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JOIN THE NAVY
AND SEE THE WORLD
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There are many who have ridiculed the above caption. It can be safely said that the crew of the HOUSTON have never had cause to utter so foolish a statement.

The HOUSTON has been the means of thousands of American men-of-wars-men to have an opportunity to really see the world. Facts and figures will put at rest the minds of any and all who have reasons to doubt the truth.

In her six years of commissioned service the Houston has visited three continents, fourteen foreign countries, well over a hundred ports, forty of them foreign. In mileage she is well up among the leaders in total miles steamed during this six year period. Since commissioning she has steamed 152,107 miles. During the past fiscal year the HOUSTON steamed 36,715 miles.

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BASEBALL
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a pinch hitter tripled to right, scoring on a fielder's choice. In the 6th. Houston took the lead, which they held until the end of the game, when the boys unhmbered their siege guns to smack the apple for six safeties and three runs. The Chester threatened in the 7th when they scored one run, but "Lefty" Salmon turned on the pressure, ending the game via the strike out method, thereby ending one of the most exciting games the Houston has played this seasons. Although each inning produced many thrills and exciting moments, the most outstanding highlights of the game were: Spruell's steal from 1st to 2nd while the Chester pitcher was

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HOUSTON HIGH NAVY
TEAM IN POLICE FORCE
PISTOL MATCHES
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The HOUSTON pistol team was the high navy team in the SEATTLE POLICE FORCE PISTOL MATCHES fired Sunday, 12 June, at Fort Layton. However, due to the fact that the Coast Guard, for the purpose of the matches, was classed as a navy team, our team failed to win the Navy Trophy. The Coast Guard nosed us out by about thirty-five points. The Coast Guard won with a score of 10-70 followed by the Houston with a 1034, the Chester with a 996, the Altair with a 962, the Milwaukee with an 878, the Detroit with an 865 and the Salt Lake City with an 833.

During this past week the team has been going to the range daily for practice with very gratifying results. Every one of the team has been improving to such an extent that they have been making a total score averaging well over a hundred points better than the total that which brought home the bacon this past Sunday. In view of this improvement it is expected that this coming Sunday the team will be way out in the lead.

This Saturday and Sunday the team will enter the Northwest International Pistol and Revolver Association tenth annual matches. Trophies will be awarded to both the high service team and the high active navy team.

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CLUB FACILITITES
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The YMCA, 714 Market Street (Phone Main 3196) extends the courtesies of its club to all men of the Fleet with free membership privileges.

The Navy Mothers' Club will have an open house daily from 1200-1800 except Saturday at their club rooms at Edward B. Rhodes Post Legion Hall, 409 South G Street, facing Wright Park on East. Refreshments will be served during these hours at no charge.

I guess we've all heard about the man who lost his wallet in the center of the block but walked all the way to the corner street light so there would be more light to search by ? ? !

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Mail the "Blue Bonnet" home!

TRUE TO TRADITION
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Launched at Chester, Pa., in 1883, the U. S. S CHICAGO began a career which was marked by her gallant war service as Flagship of the Great White Fleet of the Spanish American War. After service in the World War she was renamed ALTON and retired from active sea duty, having justly earned some well deserved rest.

Assigned to the humble duty of Station Ship, she was used as sleeping quarters for Submarine Crews at Pearl Harbor until recently. Sold for junk she was under tow back to the U. S., when on Independence Day, the 4th of July, as mystic coincidence would have it, she began her rebellion by springing a leak. In the ensuing days she filled rapidly and in two days, under cover of night, while pounded and buffeted about by heavy swells, she slipped beneath the waves, consigned to Davey Jones' Locker, the true resting place for all proud Navy ships. Thus did one of Uncle Sams' once proud and mighty men-o-war cheat death and go to an untroubled rest beneath the blue, never to feel the scrappers hammer.

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OFFICER PERSONNEL
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This past week has seen several changes in the duties of some of our officers. Lt (jg) D. I. Davis relieved Ensign Long as First Division Officer. For the past twenty-one months Mr. Davis has been in the Engineering Department as "A" and "M" Division Officer respectively. Ensign A. C. House who reported aboard last Saturday will take Mr. Davis' place as "M" Division Officer.

A good many of the Ship's Officers, wives and families have come North during the Fleets visit. These include Mrs. and Elsie Robottom, Mrs. C. E Clifford, Mrs. Vanzant, Mrs. Schanze, Mrs. Young, Mrs. House and Mrs. Kalb

This past Saturday evening Comdr. and Mrs. -Ingraham entertained the ship's officers, their wives and ladies at a buffet supper at the home of Mrs. Ingraham's father, Hugh Caldwell, at 1727 Tenth Avenue.

Congratulations are in order for Lt. (jg) H. Maynard, Staff Communication Watch Officer who just received his extra half stripe.