



FEDERAL INCOME TAX

The law requires that every concern make a report to the Treasury Department of salaries paid. This same law requires the Disbursing Off. to make this report for all officers and men on board on 1 January, 1936.

WHO MUST FILE RETURNS:

Every individual having a net income for the taxable year of \$1,000, or over if single or if married and not living with husband or wife. Every individual having a net income for the taxable year of \$2,500 or over if married and living with husband and wife.

You are required to file this return prior to 15 March, 1936.

Income to be reported from Navy Sources:

- (a) Pay, base and longevity.
- (b) Extra compensation for special duty (aviation, submarine, etc.).
- (c) Mileage (report entire amount received as gross income and deduct necessary traveling expenses, ACTUALLY PAID, such as meals, railroad fares, lodging, etc.).
- (d) Travel pay to discharged enlisted men (Report in the same manner as mileage).
- (e) Transportation of families of officers and enlisted men (The actual cost of such transportation to the Government is considered as taxable income. No deduction allowed).
- (f) Interest on deposits of enlisted men.
- (g) All permanent and transient additions to pay (Enlisted men).

From sources outside the Navy you should consult Navy Department circular on file in Disbursing Office.

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CONDOLENCES

All hands extend their heart felt sympathy and condolences to our shipmates Russell, J. W. S2c in the loss of his mother and Withers, R. K. S2c in the loss of his father.

HOUSTON'S POPULAR COMMUNICATION OFFICER IS PROMOTED

Friday morning 10 January, Mr. McGlynn received his commission as Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N. dated 2 January, 1936 effective 1 July, 1935.

All hands extend hearty congratulations to Lt. Comdr. J.J. McGlynn, U. S. N.

ENGINEERING OFFICER RETURNS TO DUTY

It was with pleasure we welcomed Lt. Comdr. J.M. Connally, back to duty Friday morning.

Our Chief Engineer has spent the past week in the Naval Hospital, Mare Island.

OPTICAL SCHOOL OFFICERS

Four junior grade officers from the battle force are getting a taste of life aboard a cruiser this month.

They are temporarily living aboard the HOUSTON while attending the Optical School in the yard. We extend to Ens. M. B. Freeman (Okla.), H. H. Larsen (Lex.), B. A. Sisler (W. Va.) and F. M. Phillips (Nev.) a hearty welcome and wish them a pleasant cruise aboard our ship.

THE PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL

The President's Birthday Ball, held annually on President Roosevelt's birthday, for the benefit of the National Campaign for the Prevention and Cure of Infantile Paralysis will be held this year at the Legion Memorial Hall, Vallejo, on Thursday evening, 30 January. The program will start with a dazzling Amateur Hour from 2030 to 2130 followed by dancing to the music of the Bernard Klotz Orchestra, reported to be the Number One dance organization in these parts. Tickets will be fifty cents per person and will be on sale at the Ship's Service Store beginning Monday, 13 Jan.

Next to the HOUSTON'S Ball this will be the outstanding social event of the season. A big turnout is expected in view of the very worthy cause for which the ball is held. A small percentage of the receipts goes to the National Association which is conducting research work to combat the dread infantile paralysis. The biggest percentage of the receipts is retained in this community where it becomes part of a fund which is immediately available in case of an epidemic of this disease in this area or in case financial assistance is needed in sending isolated cases to distant medical centers for treatment.

It is hoped that the good ship HOUSTON, with her well known reputation for excelling in every activity, will turn out in a big way for this social event and that the ship will be able to dispose of more than its allotment of one hundred tickets.