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Mess Decks Intelligence

Want to know who's got the best refueling team in the Pacific? According to BM2 Frank Tucker and SN James Glasco, it's Benn's Station No. 7 Refueling Team. Any comments???

Bats off to the Sonar Gang. They have really been on the ball during our recent training exercises. Those subs just don't seem to have a chance anymore.

A most unusual gift was sent to Ltjg Clinton of the Weapons Department. Believe it or not, he received an ELEPHANT SOCK. Last reports have it that he is trying to find a one-legged elephant.

In the spring, a young man's fancy turns to softball? At least that's the case with Benn's Flag Division. After only one practice, the Admiral's team of enlisted specialists took on the USS CUNNINGHAM and came out on top 13-9. Managed by Flag orderly Cpl. Jensen who is also their ace pitcher, Flag can look forward to a fine season this year.

Stand by for another Physical Fitness Contest. The exact date is yet unknown but it will be coming up shortly. Remember the one we had last year? Just to refresh your memory or if you weren't on board, here are the records set by Benn's personnel which may be broken in the near future: situps-1801, pushups-84, chinups-36, standing broad jump-9 ft. 11 in., standing jump and reach-28 1/2 in., and the 300 yd. shuttle run in 46 seconds.

In last month's basketball tourney, 1st Division was eliminated by the Finks during the quarter-finals by the mere margin of one point. The talk these days is that the Finks just got lucky? How about a rematch?

Chief-"For this job, we need a responsible man."

PO3-"I'm your man. In all my other jobs, when anything went wrong, I was always held responsible."

For some reason or other, there haven't been any entries in the All-Navy Comic Cartoon Contest. If you have any talent in this field, why not give it a try! Who knows, YOU could be the winner.

Jerry Wright of N Division is having quite a problem these days. Seems as though he found his true love in San Diego while he was at the Quartermaster School a couple of months ago. Well, this girl really flipped for him. Now, she writes him at least once a day telling him how much she misses him. Only trouble is our lover boy wants to forget his San Diego princess. He doesn't have the heart to tell her the truth so he leads her on. Any advice you could give him would be appreciated. *

*(Eds. Note. This lad should tell his troubles to Dear Blabby.)

As most of us know, our trip to Australia has been cancelled. Don't give up the ship yet though. The word is now official and it comes straight from MDI. We will be going to Australia on our WESTPAC cruise next year!

A variety of comments were made concerning the statement made by Dave Crabb in last month's Hukster. There were many who did not agree with the 2nd Class Quartermaster's way of thinking. You'll have to realize that Dave is all Navy through and through. That should speak for itself.

The Perfect Division by Lt(jg) G. A. YORK

I doubt that I shall ever see

A division that's all it ought to be

A division whose members never stray

Beyond the straight and narrow way

A division that has no unshined shoes

Whose officer never has the blues

A division whose POs are willing to speak

And none are too proud, and none are too meek

Where gossips never peddle lies

Or make complaints, or criticize

Where all are always brave and kind

And all to others' shortcomings are blind

Such perfect divisions there may be

But none of them are known to me

But still we'll work, and pray, and plan

To make this one the best we can.