have been more prudent to have had a preliminary check-up by the

family medico first, and, come to think of it, the pump had been skipping a few beats lately; also, could be that the blood pressure was low, or lower than it had been before that four-alarm redhead had given us the "brush-off." But, in spite of such forebodings, at exactly eight p. m. the next evening, we found ourselves firmly, if not too briskly, entering the portals of the Red Cross Building at 1424 Walnut Street in Philadelphia.

A uniformed receptionist verified our appointment, after which we were courteously requested to take a seat in a comfortably furnished waiting room, there to await our turn among several others, mostly middle-aged women and young girls. This sight fortified our courage, for we reasoned what a woman could do, a man could, and should, do. Our masculine ego was touched.

Our name was called out sooner than expected and, after some preliminary clerical formalities, we were directed to an inner room for certain required medical tests. A pleasant, though strictly business-like, nurse then put a thermometer in our mouth (always did have trouble keeping those darn things under the tongue) and, at the same time, reached a dainty delicate hand for our pulse; which, thereupon, shifted into high gear. Must be that we are definitely allergic to nurses. Well, be that as it may, we thought it a rather nice idea and were content to remain under her soothing ministrations for an indefinite period of time, for, after all, it isn't every day that a vulnerable bachelor has such an opportunity; but, soon we were hustled to a nearby booth where there were two more attractive nurses to take us in charge. One jabbed us quickly in the end of the finger for a blood test while the other, without any lost motion, proceeded to ascertain our blood pressure. Everything O.K., so we came to the conclusion that we probably weren't the broken-down physical wreck that we had anticipated. We were qualified for the final and important step of all. This was it!

We entered the next room, we confess, with some feeling of trepidation. There it was before us: A wide, spacious sort of ward; flanked on either side with a row of high hospital cots, or beds. And yet it struck us that this was no hospital ward in the usual sense of the word — no suffering, moaning, nor wan faces of patients; no nauseous smell of ether; rather a sort of restful, relaxed atmosphere where the "patients", if such they might be called, were almost enjoying the experience. The nurses too, while efficient, were going about their duties in a pleasant, casual manner.

That impression increased as we joined the others and lay stretched out on the clean high bed awaiting the "operation." Almost before we realized it, our nurse had the apparatus adjusted, the vein punctured, and our ancestral "blue" blood was flowing through a tube into a container below. At least, we assumed it was since we actually couldn't see what was going on. There was absolutely no pain or discomfort.

While lying there, we struck up a conversation with the "patient" in the next cot on the left. We figured that he, like ourselves, was there for the first time. Our mistake! This, he informed us, was his fifth donation. Well, this sort of deflated our ego. After that matter-of-fact revelation, we didn't feel so magnanimously heroic. A pint seemed so little in comparison.

In no more than ten minutes at the most, the "ordeal" was over and we were directed to the Canteen in the rear for tasty refreshments. This, incidentally, is the most unique restaurant in the country in that you get all the service and food you want — but no check afterward. A new type of Co-operative Plan!

You sit for the required twenty minutes, consuming the refreshments and conversing with the others, newcomers and regulars — all drawn together by the common bond of a little sacrifice.

Then you leave, feeling better mentally and spiritually than you have in a long while. It is the feeling that comes with the knowledge that you have done something worthwhile; that you have contributed even in a small way to the sum total of human life saved from the havoc and pain of war. This is your reward, plus the little bronze button that you wear proudly in your coat lapel.

So, to you CG Auxiliaries who, like the writer, have thought of giving that much needed pint of blood and haven't as yet gotten around to it, don't delay. You'll find it a rich satisfying experience. No, you're not too busy! Remember, the wounded haven't much time either; a few minutes and a little blood plasma may mean to them the difference between life and death. You can help give them the "break" they need. Why not do it — NOW!

—John T. Dwyer, CBM (T)
Flotilla 25

This article, describing the writer's interesting experience as a blood donor, was written in the hope that it might reassure those who, while anxious and willing, may have held back because of ungrounded fears and misgivings concerning possibly unfavorable physical reaction.

ANCHORAGE



The CG#64304, one of the two, new tugs assigned to the Anchorage patrol.

Commanding Officers for each crew on the Lower Anchorage Patrol are as follows:

Sunday—George Boehmer, CBM (T).....	Flotilla 27
Monday—W. H. Clark, BM 2/c (T).....	Flotilla 27
Tuesday—J. B. Filer, CBM (T).....	Flotilla 27
Wednesday—L. A. Gray, CBM (T).....	Flotilla 25
Thursday—J. J. O'Brien, CBM (T).....	Flotilla 25
Friday—Ensign (T) G. J. Sawyer.....	Flotilla 27
Saturday—Francis U. North, BM 2/c.....	Flotilla 27

★ They say that the Auxiliary never fails to take them away from us, we stick to our boats. That's the way it has been with the Anchorage Patrol. Almost high and dry when the 79001 was decommissioned, tugs were offered, up bobbed the old Anchorage. What happened, and with many of the old crews afloat, was missing was the dead wood.

As of 26 September, the upper and lower Anchorage have been patrolled by two of the best-equipped boats of the Auxiliarists to man — excepting, of course, some of the wealthier members. Built to U. S. Navy standards, Anchorage Patrol boats have adequate equipment. They are an inch shy of 65 Feet in length, wide in the beam. What's more, they are sheathed for ice-breaking. It's an opportunity to show what they can do in this area.

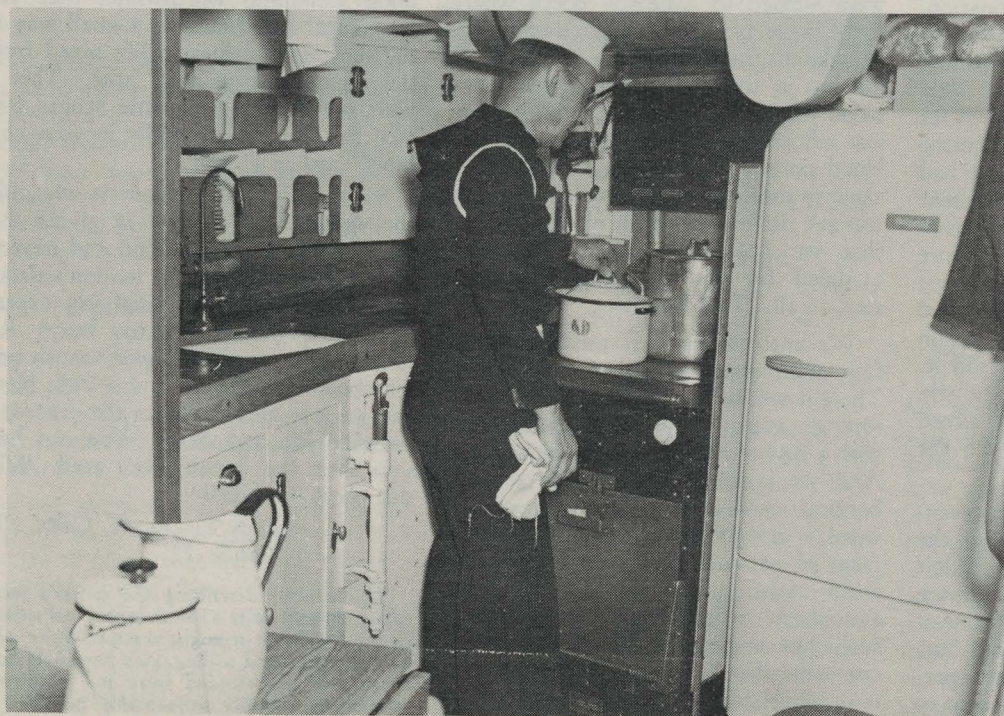
Each boat is powered by a 200 HP Murphy Light generators to enable them to furnish their own power to feed the all-electric kitchen and the electric automation.

The CG 64304 works out of Port Richmond and is based at Edgemoor. Bos'n (T) Leland N. Brown is the commanding officer of the Patrol and has as his assistants Bos'n (T) Leland N. Brown and Bos'n F. Weir Levering, of Flotilla 27.

Considering the type of boat and the equipment, it is now considered a pleasure and a privilege to man these boats. There is no smell. There is a great deal more to the present than the past. The tugs are equipped with the very latest in automation. It is not unlikely to assume that they will be called upon should one occur. They will also be used for rescue.

Anyone interested in learning something about the Auxiliary, seamanship and signalling will find the Anchorage Patrol the best schools in the District.

Photos by Tippenhauer



The all-electric kitchen on the CG#64304 is a cook's dream.



Bos'n Brown at the wheel of the CG#64304. Bos'n F. Weir Levering at the wheel of the CG#64304.

ANCHORAGE PATROL

never fails to finish any job it tackles. Even when we stick around until we get another one. the Anchorage Patrol, at least. They were left 79001 was decommissioned. But when two new old Anchorage Patrol, just as though nothing had the old crews and skippers still on deck. All that

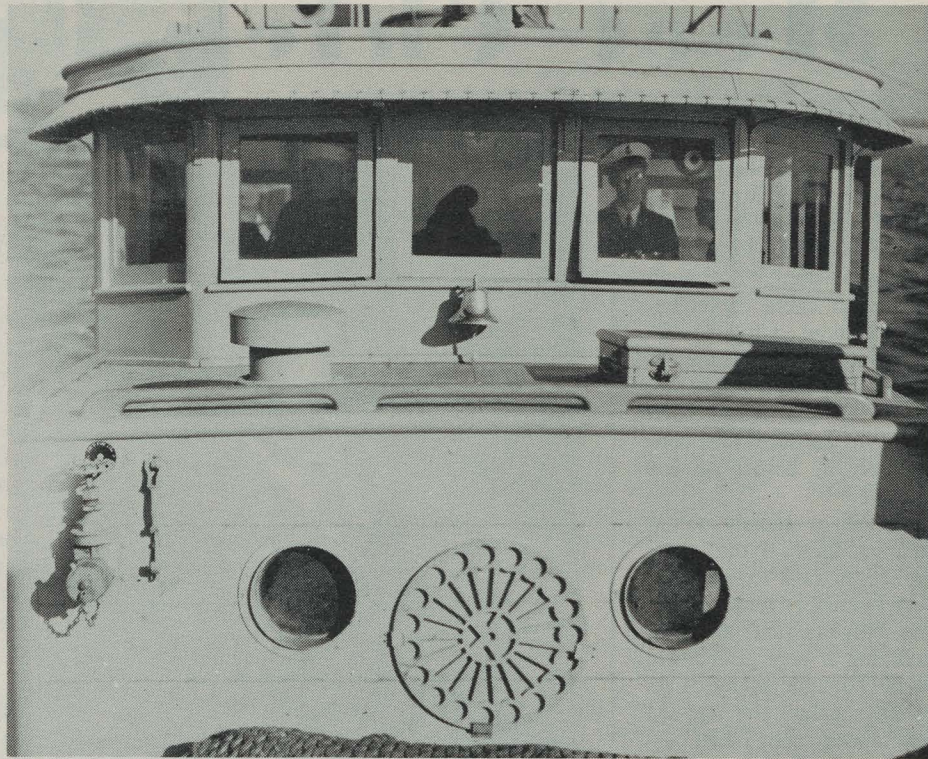
upper and lower anchorages of the Delaware have re-equipped boats that it has ever been the privilege of keeping, of course, the luxurious private cruisers of Built to U. S. Coast Guard specifications, the new adequate equipment to meet almost any emergency. t in length, with an 18'9" beam and 6'1" draft. or ice-breaking and they will probably have ample an do in this respect before the robins return.

0 HP Murphy Diesel engine and has a pair of Kato o furnish their own electricity. These are ample to electric automatic control board in the engine room. Port Richmond, while her sister ship, the CG 64305 Leland N. Brown, of Flotilla 22, is officer-in charge ants Bos'n (T) Wesley M. Heilman, of Flotilla 18, lotilla 27.

and the equipment on them, the Auxiliary can privilege to man the Anchorage Patrols, smell or ore to the present job than simply checking anchor- n the very latest in fire-fighting apparatus and it ey will be called upon to fight a waterfront fire be used for rescue work and, at times, escort duty.

g something about boat-handling and expert sea- the Anchorage Patrol as now constituted one of

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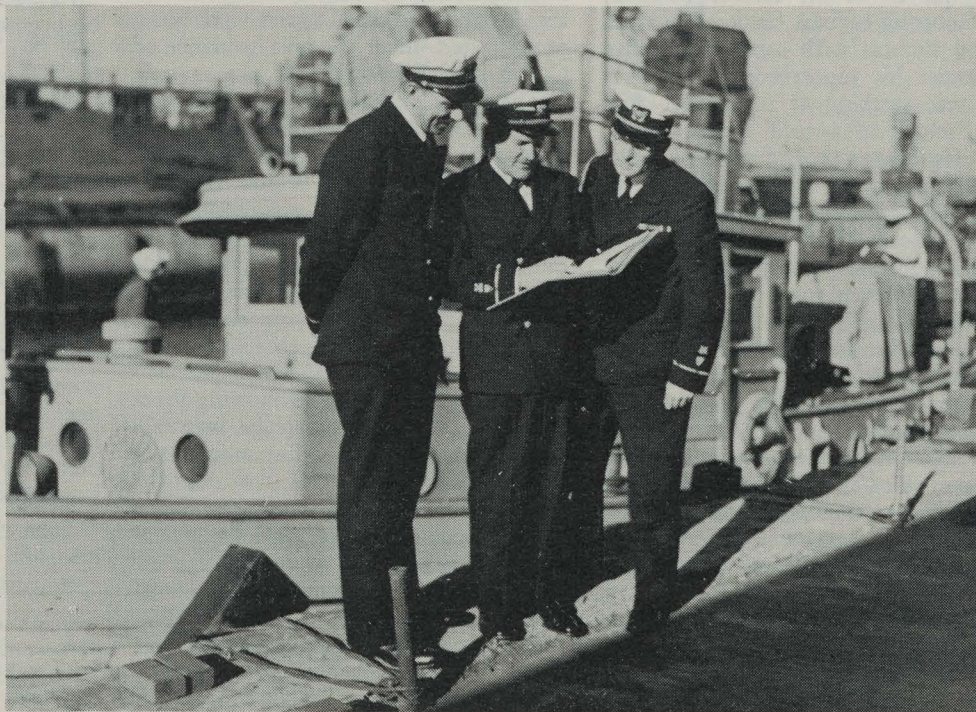
Looking from the bow into the wheelhouse of the CG#64304.

Commanding Officers for the crews on the Upper Anchorage Patrol are as follows:

- Bos'n (T) Fred Remington.....Flotilla 18
- Bos'n (T) Norman P. Foster.....Flotilla 22
- Bos'n (T) Alexander S. Bauer.....Flotilla 32
- Bos'n (T) Clyde L. Smith.....Flotilla 24
- CBM (T) Claude S. Brubaker.....Flotilla 22
- Bos'n (T) Joseph W. Haines.....Flotilla 18
- Ensign (T) E. L. Merritt, Jr.....Flotilla 31



CG#64304. Bos'n Smith gets the feel of her wheel, too.



Officers go over the orders of the day before shoving off.

Meet Chief Dugan

★ With the wholehearted approval of the Auxiliary membership of the Fourth Naval District, a job too long neglected is to be done. Although words pay no debts, nevertheless we are now going to express a debt of gratitude to Chief Yeoman Joseph F. Dugan, USCGR, for his more than three years of constant and consistent effort in behalf of the Auxiliary.

The Chief is mostly taken for granted, like an old clock we are accustomed to see ticking away faithfully on the wall.

Since biographical sketches are becoming a very interesting feature of TOPSIDE, many of its readers have asked the age-old question about the Chief — "What manner of man is this?"

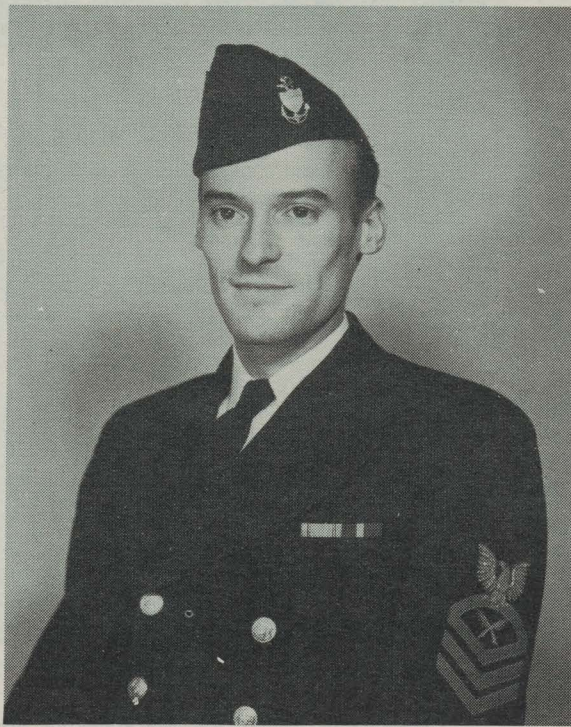
Joseph F. Dugan was born in Philadelphia, 20 February, 1918. Old in judgment, he is still young in years. He attended West Philadelphia High School, Peirce Business College and various evening school courses. He has had experience in the automobile finance business and in handling the personal finance problems of all types of individuals. He was employed in the lumber business, manufacturing tugboat fenders, ship and railroad timbers with some twenty-five men under his supervision.

He was working at the Naval Aircraft Factory in a civil service status, classifying blueprints and plans of Navy type aircraft, when he decided to enlist.

It was on a day in June 1941 that he sought information at the Customs House in re the United States Coast Guard. He was referred to Commander I. E. Eskridge, USCG, who had just previously been assigned as Director of the Auxiliary in this District, and who was urgently in need of a good stenographer.

The Chief was enlisted on 17 July, as a Yeoman third-class in the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, thus giving him the distinction of being the first Reserve Yeoman enlisted in the Fourth Naval District.

Commander Eskridge immediately assigned Dugan to his office. He was rapidly advanced from third, second and first class yeoman ratings to his present rating of Chief Yeoman, which rating



he has held for nineteen months.

The Auxiliary office, then located in Room 803 Customs House, had just been established in this District and the organization was still in its "swaddling clothes." The Chief was "in" when the initial policies for the administration of the Auxiliary in this District were being promulgated under the able guidance of Commander Eskridge.

The Chief's ideas and suggestions on various civilian aspects of matters pertaining to the Auxiliary were helpful. His initiative and zeal demonstrated in the organization of the various Flotillas and in many other duties pertaining to the Regular Service often entailed considerable night work even after a strenuous day at the office. He could well have been described at that time as a man with no leisure.

During the trying days following Pearl Harbor, nearly everything else was cast aside in order to expedite enlistments for the Regular Coast Guard and Reserve. The Chief's knowledge of office management, filing systems, and clerical work and the various procedures for interviewing and enlisting men were invaluable at this time.

It is marvelous to recall how ably was handled the tremendous responsibility so suddenly thrust upon the rather frail shoulders of one so young and

with so little military experience. Celerity is never more admired than by the dilatory, therefore we can look back on those tumultuous days and still marvel how it all got done and done so well.

Through the multitudinous duties which were thrust upon him, many of which were foreign to the Auxiliary administration, the Chief remained calm, thoughtful, and courteous, and a true industrious friend of the Auxiliary. He was ever precise in promise-keeping, because if every man as they say has his fault, honesty is surely his.

We can favorably compare the Chief in most respects with Cardinal Newman's well-known definition of a gentleman . . . "because he carefully avoids whatever may cause a jar or a jolt in the minds of those with whom he is cast; all clashing of opinion, or collision of feeling,

all restraint, or suspicion, or gloom, or resentment; his greatest concern being to make everyone at their ease and at home" . . .

The Chief knows his duties thoroughly. He has almost all the available information concerning the Auxiliary both past and present at his finger tips, and this information is and always has been readily accessible to any member of the Auxiliary who should desire it. When it comes to the functioning of the Auxiliary we agree with Kipling — "For there isn't a job on the top of the earth the beggar don't know, nor do."

There are countless ways in which the members of the Auxiliary, individually and as a whole, have benefited through the Chief's good offices. His good work goes on in a modest, self-effacing manner. He needs no accompaniment of fanfare and trumpets and he is not one that excels in the quirks of blazoning principals.

Even the little recognition we gladly give him here will probably cause him some embarrassment.

We can think of no finer tribute than the commendation that was used nearly 2000 years ago by the Master in a parable — "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—MATTHEW XXV:21.

The LOG of AUXILIARY FLOTILLA ACTIVITIES



FLOTILLA 52, LANCASTER

— In the words of the old hymn, "There's A Land That Is Fairer Than This." But for our part, this one is fair enough, and Lieut. John W. Brown did well to compare the peaceful autumnal beauty of the Lancaster countryside to the stark horror of beleaguered Aachen and its enemy garrison who, like the rest of their ilk, will fight to the bitter end with our bayonets at their throats and the pistols of their own officers at their backs.

In his message to the Flotilla, on the occasion of its Second Anniversary on Monday, 30 October, Lieutenant Brown, Director of the Auxiliary, in the 4th ND, stressed the need for continued and even greater activity of the Auxiliary.

Lieut. E. J. Wick, USCG, Lieut. Comdr. H. E. Abbott, USCG, and Lieut. Comdr. (T) Frank B. Hinline, commodore of the Auxiliary in the 4th ND, spoke words of praise for the part we have played in the port security and anti-sabotage patrol program of the U. S. Coast Guard during the past two years.

Among the other distinguished guests who graced our festive board were, Lieut. W. E. Sturm, USCG, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) John M. Hays, USCGR, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. Lyle Holmes, USCGR, Ensign (T) Van R. Coats, USCGR, Ensign (T) Henry W. Hargadine, USCGR, Ensign (T) Sterling G. McNees, USCGR, Ensign (T) Phil W. Zeigler, USCGR, Lieut. H. Fred Sprague, USCG, Fred Marquardt, Bos'n (T) USCGR, E. J. Wogan, CB (T) USCGR, Chas. K. Baxter, Bos'n (T) USCGR, J. F. Dugan, CY, USCG, Ensign Mina F. Brown, USCGR (W), C. H. Rutter, CBM, USCG, and Mario Cucci, CM, USCG.

Naturally, we were all very proud and appreciative of the honor accorded us by the presence of so many distinguished guests but they were there because our commander, Lieut. (T) O. L. Williams and ten other members had the initiative and foresight to organize the Flotilla two years ago, and because we are doing a job.

Those of us who have been active during the past year, as Temporary Reservists, were proud indeed to receive our certificates of service.

The committee in charge of the anniversary program, which included Frank Evans, S 1/c, J. A. Norris, GM 2/c, Dan Flory, CMoMM, Joe Forrest, Cox., Dan Templeton, Cox., and Charles Berkstresser, Cox., should be duly nominated and elected to serve as an Anniversary Committee for all time.

—John P. Samuels, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 15, POINT PLEASANT

—Members of Flotilla 15 stepped high, wide, and handsome on the evening of Friday, 10 November. The occasion was the First Annual Ladies' Night banquet.

Aside from the members being all togged out in their best bibs and tuckers, our commander in his new Ensign attire and our vice-commander slickly dressed in his Bos'n outfit, we might report that there were all kinds of gold braid at the speakers' table. Nor must we forget the gals, who had on their best gowns and hair-do's. The affair was held at the Hotel Arnold. This being the first time that the gobs had their "bosses" out with them, everyone was on his best behavior. Spike Stengle, our S.P. for the evening, saw to that — and Spike can see to it, when he wants to!

Among the invited guests, many of whom were accompanied by their charming wives, were Lieut. J. W. Brown of the District Office, Lieut. John Daisey of the local Coast Guard Station, CBM Dave McKelvey of the Bay Head Station, Lieut. Comdr. (T) F. B. Hinline, Lieut. Comdr. (T) A. K. Brouwer, Bos'n (T) Howard Keough, Ensign T. A. Rickter, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) W. H. Burdge, and Ensign (T) D. T. Applegate.

Of course, Henry T. Moore, commander of our Flotilla, acted as Master of Ceremonies, and did a swell job of it. You can guess without too much trouble that there was plenty of speech-making. Then, too, there was entertainment which was enjoyed by all present, numbering well over 100. Our first Dinner was a huge success and we are sure there will be others.

While handing out orchids, we must not forget Claude Edelhauser, S 1/c (T), and his entertainment committee who did a bang-up job. They can rest

assured they will be on the next committee when another affair of this nature is drummed up. Spike Stengle and Max Lieberman were Claude's partners in crime for the affair.

Speaking of orchids, at least one should go to Allen Sprung who, like a true vet, did not leave his post when his relief failed to show up. Allen stuck it out for twelve straight hours without missing a clock punch. Nice going, Al, and our congratulations.

And maybe you don't think the boys are glad to hear that Dave McKelvey is the "Old Man" down at Bay Head. Dave is a swell chap and he surely takes care of the Reservists in great style.

Dame Rumor has it that we are going to lose Charlie Lemke, our clothing officer. Charlie's made a swell officer and will be greatly missed. He works for Uncle Sam, who has ordered him to Florida. Lucky dog.

Prior to the dinner on 10 November, the boys met at No. 2 Fire House, stood inspection, and had their pictures taken. —Elmer K. Erickson, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 31, OCEAN CITY

The deeds of derring-do accomplished by members of this Flotilla obviously could not be individually recorded in the Hurricane Issue of TOPSIDE which so

well described Auk participation in events accompanying the big blow. This Publicity Officer acknowledges with thanks the detailed reports submitted by various men and notes herewith that proper recognition of Flotilla 31 participation would demand the publication of a separate volume to do full justice to the occasion. The commendation of Coast Guard and Auxiliary officers was gratifying—but every man who gave a hand in a distressed situation retains the heart-warming satisfaction of "on the spot" appreciation from those he helped.

Ensign (T) Dick Gifford is herewith nominated as Morale Officer. Refusing to become discouraged as spirit has wavered from time to time, his own enthusiasm is a shot in the arm when most needed.

There will be some Navigators a few

months from now if everyone who started stays with CBM (T) Bob Morford at the Ocean City class. The South Jersey contingent is out to acquire knowledge.

Pee-Wee Moyer writes from the South Pacific, telling nothing about what he is doing except that it is interesting. He sends regards to everyone and everyone can send 'em right back to T/S W. R. Moyer, Jr., 33807793, 348th Harbor Craft Company, APO 920, c/o P. M., San Francisco.

—E. L. Johnstone, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 34, MAURICE RIVER — "We are one", and we celebrated the occasion just four days following the deadline for this copy. We'll tell you more about our first Annual Dinner



Dance in the next issue.

Thirty-Four is proud of its record for the first year. We have performed a variety of assignments, guard duty at USIS, Wilson Line watchdogs, and Tower Watch duty at three different stations. We seem to be finally settled for the winter in the lonely Avalon Tower, after serving for a time at Cape May and Corson's Inlet.

Maurice River boys not only perform their designated assignments efficiently, but go a step further and provide amusement for the Regulars. Take for instance the S 1/c (T) who, after finishing his watch, hopped in his car all set for a quick take-off. He threw her in gear and let out the clutch, but nothing happened. Without further thought, he concluded he had snapped an axle. After waiting around for some time for a tow, a chance examination revealed that in parking he had backed his buggy up on a concrete block and when he gave her the gun the wheels spun in the air. If laughing is good for morale, then the Chief has enough to last him for the duration.

Charley Stadler, who passed his Coxswain examination just before entering the Navy, paid us a visit the other evening and had many interesting things to tell about how they run things down at Bainbridge.

—C. M. Scull, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 24, DELAWARE RIVER — A popular vote showed a majority of our members favored continuing meetings at 1011 Chestnut Street. Evidently our showy chart room,

library, and class rooms went over in a big way. These "special exercise" rooms are done up to the Admiral's taste. It didn't take us long to feel at home on board. Al Hopkin almost swung the vote in favor of the Yacht Club meeting place with his offer of a roaring fire in the fireplace, with plenty of cider and pretzels for all hands.

Congratulations to Frank Riepen, vice-commander, on his advancement to the rate of Bos'n (T). All of us know him to be one of the most sincere and hard-working members. On boarding the boat one night, Frank slipped on the ladder and broke a few ribs and tore loose some ligaments. This brings up the thought that it might be a good idea at this time to form a "broken ribs" club. We could have Chris, Rip, and Pat as charter members.

Once again, Uncle Frank Riepen aims his guns as head of our new communications set-up. With talented help from our deck and black gangs, we hope to give him a rolling disaster nerve center controlled and managed by Flotilla 24 first aid and radio bugs.

With winter closing in, the prospects are again good for getting back our ship, #44001. Bos'n (T) Riepen and his crew found the broken manifold and had it repaired. She should soon be taking us through another winter on patrol. To be afloat is to be Coast Guard—we have learned that.

—J. T. Elsroad, Jr., Publicity Officer,
(Stanley Foster, Assisting).

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FLOTILLA 11, ATLANTIC CITY —With a display of whole-hearted cooperation shown to the newly-elected officers on the part of every member, Flotilla 11 is rounding out its year with renewed enthusiasm that points to bigger accomplishments for 1945.

Plans are now being formulated for a series of seasonal functions and although not complete, there is every indication that the Entertainment Committee will have a successful schedule of operations that will appeal to all members.

With all traces of the recent hurricane being rapidly removed, members are no longer hindered by curtailed details necessitated because of the storm, and normal duties have been resumed. However, the boys are still talking about the extra hours put in by one of the Flotilla, namely Scoop Farrell, who found himself stranded in one of the watchtowers,

completely surrounded by water and wind, and was compelled to put in a watch from 1200 to 2130 until he was finally "rescued" by the Coast Guard. During the entire storm, he was without communication — but never missed a clock punch!

Rumor of possible robot bombing on the east coast has failed to dampen the enthusiasm of Flotilla 11. At a recent meeting, Commander Bill Errig put on display and explained the workings of a fragmentation bomb. As the result of this study, most members feel confident that they will have no trouble whatsoever in handling any robot bombs.

Members are continuing to pile up hours and anticipate displaying the new identification wrist bands that will be issued by the Coast Guard for all Reservists who have 600 hours or more to their credit.

—James Dooley, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 33, WILDWOOD — I could write a book at the present time concerning the operations of Flotilla 33. It would be filled with stories about members who have not taken

watches that were assigned to them.

On the other hand, however, we find most of our members taking the watches that are assigned to them, accepting changes in assignment without too much protest, and in general doing a good job. To this date, Flotilla 33 is proud of its record in spite of difficulties; and the patriotic, loyal members are determined to see our duties carried out to the end.

When Harold Brunell is in the Leaming Avenue watch tower he not only looks out to sea but covers all the inland area as well. Late the other night he saw a building, a few blocks away from the tower, burst into flames. He promptly reported the blaze which could have easily done much more damage if he had not been on the job.

Lieut. (j.g.) (T) John Kay is without a boat for the first time in a long while. He recently sold his boat but is already in the market for a new one. He has done such good work as the commander of Flotilla 33 that when the Navy Department disposes of excess war material after this war they should give him a large discount on a slightly used aircraft carrier.

—Ed Nesbitt, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 17, GREAT BAY—Flotilla 17 continued their ambitious program during the past two months with one or two events worthy of special mention. As usual, each event was taken in its stride and considered just another part of the service and duty to the U. S. Coast Guard and the Country.

Foremost among the accomplishments was the task of tower watch at Townsends Inlet Station. The task of arranging a schedule which would in no manner interfere with the established duties at Little Egg was accomplished within a week and operations were under way. It was no small task to rearrange a working schedule in effect for several months, make the necessary transfers, and obtain new men for the needed shifts; but true to the Coast Guard tradition, Flotilla 17 did it again.

Equally important in the line of accomplishments was the advancement of two esteemed and efficient officers. It is now Lieutenant (j.g.) (T) J. Robert Creely, commander; and Bos'n William Williamson, senior vice-commander. Both these men have proved themselves during the life of the Flotilla and are worthy of the increased ratings. We salute them for their work and their advancement and wish them continued success in their endeavors.

And while we are offering commendations to worthy officers, we must add another to CBM (T) Stanley Altman who retired as operations officer in charge of tower watches. It was largely through the efforts of Chief Altman that the new station was manned so efficiently and quickly.

We must also hail the new operations officer CBM (T) Ernest Chew who has assumed charge of the work without the slightest delay. Officers such as these men have proved themselves to be, are one big reason why Flotilla 17 is among the leaders today.

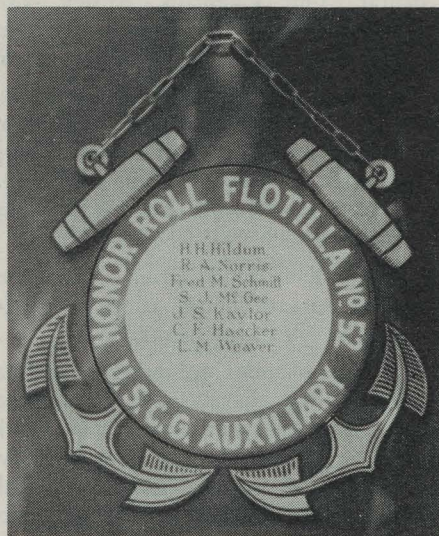
There is also much credit due many individuals and groups for the part they played in the hurricane disaster which has never been recognized but that is now ancient history and space will not permit a recital of the deeds. We are bent on looking forward to new tasks and opportunities and are willing to forego a resume of past performances.

—J. Carroll Loughlin, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 27, SALEM — Flying singly over the good ship "27" is the code flag How . . . Flotilla commander "Larry" Doyle is now guiding her through a tricky sea.

Our crew is proud of the fact that a very large majority of the men of "27"

have been assigned to the CG #64305, that streamlined craft of powerful tugging efficiency. It is also with considerable pride that we number CBM (T) George Boehner, CBM (T) James Filer, Willard Clark, BM 2/c (T), and Francis



In tribute to its members now serving on "full time" duty in the armed forces, Flotilla 52, under the guidance of its Gunnery Officer, J. A. Norris, GM 2/c (T), erected this handsome honor roll in its headquarters at the Lancaster Armory. The Flotilla members named on the plaque are: H. H. Hildum, Richard A. Norris, Fred M. Schmitt, S. J. McGee, J. S. Kaylor, C. F. Haecker, and Leroy M. Weaver. Another, who is now serving with the Navy, is H. F. Verwohlt.

North, BM 2/c (T), among the prospective skippers at this logging.

Lowell Newkirk, BM 2/c (T), Edgar Bruder, BM 2/c (T), George Johnson, Cox. (T), J. Koehler, Cox. (T), and H. B. Davis, S 1/c (T), are participating as deck officers.

It is now Ensign (T) George J. "Tom" Sawyer, instead of Bos'n, for a job "Well Done." Ensign Sawyer commands the respect of the entire Flotilla. We suggest to the platoon of Wood bus drivers that they had better "snap to it" when their boss conducts his next inspection at the depot.

The last call for the current War Bond Drive will be sounded 1 December. J. Quinn, S 1/c (T), is putting half hitches on several applications. He is anxious to burn the rope, mates, so keep him bending 'em.

Lieut. (T) Wm. B. Griscom is demonstrating his activity as captain of the Delaware River Division by paying "27" another welcome visit. He told of the real importance of stand-by duty, and it seems as if we are trying to do our best in that respect.

CBM (T) Filer, chairman of the entertainment committee, announces that Friday, 1 December, is the date set for our hop, skip and jump at the Du Pont Country Club. Several members are

now in training to break their previous jive records, or maybe their wind-tanned necks.

We serve with growing pride the will to do,
Without a thought of individual glory.
We think of the Seigfried and far Peleliu,
Then compare our humble bit to the story.
Humble though it be for me and for you,
We'd rather serve than simply sit and worry.

—Horace H. Madden, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 53, HARRISBURG — Although Flotilla 53 is located further inland than any other Flotilla in the Fourth Naval District, we were much in evidence at the celebration of Navy

Day on 27 October. It's true that the Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps had superiority of numbers, but certainly what the Flotilla lacked in numbers was made up for in spirit.

John Herman, GM 3/c (T) was in charge of the detail of 15 men, who marched in the parade in uniform behind the Coast Guard Band and Color Guard of Port Richmond. Alice Morgan, Y 2/c, in charge of Spar recruiting in Harrisburg, joined the Transportation Corps temporarily that day and also participated. Raymond Bowman, BM 2/c (T), Chairman of the Education Committee, addressed the student body of the Harrisburg Academy on the significance of Navy Day, the origin of the Coast Guard and its duties. Messrs. McNeese and Appleby, commander and vice-commander respectively, were called to Philadelphia for a Division meeting and were unable to participate. Lieutenant Wicks' favorite band from the Port Richmond Base was very much in evidence and gave its usual snappy performance. Franklin Moore, Manager of the Penn-Harris and a member of the Flotilla was host to the band that day. Members of the Flotilla attended the exercises at the Forum in the Education Building in a group.

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—P. C. Applegate,
Public Relations Officer.

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FLOTILLA 16, TOMS RIVER —

At our meeting of 24 October, we were honored by the presence of our commodore, Lieut. Comdr. (T) Frank B. Hineline and his son, Ensign F. Budd Hineline, Jr. It was like Old Home Night, having our two former members with us. Each spoke briefly and were guests of Mr. Applegate at the inspection at muster. We also had as our guest Lieut. Larry Chalmers of the U. S. Navy and personnel officer at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station. He spoke briefly and with enthusiasm of the activities of the Class (T) Reserve.

At our meeting of 31 October, we had a home-town boy just back from overseas, David Pallero, who has served three years with the fighting units of the USCG. He spoke of his experiences on "D" day when the LCI he was attached to was lost in action. He thanked the members, telling them of their service in making it possible for Regulars to be assigned to duty outside the District.

Sam Quillan, BM 1/c, from Harvey Cedars station, was present. He is another popular man from the ranks who stands aces with our boys.

Messrs. Applegate and Campbell gave a very enlightening talk on the commanders' meeting at the Training Base. Pity the poor Storekeepers when the

men start looking for their 600 hours of duty.

Warning! Flotilla 16 to go to Church on 12 November and to have pictures taken. Any crashes are purely coincidental. Our Chaplain, Ansley Van Dyke, S 1/c (T), has announced that his sermon will be on "God's Rules of the Road."

At this writing, our personnel officer, Chas. Keifer, CBM (T), is well along the road to recovery from pneumonia and we all sure wish Charley a speedy homeward tack.

Our War Bond Drive committee, headed by Lou Tilton, is preparing to walk away with the pennant.

The commander and members wish to express their thanks and appreciation for the many prompt services which have been rendered us by Frank Kelly, Chairman of our local rationing board, and his staff. Frank is doing a swell job.

—Leslie W. Reynolds, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 22, ESSINGTON—The Flotilla staged a celebrity night at its auditorium of the Springfield High School, where William B. Mellor, Jr., author of the book "SANK SAME", spoke to the members and invited guests.

Mellor's book is about the activities of the Auxiliary and the Civilian Air Patrol, giving descriptive accounts of heretofore unpublished narratives of the

war-time activities of the Auxiliary, especially the Fourth Naval District, along the Atlantic Coast.

A former newspaperman, connected with the Philadelphia Record, Mellor was one of the two reporters who, several years ago, dressed as Nazi submarine officers and paraded through the streets of Philadelphia to get the reaction of the people on the streets.

Mellor's account of that stunt, which incidentally hit every newspaper in this country, was enjoyed by his listeners. Mellor also autographed a number of "SANK SAME" books which members of the Flotilla had previously purchased.

Lieut. John W. Brown, Director, one of the guests of the Flotilla, introduced author Mellor. The Director also presented to Maurice Cole, of Atlantic City, on behalf of the Flotilla, a framed picture of Cole's boat, *Monjoie II*, which was featured in the accounts of "SANK SAME."

At the 6 November meeting, William Leavitt, Jr., commander, was sworn in as Boatswain (T) by Walter Whitehead.

Otto Wilkie, S 1/c, of the Tuesday day crew, believes in miracles. He recently purchased a 28-foot lifeboat from the Atlantic Refining Company, and expects to make it over into a pleasure yacht. He has given the reconversion job to Tom Sipple, also of the Tuesday crew.

The Flotilla is now offering free tickets to ice hockey games and wrestling shows to its members who turn up for meetings. Three sets of tickets are available to the members for every ice hockey show at the Arena, Wednesday and Saturday nights, and wrestling at The Met on Wednesday nights and at the Arena on Friday nights.

Henry Regner, of the Thursday night crew has been upped to Bos'n 2/c. Reggie, who passed the Navigator's exam several months ago, is now ready for the Senior Navigator's test. He also qualifies as one of the Flotilla's best shots with pistol and rifle and helps Jim Chapman with the latter's work on the pistol range.

Chapman, incidentally, has been crowned champion of the United States Revolver Association in the slow fire events. This is the fourth time in ten years that Chapman has won the all-around title. He also is one of the eight recipients among the Auxiliary, of Coast Guard Pistol Expert medals.

—Michael A. Devitt, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 18, LITTLE EGG HARBOR—At 18's latest meeting, guest of honor, Lieut. Comdr. (T) F. B. Hineline, commodore, gave an inspiring talk on the coming War Bond

Drive. Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Morton Gibbons-Neff, commander, appointed Wayne Army to head-up the Flotilla's campaign.

Bos'n's (T) Frederick Remington and Wesley Heilman (18's vice-commander), now on lend-lease to the "Smellaware" Patrol and "West Washington Square" respectively, gave high-pressure talks on the virtues of duties at Pier 181. Several members have already volunteered.

The Tower Watch volunteer details at Long Beach and Bond's Coast Guard Stations enter their second year of service this month. Rev. L. Russell Clapp has been named assistant to Chief Walter Cranmer in making assignments. Two new men have been secured for tower detail and a number of the former boat patrolmen have entered the tower service.

Bos'n (T) Joseph Haines, junior commander, heading the Flotilla's Instruction, stated that instruction classes are now in swing and a big turn-out is expected.

"Close-Ups"—It's good to see our 6 ft. 2 secretary, Jim Mathews, on the job again. . . . We are sorry to bid good-bye to Guy Watton as Ship Patrol Personnel Officer. He did a swell job, but deserves a rest. . . . For the record, Flotilla commander Neff has appointed Wayne Army to fill this post, with your humble reporter as his assistant. Get out those pea jackets, boys; we are laying out a new schedule. . . . Speaking of schedules, Ensign (T) "Sid" Blake should be scheduled for a special decoration for the job he just put across—as we go to press, Sid is on a tour of the District searching for the right kind of boats. . . . How about reviving that Flotilla insignia which Bill Noonan had Walt Disney design for us? It would look swell on the deck-house. Your scribe still holds the original—one of "Scuttleboat" Ewing's boys could do the paint job. . . . Roger!

—Russell K. Carter, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 32, STONE HARBOR—Members of Flotilla 32 enjoyed an old-fashioned oyster supper with all the fixin's at the regular meeting Friday night, 17 November, on the upper deck at the Avalon Fire Hall. It was really a

sociable evening and compliments and credit go to Bob Paull, Dave Fellenbaum and Morris Cherry, who engineered the deal. A good crowd turned out for the affair.

After several weeks of orders, counter-orders, scuttlebutt and counter-scuttlebutt, 32 took over the Corson's Inlet Tower instead of Townsends, replacing the Sea Isle Tower, which was closed some time ago. We continue to operate the Stone Harbor Tower, also.

CBM (T) C. Held and J. Merkle, Ed McVaugh, and Treader, Seamen 1/c, have commenced their new assignment on the Lower Delaware Anchorage Patrol.

Harry Katz, S 1/c, is back on tower duty after a "vacation" on the docks.

The operations officers continue to have problems. Too many of the members are "too busy" to stand their regular watches each week. The added load on the officers and on the men who take additional watches is not fair and eventually may lead to bad morale and disunity. Let's all do our fair share of the duty.

Among those who completed their first year in the Reserve this month and became eligible for the additional clothing allotment were: J. N. Alexander, Y 3/c, and Bucher, Freyburger, Ludlam, Wallace, Wetzler, Hastings, Miller, Katz, Rosenfield, Levenson, and DeCinque, Seamen 1/c.

A number of the Sea Isle City men will furnish their first year's service next month.

South Jersey meetings of the Flotilla continue every other Friday at 2000 on the top-deck at the Avalon Fire Hall. Come out to the meetings and get in on the social and educational activities of your Flotilla.

—Bill Clark, Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA '26, TRENTON—More things happen to Flotilla 26 than to Dick Tracy. In the midst of a lull, we are assigned duty on the two new harbor patrol boats — #64034 and #64035.

In addition, we are still performing at Port Richmond and on Radio watch at 3rd and Chestnut.

Boating activities at Trenton are practically at the fall low. Everyone is out of the water and the river here looks dismal and cold. It is with deep regret that we have to say this as private boating is the incentive to become good boat-

men and good boatmen make good Coast Guardsmen (WE HOPE).

Men from Flotilla 26 are taking advantage of the course in Navigation being given at the Training Base and at present a small group is traveling to Philadelphia regularly Wednesday nights.

We are also holding our own classes in Navigation, Blinker, Semaphore, and First Aid.

B. S. Van Meter, our operations officer, reports that patrol assignments are 98% filled. This is a record and it may be a secret with him how he gets them out but they always show up on duty. He must have a system.

—Barnett B. Rochestie,
Publicity Officer.

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FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT—Our new First Aid trailer unit, towed by a USCG jeep, was the center of attraction on Armistice night, 11 November, when the Flotilla paraded

along Broadway in Camden. The men looked real "salty" wearing sea-going dress blues and a little colored boy exclaimed "dem's real sailors." When this same lad saw us in a similar parade last year in which we wore our shore establishment uniforms he stated "dey's retired firemen."

Louis Gray, CBM (T), junior commander, is only a junior by title, stature, and nickname. He is very much a senior in his boating knowledge and experience, and in his direction of the classroom instructions of our Flotilla. Recently, he established classes in communications, first aid, marlinspike seamanship, and boat handling.

Under the leadership of Bill Yingst and Charles Carter, members of the Communications class are learning to operate the central mobile transmitter-receiver unit with its four walkie-talkies. Knowledge acquired in the Communications class will be of use to those men who are in the radio watch detail at the USCG Barracks, 3rd and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia. Likewise, in the event of another disaster, such as the recent hurricane or a large fire, the Auxiliary will be better able to function by using our unit for communications, as it operates independently of all power lines.

First aid is being taught by Cy Bowden and Joseph Atzert. Red Cross certificates will be awarded to those who complete the prescribed course, as Joe

USCG Essington Base enjoy their new detail because of the variety of experiences. Duties are changed weekly. One week a man is Quartermaster or gate sentry; the next week he is on the Sun Ship boat patrol; the third week he is on the Upper Hog Island boat patrol; the following week he is on the Lower Hog Island boat patrol; and then he is back on the dock as a watchman or fireman. Boats used on patrol also vary from the fast, practical, picket boats to the beautiful converted cruisers, such as the *Cardeva*.

Men who volunteered to work on the sixty-four foot tug of the Lower Anchorage Patrol are also filled with stories of their interesting experiences between Pennsville, Edgemoor, and the lower Delaware River, including the Canal.

—John A. Bauer, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 51, READING—Storm warnings, posted because of the hurricane which hit Cuba and Florida and swept up the Atlantic coast, prevented a number of Coast Guard officers

in Philadelphia from leaving their stations to attend the fall banquet of the Reading Flotilla, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, at the Mountain Spring Association.

The rain failed to dampen the spirit of the affair, which was attended by several Fourth Naval District chiefs and a delegation of 12 men from the Lancaster Flotilla, in addition to about 50 Temporary Reservists and Auxiliary members of the local organization. The knotty pine banquet room was decorated with red, white, and blue streamers and a U. S. Coast Guard plaque was mounted above the speakers' table.

Principal speakers were Lieut. Comdr. (T) Frank B. Hineine, commodore of the Auxiliary for this District; Lieut. J. W. Brown, Auxiliary Director, both of Philadelphia, and Lieut. (j.g.) (T) O. L. Williams, commander of the Lancaster Flotilla and captain of the Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania Division of the Auxiliary. Other guests were Ensign Mina Brown, of the SPARS, who is assistant to the Director; Lieut. (T) W. Lyle Holmes, personnel director, and Joseph Dugan, Chief Yeoman, all of Philadelphia. Also present were Carpenters' Mate Mario Cocchi, who befriends the Reading Reservists when they go on duty at the Port Richmond Base in Philadelphia, and Oscar Mendelsohn, Reading, representing the American Legion. Ensign (T) Phillip W. Ziegler, commander of the Flotilla, was

master of ceremonies. Reading members were invited to attend a similar affair in Lancaster on Monday evening, 30 October. The committee in charge consisted of John Lendacki, chairman; C. Robert Eiseman, Richard G. Kemp, Roy E. Sanders, Edward W. Mitchell, and Maurice Lee.

—Matthew P. Romanski,
Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 21, QUAKER CITY — On 20 October, Flotilla 21 took time out to enjoy its first social event in a long, long time. This was in the form of a dance and show which was held at the A.O.H. Hall. The entertainment committee, under the capable chairmanship of Cox. Cliff Bradley, did a bang-up job. There was everything on board that any man could want for a "high" evening. Music to dance to by Pat Patterson and his orchestra, and a floor show that topped any show you ever paid a high cover charge to see.

The floor show, incidentally, was provided by the USO through the good offices of our own Buckey Fox, whose own daughters were featured members of the Unit. They and the entire USO Unit gave us a show that couldn't be beat. Additional entertainment was provided by the talented wives of two other Flotilla men: Mrs. Mac Fetters and Mrs. Harrington. Both these "gals" gave a wonderful performance but that, of course, is the kind of thing we have only to expect of all those associated with 21.

Those who were unable to attend missed a wonderful evening, but they

will have a chance to make up the loss, for it's hoped that this Flotilla Party will be the forerunner of a number of similar affairs to be held at fairly frequent intervals.

If any other Flotilla is looking for a successful party formula, just get in touch with Cliff Bradley and his committee.

—F. T. Kessler, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 23, DREDGE HARBOR —The 3rd anniversary of the founding of Flotilla 23 was enthusiastically celebrated this month. The peak of the celebration proved to be the occasion of our 3rd annual dinner dance held at the Woodbury Country Club on 4 November. These happy events have come to mean a great deal to most of us, allowing us, in a manner of speaking, to take down our back hair and thoroughly enjoy each other's presence and company.

Brew Carter and his charming wife, the happy hosts to a pre-dance snack party, discovered the advisability of holding such a party after the main event. Those appetites, prior to the main event, would do credit to a stevedore.

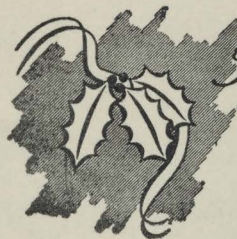
Armistice Day, observed by the City of Camden by a lengthy parade, found our Flotilla in full company in the line of march. Fortunately, this writer was on boat patrol duty at the time as, failing to receive allotment allowance and new shoes, he doubts he could have lasted the length of the march, barefooted.

—William B. Pyle, Publicity Officer.



AT READING FLOTILLA BANQUET

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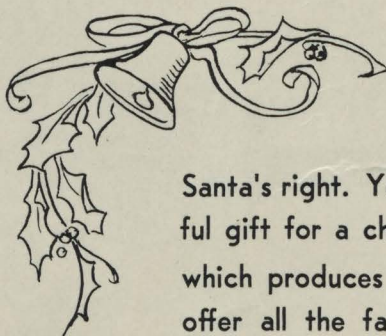


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