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TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES - Reduction In.

Officers ashore and afloat are making commendable efforts to assist the Bureau in reducing expenses under the various appropriations. This is especially true in connection with transportation expenses. When arranging transfers there has been more cooperation in determining the point to which men should be sent to join their vessels at the least transportation expense.

The following is quoted as an excellent example of cooperation:

"A draft of 76 men was sent from New York to San Francisco by a commercial vessel which touched at Los Angeles. Seventeen men of the draft were for assignment by Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet. Through proper cooperation these men were withdrawn from the draft at Los Angeles instead of having them proceed to the Receiving Ship at San Francisco."

This action not only saved approximately \$300.00 in transportation expenses, which it would have cost to transfer them from San Francisco to San Pedro or San Diego, but also enabled the ships to secure immediately the services of the men.

APPLICATIONS MADE THROUGH CHANNELS OUTSIDE SERVICE.

The Department is in frequent receipt of applications and recommendations from sources outside the Naval Service that individual officers be assigned to specific duties.

Appointments, details, assignments and transfers are made by the Bureau of Navigation on the basis of official records to the exclusion of other sources of information or influence. Official requests for appointments, details, transfers, and assignments are of assistance to the

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Bureau in the efficient distribution of officers, and are desired.

Requests for duty, both official and unofficial when received are made a part of the permanent record of the officer concerned on file in the Department.

NAVY REGISTER.

Answering inquiries the Bureau has received, officers will be able to purchase personal copies of the 1925 Navy Register from the Superintendent of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., At a later date, when the book is ready for issue, information as to the price will be obtained from that official and published to the service in the News Bulletin.

OLD NAVY SONGS.

The TRIDENT, a magazine published by the Midshipmen at the Naval Academy, to preserve the spirit, traditions and humor of the Navy, has requested the Information Section to give its cooperation in securing a permanent collection of choice songs of the Navy for publication, with photographs and appropriate histories of the songs accompanying.

The Information officers of all Naval Districts are particularly requested to assist in any way possible toward this end.

The following paragraph from the editor of the TRIDENT will indicate what is needed:

"Please send us the words to any old Navy song that you can hum, chant or whisper; if possible, the music, or the most likely person from whom we can obtain it, and as much of the history as you know; with references also as to good sources of information regarding the story of the song. Send fragments of songs, bits of history, anything that you think would be of the slightest value to us in this work."

RETAINER PAY.

The Commandant of a Naval District recently requested the aid of the Bureau in securing proper addresses for members of the Fleet Naval Reserve residing in his District. He reported that several letters had been returned undelivered and he was unable to get in touch with them. This

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Bureau obtained from the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts the addresses to which monthly retainer pay checks were being mailed. The following is quoted from the letter forwarding this information to the Commandant:

"If you are unable to secure the necessary reports from these men, it is suggested that recommendation be made to the Bureau that their retainer pay be withheld until such time as they comply with existing instructions in regard to keeping the proper authorities advised as to their whereabouts."

TRANSFER OF UNSATISFACTORY ENLISTED MEN.

The Commandant of a Naval District recently requested the Bureau to transfer certain enlisted men from his district, due to their unsatisfactory performance of duty.

For the information of the Service the Bureau's reply is quoted in part as follows:

"x x x The Service is not benefited by merely transferring inefficient men from one command to another and the retention of inefficient men in petty officer ratings is highly undesirable. The Commandant has full authority under the provision of the Bureau Manual (Article D4153) to reduce in rating any man who is incompetent, except a petty officer with permanent appointment, and sub-paragraph (d) of that article directs that such cases be referred to the Bureau for action.

"The Bureau will consider a recommendation for transfer of enlisted men in cases where they may have been reduced in rating, since it is considered then to be to the best interests, both of the men and the Service, to change their surroundings."

NAVAL RESERVE ACTIVITIES.

The Bureau desires that the following Act approved 11 February, 1925, be given wide publicity:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the General Accounting Office is hereby authorized and directed to pay to all supply officers, or former supply officers, of the regular Navy or United

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States Naval Reserve Force, the pay and allowances of their respective ranks for active duty performed by such officers during the period from April 6, 1917, to March 3, 1921, inclusive, prior to the approval of their bonds by the Secretary of the Navy."

The new Naval Reserve Bill, H.R. 9634, has been passed by the Senate and House of Representatives and signed by the President on 28 February, 1925. The conferees of the Senate and House of Representatives agreed on the Bill as passed by the Senate. The principal changes in the Bill as originally submitted were that men enlisting in the Navy after the passage of the Bill and who may transfer to the Fleet Naval Reserve after 20 years' naval service, will receive one-half of the pay they were receiving at the time of transfer instead of one-third. The other change makes the Bill effective 1 July 1925 instead of on the date of its approval by the President.

MOTION PICTURES.

The Bureau's Navy Motion Picture Service has developed into the largest motion picture distributing organization in the world. Naval activities, - both at sea and on shore, - in all parts of the world, depend largely upon Navy Film Service for the entertainment and amusement of their enlisted personnel.

The Bureau purchases through its contracts with the leading producers the best reviewed feature pictures released each month and acted by well known stars.

With regard to the selection of motion pictures, the Bureau will always be pleased to consider the recommendation of unit commanders for the purchase of any picture desired. Attention is called to General Order No. 140 recently issued, which makes it possible for every ship and station to acquire a motion picture projection machine, if desired.

The following named feature motion pictures have recently been purchased and will soon be distributed. Among them will be noted, Douglas Fairbanks' latest picture, "THE THIEF OF BAGDAD", purchased by special arrangement with "UNITED ARTISTS."

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<u>TITLE.</u>	<u>STAR.</u>
The Thief of Bagdad America	Douglas Fairbanks Barrymore-Dempster
Isn't Life Wonderful	Carol Dempster
The Great Divide	Terry-Tearle
Chu Chin Chow	Betty Blythe
Recreation of Brian Kent	Chadwick-Harlan
The Chorus Lady	Margaret Livingston
The Lost World	Stone-Love
Sackcloth and Scarlet	Alice Terry
Cheaper to Marry	Stone-Duval
Romola	Lillian Gish
The Last Laugh	Emil Jannings
I Want My Man	Sills-Kenyon
The Salvation Hunters	Hale-Arthur
New Toys	Richard Barthelmess.
One Year to Live	Dorothy Mackaill
Playing with Souls	Mary Astor
Sally	Colleen Moore.
The Dancers	George O'Brien
Enticements	Mary Astor
New Lives for Old	Betty Compson
The Air Mail	Dove-Fairbanks, Jr.
Men and Women	Richard Dix
Dressmaker from Paris	Leatrice Joy
The Goose Hangs High	Constance Bennett
Too many Kisees	Dix-Howard
Charley's Aunt	Sidney Chaplain
A Woman's Secret	Mae Marsh
The Hill Billy	Jack Pickford
The Man Without a Country	Starke-Hearn

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SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO PERU.

During the recent cruise of the U.S.S. UTAH, carrying the Special Diplomatic Mission to Peru, the conduct of the crew, both ashore and afloat, was exemplary. Of a total enlisted complement of 1166, 941 were commended by the Commanding Officer for exemplary conduct. There was but one desertion and one case of straggling, both of which occurred at Havana. There were no absentees from the first liberty after the return to a United States Port.

It is gratifying to record instances of this nature where men of the Navy carry on important duty in foreign waters in such manner as to reflect credit on the ship, the Navy, and the United States. It is also gratifying to the Bureau to be able to state that this is usual.

AVIATION PILOTS.

All but 32 qualified Naval Aviation Pilots have been transferred to the rating of Aviation Pilot in accordance with Bureau Circular Letter 18-24. Of this number 18 are on the Bureau's eligibility lists for chief petty officer ratings.

As it is most desirable that all men be rated in accordance with their qualifications, it has been decided to waive the requirement of holding a chief petty officer rating in the case of the 18 men mentioned, and, if otherwise fully qualified, their ratings will be changed to Aviation Pilot.

When this has been accomplished, the situation at any time with regard to qualified enlisted fliers will be apparent from the number of men in service of the rating of Aviation Pilot.

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ENLISTMENT ALLOWANCE - Waiving Of.

The question was recently presented to the Bureau as to whether there was any way in which men might waive the payment of enlistment allowance and thereby be considered eligible for transfer to the Fleet Naval Reserve within the two years now required to be served in accordance with the Bureau's Circular Letters 77-23, 84-24, and 104-24.

The following is quoted from the Bureau's reply:

"The provisions of the Circular Letters referenced have been incorporated in the revision of the Bureau of Navigation Manual, approved by the Secretary of the Navy, (the article is then quoted.)

"The Bureau does not desire to make exceptions to this article contingent upon waiving any enlistment allowance that may be payable."

NAVAL ACADEMY PREPARATORY CLASSES - Text Books.

In connection with the recent Bureau of Navigation Letter concerning the selection of candidates for the Naval Academy Preparatory Classes, candidates should be informed that individual copies of most of the text books needed for review are supplied in connection with the Bureau's regular educational courses. Candidates needing text books for review in Algebra, Geometry, Physics or American History should inform the ship's educational officer, who may secure them directly from the Bureau of Navigation, or from the Educational Office, Headquarters, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego.

CHANGES IN BUREAU OF NAVIGATION MANUAL:

In recent news bulletins (Nos. 56 and 57) reference has been made to certain changes in the Bureau Manual by the revision that has been approved by the Secretary of the Navy and is now in the hands of the printer. In this and subsequent bulletins certain important changes affecting enlisted personnel will be outlined. These references should be kept on file so that upon receipt of the Manual in its revised form attention may be directed to particular features.

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PART D

Chapter 1.

(a) First enlistments authorized only at recruiting stations and Naval Training Stations.

(b) Receiving Ships may not make first enlistments.

(c) Recruiting instructions issued from time to time will set forth term of enlistment, ratings to be taken and age limits.

(d) To maintain continuous service requires reenlistment within three months.

(e) Reenlistments may be for four or six years only, at option of man concerned.

(f) Reenlistments under continuous service of men with permanent appointments to be made in rating held at discharge.

(g) Reenlistments under continuous service with acting appointment to be made in next lower rating and man immediately issued acting appointment in rating held at discharge. (See Bu. Nav. Circular Letter 7-25).

(h) After three months from discharge men may be reenlisted only at places authorized to make first enlistments.

(i) Instructions in regard to payment of enlistment allowance and method of computing "time served" revised and made to agree with latest decisions.

(j) Extensions for one year may only be made for (1) completing necessary time for transfer to F. N. R., (2) to enter trade schools, or (3) for foreign duty when attached to a vessel ordered to a foreign station.

(k) Inviting attention to fact that extension agreements must be entered into prior to date enlistment has in fact expired.

(l) Instructions regarding enlistment allowances on extensions brought to agree with latest decisions.

(m) No man to be transferred to F.N.R. until he has served two years on the enlistment (or two year extension of enlistment) in which serving at time of transfer, except those whose transfer is mandatory by operation of law.

NAVAL RESERVE ACTIVITIES.

As a result of the passage of the Naval Reserve Act, which takes effect 1 July, 1925, a Board has been convened in the Navy Department to revise the regulations governing the Naval Reserve. The members of this Board are: Captain Z. E. Briggs, Captain Charles F. Macklin, USNRF., Commander J.M. Smeallie, Commander J.A. Schofield, USNRF., Lt. Comdr. H.H. Frost, Lt. Comdr. V. L. Kirkman, Lt. Comdr. J.H. Falge, Lt. W. M. Dillon, Lt. W. A. Barnes (SC) and Mr. L.C. McNemar.

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The Naval Reserve Bill transfers all members of the Naval Reserve Force to the Naval Reserve on 1 July, 1925, and authorizes the appointment therein of officers who apply within three months after 1 July, 1925, and who are physically qualified, in the confirmed ranks held by them in the Naval Reserve Force. Officers so appointed will be commissioned or warranted during the pleasure of the President.

The Bureau has directed Commandants of all Naval Districts to have all Class 6 officers who hold provisional ranks examined physically as soon as possible. A Board of three officers of the Regular Navy has been convened in the Bureau for the purpose of confirming on their records those officers of Class 6 who are found physically qualified and who have completed at least three months' active duty. Those who have not had three months' active duty required by law for confirmation will, if physically qualified, be found qualified for their provisional ranks and will be enabled to continue in such ranks until the expiration of their current enrollments.

The Bureau is preparing an application blank to be printed and distributed prior to 1 July, 1925, to the Commandants of all districts. This blank is to be used by Naval Reserve officers in submitting their applications for appointment during the pleasure of the President in the new Naval Reserve.

The Bureau has authorized the Commandants of the 11th, 12th and 13th districts to cruise a total of about seventy-five Naval Reserve officers with the U. S. Fleet on its coming cruise to Honolulu.

Destroyers are being permanently assigned to the 5th and 12th Naval Districts for training Naval Reservists.

Under the Naval Reserve Bill the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to appoint twenty-five midshipmen to the Naval Academy from the enlisted personnel of the Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve, under similar conditions as prescribed by law for appointments of enlisted men of the Navy.

The Naval Omnibus Bill provides for the establishment of a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, but owing to lack of funds enrollments for this corps will probably not be made until 1927.

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MOTION PICTURES.

The Bureau of Navigation has purchased the following named feature motion pictures and will distribute them to the service as soon as received from the producers:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR.</u>
Seven Chances	Buster Keaton
Dangerous Innocence	Laura La Plante
On Thin Ice	Tom Moore
Introduce Me	Douglas Maclean
Champion of Lost Causes	Edmund Lowe
Pampered Youth	Cullen Lanlis
A Kiss in the Dark	Menjou - Rich
Code of the West	O. Moore - C. Bennett
The Spaniard	Cortez - Goudal
The Chamber	Pola Negri
Madame Sans Gene	Gloria Swanson
Crowded Hour	Bebe Daniels
The Night Club	Griffith - Reynolds
Adventure	T. Moore - P. Starke
Heart of a Siren	La Marr - Tearle
One Way Street	Anna Q. Nilsson
My Son	Nazimova
Declassée	Corrine Griffith
Quo Vadis	Em. J. Jennings
The Hunted Woman	Seena Owen
Confessions of a Queen	Stone - Terry
Parisian Nights	Hammerstein - Tellegen
Girl of Gold	Florence Vidor
Taming of the West	Hoot Gibson
Her Market Value	Agnes Ayres
Scar Hannan	Yakima Canutt

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