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BLUE BONNET'S FIRST ANNI- VERSARY

On the first of September 1934, the day before we transited the Panama Canal enroute New York, the first issue of the present Blue Bonnet was printed. Today's issue marks the first anniversary of our paper.

Formerly there was a "Blue Bonnet" printed during the HOUSTON'S day of duty on the China Station. The first issue of the "Blue Bonnet" appeared 14th February, 1930 while the ship was enroute Guam to Manila. From then on a weekly edition was printed until the Ship's return to the States in the winter of '33 at which time, because of the transfer of the Printer and Editorial Staff, it died a natural death. During that period from the Ship's return to the States until the first issue of the present paper appeared, the Ship was without a news organ.

The "Blue Bonnet" owes its re-birth to the combined efforts of Commander Eldridge, Navigator Chaplin Salisbury; Lieut. Berkley, our first Editor; Kessler, quartermaster striker; and Botterel, navigator's yeoman.

Since the first issue appeared, just a year ago, the paper has appeared weekly; and has grown from two pages to four. Its newest innovation is the use of Clipper Book stock and the use of half-tone cuts.

W. O. EXAMS

Examinations for Warrant Office throughout the fleet, will be held
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PERSONNEL

RETURNING SHIPMATES

Conley, W. F. GM1c. from R. S. San Francisco.

Durham, B. S. F1c. from U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego.

TRANSFERS

Our entire Aviation Unit has left for six weeks of temporary short duty and much activity with V.S. Squadron 10 at Naval Air Station, San Diego.

Rosario, F. OC3c. to U.S.S. Chester.

DISCHARGED

Wellbourn, A. F. BM2c.

Ostergren, C. W. SK2c.

Lt. HOMANN ASSUMES COMMAND

Word has been received that on 21 August, Lieutenant Alfred J. Homann, U. S. Navy, assumed command of the Naval Recruiting Station, Detroit, Michigan. He relieved Lieut. Comdr. Joseph E. Malcomson, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, who will remain at the Station as Medical Officer.

Lieutenant Homan will be remembered by the HOUSTON personnel for his service in capacity of Assistant First Lieutenant until recently relieved by Lieutenant Vanzant. Since graduating from the Naval Academy in 1922, he has had a varied and interesting Naval career, having served three years on the China Station, five years in submarines on the Atlantic coast, and two years in the Industrial Department, Philadelphia Navy Yard in addition to his duty on the Destroyer Overton and Tanker Sapelo.

We wish Mr. Homann the best of luck in his new Command.

HOUSTON WINS FIRST GAME

Tuesday afternoon the basketball team had their first real opportunity to show the results of the past few weeks practice. A regular game was played with the U.S.S. Concord, and the HOUSTON came out on the winning end of a 37-31 score. The game was a good, fast and hard one, as evidenced by several minor cuts and bruises. Wilmuth suffered a cut eyebrow, which will probably keep him out of scrimmage for about a week. Considering the fact that the Concord won 36 consecutive games last year while in the Bremerton Navy yard, and that they still have seven of that team with them, our basketball artists can rightfully be proud of the victory.

There were no outstanding individual stars, everyone playing together well. Men that saw action were: Wilmuth, Ellwood, Kennedy, O'Brien, Jones, Stipetic, Williamson, Brown, and Mustain. With two new recruits from the Marines, the outlook for a winning season are extremely good. Cooperation from the ship's company will do a lot towards making the HOUSTON proud of the basketball team. In the games to come lets see some fans on the sidelines.

"V" DIVISION DEPARTS FOR SAN DIEGO

Thursday, 29 August, the HOUSTON unit of "VS-Ten-S" departed for San Diego. There the HOUSTON'S aviation unit will take part in a six
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