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CAPT Samuel Gray, Western Inspector, takes a closer look at the uniform of a seaman during inspection of ORTUPS 12-535, Alameda, California. Other members of the inspecting party are CDR A. E. Wycoff, CDR P. P. Clark, and LCDR H. E. Johnson.

NRA Announces Essay Contest

The Naval Reserve Association has announced a prize essay contest in which \$500 cash will be awarded to the winners of the three best essays on the topic: "The Increasing Importance of the U. S. Naval Reserve to the U. S. Navy". Top prize is \$250, with the second and third prizes being \$150 and \$100.

The contest is open to the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, active, inactive or retired. Entrants may submit more than one essay, but no person may win more than one prize, according to officials of the NRA. Essays must be received at the NRA Office, 1140 National Press Building, Washington, D. C. by 15 July 1958, and the deadline for mailing entries is June 30th. Winners will be announced at the annual convention of the Association next fall. Decisions of the judges are final, and all essays submitted become and remain the property of the Naval Reserve Association.

The purpose of this contest, according to NRA officials, is to encourage Regulars and Reserves to think about the role of the Naval Reserve and how it supports the Regular establishment in both peace and war. Participants may cover the subject from a broad point of view or concentrate on a few high points.

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Fire Fighting School To Be Held in N.Y.

A Port Security Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention School for 75 Reserve officers will be conducted at Queens College, Flushing, Long Island, from 13 July to 26 July. The college conducts the Fire Administration program for New York City.

Although its purpose will be similar to that of the school held last year at the University of Maryland, a number of curriculum changes have been planned. There will be only about 32 hours of lectures while approximately 42 hours of practical exercises will be conducted by instructors of the New York City Fire Department.

Berthing and messing for students will be provided nearby at the U. S. Army Post at Fort Totten, Long Island.

CG Officer Tops Class

ENS Robert S. Lafferty, a member of ORTUAG 07-480 in Miami, completed the Sixth Naval District Instructor Training course on 1 Feb 1958, standing first in a class of 25 students (4 officers and 21 enlisted men). The class average was 3.24 and his grade was 3.67.

Naval Justice School To Convene In July

A last minute change of convening date for the School of Naval Justice, Newport, R. I., with a reduction in quotas assigned to the Coast Guard was recently announced by the Chief of Naval Personnel. The course, originally scheduled for August, will begin on 7 July.

Officers who wish BOQ facilities should write for reservations well in advance of the convening date because space will be limited at that time.

Reservists Qualified for Retirement May Be Retained in Active Status

This article should be of particular interest to those Reservists who will, in the near future, become qualified for retirement at age 60 but who are interested in remaining on active duty or in an active status beyond that age in lieu of retirement.

Sections 1331-1337 of Title 10, U. S. Code, (formerly Public Law 810) provide for the retirement with pay of Reservists who reach age 60 and have completed twenty years of service creditable toward retirement, if the last eight qualifying years were served as a member of a Reserve component. Retired pay is computed on the basis of a point formula which is related to the amount of active duty, active duty for training, and inactive duty training performed by the member. More detailed information concerning this retirement benefit is contained in Reserve Instruction No. 39-56.

Another part of Title 10 (Section 676) provides that a Reservist who is qualified for retired pay under 10 USC 1331-1337 may, with his consent and by order of the Secretary concerned, be retained on active duty or in an active status, as the case may be, and receive credit for that service for all purposes. It has been determined that compliance with this section is mandatory and therefore Reservists who are eligible for retirement cannot be retained without their consent. Further, it appears that any purported retention beyond the earliest date of eligibility without consent would result in such service not being creditable toward retirement pay and other benefits.

Accordingly, it is most important that Reservists who are otherwise qualified either request retirement at age 60 or specifically request retention beyond that age. This should be done by application to the Commandant via appropriate channels. If retained beyond age 60, a Reservist would continue to earn retirement points and credit for longevity pay purposes. However, it should be noted that, even if retained, a commissioned officer remains subject to the provisions of Section 613 of the Reserve Officer Personnel Act regarding mandatory retirement at age 62 (unless retained until age 64 under certain circumstances). The same would be true of enlisted personnel who, by regulation, must be retired at age 62.

It is emphasized that the requirement of consent and the order of the Secretary are only required when, at age 60, the Reservist is otherwise qualified for retirement. It does not apply if the individual concerned lacks the necessary 20 years of creditable service or has not spent the last eight qualifying years as a member of the Reserve.

Two Units Are Commissioned

The following Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Units (Port Security) were commissioned on dates indicated:

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| 1. ORTUPS 08-923
2500 North Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas | Commissioned: 27 Jan 1958
Drill night: Monday
CO: LCDR Hays U.
MOFFETT |
| 2. ORTUPS 02-534
USNR Training Center
Kanawha River & "G" St.
South Charleston, W. Va. | Commissioned: 19 Feb 1958
Drill night: Wednesday
CO: LCDR Adam E.
MALONE, Jr. |

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The essay should be type-written, double-spaced, on one side of the sheet, and should contain the aforementioned title only. It must not exceed 2000 words and may be shorter. A carbon copy also must be provided. For identification purposes, write on a plain sheet of paper your full name, address, and rank or rating. Clip this to the two copies of your essay and mail to:

NRA Essay Contest
Naval Reserve Association
1140 National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Comptroller General Rules On 2 Paid Training Periods

The Comptroller General has recently ruled that a Naval Reservist who performed two paid periods of active duty for training within the same fiscal year without special authority of the Bureau of Naval Personnel is not entitled to retain the pay and allowances for the second period.

The decision, No. B133743 dated 5 December 1957, was made in the case of a Naval Reserve officer who performed two weeks active duty for training with pay in November 1951. Later, in May 1952, he was issued orders for another two weeks active duty for training with pay and performed that duty in June 1952. Navy Regulations in effect at that time provided that quotas for training duty with pay for the various classes of the Naval Reserve were to be prescribed by the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Under the quotas, no individual or organization was to be given in excess of 14 days training duty with pay annually, exclusive of travel time, without the authority of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. The officer did not have specific authority from the Bureau; his orders were issued by a Naval District Commandant.

As against the officer's argument that he had complied with the orders in good faith and that he could not question the orders, the Comptroller General stated it was assumed that the Reservist was aware of the Navy policy and therefore should have known of a probable error in the second set of orders.

This decision is worthy of note since there is a restriction, similar to that of the Navy, contained in Section 8.5302 of the Regulations, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve. It is there provided that, with certain specified exceptions or except as otherwise authorized by the Commandant, personnel shall not be assigned tours of active duty for training with pay in excess of 15 consecutive days per year exclusive of travel time.

The exceptions provide that the following members of the Ready Reserve may perform tours of active duty for training with pay in excess of 15 but not more than 90 consecutive days per year:

● Those assigned to training Category H.

● Those ordered to undergo a course of training.

● Those ordered to duty as members of the staff or faculty at a service school or training station.

KNOW YOUR RATING



RADIOMAN

All naval actions require complex teamwork, sometimes involving hundreds of individual units. One of the major factors in the success of these operations is accurate and speedy transmission of radio messages. Radiomen transmit and receive these messages and keep their equipment in good operating condition.

Radiomen operate radios, radio direction finders, teletypewriters, electronic countermeasures, and facsimile equipment. They transmit and receive messages by International Morse Code and type incoming messages. They keep equipment in working order when technicians are not available. They keep required records and often copy news broadcasts for distribution to ship personnel.

Examples of jobs performed:

(1) Communications: Make typewritten records of messages received by International Morse Code. Transmit messages by International Morse Code and teletypewriter. Occasionally receive and transmit messages by voice radio.

(2) Operation: Operate, calibrate, and adjust standard naval radios, radio direction finders and emergency and portable radio equipment. Operate manual and automatic teletypewriters. Obtain bearings with radio direction finders.

(3) Maintenance: Start, stop, regulate, and make necessary operating adjustments on naval radio transmitting and receiving equipment. Lubricate, clean and detect mechanical defects in radios and teletypewriters and perform simple repairs; perform upkeep on radio and radio direction finder equipment; and install teletypewriter equipment and supervise its maintenance and repair. Rig

New Standards Set For Direct Commission Program

Personnel Instruction No. 1-58 has been issued to establish basic standards for applicants for direct commissions in the Coast Guard Reserve and to itemize the data required in support of an application.

Applicants who are tendered commissions under this program should not expect peacetime active duty other than two (2) weeks' annual active duty for training. This is due to the fact that current personnel limitations of the Coast Guard do not permit calling Reserve officers, other than graduates of the Officer Candidate School, to extended active duty. In the event of war or national emergency, of course, officers of the Reserve should expect a call to extended active duty.

emergency radio receiving and transmitting antennas.

Examples of skills and knowledge required:

(1) Operating procedures for transmitting and receiving messages by International Morse Code and teletypewriter.

(2) Electricity, including such items as types, uses, and maintenance of batteries utilized in naval communications; electron theory and magnetism; simple problems in AC and DC radio circuits and in AC and DC motors and generators; reading of wiring diagrams and blueprints; and interpretation of radio symbols.

(3) Characteristics of various types of antennas.

(4) Theory of radio wave propagation, including knowledge of such factors as skip distances and ground-wave effects.

(5) Safety precautions to be observed in the operation and care of electrical equipment and first aid for electric shock and burns.

Radiomen in the lower pay grades generally perform the more routine duties; those in the higher pay grades perform the more technical duties and instruct and supervise others.

Radiomen serve on all types of ships and at radio stations ashore.

Radiomen should be average or above in general learning ability and must demonstrate aptitude for learning radio code on a special test. They should have good hearing, manual dexterity, and

Unit Is Disestablished

Disestablishment of the following unit was authorized by the Commandant on 14 February 1958:

ORTUPS 08-655
U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center
Room 27
5301 Avenue S
Galveston, Texas

6-Mos. Program Continues

During the month of February, 508 trainees reported to the Coast Guard Receiving Centers at Cape May and Alameda. Of the 2900 men thus far transferred to the Receiving Centers, 1607 have completed this phase of their training.

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- Those ordered to duty in connection with special exercises ashore or afloat.

- Those ordered to duty in connection with special projects relating to the Reserve program.

- Those ordered to duty in connection with the 45 day compliance measure.

- Those ordered to the 3 to 6 months active duty for training program.

- Those ordered to the 6 months active duty for training program for graduates of an Officer Candidate program.

Coast Guard Reservists who receive orders to perform active duty for training with pay in excess of 15 consecutive days and those who, having performed 15 such days, receive a set of orders for a second tour of active duty for training with pay within the same anniversary year should satisfy themselves that their orders are either within the exceptions mentioned above or that they were specifically authorized by the Commandant. Failure to do so may result in loss of pay under the ruling of the Comptroller General reported herein.

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ability to operate a typewriter while receiving messages by ear.

School training of a technical nature including courses in mathematics, physics, and electricity is desirable. Ability to type and experience as an amateur radio operator are helpful.

ORTUAG Cruise Schedule

CRUISE	UNITS	DATES	SHIP	POE
A	01-543, Boston 09-329, Battle Creek	14-24 JUL	CASCO	Boston
B	09-054, Rochester 09-592, Evanston	4-14 AUG	CASTLE ROCK	Boston
A	03-393, Brooklyn 03-525, Yonkers 03-369, Tomkinsville	14-24 JUL	ROCKAWAY	New York
B	03-967, Camden 03-996, Kingston 03-973, Philadelphia 03-992, Trenton	4-14 AUG	ROCKAWAY	New York
A	05-147, Washington 05-329, Richmond	21-31 JUL	CHINCOTEAGUE	Norfolk
B	05-455, Portsmouth 05-599, Elizabeth City 02-510, Wheeling	11-21 AUG	INGHAM	Norfolk
A	02-355, Kansas City	6-19 JUL	ANDROSCOGGIN	Miami
B	07-480, Miami 07-196, Jacksonville	3-16 AUG	ANDROSCOGGIN	Miami
A	02-330, Omaha	13-26 JUL	SEBAGO	Mobile
B	08-427, New Orleans	3-16 AUG	SEBAGO	Mobile
A	11-055, Phoenix 11-315, Santa Monica	13-26 JUL	MINNETONKA	Long Beach
B	11-195, San Diego 11-656, Santa Barbara 11-310, North Hollywood	10-23 AUG	PONTCHARTRAIN	Long Beach
A	02-828, Denver 12-196, Stockton 12-536, Alameda	13-26 JUL	GRESHAM	Alameda
B	12-423, San Francisco 13-935, Seattle	10-23 AUG	GRESHAM	Alameda
A	02-115, St. Paul	10-25 AUG	MACKINAW	Duluth

Members Sought For New ORTUS

Organized Reserve Training Units are now being formed at the following

ORTUPS:

San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Rockaway, New York
North Miami, Fla.
Gloucester, N. J.
Portsmouth, N. H.

Camp San Luis Obispo, U. S. Army
Rockaway Lifeboat Station, Fort Tilden, N. Y.
National Guard Armory, North Miami, Fla.
USCG BASE, Gloucester, N. J.
USNR Training Center, Portsmouth, N. H.

ORTUAG:

St. Paul, Minn. (Unit II)
Rockaway, New York

USNR Training Station, Navy Island,
Rockaway Lifeboat Station, Fort Tilden, N. Y.

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

Five Reserve Instructions Published Since 1 January

- 1-58 Training of inactive Reservists residing outside the continental limits of the United States.
- 2-58 Annual National Rifle and Pistol Matches; selection of Coast Guard Reserve Pistol Teams for
- 3-58 Screening of members of the Ready Reserve
- 4-58 Discharge of enlisted personnel who acquired an eight-year obligation prior to 10 August 1955 and have not served on active duty
- 5-58 Additions to Catalog of Active Duty for Training for Coast Guard Reserve Personnel; amends Reserve Instruction No. 31-57

ORTU Attendance Figure

January 1958

National Average.... 87.00%

Highest District
13th District 91.4

Highest ORTUPS
ORTUPS 11-318
Pasadena, California 97.6

Highest ORTUAG
ORTUAG 07-196
Jacksonville,
Florida 100.

WEAR IT RIGHT



PROPER FIT—Uniforms must be made according to regulations. Avoid tailor-mades that are so form-fitting that you will soon grow out of them. Cloth should fall straight. Keep them neatly pressed.

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