



Houston Versus Moose Baseball Nine In Vallejo Today

AT 1400 TODAY the ship's baseball team will meet the Moose. Whether the Moose will succumb to a barrage of hits from the Houstonites, or tramp down our lads in inglorious defeat will largely depend on your support out there. And that means the attendance of

all hands who can possibly get away.

Prize Money For Anti-Aircraft Practice

The Navy Department has just released information of awards made to anti-aircraft fire control parties as a result of exceptionally creditable attainment in five inch battle practices for the gunnery year 1936. This means an unexpected four dollars prize money to twenty-one lucky men on the Houston. The coveted "E" was awarded to the New Orleans, Augusta, and Astoria. The New Orleans in addition "copped off" the Daughters of American Revolution Anti-Aircraft Trophy.

A suitable notation will be made on the fitness reports of officers concerned.

To those members of the gun crew, the **Blue Bonnet**, on behalf of the ship's company extends hearty congratulations, on the efficient manner and excellent team work, which always brings results. We know that this team work will continue through 1937 and that many more will receive prize money this year.

Congratulations U.S.S. Houston

Following despatch received from ComCruDiv 4 to Houston: "0022 Congratulate you on anti-aircraft battery winning their class prize 1238." Good work!

The hunting of the moose will take place on their own territory. Let's all get out there Saturday afternoon and give out as many moose calls as possible. Birch bark horns will be furnished.

In order that you may get in on the hunt and be at the right field head out on Georgia Street until the main highway to Sacramento is intersected at right angles. Now turn left and continue towards Sacramento for a distance of one mile—total distance being about two and one half miles. On the right side one will find a grove of eucalyptus trees, and the hunting field which will be well marked.

Coach "Buck" Weaver will guide the following hunters to the affray:

Brown, Sea1c	"F" Div.
Adams, Sea1c	1st Div.
Maze, Sea1c	2d Div.
Hattermer, Sea1c	2d Div.
Wicker, Sea1c	3d Div.
Mehlhorn, Sea2c	"F" Div.
Waterman, F3c	"F" Div.
Wisher, Sea2c	"F" Div.
Wright, MAtt2c	"S" Div.
Slough, SK3c	"S" Div.
Chmura, Sea2c	4th Div.
Myers, Sea1c	4th Div.
Sheffield, Sea1c	4th Div.

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Transportation Of Dependents

The first steamship that crossed the No. 22-37 limits authorization of transportation in transports to over-seas stations for the dependents of enlisted personnel below the rating of petty officer first class.

The reason for this is two-fold. The demand for space on naval transports and the difficulty encountered by enlisted personnel in obtaining living accommodations which are suitable and within their means. At such stations living expenses in general are very high.

"Furthermore, the Bureau understands that in many instances, enlisted personnel below the rating of petty officer first class have borrowed money from the Navy Relief Society and the American Red Cross with which to defray subsistence charges for their dependents on transports, or to purchase commercial transportation for them to over-seas stations. Since living expenses are so high at over-seas stations, these loans can be repaid only by extreme sacrifice.

"Since enlisted personnel who borrow money for this purpose must either undergo these sacrifices or default on the loans, the Bureau does not look with favor upon the practice of borrowing money from relief organizations to provide transportation to over-seas stations for dependents of personnel not legally entitled to such transportation at Government expense."

The Chinese used fingerprints as a signature on contracts more than 1400 years ago.