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# POINTS DROP?

It has been unofficially announced in Washington that the critical discharge score for most male Naval personnel will be cut to 36 points by January 1st, making an additional 150,000 men eligible for release.

Now at 41 points, the score will be dropped to 38 on 1 December, to 37 on 15 December, and to 36 at the end of the year.

These reductions, the Navy Spokesman said, are intended to meet the goal of discharging 1,200,000 persons by 1 January. The half-way mark of the Navy demobilization is scheduled for February, when more than 1,500,000 will have been mustered out.

Previously announced exceptions in the critical point system remain in effect. In addition, no reductions beyond those previously announced will be made for male personnel in the following rates: Water Tenders, except CB's; Machinist's Mates, except CB's; and Chief Commissary Stewards and Ship's Cooks and Bakers.

This has not been officially received by this command and no transfers will be effected until such time that an A1Nav is received.

When officially received the new cut will make at least twenty men eligible for discharge between the 1st and 15th of December. This does not include the possibility of the men leaving the ship 25 days ahead of the eligibility date. The dates that the men will leave the ship will be published at a later date, and will depend upon the necessity of the individual man as to when he can be spared or replaced if necessary.

## ADVANCEMENTS ANNOUNCED

This month will mark the end of the "fill the vacancy" policy that had been established aboard for two reasons. First reason is that the majority of men who have been rated in the past will not be eligible for advancement until after February: and the second reason is that the complement of the ship is being cut down thirty percent of the war time complement. However, 30 November will see another large group advance. The following named men have passed examinations and have been recommended by their Division Officers and will be advanced if vacancies in their respective rates still exist: Eugene ALLEY to RM1c, Harry ANDERSON to CMoMM, Frank ARNOTT to AMM3c, Thomas BACKSTROM to CSKD, Walter BALL to SC2c, Robert BOWERS to RT1c, Jack BURROW, AMM2c, John CLIFFORD to AMM3c, Harold FRANKS, to Cox, Paul FRICKE to SSML3, Raymond GANZER to QM3c, John GODFREY to SK2c, Edwin HAHNEY to AMM3c, Malcolm HALL, BM2c, Kenneth HERMAN to WT3c, Percy JERKINS to QM2c, Dewey JOHNSON to AMM3c, Charles KOCUREK to MMS1c, Z. KRZYSTAN to AMMLc, Gus LEACH to AMM2c, J. LEE to AMM3c, Bob LOGSDON to Rdm3c, J. MARSHALL to Phom3c, H. MATTHWS to SF3c, H.MAY to AMM2c, W. MAYER to Slc, J. MORTIMER to SM3c, Chris PAPANAKIS to AMMLc, J. PATTERSON to AMM3c, R. PRICE to AMMLc, D. ROBERTS to Slc, W. ROOT to AMM3c, J. RYSZKA to RT2c, Roscoe SALTZMAN to BM1c, R. SHERMAN to RM3c, Geo. SMITH to AMMLc, M.B. SULLIVAN to AMMLc, M. SWARTZ, to AMMLc, Bob SYLTE to SC3c, George YURCAK to ACMMP, and James SNEDDON to AMMLc.

# On The Record

# LOCAL VARIETIES

Way back in those Civilian days when your neighbors got together and so graciously decided that you were the man to represent them on the fighting front, your boss gave you a big pat on the back and said "Son, your job will be always here when you return." It was indeed very reassuring to know that you had a job to return to, but during those two or three years that you have been serving your country, many changes have been made. To make sure that the employers live up to their part of the bargain, the "G.I. Bill of Rights" has made certain provisions to protect the returning service man. If you held a permanent job on or after 1 May 1940, and left it to enter the Navy, you are entitled to get that job or a similar job, if: (1) you hold a certificate of satisfactory service in the Navy; (2) you are still qualified to perform the duties of the job; (3) you apply for the job personally, or by letter within 90 days after discharge or release from service; (4) your former employer's circumstances are the same and he is still in business and employing men for such duties; and (5) the job was not temporary. State and local government units can not be forced to comply with this Federal Law. The administration will also help you if you are deprived of seniority rights, or your wage rate is lower than at the time of entrance into service. You will also be helped if you are discharged within a year without cause.

If a veteran who did not hold a permanent job before entering service or does not want his old job back, he will be helped to find a new job. Every U.S. Employment Office will have a man handling jobs for veterans and Selective Service Boards will cooperate.

Veterans who held Federal civil service jobs, ratings, or places on the eligibility list will be returned to employment, or reinstated. Credit will be given for time spent in war service. A number of Federal civil service positions will be open only to veterans as long as there are veterans to fill them. These include guards, custodians, and messengers, elevator operators, and many positions in the Veterans' Administration.

Veterans who wish to enter Civil Service will be given preferential treatment. Their examination grades will be raised five points. They will be placed at the top of the list of applicants with equal rating, except in the case of scientific or professional positions. For some positions the veteran will be excused from full physical qualifications and age requirements.

ADD A YEAR. Two birthday parties will be celebrated on the ship today with Walter MAYER getting the bakers to make a cake for him and Harold FRANKS. Thirty-nine candles will be burning brightly for the two youngsters. The following men will celebrate their birthday anniversaries during the week. Tom COUGHLIN and Bill SANSFIELD tomorrow; Kenneth HERMAN the 29th; and Anton STABELL the 30th of November. All hands join in wishing you a happy birthday and may the next year find you celebrating differently.

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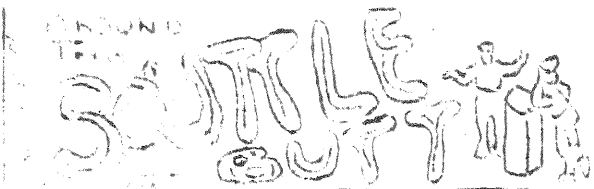
ADVISOR. Ensign Roy NIEWALD takes over this issue of the AVENTINNEWS as the Advisory Officer replacing Lt. (jg) Thomas COURTNEY who resigned from the Staff Saturday. The Staff wishes to thank Mr. COURTNEY for all the effort that he used to help organize the paper and for the many hours that he spent making it a better one.

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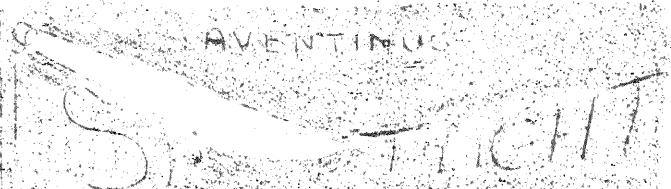
EXEMPT? Are you worrying about your 1945 tax returns this year? Or the ones that have not been paid since you entered service? If so, your worries are over. A Public Law, which was approved 8 November 1945, provides that all compensation received for enlisted services as a member of the Armed Forces for the taxable year beginning after 31 December 1940, and before the termination of the present war, is entirely excluded from Gross Income for Federal Income Tax purposes. Current laws exempted all members of the armed forces from \$1,500 income and returns did not have to be filed if you were overseas. This is still effective for officers and for men who have an outside income. If you have paid any Tax since you have been in the service, the same will be refunded. If you have, directions may be obtained from Ship's Office as to how to go about it.

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RETURNED. The Crew welcomed Carlton F. HENSEN, Flc, back aboard after being absent for two months. HENSEN was transferred from the ship with a Hernia to a base hospital on Okinawa. He was flown to Guam where the operation was performed. After his hospitalization, he was flown back to Okinawa and reported for duty Friday. The fast dwindling Engineering Force was overjoyed by the reinforcement and he resumed his duties immediately.



With the Thanksgiving holiday all written up in the log, the Christmas Holiday will soon be with us. Xmas trees are beginning to show up all over, with Ship's Office first, but out done by the Bridge with two. The stores on Okinawa must be open late this year judging from late shoppers that return to the ship each night displaying their merchandise. The moto seems to be "get your midnight small stores early".....The Engineers have been giving us a lot of variations to the Uniform Regulations lately but the newest is the best. They are now preparing for their civilian jobs; all they are missing now is the broom and cart.....The splash of the week will be held this Friday when BACKSTROM, YURCAK and ANDERSON hit the brink. Let's make it an all hand evolution..... It has been rumored that SALTMAN is going steady. At the movies it is always the back row, and Thanksgiving day it was even an afternoon boat ride.....The DECK DIVISION is hinting for a smoker. All of their lightweights have been parading each night at the movies.....The mystery of MARSHALL's missing 'choppers' was solved the other morning when they scooted from under his sack and viciously snapped PAPADAKIS's left leg. MARSHALL gummed a sharp command and the molars quickly jumped back under his pillow....Here's to the parties that always fall through - When we get to the states, our plans might come true.....The scuttle-butt about the lowering of points has brought sadness along with gladness. The Water-tenders are taking it hard but GRIMMORD is telling the cooks that the only way out is to ship-over for two years. ANDERSON is now wondering if he was smart after all.....The MAA's and Messcooks are happy to see the extra duty lists cluttering the bulletin boards again. Little ROBBIE ROBERTS has led the list for two consecutive days with quite a following..... From now on Harry SOHN will make sure of his footing when he comes aboard. He does not like swimming in the dark....The Ship's Band is having quite a few regular practices now and it won't be long until they make their first appearance on the ship. However, before they do they will have several outside engagements; if it is a flop it will be just one of those things that pass in the night and nothing more will be said. RECORD OF THE WEEK... "Sardines at Midnight" as played by the insomnia quartet. It is gnawed nightly in the after crews compartment..... BOOK OF THE WEEK....."STRANGE FRUIT" by Lillian Smith. Boston barred the book, nuff said.....PARTING SCUTTLE..... Early to bed, early to rise, revolting ain't it - Especially Sunday Mornings.



Twice a month the service man's thoughts turn to the empty wallet and to the 5th and 20th of each month when they will be reimbursed, but little thought goes to the tall, black haired, bespeckled Disbursing Storekeeper who spends many long hours seeing that each individual pay account is up to date. The money-bag of the ship is non other than "Cold Cash" Thomas Shelby BACKSTROM, Disbursing Storekeeper First Class, U.S.N.R.

Tom is a true Southerner, being born and raised in Leaf, Mississippi. The war caught him at the beginning of his Sophomore year in college at Perkinston Junior College in Mississippi. During High School and College his main interest in sports was for basketball and tennis, making the school team in both. He intends to return to college when the points for Disbursing Storekeepers are lowered.

BACKSTROM has been in the Navy three years. All of his duty has been in the Disbursing branch and he has served at New Orleans, La.; McAllister, Okla., Milligan College, Tenn., and Sewanee, Tenn.

The 30th of November Tom will achieve his goal in the Navy when he discards his white hat to wear the renowned Chief's head gear.

Quiet and soft spoken by nature, BACKSTROM is well liked by all hands. He may be found in his off hours listening to popular music or in a fast game of bridge. His career in the Navy is expected to end this coming June and in the course of the next few years he hopes to prepare himself for a career as a college professor.



"Ya know Joe - I think I'll take Uncle Sam up on his offer.

# LOOKING REPORTS



### FOOTBALL\*\*\*

As this years season quickly fades into the annuals of time, history was still being made on the football gridiron last Saturday as a strong Indiana eleven defeated Purdue 26-0. Last

Thursday was also a busy day for the sports announcers. Listed below are the games played on Thanksgiving Day.

Detroit.....33	Wayne U.....13
Miami(Ohio)...28	Cincinnati....14
Tulsa.....45	Arkansas.....13
Marquette.....40	St. Louis U.... 6
Wichita.....19	Drake.....13
Wake Forest...13	So. Carolina...13
Wm. & Mary....33	Richmond..... 0
V.M.I..... 7	V.P.I..... 0
Virginia St...20	Morgan State.. 6

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The following are Saturdays scores.

Indiana...26	Purdue.0	Ohio State.... 3
Colgate... 6	Brown..6	Virginia.....13
Nebraska..14	Iowa...6	Cornell..... 6
T.C.U....14	Rice...13	Princeton....14
Calif.... 6	UCLA...0	Dartmouth.... 0
Wash. St.. 7	Wash...0	Penn. State... 0
Michigan..... 7		Boston U..... 0
Maryland.....19		Lehigh..... 0
Penn.....59		Brooklyn Coll. 6
Yale.....20		Tulane..... 6
Columbia.....21		Pensacola Navy 6
Pittsburgh... 7		No. Carolina.. 7
Harvard.....60		Kentucky..... 0
Laffayette.... 7		Miss. State... 6
M.M. Academy..58		Georgia Tech.. 7
Notre Dame...32		La. Tech..... 0
Alabama.....55		Minnesota....12
Duke.....14		Illinois..... 7
Tennessee....14		Kansas.....12
Mississippi... 7		Bayler..... 0
Clemson.....21		Oklahoma..... 0
Auburn.....29		New Mexico.... 6
Wisconsin....26		Colorado St... 7
Northwestern..13		Oregon St..... 7
Missouri.....33		Southmoor..... 7
S.M.U.....34		
Oklahoma A&M..47		
Texas Tech.... 6		
Colorado..... 7		
U.S.C.....34		
Atla.City NAS.33		

After Army kicked the Rose Bowl bid around for a week or so. Alabama made up the West Point minds by snapping up the bid. Its the Crimson Tide in the Rose Bowl again New Years Day.

December 1st will wind up all of the scheduled College games. although out of conference games will be played later on in the Year. Of course all of the big 'bowl' games will be played on New Years Day. Here is the scheduled games for next Saturday.

Army	Vs.	Navy
Alabama	Vs.	Miss. State
Rice	Vs.	Baylor
California	Vs.	St. Mary's Preflight
Clemson	Vs.	Wake Forest
Georgia	Vs.	Georgia Tech.
La. State	Vs.	Tulane
Missouri	Vs.	Miami
Virginia	Vs.	No. Carolina
Notre Dame	Vs.	Great Lakes
Oregon	Vs.	Oregon State.
U.S.C.	Vs.	U.C.L.A.
T.C.U.	Vs.	S.M.U.
Tennessee	Vs.	Vanderbilt

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### PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

In the big Thanksgiving Day Professional football game, the Cleveland Rams cinched the Western Division Championship of the National League by downing the Detroit Lions, 28 to 21. The Ram's ace, Bob Waterfield, threw two touchdown passes and scored another himself.

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### BOXING

Primo Carnera, former heavyweight boxing champion, was knocked out in his first attempt at a ring come-back in Italy on Thursday night. The aging 39 year old Carnera lasted seven rounds against Luigi Musina. Musina is smaller and much younger and is a claimant to the European heavyweight crown.

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### LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

Navy will have a new football coach next season. Its present coach, Commander Oscar Hagberg, will be relieved and his successor will be named after the first of the year. Hagberg is in his second season as a coach and during this time, his Navy gridgers have won 13 games lost three, and tied one. According to Vice-Admiral Fitch, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, Hagberg will be available for assignment for sea duty. The Navy will, no doubt, give him a big send off Saturday.

SHIP'S SPORTS

V-1 hit the spotlight on the ship's sport page of the AVENTINEWS this week, when they won the ship's penant on Thursday, and cinched the ARV Unit One Championship after they defeated the FABIUS Champs Sunday afternoon. The only game left to be played in the ship's circuit is the coming all-star game which is to be played this week.

Below are the box scores of the two all important games.

SHIP'S CHAMPIONSHIP

V-1	vs.	V-2
Name	:Ps:AB:H:	Name :Ps:AB:H
RHINEHART	SS 3 1	JOBE 3b 4 3
STOLHAND	2b 2 0	SULLIVAN C 3 2
FENICLE	1b 1 0	NIEWALD SS 3 2
BAILEY	SF 3 1	SNEDDON 1b 3 0
BARRILE	3b 3 1	ANTHONY P 2 1
NEFF	LF 3 0	KOCUREK CF 3 0
KEPHART	CF 3 1	HANEY SF 3 0
ROUDEBUSH	P 3 0	RENNE 2b 3 1
THORNHILL	C 2 0	MAY LF 2 1
GARDNER	RF 2 0	DOOLEY RF 3 1
Total	4	Total 11

Walks - ANTHONY, 3.  
 ROUDEBUSH, -2.  
 Strike Outs - Anthony, 5.  
 ROUDEBUSH, 2.

	:1:2:3:4:5:6:7:	Total Runs
V-1	:2:2:0:0:1:1:0:	6
V-2	:3:0:0:0:0:0:0:	3

ARV CHAMPIONSHIP

TYPHOONS	vs.	V-1
Name	:Ps:AB:H:	Name :Ps:AB:H
RODDY	SF 3 0	JOBE 2b 4 1
AMBERSLEY	LF 3 0	NIEWALD SS 2 0
CLIFT	SS 2 1	SULLIVAN C 3 2
KARBENICK	2b 3 2	SNEDDON 1b 3 2
ARCUTT	1b 3 0	ANTHONY P 4 2
BRANCH	3b 2 1	PRICE LF 4 0
HOPE	C 3 0	BARRILE 3b 3 1
ALEXANDER	RF 2 0	BAILEY SF 4 1
SINCLITO	CF 3 0	MAY CF 2 2
TURNER	P 3 2	DOOLEY RF 3 0
Total	6	Total 11

Home Runs - SNEDDON (It pay's to Advertise)  
 Walks - ANTHONY, 2.  
 TURNER, 6.  
 Strike Outs - ANTHONY, 4.  
 TURNER, 2.

	:1:2:3:4:5:6:7:	Total Runs
Typhoons	:0:0:0:0:1:2:0:	3
V-1	:5:2:0:2:0:1:0:	10

"HOW WE SEE IT" by SNEDDON and HANEY

In the forecoming all star game between the FABIUS and the AVENTINUS, the sports editors expect to see ARV(E)-3 thrash the '5' team until it hellers 'Uncle'. As we have so many good ball players, it will be very difficult to choose the starting ten. Since an official team has yet to be chosen, we are printing a lineup which we think would be as good as any, on any Okinawan baseball diamond. We are sticking our neck out by not adhering to the positions the men have played all season; and we are trying also to include an equal number of men from all of the ships teams.

ANTHONY AND RICHARDSON should each have the honor of pitching one half of the game; although ANTHONY has allowed more hits according to the scorebook than RICHARDSON, he has not had as good a playing team backing him up.

BATTING ORDER

Rhinehart	CF
Hise	2b
Sneddon	SF
Hemmelgarn	LF
Ryska	RF
Sullivan	C
Derrington	1b
Barrile	3b
Sherman	SS
Anthony	P
Richardson	P

We think the above lineup would make a well balanced team, but since so many swell ball players had to be left out as we can play only ten men at a time, we list below the various ball players who should be mentioned on the basis of their hitting and playing ability. Who knows, the below named men might be able to form a team that would defeat our "All-Star" choice.

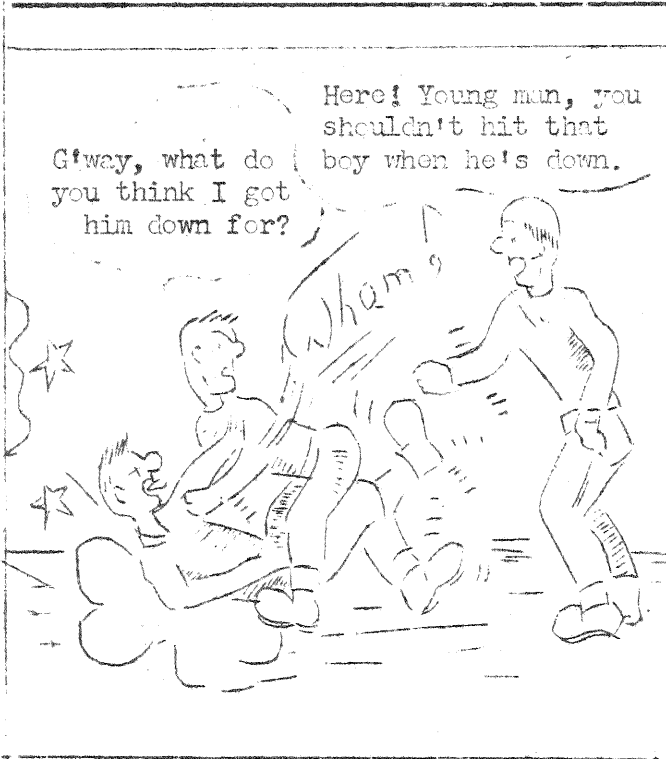
HONORABLE MENTION to FENICLE, WHALEN, STOLHAND, AIKENS, ALLEY, JOBE, ROUDEBUSH, BAILEY, THORNHILL, JONES, and the many others, who helped make up our ship's teams. It was great playing together, and all hands showed swell sportsmanship all the way through. Many thanks to the umpires and scorekeepers who contributed their holiday routine hours to the less glamorous aspect of the game.

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Now that the football season is virtually closed and the ship's baseball league has seen it's final games, it would be a good idea if we could get a basketball league organized. An indefinite number of teams could be entered in this tournament as all divisions could put more than one team on the courts.



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"I LIKE IT"

Tobacco is a dirty weed,  
 I like it.  
 It satisfies no normal need,  
 I like it.  
 It makes you thin, It makes you lean.  
 It takes the hair right off your bean.  
 It's the worst darn stuff I've ever seen.  
 I like it.

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"ODDS & ENDS"

A great many prominent family trees  
 were started by grafting.  
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 Wasted energy - Telling a hair rais-  
 ing story to 'Pappy' Burkeen.  
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 Men are peculiar. A fellow who had  
 not kissed his wife in five years,  
 shot a fellow who did.  
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 ACKERMAN: "How do you like bathing  
 beauties.  
 DAILEY: "Dunno. Never bathed any.  
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POST OFFICE

HOURS  
 When I feel like  
 opening. LYNCH

If you come to my office,  
 But you, I don't see.  
 Just go away quietly,  
 Tomorrow, I may feel free.

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TODAY'S HOWL

Mother: "Did that Sailor get fresh with  
 you last night?"  
 Daughter: "Mother, you don't think he  
 came all the way from that Battleship  
 just to listen to the radio, do you?"  
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 An excited young "boot" asked his comp-  
 any commander for an immediate leave -  
 his wife was going to have a baby. Per-  
 mission was granted and when the leave  
 papers were drawn up and the boot was  
 leaving, the officer asked when the baby  
 was due. "About nine months after I get  
 home, Sir," replied the "boot" casually.  
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 Small brother to Sister's Sailor Friend.  
 "You man have to wait for Sis. Mom isn't  
 through briefing her yet.

