



WELCOME ABOARD VICE ADMIRAL TARRANT

ADMIRAL HEPBURN TURNS OVER COMMAND TO ADMIRAL TAR- RANT THEN RELIEVES ADMIRAL REEVES AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U. S. FLEET

Wednesday morning, aboard the HOUSTON, Vice Admiral W. T. Tarrant relieved Vice Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn as Commander Scouting Force. Shortly after nine o'clock, before the crew, Officers and visiting Flag and Commanding Officers who were paraded in the vicinity and on the well deck, Vice Admiral Hepburn read his orders relieving him of his command and directing him to assume command of the Fleet. After he had finished reading these orders, he directed his flag to be hauled down. At this time the HOUSTON fired a fifteen gun salute to him. Immediately after this salute, Vice Admiral Tarrant read his orders directing him to assume command of the Scouting Force. He then directed that his flag be hoisted and that a seventeen gun salute be fired to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Shortly thereafter, Admiral Hepburn left the ship in a barge which carried him to the PENNSYLVANIA where in a colorful and formal ceremony, he relieved Admiral Joseph M. Reeves as Commander in Chief.

TAKES OVER NEW COMMAND

In this ceremony on the quarter-deck of the PENNSYLVANIA which was broadcast over a national radio hook-up and attended by all the high ranking officers of the Fleet, Admiral Reeves relinquished his command that

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WELL DONE

I wish to take this opportunity to express a "WELL DONE" to all hands for their excellent attitude and hard work in preparing for Thursday's Admiral's Inspection. Every man seemed to have cooperated to his fullest extent in doing his part to put the ship in a state of material perfection.

Short handed as we were, the HOUSTON Thursday presented an excellent appearance. This splendid spirit of whole hearted cooperation is the thing that makes each and every one of us proud to say, "the HOUSTON, that's my ship".

G. E. Baker
Captain, U. S. N.
Commanding

THE STATE FLOWER OF TEXAS

From time to time, members of the crew are heard asking—"Why is the ship's paper called 'The Blue Bonnet'?"

Late in 1930, when the ship's paper was becoming a reality, a poll was held for the purpose of selecting a name for the new-born service paper.

Many and varied names were submitted. Since the HOUSTON is named after the largest city in the State of Texas, it seems only proper to select a name pertaining to that great state. With this thought in mind the selection committee selected the name of the State Flower, the "Blue Bonnet". An excellent selection since it is truly representative of the state just as the HOUSTON is the proud bearer of the name of one of her greatest cities.

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The "Blue Bonnet" in behalf of the officers and men of the HOUSTON wishes to take this opportunity to welcome aboard and wish Vice Admiral Tarrant, his Staff and the Flag Personnel, a happy cruise.

The following officers make up the Scouting Force Staff:

- Capt. G. S. Bryan, Chief of Staff.
- Comdr. T. K. Keleher, Force Eng. Off.
- Comdr. C. H. Wright, Force Operation Officer.
- Lieut-Comdr. W. H. Fechteler, Force Gunnery Officer.
- Lieut-Comdr. Nicholas Vytlacil, Flag Secretary.
- Lieutenant C. C. Adell, Flag Lieut.
- Lieutenant E. H. Pierce, Force Communication and Radio Officer
- Lieut. (jg) G. O. Hobbs, Communication Watch Officer.
- Lieut. (jg) H. C. Maynard, Communication Watch Officer
- Lieut. (jg) M. A. Shellabarger, Communication Watch Officer

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R. O. T. C. CRUISE

Fifteen June the University of California unit of the Naval R. O. T. C. embarked in the U. S. S. NEW YORK for a two weeks cruise. There are two of these university units on the West Coast, Washington and California; four on the East Coast, Yale, Harvard, and Georgia Tech. and one in the Middle West, Northwestern. Each year they make a two or three weeks cruise. During these cruises the students receive practical instruction in the subjects they have studied during the academic year.