

Yesterday found no birthdays on the "A", therefore no sheet. Today we extend greetings to one who has not been with us long yet he is a part of what has made our U.S. what she really is, what makes our Navy the pride of all Navies, what makes our ship the best ship. Best wishes, Mac.

McKENZIE, Irvin James, RM 3c V6NR, was born at Oloa, Hawaii in '25, of Irish descent. This island lies about 200 miles north and east of Oahu where Pearl Harbor is located. He received his elementary schooling at Oloa and high school at Hilo, Hawaii excelling in oratory. He joined the Navy on 7-18-42 with hopes of seeing many of the countries he had studied about (who wouldnt) and doing his share in avenging Pearl Harbor. Of the islands of Hawaii he says: "Do not judge it by what you have seen of Honolulu. The island is very picturesque with the most beautiful volcano, a rare sight to see. And the girls are very cordial, even more so than I have heard about the Boston girls. Unquote. Hobbies: Semi-classical music, tennis, dancing and swimming. Religion: Episcopalian. His hopes for the "A" are 1) that she makes the States so as to see how real people live and 2) to do her share in making the Japs pay dearly for their treachery on Dec. 7, '41. He hopes to make the Navy a career eventually attending Bellevue Radio Operators and Material School at Washington, D.C.

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Maybe you will call it "chronic bitching" that always brings to light something that peeves the most of us, but we are certain that we voice the opinion of many aboard the "A" on this matter and are wishing we get results. We offer both the problem and our suggestion for the solution. What remedy is available ~~the~~ to step up the efficiency of the chow line? We have tried MAA's both at the top and bottom of the ladder with some success but we suggest a reliable person in charge at all times to halt all pers. except those with chits from hitting the line and to see that food is available for serving at all times. Let's try a change. We agree it is about time.

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#### THINGS I 'D LIKE TO SEE AND HEAR ABOARD THE "A"

1. NOW, PAY DAY WILL BE HELD-
2. The day the cooks cook what the menu says.
3. The day the mighty "A" steams through the Golden Gate.
4. The Captain's face when we knock down the radio towers.
5. IN THE MESS HALL BEGINNING IN FIVE MINUTES.-
6. Thirty days leave twelve times a year.
7. Sick call without Palinsky.
8. Nault saying a satisfactory word about chow.
9. A bottle of Budweiser.
10. ALL HANDS FALL IN ON THE STARBOARD SIDE-
11. A clean compartment back aft.
12. A Gunner's Mate in his own dungarees.
13. Reimer with a smile.
14. A regular become a Reserve.
15. 1st and 2nd divisions out of their sacks.
16. The life line without Bayne.
17. IN PAY ORDER NUMBER.
18. The "A" in Charlestown Navy Yard.
19. The fantail without water on it.
20. PAY DAY.