



## The Athletic Candidate

The sailor with the bulging muscles and a little experience in some sort of competitive sport finds himself often pulled this way and that between the desire to become a member of an athletic squad and a desire to please his division P.O. or officer by remaining loyally on his job until the finish of working hours.

The athletic officer first pounces upon the man on hearing about his ability, gives him a fight talk, and tells him it's all for the glory of the ship—be out there every day when the squad works out. Then his division P.O. (not always the case) stabs his hopes by telling him there is work to be done and implies that it would be much better for the man to remain at his job away from any team. Frequently, a man feels that his chances for advancement in rating are materially lessened if he becomes a candidate.

How wrong should be these last views. True, a ship should not have every Tom, Dick and Harry out there on the field. Neither should the hours of practice be unreasonable coincident with ship's work. But the best men aboard ship in the particular sport should be out, and it should be felt that the man is doing the ship the most good by his representation. Work can normally be arranged so that his practice will not work a hardship on others.

Navy athletic teams have improved so much during the last few years that a great deal of

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## Houston Grappler Enters A.A.U. Wrestling Team

Edward Chick, 118 pound Houston wrestler, who is now with the Aviation Unit at North Island, has entered the A.A.U. Wrestling Tournament to be held at San Diego, at the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. on August 27 and 28.

With the showing that Chick made in fleet wrestling competition last year, it is expected that he will go a long way.

The U.S.S. Houston wishes him the best of luck and may he bring home the bacon.

## I Wanna Go Home

I WANT to go back to Paw and Maw  
And the little old farm in Arkansas;  
I'm tired of ships and the raging main  
Please take me back to my home again.

BACK where the floors stay under your feet,  
Where your grub stays down and the coffee's  
sweet;

Back where a boom means "Stand by your still,  
A danged revenooer's comin' over the hill."

WHERE a swab is a mop and a bucket's a pail  
Where a line is a rope and brig is a jail;  
Where a galley's a kitchen and a bulkhead's a  
wall,  
Where a floor's not a deck and a storm's not  
a squall.

WHERE the razorback hawks root up the  
trees,  
And the odor of moonshine wafts in the  
breeze;  
Where the women folk handle the mess  
cooking job  
And nary a soul ever heard of a gob.

## Suisun Next In Baseball

For all you men who were not present last Sunday when the baseball team lost a close one to the Benicia team we can only say you missed a corking good game and a thriller. We lost the game by a score of 5 to 4. Three of the runs came in after a bad decision by the base umpire which gave the home towners their total of 5 runs in the 5th inning. During the other eight innings, Dingle, our find as a pitcher held the Benicia team scoreless.

There will be another day of reckoning though when our team meets them again a week from Sunday at the same field.

Benicia (named after the wife of General Vallejo) turned out quite a sizable crowd.

At 1400 Sunday 22 August the team plays Suisun in that city. As this small city lies about 10 miles towards Sacramento it shouldn't be difficult for you to get out there and root for the team. It's beginning to show promise of going places.

## First Line Of Defense

President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "From the very beginning of our national life, the navy has always been, and justly deserves to be an object of special pride to the American people. I am glad to say both Congress and the country understand what we are doing in building up the navy and about its use. The navy is not only the first line of defense, but it is the most important line of defense."