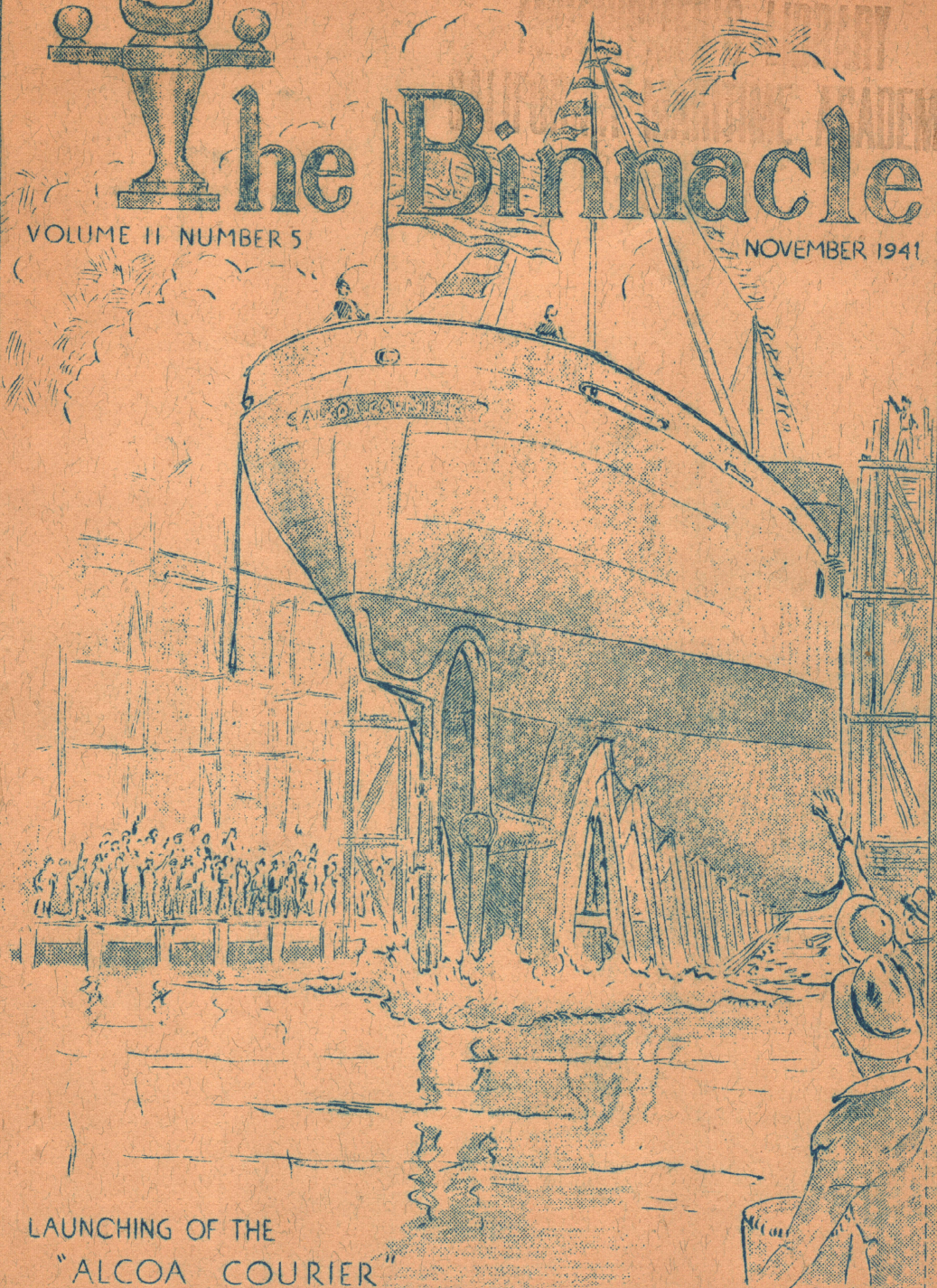


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LAUNCHING OF THE
"ALCOA COURIER"

R.L.A.

With both the European and Far Eastern wars spreading daily to new fronts, it seems that the United States will have increasing difficulties to keep from being involved in hostilities. The navy will undoubtedly play a key part if war does come; therefore, this branch of the service is of interest to everyone. Since the cadets of C.M.A. are all members of the Naval Reserve, Merchant Marine Division, the navy is now of special importance to all of them.

In the past there had been little or no official co-ordination between the United States Navy and the Merchant Marine. This situation is understandable and may be attributed to the difference of purpose between the two branches of the sea going profession. Differences which, it is hoped, are on their way to remedy at this time.

Because of the penny for penny budget that merchantmen follow in order to make money for their owners, a merchant officer must be extremely careful of expenditures. Repairs and improvements are restricted by company capital (or lack of it). On the other hand, the navy, with its vast personnel and unlimited financial resources based on the national treasury, can afford the finest materials and workmanship. This brings about a criticism and lack of understanding between the two. The chasm is widened by differences in terminology. Specific names common to any ordinary are often unheard of by a navy-taught seaman. The dissimilar method of procedure in seamanship and other branches of the profession only aid in making the schism hard to heal.

Although this situation is understandable, it can no longer be tolerated. Steps are being taken by the heads of both departments to see that a smooth co-operation may be effected. Increase in understanding and tolerance on both sides is needed rather than any actual change in methods. Co-operation is on its way. The fact that the navy is the "first line of defense" is widely appreciated by lubber and seaman alike. And who of you who read this can deny that the merchant marine is of vital importance as a naval auxiliary in time of war? I believe it was Napoleon who said, "A soldier fights on his stomach." No different is a sailor. Supply ships must keep the battle fleet stocked with, not only food, but fuel, ammunition, repairs, etc. All of which brings us to the conclusion that in order for the U.S. fighting forces to operate smoothly and effectively in any forthcoming combat, a close co-ordination between navy and merchant service must be attained.

Now C.M.A. as a school for merchant marine officers has developed (and naturally so) the attitude of the merchant service. Often remarks can be heard about navy tactics, practice, etc. which aid little in the delicate situation. Today, with wages in the merchant marine sky high with war bonus and overtime, the average cadet has little desire to take active service on his commission. He is primarily a merchant marine officer.

But now international conditions may make it necessary for the Merchant Marine Reserve to be called to colors. The merchant officer looks with no relish at the great reduction in pay without bonus or overtime and little desires a change from the lax flexibility of merchant marine practice to the rigid type and discipline of navy life. But the U.S. faces a crisis. The wholehearted co-operation of every person under the stars and stripes is absolutely necessary, if the American way is to continue. Sacrifices are being made at every hand. No-

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one can expect exemption. In our case the sacrifice may be made quite smoothly and with little personal loss. The reduction in pay in no case could compare with the drop some of the draftees have had to undergo. It seems to me that if the situation is surveyed objectively, it will be found that a merchant marine officer can come to the aid of Uncle Sam with a minimum of ruction in his life as we change from peace to war and back again.

N.B. Martin

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Cover Note: This month's cover portrays the launching of the ship Alcoa Courier at Moore's Dry Dock Co. in Oakland. This event was one of the high spots of the recent Propeller Club Convention in San Francisco..

The rumor is going around that the cruise for 1942 will be very similar to that of last year. A new port that the training ship might possibly visit will be Salina Cruz, which is in the southern extremity of Mexico. It is also contemplated that we may stop in Acapulco & little longer to afford the cadets a bus trip inland to Mexico City. This is really about the only cruise we could make, in view of the tense situation of the world. The Hawaiian Islands had been considered, but there is too much activity there to allow any accommodations being arranged for the Cal. State. Balboa, C.Z. and Callao, Peru, will most likely be hit also. In view of the circumstances this should be as good as last year.

The Editor

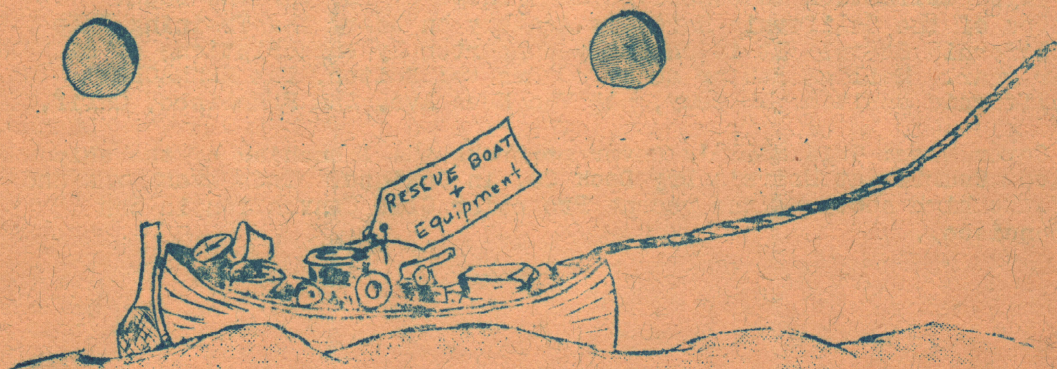
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We should like to bring to the attention of our readers again the fact that the BINNACLE is kept in circulation entirely by subscription-contributions of one dollar per year. The funds are running low and we are appealing for the help of those who are interested in seeing this small paper continue to exist. It has been our policy to stay in the clear sufficiently to prevent having to draw our funds from the cadet service fund. We would like to thank the parents of the new fourth class who have been subscribing so generously these past two months, and again voice our hopes of raising the amount which is currently available to us.

The Editor.



"BUT SIR, THERE'S NO ROOM FOR THE CREW!"



JH. Snapp
Co.

NATIONAL PROPELLER CLUB CONVENTION

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The week of 20 October to 24 provided much activity for the Cadet Corps in the form of the 15th annual Propeller Club Convention and the American Merchant Marine Conference held in San Francisco. Headquarters of the convention for some 1500 delegates from all over the country was at the Fairmont Hotel on top Nob Hill. At the hotel, in conformity with the usual custom, were displays of shipping companies and other organizations directly connected with the maritime world.

The cadets, singly and in groups, played their part in attending the various functions that took place.

To begin with, on Monday the visiting delegates from the Eastern cities were received, as their special trains arrived, by cadets who were on hand to assist in directing them to the hotel, and to dispense information which might have been asked for.

Tuesday found the entire first class, transported by the motor launch, at Moore's Dry Dock Co., there to witness the launching of the C-2 cargo vessel, "Alcoa Courier". The reception which followed, was also attended by the cadets. May we thank Mr. Joseph Moore for his kind invitation to this affair.

The event for the evening was the buffet supper in the Terrace

Room of the Fairmont Hotel. Those attending were Cadets Wilson, Zenor, Rocca, Dasso, and McCaffrey. A highlight of the supper was the aquatic show put on in the Terrace Pool adjoining the dining room; a fine bit of entertainment it was.

We might mention here that each day during the week two cadets were detailed to stand by the Academy's exhibit which had been erected Tuesday morning. On display there, were Cadet Aker's oil painting of the "Cal State"; a few trophies; the school's publications, "Hawsepape" and "Binnacle"; and some text books.

Wednesday morning brought the opening session of the Propeller Club of the United States. National President Thomas A. Scott submitted his annual report and the meeting was carried on under the direction of the presiding officer, Arthur M. Tode, Honorary President of the organization. Speakers were Rear Admiral R.R. Waesche, U.S.C.G.; Commander R.S. Field, U.S.N.; and Earl M. Thacker; the general topic was on matters relative to the functioning of the merchant marine in national defense.

The first session of the American Merchant Marine Conference, this attended by cadets of the first and third

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 classes, took place on Thursday. This meeting was presided over by Captain Howard L. Vickery, U.S.N., topical to us at this time, "Problems Facing American Shipping Following the National Emergency". Other speakers for the day were Rear Admiral A.H. Van Keuren, H. Garrish Smith, Dr. Grady, Carroll Wilson, Earl Anderson, and Mark O'Dea, all outstanding men in the shipping world of today.

Cadets Rasmussen and Hultquist accompanied women delegates on a tour of San Francisco and a luncheon at the Lakeside Country Club on this same day.

Cadets Zenor, Wilson, Petersen, Rocca, and Marton attended the banquet at the Fairmont, at which was featured Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission who, addressing the Nation over a country wide hook-up, Latin America, the Far East, and American ships at sea, spoke on the fall and rise of the American Merchant Marine, and the Commission's plans to present the new American merchant fleet to the world, comprising one third of the world's tonnage.

The second session of the Propeller Club followed on Friday. In the afternoon about twenty first classmen accompanied the delegates on a sightseeing tour of San Francisco Bay on one of the ferry boats, this bringing to a close the Convention activities.

Special commendation must be given Cadets Wilson, Zenor, and

Rocca for their management of the cadet's activities in the convention, and to all those other cadets who took part in the week's program.

The Cadet Corps wishes to extend its thanks to Mr. Tode and Mr. Edward H. Harnes, General Convention Chairman, for their kind invitation to the convention. Mr. Robert Fouke, and Mr. A.J. Owens, who were always present to help the cadets must also be remembered. To the many others who were responsible for the many courtesies extended the Cadet Corps may we voice our appreciation.

J.L. Zenor
 R.W. Dasso

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CINEMA

Don (Cecile B.) Kofoid, Fresno producer, came through with a delightful production in the form of a travelogue of the "1941" cruise.

Breaking up the monotony of "midterm evenings" was producer Kofoid's showing of his cruise movies. These were beautiful pictured in color of almost every port visited and eventful days at sea including crossing the equator. For those who are technically minded or interested to obtain these results, Don used an 8 millimeter, Eastman Kodak, Model 60 with an f-1.9 lens. The movies were of the best and all hands will be looking forward to a repeat performance next year.

A. Dougall

The sparkle of gold buttons and the swish of evening dresses mingling in the "salty" atmosphere of the Aquatic Park Ballroom sets the scene for the semi-formal hop held early in October to welcome the new 4th class of the California Maritime Academy. This affair, which comes up annually on the ship's calendar, was particularly well arranged by the various committees under Fred Nied, and a large attendance of officers and cadets with their ladies, agreed that it was most successful.

Dancing to the music of Fred Casella's twelve piece orchestra or watching the lights on the bay from the open balconies made the minutes pass very quickly. Mister Petersen in charge of refreshments on the upper deck looked very much the bartender as he served the punch. Impromptu solos by guests on the piano and drums were an addition to the program, with Berryman excelling on the drums and beaten only by Rasmussen in producing volume. Small tables often gathered chatting couples into small parties of their own, with the bowls of cigarettes emptying quickly. The (tall) tales of visiting graduates added to the fun.

The affair was unusual, in that usually the swab class remains aboard ship, although the dance is held in their honor; but this year the restriction was lifted and all hands enjoyed a very delightful evening. The U.S.C. receives the full gratitude of the cadet corps for extending them the use and privileges of their Aquatic Park on that evening.

L.M. Meairs

Small Industry:

We were talking to the laundry man the other day and he claims that it's the acid he uses to clean the shirts and not his ironing that smashes the buttons.

Finance:

A certain lanky and lethargic poker hound recently remarked that the ponies were way above the vulgar (and lean) poker pots currently anted in San Francisco. Reason: Enoch Borland, a Tan-Foran bangtail burned oats to the tune of ten to two to show. Significance: a greater oat turnover may be expected in the canteen this week.

Deception:

Imaginative genius reached a new high when a recent discovery was made concerning erstwhile "playboys". It seems they were seen smudging their handkerchiefs with lip stick to stimulate a favorable attitude among their friends.

Chicanery:

Young San Francisco school-boys pulled a major prank this Halloween when the great training ship underwent a midnight fire drill to the tune of the clamoring of the general alarm. In the cool of the night great jets of water played over the rail and barefooted cadets lined up for muster under the hideous grin of the ubiquitous Jack o' lantern. Backfire: the same boys chilled their heels on deck plates to subdue their ardor.

Observation:

We notice that "Madhouse" State is still tacked on the stern.
C.S. Severance

On October 7th, Lt. Hugh Severin, our long-awaited naval instructor reported aboard our ship for duty. For many weeks previous, our naval science courses had been quite neglected, but now with a capable officer as instructor, these courses have become interesting as well as instructive.

Lt. Severin graduated with the class of 1923 at the Naval Academy. He resigned from the Navy on August 16, 1924 and entered the securities business with the Investment Affiliate of the First National Bank of Boston. He worked himself up in the business to manager of the west coast offices of the First Boston Corp., successor to the Investment Affiliate. On June 13, 1941, he was commissioned in the Naval Reserve. On the 28th of August he was ordered to active duty as instructor in Naval Science at our academy. He spent a month at Yerba Buena Island on a "refresher" course for his teaching preparation.

Lt. Severin believes that the academy is ideal in prin-

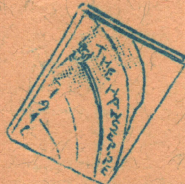
ciple and practice to produce a type of merchant officer comparable to the U.S. Navy and the successful British Merchant Marine. Later on when the government establishes a permanent training program for the American Merchant Marine, this academy should be the nucleus for such a program because it has the most intensive and comprehensive course of any similar institution in this country. The future is secure and ever promising for our graduates.

Lt. Severin expects to accompany us on this year's cruise, during which there may be opportunities for practical application of the problems of convoy and escort operations. Next year he hopes to introduce a full-fledged naval science program into all classes. He has a tremendous job on his hands, and the cadet corps is all for his endeavours.

F.A. Fillipow

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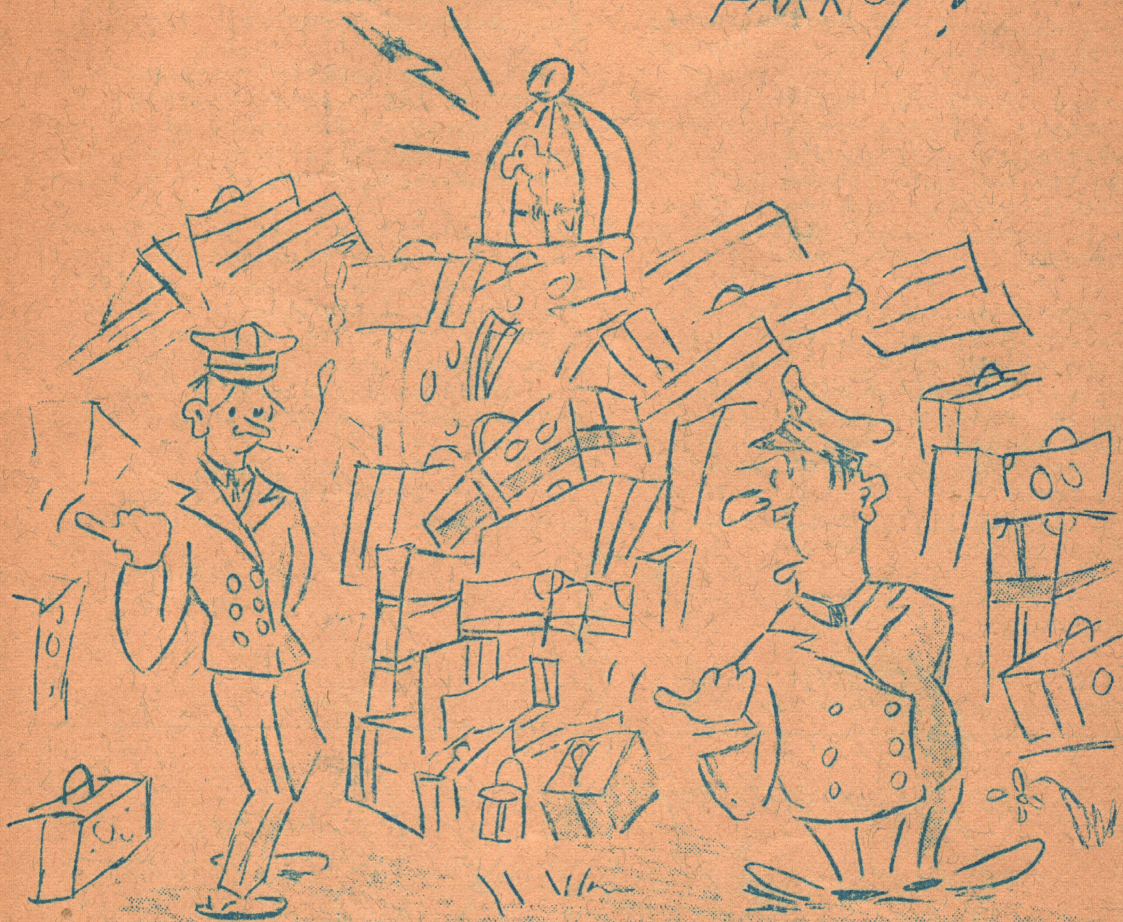


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NOW AVAILABLE TO
GRADUATES

APPLY TO CADET FRED FEUILLE

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PARROY!



SWISH H!

SEKI

The thick clouds of smoke which shrouded the after half of the "Cal" State on Friday night, 31 October, were, for a wonder, not the results of over-zealousness in the Engineering department. The "Swab Smoker" was the direct cause.

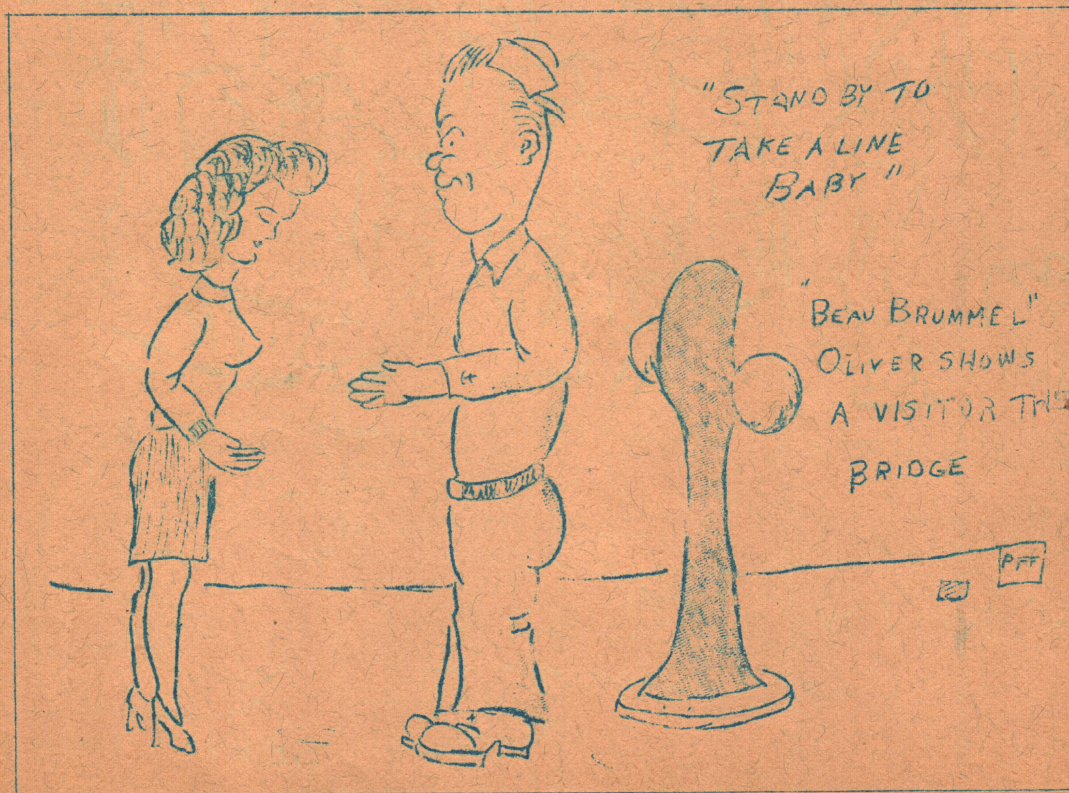
Because of a definite lack of the proper creative spirit, the affair lacked the traditional array of skits. However, the boxing, tumbling acts, and sporadic piano playing was well up to the par established in the first smoker. Moreover, there were almost enough smokes to go around.

The bouts were fast and evenly matched, and though there were no knockouts, seemed to satisfy the critical audience. In the feather weight division, G. Karl beat D. Conklin. The lightweight bout of R. Garrett

vs. D. Braly ended in a draw, as did the welterweight bout of R. Reilly and P. Franklin. A. Sinnes came out victorious over L. Harlander in the light-heavyweight division. The climax of the bouts came when L. Waller, the Hawaiian Hurricane, swamped H. Hickman with a stiff long range bombardment.

To cap the evening's entertainment, six martyrs donated their physical wellbeing to the cause and took part in a battle royal, (a blindfolded slug fest). When the wreckage was cleared away, the following casualties were identified: E. Wentworth, D. Drake, D. Beaumont, F. Doan, K. McLaughlin and R. Maul. Drake showed the most noteworthy form during his two minute session with a glove on a broom stick as his opposition.

F. Doan



SWABS OVERPOWERED IN CASABA SEASON OPENER

Opening the inter-class basketball schedule the first class squad, paced by E.T. (Lucky Shot) Horn, out-classed a scrappy swab team twenty-five to sixteen on Tuesday, October 28 in the "Y" gym. Horn was high point man in the initial contest with eight points, followed by "Swede" Stendahl and Kent Savage, who tallied six points each.

The swab five was overpowered by height advantage of the first classmen. A major factor in the victory was the ability of the towering first classmen to get the casaba off the backboard. Before tiring midway in the contest the swabs were on even terms with the first class. The stamina of the latter proved better than that of the fourth class, probably due to their having been away from that "irregular and confused life" longer.

Five fouls were made during the game, four of them being made by the upperclassmen. However, only one foul shot was good and neither the score nor the players were seriously affected by the fouls. Capable refereeing was done by "Buzz" (Quick Whistle) Geandrot and L.D. Woods.

The Line ups:

First Class (25) Fourth Class(16)

Horn (8)	F	Garett	
Rhoads (2)	F	Byrne	(4)
Stendahl (6)	C	Savage	(6)
Smith, R.L.	G	Reilley	
Young (5)	G	Brady	(4)

Swab substitutes: Wentworth and Ciclo (2).

First Class Subs; Heard (4)

F.F. Franklin

CAL STATE VISITED BY ALLIES 11

On the h'eighteenth of H'October the cadets on the Cal State were 'ighly 'onored by the visit of two of 'is Majesty's seamen. (Nymes with'eld) off 'is Majesty's ship "Orion", layed up H'at Mare Island for repairs.

They wuz treated to a delicious lunch by h'an 'ighly h'interested h'an h'inquisitive cadet corps. Though kippers, bloaters, kidney pie h'an h'appricot ham were not on the menu they wuz h'overwhelmed by Yankee 'orsepitality. The crew wuz complimented no end by the visitors, I quote "That wuz a ruddy good cup of tea, that wuz."

The 'ole bloomin' cadet corps was 'eld breathless by the tyles h'of action spun by our H'english friends. They 'ad seen service h'in Cretæand h'at Dunkerque. H'airial h'attacks wuz the biggest threat to British control of the seas h'in both h'instances. H'in spyte h'of reverses suffered from "Jerry" the morale of the British is very high and they're all determined to win.

H'another fact wot h'amazed the cadets was the youth of one of the visitors, 'e wuz only 19. The h'enlistment h'in the British Navy being from 14 to 16 years 'e 'ad a career cut out for 'im.

On returning to their ship they left a greastnnumbber of friends be'nd 'oo were sorry to see them leave, but understood our "Strynge" British cousins and their customs better than before.

D. Beaumont

IMA'S AD VICE TO THE LOVELORN

Dear Readers:

We are grateful for the outside interest taken in romantic life of the Cadet Corps of C.M.A. This last month we have received letters asking for information about certain cadets. Those we have not been able to blackmail will find themselves in this (for 50 cents you can keep the family name clean).

Dear Ima:

Why doesn't our brother bring the better half of the cadet corps home with him? We are tired of looking at droops.

Two Mistreated
Sisters of a
C.M.A. Cadet

Dear Mistreated Sisters:

What week-end do you want me to come up?

Ima

P.S. Please send pictures!

Dear Ima:

Why do all beautiful girls follow me back to the ship? Is it my chin?

E.F.O.

Dear Pushface:

It is your dark glasses; they make everything beautiful.

Buenos Noches,
Ima

Dear Ima:

I am going with a girl who went with an alumnus. Do I

have to wait 'til I graduate?

R.E.G.

Dear Swab:

It is up to you. Two years is a long time.

Ima

Dear Ima:

I am trying to better relations with Venezuela. What should I do?

C.F.S.

Dear Paunchy:

Somebody started two years ago and he's getting bigger all the time.

Ima

Dear Ima:

I am looking for a ring. Can you recommend someone?

I.C.

Dear Fish:

Unless it is a very long engagement, don't buy it from Feuille. I hear he is looking for money for boiler suits.

Ima

Again I want to thank all my friends for having such confidence in my recommendations. If you know anyone who can help me with Slopshute's troubles with Rosie, let me know.

Ima

This month marked a decided rise in the batting average of the fishing club. In the previous month, the average decreased due to many "tough breaks" which baffled our experts. Last month one trip was taken, and no fish were actually brought to gaff. Thus, the average was .0000% for that month. However, this month no trips were planned, contemplated or completed. Thus we assume 1.000 as our October average. This leaves a final average of .5000 which would be exceptional in any league. The champion N.Y. Yanks only had a final average of .265 last year. If conditions continue to be as favorable we expect another sizeable gain

in our average next month.

The members of the club are forced to regrettably announce that, due to his inactivity, the great Kingfish may be considered to be raked over the coals in the very near future. Since he has not, as yet, actually landed any large bass, any mediocre bass, any small bass, or in fact any bass at all, we are slightly inclined to doubt his veracity. He has not even landed or smelted a smelt which are very easily captured within the local vicinity. Therefore, we advise the Kingfish to rouse out or he may be dethroned.

"Wild Bill" Fennick

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BADMINTON

Hark! ye lads with staunch red blood, and muscles of brawn; the bug is here. Badminton, the sport of manly men and maidens fair, has taken the Cadet Corps (as well as the officers) by storm.

The Badminton Club of the Ferry Bldg. has very kindly invited us to use their courts at any time. So now, men, rally to the call. It has been suggested that not only a ladder, but a team, composed of the top players of the school, be started. Sounds good to me; what say?

S.E. Hargrave

ROWING

Again it rolls around to that time of the year when C.M.A.'s men of iron are out to break records and oars. This year their coach, F.R. Peterson, is concentrating on a varsity crew which will represent the school on all occasions. The varsity will consist of first and third classmen. It will be remembered that during the last cruise the varsity did well not losing a single race.

Working out every night as they are it won't be long until a good crew is in shape. The crew is looking forward to some good races during the forthcoming cruise.

A. Dougall

SCRAPPY by SEVI

STEP ALONG YOU MUGS — ALL HANDS ON
DECK — STEAM
TO TH' WINCHES
WE'RE TAKIN'
ON CARGO

