



OFFICER PERSONNEL

Lieutenant (jg) D. A. Harris, U. S. N., has just received orders detaching him in June from the U.S.S. HOUSTON. He is being ordered to the U.S.S. CHAUMONT for duty.

Ensign Joseph W. Williams, Jr. U. S. N., has received orders to take his examinations for promotion to Lieutenant (Junior Grade).

Second Lieutenant Henry B. Cain, Jr., U.S.M.C., was ordered to the Fleet Machine Gun School on board the U. S. S. UTAH for temporary duty under instruction. The school convened on 3 February.

TRAINING

In order to stimulate divisional competitive training and to influence men who are ambitious and deserving to prepare themselves for the next higher rating, the Educational Department has decided to publish statistics from time to time which will show the relative standing of Divisions, as a whole, in percentage attainment.

The data given in this article is the number of men in each division who have completed training courses and whose training officers have submitted the results of their examination to the Navigator, during the week. It is obvious that some divisions will have more untrained men in their division than others and, therefore, the relative standing of those divisions will appear to be higher than other divisions but, it is planned to develop a system which will show the number

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KNOW YOUR NAVY

Vessels of the United States and Asiatic fleets are nearly 20 per cent undermanned.

During 1935 it has been possible to man vessels to only 81 percent of their enlisted war complement. There has been a gradual upbuilding of the enlisted personnel of the Navy since 1933, but it has not kept pace with the needs of the Fleet. While the situation has improved somewhat during the current fiscal year it is still far from satisfactory. Reduction of allowances of larger combatant ships below 85 percent of complement is dangerous to the national defense.

In the year just closed an average enlisted strength of 85,510 was maintained. To approach the 85 percent of complement, a total of 86,615 enlisted men would have been necessary. For the fiscal year 1936, an average enlisted strength of 86,000 has been appropriated for.

Studies indicate that 7941 line officers are necessary to fully man the treaty Navy now authorized and building. It has been further determined that 7021 line officers, supplemented by aviation cadets, are necessary to man essential battle stations on Navy vessels if these ships are to be maintained in readiness for war. There is now pending before the 74th Congress a bill that increases the authorized strength of the Navy from 5499 to 6531. This increase is not adequate but it is a definite step in the right direction. Further increase in the line officer strength is imperative.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADVANCEMENT TO CPO DESIRED BY BUREAU

Must Reach Bureau Not Later Than 1 April, 1936.

Recently the Bureau of Navigation sent out a circular letter, authorizing Commanders of certain forces, Base-For included, to recommend eligible first class petty officers for advancement to Chief Petty Officer.

Even though a small number of ratings are included in this quota, it is another reminder to our eligible Houstonites to be always on the alert for the big opportunity.

Opportunity is knocking at the door of our studious and ambitious shipmates quite frequently these days.

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Received

Yarbrough, P. E., GM1c, from U.S. S. NITRO.

Morgan, W. C., MM2c, from R.S., San Francisco, California.

The following Sea2c. were received from the U.S.S. NITRO:

Gustafson, J. A., Green, E. F., Gordon, J. E., Gryckiewicz, J., Grzmocinski, R. W., Goddard, J. D., Gilmore, W. J., Garrett, C. M., Hayward, J. V., Haynes, G. T., Hayes, Q. P., Haupt, S., and Hanna, G. E.

Transfers

Kaspar, J. V., CBM (PA), to R.S., Washington, D. C.

Nelson, M., CWT., to Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California.

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