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*CAPT Simon R. SANDS, Jr., USCG*

Captain Simon Ray Sands, Jr., USCG, has assumed the duties of Chief, Reserve Division at Coast Guard Headquarters. He relieves Captain Harry A. Loughlin, USCG, who has been assigned to the Office of the Commander, Twelfth Coast Guard District as Chief of Staff.

CAPT Sands was born on 4 November 1906 at Providence, Rhode Island. He received his early education at Portsmouth, New Hampshire and graduated from high school at Islip, Long Island, New York in 1925. Following a preparatory course at the University of New Hampshire, he was appointed to cadetship at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, from which he graduated and received his commission as Ensign on 15 May 1931.

CAPT Sands' first assignment was to the Destroyer Force at Boston, serving a year each aboard Coast Guard Cutters HERNDON and CASSIN. Until World War II other assignments covered such duties as navigator in the CALYPSO and DIONE; engineer in the TAMPA;

### Loran, Gyro, Radar Courses Undergo Changes

The Marine School courses in gyro, loran and radar sponsored by the Sperry Gyroscope Company in New Orleans have been discontinued; and in New York the Maritime Commission is now operating the Radar School instead of Sperry. Further information concerning convening dates and eligibility requirements will be published in the July RESERVIST.

Convening dates for the loran and gyro compass courses in Brooklyn for the balance of 1958 are as follows:

**LORAN** (5 days) 14 July, 25 August, 15 September, 6 and 27 October, 17 November, 8 and 29 December.

**GYRO COMPASS** (10 days) 30 June, 21 July, 1 and 22 September, 13 October, 3 and 24 November, 15 December.

navigator in the CAYUGA; executive officer of the ATALANTA during the 1939 Bering Sea Patrol; and executive officer of the Port Townsend Training Station, Washington.

From April until August 1942, he assisted in the conversion and outfitting of the 400 ft. Maritime Commission's training ship CITY of CHATTANOOGA at the Coast Guard Yard, Baltimore, and became executive officer upon her commissioning. Transferred to Boston, he first served as executive officer of the TAMPA and later as commanding officer of the TAHOMA, both vessels then serving on North Atlantic Patrol. Late in 1943 he became commanding officer of the

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### New ORTUs Now Forming

A new Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Unit is now being formed at each of the following locations:

#### ORTUPS:

U. S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, Sacramento, California

U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, Scotia, New York

U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, Gainesville, Florida

U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, Tallahassee, Florida

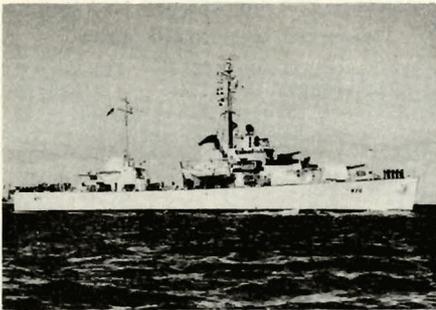
#### ORTUAG:

U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, Greensboro, North Carolina

Members of the Active Status Pool and members of the units who have friends interested in becoming members of a Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Unit at one of the above locations, should urge them to contact their local Coast Guard Recruiting Office.

### 6 Mos. Program Increases

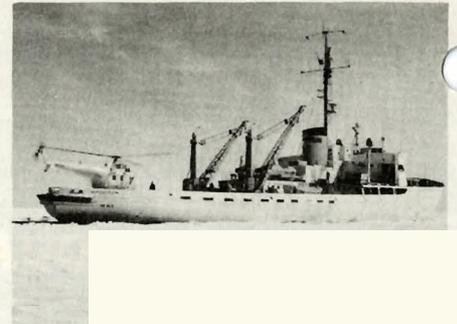
During the month of April, two hundred twenty-two 6x8 trainees reported to Cape May and Alameda. Since the inception of the program, 3,329 have entered six months' training. Of this number, 1,876 have completed their tour of duty and returned to their units. Although 3,786 men have enlisted in the program, the need for additional enlistees continues.



USCGC PONTCHARTRAIN (WPG-70)



USCGC GRESHAM (WAVP-387)



USCGC MACKINAW (WAGB-83)

The ORTUAG training program is planned to include classroom and shipboard instruction at Coast Guard Reserve Training Centers and shipboard training on operating ships during annual active duty for training. Pictured below are three types of ships assigned to training Reservists during fiscal '59.

The USCGC PONTCHARTRAIN (WPG-70), a 255-foot cutter, rescued 7 crew members and 24 passengers from a ditched Pan American Stratocruiser on 16 October 1956. At the time the Pontchartrain was on weather patrol and plane guard duty on ocean station "November", midway between Honolulu and San Francisco. The cutter's home port is Long Beach, Calif.

The USCGC GRESHAM (WAVP-387), a 311-foot seaplane tender, serves in the Pacific under the Commander, 12th CGD. Her duties include station weather patrol and search and rescue.

The USCGC MACKINAW (WAGB-83) was specially designed and built for icebreaking on the Great Lakes. During navigation season, the "Big Mac" is used to handle the heaviest buoys on the lakes, to carry fuel and supplies to light stations, and to assist ships in distress.

## Four Training Units Commissioned

The following Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Units were commissioned on the dates indicated below:

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| 1. ORTUPS 11-319 (Unit II)<br>U. S. Naval Reserve<br>Training Center<br>2727 East Paloma Drive<br>Pasadena, California | Commissioned: 1 April 1958<br>Drill Night: Tuesday<br>Commanding Officer:<br>LCDR Hillard F. LOOMIS (37537)<br>USCGR-R |
| 2. ORTUPS 03-357<br>USCG Lifeboat Station<br>Fort Tilden, New York   | Commissioned: 19 April 1958<br>Drill week-end: Second week-end<br>C. O.: LT Austin R. BRITTON (37823)<br>USCGR-R       |
| 3. ORTUAG 03-358<br>USCG Lifeboat Station<br>Fort Tilden, New York   | Commissioned: 19 April 1958<br>Drill week-end: First week-end<br>C. O.: LCDR Robert L. STAMBACH<br>(36167) USCGR-R     |
| 4. ORTUPS 01-548<br>USN & MCRTC<br>Boulevard off Onata Street<br>Pittsfield, Mass.                                     | Commissioned: 23 April 1958<br>Drill Night: Tuesday<br>C. O.: LT Wm. L. McKENNA (36456)<br>USCGR-R                     |

## New Courses Available

Three new correspondence courses are now available to Coast Guard Reserve officers:

Advanced Bases, NavPers 10744, is a four assignment course evaluated at eight points.

Public Works Department Management, NavPers 10741, is a seven-assignment course, evaluated at 14 points' credit.

Naval Electronics, Part I, NavPers 10925-A, is an 11-assignment course, evaluated at 24 points' credit. This course replaces an earlier course of the same title, NavPers 10925. Reservists who completed the earlier course will receive additional credit for NavPers 10925-A, if they are otherwise eligible to receive credit in this subject.

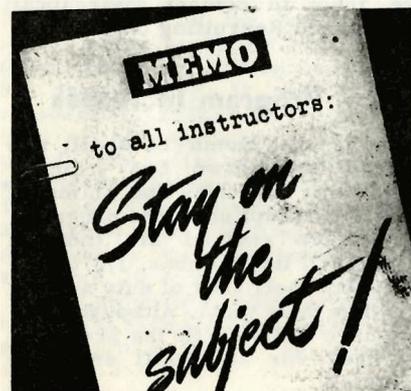
Application for enrollment in these courses should be made on form NavPers 992 (Rev 10/54 or later), forwarded through official channels to the Naval Correspondence Course Center, Scotia 2, N. Y.

## ORTU Attendance Figures

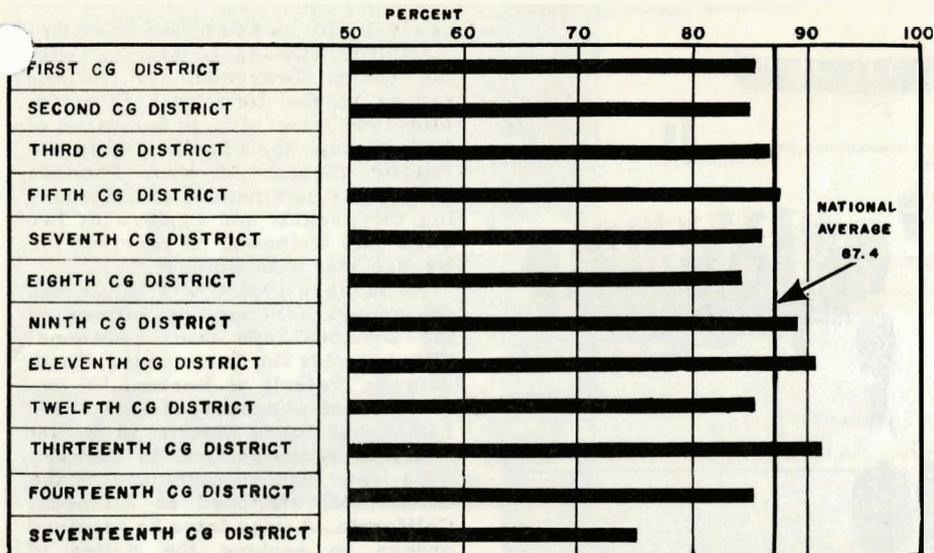
March 1958

National Average.....	88.4%
Highest District	
13th .....	91.1
Highest ORTUPS	
11-318, Pasadena Calif. ....	98.2
Highest ORTUAG	
12-196, Stockton, Calif.....	100.
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\*It has been noted that ORTUAG 07-196 was reported as highest for December 1957. ORTUAG 11-195, San Diego, California had 100% attendance for that month.



DRILL ATTENDANCE COMPARISONS, THIRD QUARTER 1958



Results of Service-Wide Examinations Announced

Headquarters has announced that out of 418 Reservists on inactive duty who participated in the April Service-wide examinations 239, or 57.1%, received a passing grade. The 9th Coast Guard District led the field with 72% of its personnel attaining success in the exams.

The men listed below are to be especially congratulated for their consistently superior scores on all Service-wide examinations in which they have participated:

COURTNEY, Glidden H. (2028-568) BM3, a member of ORTUPS 09-039, who scored highest on both the BM3 and BM2 exams.

BORNEMAN, Richard G. (2013-799) DC2, a member of ORTUPS 03-675, who scored highest on the DC3, DC2, and DC1 exams.

LEPPER, Laurence G. (2027-120) EM3, a member of ORTUPS 09-238, who scored highest on both the EM3 and EM2 exams.

GORDON, Donald R. (2045-252) EN3, a member of ORTUPS 03-311, who scored highest on both the EN3 and EN2 exams.



New Rules Set for ACDUTRA Without Pay

Prior to a recent change in the Joint Travel Regulations (Change 67, Page 6-3, Chapter 6, paragraph 6003, subparagraphs 1, 2 and 3) all reservists who performed active duty for training without pay, but with travel and subsistence authorized, received travel allowance at the rate of five cents a mile to their training duty station and return, or were furnished government TR for such travel. In addition, members were reimbursed \$1.50 for each meal required enroute.

In the future, reservists who perform active duty for training WITHOUT PAY can no longer travel at their own expense, subject to reimbursement. They will travel by government conveyance or TR (transportation request) in connection with training duty orders. The TR's will be automatically furnished for required travel, reimbursement will only be made in the amount the travel would have cost the government had a TR been issued.

Subsistence (including box lunches and meal tickets) may be furnished reserve members for travel to and from points of duty, or in lieu of meal tickets, reimbursement for meals not to exceed \$1.50 per meal.

Temporary Promotion Zones Announced for Fiscal '59

Plans are underway for the convening of Reserve Promotion Boards during the coming fiscal year. Officer personnel will be eligible for consideration by the boards if they:

(1) Are Senior in grade to the junior Reserve officer within the promotion zone as listed below:

Promotion to	Name and Service No.	Precedence No. in '57 Reserve Register
CAPT	GIDIERE, John J. (35054)	R-14
CDR	MINER, Frank E. (39711)	R-414
LCDR	REESE, Vivian J. (90071)	R-1267
LT	WATKINS, Donnell K. (41091)	R-2514
LTJG	All those having 18 months' commissioned service in the Reserve	

(2) Are in an Active Reserve Status (not Retired or members of the Inactive Status List, USCGR-S2).

(3) Have met minimum promotional requirements established by Reserve Instruction No. 30-56.

Each officer eligible for consideration may forward a written communication through official channels about his record in the Armed Forces which he considers important to his qualifications for promotion. Such communication, however, may not criticize or reflect upon the character, conduct, or motive of any other officer.

Reserve officers within the promotion zones should also make sure that their fitness reports for training duty, annual fitness reports, and other required annual personnel reports are submitted in time to be included in the officers' records when presented to the promotion board.



The initial complements of the first two Coast Guard Reserve organized training units ever to be commissioned at the same time listen (above) while Rear Admiral Henry C. Perkins, USCG, Commander, Third Coast Guard District reads orders activating the units.

Formal ceremonies establishing the new units were held 20 April at the Rockaway Lifeboat Station, Brooklyn, N.Y. ORTVAG 03-358, formed at left is commanded by LCDR Robert L. STAMBACH, USCGR-R. Lt. Austin R. BRITTON, USCGR-R commands ORTUPS 03-357, shown at right.

Each unit will drill at the Rockaway Lifeboat Station during one weekend each month, the Vessel Augmentation unit on the first week-end, and the Port Security unit on the second.

newly-built destroyer escort LANSING (DE-388), staying with the vessel throughout her training period in the New York Division. Mid-1944 saw him in command of LST Group 86, Flotilla 29, in the Pacific theater of war. For his service as commander of LSTs during the assault and capture of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, he received the Bronze Star with Combat "V".

In January 1946 CAPT Sands was designated commanding officer of the OWASCO and later personnel officer under the Commander, North Atlantic Patrol, at Boston. He became chief personnel officer of the 13th Coast Guard District in August 1947. A reassignment in January 1951 saw him in command of the GRESHAM, stationed at Alameda, California. A year later he received orders to assume the duties of Chief, Intelligence and Law Enforcement with the additional duties of Captain of the Port for the 9th District, Cleveland.

After three-and-a-half years of activities in the Great Lakes area, CAPT Sands received orders to report in May 1955 to 3rd District Headquarters as Director of Reserve. It was from this assignment that he reported to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington as Chief of the Reserve Division.

CAPT Sands has been awarded the following campaign and service medals in addition to the aforementioned Bronze Star with Combat "V": Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.

CAPT Sands is married to the former Janet Heaney of East Lynn, Massachusetts.

## Comptroller Rules on Retired Pay

The Comptroller General has recently ruled that he will follow as a precedent the holding in *Seagrave v. United States*, 131 C. Cls. 790. This was to the effect that retired pay under 10 USC 1331-1337 (formerly Title III, Public Law 810) was payable from the date the plaintiff met the age and service requirements for such pay. This was true even though he did not make application therefor until some time subsequent to such date.

The circumstances of the case were as follows: plaintiff had accrued 20 years service and had already reached age 60 before the date of enactment of the law. He did not learn of the benefits the statute made available to him until some time later. When he applied for retired pay, it was granted prospectively; that is, from the date of his application. He filed suit in the Court of Claims, contending that he was entitled to retired pay from the very first day the statute was effective, since he had already qualified pursuant to its terms. He won.

The Comptroller General at first refused to follow the *Seagrave* case as a precedent, for several reasons.

There were other cases then pending in the Court of Claims which involved some of the same questions litigated in the *Seagrave* case, and the Comptroller thought that the *Seagrave* rule might be altered by those cases in light of previous precedents. In addition, a bill to overcome the effect of the *Seagrave* decision was introduced in the House of Representatives.

In the instant decision, No. B-113387 dated 1 April 1958, the Comptroller noted that one of the pending cases had been settled, the other had come to issue on another point of law, and no action had been taken on the proposed legislation. Moreover, he noted that the Court of Claims had followed the principles of the *Seagrave* case in later decisions. Thus, the Comptroller concluded that there is no reasonable likelihood that the rule of the *Seagrave* decision will be changed by legislative or judicial action. He stated that hereafter he will follow the *Seagrave* case as a precedent and will not question otherwise proper payments of retired pay made in accordance with the rules established by that decision.

have you had your  
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