

Well, at least we saw New Guinea. Dought a mess or snoots and left again. Just like Saturday nite back home. We have missed a few birthdays so have to get hot and catch up on them.

FELLEGRINO, Michael Frank, S2c NR, was born at Bristol, R.I. on 4-1-23 of Italian parents. His father always referred to him as the April Fool joke. Grammar school in Bristol and high school at Colt Memorial High. Manual training was the most enjoyed subject while playing right end on the football team was his pastime. During vacation periods and for six months following graduation, he was employed at the First National Stores later working at the Herrshoff Shipyards for eight months building small craft for the Navy. He enlisted at Providence, R.I. on 12-13-42 after getting tired of watching all the Tars get all the gals from around home. Boots at Newport, then to Fargo and the 'A'. His first impression was that she was a great ship, beautiful and large, when she tied up at Pier 4 in Boston. He is now ready for new construction as soon as the Sic follows his name as he wants to get back and see the girl friend. Duty aboard has been thoroughly enjoyable and he would like to make a liberty in Australia or New Zeland. He is willing to lay money that Gun #43 will shoot down more planes than any 40 mm. gun aboard. Hobbies are football and swimming. Religion is Roman Catholic.

DUNDON, Clyde Edwin, Mile NR, born at Kalamazoo, Mich. on 4-3-18 of Irish-Dutch descent. When he was three years old, his father became afflicted and he was compelled to live with an aunt. Grammar school at Western Teachers College under a campus training program. High school at Central High in Kalamazoo. Upon graduation he attended Western Teachers for one year taking a pre-professional course in engineering. He was at the same time employed as a lab assist. in an i. factory where he had also worked during his high school vacation periods. For three and one-half years he was employed at the Atlas Press Co. in the manufacture of small shop equipment. Worked at the Chrysler Corp. in Detroit the following eight months and then to the Rock Island Arsenal at Rock Island, Ill. for the next one and one-half years. Joined Navy on 9-16-42 at Detroit training boot training at Great Lakes where he also attended M. school. Next was refrigeration school at Syracuse, N.Y. for four weeks. Next was Fargo and the 'A' all in the same day. Although he preferred can duty, he says that the Navy is losing money on him for he feels that there are other duties to which he could be much more fully adapted. Hobbies are bowling, golf and tennis. Religion is a future Lutheran as he intends to be married to a girl of that belief as soon as he returns to the States. Has a brother on the SIGSBEE (502) now in this area.

MACK, Newell Preston, PHM3c NR formerly had the family name of McNamara until he disgraced it, was born in Fleming Co. Ky. in a 'hick town' named Lucas Mills. One year of grammar school at Hayesville while the remaining eleven was at Vanceburg, Ky. He became captain of the football team, also being prominent in basketball circles. During vacations was a river rat until his senior year when he helped his father in the lumber business. He remained with his father in this work, in his spare time bootleggin' (he calls it driving a beer truck) until joining the navy on 9-24-42 at Forts Smith, O. (Kentucky didn't know we had a navy.) Boots at Great Lakes where he had to wear shoes. Next was Hospital Corps School at Forts Smith, Va., Key West, Fla. for training, then to Sampson, N.Y. Naval Hospital where he learned the fundamentals of dental technicalities. Then to Frisco, Pedro, and the USS COVILL (547). After a period at Aiea Hospital, Pearl, he came aboard the 'A' on 12-7-43. Says the COVILL can't hold a candle to the 'A' when it comes to comparing the ships in all features. Hobbies are football, basketball, swimming, keeping up the morale of the gals back there especially one in Auburn, N.Y. He is at present destined to be the future Mrs. Mack. Religion is Methodist. Oh yes, his parents are Irish. During boots, since he was the name of every tar, this Mack was named 'Poodles'.