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ANCHORS AWEIGH McCUDDY WINNER

The future plans for the MACON were made known by Capt. E. E. PARE', U. S. N., Commanding Officer, in a statement to a MACON TIME reporter today.

At 0830 Sunday 23 September, the MACON will leave on a series of river runs to be followed by the completion of the yard work. Shakedown will commence then lasting approximately six weeks. A few days will be spent in the Hampton Roads area, from whence the MACON will head for Guantanamo Bay where gunnery, engineering and damage control drills will occupy the next few weeks. It is also expected a trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico will be included.

Emphasis will be placed on gunnery and fire control as well as all other drills and all hands evolutions. Sufficient time will be provided for recreation and liberty will be granted whenever possible.

The name of John J. McCUDDY today sky-rocketed to prominence as his entry MACON TIME was unanimously selected by crew members, as the name of the MACON newspaper. He was awarded a \$25 War Bond.

Thirty-six year old McCUDDY, member of Lt. DYMOND'S Sixth Division, is a former cab driver and the father of three children.

The idea for the name came to him, he stated to reporters when informed of his overwhelming victory, while loading stores. Some one yelled 'Come on fellas we're makin' time', which McCUDDY, remembering the contest, turned into MACON TIME.

Man of the hour McCUDDY, a member of the deck force of the Sixth, is known for the immaculate decks and bulkheads his cleaning detail produces. This is the first contest he has entered which gives him a perfect and unbeatable record.

COMMENTS

GONSKI has had nothing to do with this issue, mainly because he hasn't been feeling so good since he dove off the signal bridge when we were in dry dock. He has managed to keep busy however by running the air-hammer over the wardroom during chow, and now and then puts in a night operating the crane during the movies....Ens. GASKIN, transportation director for the S.O.P.A., is rapidly running away with the M.P.O.A. title, now leading Ens. HOKE 568 to 13. M.P.O.A. of course stands for Most-Paged-Officer-Aboard, and an honor difficult to achieve. At this present rate the 'Transportation Tycoon' will soon make his name a household by-word, like Wheaties, Pink Toothbrush or Camay. Actually Mr. GASKIN'S closest competitor is 'Relieve the Watch', (83 behind) but this comes over the speaker system only four times daily, while Ens. GASKIN'S daily average is 7.345....Our apologies to Lloyd KEENE, SCIC, who was misrepresented last issue as second class. To be fair we'll go one better, O.K. Chief?....Speaking of misrepresentations, Lt.(jg) SMITH was omitted from the list of athletic assistants last week. He is Hunting and Hiking Officer and has regularly scheduled hikes leaving the fan-tail for the fo'cs'le every hour on the hour. Excursions of the Greater Philadelphia Area have been cancelled because of the weather.What yeoman striker with the initials D.E.E.T.S. was seen, unshackled, delivering plans of the day in officers country recently wearing dress blues? Could he be thinking of liberty? Obviously he hasn't gotten the word from Lt.(jg) ENTWISTLE'S HUMBLE assistant... ..The editor of our rival paper, (Plan of the day--circulation 97), Yeoman first class SHINDO, has tried to explain the embarrassing situation in the Executive Officer's Office when the entire force was found asleep at their desks

JOE SWABO



'Sure they're GI skivvies'

(Cont'd. from Column 1)

at 0200. Says SHINDO, 'Some one took the caffeine out of our coffee.' Is that why you fell asleep at the football game SHINDO?....Observation of Philadelphia on a Sunday night: Nicely laid out for a big city. Hard to say how long it's been dead, but nicely laid out....Now that we are moored alongside pier 2 again, we find ourselves, the newest cruiser in the Navy, opposite the oldest...CL 4, the OMAHA. She has been the queen of the seas since 1921 and now at the age of 24, according to GONSKI is still well stacked.

DISCHARGEES TO LEAVE

The final group of dischargees to be released before we leave Philadelphia under the point system, as set forth in ALNAV 252, will be transferred from the MACON the first of next week.

DIVISIONAL DIVERIONS

Thoughts at the movies.....Ensign CEKOVSKY could have all the non-swimmers in the next Olympics...if the MACON could interest Esther Williams as a Sp(A)...The Electrical Shop bulletin board has a complete newspaper clipping on discharges...Impatient boys....M. F. MYERS and F. LETKO, Flc, (A) are eagerly waiting the opportunity to run the MACON'S new whaleboats....Myers even shipped over..'A' Division thinks Chief Machinist Mate STARFIELD is the new heavyweight contender...It takes the rain to bring out the ingenuity of our boys when it comes to wearing foul weather gear...From bags to balloons... Talking about bags M. SISSINE, SSM(L), handles plenty..laundry bags of course, Up at the forcastle the boys that handle the anchor are really chaining themselves down what with A. BRESSI, BM2c, (1), S. ANDERSON, BM1c and J. J. PANO, S2c, already the father's of three expecting new links to their family...R. GAUDELLI, since he has been in the City of Brotherly Love can't make up his mind which sister it is...Question? Why does D. GILMORE come in at tiny hours of the morn when he goes out on liberty just to make a phone call?...Shades of the U. S. Treasury...Two Marines guarding the Disbursing Office...First Class Mess Hall has a real chummy atmosphere, all that's needed are some plush chairs and a bar....Cox. MURPHY, (4), would like to have gobs fall out of their sacks at reveille the way things fall out of Fibber McGee's closet....If you see a Phm3c walking around in a daze, that man is our newly married Dental Technician, WILHELM...The popping noise you hear around the Dr's office is not a chipper's gun, but it's 'Papa' ANDREA popping his shirt buttons against the bulkhead. He's the lucky father of a baby girl, born September 10th.

PRECOMMISSIONING DETAIL COMMENDED

In a letter from the Commanding Officer, USNTS, Newport, to Commander, Fleet Operational Training Command, U S Atlantic Fleet, the following information was given regarding the performance of the USS MACON DETAIL during the Pre-commissioning training.

'The MACON DETAIL was outstanding. Officers were active and interested. The men were well disciplined and were outstanding in military performance. The 'esprit de corps' of the Detail was high and it should prove to be an excellent ship's company.'

'In basic Damaze Control and Chemical Warfare instruction, the Detail was above average. The Engineering Divisions were considered to be above average in Classroom instruction and the Hot Plant.....The 40MM crews received extensive training and are considered to be above average. The 5⁶/38 crews were rated as the best trained at Newport. Their performance during training in a Destroyer was excellent. The Fire Control groups were above average. The Detail showed better than average ability in Recognition.'

Also commended were the men receiving Sound Powered Telephone Instruction who showed better than average ability.

DOPE ON LIBRARY AND PIANO

The spinet piano belonging to the MACON is located in compartment B-208-L and is available to all hands outside of working hours. The key to the piano can be drawn from the MAA Shack.

Our Ship's Library is expected to open sometime before 1st of October and will be located aft of the Gedunk stand in the same compartment (B-207-2L). At present the 2,000 books are being inventoried and indexed, but will be ready by the time the new room is completed.

SPORTS ALVOS

The baseball world last week saw a memorable four game series between the American League leaders, Detroit's Tigers and, the runner-up Washington Senators, in which the dope sheets were of no value. The one game which the Tigers were confident of winning was lost as reliable Lefty Hal Newhauser was chased off the mound under a barrage of hits. Despite this setback, however, Detroit won three of the hotly contested games, and built their league lead to a fat 3 games. Assuming that the Bengals can win half of their 6 remaining games, they will have the Junior circuit pennant safely tucked away at the season's end.

The National League race is also nip and tuck, as the leading Chicago Cub aggregation still have five games left with second place St. Louis. The Cubs enter the last lap enjoying a three game lead over the Redbirds, but considering that Chicago has only managed to beat St. Louis four times in seventeen contests, the N.L. flag race is far from settled. In order to take the pennant the Cards must win all five games, and then match the Cubs win for win. You call it.

As the weather indicates, football season has arrived. Last Saturday the first important college game of the season saw Michigan's Wolverines trample the Great Lakes Bluejackets 27-2. Michigan, considered as a dark-horse in the Big Ten, but showing some fine young material, is ably led by Joe Ponsetto and Bob Nussbaumer. The latter received his naval discharge this week, and will make Michigan a real contender for the title. Ohio State, defending champs however remain the pre-season choice.

The city of Brotherly Love seems to have itself a cracker-jack professional football team, as was evidenced in

MACON BALL SQUAD SPUITS

The mighty MACON MAULERS, ace softball squad has now a record of one win and one loss. The first game was played against the U.S. Coast Guard, in which the MACONITES were unable to throw off the effects of two weeks sea duty, and bowed 4-3. Pitcher KRAUSE(C) nevertheless hurled a one-hit ball game, only to find that there were too many holes in the worn gloves of the local lads, and also several ailing arms.

In the second fray, however, it was a different story, as the MACON breezed through the U.S.S. HUMBOLT for a 8-3 triumph. Again KRAUSE starred on the mound, while his teammates slashed out an 18 hit barrage. At this early stage it appears to be a close race between Lt.(jg) COSTELLANI and BRDARD (2) for the batting crown, with the averages .667 and .571 respectively.

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Last week's exhibition game in which Philadelphia's Eagles slaughtered the formerly potent Green Bay Packers. LSU's gift to the Eagles, Steve 'Hot-foot' Van Buren, combined blinding speed and a remarkable change of pace to constantly baffle the outclassed Packers. It is a mistake, however, to count Green Bay out of the picture. Reliable rumors have it that a horde of ex-Minnesota All-Americans are joining the Packers, including such notables as Dick Wildung, Bruce Smith, Wild Bill Dailey, and Urban Olson. Wildung, incidentally, will oppose Al Wistert, former Michigan great, when the Eagles meet the Packers again in regular league play. The two behemoth tackles first clashed in the annual Brown Jug classic in 1942, and it proved to be one of the finest and most rugged line duels in football annals.