



Captain Stratton Announces Postwar Planning for SPARs

Taking the lead in postwar planning for women in the service, the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard has revealed a plan to prepare its members for a return to civilian life trained in the arts of home-making.

Speaking at a luncheon attended by leading home economists, educators and women authors and journalists, Captain Dorothy C. Stratton pointed out that the request for such training had come from the SPARs themselves, and that the emphasis will be on practical training.

A committee composed of women in the magazine advertising and educational fields was formed to plan the courses, which will include such subjects as cooking, home planning, decoration, nutrition, designing, child care and budgeting.

The first course will be given in New York where more than eight hundred SPARs are now on duty. The plan is to have the courses then given in other naval districts throughout the country, and it is expected that they will be in operation by the SPARs' second anniversary in November.

The courses will be extra curricular, given on the SPARs' liberty time, and attendance will be voluntary.

IN MEMORIAM

SPARs of the Seventh Naval District extend sympathy to the family and friends of Helene Wack Burnett of Bronxville, New York, who passed away Friday, 6 October, 1944.

Helene was one of the first eight SPARs to report to Miami for duty in February, 1943. She was married to Stanley Burnett, CSK, in December, 1943, and was discharged from service in April, 1944.

New System For Overseas Mail

Making every effort to speed up the mails to bluejackets, Marines and Coast Guardsmen on a new ship or at a new overseas station, the Navy Department has inaugurated a change of address system which is compulsory for every man leaving the States.

Previously, there was no system by which an activity was notified that a specific group of men was arriving there. What happened was that if the man didn't inform his correspondents of a changed address, mail addressed to him came to that station, and when there was no record of that man's name there, it would be returned.

Now, every naval Joe Doe leaving an activity within the United States will fill out a card for his correspondents, newspapers and publishers, giving his new address and notifying his last commanding officer as well as his anticipated commanding officer of the change in address. This new system informs the commanding officer in advance that Joe is coming and to hold his mail — and by the same token, gives his old station an immediate address to which mail can be forwarded. The commanding officer at every ship and station is charged with the responsibility for having the change of address card filled out completely for each enlisted man or officer being transferred from his ship or station.

When a man first arrives overseas on a ship his morale is at its lowest ebb. Mail from Mom, Dad and Mary in the past didn't catch up with him for three weeks to three months after he left the States. Under the new method, mail will greet him on his arrival overseas, and the letters that just missed him as he left the States will be ready to be delivered at ship's side when he first puts into port. Not only will this be a big boost to morale, but it will eliminate a large part of the directory service, making available additional per-



DRIPS - from the DEW POND

Your reporter was quite shocked last week when she purchased a tube of toothpaste, and upon using it, found it to be shaving cream instead! With all the foaming at the mouth that followed, it was lucky no mad-dog catcher was nearby.

Public Relations is going to miss the little gal from Texas, Jackie Clark. She's now three floors (or should we say decks?) down in the Photo Lab.

Helen Wescott lost no time hitting the trail for Jersey last week after that phone call from her husband, so District Supply will just have to do without her for awhile.

And now for a few "up the ladder" notations. Lea Sherman and Esther Wiley, both in Personnel, are two veeeeeery happy SPARs these days, and maybe those first class yeoman rates have something to do with it. Congratulations, you two!

Frances Lee in Mail and File is a little lady who worked mighty hard for that Sp(M)2c, and certainly deserves it. Congrats to you, SPAR Lee.

The "crew" of Commander William N. Mansfield's "vessel", the USS Temporary Reserve and Auxiliary, is certainly a happy one since his return from a trip to Washington, for more than one reason. Seems that on the way back, some slightly inebriated but well-meaning gentleman accosted the Commander with dozens of packs of cigarettes and asked that they be given to the boys on his ship. Attempted explanations held no meaning for the patriotic citizen, so the Commander's brief case fairly bulged with the gifts when he returned to the office.

From Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D. C., the following message has been received.

"Captain Dorothy C. Stratton has requested that the second anniversary of the SPARs on 23 November be observed as a day of rededication to duty and recognition of the seriousness and magnitude of the task which the Coast Guard faces. The SPARs' birthday comes on Thanksgiving Day, and special events.....should be in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Where facilities are available, SPARs might suitably honor Coast Guardsmen returned from overseas or combat duty with SPAR cooked and served Thanksgiving dinners."

How about that, 7th NavDist SPARs? We think it's a wonderful idea.

Salute To Women TRs!

by June Burk

I sincerely wonder how many of us who are SPARs have ever paid much attention to those women who volunteer to serve the Coast Guard in the spare time they have from their civilian work — the women of the Temporary Reserve.

Up until recently I hadn't thought much about them — not until I happened to go into the TR Office here at the COTP and decided to stop and have a chat with one of the girls whom we all call "Smokey". I'd often spoken to her before, but had never actually talked with her, and I found out a great many things about the TR and the women who are a part of it, things I had a hunch you might all be interested in and which I decided to pass along to you.

"Smokey's" real name is Evelyn Smoak, and she's pretty much of an old "salt", I discovered. For sixteen months before her medical discharge in May, she was in the WAVEs and worked at the sub-chaser center here in Miami. After having to leave the Navy, she didn't give up the ship but made a bee-line for the TR recruiting office and enlisted for full-time duty. Today she's a chief yeoman and is in charge of the personnel office in the Volunteer Port Security Office. Then there are thirteen other women temporary Reservists who devote twelve hours of their time each week to work in the VPSF Office at the COTP, in addition to twenty-two who are attached to the District Navy-Coast Guard Garage.

Evelyn told me how thrilled she was when Mrs. Gertrude Danby applied for enlistment in the TRs, and upon being interviewed, stated that she had been a yeomanette in the regular Navy during World War I, and had come back again for duty.

I discovered many other things, too, but most of all how much it means to them to be noticed and recognized by us, the SPARs, as really being a part of the Coast Guard, as they are.

So how about three special cheers and a very special salute for all the girls in the Temporary Reserve! I'm sure there isn't one of us who doesn't feel that they do belong and that they're doing a grand job for the Coast Guard and Uncle Sam.

A retired printer had gone into the restaurant business.

"This is an outrage! There's a needle in this soup!" cried one of his customers.

"Merely a typographical error, sir," said the aforetime typo suavely. "Should be noodle."