



NEW OFFICERS REPORT

The Rambler Ship welcomes the addition of four new officers.

Ensigns D. V. Wengrovius, J. P. M. Johnston, and S. Shick, Jr. reported aboard for duty from the U.S. Naval Academy prior to sailing time for Astoria and were assigned to the Third, First, and "B" Divisions respectively. They are members of the recent graduating class of 1937, and duty aboard the HOUSTON will give them their first taste of the service as commissioned officers.

Lieutenant Ernest Blake reported aboard Sunday 27 June and was assigned as Radio Officer. He recently completed duty at the U.S. Naval Academy where he completed a post graduate course in Naval Communications.

All hands welcome the addition of these officers and wish them many happy cruises aboard our good ship.

HOUSTON PLANKOWNERS

As time marches on our list of plankowners continues to dwindle. At present we have ten genuine bona fide plankowners who reported aboard on the date of commissioning, 17 June 1930, at Newport News, Virginia. The survivors are: John Allan, MM2c; Charles T. Campbell, Cox'n; Isaac V. Campbell, EM1c; Russel J. Dembach, CEM(AA); Harold Hickling, FC1c; Stefan Sivak, Jr., SK2c; Edward R. Snowden, EM1c; Stephen D. Standafer, Sealc.

In addition to the above is Clifford McCormick, Cox'n, who has been aboard since commissioning except for a tour of shore duty that he enjoyed at the Thirteenth Naval District.

DIVISION BASEBALL

A series of round robin baseball games is being planned for our stay in the navy yard.

With three months of navy yard overhaul facing the Houston the rivalry resulting from interdivisional competition in baseball will keep the spirits of all hands from falling to a low ebb and it perhaps will bring out hidden talent. Who knows?

There will be six teams, organized according to the following plan: No. 1 consisting of the 1st, 2d, and "R" Divisions; No. 2 of the 3d, 4th, and "H" Divisions; No. 3 of the 5th and "F" Divisions; No. 4 of the "C" and "S" Divisions; No. 5 of the "B" and "E" Divisions; and No. 6 of the "A", "M" and "N" Divisions. This apportionment the divisions so that each team will have equal man power from which to select.

Dates of playoffs will be announced following arrival at Vallejo and team representatives will be called for a conference.

A suitable prize will be offered, so all hands, let's turn out and get the baseball bug. If you don't play, go out and root for your team. Anything may happen.

GIRL BAND GREETING

In addition to the hundreds of Astoria's smiling citizens and uniformed veterans who were on the dock to greet us as we tied up for a six day celebration, the Seaside Girl's Band was there in spic and span uniforms to salute the big cruiser with a lively concert. This twenty-seven piece or-

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THE CITY OF ASTORIA

The friendly little city of Astoria lies in a picturesque setting of green on the north slope of a ridge which lies parallel to the beautiful Columbia River's broad approach to the sea. The distance from the actual mouth is twelve miles.

To the east of the town is Coxcomb Hill, a high point commanding a splendid view of the entire region. On this hill stands the Columbia Gateway's outstanding landmark: the famous Astoria Column. From a distance many mistake this tall shaft for either an immense Indian totem pole or a lighthouse. In many ways this unique memorial to the discoverers and pioneers of the Oregon Country does resemble a lighthouse, although it has no light. At Easter time a huge lighted cross is placed on its top and can be seen for miles around.

Inside the column is a spiral staircase leading to a sightseeing balcony at the top. From this vantage point the visitor is treated to a breathtaking vista of rivers winding through fertile valleys of park-like green; pine clad mountain slopes; the houses of Astoria clinging to the steep sides of the ridge as though for protection; and the beautiful nature picture presented by the confluence of the small Young's and Lewis and Clark's Rivers with the wide sweep of the Columbia. This view is next best to seeing Astoria and its surrounding country from the air—put it on your must see list.

At a downtown intersection of one of the steep streets that run straight up the hills back of the town there are white lines showing the outlines of

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