

The 'better late than never' slogan was as evident as the sun in the sky when the mail call was announced yesterday. Even the reprinted headlines from the Boston Herald telling of the greatest armada in history hitting the Marshalls looked good. Even Woogee was mentioned and if they only knew! Well, we fired a few rounds anyway that connected. By the time some of the boys get back with their tales, it will have been a do or die battle all alone for the 'A'. And the gals in Izzie's don't forget that easy. And forget is only one of the four f's so why worry way out here. Let's see who celebrates today.

REEVES, Marvin Howard, TM2c NR, was born at Rochester, N.Y. in '24 of English parentage. At the age of six the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he attended elementary school. Three years of high school at Niagara Falls, N.Y. with all sports as the greatest objectives in his education. He worked at National Biscuit, the home of shredded wheat which gets aboard the 'A' but never on the menu, until enlisting in the NR on 8-16-42. Boots at Great Lakes, torpedo school at Newport and then to the Fargo Building and Scully Square. He claims to have had his first shave aboard, hopes the tubes will be blown just once before inspection when the wind is in the right direction. He enjoys sea duty although Boston has it's charms and new construction back there would be much appreciated. He hopes to return to 'Soca' with his potato growing friend, Ross and see if all he says about the place is true. Before the present career he played pro baseball with the Niagara Falls Rainbows in the Pony League. Although pitching was his speciality winning 12 while losing 5, he batted .340 until joining the Navy. He has made acquaintances with all the famous players of the Cleveland Indians. Hobbies are baseball and more baseball and as far as girls go he says 'pick 'em young and train 'em. Politics takes too much of his time.

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HATFIELD, Clyde Andrew, S2c NR, was born at Jena, Louisiana in '25 of English-Irish descent. All ten years of schooling was at Jena although he is sorry that he did not finish his remaining two years, quitting because he thought that he had enough. Was employed at Standard Dredge, Orange, Texas until joining the Navy at Shreveport, La. Boots at Diego, then to Bremerton, Wash. where the Navy put the boys to work on the Enterprise repairing an unexpected opening. He was next sent to Pleasanton, Calif., to Pearl Harbor and the 'A' on a one man draft. Plans to strike for GM aboard. He enjoys sea duty but is glad that the R is aft of the USI. Would like to collect the fin that J.J. Haynes owes him from a friendly wager before leaving the ship. Hopes to return to Standard Dredging where the 'hay' was made the easy way and there was plenty of it. Hobbies are baseball, boxing and basketball. Religion is Baptist. On politics he doesn't give a damn. He has three brothers in the Navy and two in the Army. He has a brother now working in Pearl Harbor whom he saved from drowning and considers this the greatest feat of his life.

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Here's one that we missed yesterday:

HAYNES, Olin Scott, S2c NR, was born in '25 at Los Gatos, Calif. of Irish and German descent. Elementary schooling at Modesto, Calif. and high school at Santa Cruz, Calif. where swimming, football and baseball were his sports. Was employed in Santa Cruz as inspector of pontoon boats until drafted on 5-4-43 at Frisco taking the Navy as his choice. Boots at Farragut, then spent 10 weeks at torpedo school in Diego, spent a month at Pedro and the 'prison', then to Pearl and the 'A'. Not hoping to be 20 year man, torpedoes are not his choice so he is striking for Radioman, hoping to make it his future career. Wants to start a razor blade campaign so that Moriarity can shave more often. His hobbies are stamp collecting and outdoor sports. Religion is Protestant and the 'old man' was a Democrat. He once caddied for Fred McMurray, Susan Hayward, Paulette Goddard and Max Baer on different occasions as a highlight of his life.

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