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### COMMENDATION.

On 14 December 1939, the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation commended Michael Joseph Killrain, Aviation Chief Ordnanceman, U. S. Navy, for his interest in making a special wrench for the impulse wire plunger screw in the synchronizing system of aircraft machine guns.

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### SPONSORS.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. William M. Williams of 2324 Park Avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio, as sponsor for the U.S.S. GWIN (DD433), named in honor of her first cousin, the late Lieutenant Commander William Gwin, U. S. Navy.

The U.S.S. GWIN (DD433) is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., 1 February 1940. This vessel, the third one of that name, was authorized by the Vinson-Trammell Bill, approved by Act of Congress dated March 27, 1934.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy has designated Miss Ethel Dixon Meredith, Rosedale Road, Princeton, N. J., as sponsor for the U.S.S. MEREDITH (DD434), named in honor of her great-great-granduncle, the late Sergeant Jonathan Meredith, U. S. Marine Corps.

The U.S.S. MEREDITH (DD434) is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., 1 March 1940. This vessel, the second one of that name, was authorized by the Vinson-Trammell Bill, approved by Act of Congress dated March 27, 1934.

### NEWLY ACQUIRED SHIPS.

The three Maritime Commission vessels, SANTA INEZ, SANTA RITA and SOUTHERN CROSS, which are scheduled for acquisition by the Navy Department, have been renamed as follows:

SANTA INEZ, to be converted into a survey vessel, has been renamed BOWDITCH (AG30) in memory of Nathaniel Bowditch, an American astronomer and mathematician, who was born in Salem, Mass., in 1773. His work, The New American Practical Navigator (1802-1912), was made the standard authority of the United States Navy Department on the subject of navigation, and under direction of the Secretary of the Navy, it was revised in 1880, 1903 and 1911. A new and revised edition of his Useful Tables from the American Practical Navigator was also issued in 1912 under orders of the Department. He published also an admirable translation of Laplace's Mécanique Céleste, to which he added valuable annotations. These works obtained for him marks of honor from scientific societies in Great Britain and led to his being called to the professorship of mathematics and astronomy in Harvard College, which position, however, he declined, in order to enter the executive council of the State. He died in 1838.

### NEWLY ACQUIRED SHIPS (contd.).

SANTA RITA, to be converted into a Transport, has been renamed WILLIAM WARD BURROWS (AP6) in memory of Lieutenant-Colonel William Ward Burrows, first commandant of the Marine Corps. President John Adams appointed Burrows as Major Commandant of the newly-created United States Marine Corps, on July 12, 1798, the day following the approval of an act of Congress establishing the Marine Corps. After the removal of the Headquarters of the Corps from Philadelphia to Washington in 1800, Burrows was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. On March 6, 1804, he resigned his commission. Under his guidance many of the traditions and the esprit de corps had their beginnings. Burrows died just one year after resigning from the Marine Corps and was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Georgetown. His remains were removed in 1892 to their present resting place in Arlington National Cemetery.

SOUTHERN CROSS, to be converted into a Transport, has been renamed WHARTON (AP) in memory of Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Franklin Wharton, Second Commandant of the Marine Corps, who was born July 23, 1767 in Philadelphia, Pa., and had been commissioned as a captain in the Marine Corps on August 3, 1798. During the naval war with France he had served on board the frigate UNITED STATES and since the close of that belligerent affair had been commanding officer of Marines at Philadelphia.

It was during the early years of his tenure of office that the old Marine Barracks in Washington, including the present Commandant's Quarters, were completed, mostly by the labor of Marines. For the first time, under his guidance, uniforms and military equipment were standardized and military practices became more uniform throughout the organization. During his administration and guidance the Marine Band was developed and won the national reputation which it still maintains. His term of office came to a close by his death in New York on September 1, 1818.

### OFFICER REPLACEMENTS FOR OUTLYING STATIONS.

In Bureau of Navigation Bulletin No. 274 it was stated that one Captain would be required for Guam and one for Samoa to sail for those stations in December, 1940. This date was in error and should have read December, 1939.

### PRACTICAL COURSE IN AEROLOGY.

In accordance with Bureau of Navigation despatch 6422-1203 of November, 1939, the following officers have been selected for a special short practical course in Aerology at the California Institute of Technology, to commence about 15 December 1939, and last for a period of approximately six months:

Lt. Commander	T. S. Cameron, U.S.N.,
"	" J. P. Curtis, U.S.N.,
"	" W. V. Deutermann, U.S.N.,
"	" W. P. Folk, U.S.N.,
"	" F. L. Robbins, U.S.N.

## PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS OF ENSIGNS, CLASS OF 1937.

The Bureau of Navigation will issue examination orders in the near future to the Ensigns, Class of 1937, who become due for promotion 3 June 1940, with instructions that the examinations be completed not later than 1 June 1940. Consideration will be given to requests for delay beyond that date in cases where delays are justified by reason of special circumstances.

### L. Y. SPEAR FOUNDATION PRIZE.

The L. Y. Spear Foundation Prize, awarded to the outstanding student of each class at the Submarine School, New London, Connecticut, was awarded to Ensign Frank N. Shamer for the class which graduated 8 December 1939. Mr. Spear, the donor of this trophy, graduated from the Naval Academy in the Class of 1890 and resigned from the naval service in 1902.

### POSTGRADUATE SELECTION.

Bureau of Navigation News Bulletin No. 276 stated:

"The selection of candidates for the Postgraduate School in accordance with Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 23-39 will be deferred until after 1 January 1940, or until such time as it is possible to make plans for officer postgraduate instruction during the fiscal year 1941. When postgraduate instruction is re-established on a normal basis, and circumstances permit, it is the intention of the Bureau to order back to the Postgraduate School, as far as practicable, those officers of the following groups ordered to sea incident to the proclamation of limited emergency who volunteer:

- (a) General Line Students
- (b) Operating (Engineering) (First year students)
- (c) Applied Communications (First year students)
- (d) Aerological Engineering (First year students)
- (e) Law students (First year)."

In view of the above, several requests have been received for assignment to postgraduate instruction when it is re-established. The Bureau does not desire any requests at present, and when it does this information will be promulgated to the service.

### NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY.

The Bureau has ordered Naval Reserve officers in the grades of Lieutenant (junior grade) and Ensign, who volunteer for such duty, to active duty for periods not to exceed one year, for assignment in large vessels of the U. S. Fleet for the duration of the limited national emergency. These assignments have been authorized in order to release the necessary number of regular Navy officers of the line for duty in connection with the enforcement of neutrality.

Most of the applications received, and those ordered to active duty, are from graduates of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps Units of Yale, Harvard, Georgia Tech, Northwestern, University of California and University of

NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY (contd.).

Washington. The numbers assigned up to 16 December 1939 from the various Naval Districts are as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	9
3	10
5	2
6	5
8	5
9	23
11	6
12	14
13	24
Washington, D. C.	3
15	1
16	1
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These officers are being selected, having in mind their special fitness for duty, and will, in their respective ships, be assigned to regular duties, rather than to training duties as is customary under normal conditions. Unmarried applicants are given prior consideration and requests for specific ships or types are granted if possible.

ACTIVE DUTY OF MEN TRANSFERRING TO THE FLEET RESERVE.

In accordance with the requirement of AINAV 47, all physically qualified men transferring to the Fleet Reserve are being retained on active duty in the ships or stations in which serving. These men are in the same duty status as men of the Regular Navy and are considered available for transfer to other duties as may be necessary.

TRAINING COURSES.

The following Navy Training Courses are now available for distribution:

Instructions for use in Preparation for the Rating of Fireman 2c and Fireman 1c (combined).

YEARBOOK OF ENLISTED TRAINING.

The Yearbook of Enlisted Training, edition of 1939, has been distributed to the service.

Attention is especially invited to pertinent changes on pages 28-29, 41, and in chapter 6.

H.O. PUBLICATION H.O. 214.

Volumes III and IV of this popular book for navigators, covering latitudes 20°- 39°, inclusive, have already been issued to the service. It is expected that Volumes I and II, covering from the Equator to 19° latitude, will be issued in January 1940, and Volume V, ranging from 40°- 49°, will be ready for issue by June 1940.

LATEST ISSUES OF OR CHANGES IN DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS.

It is believed that the following will be of information to newly commissioned ships:

<u>Publications</u>	<u>Latest Printed Change</u>
Navy Regulations 1920	Change No. 20
*Bureau of Navigation Manual 1925	" " 12
Uniform Regulations 1922 (See BuNav Circular Letters No. 35-38, 11 Oct. 1938, 17-39, 15 June 1939 and 35-39)	" " 13
Courts and Boards 1937	None
Court-Martial Orders	No. 7 (July-December 1938)
U. S. Navy Travel Instructions 1936	Change No. 7
General Orders (1935 Series)	No. 124
Bureau of Ordnance Manual 1930	Change C
Manual of Engineering Instructions 1929	Chap. 16, Distilling Plants (May 1939)
Manual of Engineering Instructions 1929, changes in Chapters 5, 7, 14, 15, 24, 27 and 38 issued by BuEng in letter dated 23 Jan. 1939	
Bureau of Construction and Repair Manual 1934	None
Bureau of Yards and Docks Manual	Change No. 5
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts Manual	" " 20
Bureau of Aeronautics Manual	" " 14

\*Revised Part H approved by Secretary of the Navy 5 January 1939, as amended by BuNav. Manual Circular Letter 4-39, dated 15 August 1939.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS.

Ships having bands will please make note of the following:

National Anthem of Egypt - When playing the National Anthem of Egypt, omit the first ending of the last strain and go directly into the second ending, without repeating.

Siamese National Anthem - The National Air of Siam now in Benter's Book of National Airs has been found to be in all respects a different Air than the present National Air of Siam. Copies of the new Siamese National Anthem will be distributed as soon as they can be printed.

National Anthem of Yugoslavia - The National Anthem of Yugoslavia (Serbs, Croats and Slovenes), differs in many respects from the present National Anthem of Yugoslavia in Benter's Book of National Airs. The new National Anthem of Yugoslavia will be distributed as soon as published.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS (contd.).

The State Department reports that the Icelandic National Anthem and the Danish National Anthem should be rendered together only when honoring the King or Crown Prince of Denmark, who are also rulers of Iceland, but on other occasions each anthem should be played separately depending upon which nation is being honored.

Requisitions have been prepared for the purchase of new national anthems for the following countries:

Uruguay  
South Africa  
Iraq  
Iran  
Thailand (Siam)  
Yugoslavia  
Afghanistan

The original distribution to all ships having bands and orchestras will be made by the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, without request by the ship.

EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL, TROY, NEW YORK.

This is an old school for girls and offers primary, secondary, and high school courses to day students and high school courses to boarding students, particularly for those who wish to enter college. It makes some concessions to the daughters of a limited number of naval officers and of Army officers. In addition, there was left by the will of the late Rear Admiral Nicoll Ludlow a sum, the income of which is devoted to scholarships for two daughters of naval officers.

"NEW HAMPTON," NEW HAMPTON, N. H.

This school, established in 1821, is a preparatory boarding school for boys. The course covers the usual high school eighth grade and more advanced studies leading to college preparatory, technical preparation and business courses. The tuition, including board and room, is \$950. A scholarship of \$250. is given to sons of naval officers.

SHIP'S SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND MARINE CORPS POST EXCHANGES -  
INSURANCE COVERING AUTOMOBILES.

Reference: (a) Policy No. UA-343348, dated November 1, 1939, issued by the Indemnity Insurance Company of North America.  
(b) Policy No. N7H 123279, dated November 1, 1939, issued by the Insurance Company of North America.

1. References (a) and (b), submitted by the Indemnity Insurance Company of North America and the Insurance Company of North America, respectively, under which certificates may be written to afford insurance to Ship's Service Activities and Marine Corps Post Exchanges have been examined, found to afford adequate coverage, and placed on file.



SHIP'S SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND MARINE CORPS POST EXCHANGES -  
INSURANCE COVERING AUTOMOBILES.

2. Certificates issued under reference (a) will afford coverage against liability due to the operation of motor vehicles with a minimum bodily injury liability of \$5,000.00 for each person and \$10,000.00 for each accident, and a minimum property damage liability of \$5,000.00. Certificates with increased coverage are optional.

3. Certificates issued under reference (b) will afford broad comprehensive coverage to motor vehicles. Broad comprehensive insurance covers loss or damage due to fire, lightning, transportation of vehicle on land or water, not under its own power or while being towed, theft, robbery, pilferage, tornado, cyclone, windstorm, hail, earthquake, explosion, and accidental and external discharge of leakage of water. While certificates written under reference (b) need not cover damage to the motor vehicles of the Ship's Service Activities and Marine Corps Post Exchanges due to collision or upset, such coverage may be included, with optional amounts deductible.

4. Coverage under reference (b) afforded while the motor vehicle is "within the limits of the United States inclusive of Alaska, Hawaiian, Philippine and Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Canada, including while on naval vessel between ports within said limits." Coverage under reference (a) will cover Newfoundland in addition to the territorial coverage afforded by reference (b).

5. The rates for each coverage will be based upon the locality in which the motor vehicle is chiefly operated, but will not exceed the manual rates fixed by the established rating bureau.

6. Certificates under references (a) and (b) will be written by Charles C. Slayton, 88 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland, as agent of the underwriters.