

Man has debated for centuries, evolution has been put to the test many times in the discussion of it, women have left their bridge clubs after tearing each others hair out, all over the question as to 'Which is the mother of the chicken-the hen that laid the egg or the hen that hatched the egg?'. Six months from now, may be six years, when the 'A' steams into Frisco Harbor, old time debating professors will be there to see the evidence. Although we will have traveled thousands of miles to collect the necessary information, many men being killed in search of it, the 'Incubator locker' of HODGES, C.F. Slc, will undoubtedly have to be sent to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. Now you may ask-where did the eggs come from? We hope that the many who said that they came from the beach were correct. But then we wonder why we have had the serving of so many 'sunnysides up' here of late. Could there possibly be any question? It looks rather indictive be we will let the Supply division do all the explaining. But then the meal last nite also reaped the benefits. Ships Office was swamped with men wanting to sign up for the remainder of their twenty while others decided to go Regular. A great day for the 'A' I should say.

FOLLIS, Robert Henry, TM2c, NR, was born on Chicago's South Side in '21 of English-French, Bohemian descent. Grammar school at James Shields and high at Thomas Kelly High School. Baseball, basketball and football were his sports while chemistry was his favorite subject. Was employed at Miller Bros. Engraving Co. during summer months and also during the year spent at Wilson Junior College where he studied buisness and accounting. Next worked at The Electromotive Corp. in the construction of diesel motors for the following year joining the Navy on 7-20-42 at Chi. Boots at Great Lakes, also torpedo school, then to Keyport, Wash. to advanced torpedo school. Next was Boston and the 'A'. Says the 'A' is the only ship he wants to be on unless it be new construction. Would enjoy very much a few liberties and some recreation (the nice way to say it) in Australia. Hobbies are all sports. Religion is Episcopalian. Politics is just a matter of patriotism at the present time.

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JOYCE, Joseph (n), EM1c NR, was born in '20 in Brooklyn, N.Y. of Irish descent. Grammar school at P.S. 194 and high school at Brooklyn High. His only goal was just to get the paper that said he was graduated. It was so strenous he took it easy for a couple of months after graduation then taking a job at Alco Electric where he worked for two years. High school must have been rather dull as he also took time out to enlist in the Naval Reserve taking his 'cruises' aboard the TEXAS, WYOMING and two cans, the HERBERT and DUPONT. Went on active duty in 2-41 going aboard the USS SAPPHIRE, a converted yacht, remaining aboard for 15 months. Was very choice duty off Eastern coast mostly out of Boston. (AND WHERE IS BOSTON?) Next was aboard the PC577 out of Trinidad for 8 months. This duty was not so hot and he was happy when orders to Boston and the 'A' came through. He suggests much room for improvement aboard the 'A' especially in the mess hall. Hopes to go back to his former job as he is only a duration sailor. His hobbies are outdoor sports with lots of indoor guzzling. Religion is Roman Catholic. Politics: Dad was a Democrat when he left home. Has two brothers in service, one a Marine and the other a Soldier out in this territory somewhere.

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FLAUGHER, George Richard, TM2c NR, was born at Ripley, Ohio on 3-12-24. All schooling was at Ripley Union and at Ripley High where baseball and mathematics were his favorites working on his fathers tobacco plantation during the vacations. Employed at U.S. Printing in Cincinnati for 15 months and then 'retired' until he joined the Navy on 3-29-42. Navy career is same as Follis' above. Enjoys very much being aboard the 'A', hopes to do the best he can aboard but has not decided on a future. Hobbies are outdoor sports and a favorite expression. Religion is Roman Catholic. He is not interested in politics.