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## World News

### RUSSIAN FRONT

Five German divisions have been annihilated by the Red Army north of Kirovograd. The Russian objective is the severing of all German supply lines to troops remaining in the Dnieper heads. More than 8,000 German soldiers and officers were killed in a major battle north of Kirovograd and over 110 more places recaptured.

Moscow defined its position on the Polish border dispute by saying it was willing to cede to the Polish State those regions where the Polish population was predominant.

British military observers pointed out that the Germans in southern Russia were threatened with a disaster greater than that of Stalingrad or Tunisia. German sources have reported that the Russians have penetrated 62 miles into old Poland.

### ITALIAN FRONT

Berlin announced that Count Ciano, Marshall De Bono and three other high Fascist leaders were executed by a firing squad at Verona.

The 5th Army troops advanced to within three miles of Cassino on the Rome road and also bore down on the city from the hills to the northeast.

A heavy force of American bombers from Italy struck Sofia Bulgaria, for the fifth time in less than two months.

### EUROPEAN FRONT

A special communique from Hitler's headquarters declared that 123 American planes, most of them four-engine bombers, were shot down during raids on Germany and occupied Europe. These claims were without Allied confirmation.

A supplementary American bulletin described the mission as a three-hour running battle in which the great formations of bombers were subjected to continuous attack.

### PACIFIC FRONT

In the Southwest Pacific American PT boats made a daring attack in Astrolabe Bay, off New Guinea, and destroyed 11 enemy barges.

Ensign G. Rose Rodgers accompanied the draft of outgoing Yeomen to Chicago on Tuesday. She returned Thursday.

## Rev. A. W. Palmer To Preach At Station Service

On Sunday, 16 January, Chaplain John D. Kettelle will preach at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. On that date the station service will be conducted by Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, Director of the Bureau of Religious Activities, of Iowa State Teachers College. The sermon at the station service will be preached by the Reverend Albert W. Palmer, D. D., LL. D., Litt. D., President of Chicago Theological Seminary.

Dr. Palmer is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. He has served in a number of pastorates in California, Illinois and lived on the Hawaiian Islands for seven years. He holds degrees from five different colleges and universities throughout the country. In addition, he has written several books, principally about his extensive travels in Japan, Europe, Egypt and Hawaii. Since 1930, Dr. Palmer has been president and professor of practical theology in The Chicago Theological Seminary.

Lt. Elizabeth Hall, Senior (WR) Officer, spent a two day leave in Chicago this week going on Tuesday and returning on Thursday.

## Lt. (jg) Smithhisler Reports for Duty In Sick Bay

A newcomer to the S S BARTLETT is Lt. (jg) Louise Smithhisler of the Navy Nurses' Corps. Miss Smithhisler is the owner of a Pacific Duty ribbon. She was recalled to active duty after Pearl Harbor and was first stationed at San Diego, California, before being sent to Pearl Harbor where she spent fifteen months on duty.

Returning to the United States by clipper, Miss Smithhisler received a thirty-day leave before reporting to Cedar Falls Naval Training School where she replaced Lt. (jg) Hazel M. Griffith who left for her new duties in the THIRTEENTH Naval District last week.

## Military Officer Leaves On Inspection Tour

Lt. (jg) B. J. Sehmman, Military Officer, is leaving Monday on temporary duty orders, to visit various Naval stations. She will inspect training facilities at Hunter College, New York, and the Midshipman school at Northampton, Massachusetts. Washington, D. C., will also be included in her tour. She expects to be gone about ten days.

## Officers on Station Receive Promotions

One promotion to lieutenant and three former spot promotions to lieutenant (junior grade) made permanent have been announced by Commander E. E. Pettee, USN (Ret), Commanding Officer, Cedar Falls Naval Training School.

Lt. Elizabeth Hall, Senior (WR) Officer, was promoted to lieutenant and the following lieutenant (junior grade) spot promotions were made permanent: Lt. (jg) B. J. Sehmman, Military Officer; Lt. (jg) Juliet R. Brusel, Physical Training Officer; and Lt. (jg) Gladys Hearst, Public Relations Officer.

These promotions were the result of a recent Alnav which raised the rank of an officer who had been an ensign prior to 1 December 1942 to lieutenant (junior grade) or one who had been a lieutenant (junior grade) prior to 1 January 1943 to a lieutenant.

## Lt. Forsman Stresses Conduct and Performance of Duty

Lt. Nancy V. Forsman, district representative coordinating WR activities in the NINTH Naval District, addressed the graduating Yeomen on Monday.

Speaking to the graduates, Lt. Forsman elaborated on the success, conduct and performance of duty of the WAVES and the importance of applying the knowledge learned.

Diplomas for distribution to the members of the graduating class were presented by Lt. Elizabeth Hall to the WAVES holding the highest average in each section.

Highlight of the exercises was Commander E. E. Pettee's announcement of the promotion of Lt. Hall from lieutenant (jg) to a full lieutenant.

## MOVIES

WEEK END 15-16 JANUARY  
SATURDAY

1930—"The Gang's All Here"—Technicolor musical with Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda, James Ellison, Benny Goodman and Orchestra. RKO News. March of Time—"Naval Log of Victory"

### SUNDAY

1400—"What a Woman"—A comedy with Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne and Ann Savage. OWI—Chief Neeley Reports to the Nation (WAVE Activities) "Babies by Bannister"—A very precious short subject—a panoramic—Constance Bannister, one of the most famous photographers presents her cutest babies.

## USO

WEEK END 15-16 JANUARY

Open house as usual. Dancing never stops. Free Snack Bar at all times.

Your USO is "your home away from home." Come and read, write letters, or just relax.

Saturday will be "Kitchen Fun Day"—pop corn, pull taffy or make a batch of fudge.

Arrangements for special parties or dinners may be made by calling Mrs. George Mach, at 434 during the week or 1601 Saturday and Sunday.

## Welcome Aboard

Three rousing cheers and a glorious welcome to the new trainees for the USS HUNTER! May their stay here be enjoyable, beneficial and satisfying!



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## BARTLETT BINNACLE

Dear Ol' Salt:

I hate to be Ginny the Ninny of the first platoon, but please, will you tell me again where do and don't I salute.

Uncertain

Dear Uncertain:

Just to make this simple, here's a list of the "wheres" and "wherenots" for saluting:

Offices of Administration Building ----- No  
Halls of Administration Building ----- Yes  
Bartlett ----- No

Exception—When addressing the OOD in the Green Lounge, and in full uniform, which means hat and gloves.

Auditorium Halls ----- Yes

Exception—(1) Remember when in ranks you do not salute.

(2) When attending any special

functions such as movies, church, etc., you do not salute.

Here's a good rule to follow—when in full uniform, Salute! Remember to salute any officer, whether the officer is in uniform or not, if YOU are in full uniform.

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Dear Ol' Salt:

Do we salute the members of the Navy Nurses' Corps?

Undecided

Dear Undecided:

All officers of the Nurses' Corps are to be saluted. Glad you asked, though, I too, have noticed a negligence along this line. Don't overlook their white uniforms, either. Ignorance in the Navy isn't bliss, it just means you haven't read your handbook.

## EDITORIAL

### Prayer For a WAVE

It never ceases to be a thrill each Sunday, to see the Senior WR Officer and the Military Officer seated on the third row in the Main Auditorium, and with head bowed low, in reverence repeat with those under their supervision . . . the Lord's Prayer. In the solitude and sublimity of the occasion their prayer, as well as the prayer of every officer on the station, is for every American girl they send out fully equipped for the battle ahead of them. It is a prayer that these WAVES will ever keep the standards set at Cedar Falls. That they will let their uniform remind them daily of the tradition of the service of which they are a part. Their prayer, too, that no one person leaving the gates of this station shall ever commit one act that will inflict on the name of the WAVES anything that is not virtuous, lovely or of good report!

### Heard Along the Walks

#### NAVY FULL SPEED AHEAD

Navy full speed ahead,  
We will avenge our dead,  
We're united and we'll fight for  
freedom and liberty,  
Our great democracy  
United States we stand  
Full speed ahead.

United States the Navy's out to sea,  
United States the WAVES will always be,  
Working for the red, the white,  
and blue,  
To keep our banner flying over  
you.

"Keep the Lounges Shipshape."

### Ensign Luter Assumes War Bond Officer Duties

Ensign Ouida M. Luter is the new War Bond Officer. She replaces Ensign Helen Pederzoli Conrad, who left Tuesday, 11 January to report to the Supply Corps School at Boston, Massachusetts.

Cash bonds are on sale at all times. Any trainee, desiring to purchase bonds, may contact Miss Luter by leaving her name and billet number at the OOD's desk to be placed in Miss Luter's box in the (WR) Wardroom. Officers and Ship's Company desiring to make a cash purchase, may contact Miss Luter personally by calling the Instruction Office, Extension 46.

## DEAR DIARY

GRADUATION—The climax of this week's calendar.

Lt. Nancy V. Forsman's address to the graduates was a masterpiece of facts—what the Yeoman may expect of her first assignment and what her superior officers have a right to and must expect of her. We were interested to learn that assignments made from this school are relatively permanent as to station, that a Yeoman 3c, from the time she receives her rating, may aspire to better things; and in no time at all, by study and competent performance, may earn her second chevron; and then—

ANOTHER DRAFT FROM HUNTER logging in—old friends, new songs, and scuttlebutt. The surprises in store for the Seamen Second Class from Hunter. Hit

the deck—not until 0600, and half an hour for morning mess. Java served in china cups and saucers—napkins and polished silver. A mess hall reminiscent of an English lodge, with high back chairs and walnut tables. Liberty an hour a day,—over the hill! Over the hill? Wait and see.

IN ANOTHER KEY AND IN A DIFFERENT KEY: A handful of us were able to attend the concert Monday night by the renowned Francescatti. In addition to superb renditions of the Sonata in D major of Beethoven and the Sonata in A minor of Paganini he did the gay and ingenious Shostakovitch Polka. Need we remind you music enthusiasts of the Tuesday evening programs presented by Prof. Carl A. Wirth of the Iowa State Teachers College Faculty?

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## CHIT-CHAT

The old saluting troubles are forever upon us. We, who are new, are still a trifle befuddled as to how, when, where and whom we should salute. But when someone salutes one of us! And that is exactly what happened to a recent convert from Hunter as she was walking along a Des Moines street on her way home. A sailor boy saluted her very formally, smiled and said, "Good morning, Sir." She, not knowing the procedure for such a paradox, looked the other way, glanced back and winked. Tut! Tut!

Another boot-just-removed heard two WAC officers who, returning her snappy salute, whispered, "They certainly do train those WAVES well, don't they." She agrees.

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Then, there is the seaman who has a strange phobia, the "Good morning phobia." When she salutes, no matter what the time of day or night, the only words of greeting her nervous system will allow her are, "Goodmorning." She isn't in a straight jacket, yet, however.



## Graduated Yeomen Set High Speed Standard's

The Yeoman Class which graduated last Monday from Cedar Falls NTS holds some of the highest records made since the incorporation of this school as a Yeoman School.

Section 23 had the distinction of having the highest dictation rates in shorthand that have been made on this station. Four seamen transcribed material dictated at 140 words per minute, eighteen at 130, twenty-five at 120, four at 110 and everyone in the section transcribed material dictated above 100 words per minute. This section, in spite of its high dictation rates, maintained an average transcription rate of 40 words per minute.

In Section 24, thirty-eight seamen were taking dictation at 120 words per minute, and the high transcription rate was 71 words per minute.

An outstanding typing record was made in Section 24 by Marilyn Ripsinski, who typed 93 words per minute for ten minutes with three errors.

In Section 31, Peggy Hall typed 86 words per minute for ten minutes with two errors.

These records should give all incoming trainees a goal for their own graduation standard.

The Ouija board has it that Lt. (jg) H. M. Stewart will be in Germany in February; but it also says that his orders will not come until March. The Ouija board must be in cahoots with the Navy's so-confusing and misleading Communications Department.

## IOWAVES Rank Second in Number of Bonds Purchased

Of all the training schools in the NINTH Naval District, USNTS Cedar Falls was second in the number of cash bonds sold during the Cash Bond Drive on Pearl Harbor Day, according to Lt. W. N. McCown, Officer in Charge of Instruction.

The training school which sold more bonds has a larger enrollment. Cedar Falls' percentage, however, was higher with 94.6% of the entire personnel buying bonds while that of the larger school was only 81%.

### Commander Pleased With Response

Commander E. E. Pettee wishes all those who bought bonds in this last bond drive to feel that they each definitely contributed to the success of the drive and that he was most pleased at the response to the war bond plea.

## Chaplain Speaks on "Men I Have Met in 'e Navy"

"Men I Have Met in the Navy" was the topic Chaplain John D. Kettle chose when invited to speak at the Cedar Falls Congregational Church on Sunday, 9 January. The material for his subject was taken from the contacts the Chaplain made while at a hospital in Virginia.

Afton DeVore, PhM3c is on emergency leave in Salt Lake City, where she was called due to the illness of her mother.

## Former IOWAVES Write Enthusiastic Reports

Many letters have been received on this station from former IOWAVES who have gone out on their various assignments and written back their enthusiasm for their work.

Among them comes one from Joan Angel. Many people remember her by her story of her life at Cedar Falls, "Angel of the Navy," but she has really gone a long way since her boot training days. After completing her training as Hospital Apprentice at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland she was transferred to the Philadelphia Naval Hospital where she is now an able Pharmacists Mate 2-c.

Another letter comes from Mabel I. Wyneck, Aviation Machinist Mate 3c. Becoming a mechanic was the furthest thing from her mind as she sold dresses in a fashion shop before her enlistment. Here is where that old saying, "Necessity is the mother of invention" proves itself.

It's a satisfaction and encouragement to present IOWAVES to see what has gone before them and to know that each member of the Women's Reserve has and will take over a job of responsibility and release men to fight for a speedy recovery.

The worst thing about history is that every time it repeats itself the price goes up.—Pillar.

During "monkey drill" (Navy for calisthenics) a P. E. instructor has devised a new conditioning exercise and in giving a preview almost "rocked" the Boat, by becoming over-balanced and almost ending up in "Miserery Hall."

## MEET THE STAFF

Ensign Ruth M. Williams

The Selection and Audio-visual Officer at Cedar Falls NTS is Ensign Ruth M. Williams, who was the Counselor of Public Schools in Philadelphia before she joined the Navy, on 22 December, 1942.

Miss Williams is a graduate of Temple University in Pennsylvania, and received her Master's degree from the University of Southern California. While at USC, she became an ardent California fan, and she now prefers California to any state in which she has been.

Since she became the Audio-visual Officer, she has developed an interest in photography, and she spends all her spare time and money, taking and showing amateur movies.

As for sports she says she exercises because she must have exercise, but once when performing her duty by bowling, she made three strikes in a row. In spite of her exercise lethargy, she loves to visit the national parks, Yosemite most of all.

Ensign William's most predominant personality trait is a charming sense of humor which is complimented by an ever-present smile on her countenance and a twinkle in her brown eyes.

### FRIENDLY HOUR

Sunday 1830 to 1930

East Lounge

A welcome to all new seamen! Enjoy with the old-timers an hour of congenial fun, songs of the moment and a general get-acquainted time.



Recently promoted officers of the Cedar Falls Naval Training School are (from left to right) Elizabeth Hall, Betty Jane Sehmman, Juliet R. Brussel, and Gladys Hearst.



## RELIGION

Friday and Saturday, 1830—Catholic Confessions will be heard in the Chaplain's Office.

Sunday—0715—Muster for Catholic Mass (see Handbook for directions).

0725—CATHOLIC MASS.

0725—Station Choir and Station Service Ushers muster for mess in Main Deck Lounge.

0800—Station Choir muster—First deck, first wing of Bartlett Hall. Exhibit "M" to go to rehearsal.

0820—Station Service Ushers muster Main Deck Lounge.

0840—Muster for Station Service. Jewish girls muster Main Deck Lounge.

0900—STATION SERVICE—Auditorium.

0900—JEWISH SERVICE—Faculty Lounge, Gilchrist Hall.

There will be no Communion Service on Sunday 16 January.

The Chaplain plans to be in his office as much as possible during trainees' free time for personal conferences or just friendly visits.

## RECREATION

### SATURDAY—

#### SPORTS

Consult Administrative Notice No. 59-43.

Ice Skating—College Pond.

Swimming—1600-1700.

Badminton, Basketball, Volleyball, Ping Pong—214G.

Equipment may be obtained from the Physical Education Office from 1330-1600.

For Riding, Bowling, Roller Skating, and Hiking see Special Notice No. 66-43.

#### MOVIES

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#### DANCE

2100—Or immediately following the Movies—Dance in Women's Gym, —WAVES, Ship's Company and Air Cadets.

#### SERVICE CENTER

Cedar Falls USO Club, 3rd and Clay Street. Regular services—Lounges—reading, letter writing, games. Ballroom and late records. Information, etc. Free snack bar. Thread and needle service Housing (Call Mrs. Geo. Mach at 434 week days or 1601, Saturday and Sunday.) See notice of special feature elsewhere.

### SUNDAY—

#### SPORTS

Ice Skating; Swimming; Badminton; Basketball; Ping Pong; Volleyball—same as above.

Equipment may be obtained from the Physical Education Office from 1400-1500.

#### MOVIES

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#### FRIENDLY HOUR

1830—East Lounge—A get acquainted hour with a cordial welcome extended to the newly arrived seamen.

#### MUSIC HOUR

1600—Main Deck Lounge. Listener's Choice.

### TUESDAY—

#### MUSIC HOUR

1830-1930 in Main Deck Lounge. PROF. CARL A. WIRTH of the College Music Faculty will present an all Gershwin program.

## SPORT CHATTER

### Officers and Ship's Co. Defeat Section 23 at B.B.

Packed with the thrills and excitement, which constitute a well-played game, the officers and ship's company met Section 23 last Thursday evening to climax the Basketball Tournament.

Highlight of the game was the performance of Miss Luter of the officer's team. Entering the game in the third quarter, with the score tied 12 all, she effectively sank three baskets to put her team ahead. In the fourth quarter, with Section 23 playing hard and gaining ground, Miss Luter repeated for six more points to gain the victory for the officers and ship's company 25-23.

#### BOWLING

On 4 January 1944, Ship's Company bowled three games with the team from Phil's Tavern. In spite of the fact that Ship's Company lost all three games, R. Larson and R. Swanson had high total scores of 470 and 391 respectively.

Yeoman 2-c Ruth Larson, Public Relations Office, scored a record in the Cedar Falls Bowling League Tuesday, 11 January, by bowling a 3-game series totaling 523 points—the highest individual score of the League so far this season. Ship's Company defeated the Henderson team by a 3-game total score of 1982 to 1832.

The officers will bowl tonight.

#### SPORT TIPS

**RIDING:** Go during liberty. Take the bus and get off at the Black Hawk Hotel and walk to the Josh Higgins Park. Located there are the Clay Saddle Stables and horses are available at \$1.00 per hour. Horses are very frisky. Beginners and average riders should not go out alone. Telephone 255.

**SWIMMING:** Pool is open on Wednesday and Friday from 1630-1730; Saturday and Sunday 1600-1700.

**BOWLING:** Alleys available in Cedar Falls and Waterloo. Call Cedar Falls 1015 to reserve an alley.

If further information on recreational activities is desired, contact Ens. Goodenow in the P.T. office.

**WAVES—ATTENTION:** Formula for success in Washington: "Shoot the bull, pass the buck, and make seven copies of everything."—W. D. in COLLIER'S

## Dress Right, Dress!



### UNIFORM TIPS

Girls who go skating or riding may wear whatever sports attire they wish but they are not permitted to go into any store or home while wearing sports clothes. They must go directly to and from the sports activity without any stop-offs.

It is the little things added together that make a girl well-groomed—seams straight, hair short, neat and shining from a recent shampoo, shoes well cared for, nothing sticking out of pockets. No trainee should be seen with holes in her stockings. If she has a tendency to wear her stockings through at the heels she might find heel tips a great hose-saver. These heel tips can be bought at the Five and Ten, and come in small, medium, and large sizes.

Ties deserve more careful attention. A tie knot should be small, and neat, and pins should be as close to the knot as possible. This makes the tie fall at the right angle, keeps the knot from coming undone, and makes the tie stay in place.

In order that a tie may look even, one end of the tie should be longer than the other to start with. Trainees having the new button-on ties should move the button on the left side a little further back in order to make this possible.

### A Deserter at Hunter College

An Ensign at Cedar Falls has it (and seriously) that a Boot at Hunter went to Sick Call and after being examined by the Doctor was told to go home. She did. She packed her suitcases and took the train to Oshkosh or Podunk and the Navy was treating her for five days as a "deserter" until it became evident that she was innocently or unintentionally laboring under a delusion.

WATCH THIS SPACE

"I T S T I N K S"