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U. S. NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

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War Highlights

NORTHERN FRANCE

Americans were fighting once again on battlefields of the Marne. A second generation of soldiers in the AEF, repeating the record of 1918, cracked one German strong point after another and drove the enemy back toward his own borders. General Patton's Third Army was in Chateau-Thierry and in Sezanne on the road to other World War I battlefields at Chalons and Reims. In the English Channel sector British and Canadians threw a fourth bridgehead across the lower Seine, indicating an impending drive toward the Somme. Bitter fighting was still raging in Brest, on the Breton Peninsula.

SOUTHERN FRANCE

United States troops in southern France, avoiding an obvious advance from Grenoble to Lyon, swung sharply west toward Montelimar, trapping about 15,000 Germans retreating up the Rhone Valley. All resistance in Marseille was said to have ended.

ITALY

German troops, besides retreating in France, were reported to be withdrawing from Italy toward the Brenner Pass, turning over defense of three Italian provinces to Mussolini's Fascist soldiers. The German Army was said to be pulling out of Bulgaria, also, as fast as it could.

RUSSIA

Soviet troops sweeping through Bessarabia and Rumania crossed the Danube at Tulcea and captured the inland port of Braila. Marines of the Soviet Black Sea Fleet stormed the Danube delta port of Sulina. Other Red Army units drove ten miles into Transylvania against German and Hungarian troops. To the north gains were reported from the Lomzha and Valga sectors. Soviet troops also completed the conquest of the vital Ploesti oil fields.

PACIFIC

Allied planes maintained their relentless pounding of Japanese bases and shipping in the Pacific. Four enemy freighters were destroyed or damaged in the Celebes. Onnedkotan, in the Kuriles, was struck twice in one day, and other island outposts received the customary lashing. China reported new successes along the Siang River in Hunan Province, menacing the Japanese hold on the Canton-Hankow Railway.

"Peace Psychosis" Affects War Effort

According to a memorandum from Rear Admiral A. S. Carpenter, Commandant, Ninth Naval District, this District and probably the whole country has been seriously affected by what may be called "peace psychosis." He states that the cause of "peace psychosis" is due to allied military successes throughout the world.

The War Manpower Commission, the War Production Board, and other agencies, agree that this condition is serious, as it may directly affect the war effort at home as well as the fighting fronts.

The Commandant states that the prominent causes of this condition are:

(a) The ever-present characteristic of the American mental process, commonly called "wishful thinking," which breeds undue and excessive optimism.

(b) Recent cutbacks in Army and Navy building and procurement programs, which have been misinterpreted by the public.

(c) An exceedingly optimistic presentation in the press and by radio commentators of military and naval operations, both current and future.

(d) A partial forgetfulness on the part of the public that upon the termination of hostilities in Europe, the United States is still engaged in a tough, complex war with the Japanese, which is, at the present time, far from completion.

The Commandant considers it to be the duty of every officer and enlisted man and woman in his command, not only to give complete support to our fighting men, but as members of the Naval Establishment, to allay in every way possible the prevailing dangerous frame of mind of civilians and naval personnel so affected with whom they are in contact.

Comdr. E. E. Pettee On Leave

Comdr. E. E. Pettee left Sunday to spend a few days leave with his family in Scandia, Minnesota.

Lt. Comdr. Eleanor G. Rigby Visits Cedar Falls On Tour

Lieut (jg) G. C. Baird Leaves For New Duty

Lieut. (jg) Gail C. Baird was detached from Cedar Falls 30 August. Her new station will be Washington, D. C. Miss Baird doesn't yet know exactly what type of work she will be doing there.

After graduating from Northampton in January, 1943, she was stationed in Miami, Florida. Then when Cedar Falls was made a Yeoman School, the following April, Miss Baird came here and has been with us ever since. She was chairman of the Correspondence Department.

"If Washington is as nice as Cedar Falls, I will be well-satisfied," says Miss Baird. "This has been a wonderful station and I have enjoyed working with the staff and trainees here. As Commander Pettee put it in his last graduation speech, I leave 'with regret'."

Prof. I. H. Hart To Speak At Friendly Hour

An opportunity for new trainees to become acquainted with each other and the "older" girls is offered at Friendly Hour every Sunday evening, at 1830 in the East Lounge.

As a short-cut to introduction, those present at Friendly Hour are provided with badges giving name and home state of the wearer. Any matter of interest is informally discussed and, in addition, a program is planned for each meeting.

The program for next Sunday, 3 September, promises to be particularly interesting. The meeting will be opened with solos by Evelyn M. Ochs, Section 32. There will be a talk by Prof. I. H. Hart about the buildings and history of Iowa State Teachers College. Prof. Hart is Director of the Bureau of Extension Service and historian of the college.

Inspects Physical Plant And Activities Of The School

Lt. Comdr. Eleanor G. Rigby, W-V(S), USNR, Commandant of seamen at Hunter College, New York City visited the Cedar Falls training school last week end on her tour of training schools and activities where members of the Women's Reserve are stationed. She is studying the needs of the WAVES in order that their indoctrination at Hunter may serve the particular billet to which they are assigned. She spent her time at Cedar Falls inspecting the physical plant of the school, visiting various activities and interviewing officers, members of ship's company and trainees.

Lt. Comdr. Rigby was one of the first women officers in the Women's Reserve. Beginning in September 1943 she was in charge of the hotel at the Officer's Training School at Northampton and then became Officer-in-Charge of Seamen at Hunter when the "boot" school there was opened.

Mrs. Rigby's mother resides in Ohio but her home prior to joining the Navy was in Cheshire, Connecticut.

Senator G. M. Gillette Visits Station Tuesday

Guy M. Gillette, U. S. Senator from Iowa, visited this station recently with Dr. Malcolm Price as his guide.

He spoke at the Lions and Rotary Clubs at noon at the high school in the evening. His subject at noon was post war problems involving the conversion of eleven million men in the armed services to private industry and plans for financing the huge public debt.

Senator Gillette has been chairman of the subcommittee on Agriculture of the U. S. Senate for the last two years. He is also a member of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee.

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EDITORIAL

Keep On Your Toes!

"Makeup from the neck down"—keeping us trim and shipshape—that is the job of our Physical Education department here at Cedar Falls. We groan and grunt and do our share of griping when we have to strain and bend and then bend a little farther, but it whips those muscles into place.

Soon the sun will disappear for days at a time. The leaves will change color and the snow will cover them. Then we'll be taking our gym inside. Not for a minute will we neglect this business of keeping trim.

Posture is an important step towards success. Along with your posture, remember personal appearance. Keep your uniforms cleaned and pressed. Tie your ties with a square knot so neat that people will think you've been tying them all your life.

Be sure your hair is short, neat and clean, and keep your makeup conservative. WAVES are meant to look neat, trim and efficient.

Wear a smile—even if you're discouraged look happy. It does wonders for your own morale and for everyone you come in contact with.

Learn self-reliance to be really Navy. Don't wait until you're told to do something.

Courtesy and conduct are important factors. Nothing can cover up bad manners. Courtesy to civilians and members of other branches of the service is especially important. People often judge all the WAVES by your single example—make their impression a good one! Let them know that we are proud of our uniform, our job and our part in the Navy!

BARTLETT BINNACLE

Ginny, the Ninny, impressed no end with the swoonings and such of fellow "boots" (recipients of their double shot) while at Hunter and herself running a "cat fever" of some degree was overheard saying in her sleep, speaking no doubt for the Navy Department, "If you must faint, kindly fall in neat piles."

Ens. Ouida Luter has put herself in a precarious position by volunteering to sample any and all concoctions whipped up by we new Seamen 2/c in our swell U.S.O. kitchen . . . oh, oh, wait a minute, girls, there's one important exception . . . please, NO BEANS!!!!!!

The movie short "Make-up From the Neck Down," which was shown on Saturday, certainly had the proper reaction from more than a few. Saturday night found a goodly group of gym-suited, conscience-stricken seamen stretched out along the second deck corridor industriously putting themselves through rigid routines . . . the loungers also boasted a few would-be willowv maidens. Girls, your courage is admirable, but how's your resistance???

Then, of course, you've heard of the "boot" who was endeavoring to pass an officer on the sidewalk and couldn't think of the phrase that would enable her to do so properly. She tried, without appearing too obvious, to dodge into doorways and pretend window-shopping in order to let the officer get a good distance away. It didn't work, he didn't seem in the least anxious to get where he was going. Finally, after racking her poor brain the "boot" hit upon what she thought was the right term, so catching up with the officer and saluting smartly she said, "Leave me by, Sir."

At this point it seems to be a tie between the "popcorn" man and the drug store to see who can sell calories the fastest.

In view of the manpower shortage, those three lucky members of Ship's Co. at the USO Sunday night might have shared their men for at least one dance, and stopped a few mouths from drooling. (Even the chocolate cake didn't help!)

It's okay to help the Navy along in trying to build up (or down) the figure, but doing push-ups and munching cookies at the same time seems rather incongruous. (How about that section 41?)

She won't admit it to the public, but "WAVES, Anchors, Aweigh," which everyone seems to be singing right now, was written by one of our new trainees, Marjorie Ann Robinson of Section 44. Marge is also a product of the "Singing Platoon" of her regiment, and our spies have also reported that nine other songbirds from this platoon are lurking in our midst.

Let's hope that those new trainees who enjoy the fun of climbing trees will restrain themselves from climbing the military tree of Cedar Falls.

Monday night as taps was ringing and lights going out, Letha Tousley, of section 23 started to climb her ladder to the top bunk, when bang! three of the steps broke.

How do you feel today, Letha?

Believe it or not. Dorothy Perigen, Helen Patterson, and Beatrice Rehn, of section 24 have service ribbons for the Battle of Cedar Falls. What is the secret, Seamen, are we all entitled to this ribbon?

Lieut. (jg): "Look here, you must be more careful typing these letters."

Yeoman: "Sorry, sir, but what did I do?"

Lieut. (jg): "You addressed this one 'Intelligent Officer' instead of 'Intelligence Officer!' Don't you know there's no such thing in the Navy?"

—Braid and Bars

A youngster was leading a donkey past Gate 2 when one of the marines decided to have some fun.

"Why are you holding on to your brother so tight," the marine asked.

"To keep him from joining the Navy," replied the boy.

—Star Dust

CHUCKLES OF THE WEEK

The Public Relations Officer lifted her eyebrows over the questionnaires of trainees when one suggested that her handwriting was "more eligible" than her printing.

And another said she aspired to be a "yeowman."

Carlin Transferred To New Station

G. A. Carlin, S2c, who recently came aboard this station from sea duty, has received orders this week to report to the Naval Supply Depot in Crane, Indiana.



Know Your Navy

The perfect picture of an admiral—tall, lean, rigidly straight, with a shock of bleached hair like a whitecap over his bright sea-blue eyes is Admiral Chester William Nimitz. He is Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Area commanding an area which includes 65,000,000 square miles, mostly liquid, bounded on the north by the Aleutians, on the east by North America and on the southwest by General MacArthur.

When the Admiral took over the Pacific command, the United States had just suffered the worst naval defeat in its history, and he has been running the biggest war in history ever since. His functions fall into two major divisions: One is to transmit news about developments in the Pacific and advise as to future moves to the joint chiefs of staff in Washington; the other is to execute the directives which the joint chiefs of staff hand back to him.

The salient qualities he brings to his job are calculating common sense and a stoutly reasoned good opinion of his fellow men which he exploits to the full in getting them to do their best work for him. Upon graduation as a midshipman from Annapolis, Nimitz was assigned to the China Station where his first command was the gunboat Panay. After the Panay he took command of an old destroyer the Decatur. He was sent to Europe to study diesel engines a few years before the last war. Returning from Germany in 1913 he was assigned to build diesel engines in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. In 1916 he was made chief engineer and executive officer of the Maumee, the first United States diesel oiler. As a submarine specialist Nimitz'

Meet Your Shipmates

Barbara J. Ingram

Are you planning a trip after the war? You think you might like to see the world? Why not have a chat with Barbara J. Ingram, S2c of Sec. 32.

Seaman Ingram's travels began back in 1928 when she went to the West Indies on a trip with her family. She was rather young but she'll never forget being seasick on the cruise she took in 1930 to Bermuda and Havana! She returned to Cuba and Jamaica again in 1930, too.

In 1934, her vacation was in the Mediterranean area. She saw several of the largest cities in Italy and from there went to Egypt—Cairo and Alexandria. "It was more like a California desert than what I had expected to see. I was looking for the Hollywood version," says Seaman Ingram in telling how disappointed she was when she saw the Pyramids of Gizeh. The Holy Land was the last stop on that trip.

In 1936, she drove through England and France. England and London she considers the highlights of all her European travels.

She discovered the allure of the South Sea Islands in 1939 when she visited Honolulu, Pago Pago, Samoa, the Fiji Islands and then flew to Australia, where she received her biggest surprise to see how modern and civilized Australia was. "The country itself was beautiful and there were so many modern stores and subways; it was completely civilized, not what I expected to find there."

When the war interfered with traveling, Seaman Ingram went to work for the Medical Department of the U. S. Navy in the Record Office in San Diego, California, where she worked until she enlisted in the WAVES.

"If I can't go overseas as a WAVE, I'll have to wait till the war is over and then my ambition is to travel, especially to the East Indies, the Orient and back to England."

main job in the last war was chief of staff to Admiral Robinson, Commander of the United States Atlantic submarine force. His next assignment was to establish the first naval ROTC at the University of California in 1926. This led eventually to his appointment as assistant chief of the Bureau of Navigation and in 1939 he became chief of this bureau, and was holding this position at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Nimitz arrived at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Day 1941, and assumed his new duties on 31 December.

Three Alarm

There's nothing like a fire drill,
When once you've gone to sleep.
Up your back there creeps a chill
As from your bed you leap!?!?!?

That's just the night we went to bed

Far earlier than we should.

"Tonight we'll sleep"—or so we said—

"We'll get all that we could."

So into our wee bed we trundled
Set to dream of the O.A.O.—

But soon out of that bed we stumbled

As the fire siren did blow!

The language used in our room
Was as colorful (?) as could be.
From the words that all about did zoom

You'd swear we'd been to sea!

"These aren't my shoes! Hey! You got mine.

Is this thing here my hat?????

Golly gumdrops! This is fine—

I don't know where I'm at!!"

So off to muster we did go,

Some still in slumber deep—

While other gals did plainly show
They'd rather be asleep!!

Then, as back upstairs we made our way

I heard someone faintly hiss,

"I'll stay in bed another day

And be burned to a crisp."

—Dorothy T. Pratt, S2c

Admiral Stark Commends NATS

The Allied invasion of France was only a few days off. Amphibious forces stationed in the south of England were in need of special gear from America which had been delayed and could not reach the fleet in time if it were sent across the Atlantic by ship. Authorities realized the urgent need of this equipment and immediately called upon the Naval Air Transport Service. The job was tremendous and time was the prime factor. . . . A quarter of a million pounds of special gear had to make the invasion day deadline. Commander W. E. Larned had the orders for his Squadron VR1 of NATS. Within a few hours, giant four engine Navy Douglas R4D transport planes were roaring to the squadron's headquarters at the Naval Air Station in Maryland. The messages had been sent out to the pilots of the transport planes as far away as the Central Pacific. Meantime, an entire floor had been cleared away in the big terminal building where NATS prepares cargo for air shipment. Truck loads of crated gear poured onto the floor at one end, and carefully sorted airplane loads of stripped-down material went out

MOVIES

Saturday, 2 September 1944

2000—"Bride by Mistake"—a comedy with Lorraine Day, Alan Marshal, and Marsha Hunt. RKO Newsreel. Aircraft Carrier—This Is America. "Reason and Emotion"—Disney Cartoon.

Sunday, 3 September 1944

1400—"The Seventh Cross"—a melodrama with Spencer Tracy, Signe Hasso, and Hume Cronyn. "Dancing Romeo"—Our Gang Comedy. Somewhere, U.S.A.—Technicolor Miniature.

Section 23 Defeats Cedar Falls All Stars

Section 23's soft ball team played Cedar Falls' all stars, Friday, 2 September. The opposing team was made up of the best players from the various soft ball teams of Cedar Falls.

Peggy Shantz, S2c, made one of those famous homeruns, and with Verna MacKenzie, S2c, as catcher and Roberta William, S2c, as pitcher, Section 23 won the game. The score was 7-2.

All of section 23 was out cheering for the team, which always is a help.

Another flash from the line of sports is the winner of the ping pong tournament. Florence Barber, S2c of Section 13, won this title, after very much hard playing. Nice going Seaman Barber.

Bowling Alleys To Open This Week

Bowling alleys will open this week end in downtown Cedar Falls. The hours will be from 1300 to 2200, Saturday and Sunday, and the price 23c a line.

the other. Loading crews filled the cargo lockers of eight transport planes. They roared off with their precious loads for an airfield in southern England opposite the invasion coasts. Each plane flew the Atlantic route twice before the total haul of 165,250 pounds of equipment had been completed. Days later, Admiral H. R. Stark, Commander of the United States Naval Forces in Europe, commended the Naval Air Transport Service stating that "the immediate receipt of this equipment was of most urgent nature and one of the vital factors upon which the success of the operation hinged. The air shipment enabled this material to be installed aboard ships in the United Kingdom in time to be of tremendous value."

Chevrons Of Ship's Company

Helen Nearad, SK3c
Ruth Heis, SK3c

This week introduces the "gruesome-tuosome" of Ship's Company—Storekeepers Helen Nearad and Ruth Heis. Both joined the WAVES at the same time—4 November 1943, and became acquainted while in Boot training at Hunter college, New York.

In civilian life Heis worked as a comptometer operator and Nearad was a "jack of all trades" for the J. C. Penny Co.

Both have the favorite pastime of reading mystery stories with Erle Stanley Gardner their favorite author. They enjoy golf especially, but like all sports. Storekeeper Nearad is the proud owner of at least two cups obtained by winning jitterbug contests.

Heis hails from Cudahy, Wisconsin, where she spent her pre-war life and Nearad is a native of Iowa City, Iowa.

They are the two youngest in Ship's Co., and off the job "seriousness" is a word not included in their vocabulary.

How About This, Miss Goodenow?

Got a suggestion for our P. E. teacher.

(Figured this was one way to reach her!)

So, P. E. teachers, please take heed,

While with my double chin I lead!
There's one blamed exercise you give us

At which we all do groan and cuss.
It's the one where we rest a hip on the deck

Then bump the fat off to beat the heck!

No doubt, it works wonders—like a miracle,

But, frankly, sometimes it hurts like—well! !

Now another method has come to view;

Gives same results—so I'll leave it to you.

This bright (?) idea occurred to me

And I'm sure lots of others will agree.

We can make ourselves just as black and blue

Riding the bus to Waterloo! ! !

If jostles and jolts you 'most to pieces.

It sure takes out, (or puts in) the creases! !

You fly up to the roof and back again,

But it leaves you as slim as a fountain pen!

So why wear us out on a cold, hard deck

Which only leaves us a physical "wreck,"

When we can "bump" on seats, hard, 'tis true,

As we merrily ride to Waterloo! !

"Pop" Says

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Play Day Scheduled For 14 September

There is to be a Play Day on this station, Thursday afternoon, 14 September.

Soft ball, volley ball, track events, and games are scheduled for this great event. For the coming three weeks all platoons will play soft ball for fun and recreation. Each team will challenge another team for games. This will not be a tournament, just games for fun.

Miss Goodenow urges everyone to use the equipment that is available at the gym, tennis rackets, softballs, bats, volley balls, etc. These may be checked out any afternoon or over the week-end. It is also urged that everyone take advantage of the swimming pool that is open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There is always an instructor present, therefore it is a grand chance to learn to swim, or to improve the swimming.

The tennis tournament is still going at full speed. The winner will be listed in a later issue of the IOWAVE.

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USE AIR MAIL FOR SPEED

Meet the Staff

Lieut. (jg) Esther E. File

We would like to introduce this week, an officer on this station who will be of great importance to you—especially during your last few days here at Cedar Falls. Our Military Officer, Lieut. (jg) Esther E. File is the officer you can thank for getting you off to a good start on your new job and at your new station. Your departure from this station will be her worry.

Miss File hails from Gary, Indiana—the Hoosier state. She joined the Navy on 13 February 1943 and reported to North Hampton, Mass. for officer's training. On 17 November 1943 she came aboard the USS BARTLETT.

Before entering the service, Miss File was a physical education instructor. She is a graduate of Indiana State Teachers College.

She had no brothers to help with the war effort, and she felt that she wanted to do her part so she joined the WAVES.

Hobbies that rate high with Lieut. (jg) File are swimming and reading detective stories.

Record Marks Set By War Bond Purchases

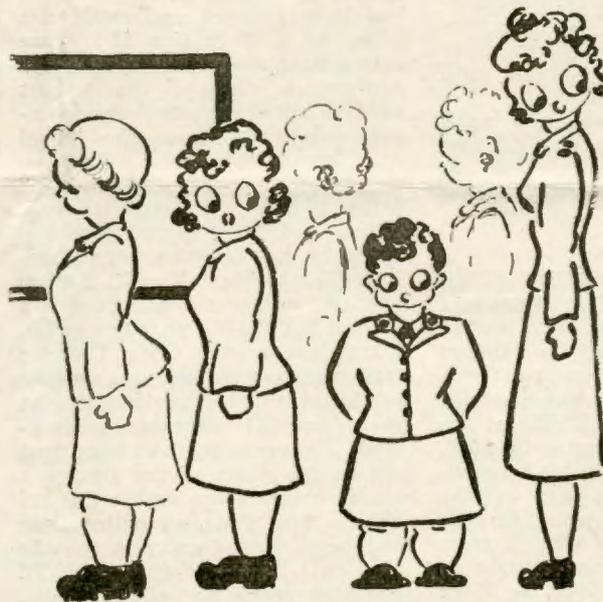
Breaking all previous records, War bond purchases by Navy personnel during July totaled \$78,587,569. This figure topped by a considerable margin the former high level of \$57,021,654, set last December, and brought the grand total, since the inauguration of the Navy bond program in October, 1941, to \$703,002,352.

The July total was an increase of 186.7 per cent over the \$27,783,065 total for the corresponding month in 1943.

A breakdown of July sales shows that \$49,038,810 were cash purchases; \$17,513,496 were sales to civilian personnel under payroll savings plan, and \$12,035,263 were allotment purchases by uniformed personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

For the seventh consecutive month, the Naval Air Stations and the Naval Training Centers led all groups of activities in the program, with participation percentages of 95.9 and 95.3, respectively. For the entire Naval establishment, 93.1 per cent of the civilian personnel invested 34.8 per cent of their gross payroll during July in bonds.

The New York Navy Yard won the Secretary's War Bond Honor flag in July by securing over 90 per cent employee participation and at least 10 per cent payroll participation, while U. S. Naval Drydocks Terminal, Island, California, won the first "leg" on the



Chow Hounds?

"de Crescenzo"