



**NEW CHIEF ENGINEER
REPORTS FOR DUTY**

During the past week Lt.-Comdr. Valentine M. Davis reported aboard for duty as Chief Engineer succeeding Lt.-Comdr. Connally who was detached last week. Prior to coming to the HOUSTON, Mr. Davis was Assistant Inspector of Machinery at the New York Shipbuilding Company of Camden, N. J. Mr. Davis is a graduate of the Naval Academy class of 1920.

The Blue Bonnet in behalf of the Officers and men of the HOUSTON takes this opportunity to welcome our New Chief Engineer aboard and wish him the best of luck in his new assignment.

**GOVERNMENT DISABILITY
BENEFITS**

The question frequently arises of what disability benefits accrue to Service personnel who are medically surveyed from active peace-time service under the present pension law. Below is given a summary of pension allowances for disability resulting from personal injury or disease contracted in line of duty or the aggravation of pre-existing injury or disease contracted or suffered in line of duty—if and when the disability, or aggravation of a pre-existing injury, or disability, is of a degree of 19 per cent or more. The monthly rates are as follows:

(a) If and while the disability is rated 10 per centum the monthly pension shall be \$6.00.

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CONDOLENCES

Kenneth H. Kelly, S1c., who was so suddenly and violently taken from among us last Sunday, left to all who had the pleasure of knowing him, a personal loss. With a kind word and helping hand for all, his presence among us will be sorely missed. What finer tribute can we pay him than to say, as of all good sailormen, "He was a good Ship-mate".

NEW NAVY FLAG

Now comes by executive order, a new flag to the Navy. It has blue stars, one in each corner, on a white field, the reverse of the Presidential flag and is the flag of the Vice-President. When that official now boards a warship on a mission for the President no concern need be given as to what flag should be hoisted as was the case hereto-fore.

PERSONNEL

Honorably Discharged

Machado, Manuel C., Jr., BM2c., re-enlisted on board.

Pobran, Michael, MM2c., re-enlisted on board.

Campbell, Gordon A., WT2c., re-enlisted on board.

Henry, Willie "O", Sea1c.

Received On Board

Hartley, Delbert P., EM1c., from NTS., San Diego, California.

Nicolette, MM1c., from RS, San Francisco, California.

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**JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON
VISITS AMERICAN PORTS.**

This past week the Japanese Navy Training Squadron consisting of the Yakumo (Flagship) and the Iwate, under the command of Vice Admiral Zengo Yoshida, arrived in Seattle. This is the first point of call of a series of American ports consisting of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Baltimore and New York to be visited by the Squadron. Other foreign ports to be visited by our Nippon friends include Balboa, Colon, Havana, Manzanillo and Honolulu. The Squadron is due to arrive in San Francisco 14 July, and in Los Angeles 20 July. Continuing from there it will pass through the Panama Canal and thence up the East Coast. On its homeward journey it will stop in Honolulu 14 October.

OFFICER PERSONNEL

Lt. (jg) Young recently received word that his brother-in-law, Ensign Haden Leon, former Ship's Secretary, has completed his course in flight training at Pensacola and has been ordered to the U. S. S. IDAHO for Aviation duty.

This past week six HOUSTON officers were temporarily detached in order that they might attend Gunnery School. Three of these Officers, Lt.-Comdr. R. E. Keating, Lieutenant H. P. Rice and Ensign F. L. Barrows, were assigned to the Main Battery Gunnery School aboard the LOUISVILLE. The other three, Ensign Johnson, Ensign Raymond and 2nd. Lt. H. H. Williamson (USMC) were assigned to the A. A. Gunnery School

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