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NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER WELCOMED



Commander (now Captain) Gaines welcoming new Executive Officer, Commander Kauffman.

The first impression I gained upon boarding this ship was that her officers and crew were high in morale. It was obvious no matter where I looked. I like the smiles, the "work at it" attitude and even the boatswains like whistling at work.

It is apparent that this is a good ship -- she must be, because she is a happy ship.

ROLAND P. KAUFFMAN,
COMMANDER, USN.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

Captain Gaines made a statement just before he left... Among other things he said. . . I am proud, as I know each one of you are, of the fine cooperation and loyalty that you have given. Together with teamwork we've had loyalty both up and down. I thank each officer and man for it. I would like to emphasize loyalty to yourself, loyalty to your job, to your seniors, and to your juniors all adds up to loyalty to your country.

☆ ☆ ARMCHAIR GENERALSHIP ☆ ☆

Lucius Aemilius Paulus, a Roman Consul who had been selected to conduct the war with the Macedonians, B. C. 168, went out from the Senate-house into the people and addressed them as follows:

"In every circle, and, truly, at every table, there are people who lead armies into Macedonia; who know where the camp ought to be placed; what posts ought to be occupied by troops; when and through what pass Macedonia should be entered where magazines should be formed; how provisions should be conveyed by land and sea; and when it is proper to engage the enemy, when to lie quite. And they not only determine what is best to be done, but if anything is done in any other manner than what they have pointed out, they arraign the consul, as if he were on his trial. These are great impediments to those who have the management of affairs; for everyone cannot encounter injurious reports with the same constance and firmness of mind that Fabius did, who chose to let his own authority be diminished through the folly of the people, rather than to mismanage the public business with a high reputation. I am not one of those who think that commanders ought never to receive advice; on the contrary, I should deem that man more proud than wise, who did everything of his own single judgment. What then is

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED BY ALLOTMENT BUREAU REGARDING DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCES

Please send me my elopement as I have a 4 mo. old baby and he is my sole support and I need all I can get every day to by food and keep in close.

Both side of my parents is poor and I can't expect nothing from them. My mother has been in bed one year with the same doctor and won't change.

Please send me a letter and tell me is my husband made application for a wife and baby.

I have already wrote to the president and I don't hear from him. If I don't hear from I will write Uncle sam and tell him about you both.

This is my 8 child. What are you going to do about it?

my opinion? That commanders should be counselled; chiefly, by persons of known talent; by those, especially, who are skilled in the art of war, and who have been taught by experience; and next, by those who are present at the scene of the action: who see the country, who see the enemy; who see the advantage that occasions officers, and who, embarked, as it were, in the same ship, are sharers of the danger. If, therefore, anyone thinks himself qualified to give advice respecting the war which I am to conduct, which may prove advantageous to the public, let him not refuse his assistance to the state, but let him come with me into Macedonia. He shall be furnished by me with a ship, a horse, a tent; and even with his traveling charges. But if he thinks this too much trouble, and prefers the repose of a city life to the toils of war, let him not, on land, assume the office of pilot. The city, in itself, furnishes abundance of topics for conversation; let it confine its passion for talking, and rest assured, that we shall be content with such councils as shall be framed within our camp."

Livy, Book XLIV, Chapter 22.

GI BILL OF RIGHTS

AN OUTLINE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The **Intrepid** presents herewith a comprehensive review of the "G. I. Bill of Rights" which became Public Law No. 346, 78th Congress. This bill, which carries a wide range of benefits, should be of extreme interest to all Naval personnel aboard who will return to civilian life after the "duration and six."

READ IT CAREFULLY -- ITS FOR YOU!

The Editor.

A summary of the measure is as follows:

HOSPITALIZATION: \$500,000,000 is appropriated to build additional hospitals for veterans. The Administrator of Veteran's Affairs, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy may enter into agreements for mutual use and interchange of existing hospital facilities. Provision is made for transfer to Veterans Administration facilities of veterans under Army or Naval Medical care and for training in use of artificial limbs for all veterans entitled to them.

REVIEW OF DISCHARGES: The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy will establish boards for review of the type and nature of contested discharges from the armed services. The boards will review upon request all cases except those involving discharge by sentence of general court-martial; veterans so discharged will not be entitled to a review. Review may be requested by the veterans themselves, by their next of kin or by the Government.

EDUCATION: Benefits under this section are available to all veterans who have served 90 days or more in the armed forces since 16 September, 1940 and prior to the termination of the present war (not counting training in the Navy College Program or the Army Specialized Training Program) and who were not over 25 years of age at the time they entered service or who, if older, prove that their service "impeded, delayed, interrupted or interfered with" their education. Those 25 or younger when they entered the service are presumed to have had their education interrupted.

All veterans meeting those requirements are eligible for education or training for one year, or to a refresher or retraining course of the same period in any subject, trade or profession and at any approved institu-

tion of their own choice. Thereafter, additional education will be available up to a maximum of four years, not to exceed the length of service in the armed forces, exclusive of Navy college or Army specialized training.

To finance this education, the Government will pay veterans up to \$500 a year for tuition and other fees, books and equipment; \$50 a month subsistence, without dependents; \$75 a month, with dependents.

The Federal Government will have no supervision whatsoever over state institutions selected by veterans for their education, and the Administrator of Veterans Affairs may discontinue educational aid to students whose conduct is unsatisfactory.

Any educational training chosen by a veteran must begin not later than two years after either the date of his discharge or the end of the present war and will not be available beyond seven years after the end of the war.

LOANS for purchase or construction of homes, farms and farm equipment and business property: Veterans discharged after 90 days or more of service "or by reason of an injury or disability incurred in service in line of duty" may secure loans from sources of their own choice for those purposes. The Government will guarantee 50 percent of the amount of the loan, the guarantee not to exceed \$2,000 and the rate of interest not to exceed 4 percent, for a period not to exceed 20 years. Applications for loans must be filed not later than five years after the end of the war.

EMPLOYMENT: "Congress declares as its intent and purpose that there shall be an effective job counseling and employment placement service for veterans, and that to this end, policies shall be promulgated and administered, so as to provide for them the maximum of job opportunity in

the field of gainful employment." Each state and local branch of the U. S. Employment Service will have assigned to it a veterans' representative, preferably one who is a veteran, to assist with employment, reemployment and other veterans' problems.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: Veterans with 90 days or more of service or disabled in line of duty are eligible, if unemployed or unable to secure regular employment, to receive \$20 a week for not less than 24 nor more than 52 weeks, minus any wages in excess of \$3 a week. Those veterans with only 90 days' service will be eligible for 24 weeks' compensation on a basis of eight weeks for each month in the service. They will be credited with four weeks of compensation for each month of service in excess of ninety days. Therefore, a veteran must have had nine months of service to be eligible for the full 52 weeks of unemployment compensation.

To protect unemployed men who are classified as self-employed, such as farmers, professional men and operators of stores and shops, the bill provides the Government will pay the difference between their own income and \$100 a month, the total compensation paid in that manner not to exceed \$1,040, which is the equivalent of \$20 a week for 52 weeks.

Claimants will be considered disqualified for unemployment compensation if they leave suitable work voluntarily or without good cause, if they are suspended or discharged for misconduct in the course of unemployment, if they fail to apply for or accept suitable work when offered, fail to attend an available free training course, or, under certain conditions, become unemployed "due to a stoppage of work which exists because of a labor dispute."

Finally, the new law provides that, in event of future payment of a bonus to servicemen of this war by act of Congress, the amount of benefits under this law will be deducted from the bonus. In case of a guaranteed loan under this law, the bonus will be applied against the unpaid balance and accrued interest of the loan.

MATERNITY CARE FOR SERVICE WIVES

(OFFICIAL INFORMATION)

1. An appropriation has been made available to the Department of Labor to provide medical, nursing, and hospital maternity and infant care for wives and infants of enlisted men in the armed forces of the United States of the fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh grades.

2. Under this plan the wife of any enlisted man of the Navy, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps in the four lowest pay grades, including those deceased or missing in action, irrespective of her legal residence and financial status, and providing the States in which she is presently located has a plan approved by the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor, is eligible to make application for and receive medical and hospital maternity services. The child (or children), under 1 year of age, of an enlisted man in the above categories is likewise eligible for medical, surgical, and hospital care under this plan provided application is completed and signed by the wife or guardian. These services are available, however, only when similar services are not otherwise provided by the Navy or from facilities provided by or through official State or local health agencies.

3. Application forms for this care are available from State and local health and welfare agencies, American Red Cross chapters, prenatal clinics, and other community agencies, and from local physicians participating in the program.

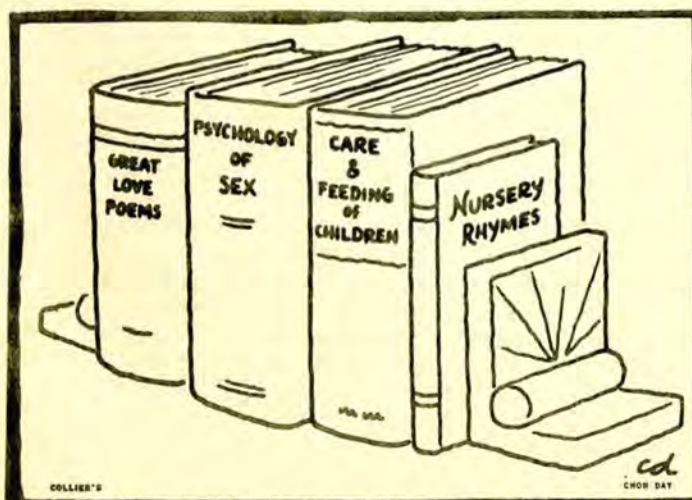
4. The application form is to be completed and signed by the wife or guardian and by the attending physician (private or clinic physician) prior to receiving hospitalization and forwarded by the physician or clinic to the State director of maternal and child health or to a deputy authorized by him to receive such applications. Funds under this appropriation cannot be used in part payment for more expensive hospital accommodations contracted for by either the enlisted man or his wife.

5. The service number of the enlisted man (husband) must be entered on the application.

6. Applications will be approved and authorization for care given only when the medical or hospital care is provided by doctors of medicine and by hospitals meeting the standards established by the State health agencies.

7. For further information see Chaplain Safford or Chaplain Herlihy. Applications should be filed as soon as possible.

SUGGESTED READING



PAGING SERGEANT PAGE!

August being the month of Leo, also the INTREPID'S birthmonth, Leo symbolized by the lion; the lion symbolic of anything intrepid, fearless and dauntless; why doesn't some local artist condense all this onto paper in an appropriate design symbolizing our ship? Pfc. Principe's birthday also falls in August if that will inspire youse any. Better get hot on a fighting song, too, else some spirit minded marine will write one sung to the tune of that fighting song of all fighting songs, "The Marine Hymn".

"Ye Old Patrol" ought to meet Bill Durkin, one of the newest bluejackets aboard. He's the image of his big brother Eddie whom youse all know well. Bill owns the joint though, Eddie just runs the place. The owner being a shipmate should raise the "Old Patrol's" prestige to about there should the gang gather again mid those palatial portals.

This between Sgt. "Casanova" Kelly and a young bomber pilot.

"Good evenin' Sgt. What division y'all in?"

"Ah'm in de 7th Division suh".

"What yo' duty Sgt?"

"Ah'm a gunnah suh".

"Is y'all a good gunnah?"

"Yassah".

"Wal boy y'all bettah be good cause de's sho comin' oveah dis time".

"Shonuff?"

"Guess ah'd bettah be gettin' on Sgt. 'cause 'Rocks and Shoals' sez ah ain't s'posed to mess 'round wid Rebels."

"Yo right 'bout dat suh".

"Good evenin' den Sgt."

"Good evenin' suh."

Expect PNS to open a broadcast any time now with "The Green Hornet Strikes Again!" The identity of this intrepid character was revealed lately as being Corp. Jungle Jim Jongeneel. He's an ace now too, having brought down five chow chits in one sweep. If you haven't already, take a look at Mrs. Hornet. . . . Whe-e-e-e-!!!

THE MARINES AT WORK AND PLAY. . . Monaghan, age 34, asking the Top for Aerial Gunnery School. . . Bad Boy Baden frantically grasping the air trying to retrieve a twenty dollar note carried away by the wind and tide. . . Another guys dream that he saw Cap't. Hammond performing on a tight wire stretched from the bow to the dock. . . Ace Grund trying to get out of his sack after reading Erskine Caldwell's "God's Little Acre". . . Plt.Sgt. Weldon's personal bond selling campaign over the JY circuit. . . Pfc's Selvagio and Beale's mild enthusiasm while witnessing the capture of an octopussy. . . Harry Zollo's \$46.00 collection of oil paintings and photographs--all of himself. . . The midnight raid on Hotel "Rue de la Tub 3" and the sleepy eyed victims bewildered interest at night court. . . Passing retort. . . I'm going to the Grund to take a Zeke if I can find some Kelly paper. . . Ace Grund cleaning the First Sergeant's pistol; Joel Smith not to be outdone cleaning the Gunnery Sergeant's.

The novel "Rogues Company" depicts an infamous character of pre Civil War days as hoss thief, murderer, slave trader, highwayman and just plain robber. The name of this historical figure is Harry Crenshaw. Could our Gunnery Sergeant Harry K. Crenshaw be a great, great grandson of Civil War Crenshaws? Harry K. doesn't deny that he is and states further, "You can call me anything so long as you don't call me a Yankee." P. S. How could they Harry? You look intelligent.

NOTICE TO OFFICERS

Subject: Uniform Regulations

In order to understand more clearly the new regulations regarding the changes in commissioned officers' uniforms, the following is published: NAVY DEPARTMENT BULLETIN dated 15 November 1943 (R-1126) is further amplified as follows:

1. Enclosure (A) designated uniforms for commissioned officers; Enclosure (B) is a modification of reference (b) of reference (a), as is outlined in reference (b) released and forwarded under reference (a).

2. Effective 1 December 1943, the following regulations shall govern the wearing of the regulation officers' cap: "For other than formal occasion, all officers shall wear undress caps with polished black visors and black braid chin straps", which is a modification of the former rule requiring all officers to wear polished chins with gold lace straps and polished visors. This, of course does not affect the wearing of garrison caps with polished tops and gold insignia. For formal wear, dress caps with embroidered visors and polished polished officers above the rank of commander shall be worn. Officers below the rank of braid may wear dress Lieut. Comdr. with chin strap, except Waves.

3. Effective 1 December 1943, the following regulations shall govern sleeve markings:

Sleeve stripes on service blue coats shall extend on the outside from seam to seam, only with the exception of dress blues in which the sleeve shall extend from stripe to stripe, leaving a seam on the outside of the gold lace sleeve but maintaining the polished visor which will be worn with a black chin strap.

Working uniforms of gray with plastic caps and undress buttons shall be worn with shirts and below the rank of Comdr. trousers will be worn with plastic shoulder markings of gray unless the stripe encircles completely the sleeve from seam to seam, in which case the khaki shall be worn until the supply of white shirts is exhausted or gold lace on the visors of officers above the rank of Comdr. with black socks and blue plastic shoes, except that shoes will be optional with gray working uniforms.



BILGES ECHOES



By Reed, E. E. Y2c

Ed. F. Monnia, PhM2c doing a swell job of giving us information about the Sick Bay. Keep it up Ed. H Division as well as the crew welcome the new Senior Medical Officer, Lt. Cdr. Powell, aboard this ship. You have a swell crew to work with and they will assist you in any way they can. Also at this time we welcome Lt. Cdr. Fish (MC) to this ship. Hope you enjoy your stay with us and may it be a long stay. To CPHM Bousley: Is it true that all regular Navy Chiefs are not born but are G. I.? Don't let this question interrupt your plans for pestilence extermination.

This conversation was overheard. "Hey where did you go swimming" said one. The reply was, "I just got through eating." Boys we agree with you it is a little warm in the mess halls.

Our Panhandling friend, Noble PhM1c, now has a following to accompany him on his chow-time expeditions through the hatch leading to the Chief's mess hall. Who are they? Well G. Priest, PhM2c, K. Burkman, PhM1c, and "Harpo Gestapo" Agosti, PhM1c, are the accompanying crew. Honestly fellows you can fairly hear them barking at the door.

What is this? Chief Maness now denies all rumors that he is going to start a lumber camp when the war is over. For further details you'll have to see him.

Recently Lt. Moot gave the crew a little thrill by flying over the ship and doing a slow roll. Our Landing Signals Officer, besides having his regularly assigned assistant, has acquired many other assistants. Among are Lt. Shingleton and Mitchell, S1c.

Maybe you can tell me why J. N. Ludford, PhM3c isn't writing to certain cutie in California. As usual Winslow can give you all the dope.

Why is D. C. Phillips in the regular Navy? Well the information given me was because he signed up for 2 years-but was so slow about things that it's taking him all of six years to cover the allotted ground. I hear that he leaves the sick bay area at 1000 in order to be on time for noon chow.

Why Doctor Miller tries to hide his broad Brooklyn accent is more than I can understand. Give Doctor, it's really beautiful, and would give any true Brooklynite a bad case of nostalgia.

Why some people went to the pay line with the new chits signed, Charles K. Noble. Well that is what the sign said.

It is rumored that Doctor Hennig spends so much time trying to reduce, when the results are nil. I believe some one should tell him about Ry-Krisp.

Have you noticed that Doctor Kurtz has shaved off his lovely red Van Dyke. It was really out of this world.

Many of the crew are wondering why Doctor Robinson doesn't get himself a production belt for his tonsilectomies.

Those two Machinist Mates, Pyle and Markham giving a sigh of relief and giving out with a big smile when they hear the whistle and siren give out. Well boys you can rest assured that it is working as I'm about deaf now.

I have read that since the discovery of Cat Fever, a Naval Doctor has never diagnosed a single case wrong. We had the experience, along with J. L. Corbett, Y1c, of being used as patients during a recent drill...Murder.

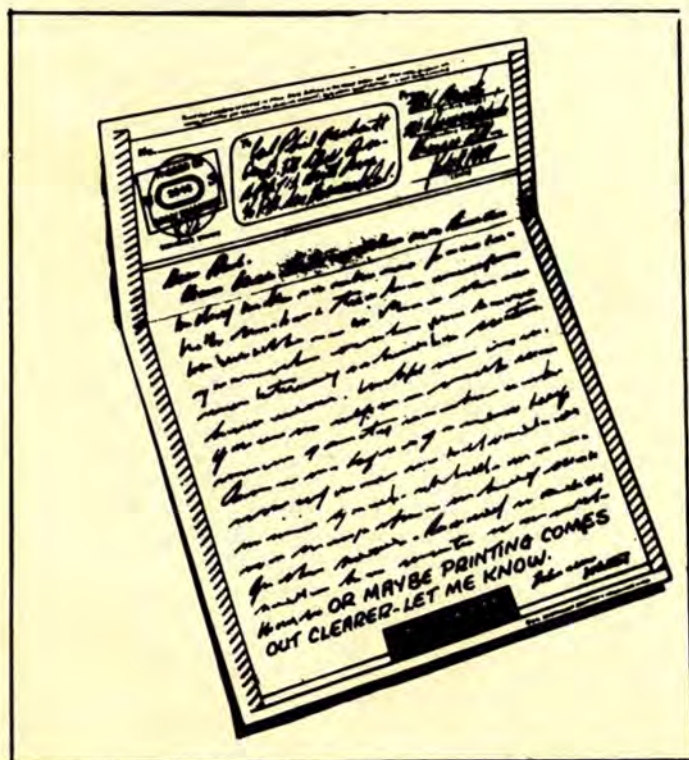
The weary and haggard clerk had been kept busy so long by an important customer that eventually he demanded:

"Madam are you shopping here?"

"Certainly," retorted the lady.

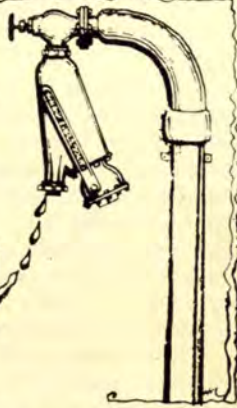
"Oh," went on the clerk, "I thought you might be taking inventory."

Atlanta Constitution.



Drippings from the fire plug

By Smokey Joe



All day and all night
I think about you.
My hopes and my prayers
Are always for you.
My heart is right with you
As you look at the sky.
May God always watch you
From the Heavens so high.
I live on memories of days in the past,
And dream of the future,
Of a love that will last.

The above poem was sent to us by our One and Only and we thought we'd pass it along so all hands could see it and give it a little thought. It was written by a Mrs. W.C. Myers of San Francisco, the wife of an Army Captain stationed overseas. We think it typifies the general feeling of all our womenfolk who are waiting for the Big Day when we all return home, at least we hope it does. Which brings to our mind this thought: What kind of news do you send home? Do you write a letter with the thought in mind of weeding some sympathy from your mother, wife or sweetheart or do you write in an effort to help build up her morale? Don't forget "Bud" her morale needs building up plenty too. God knows she's imagining the worst. With you out here and with mail pretty scarce don't add to her worries with a lot of unnecessary complaints. Sure it's tough to be away when the baby comes and the chow isn't just like mother used to make, and you only get four hours sleep out of twenty-four and work 18 hours a day and you haven't had a cold beer for xxx months but what the hell good does it do to tell the folks at home about it? It's not going to help you and very definitely it's not going to improve their spirits either. We're not running any "Advise to the Lovelorn" column but we suggest when you write home you remember these few pointers:

1. Tell her how much you love her.
2. Leave out the "Beefs".
3. Remind her of all the happy moments you enjoyed together. (You can leave out some of the details, she'll know what you mean).
4. Tell her how happy you are to have a part in fighting for a damn good cause. (Don't snicker Bud, if you're real honest with yourself you'll admit that you're very proud to be where you are.)
5. Tell her things are breaking all right for you and never to worry about you.
6. Tell her how very much you love her.
7. Don't insult all of her 4F acquaintances, one of them may be your father!

Maybe you'll get a kick out of reading some of the typical statements which brings a smile to the Censor's usually sour puss.



A PASSAGE FROM PERSONS AND PLACES (by George Santayana)

I love moving water. I love ships, I love the sharp definition, the concentrated humanity, the sublime solitude of life at sea. The dangers of it only make present to us the peril in all existence, which the stupid ignorant untraveled land-worm never discovers; and the art of it, so mathematical, so exact, so rewarding to intelligence, appeals to courage and clears the mine of superstition, while filling it with humility and true religion.

1. "My rate is the same as a Sergeant in the Army" The guy just made 3rd class P.O.
 2. "I am 6' tall, blue eyes, blonde hair, good dancer, have lots of girls writing to me but if you'd like to etc. etc. The modest type.
 3. "I wrote you one letter this morning, after I finish this letter I am going to chow and will write you again this evening." This busy guy is the censor's delight. Grr!
 4. "Darling I have nothing to write about-". Then takes four pages to prove it.
 5. "Sweetheart I love you and the thought of losing you drives me crazy because I just could not live without you". A beautiful expression of love but slightly spoiled by seeing the same guy write it to four different girls. Still it could be!
- Well thats enough of dat! We hear from "Preacher" Steve R-2 Div. who sends us some Hull Dept. gossip that Pearson and Horn temporarily turned the Paint Shop into a "Barberia" and scalped most of the D. C. gang as a starter. When last seen this ingenious duet was much engrossed in solving this problem: Pearson; how to convert paint thinner into hair grower and Horn how to rig up a hair clipper which could be powered by a Handy Billy. It's a good thing the sick bay is right handy.

By the way we unhesitatingly acclaim the coffee brewed in the D. C. Shop as the best on the ship. Anyone wishing to dispute this statement - just invite us, just invite us.



GALE ROBBINS - 20th Century - Fox Player

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NAS Brunswick---Softball is the leaning sport on the station at the present time although soccer occupies much of the spare time of British squadrons aboard. The British softball teams make up what they lack in knowledge of the fine points of the diamond sport with vigorous competition. In fact, they have made an addition to the time-honored game that amazes their American opponents. Instead of scooping hot grounders out of the dirt, the Britons trap them with their feet. N A News.

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MCAS Santa Barbara---A new type of volunteer has joined the Marine guard detachment at this station. The volunteer, a nameless baby seal, waddled out of nearby San Diego harbor and onto a Marine sentry post late one afternoon. He took up his station atop a truck-inspection platform and except for one brief interruption has been on duty since.

The interruption came when well-meaning Marines, who had fed the visitor at his post, escorted him to the water's edge, thinking he would go on furlough. Instead, the seal retraced his steps and resumed his duties on the platform. It is expected that he will remain on duty until given orders to report to his new station at the San Diego zoo. N A News.

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Prosecutor: "Now tell the court how you came to take the car."

Defendant: "Well, the car was standing in front of the cemetery and I naturally thought the owner was dead."

Wit and Wisdom.

NAS Jacksonville---Men lost in the jungle in this war have told how they existed on bark of trees and insects, but here's a true story of how an airplane sustained flight on salad oil, vouchered for by an AMM1c, now at this station, who was a member of the flight crew.

It happened about four hours out of Hawaii when a PBV developed an oil leak. There was nothing to do but land at sea. The crew contacted a destroyer and took all the salad oil they had on board. They repaired the oil leak, put in salad oil and flew back to the base. N A News.

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An English youth came to a farmer to borrow a lantern. At first he refused to say why he wanted it, but eventually confessed that he wanted it to go courting. The farmer was scornful.

"I did my courting without a lantern."

"Yes," replied the youth, "and look at your missus."

Wit and Wisdom.

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Two golfers, strangers to each other, met while playing on the links.

"See that girl over there wearing slacks?" said one. "Imagine her parents allowing her to appear in clothes like that---just copying men's clothes."

"That, sir, is my daughter," said the second golfer.

"Oh, pardon me! I'm sorry I didn't know you were her father."

"I'm not. I'm her mother."

The Pleasant News

Terry And The Pirates

