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Commander Wiley L. Wroten poses for his last picture on pier 88. Commander Byron S. Haile, who relieved Commander Wroten, posing for his first picture.
The New York Giants will play the following home games:

1430 - 14 October, Boston, 23 October, Pittsburgh, 28 October, Washington, 4 November, Cleveland, 11 November, Detroit, 25 November, Green Bay, 30 November - 2 December Salinas.

Local pro football games on successive Sundays beginning 14 October and ending 2 December, may be attended for free by Salvagers. The uniform is also admitted to N.Y. Con., and Brooklyn College games.

The New York Giants have been playing well since their return from eye surgery to their previous form. With the addition of new players and the return of some injured players, the team is looking good for a winning season.

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Salvage is still going strong, and the Army and Navy Students got together for a quick inspection job on the-acre of the U.S. NITROUS. They found plenty wrong. A six-inch line had got into the main line, and was all fouled up around the knee. The boys worked about twenty hours to free the screw. The job was completed, and the U.S. NITROUS left out a day's work very well done.

The Editor
Salvage Officers' RETURN

Capt. Burris D. Wood, the man in Salvage with the all Navy family.

Having done a job never exceeding in the history of Salvage, our top Officers from all theatres have returned to the home base (pier 88).

Capt. Burris D. Wood, Commander Byron B. Rule Jr., Commander Robert R. Helen, Lt. Commander George Ankers, and Lt. Commander M. W. Stare have weathered in after successfully directing Salvage throughout the war, only to return victorious.

Captain Wood, tall, lean of race and figure, with grey hair and mild radiant eyes, is a gentle personage of much natural intelligence. He has an air of quietness, veracity, and dignity, which in many ways appeals to one. Commissioned as Ensign In June 1947, Capt. Wood served in both world wars. His wife and Mrs. Margaret Wood have been three years in the Service. Capt. Burris D. Wood, Jr.

One of the most popular Officers in Salvage, Commander Byron B. Rule Jr. returned to 88 after directing the famous Salvage of Vansleus under Commander Sullivan. James Sullivan throughout Salvage as "a good Joe", Commander Rule is obviously ready to laugh and has an excellent sense of humor.

Commander Rule was born at College Park, Georgia on March 25. He received the University of Wyoming and George-town University in Washington, D.C. until commissioned in 1942 as a Probationary lawyer in Washington. Early in the war he was appointed Unit Salvage, Firefighting and Salvage Force in the Service. Commander Burris D. Wood, Jr.

Commander Helen, a Salvager that has really been around. Inherited from Herrit Chapman and Scott.

The Legion of Merit was awarded the Navy's Bronze Star in France. On returning Stateside (Nov. 1942) he took the Office's Salvage course at NTSc (Salvage). Graduating, he moved on to be in the Salvage Officer's Pool. His hometown is Dallas, Texas.

A Salvage Pioneer, rugged and durable, Commander George Ankers looks the part. Reserve and quiet, he hesitated to discuss himself, but readily gave credit to men who worked for him during Salvage operations.

Before logging in at 88, Lt. Commander Ankers was District Salvage Officer in the Aleutians. He directed Salvage Operations in Pearl Harbor long before Lt. Bill Mahan sparked the beginning of NTSc (Salvage). Ankers was born in Spokane, Washington, 17 July 1903. He was Construction Superintendent for a West Coast Telephone Company prior to his commission in August 1941, but spent most of his time at sea in the Merchant Marines.

Host of Ankers’ divers at Pearl Harbor were trained in the Fleet and at the Navy’s San Diego School. There were but three Salvage Officers then. The Lt. Commander went to Iceland, Greenland and to Bizerte where he earned the Legion of Merit for opening Bizerte’s Electric Harbor. A year of Salvage in North Africa and

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While we are grateful to our fellow salvagers for their We Dive Letters, two recent montages from the old mail bag may prove to be of general interest. In a letter, covered with Philippine stamps and further stamped "unconditional surrender of Japan," was return-addressed to Lt. W. A. Mahon, CM, inside of the envelope? There was nothing! Another letter, from the Philippines, began "Dear Carl," and with no further comment ended with "a real girl just showed up. Goodbye. Yours truly - III.

I am writing you in response to your request for dope from the fellows out here," penned Salvager Robert Rodriquez, SF3c, aboard the USS SAFEGUARD (ARS-25). "First of all there is another old grad aboard besides myself, Junior Salvage Officer, Lt. Jg. W.B. (Scavenger) Clark. Others aboard are Lt. (jg) R. C. Kelly, Jr., Salvage Officer; Sam Salvage, SF3c; Calvin Barnhart, NFO; Steve Hodzak, NO2c; and Aaron Neubeck, NO2c. We left the States in December 1944, and didn't make a dive until we hit Guam in March. From March to July we managed to get at least 20 hours of diving each month. Not counting charity dives. At Naha we completed many major jobs. One of the most exciting was constructing sections of a Mo-Gas line at varied depths. After reflecting an LVT7 continuous Mo-Gas, we were towing it back to Japan when a B-29 flying overhead encountered engine trouble and the flyers were forced to bail out. We plucked up survivors and proceeded to Japan's docks. Then we went to Two and started cleaning the 'Red Beach' of craft sunk on D-Day. We found everything in the drink just off the docks, Japa midget tanks, dive, LST, LCM, LCI, and planes that had been shot down. Well, we had just about finished cleaning up when along came a typhoon and one of our tankers broke her moorings to go aground on a reef and capsize. We were diving on her when we received orders to proceed to Okinawa.

As soon as we arrived we were put to work cleaning out Naha harbor. Boy, what a mess! There were over a hundred Jap craft blasted apart. Army Salvage was there, doing a good job. Our shore for Naha harbor: one large trawler, a sea-going tug, and a 230 foot all tank. We cut out and hoisted the many other sections of ships. We took what we also floated a 500 ton tug and a 50 ton pocket dredge. We have been averaging 130 diving hours each per month, and now have a big job in Busheer Bay Salvaging Craft damaged by Typhoons.

A couple of these boys look very familiar to us don't you? One is Jimmy Barlow and the other is Bob Gill.
From April 1943 to July 1945 Hutchinson served in the European theatre. He came to the pier in December, 1942 one month after being commissioned.

Demobilization, turning reserves to civilians has taken a high toll of Salvagers famous throughout the world.

During a colorful saga as a Salvager, Lt. Fred 'Rip' L. Rieman left NTSch (Salvage) for his native Toledo 2 Oct. to resume civilian occupation as a mechanical engineer.

Rip was commissioned 6 Sept. 1942, and came to the pier for Officer - Salvage Training in December, 1944. Graduating, he had eighteen months of harbor clearance and demobilization in the Mediterranean theatre, then returned to the pier.

Born in Toledo Ohio 27 Feb. 1912, Rip grew top honors in both basketball and track. He and Mrs. Alice Rieman have no children.

Lt. John R. Hutchinson took over duties at NTSch (Salvage) as Operations Officer Aug. 1944. Hutch was ordered to proceed to the Joint Intelligence Center, Japanese Naval Pacific Ocean Area.

John was born in Petersburgh, Virginia, 1917 and graduated from the University of Delaware, Newark Del. He was appointed to the Research Division of General Motors in Detroit soon after getting his diploma, where he remained until commissioned.

Lt. 'Rip' Rieman gives us a big smile before discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kinnbrew as they pose for the camera shortly after being hitched.

On 2 September, 1940, at St Mary's Church, 215 8th St., Bronx, Oswead (Lee) Raniere, 22 and David L. Kinnbrew, BM2c, DD, 24, were married. The couple received seventy-five guests to their reception at Meyer's Parkway Restaurant.

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Lt. John Hutchinson the new Operations Officer.

The old general was walking out when he was stopped by a beggar. "I'm an old soldier," said the beggar, "I'm...""

"Don't refuse a trifling sum," said the beggar, "I'm an old soldier.""

"An old soldier!" replied the general, "what'll you do for me?"

"Well, I'll keep you, 'Shun, eyes right, eyes front, stand at ease.' The general, "Well what comes next?"

"Present arms," replied the beggar hopefully.

The soldier was on shore leave and happy because he had found a girl affectionate as he. His joy was diminished however for a policeman had forbidden smoking in the park, and his girl would not stand for it in the streets. But life took a new turn when in front of Grand Central Station, he saw a man kiss his wife farewell in New York. He pushed his girl towards a crowd hurrying toward the Philadelphia express, and bade her a fond farewell.

This was too much for a colored porter who was watching. He stepped up to the soldier. "Beast!" he said, "Why don't you go up to the Subway? Dan trains an (eleva-! most every minute."

The climax was nearing, I knew what was coming, but I did not have the pluck to stop him. I was putty in his hands. Should I succumb to his desires? I listened to his passionate appeal and I fell weak--I was but a woman, alone and with no one company---What should I say?-----I tried to get a grip on myself-----how could I say no to this poor sweet boy. Suppose I did do as he wished. Who would know? Harry was away. Never the less I felt weak. "All right, boy," I almost whispered. "I'll subscribe for one year."

"Oh, do tell me, John, what is heaven like?" the widow cried rapturously.

Private Broke: "How ya fixin' on money?"

Private Broker: "Well, kid, the wealth of this country is estimated to be $975,000,000,000, and the last nine figures represent what I have now."

Speaking of pin-ups, here is a girl who takes her pin-ups literally, as well as figuratively. She is Martha Vickers.
Lt. Commander Ankers, who was in charge of Salvage in the Aleutians and Pearl Harbor.

Ankers had ports assigned him sufficiently cleared to receive shipping. He has seen duty in all theatres. Mrs. Louise Ankers is glad to have him Stateside again.

Lt. Commander H.W. Starkweather impressed one as being extremely patient. He returns after Manila Duty, under Commodore Sullivan, as Senior Salvage Officer.

Commander Starkweather was born in Cleveland 30 July 1901. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1925, and was a civil engineer until commissioned in May, 1942.

Starkweather participated in the assault on North Africa and was seriously injured at Port Lyautey during the operation of cutting nettings. He and the men who did the job with him were awarded the Navy Cross.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Salvagers all over the world are asking themselves: "How will things play out? How soon will we return to peacetime life? What efforts are being made toward the end?"

New plans call for release of 1,500,000 to 2,500,000 men within eighteen months; transfers to U.S.N. are now being accepted. To Salvagers anxiously awaiting return to their civilian careers, the demobilization plan gave a part-answer to when they will be released. However, the required total points will be lowered to accommodate some two million Reservists during the next eighteen months. Some Salvagers thought "duration" and six months meant six months from the date of enemy surrender. The term means six months after the war is officially terminated by the President or Congress.

To assist Salvagers in selecting a Separation Center nearest their home, we are reproducing the chart published in the February edition: Centers for enlisted men, now through December 1945:


Before being sent to a Center, the Salvager who wishes to learn of his right to a reserve position will have opportunity to communicate his wishes to a veteran regardless of where he is stationed. This information will be made available to him aboard ship, shore and receiving stations through Civil Readjustment Officers, Marine or Naval Officers and (at pier 92) the recreational Officer. (C. Carl Tomes).
TANKS

Does this place look very familiar to you? It sure should. It is an overall view of the tanks.

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Smoke: Smoking attendance was below par 19 Sept., but the seven bouquets were tops, thanks to the Sacrificers of Vts., Billy Simpson and Charlie Dean, 1275.

Simpson secured a precious leave that began at 1300; he stayed aboard to right and shovel off for Alexandria. Immediately after his bout, Dean, outweighed and allegedly in an out-of-class-bout, fought Salvage champ Tommy Kainje to a four-round heat bout. All seven contests were turned good.

Showing a new aggressive style, continuously boring in, G.D. Smith, 1060, topped "Fighter-of-the-Month" Pvt. Tommy Kainje for the 72.

The "Billo," popped the second-bout bout, I. F. Giffen and E.W. Hennery opened up 1300 heat and finds the tapasy easy going. From their experience and some lazy swallows, the master Bill Mac Kenzie won two rounds, and dropped one when he mixed with C.M. Olise.
But how the heck was I to know they were using wave divers.