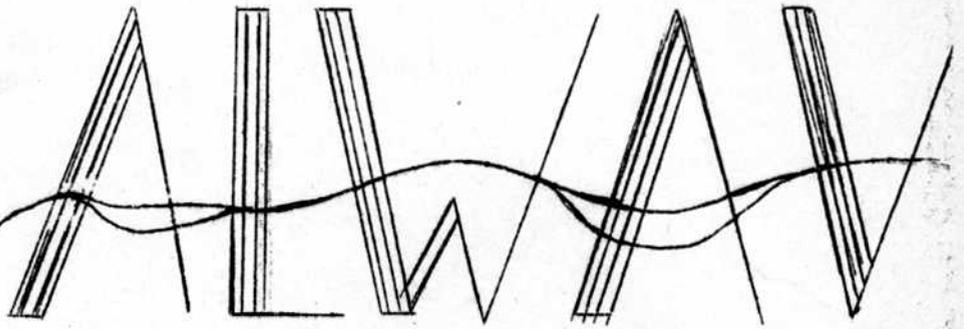


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WHAT MORE DO THE WAVES WANT?

"They spend 14 weeks learning how to salute and say 'Goodnight, Ma'am.' When MacArthur is begging for planes we propose to send him a little WAVE. The girls have their organization. They have their pretty uniforms. What more do they want?"

Thus did Representative Vincent of Virginia sound off last week during Congressional consideration of the WAVES overseas bill.

"What more do they want?" asks Mr. Vincent.....

Well, here's what more they want:

VICTORY as quickly as possible....so that husbands, fiances, brothers, friends can abandon dirty, bloody battlefields and submarine-infested seas, for only then will those much revered "firesides" once again have meaning.

THE PRIVILEGE of serving where needed to attain this Victory. WAVES are willing to go to advanced bases, into combat areas, if need be, to release able-bodied, desk-tied men for fighting. Such need can better be determined by the Navy Department than by Congress.

EQUALITY with other women's organizations in the armed services.

TIME to prove to masculine skeptics that WAVES can do a job and do it well.....that women with high school education and college degrees can do the desk work in military life as they have done and are doing successfully in civilian life.

A WORLD OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS.....a world where men can use their talents and materials to build, not to destroy.....a world which offers no reason for women to don military uniforms in place of glamorous evening dresses and pretty flowers in their hair.

A CONGRESS made up of Congressmen who learn before they speak that: the Navy does not sanction the term "Ma'am" in addressing WAVES; that MacArthur, being in the Army, would be more apt to draw a WAAC than a WAVE; that WAVES in their 14 weeks of training are successfully completing prescribed Navy courses in 20-odd fields essential to the Navy in carrying on its fight---and saluting is in addition to the twenty.

WAVES DRILLS

In place of regular Thursday Drill, officers and enlisted WAVES were privileged to witness the Regimental Rooster Competition of the Twelfth Regiment last Saturday. After the presentation of the Rooster by Admiral Downes to the best-drilled Company, the hosts for the afternoon----- Commander W. Turek, recruit training officer; Lt. Comdr. J. G. Sample, recruit training executive officer, and Lt. L. A. Hager, Commander of the 12th Regiment----had pictures taken with the WAVES as background.

The group was also taken on a tour of the Barracks and Recreation Hall at Camp Dewey, headquarters of the 12th Regiment.

Admiral John Downes, Commandant of the NINTH Naval District, scheduled to address Great Lakes WAVES at 1640 today in Building #3 is unable to be present. He had selected as his subject, "Women in the Navy" and will fulfill his engagement on Thursday, May 6.

The revised drill will include a motion picture and some remarks on proper saluting. Captain R. R. M. Emmet, Commanding Officer of USNTS, will speak on May 13.

WASHINGTON CALLS - - -

MISS STAPLETON LEAVES

First Great Lakes WAVE officer to be detached for duty elsewhere is Ensign Sally Stapleton of the Commissary Department, who received orders Monday night to proceed without delay to Washington, D. C., where she will be Assistant Commissary Officer at the WAVES dormitory.

Ensign Stapleton reported aboard at Great Lakes from Northampton, December 13, 1942.

"Happy Sailing!"

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR FEMME SAILORS

On or about June 1, enlisted WAVES quartered at beautiful Baum House in Lake Forest will pack sea bags and move to Barracks "A" and "B" on the Station for the duration. In preparation for 500 additional femme sailors, these quarters are being renovated, decorated and made ready for occupancy by that date.

Additions to the barracks will include windowshades, rugs, hair dryers, bathtubs, showers, ironing boards, laundry trays, mirrors, washing machines, and according to scuttlebutt, magnificent lounging facilities.

With an eye to keeping the WAVES healthy, a sick bay and dispensary will be established in the east end of Barracks "B".

WEEKEND HOSPITALITY CENTER

The YWCA Lounge at 59 East Monroe Street in Chicago is now offering its facilities to all branches of the armed services. WAVES and their "DATES" are particularly invited to make use of the lounge as a weekend hospitality center. Ping-pong, cards, music, roller-skating, and dart games are among entertainment provided. Another service of the "Y" is its room registry, for those seeking lodging.

COMING - - -

15 NEW YEOMEN

Due to arrive at Great Lakes next week are 15 new Yeomen.....vanguard of the 500 more WAVES to come. Until Barracks "A" and "B" are ready for occupancy, five of the newcomers will be housed at Baum House and ten at Hospital WAVES quarters.

TO EXEC'S OFFICE

On duty at the Executive Officer's office is Ensign Rosamund Purdy. Miss Purdy will serve as aide to the Executive Officer.

CHICAGO WR OFFICERS

ENTERTAINED AT C.L.

Like their brothers in the service, WAVE officers must be able and willing to report back "Mission Completed" when their appointed tasks are done, declared Admiral Downes at a dinner given by Great Lakes officers of the Women's Reserve for those in the Chicago area, April 20, at the Officers' Club.

As an example, Admiral Downes cited the heroic action of Torpedo Squadron Number Eight in the Battle of Midway when only Ensign Gay returned to report "Mission Completed".

"If you have not accomplished this, you have not lived up to the traditions of the Navy", Admiral Downes told the group of fifty women officers.



R. H. I. P.

Setting the pace for an informal evening, the Admiral declared that there were three characteristics of a good speaker; "To be sincere, to be brief, and to be seated". At that moment the Great Lakes WAVES and their guests, (including Lt. (jg) Nancy Forsman, who served as toastmistress, and Ensign Sally Stapleton, who arranged the program) were surprised by the silent appearance of a troupe of musicians, first and second class----the contribution of Admiral Downes to the evening's program.

The band provided music for dancing by the distinguished guests and an accompaniment for nostalgic singing of old Northampton songs. An inspired nonette (or an octette plus one) under the direction of Ensign Rosamund Furdy sang "Don't Make My Girl A Sailor" and "The Middies Go Marching By".

The WAVES and their guests were addressed by Captain E. A. Lofquist, Captain O. F. Heslar, and Captain F. M. McWhirter. Lt. (jg) Lorraine Feagin thanked the Great Lakes WAVES on behalf of the Women Reservists of the Chicago District.

SKIMMING THE SURF

Have you heard about Ensign Phyllis Armstrong's (Disbursing Office, N.A.T.T.C., Navy Pier) radio debut? She was interviewed by Jess Kirkpatrick, the WGN master of ceremonies, on the "Ahoy America" program, a weekly broadcast from Navy Pier. The conversation went like this:

M.C.-- I'll have you know that I am a college man. I was graduated from the University of Illinois.

Ens. Armstrong-- Really! I, too, am an Illinois graduate -- a mathematics major.

M.C.-- Too bad they demoted you.

Ens. Armstrong-- What do you mean -- demoted me?

M.C.-- Well, you were a math major and now you are a disbursing Ensign.

. . . .

Three cheers for the directive permitting silk hose, dress pumps, and the white short-sleeved shirts, while WAVES wait and wait for summer working uniforms.

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Was her face red! We're talking about Ensign Marjorie Gillette in the District Security Office, Identification Section. With a group of other WAVES, she hopped a Station bus back from regimental drill last Saturday. . . .and she was the only one without a badge (you know, those things with the Intelligence's beautiful photographs on them). And that's not all. . . .she didn't even have her identification card. Horrible wouldn't it have been if she had had to call Ensign Gillette of the Identification Section from the brig to substantiate the fact that Ensign Gillette had been issued a card and a badge?

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Heard on the Station: "The WAVES are getting rougher. . . .there's whitecaps on the WAVES".

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GL WAVES are all so brilliant that it's hard to keep up with them. . . .but along comes a report that Ensign Flacida Koelzer, Communications, has completed Navy Regs with a score of 3.97.

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When Ensign Sally Stapleton was informed, via telephone, that she was being detached, she thought it was one big joke. And wouldn't you, too, if the informer gave his name as Ensign Wolf?

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The Hospital and the Station WAVE personnel now claim 100 per cent participation in the WAR Bond Purchasing Program. More power to them!

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Off to Salt Lake City, Utah, this weekend goes Ensign Marion Knight to spend her leave.

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By using lounges opened for them by organizations, WAVES can show their gratitude for the kindness and consideration of clubs extending these facilities. People like to know that the things they do for others are appreciated.

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Up to last week we've never been particularly the feminine suffragist type, but a few more patronizing speeches by Representatives and we'll be outdoing Susan B. Anthony.

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Down in Washington, WAVES give promise of becoming breakers. . . . bone breakers. They're taking lessons in ju-jitsu. . . .there's a class of 26 WAVES.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED?

From Ensign Marlene Nelson of Chicago, who last week journeyed forty miles to GL to see for the first time some of the WAVE officers working in the same building as she, comes this suggestion:

"Why not set aside a night--perhaps Tuesday or Thursday evening every other week--when those officers, not otherwise engaged, might meet at the new club for officers in the Auditorium Servicemen's Center on Congress Street and Michigan Avenue? (Officers' entrance on Congress Street.) There we would be free to come and go as we wished, play ping pong, pool, cards, have a song session, or just sit around and talk. Arrangements would not have to be made, there would be no expense involved, and most important of all we would get to know each other. It would be a splendid place to meet the WAVE Officers from GL and might also give us an opportunity to meet some of the "WAACS."

What do you think of the idea? Will it work? What suggestions have you? Ensign Nelson would like to hear from you. Her telephone: Wabash 2910, Extension 225.

GUEST EDITORIAL---

By Representative Vincent's statements during the House debate on the WAVES overseas bill, one must conclude that he feels the Act creating the Women's Reserve, U.S. Navy was heretofore passed solely to appease a group of women (evidently of the class pampered by the 'chivalrous gentlemen') who only sought a military uniform and much publicity, and are now seeing a round-the-world-luxury-cruise at the expense of the Navy.

Of course, it may be that the Representative is one of those men who profess NOT to understand women. So it seems at least; otherwise, how could he think:

That we chose a uniform(though it be exceptional)in preference to our refreshing pastels, the confidence-building clinging "sleekies", the inward and outward sparkles of our fascinating jewelry, not to mention the ecstasies of a filmy Easter bonnet.

That by preference, we packed up our best loved linens, china and trinkets, locked up our comfortable little homes, and took the upper in a double-decker which after a wearying 15-hour day was a far cry from the comforts of home?

That by preference or stupidity, we left the professions and fields in which we've worked hard for opportunities to apply our knowledge and capabilities at a time when we might easily have taken the desks and salaries of our men while they are away fighting for us?

And where has the Representative read a history that failed to portray women's part in every war?

It is something unfeminine in a true American woman to fight for what she cherishes--her loved ones, her home?.....Lt.(jg)L. Feagin.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHACK

Did you WAVE Sailors ever hear of:
1. Mathew Walker 6. The old Man
2. Turks Head 7. The first Luff
3. Corking Mat 8. The Sky Pilot
4. Ear Banging 9. Jack of the
5. Poncho Dust
10. The Sheeney
(Answers will be found elsewhere
in this issue)

BAUM BARRACKS BY-LINES

By Irene Chicoine, Y2c

ATMOSPHERE

The Easter weekend saw Baum Barracks an almost empty place. However, Easter was celebrated ahead of time. There were many gasps of surprise and delight when the gang filed in for chow on Friday evening. Both tables and the buffet were beautifully decorated with nests of colored Easter eggs and cunning chicks and rabbits...and as if that wasn't enough...there was also a lovely plant of fragrant Easter lilies. Who was the Easter bunny? Well, you might know, it was not one but three... May, Gerda and Jerry. We are indebted to them again for their thoughtfulness as it made us feel as though home weren't so far away after all.

"MAN BITES DOG" NOTE

It's not really news when we report the hospitalization of members of our crew, but when we can report that there are no Baum Barracks WAVES confined to the hospital at present...THAT'S NEWS.

THEY BROADCAST

Three WAVES from Baum Barracks appeared on the "Sunday Leave" program over WBBM last Sunday - Doris Groves, SK3c, Effie Schuster, Y3c, and Irene Chicoine, Y2c. Emma Link, Y3c, and Thelma Leighton, Y3c, also attended the party. The afternoon's entertainment included a trip to the Oriental Theatre and dinner at Ricardo's famous Italian restaurant...and a good time was had by all. Incidentally, there was an Easter corsage of defense stamps for bride-to-be, Doris Groves.

"HERE COMES THE BRIDE"

A shower was held last evening for our bride-to-be, Doris Groves, who is to be married on May eighth. To keep the shower a complete surprise to Doris, the enclosed porch off the living room was appropriately decorated. The climax of the evening was the mock wedding planned and executed by Scuttlebutt Alley, to the surprise of the upper deck. The wedding party comprised the following members:- Irene Chicoine, bride; Irene Schafer, bridegroom; Emma Link, preacher; Julia Zelenka, father; La Vina Fowell, bridesmaid; and Thelma Leighton, flower girl; who were respectively (and traditionally) blushing, nervous, solemn, determined, coy and juvenile. Kay Schultz, at the piano, furnished the proper musical background and Emma Link read her own very humorous version of the ceremony.

Doris received many lovely gifts from her shipmates, which carried with them sincere wishes for good luck and much happiness.

ON LEAVE

Betty Bourn, Y3c, left last Saturday on eight days' leave and is visiting at her home in Hartford, Conn.

AU REVOIR

It was with sincere regret that we bade good-bye to Marie Williams, Y3c, who left last week to return to her home in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. A quiet, reserved, and always pleasant person,
(cont'd)



BAUM BARRACKS BY-LINES (Cont'd)

Marie has won the esteem and affection of all her shipmates. We hope that she'll keep her promise to come back and visit us sometime soon. In the meantime, best of luck and smooth sailing, from all hands.

"IN PICTURES"

Last week saw four WAVES featured in lovely Easter pictures in Chicago newspapers. Betty Bourn and Effie Schuster were two of a mixed quartette pictured on the front page of the Chicago Daily News singing Easter hymns. The Chicago Tribune carried a photo of Joanne Hammond and Lillian Lipsker taken on the steps of the Holy Name Cathedral.

P. S. TO THE BOYS WHO WERE MOVED
OUT OF THEIR BARRACKS LAST WEEK--
--PLEASE DON'T BE MAD!

AT THE ONOP, CHICAGO

NEW OFFICERS:

Ensign Mary Richmond,
Formerly in ONOP Cincinnati. Finished indoctrination at Smith, October 1942.

Ensign Verna Riggs,
Formerly in ONOP Cleveland. Finished indoctrination at Mt. Holyoke, December 1942.

Ensign Ruth B. Williams,
Finished indoctrination at Mt. Holyoke, April 1943.

Ensign Margaret Gregg,
Finished indoctrination at Mt. Holyoke, April 1943.

OFFICERS DETACHED:

Lt. Mary Daily,
Senior WAVES officer of ONOP Chicago, detached April 17 to report to Washington, D. C.

Ensign Arlene Roberts,
USCGR, detached April 27 to report to Washington, D. C., Coast Guard Headquarters.

DO YOU KNOW

WAVES are to be trained as Cooks and Bakers?

Present WAVE schools will be utilized for training them?

The trainees are eligible for rate as Ship's Cook third class?

The course for cooks and bakers will be 16 weeks?

The Naval Training School at Cedar Falls, Iowa, graduated over 1,000 WAVES, April 2?

LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT

LOST: Havelock (navy blue, of course) with initials, L. E. H. at Officers' Club, April 20. Finder please return to Ensign Lois Horlick, Exmoor Country Club, Highland Park.

FROM THE SHACK

ANSWERS

1. And knot to keep rope from reaving through eye.
2. Knot around stanchion.
3. Piece of canvas for crew to take nap on.
4. Polishing the apple.
5. Piece of rubberized material with slit for head, worn to keep rain off.
6. Commanding Officer.
7. First Lieutenant.
8. The Captain.
9. Issues to cooks, dry stores for galley.
10. Ship's Tailor.

DOWN CHICAGO - WAY

By the Chicago Editors

Postal greetings from Ensign Alice CONNOLLY, on duty in the Board of Trade Building since last November, indicate difficulty in crowding into her leave period all the pleasures planned for her spring vacation at her home in Willimantic, Conn. Ensign Pauline SMITH from the same office was granted leave with Miss Connolly and they traveled together as far as Miss Smith's home in Syracuse, N.Y.

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Lt. (jg) Beatrice BEATTIE, Board of Trade, reports that the Easter bonnets and her fresh white top were favored with sunshine all day in her home city, Milwaukee.

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Ensign Marlene NELSON spent the Easter weekend with her family in Delavan and friends in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Ensign Anne SPIERS with eight days' leave from her station in the Board of Trade says she is planning to do the Pennsylvania RR run to New York and Philadelphia with a side-trip to Washington, and that she hopes to include a bit of reunioning with the good old USNR-WVS "Class of September".

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Ensign Ruth FINKE, who recently reported to the Disbursing Office of the Midshipmen's School at Abbott Hall, found the extra duty of song leader a pleasant one during her training at Northampton and at Radcliff. She is anxious for Chicago WAVES to meet for a sing-song. Miss Finke was among the first to finish from the Supply Corps training, and reported to Chicago with Ensigns Mary DAY (Naval Training Radio School at Evanston), Phyllis ARMSTRONG (Navy Pier), Dorothy CECIL (Training School, University of Chicago) and Dorothea CAMPBELL (NACSB).

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First WAVE at the NACSB is Ensign CAMPBELL whose home since she was six years of age has been San Francisco Del Oro Chichuahua, Mexico (about 500 miles south of El Paso, Texas). She was educated at Hardin-Simmons College, Abilene, Texas, Vanderbilt and Peabody College, and lacks

only a few months on a Masters in Math. She left her teaching and flying lessons at El Paso to join the Navy. Incidentally, she has a special talent for "fiddling".

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Captain B. B. Wygant is considering plans for some kind of regular athletic program for the enlisted WAVES at Abbott Hall.

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Lt. (jg) Margaret HARTLEY and Ensign Lucille SCHOENFELD, Procurement, had an interesting trip to New York when they escorted the last contingent of recruits to Hunter College. But they know now that they paid a price--missing the GL WAVES Officers' party!

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A PERFECT PARTY

The complete success of the Great Lakes Wave Officers' party for the Chicago Wave Officers is conclusively attested to by the frequent and continuing references made to the many and varied pleasures and interests of the evening.

For the Chicago women it goes some thing like this..."I found So-and-So from indoctrination"... "I learned of the stations and duties of so many I knew in school"... "Isn't the G L Station impressive?"..."The Officers' Club is certainly a beautiful and pleasant place"... "The GL Officers thought of everything"...

(Ed. Note: We're too modest to print all the other nice things that the Chicago WAVES had to say).

The Chicago women were a little surprised and indeed delighted to find that their respective commanding and ranking officers were so interested in the party. Maybe John Paul Jones' definition of a Naval Officer makes it requisite--at any rate, ranking officers of the 9ND are wonderful dancers! We KNOW now.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS