DESCENDING LINE
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Helping to upset the Yeomen, 16 to 3, Anthony Baccaro, Mlc, steals home as Seaman Stanley Lowe is late with the throw to Chief Yeoman Gosaakie.
This wasn't all. As member of the New York Unit Command, he started his battle against the descent of the ship one never known before, against the things that were going on. He called it "Ski Patch," explaining that the challenge of a ship one never known before would look like when it comes to the surface.

From the quiet town of Southbridge, Mass., comes a logistic from Lou. The operation was a massive one from the USA military, bound by shellfire in HM, while rescuing ships. Before his discharge last year, Lou was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal and the Purple Heart.

So, essentially, the challenge of a ship one never known before would look like when it comes to the surface.

What else? The Editor asked, and Pop responded with a smile. "The other day," says Pop, "she shows me an irate letter she received. The Editor gets to know ambitious brats alight at educating themselves through the Armed Forces Institute, and these services through field branches of the organization.

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What's in a Name?

No ship has ever been more fittingly named than the USS Pennsylvania, former salvage ship of Serf Pte. 88, which was hit by a 200-pound bomb, then ripped by an 8-inch shell, showered with shrapnel, and damaged in a near-miss, or any other ship has suffered more from non-salvage sources than the Pennsylvania. The bomb crashed into the motor room during the Battle for Leyte Gulf—but didn't explode.

A shell fragment was smashed into an officer's bunk—but it was undamaged. A shell fragment was mashed into the Pennsylvania, and even though it was unoccupied.

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For distinguishing themselves by heroic and meritorious achievement as members of Mediterranean harbor clearance crews, Bronze Star Medals were awarded by Bernard P. Grogodowsky, M.D., Dickson City, Penna. (below) and Malcolm G. Johnson, M.D., Albion, New York. (second column). Both men dive repeatedly under extremely hazardous conditions in spite of constant danger from enemy mines.

Only 45 days remain in the current War Writers' Board Navy Show Contest. Inspiring authors may submit sketches, blackouts, monologues, M.C. patter and/or songs for presentation on stage or radio. Material may be humorous or serious and based on truth or imagination.

Nine eminent American writers will judge the entries. Contest closes 1 August. Who's your choice?

In what has become almost as commonplace as Sunday dinner for salvage personnel, all hands assembled here on Sat., 26 May to witness decoration of three more M.B.C. (Salvage) graduates for their feats in World War II. Above, Comdr. Harvey M. Andersen, school C.O., pins the Commendation Ribbon on Andrew Kellis, Lieut., USNH, of Detroit. As salvage officer, USNH-2, in action off Normandy 6-9 June 1944, Kellis commanded a party which bored badly damaged landing craft, completed repairs under fire, and enabled the vessels to reach the beaches with their vital cargoes and personnel.

Flag Day --- a U. S. June 14th, anniversary of the day in 1777 on which Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

How many of you know that our flag has 13 horizontal stripes—7 red and 6 white—the red and white stripes alternating. The 13 stripes represent the white stars of five points each, field placed in the upper quadrant of the flag, and extending to the lower edge of the fourth red stripe from the left.

The number of stars as the same as the number of States in the Union. The canton of union now contains 48 stars arranged in six horizontal and eight vertical rows, each star with one point upward.

On the admission of a State into the Union a star will be added to the union of the flag, and such addition will take effect on the 4th day of July next succeeding such admission.

The Editor
Incidental music for Navy Lively salvage's New York diving exhibition should be "It's January in June." More than one set is usually evident said the crowd these days as the 7th War Loan show swings into its third week. Despite foul weather and high-pressure competition from both the model "Fighting Lady" and captured German submarine displays ship salvage is holding its own. Up to this writing (6 June) bonds worth $55,000 have been sold at the 5th avenue and 52nd Street booth.

Lest you think that streamlined exhibition pictured next page just sprang up spontaneously, the above photo will set you straight. The old 52 St. lot did get a fast face-lifting all right, but there is strenth for our able C & R boys. Note numerous chiefs at point of production.

Many of the gang wound up the job just in time to catch drafts to the fighting fronts. Since M. B. Rocker, CM, long in charge of Prev Shat's busy shipfitter shop, made warrant and transferred to USS Delta, ace welder Steve Bros., and Barnum & Bailey. "Nobby" Walsh, Mol. On long in charge of Pier 88's production. Ensconced in the shipfitter's tool room is vet Steve Asiatic duty with Task Force 9 mos., wife Harriet is a Bronxite Carl Crawford, Again Kathleen's pool made a splash for Steve, a Yancey was with USS Vulcan."

"Al Seiberlich, CFP, just back from an Oakshott leave. A regular for ten years, Al is put in six of them aboard USS New Orleans and two on USS Saturn. He entered NTH (Salvage) late in 1943 and after graduation was assigned to the Mediterranean for nine months. Reconciled in the shipfitters' tool room is vet Steve Myers, SF2c. Dispensing tools is a snap for Steve, a pre-war Milwaukee saloon keeper. Adding to the fun is Seine Basin salver Tony Azer, SF2c, who hails from Sarasota, Florida, home of Ringling Bros., and Bammum & Bailey.

Since quitting USS Escape (ASH-6) last August, ex-lieutenant Jim Van Horn, SF2c, Roseburg, Ore., has spent most of his shore duty in drydock. He's glad to be on the job again.

Brookline Joe Swift, SF2c, and Brooklyline Joe Swift, SF, both back from Hawaii are teamed with San Francisco Lamar Rannels, SF2c.
Pier 88-trained men do get around. Even the hard-boiled Franklin had a representative among her epic ordeal in March off Japan. Albert Adelson, 21, of 201 New Lots Ave., Brooklyn, weathered everything the big flat-top went through and is still aboard, home in New York. Our fighting fireman, Jim Barlow, a graduate of Adelson’s NTMG (Salvage) class in 1943, bopped into the latter on the club was going great guns, MoMMJo, diver second class, moorings—has been the lot in New York. Our tight (1) 1 tt r E It’ e er rem urope, diver, second class, mostly on inspections of (Salvage) takes time out to pithy epistle from c. Qualls, his epic ordeal in March. The carrier Franklin had a rep—Solomons. Beet deal was a representative aboard during disabled ship which took him around. Then the heroic—the U.S.S. Franklin, Nov. 27, Tongas, New Hebrides, represented on sending drafts out here in warping away the old ship and placing it with new ones. The past 4 days I put in 23 hours on them. Seaman Elijah Beardsell is finally at sea on his AVP but hasn’t done any diving yet.

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The Wolf
by Sansone

It was a wet day, and as the pretty girl entered the crowded cab, Obama rose to his feet.

"No, you must not give up your seat; I insist," said the young woman.

"You say insist as much as you like, miss," said Mike, "I'm getting out here."

The little child was sitting demurely on the couch, watching her mother smoking a cigarette. Her little nose was wrinkled and in her pale blue eyes was an expression of children's disillusionment.

"Listen, officer," says the big guy. "I can't stand it any more! I'm the undertaker here in this funeral parlor, and every day this kid comes in and says: "Hey, mister, got any empty cigarettes?"

"But anyone today, dear?"

"No, never did.

"Do you own that building?"

"No, I don't.

"Well, I do."

A big tough guy was slapping a little kid—and might in front of a funeral parlor.

A cop came along and yelled, "Hey, you! What's the big idea?"

"I'm a big man like you beating that there little boy."

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"C'mon back to me, it's wonderful any place."

"But the worst of it is, we'd never know who done it."

She was madly in love with him. He was madly in love with her. They were both wanted desperately to marry. He stood on the right hand side of the room. She stood on the left hand side of the room. He reached out his hand to shake hers and tossed them in a heap on the nearby chair.

"A speaker was lecturing on the Forest Reserve. "I don't suppose," said he, "that there is a person in the house who has done a single thing to conserve our timber resources."

Silence ruled for several seconds and then a voice from the rear of the hall timidly retorted: "I once shot a woodpecker."

Most people nowadays have more respect for 'old-age' if it is bottled.

Two London charwomen were discussing the inconveniences of the blackout. "But it's a necessary evil," said the proverbial Mrs. Malaprop. "Else we're liable to be blasted into matrimony."

"Hi, sailor, companion. But the worst of it is, we'd never know who done it."

"Hey, mister, got any empty cigarettes?"

"C'mon back to me, it's wonderful any place."

A general and a colonel, it seems, were walking down the street and as they passed a private after private, the colonel would return to the salute and then say, "The same to you."

The general: "If you do salute and then say, "The same to you."

The colonel: "I used to be a private myself once. I know what they're thinking."

Bernie Ogrodowski tipped painfully up to the bar and leaned against it in an attitude of dejection.

"What's the matter?" asked sympathetic Daly. "Have an accident?"

"Hey," replied O'Grady, "I've just had a touch of Yoopa."

Janes scratched his head and asked, "What's Yoopa?"

"I'll take straight whiskey, thanks."
Well, maybe it wasn’t quite that far back, but prosperity was still just around the corner if that Bull Durban in Chief Bill Mahan’s pockets means anything. Actually the above gem was snapped at Washington in 1938. Our former exec was then in the deep sea while opening a can. All er evolution.

Fier 158’s most efficient salvage craft, USS YF-336, busy in the outer harbor or welcoming a change of scenery, under command of Lt. (jg) William Hill, S2c; Philipsburg, Pa., line of duty.

[...]

Amid all the commotion of Ship Salvage’s Seventh War Loan Drive, one man has been on the alert ever since. That is Chief Storekeeper. That extra cash purchase may win you smooth sailing for your own good.

That crane barge is a wonderful craft. Her hold can be some marvelous things, adrift at Warmer N. Micronesia, have been taken down a peg or two lately, that scrapple, Bill, undaunted, is planning to marry a Jersey gal tomorrow, 16 Jun.

The second emergency was flask instructor Walt Mulik, CM, Lynn, Mass., diagnosed as acute, inn, unable to keep them aboard a fort, course.

Shovin’ Off!

For Sale
2 Tugs
1 Ferry

BP-22 and BP-23, both 200-ton, dry-docked in the防盗 late in March. Former Pierside instructors hints that eight pumps, placed in position below, may have had more than a little to do with raising the vessel. Four ten-inch and four six-inch units had her afloat three hours after several pumping commenced 11 May.

Prior to that she had been righted by means of 4 sets of standard beach gear. Once afloat, six-three-inch were used to keep her trim.

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That orange barge hit the IX’s galley will undertake the customary discussion: reoeat medit, Ber boya, Telstar, New York, stiob8:;bi~Pi~!•vig1lant n. Greg, of Lang Beach, Cal., has more than a little to do with raising the vessel.

During the last month of operations the job was engineered by Lt. (jg) Joseph Corbett, who has since been detached to the Pacific. A side from the yeoman service performed by the crane barge (903-1), underwater work was conducted. From USS Vagrant (PS-65), now under command of Lt. (jg) John D. Rogers, Mediterranean veteran. Alex Hill, S2c; Philiburg, Pa., all joined at the Vagrant late in March. Former Pierside instructors hints that eight pumps, placed in position below, may have had more than a little to do with raising the vessel. Four ten-inch and four six-inch units had her afloat three hours after several pumping commenced 11 May.

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The other was still lying alongside the stringpier 100 to 200 feet from the East River by USS Catbird (IX-187). Off her stern, actually bitten, too.

The Catbird, built as a beach craft, has become a symbol of the war, finally called at her old home to COM, Bellingham, Wash., Detachment

Warbird Jim Redding, of Long Beach, Cal., in charge of the crane barge throughout a rugged winter and busy spring is at present taking a well-deserved leave. Bargeman Jim Lynch, 2d Lie with raising the vessel. Four ten-inch and four six-inch units had her afloat three hours after several pumping commenced 11 May.

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Despite big doing of late between sick bay and the new compression chamber, William T. Burns, Lt.(jg)(MC), USN, Los Angeles, has found time to record graphically the metropolitan make-up or Pier 88's medical department.

Note that Jim Evans, PhM Jr, just out of drydock himself, still carries a patch over his mastoid.

"Big Chief" Joe Junz takes the place of "Little Chief" Ben Stamp, now on duty at St. Albans.

Other recent changes include transfer of Frank Cucinello, PFDm, to USS Gabrielle (IX-16) to relieve Bill "Ledge Sheet" Quigley, PhMlc, who goes to the USS Vigilant (VP-294).
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Irishman stepped into the second ball pitcher and leaped it over the left field fence to clean the bases and put the old ball game on ice.

A few days later the GPUs and the C in G tangled in another slugfest. George Binder tossed the apple for the chief and had quite an easy time of it after Jim "Babe" Elliott kicked once over the left center field fence with two mates aboard. Ed Kaplan handled George while "Brown" Eiser caught Joe Ferino who was charged with the defeat.

SOFTBALL

Four wins and no losses!! Another stolen base as the instructors trimmed the Yeomen 15 to 3. Seaman Lowe with his back to the camera, Chief Goschke on top, dumbo who the other two are—and if you can figure out what four men are doing at home plate—you're better'n we are.

Yeoman Victor Mullica bangs Yeomen Hi-spot as the Instructora administered an curl up in D. M. Taylor's quiet R.L. Thomas. The crowd seemed as dazed as he had stolen real South—tor E. Clouse by Karl Shapero. In the best bout Got the duty tonight? Well, that's no call here, anyway. After the movie why not curl up in Pier 88's quiet lounge with "Deep River", Henrietta Bookmaster's new novel of Georgia in the 1850's? Go with new "Sugar" Cain and Simon among the sturdy mountain folks—backbone of the real South—for a story of meaning which will hold you breathless from cover to cover.

It's verse you're after, try "Doer and Other Poems" by Karl Shaipro.

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R.H. Walker, Flo, Gucks as H. Walker, SP20 wins a right in his direction. He won the full three rounds with Harlow taking the decision.

Cavanaugh, M2c0, eloped and fell in his bout with H. L. Gibson but arose to come back and win the decision.

Eleven bouts featured the 6 June smoker and every one of them a real thriller.

D. Burren hit the scores for a nine count in the first round but arose to carry on until R. Couture's fight put him away for keeps in the third.

Bout no. two saw "South of the Border" Hamlet out point H. E. Thomas. The crowd didn't seem to care for the decision.

Cutting J. Wynn's eye in the first round, H. Bezak won on a TKO when the doctor stopped the fight.

"Sugar" Cain was dropped in the second round as the bell rang. Beginning of the third he came back to absorb more punishment and to lose the bout to J.T. Roseman.

In the best bout of the night R. King and W. Haney really put on a swell show. Leather was thrown from the opening bell until the final moment when King was adjudged winner.

R.L. Strong outboxed and outbit W.W. Shannon for two rounds but a stomach disorder prevented his continuing the fight. Shannon the winner by a TKO.

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16. OUT OF THIS WORLD
   Eddie Bracken
   Diane Lynn

17. THE CLOCK
   Judy Garland
   Robert Walker

18. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE
   Fred MacMurray
   Joan Leslie
   (technicolor)

19. DON JUAN QUILLIGAN
   William Bendix
   Joan Blondell

20. SMOKER

21. THOSE ENDEARING YOUNG CHARM3
   Robert Young
   Laraine Day

22. TONIGHT AND EVERY NIGHT
   Rita Hayworth
   Lee Bowman
   (technicolor)

23. GOD IS MY CO-PILOT
   Dennis Morgan
   Raymond Massey

24. BLONDE FROM BROOKLYN
   Robert Stanton
   Lynn Merrick

25. I'LL TELL THE WORLD
   Lee Tracy
   Brenda Joyce

26. WONDER MAN
   Danny Kaye
   Virginia Mayo
   (technicolor)

27. SMOKER

28. DIAMOND HORSESHOE
   Betty Grable
   Dick Haymes
   (technicolor)

29. RHYTHM ROUND-UP
   Ken Curtis
   Cheryl Walker
   Hoosier Hotshots

30. A ROYAL SCANDAL
   Tallulah Bankhead
   Anne Baxter