



# THE ISLAND X-QUIRE



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## Promotions For 12 Men Announced

The promotion of twelve men of the Unit was announced by the Personnel Office Friday. Ten of the promotions were to the rank of seaman first class, all of them to take effect 16 February, 1945.

Those now writing S1c after their names are: J.J. Eaton, S.D. Eppinga, M. W. Eversaul, W. B. Fredin, E.H. Grim, A.E. Hay, M.N. Jacoby, G.D. Robinson, Edward Yapchian, J.C. Zilinsky.

William Kay was advanced to MM1c, and W.C. Fisher received an advancement to MoMM 2c.

## Censorship Office Established For CB's

CBMU 540 now has its own censorship and all CB mail is now censored in the unit, it was announced by the Personnel Office this week. This is part of a general base reorganization, and is not limited to this unit.

This censorship started Thursday, 15 February. The CB Censorship Office is now located in the Crane Building in what was formerly the office of Lt. C.C. Cullum. Lt. Cullum, recently given the additional duties of General Construction Superintendent of all construction and maintenance work, has moved his office to the Carpenter Shop back of Chief Carp. G.J. Myers' office.

And then there was the sailor who caught his gal out in a canoe with a Marine. He paddled her back.

## Rear Admiral Manning To Inspect Seabees Here Today

### New Leave Policy Is Announced This Week

All personnel going on emergency leave from ships or stations outside the continental limits of the United States will be transferred and directed to report, at own expense not subject to reimbursement, to the receiving station nearest to leave address for assignment, according to a circular letter from the Navy Department received here this week.

The circular letter discussed leave procedure in general, outlining the number of days to be granted under various circumstances. One of these stated that all personnel stationed outside the United States continuously for more than one year will receive 30 days rehabilitation leave upon their return to the U. S. When out of the States for less than a year, two and one-half days per month are allotted.

### Water Supply Low, Rationing Necessary

"The water supply," says J. M. Ricot, SF3c, the man who reads the meters, "is the lowest I have ever seen it."

Unless the consumption of water decreases in the next few days, it is very probable that water hours will once again be resumed, reveals Ricot. All companies of CBMU 540 are advised to cut down on the consumption of water.

Over a length of time Co. D has used the least amount of water. The other three companies alternate in the use of the most water per day.

### Directed Seabees In Normandy Invasion

Rear Admiral J. J. Manning, CEC, USN, Director of the Atlantic Division of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, arrived here this week to conduct an inspection of the Unit and the Base Public Works.

He will review the work program and plans for the base and personnel needs. This afternoon at 1330 Rear Admiral Manning will inspect the Unit and will speak on Seabee activities.

Rear Admiral Manning recently returned from a tour of duty in the European theatre where he directed the role of the Seabees in the Normandy invasion.

## Latest Graham Story Ready For Sale

R. A. Graham, SF3c, of Co. D has just finished another article and is awaiting its sale by the literary agent who will handle the transaction for him. This latest piece of work is a short story entitled, "He Called For His Brother," featuring the love angle along with GI lingo.

"Knife Weilder," a short story about a Navy prizefight, which Graham completed in November is now in the hands of the literary agent also. Last month he completed a symposium dealing with the role of the church in the post war world. This he submitted last month and publication of it is expected in the near future.

Before the war, Graham wrote

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## Editorial---

### What's Wrong With Us?

As each sports season comes around, CBMU 540 enthusiastically begins workouts for the playing season. The men usually attend the opening practices in large numbers. Then something happens. From the middle of the playing schedule on, the Seabees are represented in every game by only the exact amount needed to comprise a team or just a few more.

Considering the amount of men to draw from, this is a puzzling situation. The Seabee athletic teams, with a few exceptions, are well-equipped. The interest of the majority of the men just isn't there. Vastly different from most of the other activities on the base which have large numbers of aspirants for the teams and some rabid fans.

The result is well known. The Seabee athletic teams have been none too successful. This is no reflection on the men who play and have played on those teams. To the critics of their ability we offer the reminder that these players are playing and will play as long as they are the best of the candidates for the athletic teams.

Perhaps it might be the opinion of some that sports have no place here, or anywhere in the service. Many high-ranking military officials apparently think differently as evidenced by the powerful service teams wherever the United States men are stationed. They believe sports are of a definite value to the men in the service.

We need more of that "team spirit." We need more supporters and fewer critics at our sporting ev-

ents. Perhaps we need someone with authority placed in charge of our competitive sports, if in name, only.

The Seabees potentially can hold their own in all sports. It depends on the material the coaches have to work with. The material, we believe, is at hand, but just hasn't put in an appearance. All that is needed now is some of that stuff called co-operation.

## Nats Nip Bees In Close Game

In a nip-and-tuck ball game all the way, the Nats eked out a 46-44 victory over the Seabees Wednesday night in an Inter-Service League contest. Ohlin's shot from the side in the closing seconds was the clincher.

In the last 20 seconds the Bees fired seven consecutive times in their effort to knot the count, but the ball wouldn't fall through. Bill Fredin racked up 13 points to lead the scorers.

Seabees—40	FG	FT	F	T
Fredin, f	5	3	3	13
Eaton, f	3	2	1	8
Stoddard, c	4	1	0	9
Eppinga, g	2	0	0	4
Gericke, g	5	0	0	10
Totals	19	6	4	44
Nats—46	FG	FT	F	TP
Prewitt, f	3	1	5	7
Scott, f	6	0	1	12
Mathews, c	4	0	0	8
Stih, g	0	1	1	1
Leiberman, g	0	0	1	0
Keba, g	3	0	4	6
Ohlin, g	6	0	0	12
Totals	22	2	13	46

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## Chaplain's Corner

### THE CHRISTIAN STRATEGY

There never has been and never can be any other Christian strategy than this—to strike and strike hard at all wrong, whether it is within or without our lives. "Having a good conscience", said Peter. We cannot set to change the world unless we ourselves are changed.

"Be sober, be watchful," keep constantly on guard. When you lie down to sleep at night, post the guard around your life in prayer. Keep fighting for justice and freedom. Keep on fighting for the world that God wants. If you are doing that, there is nothing to fear.

The Service has caught up many men. Some were indifferent, some did not want to come, some volunteered. Some of them care very little for Christ, some would give everything they have for Him. But all of them will fight, and some of them will die. It's much better to face death with a clear conscience; it's better to suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing.

But there's more to it than just the feeling that you're fighting for what is right. You are not fighting alone. Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." And again he said, "Lo, I am with you." Peter felt that when he told his friends to live "casting all your anxiety on him, because he careth for you."

It does make a difference. Christ does care for us; and because he cares, he shares. You aren't alone in the struggle, for he is with you. With him beside you and right within you, you will never be defeated.

Hubby: If a man steals, no matter what, he'll live to regret it.

Wifey: You used to steal kisses from me before we were married.

Hubby: You heard me the first time.

Sentry: "Halt! Who goes there."  
WAVE: "You wouldn't know me—I just got here yesterday."



## Scuttlebutt Sam Says....

They say B. C. Cunningham, EM2c, of A-1 would like to see his name in the paper. The boys say he never does anything, so they cannot report on his antics. Well, here's his name anyway, B. C. Cunningham.

The boys of A-1 are still seeking an explanation for the early Sunday morning arisings of George Bell, EM1c. It's the only morning, 'tis said.

The members of A-1 wish to extend their deepest and most sincere thanks to H. H. Cooper, SF2c, for removing the camouflage from his face.

It is said that Paul Brzica, SF1c, of A-1 is looking over the ads of Kolor-Bak. Might be his fountain of youth.

A. G. "Platoon Leader" Rutherford, EM1c, of C-2 enjoys getting up at the early hour. He says, "It's a shame someone hadn't invented the idea before." Straighten him out quickly, someone.

J. E. Schenk, SF3c, is £1 poorer now since I. J. Schneider, M2c, caught him smoking.

It is reported that J. B. Espinoza, S1c, has conceded one of his heart-throbs to a tail gunner in the Army.

B-4's fancy sportswear and pajama department is J. R. Maxwell, GM2c. What class!

The boys of B-4 are proud of their "Mighty Mouse," J. A. Foley, SF3c, who while on liberty recently, it is disclosed, showed admirable traits of bravery.

That father and son act of T. B. Stoddard, MM3c, and J. S. Stivers, MM3c, has taken a new turn. Stivers was turned over on Stoddard's knee and you can guess what happened. Really!

Fred Swayze, Ptrlc, of C-1 requests a pair of ear laps so he can sleep at night. He says C-1 is as noisy as Grand Central Station.

W. K. Kincaid, WT3c, of C-1, is very disappointed because Tony Lisy, M1c, of C-4 has been selected as the most handsome man of Co. C. Kincaid says it was those extra hairs of Lisy's that beat him out.

## Seabees Have Numerous Pets On Base Here

Whenever people congregate in large groups, such as at football games, or on the streets of cities, always among the crowd are several of man's best friend, a dog. This base here is no exception.

Among the close friendships here must be listed that pair, E. E. Buxton, SF1c, and the big white dog, "Tiger." So inseparable are they that they say Chief Addison of the Plumbing Shop can always determine where his plumber, Buxton, is by spotting "Tiger." "Tiger" rides to Riddell's Bay on Saturday afternoons with the recreation party. He always goes through the payline.

Then there is the big red canine who responds to the name of "Red." His master is H. E. Anders, WT1c. "Red" and Anders have been pals for 15 months. Says Anders, "He is the most devoted dog I've ever seen." Red stands many boiler watches with Anders though recently he has been going to work with

F. O. Greenhalgh, S1c, they say, is another of those who has had his bag packed ready to go on leave for months. D. H. Rudd, SF3c, of C-3, has had his packed for months, too.

A-3 has started its own class in Dam Construction. See R. F. Roddy, CM1c, or M. R. Brown.

R. M. Mann, CM3c, of A-3 is still making that offer to cure your aches and pains. He requests your patronage at his massage parlor.

The boys are wondering if M. R. Brown, MM2c, of A-3, has worn out the skivvy shirt and socks that were given to him for a Christmas gift.

Around Co. B they hear that finally C. J. Solomon, S1c, is going to come off K. P. They can't believe it.

B-1 has some new night crooner now. As yet they can't find out who he is.

It doesn't matter how watchful and vigilant a girl is; if a fellow kisses her, its ten to one he'll do it right under her nose.

the Buoy Shop men because he gets a ride to work there. A particular fellow, "Red" will eat only meat.

"Mickey" is the dog belonging to the Electric Shop. He feels it is his duty to ride on the Shop's truck all day long and always bark at the Marines' dogs. The Electric Shop gave him away once but after a week "Mickey" returned and established his residence again.

The mascots of the No. 2 Fire Station are "Smokey" a little black wirehaired terrier, and "Nancy", a fox terrier. About two years ago when he was a pup, "Smokey" walked in the fire house one day and has lived there ever since.

"Nancy" apparently liked friendship and she moved in too. "Smokey" was the mascot of the 31st's Fire Department also. He rides all over the island on busses and even on the train. "Nancy" has been tough on the rats around the fire station.

The mascot of Galley No. 2 is a cat "Chowhound," K. J. Durham, S1c, is "Chowhound's" caretaker. He acquired him when he was a skinny kitten and has taken care of the cat ever since. "Chowhound", says Durham, "always knows when it's chow time." The cat recently celebrated its first birthday with an extra piece of meat.

## Seabee Buzzes

Question: "How do you like the new Seabee shoulder patch?"

C. Cook, SF1c- "I think it's a disgrace. It's cheap looking for one thing. It's silly looking for another."

R. N. Fisher, MM2c- "I think it could be a lot better. But why complain?"

M. Mooney, MoMM3c- "I don't think much of it, to tell you the truth about it. It causes too many black eyes."

J. J. Eaton, S1c- "They're okay if they'll stand the washing, ironing, and pressing."

Q. N. Mugas, SF2c- "It's alright I like them."



## Seabee Work . . . .

On Saturday and Sunday afternoons the standby sections mustered for the job of wrecking Warehouse No. 4. An estimated 30,000 ft. of lumber was salvaged. Part of this lumber was hauled directly to the Shop extension where it can be used.

The Marines are going to have new galley equipment installed. Chief Bach has his crew on this job. That explains why the Leathernecks are our guests in No. 2 Galley this week.

The area around the Marine Mess Hall has been treated with crank case drainings. This use of old oil has aided in overcoming the dust problem which had become annoying.

Esplin's crew finished excavating for the Booster Pump Station Thursday evening.

Chief Wortman's crew has completed the work on the Transformer House. At present they are making plans to pour the slab roof on the Trash House at Galley No. 1. The forms in the Fireproof Hose House have been removed. A very good job was done there by this crew.

Chief Biggs has temporarily turned over his Block Plant to Chief Terrill. Chief Biggs received a rush call to blast part of the hill away to make room for the Shop Extension.

Roddy's crew has completed all repairs at Riddell's Bay and has moved to the Shore Patrol in town where they will construct a property line fence.

Chief Grasley has several jobs to work on along with the Tender Pier repairs, the moving of the siren to the top of the band stand, patch-

ing lift eyes on the causeway tunnel, removing timbers from NAS Warehouse, and patching north seaplane ramp.

The new office setup at the Carpenter Shop where all construction work will be handled is a welcome move to all concerned. This will eliminate offices at Heavy Equipment and at the Concrete Plant. Along with Chief Carp. G. J. Myers' office will be the offices of Lt. C. C. Culum and Chief Carp. W. J. Harte.

## Graham

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short stories along with his reporting for a labor paper in San Francisco. He says he has done no serious writing since 1940 when he left a book unfinished to go into war work, later enlisting in the Seabees in October, 1943.

After the return to civilian life, Graham intends to make writing an avocation, with school teaching expected to be his main work.

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## Gagnon Transferred To Unit From San Juan

Palmer Richard Gagnon is a new addition to CBMU 540, arriving here last Saturday from NAS, San Juan, Puerto Rico. He is living in A-4.

Gagnon's home is in Somersworth, New Hampshire. He is 36 years old, married and is the father of one child. He entered the Navy on 22 February 1944, taking his boot training at Sampson, N.Y. In April he was moved to Puerto Rico.

Because of his work in civilian life, Gagnon requested a transfer to the Seabees. Now that he is officially a Seabee, he says, "I find this to be a very good outfit. I always wanted to get in the Seabees."

Before entering the Navy he worked eight years in the Navy yards at Portsmouth, N.H., where he was a machinists helper. Prior to that he was in construction work.

Yessir, a wooden anniversary makes a man realize what a block-head he was.

## Seabee Basketball Statistics

### FINAL SCORING — INTER-SERVICE LEAGUE TEAM

	Games	FG	FT	FTM	F	TP	Ave
Ted Stoddard . . .	15	43	18	22	21	104	6.9
Bill Fredin . . .	14	45	12	11	24	102	7.3
Stu Eppinga . . .	14	28	4	2	12	60	4.3
LaMont Gericke . .	14	26	6	4	9	58	4.1
Lou Dvorak . . .	10	22	12	13	22	56	5.6
Jack Eaton . . .	14	21	8	7	8	50	3.6
Dick Prickett . . .	14	14	11	9	13	39	2.8
Tex Childress . . .	10	7	2	1	13	16	1.6
John Oliver . . .	3	2	1	0	2	5	1.6
Team Totals . . .	15	208	74	69	124	490	32.7

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