



**HOUSTON MAKES GUNNERY RECORD**

In the Broadside Battle Practice fired 21 October, the Houston made the highest score of any Cruiser firing the practice. No other cruiser came anywhere near making a comparable score.

In the Long Range Battle Practice fired the same day the Houston made a score that is far above the average of the scores of the other cruisers.

Good going gang. Remember the Fourth Anti-Aircraft Baker and the Second Advance Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun practices that are to be fired this coming week. Let's show this navy that the Houston gang is a bunch of shooting fools!

**THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Because of operations at sea and the absence on extended liberty of so many committee members the Navigator has not had an opportunity to convene another meeting this week. So the information promised last week on the work of the committees will have to be held over for a later issue of the Blue Bonnet.

However, the committees are working on the details of the party. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Campbell are doing the preliminary shopping for the gifts and are getting in contact with needy children to be asked to the party. This is a big job and we should all appreciate the work, thought and time which these ladies are giving to the party.

We have at last located a Santa Clause. He meets every specification for the part. Who do you think it is?

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**IN MEMORIUM**

The sad news of the death of our good shipmate, G. A. Campbell, WT2c at Mare Island Hospital was received on Thanksgiving eve. The sympathy of the entire ship's company is extended to his wife and family in their hour of bereavement.

**SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION**

This is not an ordeal to be dreaded. Rather it is something to work for, an opportunity to prove our ability and smartness as an integral part of the U. S. Navy.

At this time it does not seem amiss to remind ourselves that personal appearance and neat uniforms receive sharp attention.

Under personal appearance: A high standard of personal appearance is essential to a smart ship. A high standard of personal cleanliness and neatness is necessary for the health and well being of the ship's company. Hair should be kept neatly trimmed at all times; unshaven appearances should be avoided, and unusual or peculiar styles of haircuts, beards and

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**ENSIGN LONG MARRIED**

Last Saturday Ensign Long, popular young Houston Officer, and Miss Isabel Nye, daughter of Dr. Nye of Long Beach, were married in a colorful naval wedding in Beverly Hills, Calif. After a short wedding trip the couple returned to Long Beach where they will soon be at home to their many friends.

**WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Monday morning the HOUSTON will again put to sea for another week of Gunnery. Monday will be devoted to rehearsal and practice runs. Tuesday morning it is planned to fire 4th BAAP "Baker". Tuesday night it is planned to fire the 5" Night Spotting Practice for all Cruisers. Wednesday morning will be devoted to training runs and that night we will umpire the Northampton's Night Battle Practice. Thursday forenoon will be devoted to machine gun practice runs and that evening we will fire our Night Battle Practice. Friday, on our return to Long Beach, the 2nd. Advance Machine Gun Practice will be fired. It is expected that the ship will be back in berth "G" some time during the afternoon of Friday.

**NEW ASS'T. SEC. NAVY**

As Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the President has announced the appointment of Charles Edison, son of the famous American inventor. He assumes the duties of the late Henry L. Roosevelt, and is expected to arrive in Washington about the first of Dec.

**KNOT AND SPLICE BOARD**

A recent letter from Yates, SK3c, discloses the information that the Houston knot and splice boards shall be held over for next year's exposition.

From time to time word has been received concerning these displays. They have been a great attraction in the Naval exhibit at the Texas Centennial.