DESCENDING LINE
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In the holdings of the
U.S. Naval Undersea Museum
Spectacular Navy drawing cards are the mighty USS MISSOURI, berthed at pier 90 opposite the S.S. Queen Mary (center pier), and the former German luxury liner, EUROPA, laying to pier 98 (extreme left).
A number of requests have been received by the Educa-
tional Officer regarding the possibility of obtaining assign-
dents from High Schools for NS Salvage. Practically all
schools will give some credit and it is suggested that
all men who intend to complete their education apply for
such credit.

To assist in explaining to the schools what material is
covered in both the Salvage Diving and Salvage Mechanics
Courses, the following information is given.

The Salvage Diving Course

This activity is given at this time of sixteen weeks duration and consists of the following curriculum:

1. Approximately one sixth of the time is spent in class-
work pertaining to diving signals - rescuing and tending - valves - physique of diving - diving math-
ematics - care of equipment - procedures by medical offi-
cers.

2. Approximately another sixth of the time is spent work-
ing under actual conditions handling equipment and working under water.

3. The remainder of the course is spent in learning under-
water welding and cutting, practical equipment mainte-
nance - blueprint reading - recompression chamber work -
shoring - cofferdams - maneuvering - which includes:
splicing wire rope, knots - splicing and repairing ships' cables and rigging. Additional practical work in the men's repair rating is provided in shipfitter's - sheetmetal, machine, black-
smith, carpenter, selenium, and ship repair shops.

The Salvage Mechanics Course is six weeks in length and consists of the following curriculum:

1. The time is divided equally between two main subjects:
   a. (1) Seamanship, which in-

   1. Splicing wire rope -

   2. Anchoring - towing knots - bearing the vessel's
cable and line.

2. (2) Mechanic, which in-

   1. Sheet metal work -

   2. Practical mathematics -

   3. Practical mechanics -

   4. Blueprint reading -

   5. Wrecking and salvage work.

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Job Complete

Our popular Salvage Mascot: Lafly, died 12 November at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Hospital, Avenue A and 61st Street, following a long illness that developed to convulsions due to inherited epilepsy. Laffy was born at UNSA Salvage by Lt. Bob Thurner three years ago when just a few months old, and enjoyed quite a colorful Salvage career. A book written for Laffy more than a year ago, discussed his amusing capers around local divers at work. During his last few ailing months, Laffy had been under the care of Lt. Scott, outstanding Regular Navy Salvager, who had the dog hospitalized at the first symptoms of convulsions, and received the notice of death.

LOOK WHO'S BACK!

Excepting two Officers, our Salvagers stationed in Germany have all returned. The last dozen arrived at G-23 October, and immediately put in for leaves or made arrangements toward being point‐ed out. Several big Salvage jobs were left to be done by German Salvagers, who were permitted to work with our gang, and thus became familiar with operations. One such job was the transfer of the Frauenhoven, which will have to be raised without the advantages of ship blueprints. Holder of most previous points was John Z. Rount, MM 3/c, with 43 Points. John joined 3/c, USS Franklin L.K., and drew 20% for 22 months. He did an excellent job as Fireman, Penn. Railroad, on being discharged.

DISCHARGED

Fried at 45 points each are Burton Noel Bellville, SKC, and Joseph Janczak, SC2/c. Burton, 27, from Ali Ohio, was a coast clerk before joining up. He tells of convenient places to go, when rushed for time due to the German curfew.

Lowest total of 32 points is held by Leon Jackson, SP2/c, 29, from Little Birch, Virginia. Robert W. Briske, SS3/c, 22, boasts 33 points and 21 months, From East Chicago, Indiana, he was a sheet metal worker before joining up.

Walt's story - the blitz has changed so much as to remind us some good info on Salvage jobs. As far as we know, USN Salvagers are about finished up in Europe. Although there are a few of our gang, there, usual work is being turned over to native Salvagers. Salvagers holding high points are being returned from the Pacific to be discharged - many without our knowledge. An all-list low number of divers are now on the pier, and out-going drafts have been directed to Separation Centers, for civilian duty. The boys have done a unique job - are still doing excellent work in the Pacific. Those who keep 'em happy, keep it a secret. Perhaps he has his reasons. New Winter for Salvage in Joseph Sova, C/3/c, and he is right on the ball when it comes to slinging inked plates.

Little Bob Tokes Jr. was glad to have his father (Sr.) home. Bob made OTH before being discharged. He and family lives at 111 Warren street, New Rochelle.

Salvagers Interested in Hockey should pick up tickets for game at Madison Square Garden, at 99 Park Avenue. Movie tickets for the big Broadway theatres are also issued at 99 Park Avenue.

Incidentally, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lowe are still in a daze they were married on the 2nd day of November. Our Movie Operator, John Rust, 8/c, is an old married man; we know nothing of it! He kept it a secret. Perhaps he has his reasons.

The electrical geniuses of 88 who keep the juice flowing around, are scarce since some points began to add up. At top of ladder is Joe Salerno. EM 1/c, Middle, Gab Hoffa, EM 2/c, Lower, Ray Brogle, EM 1/c.
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The Wolf by Sansone

The mayor's son is a rough little fellow and Miss Lonsdale's big problem in the third grade. They were studying zoology that morning and Jimmy was making many mistakes in reciting. Finally in exasperation, she held up a picture of a deer and asked Jimmy what it was.

"It looks like a horse with a tree on his head," the boy replied.

Impatiently, Miss Lonsdale said, "Now James, you know the name of this animal. Just think. What does your mother call your father?"

"I'm really sorry I kept you waiting!"

"Nope," said Zeke, "Can't do it."

You know the Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," the preacher said hopefully.

"Sorry, parson," Zeke replied, "I owe too much money already. And besides, I ain't no Bible student. I hear tell where one must be 'just before he is generous.' One of the estimable ladies who accompanied the parson could hardly contain herself.

"Why, ma'am," said Zeke, "I don't know how you know my business so well, but if that be so, He ain't a pushing me like my other creditors."

"Why Zeeke, you old sinner, you owe God a larger debt than you owe anyone else."

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Herman: "Has the doctor you're engaged to go money?"

Pearl: "Why, sure! Did you think that I was getting married for my health?"

"If you stay in the Army for a career, will they let you keep your rank?"

Two drunks were arguing about who should pay for the drinks. One said generously, "But I really must allow you to pay for the drinks," the other inebriate replied, "I couldn't think of letting you accept my treat."

"Well, then, if I let you pay for the drinks now, will you permit me to accept your treat now?"

"O.K., but only on that condition."

"I'm worried about Junior. He's always saying his back aches."

Guest Room Machamer

Pat was taking his first ocean trip and he was having a bit of trouble keeping his meals down. He was leaning over the rail, when one of those perpetual travelers, fool! Oi'll have ye know who never seem to suffer from seasickness, accosted him, as many one on this ship.

Pat looked at him with a smile, "Gah is it, ye damned fool? Oi'm throwin' me food as far as sickness, accosted him, as many one on this ship.
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Unit Commanations (one in

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Two United States Naval 

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Both Commanations are

COMBAT SALVAGE AND FIRE

FIGHTING UNIT FORCE G. (consisting of the PITTO,

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Commanation for extremely valorous service in support of

military operations during the invasion of France from

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CIVIL SERVICE

"Points" are important to a GI after he is discharged, too. To be eligible for Civilian jobs, aGI has to take and pass a Civil Service Examination after the service or 2 years after the end of the war.

In all Civil Service Sub-divisions, veterans and non-vets receive points. The order of grade, the amount of insurance, and the age of the beneficiary are factors in determining the pension. The pension is paid by the government for the first year.

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