



Cake is presented to Comdr. Nicol, Air Group Comdr., in commemoration of his first landing aboard our ship. Others in the photo include, Comdr. Brandley, Comdr. Toth, and Lt. Comdr. Raisler.

The BOXER's strong right arm for what may be months to come made its appearance just ten days ago. It came aboard unhampered by gangways or the cluttered nature of the docks beside which the BOXER has been berthed.

The bite of the BOXER enumerated above is, of course, its new Air Group. Originally commissioned last December with a fighter, dive bomber, and torpedo squadron, the Group now has a bomber-fighter squadron as well.

Commanding the BOXER Air Group will be Comdr. George B. Nicol, USN, who has been in the Navy for fifteen years, flying for seven. Comdr. Nicol flew off the Saratoga, served as an instructor at Pensacola for two years, and commanded a scouting squadron, a hedron, and a CASU outfit before heading the BOXER's new unit as Air Group Commander. An Annapolis graduate, class of '34; his

non-flying sea duty includes three years on the battleship New York.

The skippers of the four squadrons in the Air Group are Lt. Comdr. Thomas A. Chisholm, USNR, of the VBF squadron; Lt. Comdr. David O. Duncan, USNR, of the VB squadron; Lt. Comdr. Anthony J. Schultheis, USNR, of VT; Lt. Comdr. Ernest W. Wood, USN, who heads VF, was promoted from Lt. after arriving aboard the ship to assume the job.

With the BOXER as the logical carrier for the newly commissioned Air Group, the new outfit has pointed particularly for work with the ship. The VF squadron holds a record for most landings in one day, 394, made during qualification.

A list of squadron members, with recognitions received, would include the following: VB: Lt. (jg) Joe L. Jones, USNR, 2 Air Medals, Truk and Palau;

Lt. James. S. Williams, USNR, Air Medal, Bougainville and Rabaul; Lt. (jg) Louis A. Knight, USNR, Air Medal, Palau; Lt. George J. Garbe, USNR, 2 Air Medals, Bonins and Philippines; Lt. (jg) Cornelius C. Hale, USNR, 2 Air Medals, Bonins, Marianas, Philippines; R. L. Pincince, ARM1/c, Air Medal, Central Pacific; Chas. J. Day, ARM1/c, Commendation Ribbon, British Oak Leaf Emblem, Rabaul and Dutch East Indies; Howard F. Honea, ARM1/c, Air Medal, Truk; James T. Hanger, and John T. Hanger, both AMM1/c, twins, both with Commendation Ribbons.

VBF: Lt. H. I. Gustafson, Air Medal, Marshalls, Gold Star, Philippines, DFC, Formosa, Gold Star, Nansei Shoto's; Lt. F. E. Rogers, Air Medal, Marshalls, DFC, Truk; Lt. (jg) Phillips, Silver Star, Philippines; Lt. (jg) P. W. Huntsman, Air Medal, Formosa; Lt. (jg) J. D. Birdsong, Air Medal, Formosa; Lt. (jg) O. O. Peterson, Air Medal, Mariannas, Gold Star, Guam; Lt. R. C. Wilkins, Commendation Ribbon, Bougainville.

VT: Lt. Comdr. A. J. Schultheis, Navy Cross, South Pacific; Lt. Stephan Rychnowski, Air Medal, Saipan; Lt. J. P. Sims, Air Medal, Guam; Lt. (jg) Max M. Kern, DFC, Palau, Air Medal, Mariannas; Lt. R. B. Cottingham, Air Medal, Central Pacific; Lt. J. H. Douthit, Air Medal, Central Pacific; Lt. C. H. Cheyney, Presidential Unit Citation, Solomons; Samuel Gurka, ARM2/c, Air Medal, Mariannas

VF: Lt. (jg) Charles H. Carroll, two DFC's, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, (Air Group 2), Central Pacific; Lt. (jg) Henry Ruda, DFC, Presidential Unit Citation, (Air Group 2), Central Pacific; Lt. (jg) Kenneth Larson, two Air Medals, Central Pacific; Lt. Terence Rice, DFC, Air Medal, Pacific.



## What's In A Department "Supply"

R. L. Pheneger, SK2/c

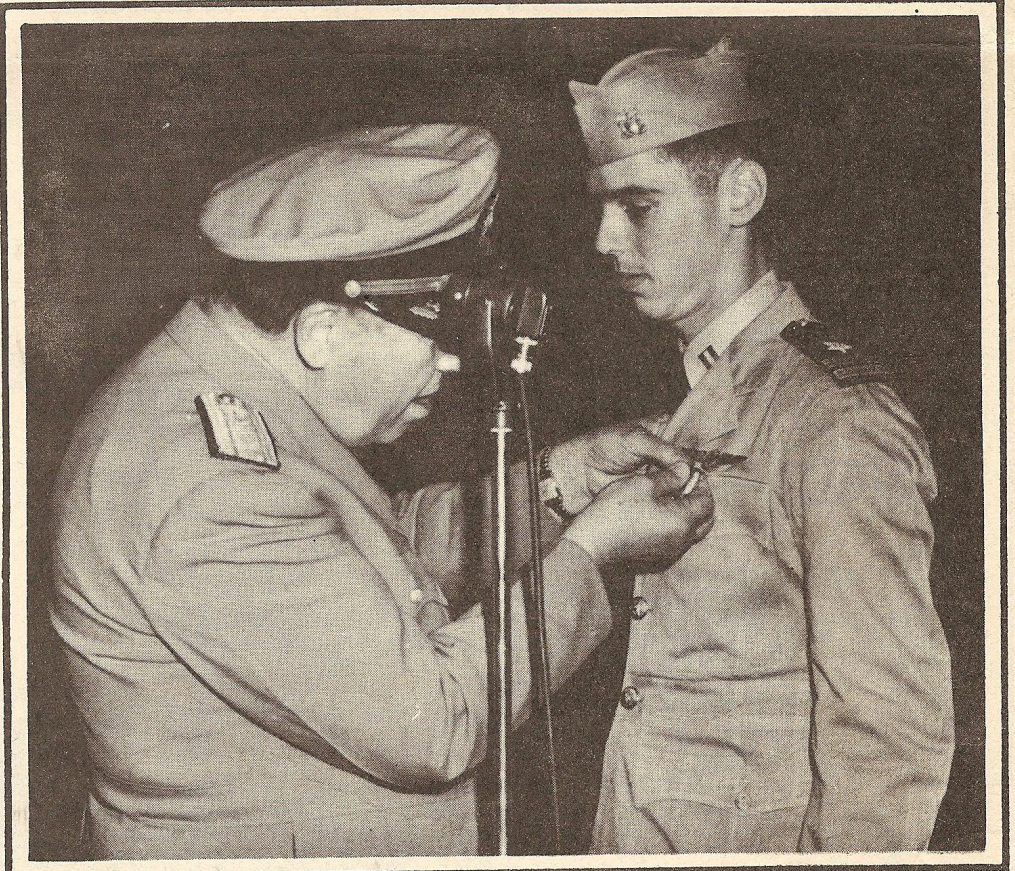
Just what makes up this organized confusion? So many energetic young men that sit around chewing the conversational fat and tearing the 'S Division' apart for their evening recreation, do not realize the intricate complexity of it all!

'Just watch the storekeepers for a while and you start wondering why they're in the Navy, when they're so evidently cut out to fit the leaning end of a WPA shovel. While the rest of the ship is earning its daily bread with sweat, the storekeepers sit around hobnobbing with the powers that be, perhaps typing the daily requisitions with original stock numbers for all items and wondering how long it is till lunchtime. Just how does their conscience feel about this seven-day gold-bricking schedule every week? Don't they feel a twinge on payday? Why you could cut their pay to ten dollars a month and they'd still be defrauding the government!'

---Ah yes, we know that's what you're thinking, but gentlemen let's look over the situation.

First we have "S-1 Division". This includes all GSK Storekeepers, all Aviation storekeepers, and all Disbursing storekeepers. Now if you have trouble locating title C material, spare parts, aviation stores, or pay accounts, just see some of the humble ones in "S-1".

Let's say you wish to find out why you have been drawing only five dollars a pay for the last ten pay days. First you go to the financial section (Disbursing Office), and



Rear Admiral Woodward Presents Air Medal to Lieutenant Chasnoff for Outstanding devotion to duty.

spread your tale of woe. After all hands are crying in their white hats, they decide to check your pay account, but your pay record cannot be found! It must have fallen down behind the desk and the wall of the Kremlin.

To make up another one would be silly, and that is the reason they do it. The other one was probably not much good anyway. While typing up the new pay account they find somebody has rubbed candy over each key of the typewriter, (While they have been dozing), or the typewriter itself has a strain of maple in it and is giving off sap. In order to keep the ship on as even keel, you are then advised to come back next Tuesday, and at that time you will be told the sad story known to Navy men around the world.

Now let's take a trip next door, and find out some information on GSK stock. Per-

haps you need an item that is not to be found on board. Now this particular item may be on board, and probably is, but to find it is another job in itself and this space cannot be forfeited for going into the detailed description of such a matter. We must order it again, and keep our eyes on it until the department concerned has received it! --Now for the ordering. After several hours have been spent filling out "chits", waking up officers to sign the "chits", we find you do not have the correct nomenclature. Therefore you are a victim to our game called "Thirty-Questions". All that is necessary on your part is a fairly good constitution and enough sobriety to keep from falling on your forehead. We'll tell you how to play in next issue.



### 3rd DIVISION NOTES

Robert Penrod, S2c of the 3rd Division was a proud father of a 7½ lb. boy born 7:55 P. M., 21 May 1945. His home is Butler, Penn. He called home and was greeted by the words "Hi Dad."

The scuttlebutt has it that a beach giglo by the name of Irwin bought wave dungerees on the beach instead of bell "bottoms". Better luck next time, Irwin.

The ration books has been passed out (wiskey). But the smooth cheeked bread and milk boys were left at the door with their tongues hanging out.

Not only does your Division Officer Lt. Renfro know his men and guns but from a rambling exchange of words he also knows how to fly. (By the way if you need a locksmith he also has some practice at that, according to the key selute.

Your Enstein war reporter Nucklos predicts the war would end much sooner if the boole "B" was in action.

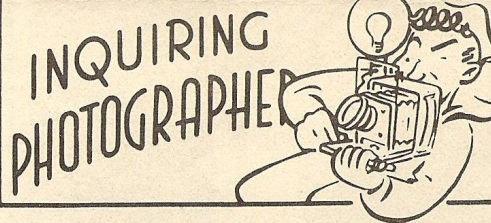
All scuttlebutt news and other items should be turned into your reporter. If you know of any please turn in same. Till next paper time your key hole reporter 'Lucky'.

N. M. Bentley

"Among labor-saving devices, the wastepaper basket is about the best."

Irate Parent: I'll teach you to make love to my daughter!

Inept Sailor: I wish you would, sir. I'm not making much headway.



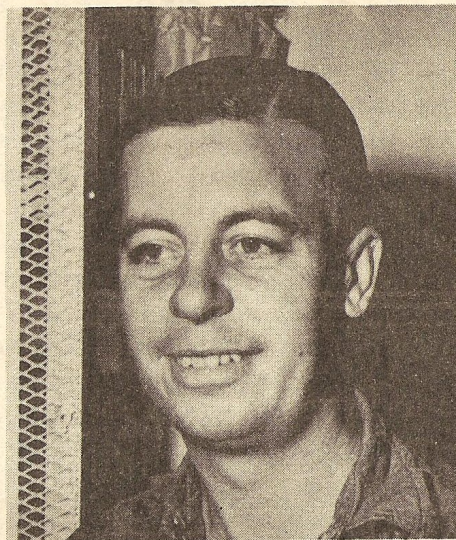
**QUESTION:** Should we use GAS against Japan?



Robert F. Kuhn, S2c, V1H Div.  
Elevator Operator

**ANSWER:** No!

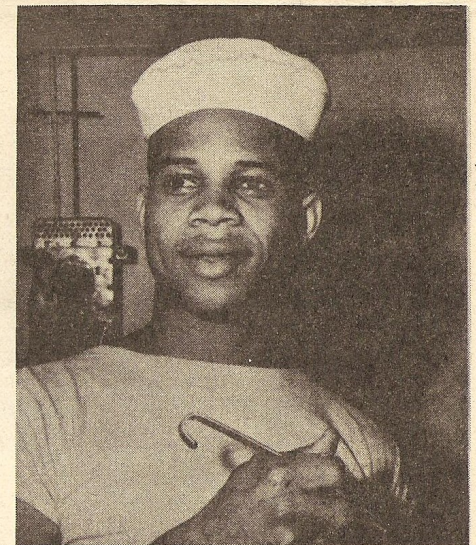
**REASON:** "If we use it they will naturally come back and use it on us."



Roy L. Langford, SK2c, S-2  
Div. Ship's Service Attendant

**ANSWER:** Absolutely Not!

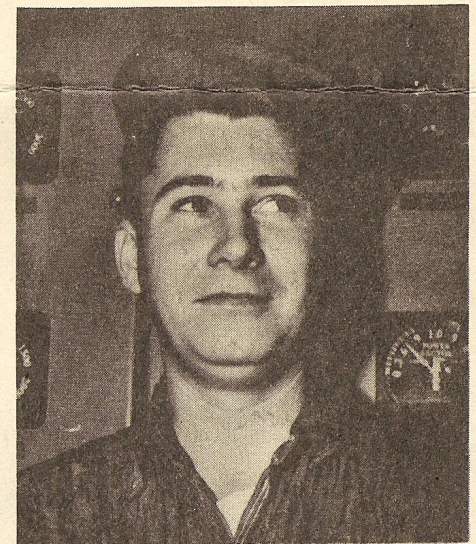
**REASON:** "We are fighting to keep the world out of barbarianism, and that would be just the opposite in my opinion."



Homer Gordon, Jr., StM1c  
S-3 Division

**ANSWER:** No I don't!

**REASON:** "If we exterminate the majority of the people over there, the country won't be of any use to us as a trade state."



Kenneth F. Worth, EM1c  
E Division

**ANSWER:** No!

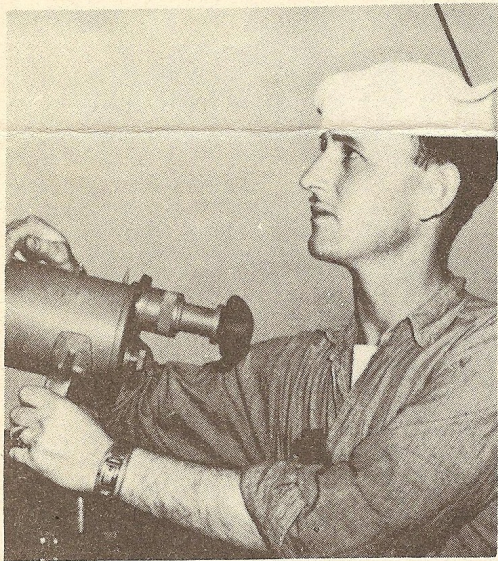
**REASON:** "I think that would be inhuman. Even though we are in a position to benefit from this, it isn't the thing that we would want in our history books."

**7th WAR LOAN**  
**BUY BONDS**





Admiral Woodard presents birthday cake to King, E. S. SF2c upon reaching his 21st birthday.



Cecil R. Wigger, SM1c, USN.  
"Flags"

During the editor's tour around the ship looking for a prospect for this column I came across a candidate who is a busy man whom I picked out to write a brief story about. He is a likeable sailor, good natured, and a competent signalman from all reports received. He enlisted in this man's Navy in April 1940, for a period of six years at St. Louis, Missouri. He saw his first sea duty

aboard the U. S. S. Minneapolis, U. S. S. Sperry, and his last duty before coming to the BOXER was aboard the U.S.S. Shamrock Bay, (CVE-84). As you can tell, "Flags" is a salty sailor. His ruddy complexion shows it. When you look up to the signal bridge you can see a busy man at work, doing a job that is very important at all times. A wrong signal may mean disaster, but all hands can be confident that when "Flags" is on the bridge, no such an event will take place. A signalman is like a postman, he hoists the pennants in the snow or rain or sleet, in battle or in calm. The BOXER is lucky to have such men on board as "Flags" and we hope that someday in the near future we will be able to say Chief Wigger has the watch. No, we did not forget "Flags" is married and his wife lives in San Diego, California. Good Luck and our best wishes to you and the Mrs. We can and will always remember you as a good shipmate forever.

## QUESTIONS TO THE EDITOR

Lindell, Y3/c



QUESTION: How many Navy ships did we scrap after the last World War? (BEH, F1c)

ANSWER: 30 battleships, 15 cruisers and 139 destroyers.

QUESTION: What color is nicotine? (RVS, S1c)

ANSWER: Crystal white.

QUESTION: Will we get leave upon completion of shakedown cruise? (Liberty Hound /1c)

ANSWER: Defeated! See Disbursing Office for your \$64.

QUESTION: What are the requirements to wear a Good conduct Medal? (BE, CSK)

ANSWER: 4.0 average conduct mark and 3.5 proficiency in rating mark and no disqualifying remarks. 4 years for USN Personnel, 3 years for USNR personnel.

QUESTION: Does the Navy intend to discharge personnel on the Army point system? (SW, Y3c)

ANSWER: No information received.

QUESTION: Who was the "3000 mark" enlisted man reporting on board? (BO, S1c)

ANSWER: Minnick, Roy C., Sr., BM1c, V Div. What, no cake for him?

QUESTION: How many present Naval officers are Annapolis graduates? (JE, F1c)

ANSWER: One out of seventeen.

QUESTION: What phenomenon causes Southern accents?

ANSWER: Drinking from Dixie cups.

QUESTION: Does the Navy have regulations regarding working parties? (E, F1c)

ANSWER: Generally; if it moves, salute it. If it doesn't move, pick it up. If it's too big to pick up, paint it!





Say, Leo. Grabowski, Mlc how come the sudden practice of folding your neckerchief diaper style? Congratulations so you've launched a baby boy! Must be a toughy by judging from those cigars that you handed out. Division A greets you with the first BOXER Baby War Bond-- Good sailing!

Look it Crabtree we know you are Reserve and don't know better, but if you want to start an argument just wait until I get my lawyer Morgan and we will prove to you that you cannot do without the Reserves as you are outnumbered three to one. Let me know if you wish to carry this any further. (A Reserve)

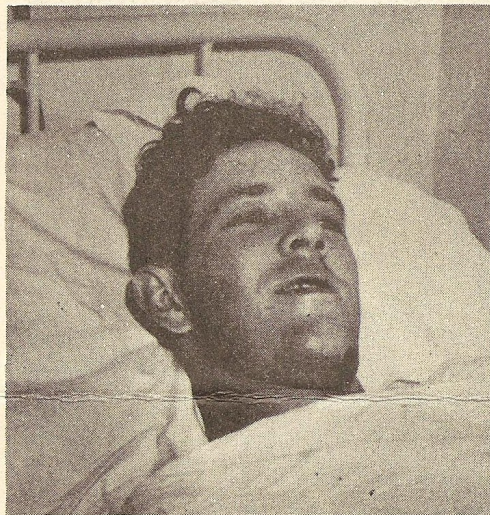
### ITS YOUR PAPER AND IT CAN PROVE VERY INTERESTING

Without news or comment about you on the ship what have you? A paper not bearing interest to the readers and having no articles about yourself, your shipmates and general comments about whats happening around your living compartments, and your jobs. The ships paper is put out for all hands aboard the ship to enjoy and if moreco-operation isn't added to it what can you expect but a paper not bearing any particular news, or highlights. Of course with your news about whats going on each member of the crew can share in the highlights of the paper, and week to week you can submit some short story article or anything you think would interest the crew. So fellers

how about getting the scrap pad and pencil out and submitting some of your ideas that you have stored up in the inner cells of your craniums.

Just remember after you have submitted your information, turn it into the Exec's office, or put your name and division on it and hand it into Chief Kelly, in the Exec's office.

So, in conclusion fellers, "Lets get on the ball and keep the presses rolling."



The U.S.S. ROXER operating room was placed in commission by performing their first assignment. Their first victim was a ship's cook by name Nuckols, J.M., C.P.O. Cook. The event took place on Saturday evening approximately 2030. Nuckols was stricken with appendicitis, and was rushed to sick bay where the operation was performed by Lt. D. A. Latham and assisted by Comdr. D. C. Gaede. The patient is progressing satisfactorily and it is anticipated his stay in sick bay will be a short one. The crews best wishes to cookie for a speedy recovery so "Nucky" can be back on the job in the CPO Mess." Congratulations to the medics and it is hoped all your adventures will be as successful.

# SPORTS

The sports program headed by Lt. Williams is expected to get underway shortly. The Athletic Officer is working out a schedule to organize inter-divisional teams for all the enlisted men as well as teams for the officers.

The athletic program consists of such sports as--

**BASKETBALL:** Court located between frames 77-100.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Courts (2) located between frames 44-58.

**BADMINTON:** Courts (3) located between frames 58-77.

**SMOKERS:** Ring to be placed between frames 58-77 for this event.

Equipment will also be provided for informal games, recreational activities and individual work outs.

An inter-divisional smoker (boxing) is planned for the near future and it is hoped that all men who desire to box in these affairs commence training as soon as possible.

The athletic officer will provide facilities and equipment as well as athletic clothing for all men participating in the sports program.

Plans for over the side and beach parties are being worked out. At present games of all nature are being circulated in all crews compartments through out the ship.

The athletic gear locker is located on the fourth deck, between frames 111-121, Comp. B-425-AL. The following listed items are also available. Boxing gloves, basketballs, volleyball, badminton baseball mitts, and indoor ball, medicine balls, skipping rope, chest exerciser, fishing tackle, footballs, tennis rackets and balls, punching bags, games, etc.

Alex W. Trabold, S1c





## Miss Ruth Overton

Miss Overton christened the U. S. S. BOXER, on 14 Dec. 1944, at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Newport News, Va. She is the daughter of Sen. Overton from Louisiana.

This happened at the Navy's survival swimming class. One of the students after climbing the fifteen foot diving platform, was very hesitant about leaping into the water. All of those that had preceded him, had jumped the minute they had reached the platform, but this boot wavered. After he had stood there for a full minute looking down fearfully at the water below him, the instruct-

or repeated, "Go ahead and jump!" Still the nervous boot wouldn't budge from the designated spot.

The boot shook his head, and stood there staring down at the water. "Go ahead and jump!", Still the nervous boot wouldn't jump.

"What would you do if you were that high on a sinking ship?" The instructor asked

"Sir", said the student, "I'd wait for it to sink about ten feet more!"

## POWDER ROOM THE MARCH OF THE ZOMBIES

We see it happen every morning  
It happens every day  
A double file of female Waves  
Meandering on their way.

The thing that puzzles all  
the men

And gives the Chief grey hairs,  
Is when the girls go to the  
ladies room

They always go in pairs.

Perhaps the trip is long and  
rough,

The hall is dark and lonely  
But two by two they always go  
To the room marked LADIES only.

The poor Chief stands and  
tears his hair,

He is simply torn with grief,  
The day's production goes to  
hell

While the girls go on relief.

At one o'clock each afternoon  
The march begins once more,  
What goes on in that back room  
That cannot wait till four?

The only way that I can see,  
To make production boom,  
Is move the whole damn office  
Into the ladies room.

## NAVAL TRADITION

-A- R21 261247 DIVD63  
D228D341, GR7 BT

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT  
THE STANDARD RANSOM PAID  
FOR A MEMBER OF OUR AIR  
GROUP DELIVERED ON BOARD  
IN GOOD CONDITION IS 22  
GALLONS OF ICE CREAM

From: U. S. S. BOXER

ACTION: CDD 63  
DD228  
DD341

The above message was  
sent by the C. O. to our  
Escorts on 27 May 1945.  
It is hoped our soda foun-  
tain is not kept too  
busy.