



NEW ASSISTANT SEC. NAV.

At 1100, 18 January, the Honorable Charles Edison assumed the duty of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He is the son of the former Electrical Wizard Edison and was appointed late this past fall to fill the vacancy left by the late Col. Roosevelt who the Houston, in May 1935, had the honor of taking to Honolulu on an inspection tour.

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITALS

The U. S. Navy maintains 18 hospitals for the welfare of the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps. One is at Canacao, P.I., one in Guam, one in Hawaii, the other are located in the United States. There are also three Naval Dispensaries.

SAILORS UNIVERSITY

Six enlisted men of the crew of the U. S. S. Mineapolis attended classes of the University of Hawaii while their ship was being overhauled at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard last Fall.

DID YOU KNOW?

During 1936, the United States Navy maintained in commission and operated at sea a total of 318 ships. Also operated in Naval districts and Stations were 169 other small craft.

Few people know that the United States Navy endeavors to keep brothers together in the Navy if the brothers so desire.

On an average, there are three and one half pounds of salt to every one hundred pound of ocean water.

FLEET WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE OPENING OF THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

In a recent dispatch to Mayor Rossi of San Francisco and the members of the Golden Gate Fiesta Committee Admiral Hepburn expressed his regret and dissapointment that the FLEET would be unable to participate in the Golden Gate Fiesta which will be held some time this coming May in honor of the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. In declining the invitation and expressing his regret, the Commander-in-Chief went on to explain that during this period practically every unit of the FLEET would be absent from the West Coast taking part in Fleet Problem 18 which forms the focus of all training throughout the year.

In view of the fact that extensive plans for transportation, supply, navy yard work and schedules of various sorts must be made months in advance to prepare for these exercises, the Admiral stated that he didn't feel that he could recommend changing the schedule so that the leet could be properly represented.

With the memories of the last bridge Fiesta fresh in our memories this announcement comes as bad news to personnel of the Fleet. The famed hospitality of San rancisco and her pride in the Navy always make prospective visits to the metropolis of the West looked forward to with the keenest expectation by every sea going sailor.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

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HOUSTON TO BE INSPECTED

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 28-30 January, the HOUSTON will be inspected by the Board of Inspection and Survey. This will be the first time she has been inspected by this board since the inspection she had upon returning from the Asiatic Station in the winter of 1933. The Pacific Section of this board, whose headquarters are in Long Beach, is composed of the following members: Captain M. S. Davis, Captain E. Friedrick, Captain N. H. Wright, Comdr. O. L. Wolford, Lieutenant Commander K. J. Christoph, Lieutenant-Comdr. N. S. Ives, Captain L. S. Border (CC) and Lt-Comdr. W. W. Hastings (CC).

It is the duty of this board to inspect and examine all naval vessels upon their return from foreign stations and all vessels in the United States as often as once every three years and to report upon the condition
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HOUSTON TO GO TO CRUDIV FOUR

On the first of February the HOUSTON will be transferred to Cru. Division Four. The transfer from divison five to four is brought about by a new assnignment of the heavy cruisers into four-ship divisions instead of the five three-ship divisions. The new arrangement is as follows:

- CRUISER DIVISION FOUR**
(ear Admiral Brinser)
- CA26 Northampton (F)
- CA24 Pensacola
- CA25 Salt Lake City
- CA30 Houston
- CRUISER DIVISION FIVE**
(Rear Admiral E. B. Fenner)

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