



WRESTLING TEAM LOOKS GOOD

Last week the boxers received some well deserved publicity for the showing they have been making in amateur meets in Southern California. Scene of their fistic endeavors while they are training for their bouts is the starboard side of No. 2 messing compartment. Nothing was said concerning the other side of this sea going gymnasium.

Every night while the ship is at sea onlookers have seen a mat spread out on the port side, and on it locked in various muscular grips, sweating, heaving men are trying to pin each other down. This is the wrestling squad. From the big turnout and the enthusiasm being shown the ship should be well represented in this compartment during the coming competitions. When our meets with the rest of CruDiv 4 (plus the Vestal) start in the latter part of November all hands will see a wrestling team which they can be justly proud of.

As it is necessary that watches be frequently rearranged so that all members of the squad get in their workout at the scheduled time other men standing these watches for them at such times deserve special credit too. It is only through their help that a successful team can be built.

The following roster of the squad shows that every weight will have a veteran:

Chick	118
Bryant, Drover	126
Keimel, Harvey, Livingston	135
Davis, Arthur, Adkins, Owens	145
Buttler	155
Fordemwalt	165
Miller	175
Henry, Vassar	Heavy

NAUTICAL NOVELTY

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THE CHINESE NAVY

Believe it or not—it is less difficult to enlist in the U. S. Navy than it is to enlist in the Chinese Navy.

The Chinese Navy is manned mainly by natives of Fukien Province. This province is on the rugged southern coast and is peopled largely by seafaring persons who skillfully navigate their clumsy appearing junks through all kinds of weather.

The ships of the Navy are small, and range from slow, ancient vessels to swift new ones. China has her own building program and is continually launching some type of Naval vessel. Her Navy is maintained for the purpose of suppressing pirates and smugglers; and quelling disorders among her own people. All the ships are coal burners, and it is quite a common sight to see several deck hands busily engaged in placing leggings on the main mast on getting underway. These "leggings" are a canvas cover, laced onto the mainmast to protect the paintwork from flying burning cinders and soot.

The uniform of the enlisted men is of a lightweight denim, and of various shades of blue; all according to the number of times it has been washed. It is built along the accepted "sailor" style of clothes. The trousers are invariably too short, and usually reach to about three inches above the ankle. The flat hats are always at least four sizes too small for the wearer. The sailors are very

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MORE "E's" IN THE FUTURE

Turret III and Guns No. 2 and 3 got their "E's" as all know and as all expected. The "E's" will remain with them until the firing of next year when hash marks are to be added. The "E's" do improve the ship's appearance. It is said that a man expresses his personality in the color of his socks and necktie. The HOUSTON is now showing its personality with three "E's" on her sides. Not only are they "E's" but they are "E's" of distinction. Turret III is the number one turret of the cruisers and the five inch battery stands second in the cruisers.

The short range practice as a whole on the HOUSTON stands out in that there were no casualties in either the main or secondary battery during the whole of the firing and no buzzers were missed by any gun or turret. With such a start it will be easy to go through the gunnery season with hits, high scores, and no casualties.

YOUR BOXING SQUAD

Having been to sea for a week for gunnery there was not much opportunity to arrange bouts for the lads ashore. One of our lads, however, Christiansen, fought a boy named Timmy Hill last Friday nite, 3 Oct., to win. The entire go Chriss fairly left-handed his opponent out of the ring. He might have had a KO in his record in place of a decision, if he'd used that right hand, which he has and a good one.

This week Holton meets Wayne Penn, who has won his last five or

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