



∴ ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN NO. 2 WINS "E" ∴

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A. A. Gun Number Two brought glory to themselves and their ship this past Tuesday by winning the coveted Gunnery Efficiency "E". This "E" represents a lot of hard training and cooperation on the part of the crew.

Similar to a basketball team where the forwards can't score unless they are fed by the guards and center, neither can the pointers and trainers make hits in "E" time unless the loading crew functions like a well oiled machine.

In addition to the actual crew, due credit must be given to the Gunners Mates and Electricians who keep the gun in mechanically perfect condition, thereby, preventing any mechanical dearrangement which might mar an otherwise perfect score.

Members of Gun Two's crew are Permental, gun captain; Nickel, Calhoun; Stoddard; Freeman; Royal, Reid; McDonald, Farley; Rudloff, Sumstine and Conley, Gunner's mate.

Gun Two, we congratulate you.

HOUSTON TO VISIT SAN DIEGO

Monday morning, 16 Sept., about 1000, the HOUSTON will depart from her Long Beach anchorage for San Diego. During her two weeks visit to San Diego, she will anchor in 'Berth 59'. "Berth 59" is just off the Broadway Street landing. This will offer a wonderful opportunity for the HOUSTON personnel to visit the Exposition.

PORT HOUSTON SENDS ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Last week a small article appeared in the "Blue Bonnet" mentioning the sixth anniversary of the launching of our ship. On the same day, the following two messages were received from Houston, Texas:

Houston Tex Captain Guy E Baker Today marks the sixth anniversary christening and launching of our city's namesake of which all Houston is so intensely proud please accept for yourself and ship's company this radioed expression of abiding interest in your welfare hearty congratulations upon winning the coveted white E and compliments to Blue Bonnet staff upon first anniversary of publication God-speed Oscar F Holcomb Mayor A D Simpson chairman cruiser Houston

quote Captain G E Baker msg Houston on anniversary launching and commissioning good ship Houston please accept for yourself and ship's company sincere and cordial felicitations this city and its citizenship stop record of vessel from commissioning to this day so outstanding as to command respect and admiration of city whose name it bears stop many happy returns and our kindest regards to all hands signed George A Hill Jr. chairman military affairs committee Houston Chamber of Commerce unquote.

These two messages are typical of the interest the people of Houston take in our ship, the namesake of their city. We are indeed fortunate in hav-

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HOUSTON'S S.R.B.P. A SUCCESS

The HOUSTON successfully completed its Short Range Battle Practice on Tuesday, 10 September. Regulations prohibit the publishing of the number of shots and hits in a paper of this kind. Suffice to say that the practice was run off smoothly and there were no casualties interrupting the volume of fire. The whole practice was completed in less than three hours. Regardless of the score, the Gunnery Officer is especially pleased with the precision of the loading and the absence of material casualties. The absence of material casualties reflects much credit upon the officers and men charged with the upkeep of the battery. It is believed that Short Range Practice gets us off on the right foot for a successful Gunnery Year. All hands deserve credit for their hard work in preparing for and firing of this practice.

U. S. S. DALE ON SHAKEDOWN CRUISE

The Destroyer Dale under the command of Commander William A. Corn, U. S. Navy, left New York for Europe on August 20th and arrived at Southampton, England on August 30th before returning to the United States, the Dale will visit Naples and Leghorn, Italy; Villefranche, France; and Valencia, Spain. The stay in most of those ports will be for six days. On October 19th, the new Destroyer is due to arrive at Newport, Rhode Island.