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# IOWAVE



VOLUME I No. 9

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

8 SEPTEMBER

## War Highlights

### FRANCE

German forces are retreating from the little French territory they still occupy and from Belgium. Unconfirmed reports state that the Yanks are fighting on German soil near Saarbruecken. British and Canadian forces are within three miles of Boulogne. They captured Lille, and in the mopup of Belgium occupied Louvain, 18 miles beyond Brussels. Repeating history in reverse, the German garrison was reported attempting to evacuate Dunkerque by small boats. Brest has been defended by the Germans so stubbornly and at such cost to the attacking Americans that General Eisenhower ordered the Air Force to bomb it into surrender. In reply, five waves of Allied planes dropped 1,700 tons on the port citadel. Lille and St. Omer were captured to "whittle down" the German-held rocket coast.

### ITALY

Eighth army forces were within six miles of the Po valley after overcoming German resistance to establish a position in the suburbs of Riccone Marina. American units continued their northward drive from Pisa, capturing Riparfatta after a 20-mile advance.

### RUSSIA

Russia declared war on Bulgaria after accusing the Balkan country of ignoring Allied warnings against providing bases for the German Army. Germany reported a new Russian offensive toward East Prussia had crossed the the Narew river.

### SOUTH PACIFIC

In the Dutch East Indies, American planes sank thirteen troop laden Japanese ships near Celebes. American bombers dropped 130 tons of bombs on airfields, shipyards and the port area of Davao in the Philippines, while escorting fighters, on their longest flight, strafed from tree-top level. The bombed area was left a mass of flames. We lost no planes. The Japs had apparently withdrawn their planes from Southern Mindanao.

## Five Ship's Company Advance in Rating

Four of the specialists in ship's company were advanced in rating last week. Thelma Smith, Sp(S) 3c was advanced to Sp(S) 1c (T); Frances Ashton, Sp(S) 3c advanced to Sp(S) 2c (T); Christine Tucker, Sp (S) 2c and Augusta Watkins, Sp(S) 2c were both advanced to Sp (S) 1c(T). Melba Durchenwald, SkD3c to SkD2c(T).

## Radio Program To Feature Overseas Mailing

"WAVES on the Air" will be given over KXEL next Monday afternoon, 11 September, at 1600. This program will deal with the Navy post office and will give information about the mailing for overseas Christmas packages.

## Thirteen Make 4.0 In Handbook Test

Life at Cedar Falls should be smooth sailing for the new seamen who know the regulations of this station so well. Thirteen girls made 4.0 on the Handbook test given 30 August. The were: Myrle Low, Marion Marks, Marie O'Keefe, Ruby Young, Grace Bradley, Arlene Hoelter, Gladys Wahlberg, Alice Douglas, Alice Zeman, Dorothy Hendrickson, Charlotte Gillespie, Mary Focker and Charlotte Cooney.

## Ens. Hipolit Receives Transfer Orders

Ens. Sophia C. Hipolit has received her orders to report for duty soon at Seattle, Washington. Miss Hipolit left Wednesday to spend a nine-day leave at her home in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. She will return to Cedar Falls before reporting to her new station.

## Comdr. E. E. Pettee Returns From Leave

Comdr. E. E. Pettee was back on duty, Wednesday, after spending a few days leave with his family in Scandia, Minnesota.

## Two Yeomen Report To Instruction Staff

Mary E. Sydness, Y3c, and Erma A. Busch, Y3c, who recently completed the yeoman course here, reported this week to the instruction staff.

Yeoman Sydness is an alumnus of the Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, and worked as secretary to the Technical Director of the Des Moines Ordnance Plant, prior to joining the Navy.

Yeoman Busch was a commercial teacher in Nebraska for six years before joining the Navy. She also worked two summers for the Tennessee Valley Authority at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Yeoman Busch is a graduate of the Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney, Nebraska.

## Richenstein Receives Letter of Commendation

Margaret Mary Richenstein, S2c of section 22, has received a letter of commendation for having assisted with the recruiting of one member for the Women's Reserve of the Navy.

## Eight On Annual Leave This Week

Lt. (jg) C. Lee Olliff is visiting at her home in Gladewater, Texas.

Ens. Evelyn Wandelt and Ens. Ulane Zeeck are both spending their leave in New York City.

Members of ship's company away on annual leave this week include the following: T. F. Saunders, Sp(M) 2c; A. B. Jacobson, Sp(C) 2c; M. M. Baumann, HA2c; H. K. Nearad, Sk3c; and R. R. Wlburn, PhM3c.

## Art Association Honors C. F. Navy Personnel

The Cedar Falls Art Association will honor officers ship's company, and trainees, Sunday afternoon from three to five with a tea at the Art Gallery on Main Street in Cedar Falls. On exhibit at that time will be pictures painted by members of the armed service.

This exhibit is sponsored by "Life" Magazine.

Mrs. E. E. Pettee and Lieut. Elizabeth Hall will pour.

## Absentee Voting Procedure Perfected

Provisions for service men and women and men and women in organizations allied with the service to vote by state absentee ballot in forthcoming elections have been perfected and in most states the procedure is simple and requires little time and effort according to Lt. (jg) Gladys W. Hearst, Public Relations Officer, who is in charge of the dissemination of voting information and forms on this station.

In order to vote by state absentee ballot, personnel must be eligible under the laws of their own home states. Eligibility is determined by local election officials on the basis of age by 7 November, citizenship, residence, war service connection and other factors. In every state in the union except Georgia service persons must have reached their twenty-first birthday by 7 November. In Georgia service women must be eighteen by that date.

Postal cards requesting absentee ballots have been given to all personnel. Signatures on these cards should be witnessed by commissioned officers. Platoon officers and the voting officer will assist with this witnessing of subscriptions at any time.

In the event personnel misplaced their post card application, spoiled the first card or used the first one for primary and now need the second for the general election Lt. (jg) Hearst will be glad to issue another card.

These cards are mailed to election officials in home towns. When the ballot is received it may be brought to the office of the voting officer in Room 1 in the Administration Building where a place for voting in private will be furnished. The ballots should be brought to the office of the voting officer unmarked in order that the officer may swear that the actual voting was done in private and with no interference.

Facts as to age, citizenship, residence and war service status are sufficiently stated by completing the application for state absentee ballot. This air mail post card filled in completely is mailed to the Secretary of State of home states and the card has been given to every person who meets the age requirements for voting.



# THE IOWAVE



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## EDITORIAL

### Nothing to Do!

Ever since the new trainees arrived here, they have been exposed to various bits of scuttlebutt, and one of the largest "bits" is that after the first two weeks, when the novelty has worn off, and the contrast between Hunter and Cedar Falls has faded into oblivion, there is a just "nothing to do" period.

If by "nothing to do" one means lack of night clubs, amusement parks, etc., then Cedar Falls could easily qualify, but for those satisfied with the "simple things of life," things to do are lurking around every corner.

If you're strong and able-bodied and like to exercise your legs in some other sport than walking, bicycles can be rented very reasonably "over the hill." If your arm muscles need conditioning, bowling alleys are available in Cedar Falls. Maybe it's just a touch of home you're missing. The USO has limitless possibilities—write letters, play the piano, dance, and, most of all, eat. For those of you who prefer to be entertained sitting down (and who doesn't?) the latest movies are shown in Cedar Falls and also here on the station.

Swimming does a grand job of streamlining bulges, and what better place than the indoor pool right here on the station? Outdoor enthusiasts can play tennis in any free time. Of course, as a last resort, any trainee who has any strength in her bones by 1630 can always resort to "shank's mare" and walk three or four miles along nature's pathway.

Finally, if you've done all these things, and life still bores you, you can always study.

### Welcome, Coeds!

The WAVES of Bartlett looked forward to Labor Day: it meant the return of life to Lawther Hall. The college girls would be back! The girls in blue remember the good times had at those pajama parties last year when they really had an opportunity to become acquainted with the college girls. They enjoyed the Open House at Lawther Hall last month and had a good time comparing billets and lounges.

The Navy part of the campus sincerely welcomes your return. For some of you girls, it is your first year. We hope you will enjoy your stay at the college as much as we do. We

consider it a privilege to be able to share the buildings and the beautiful campus with you students. We appreciate being able to share the various recreational opportunities of Iowa State Teachers College—the swimming pool, the tennis courts, and the gym.

On Monday evening, the WAVE choir serenaded the girls in Lawther Hall. We are looking forward to many informal meetings with you during the coming months. Welcome, students!

## BARTLETT BINNACLE

Dear Shippa:

My problem is one which causes me a great deal of trouble. My shoes just don't fit. My right foot is bigger than the left and the shoes are just the opposite. What can I do?

Puzzled.

Dear Puzzled:

The best solution to your difficulty is to swap shoes. If you do that you will not even have to stand with your feet at the standard 45-degree angle when at attention. Your shoes will do it for you.

Dear Miss Hoy:

My boy friend keeps having his hair shaved off and I don't like the looks of it. He is a private in the Army, what can I do about it?

Lucy.

Dear Lucy:

After reading your question over several times I still can't decide whether it's the hair cut or the Army you are objecting to. If it is the hair tell him to keep his hat on, that will eliminate the sight problem, but if it's the Army—well! I'm sure Uncle Sam will send him home just as soon as possible so don't worry too much.

Shippa Hoy:

I am only five feet tall and it seems that no matter what I want to do the answer is always "So sorry, you're too short." This is very distressing—what can I do?

Shorty.

Dear Shorty:

Have you ever tried taking a ladder along with you?

Girl Marine Ready to Take Over

Pvt. Eunice Shepard of the Marine Corps, Women's Reserve and Danbury, Conn., reporting for duty after completing boot training, entered headquarters, peered intently about the room where eight marines sat at desks. Snapping to attention: "Sir," she said, "I joined the marines to free a man to fight. Who's leaving?"

CALISTHENICS

This twisted trunk may be well meant,

But this is not my natural bent.

—Yank

Private (at mess) — "Hey, Sarge, I think I found a worm in my spaghetti."

Mess Sergeant — "Well, look again and make sure. I ain't got no time to waste on rumors."

—The Link

A young sailor on a crowded station bus arose, tipped his hat and offered a young WAVE his seat.

She was so overcome with such an unusual display of politeness that she fainted.

She was soon restored to consciousness and upon taking the preferred seat, thanked the sailor.

Then he fainted.

—Habit

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

Due to temporary illness, Prof. I. H. Hart was unable to appear as scheduled at Friendly Hour last Sunday evening.

Professor Hart will, however, be present next Sunday evening, 10 September, to give a talk about the buildings and history of Iowa State Teachers college. Professor Hart is Director of the Bureau of Extension Service and historian of the college. Next Sunday's program will be opened with introductory songs by Evelyn M. Ochs, Section 32.

All trainees are invited to drop in the East Lounge at Friendly Hour, every Sunday evening at 1830.

Also of interest is Music Hour, which is held in the East Lounge on Sundays at 1600, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1830.

Tuesday programs are under the direction of Prof. Carl A. Wirth, of the Iowa State Teachers college Music Faculty, who plays and discusses world-renown music. The programs on Thursdays and Sunday are devoted to music chosen by the listener. Chaplain J. D. Kettle urges trainees to come to his office, look over the selections available, and the trainee will be notified which evening her selection will be played.





### Know Your Navy

Admiral William F. Halsey, is the man whose audacious strategy cleared Jap resistance from the Solomons far ahead of schedule. His current assignment is Commander of the Third Fleet.

It was Halsey who, with hastily reorganized remnants of the fleet's disaster at Pearl Harbor, gave the Japs their first stinging defeat in the Marshalls-Gilberts raid on 1 February 1942. The Japs know Halsey as the admiral who on 24 February led the first raid on Wake Island, and as the leader of the task force which supported Jimmy Doolittle's bombing raid on Tokyo that year.

Halsey is strictly of the rough-hewn gentry, ill at ease amid the trimmings of polite society, intensely individualistic in speech and manner, in every way the grizzled old sea dog who scorns the tea table but does his rugged duty superlatively well. He talks a man's language and has the gift of picking able aides and sticking with them through thick and thin, a trait that earns him fierce loyalty wherever he serves.

His naval experience has been wide and varied. His assignments include: a long period of destroyer service; discipline officer at Annapolis from 1915 to 1916; naval attache in Berlin from 1922 to 1924; attended the Naval War College in 1933 and the Army War College a year later; entered Pensacola in June 1934 as an aerial observer, although far above flight age, learned to fly by hook or by crook becoming the commandant of Pensacola in June 1937. His first star rank was achieved on March 1, 1938, when he hoisted his rear admiral's flag aboard the carrier Yorktown as commander of Carrier Division 2. He received the distinguished service medal for leading a successful task force against the Marshall and Gilbert Islands. The saving of Guadalcanal was termed a major victory, and a grateful

### Chapa Organizes Spanish Club

About twenty enterprising seamen met in room 45 of the Auditorium Building, Tuesday evening, to begin classes in Spanish.

The Marineras Club, which is Spanish for WAVES, has been officially organized with Micaela Chapa, S2c, president, Mary Alice Buck, S2c, vice president, and Willie Belle Drumgoole, S2c, secretary.

Seaman Chapa will act as the instructor. She comes from the lower part of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas. Before joining the Navy, Chapa taught in the elementary grades for six years, and adult classes in Spanish. She is a graduate of the Texas Arts and Industries College, in Kingsport, Texas.

Congress endorsed Halsey's nomination for four star rank. His hobby? "I'm the navy's champ du golfer," Halsey said. He plans to retire after the war to his house in Alexandria, Va., there to "do nothing but play golf," though his friends can't envision so tame a retirement for him.

### Sec. 32 Enjoys Picnic At Island Park

Section 32, well fortified with wieners and watermelon, spent Sunday afternoon, 3 September at Island Park. Grace Jackson and Ruth Anderson organized a softball game, with Jackson's team winning, 17 to 4. Having worked up a good appetite, the hungry seamen gathered around a campfire to roast wieners and buns—finishing with several slices of watermelon eaten in the "pickaninny" fashion! Frances Saucerman and Doris Ulrich entertained with their own special arrangement of the Floradora, or the Can-Can—it couldn't be positively identified nor adequately described! Evelyn Ochs, Yvette Dumais, and Doris Ulrich sang, and the afternoon ended with singing of Navy songs, as a group of tired but happy girls wandered home. Lieut. (jg) Dorothy I. Ford and Loretta Culbertson, Y2c, accompanied the section.

Civilian: What is "field day?"  
WAVE: That's the day sailors rearrange the dust.

### MOVIES

Saturday, 9 September 1944

2000—"Greenwich Village"—a technicolor musical with Carmen Miranda, Don Ameche, and William Bendix. "Fun or All"—Ed Thorgerson—Sports. "Camouflage"—Terrytoon. RKO Newsreel.

Sunday, 10 September 1944

1400—"Dragon Seed"—a drama with Katherine Hepburn, Walter Huston, and Aline MacMahon. "Roaming Through Arizona"—Fitzpatrick Traveltalk. "Sportsman's Memories"—Pete Smith Specialty.

The "4-H'ers" weren't the only ones who displayed their prize bulls at Waterloo's Cattle Congress on Saturday. Two of our own IOWAVES were seen gingerly leading their kine around the ring. (Who said the Navy doesn't allow time for anything but studying?)

### "POP SAYS" Don't Telegraph—Use Air Mail

Mail will arrive at the listed airports below, the following day, at the hour given, if deposited in the Navy Post Office before the time stated:—

	Mailed Before 0800	Mailed Before 0945	Mailed Before 1730	Mailed Down Town 2030
Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	4:29 A.M.		8:12 P.M.	
Boston, Massachusetts.....	8:18 A.M.	2:18 P.M.		
Boise, Idaho.....	6:50 A.M.		1:54 P.M.	
Cheyenne, Wyoming.....	11:22 P.M.		2:06 A.M.	2:06 A.M.
Cincinnati, Ohio.....		9:12 A.M.	12:01 P.M.	
Cleveland, Ohio.....		2:38 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	
Dallas, Texas.....	3:40 A.M.		8:00 P.M.	
Denver, Colorado.....	4:35 A.M.	4:35 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	2:16 P.M.
Detroit, Michigan.....		3:05 A.M.	9:40 A.M.	11:36 A.M.
El Paso, Texas.....	2:45 P.M.			
Indianapolis, Indiana.....	5:11 A.M.	5:11 A.M.		
Jacksonville, Florida.....		8:05 P.M.		8:05 P.M.
Littlerock, Arkansas.....		1:25 P.M.		1:25 P.M.
Long Beach, California.....	9:55 A.M.			
Los Angeles, California.....	11:05 A.M.		6:05 P.M.	9:50 P.M.
New Orleans, Louisiana.....		2:45 P.M.	7:05 P.M.	7:05 P.M.
New York, New York.....	5:21 A.M.	5:21 A.M.	2:59 P.M.	2:59 P.M.
Oakland, California.....	5:21 A.M.		5:35 P.M.	
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	2:50 A.M.	6:43 A.M.	2:27 P.M.	2:27 P.M.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.....	5:11 A.M.	3:54 P.M.		
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.....	5:20 A.M.	3:37 A.M.	1:42 P.M.	3:27 P.M.
Portland, Oregon.....	10:10 A.M.		6:35 P.M.	
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	7:01 A.M.		1:56 P.M.	
San Antonio, Texas.....	6:10 A.M.		6:35 P.M.	
San Diego, California.....	10:25 A.M.			
San Francisco, California.....	5:43 A.M.		5:44 P.M.	
Seattle, Washington.....	1:45 A.M.		5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.
Spokane, Washington.....	12:05 A.M.		3:50 P.M.	3:50 P.M.
Syracuse, New York.....	9:28 A.M.	12:30 P.M.		
Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	10:00 A.M.		6:24 P.M.	
Washington, D. C.....		5:40 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:49 P.M.



# Chevrons Of Ship's Company

Leonard Baugniet, PhM2c

The Ship's Company personantcy of the week is Leonard Baugniet, PhM2c, who has been stationed at Cedar Falls for the past ten months—"10 long months," he states) working in the dental office, X-ray department at USS BARTLETT.

Baugniet was born in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, but lived in Milwaukee for fourteen years prior to enlisting in the Navy.

Before entering the service he was employed as an X-ray technician at Deaconess Hospital in Milwaukee.

Upon entering the Navy, Pharmacist's Mate Baugniet was stationed at Great Lakes and worked there in surgery for 11 months.

When asked how he liked being here in the midst of so many WAVES, he said, "Well—I'll never be in a situation like this again—it is quite an oddity."

## MERMAIDS

Oh, it's so much fun to go for a dip

In the bee-you-tee-full swimming pool.

What a wonderful feeling as there you slip

Into water so clear and so cool. Here and there mermaids gracefully dive,

Cutting the water like a knife. Am I with those mermaids? Man Alive!

I splash 'round in fear of my life!! A certain Miss G. says "Don't worry! You'll float.

You can't possibly sink out of sight.

You can't sink more than thrice—please take note—

And forget all your struggle and fight."

So into the pool my poor body I dunk

Imitating (but poorly) a sub. From there on, my body has usually sunk

While I murmur "Glub-glub-a-glub-glub!"

# Instructions Issued For Christmas Mail

Christmas packages for men overseas will travel far flung distances. They will travel through a variety of climates, and in many various ways; truck, train, plane, convoy, etc. They will be rehandled innumerable times before they finally reach the men for whom they are intended. Because of this there are several important facts which everyone must know before mailing Christmas packages overseas.

The mailing period for Navy Christmas packages is Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, one month to mail an estimated 25 million packages to blue-jackets, marines, and coastguardsmen—almost four times the volume of packages handled during Christmas 1943 for men overseas.

There are limitations of weight and size which must be remembered, otherwise, it will not be accepted by the postal authorities. These are the rules on the overseas package size and weight: 5 pounds in weight, 15 inches in length and 36 inches in length and girth combined. As an added precaution against the outside wrapper becoming damaged, inside the package place a tag with the address repeated and list of the items included in the package.

The selection of a gift is an important fact. Perishables will not be accepted and foods and materials of fragile nature are discouraged.

Some of the elements involved in the delivery of Christmas packages to men overseas are:

1. Distance—means time and handling.
2. Fleet Combat Operations—means diversion from course and delay.
3. Correct Address—means direct delivery. Last year 15 percent of all Christmas packages were delayed due to an incorrect address. The delay—60 days to 6 months.

To make sure that your package arrives intact and in time, to

make sure that you are facilitating its delivery, here are three things you can do:

1. Address it correctly.
2. Wrap it securely.
3. Mail it on time.

In addressing packages be sure to have a correct and complete address. Use FULL name. NO initials. NO nicknames. NO abbreviations. Use INK and PRINT.

From the South Pacific came this terse, direct explanation from a Navy Mail Specialist on what happens to mail coming to bases in the area known as "down under" that is incorrectly addressed and insecurely wrapped.

"It needs no considerable stretch of imagination to understand how mail looks after it has been shipped for thousands of miles by water, then, when it hasn't the right address, worked and shipped again, reworked and reshipped until it arrives at a Fleet Post Office for directory service.

"By this time, any of the packages that were at all inclined to be perishable are thoroughly decomposed not only spoiling all the contents within the particular package but damaging mail adjacent to it.

"Too often addresses are in pencil and the friction of packages causes the address to become worn and blurred. Many parcels have sticker addresses; and in transit the sacks may have become wet causing the labels to come off.

"Addresses should be printed or typed, and the same address put inside the parcel as a precaution against the outside wrapper becoming damaged. This inside address enables postal workers to send the right package to the right person if it has been damaged."

These are the facts—from the wise selection of a gift to its final delivery—that people must know to realize the scope of the problems involved in getting the mails through to men overseas.

Juanita Williams of Section 41 was honored by a visit from her husband, last week. (So were we all, who met him!).

# Meet the Staff

Ens. Elinor A. Levett

Ens. Elinor A. Levett, who comes from the "Windy City," Chicago, Illinois, has been in the service since January 1944. She has been on this station since 13 March 1944, and will soon celebrate her sixth month here.

In Chicago, Miss Levett was a physical education instructor, and, like Miss Wandelt and Miss Goodenow, she has a pupil whom she is teaching to knit. It seems as though they are all getting ready for an Iowa winter.

Ensign Levett has no relatives in the service. She, like many others, joined so that someone could keep the home fires burning for her return.

Miss Levett's main duty aboard the USS BARTLETT is to keep the mess hall running smoothly, when not busy at that, she is one of the permanent OOD's.

## FUN (?) NIGHT

'Twas Thursday night in Bartlett Hall,

And no one was in sight— Which should cause no wonderment at all,

'Cause—well—it was Thursday night!!

Quiet hour was just that. And it really was funny to see Us seamen as so still we sat. (You'd think we were all on the tree!!)

One girl pondered o'er her shorthand forms;

Another o'er records did pore; And in other sections of their dorms

Gals failed in spelling words galore.

Correspondence floored some of us;

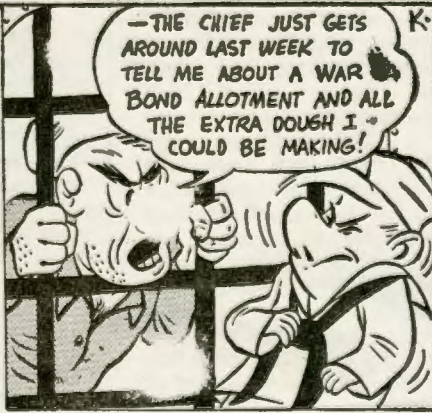
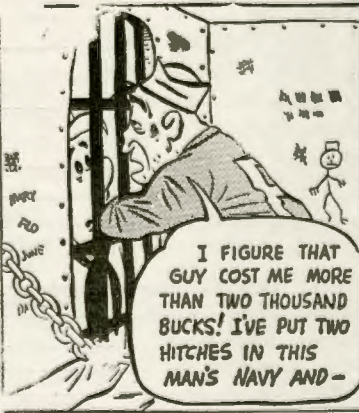
Thoughts of typing scared the rest. With clothes and hair no one did fuss,

To study was thought best! Boy! We certainly did cram.

For us there were no jests. This stuff into our brains we ram—

'Cause Friday we have tests!!!

# SWAB STORY



Navy War Bond Cartoon Service