



## SHORT RANGE BATTLE PRACTICE, SEPT. 10, '35.

### NEWS OF FORMER SHIPMATES

"Whitey" Harline, former F. Div. B.M., now BM1c. is on duty at Washington D.C. Would like to hear from some of his old shipmates in the crew.

"Blackie" Boyd, now EM3c, formerly the HOUSTON'S head barber is now serving on the modernized Idaho, is happily married and the proud papa of two. Sends his regards to all of his old shipmates.

"Alex" Shepherder Fraser GM3c. is diving deeper every day at the school in Washington, now reaching 200 ft. Says swinging the lead is no strain there. He says "hello" to all hands and would like to hear from some of the crew.

"Joe" Razlaff, our former printer, now on the outside working for a newspaper, misses the good ship HOUSTON and her crew. Says if he ships over it will be none other than the HOUSTON for him.

"Woody" Woodworth, formerly TC1c in No. 2 turret is now Chief, happily married and still serving on the Minneapolis.

### CLIPPERTON IS.

Many of the crew will remember our short stay, July 17, 1934, at this isle. Many were the remarks concerning the uselessness of Clipperton, but in recent press reports it is learned that France is contemplating the isle's value as a convenient stop-over point in a proposed trans-Pacific air route.

### OUR SHORT RANGE PRACTICE

The HOUSTON is scheduled to fire Short Range Battle Practice on Tuesday, September 10. Although Short Range is considered the most elementary practice of the year, no other practice so arouses the interest of the whole ship's company. Several reasons can be given for this intense interest. The reasons usually given are: that prize money and Navy "E's" are at stake and that pointers' qualifications for the year depends upon the outcome of the practice. It is believed, however, that the greatest source of interest in this practice lies in the fact that it is a test of individual skills. Granting that the success of a Short Range Battle Practice depends upon the coordinated effort of the entire ship's company, nevertheless, high scores in this practice are so tied up with individual performances in skills as pointing, training, powder passing, sightsetting, loading and priming, that everyone in the Navy looks upon this practice as a good indication of "just how good are you".

The Officers and men of the HOUSTON have worked hard and conscientiously in preparation for this year's practice. It is hoped that the ship can turn in a good performance as a reward. As a final word, before firing, I would like to remind all hands that since Short Range Practice is primarily a test of skill and that since the worst enemy of any skill is tenseness, it is good ball for all hands to keep relaxed, go at the practice in

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### RED CROSS and NAVY RELIEF

The following letter has been received from Cincus and is herewith quoted for information:

#### UNITED STATES FLEET

U.S.S.PENNSYLVANIA, Flagship

San Pedro, Cal.  
31 August, 1935.

From: Commander-in-Chief,  
United States Fleet.

To : FLEET.

Subject: American Red Cross and  
Navy Relief Society;  
Annual Appeal.

1. The Commander-in-Chief in rendering a report to the Fleet of the contributions made by the vessels during the calendar year 1934 stated that it was his intentions to hold a joint appeal for the American Red Cross and the Navy Relief Society during the month of September.

2. The Annual Appeal for the American Red Cross has been covered by correspondence to the individual ships from the National Headquarters of that Society. It is particularly gratifying to the Commander-in-Chief that there was a 100% increase from the Navy for the past year and the Commander-in-Chief has been especially requested to convey an expression of sincere gratitude to the personnel of the Fleet from the Chairman of the American Red Cross.

3. The work of the Navy relief Society is so well known to the majority of the personnel of the Fleet

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