



**THE OLD NAVY AND  
THE NEW**

The Navy's very different now, from what it used to be. Thus do the old salts all complain, to boots like you and me; but we can't help but wonder, as we hear them fan the breeze, if they've not sort of overlooked a few facts like these: The firerooms were no hotter in the good old days of yore; there were just as many hours in a sleepy 'twelve-to-four'; there was turn to just as often, and we also understand that the decks were treated then as now with holystone and sand; they stood the same inspections in the days that used to be, and they stood the same watches when the ship went out to sea. Yes, they drank the same old coffee, and they wore the same reg. blues—and they used the same excuses when caught wearing non-reg. shoes. They had just as many scoffers in the days of long ago, and they showed the same capacity our modern scoffers show. They had the same old mess cooks—and they were just as slow. They growled—but they shipped over, in the days of long ago. They didn't have the practices; they had no engineering score; they had no communication competition, and no motors to make the boats run—the only motor in their boat was the man behind the gun. Ah, well—the Navy's very different now (as all the old salts state), so boots like you and me accept the stories they relate. **BUT WE CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER**, as they talk the time away, if the old salts **USED TO TELL THE TALES THAT THE OLD SALTS TELL TODAY.**

**SENIOR LIFE SAVER**

Notification of award of a Senior Life Saving membership in the American National Red Cross has just been received by the Commanding Officer in the case of Richard M. Ellwood, F1c, U.S. Navy.

Ellwood completed the strenuous tests successfully at the Vallejo, "Y" during our recent overhaul period at Mare Island. A membership card, emblematic of his qualifications as a Senior Member of the Life Saving Service has been presented him.

**BATROBE**

Says Senor Deek, "My batrobe reek,  
I send her to de laundry;  
She's not so hot, she full of spot  
Just lak I work in foundry,  
Wen she is clean, she look dam keen  
An' fill me wit emotion,  
I tell you wat, she's best batrobe  
On the whole Passeefeek Ocean."

In wan more week dis robe of Deek  
Report back to her station,  
She look just lak a gunny sack  
Wit high school adjucation  
Deek's face get rad for he get mad  
Wen he look at dis batrobe  
He say, "By Gar, she's shronk so far  
She no would fit a microbe."

But Deek's a lad wat can't stay mad,  
He say, "She's now a wescut;  
I'll wear her at de time of day  
Wen I eat tea and biscut,  
She don' quite fit, but I tink it  
Is still a dam good notion;  
I tell you wat, she's bes' wescut  
On whole Passeefeek Ocean."

**DISCIPLINE SECTION—BUREAU  
OF NAVIGATION**

The Discipline Section handles all matters pertaining to the discipline of enlisted personnel. This includes discharges prior to the expiration of enlistments where disciplinary action is involved, and also disciplinary measures pertaining to members of the Fleet Naval Reserve and men on the retired list, wherever the Bureau's action is required.

This section by correspondence with civil authorities, Federal agencies and others, endeavors to keep the Bureau's records complete regarding civil offenses committed by enlisted and former enlisted men.

All general court-martial trials of enlisted men, all summary courts-martial involving bad conduct discharge and summary courts-martial and deck courts involving reduction in rating, as well as other cases of an exceptional nature referred to the Bureau by the Judge Advocate General, are reviewed in this section, insofar as the disciplinary features of the sentence are concerned. In reviewing a court, a brief of the man's entire naval history is prepared. This includes correspondence of favorable or unfavorable nature (debt and non-support) as well as entries in the service record. A report on the man's home conditions is obtained and included whenever it appears to be warranted. This brief gives the best available picture of the man's character, as judged by past performance, and is the basis for the Bureau's recommendation regarding the sentence. Each case is dealt with on its merits. The Bureau considers the men-

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