



PORTLAND WINS

Takes Wrestling, Splits Boxing

PORTLAND took us to task last Saturday night and showed what room for improvement there is in our athletics. The better condition of the PORTLAND men told quickly in all of the wrestling matches. Our boys were no pikers by any means but a body ill prepared for rigors will always fail before an aggressive opponent. Our boxers saved us some of the points, splitting even with the PORTLAND in the honors. In spite of these disappointing events the smoker was no failure, because from all comments at the time and since, we know it was a success all around. Where our athletes fell down the entertainers carried us along.

In the wrestling, Jarvis and Schneider won by default. Hill put up a fine fight but the old wind just wasn't long enough. Turner gave Thompson a merry-go-round for eight minutes and twenty seconds but lost on a fall. Head, our boy from the forecastle, made Hayes look sort of inferior but again poor condition gave the PORTLAND boy the advantage and his skill put Head for a fall in four minutes and thirty seconds. Holt, our log rom yeoman, looked good until suddenly something put him down and McKeig got his fall in two minutes and thirteen seconds. Folta was not good enough for Penczynik and lost his match at the end of four minutes and thirty seconds. For a while it looked as if Starke was going to save us one bout, and believe me it looked good for a while, but as luck would have it, Vincent turned out to be a

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FLAG TO LEAVE

Today, Admiral Harris Laning, Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force and his staff leave us to return to their home, the CHICAGO. It is with regret that we say good-bye to them all. They have been grand ship-mates during the time they have been aboard.

SPIRIT, WHAT IS IT?

A SHIPMATES VERSION

During three years that this ship was operating on the China station, there was not a better ship in the Navy as far as spirit, fellowship and general good feeling throughout was concerned. All hands cooperated in every respect to make it a better ship in which to live and create a name that would be synonymous with all that goes to make a smart ship.

Now that we have returned to the Big Fleet, now that we have lost considerable personnel, now that we have been operating under more or less difficult circumstances, and in an environment that is strange to us after having been away from it for some time, there is a general feeling of lassitude and slacking up in many directions.

Not long ago a man was heard to make the statement that "We can't stand all the watches and still have time for spirit." It appears that he forgets that his gang is not the only one that stand a lot of watches due to shortage in personnel. Other ships have the same things to contend with and it is just that we have been used to a gravy train for so long that when

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ALL NAVY BOXING SHOW

Benefit Show, San Francisco

Last year a benefit All-Navy boxing show held in San Francisco met with such success and popularity that the Commandant Twelfth Naval District has requested the CinC, U.S. Fleet to repeat. The proceeds will be turned over to the Navy Relief Society—so what worthier cause could one find?

The show will take place in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, on the evening of 14 December. The Commander Battle Force has been designated to handle the necessary arrangements in connection with this show. In order to obtain the necessary voluntary participants, each ship having capable volunteers will submit a list prior our sailing from Panama. Of course only the best talent will be put on exhibition and to win that honor will be a feather in any man's cap. We have material on board that can be worked up into something fine and it is desired these men step forward and volunteer their services. You'll never discover your abilities hiding below decks. If you are not in condition put your name in anyway. You have almost two months for training and it would do our souls good to see the HOUSTON entry topping the list. Step into the Exec's Office and sign up. Don't be bashful.

Further information and details of the boxing show will be issued at an early date by the Commander Battle Force, and when they are, it will be passed along to all hands.

California here we come!