

## "V" DIVISION

Allowed 20 men, the division can rarely muster that many. Four pilots and two gunnery observers fills out the officer compliment. Four scouting seaplanes with all gunnery, radio, and navigation equipment with necessary spares are carried aboard. The division is entirely ship based but can quickly be placed ashore with squadron organization and operate either as a landplane or seaplane unit. The port hangar, both catapult towers, and the starboard hangar mezzanine deck are spaces allotted to the "V" Division. While on board ship the unit is under orders of the Commanding Officer, but ashore or in squadron tactics it is under orders of the Squadron Commander. Each year pilots and observers, as well as part of the other personnel, are required to fire machine guns for qualification. Pilots fire a bombing practice. Pilots and observers must be proficient radio operators and able navigators. Although the primary military duty is scouting and gunnery observation, mail carrying, towing, etc., are other tasks that the aviation branch falls heir to. Plane upkeep is the most engrossing task requiring frequent checks, overhaul, preservation, and repairs to maintain the aircraft fit for service and safe to return the pilot to the ship. The success of each flight depends upon the preparations made by the ground crews. The "V" Division, contrary to common belief, is not a "soft" spot but is as busy and probably more thorough in its work than any other aboard. If you get into it, standby for plenty of sweating even into late hours of the night.

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The Blue Bonnet takes this opportunity to congratulate Lieutenant (jg) James M. Robinson who has received his commission as Lieutenant. Fine work and more stripes in the near future, Lieutenant.

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Is it true that Ensign Murphy, our jovial J.O. does not (repeat not) contemplate matrimony in the near future?

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Elderly lady (on first sea voyage): "Captain, is this a good ship?"

Captain: "Why, madam, don't you know this is her maiden voyage?"

## OLD HAWAIIAN CUSTOMS

To be well-bred as an Hawaiian one must not sit on another's bed and most certainly not on another's clothes trunk because it would be considered the height of rudeness to sit upon the intimate covering of another's person. Never touch anyone's head for the head of anyone is sacred and it is kapu to touch it, even in play.

When entering a house, do not stand in the doorway and do not sit dow in the doorway. Only the owner of the house has that privilege. After entering a house, one may sit near the door if one so desires.

When calling upon a chief, do not address him until you are spoken to.

Do not ask for a lei that is worn by another person; that is the height of rudeness. But if the person wearing the lei spontaneously offers it and places it around your neck, that is quite proper and a great compliment to receive it, for that would be a sincere expression of one's aloha.

One should not give away a lei that is personally made for one, for each blossom that is strung holds a loving thought for you; it is almost like a rosary. Hawaiians in the olden days carried their leis from island to island. At sea the leis are placed in a ti leaf basket formed by the plant folded back from the stem where the leis are placed to keep fresh.

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NOSEY NEWS

under by the weaker sex? "Wop" Guguelette expects to stage a comeback in the near future, "so he says" Good luck. H.N. Smith just broke up with a "sweetie" here in Diego. "I wonder why?" Old "Sarge" is just cruising along nicely after his ups and downs. Just who is this "Root" (Ruth to you) anyway? The coxswain of the Secretary of Navy's barge knows. "Me tinks she lives in Shanty Town." "Frenchie" has no statements for the press, tho' he says. There have been rumors that he has been traveling "incognito" in Long Beach.

There are only two men now in the division, that put the ship in commission, Elland and Kremensky. Svendberg and Ditzek came aboard just before she sailed for China. By the way Ditzek, claims the distinc-

## WHY "V" DIVISION

fully used. In 1913 aircraft was first used in connection with fleet operations for scouting the Cuban coast during maneuvers. In 1914 the first naval air station was established at Pensacola, Florida on the site of the abandoned navy yard. About this time a definite aviation policy was developed by a board specially appointed for that purpose.

With the advent of the World War aviation development proceeded with gigantic steps. Scouting became only one of the numerous missions to be filled by the aeronautical branch of the naval service. At the time of the signing of the Armistice a total of 37,409 officers and men were in training and 17,524 were in active service in the war zone cooperating with the Army and foreign services. New types of machines had been developed. Training from short elementary courses assumed college curriculum proportions. Schools and bases dotted the country. Aviation was no longer a miracle but a well organized function in our everyday life.

That in brief is how naval aviation grew to be a part of the Navy. Its development has been steadily upgrade until today it plays a role in naval activities as important as those played by destroyers, cruisers, submarines, and battleships.

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THE STORY OF MAN (Condensed)

The World was created. Man was created and placed in the Garden of Eden. He ate; he slept. While he was asleep God created woman out of his rib (the crookedest part of man)—Thus man's first sleep became his last repose. Woman married man—paradise lost. There was no other man in the Garden so Woman flirted with the Devil. When man came home late from the Garden she raised Cain. Then did it again when she got Abel. Consequently man will now give a woman everything but his seat in a street car. And I ask you — what would you have done for a red apple?

tion of being the only man on the ship who has sailed around the Horn and says he rates spitting windward. A few more plankeys are Phalon, Lattour, Gardner, and Selen. A few 1932 models are Stillings, Rounds, Grigilite, Smith and Fossie.