

OBSCENITY

When you hear a man talking in a loud, obscene and filthy fashion, you'll probably be right if you guess he's trying to show how tough he is. The chances are also pretty good that he's a boot. Filthy language will not be tolerated. It stinks in the Navy just as much as it does at home.

MILITARY COURTESY

Politeness and thoughtfulness for the other fellow, whether he is your Division Officer or an Apprentice Seaman, go a long way toward making it possible for 2,000 men to live and work cooped up together without getting in each other's hair. Remember that.

Be careful about saluting, about giving a cheerful "Aye-Aye, Sir"—and don't forget the "Sir." Uncover in Officer's Country; stand at "Attention" when you know you should. Take pride in doing these things. They are the mark of a self-respecting sailorman who knows his job. Your officers, including the Captain, are no better men than you are. They know it. You don't have to prove it by being impolite. We're all Americans and damned proud of it! The salute, stand-

ing at attention, addressing an officer as "Sir" are just part of the Navy way of being polite. You had a different way of doing it in civilian life but it amounted to the same thing.

ABOVE ALL DON'T FORGET TO THINK ABOUT THE OTHER FELLOW

The fantail is the Gripping Department. If you want to gripe, go there and look out over the wake and gripe like hell to the sea gulls. Then if you can't stand it any longer, ask for a transfer to Attu or the Fiji Islands.

"THE DAY"

We can all expect to work like hell for months to get ready for battles that will be fought and finished in minutes. When those minutes come, we're going to win or lose, depending on how much we know and how well we can do our jobs. Make no mistake about it, the Japs and the Germans have as much guts as we have. They're tough babies. We've got to know our business better than they do. Now is the time to start learning. Don't wait for somebody to teach you; ask questions and start learning for yourself.