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SILVER LIFE-SAVING MEDAL.

The Secretary of the Navy recently forwarded a Silver Life-saving Medal, awarded by the Secretary of the Treasury, to George Dake Dawson, Aviation Metal-smith, first class, U.S. Navy, in recognition of his service in bravely rescuing a shipmate from drowning.

Next of kin: Mrs. Iona Dawson, wife, 3125 Ivy Street, San Diego, Calif.

TENTATIVE SLATE OF JUNIOR OFFICERS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

The following is the tentative slate of junior officers for new construction requiring officers prior to 1 January, 1940. It is published for the information of commanding officers to facilitate internal organization of ships and of the individuals concerned to facilitate personal plans.

Orders will be issued as far in advance of detachment date as practicable. Officers will be detached in time to report to their new ships approximately six weeks prior to the commissioning date. Approximate detachment dates are shown. The tentative slate for the new construction requiring officers after 1 January will be published at a later date.

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Ship to which attached</u>
Helena	Approximate detachment date - July	
	Lieutenants (jg) D. E. Pugh	Cassin
	G. H. Cairnes	Zane
	L. J. Baird	Case
	Ensigns H. W. Baker	Oklahoma
	R. D. Sampson	Ranger
	S. H. Hunter, Jr.	Vincennes
	R. D. Mugg	Tuscaloosa
	M. T. Tyng	San Francisco
	W. T. Alford	Quincy
	R. L. Helm	Quincy
	F. E. Moan	Tuscaloosa
	G. S. Parrett	Tuscaloosa
	D. H. Pope	San Francisco
	L. S. Robinson	San Francisco
	E. B. Roth	Vincennes
Rhind	Approximate detachment date - August	
	Lieutenant (jg) F. O. Iffrig	Colorado
	Ensigns E. A. Trickey	Astoria
	R. W. McNitt	Chicago
Rowan	Approximate detachment date - August	
	Lieutenant (jg) B. B. Booth	Portland
	Ensign T. H. Suddath	Houston
	" F. E. McIntire	Louisville

TENTATIVE SLATE (continued).

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Ship to which attached</u>
Mustin	Approximate detachment date - August	
	Lieutenant (jg) J. A. Heath	Tennessee
	Ensign R. H. Lockwood	Minneapolis
	" R. M. Marsh	Colorado
Hughes	Approximate detachment date - August	
	Lieutenant (jg) M. E. Badcliff	Nevada
	Ensign B. M. Wolfe	Quincy
	" C. J. Rieman	Indianapolis
Mayrant	Approximate detachment date - September	
	Lieutenant (jg) F. M. Stiesberg	New Orleans
	Ensign L. R. Schwabe	Vincennes
	" J. E. Wicks	Lexington
Trippe	Approximate detachment date - September	
	Lieutenant (jg) W. C. Abhau	Quincy
	Ensign E. M. Luby	Arizona
	" J. A. Marks	Colorado
Buck	Approximate detachment date - October	
	Lieutenant (jg) R. H. Prickett	Oklahoma
	Ensign R. K. Irvine	Idaho
	" E. L. Pierce	Chester
Stack	Approximate detachment date - October	
	Lieutenant (jg) P. K. Sherman	Arkansas
	Ensign M. P. Refo, III	Mississippi
	" H. R. Kabat	Maryland
Russell	Approximate detachment date - October	
	Lieutenant (jg) W. R. Barnes	Sirius
	Ensign C. S. Hart	Nevada
	" J. M. Waters	Chester
Morris	Approximate detachment date - November	
	Lieutenant (jg) N. B. Atkins	New Mexico
	Ensign H. S. Graves	Nevada
	" H. E. Conrad	Pennsylvania

TENTATIVE SLATE (contd.).

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Ship to which attached</u>
Roe	Approximate detachment date - November	
	Lieutenant (jg) B. D. Wood, Jr.	Tuscaloosa
	Ensign C. J. King	Portland
	" O. B. Wiseman	Saratoga

LAWRENCE Y. SPEAR FOUNDATION PRIZE.

Lieutenant (jg) Paul Van Leunen, Jr., U.S.Navy, won the Lawrence Y. Spear prize for the class at the Submarine School which graduated on 9 June, 1939. This is an annual prize awarded to the outstanding student officer of the Submarine School by Mr. Spear, a graduate of the Class of 1890, U. S. Naval Academy.

SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS OF ENLISTED MEN.

The educational status of men enlisted during the past three years has not changed materially. As typical of the period 1 July 1936 to 1 July 1939, the marks of all recruits tested at the several training stations during the months of June and December 1938 (over 2,000 men) have been tabulated for study.

This study shows that the 1938 recruits are above the pre-depression group (men tested in 1929) in general intelligence, mechanical aptitude, years of school completed, and in ability to express themselves in correct English. Since both the arithmetic test and the spelling test have been revised since 1929, no direct comparison can be made in these subjects.

It is found that only 13.2 per cent of the 1938 men had had no high school instruction, that 39 per cent had just completed high school (12th grade), and that an additional 2.7 per cent had gone beyond the 12th grade.

The quartile marks in the recruit tests are given below for the convenience of those who may wish to know at a glance in what quarter of the group a man falls as shown by his test marks entered on page 4-b of the service record.

From the table below it will be seen that a man whose mark on the G.C.T. is above 88 is in the upper quarter of this group, and that a man whose G.C.T. mark is below 72.5 is in the lower quarter of this group. The 50 percentile (M) indicates the median or middle mark in any test and is the dividing point between the 2d and 3d quarters. By reference to the table similar interpretations may be applied to the other recruit tests.

Quartile Marks in Recruit Tests						
Percentile	:	General	:	Mechanical	:	Arith- : :
	:	Classification	:	Aptitude	:	Arithmetic
	:	:	:	:	:	English
	:	:	:	:	:	Spelling
75	:	88	:	76.5	:	69
50(M)	:	81	:	66	:	49.3
25	:	72.5	:	54.5	:	29.5

TRAINING COURSES.

Training courses are available for men preparing for the following ratings:

Seaman Branch.

Apprentice Seaman
Seaman 1c
Coxswain
Boatswain's Mate 2/c
Gunner's Mate 2/c
Gunner's Mate 3/c
Quartermaster 3/c
Quartermaster 1/c and Chief Quartermaster
Signalman 3/c
Torpedoman 3/c
Torpedoman 2/c
Torpedoman 1/c and Chief Torpedoman
Fire Controlman 3/c
Fire Controlman 2/c
Fire Controlman 1/c and Chief Fire Controlman

Artificer Branch.

Machinist's Mate 2/c	Carpenter's Mate 1/c
Water Tender 1/c and Chief Water Tender	Painter 3/c
Electrician's Mate 3/c	Painter 2/c
Electrician's Mate 1/c	Painter 1/c
Carpenter's Mate 2/c	

Aviation Branch.

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3/c

Special Branch.

Storekeeper 3/c	Yeoman 3/c
Ship's Cook 3/c	Yeoman 2/c
Baker Ratings	Hospital Apprentice 1/c and
Officer's Cooks and Officer's Stewards	Pharmacist's Mate 3/c
Messman	Pharmacist's Mate 2/c
Commissary and Chief Commissary Stewards	

General Courses.

A-N . . .	Electric Propulsion Main Drive
Aviation Seamanship	Gregg Shorthand Manual
Blowers	Gregg Progressive Exercises
Boilers, Coal Fired	Gyroscopic Compasses
Boilers, Oil Fired	Pumps
Diesel Engines	Storage Batteries
Distilling Plants	
General Training Course for Petty Officers 3/c and 2/c	
General Training Course for Petty Officers 1/c and Chief Petty Officer	

TRAINING COURSES (contd.).

Other Publications Available.

Yearbook of Enlisted Training	N-1 Training Seaplanes
News Handling	N-2 Training Landplanes
Thrift	Methods of Instruction
Benefit Guide	Collision Cases 1-10
Concessions of Colleges	Collision Cases 31-40
Motion Picture Handling	Collision Cases 41-50
Sound Motion Picture Equipment	Grounding Cases 11-20
Naval Aviation Syllabus	Administration Cases 21-30

NAVY DEPENDENTS - Travel of.

The Bureau has received information that the wife of an enlisted man having contracted and paid in advance for transportation for herself from Houston, Texas, to Norfolk, Va., with a cut-rate Travel Agency, was taken only as far as New Orleans, at which point she was deposited, and the driver of the car disappeared. She was relieved of all her available cash en route, either by the driver or other passengers, she believes.

It is recommended that personnel and dependents refrain from contracting for transportation, other than with carriers of known reliability.

LETTERS REGARDING PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY NAVY PERSONNEL.

Periodically the firm of McCullar and McCullar, Milledgeville, Ga., floods commanding officers with letters, many of a vindictive nature, making threats and demands regarding payment of debts by Navy personnel, which are premised on the alleged friendship of their firm with the Honorable Carl Vinson, Member of Congress. Investigation reveals no basis for this claim. Routine consideration of such correspondence is directed.

GYRO COMPASS EQUIPMENT.

Due to the shortage of Instruction Books for the Sperry Gyro Compass Mk. II and Mk. V, it is requested that all ships and stations having extra copies of these books forward same to Naval Observatory.

INSURANCE, SHIP'S SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

The Bureau of Navigation is advised that the Judge Advocate General has received and placed on file a master or key position bond issued by the Great American Indemnity Company under which bonds may be written covering the personnel of ship's service activities, ashore and afloat. This policy offers protection comparable to that offered by other bonds listed in Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 3-39.

The agent of record for writing certificates under this policy is Mr. E. C. Lunt, Vice President, Great American Indemnity Company, 1 Liberty Street, New York, N. Y.

INSURANCE, SHIP'S SERVICE ACTIVITIES (contd.).

An insurance policy written by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and issued by the Southern California Branch, 548 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, was listed in Bureau of Navigation Bulletin No. 270. Due to the retirement of Mr. W. H. Woodruff, the former manager of this Branch, future ship's service policies issued by this company will be countersigned by Mr. Leonard T. Backus or an authorized agent of that company.

PAMPHLET "SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES GRANTING CONCESSIONS TO
SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OFFICER AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL,
U.S. NAVY, 1928" - CHANGES IN.

The following corrections should be made to Bureau of Navigation pamphlet "Schools and Colleges Granting Concessions to Sons and Daughters of Officer and Enlisted Personnel, U. S. Navy, 1928":

Deletion:

University of Virginia - concession has been withdrawn.

Additions:

Annie Wright Seminary, Tacoma, Washington - This is a day and boarding school for girls offering courses equivalent to elementary, grammar, and high school courses. Tuition for upper school is \$270 and for boarding students \$1,000, \$800, and \$700 for upper, intermediate, and low schools. A discount of ten per cent for board and tuition is offered to daughters of naval personnel; an additional ten per cent is offered when sisters attend.

Severn School, Severna Park, Maryland - This school gives a four-year high school course and one year of college work as well as special preparation for the service academies. Board, room, and tuition vary from \$850 to \$975, depending on class. Day students living at their homes are accepted at \$275 tuition. A discount of \$50 is granted to boarding students who are sons of commissioned officers, active or retired, of the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, and Coast Guard.