

Three Abboteers are celebrating their birthday anniversaries today. Rumors have been circulated that they started early last evening and into the wee hours of the morning, a celebration to be logged in the annals of world history. The event was said to have been a stag party of near three hundred men held at some South Pacific island. Upon awakening this morning, one of the celebrants was said to have remarked: "Woe, gee, what a headache".

RICHARDSON, John Edmond, S2c V6NR, was born at St. George, Maine in '22 of English and Irish descent. Elementary schooling at Clark Island, Me. but preferred working in the pulpwood industry in the Manufacture of paper to going to high school. Later he was employed at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me. and was indeed fortunate in assisting in the construction of the ship on which he serves his country. He married the best looking girl in Maine on Sept. 10, '42, but Uncle Sam spoiled all his fun and he enlisted in the Navy on Nov. 15, '42 at Portland, Me. Boots at Newport being assigned later to the ABBOT. His ambitions while aboard are to get his GI. crow for which he is striking and when lucky enough to get new construction, put to good practice all the values he had been taught aboard. Hobbies: mechanically inclined. Future plans upon mustering out are to choose a mechanical trade and raise the delayed but important little richardsons. Religion: Methodist. Has one brother in the Army.

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MCSHIER, Norman Elliott, RC3c V61R, was born at Hampton, Conn. in '24 of English and Dutch descent. Both elementary and high schooling at Willimantic, Conn. majoring in business with music a close second. He has appeared in many concerts playing the violin while making his extra cash in a dance orchestra under his brothers direction doubling on the sax and clarinet. The latter group appeared on the radio frequently. He also starred on the basketball floor, his team winning the New England championship. He was employed upon being graduated at the Pratt-Whitney Aircraft Corp. at Hartford, Conn as a clerk. Hobbies: music, fishing and skating. His ambition in the Navy is to be as good a Radioman as is at all possible. As a civilian, since he has learned to know the city well, he intends to study at the Boston Conservatory of Music and later apply the learning in teaching. He also hopes to carry the "hot licks" as a past time. Religion: Congregational. He has a brother in the Coast Guard.

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CRANE, Raymon Talmadge, S2c USN-1, was born at Blytheville, Arkansas in '25 of English and Irish descent. Elementary school at Lost Cane, Ark. but out of mere "oneryness" he did not attend high school but preferred to remain a farm hand. He joined the Navy on 7-14-43 enlisting at Little Rock, Ark. in preference to the Army. Hobbies: hunting, fishing and baseball. His ambition on the "A" is to become a Water Tender, he finding life very enjoyable aboard. After collecting his mustering out pay, he intends to make up for the good times he has missed while out here and then enter the trucking business back home. Religion: Methodist.

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For Sale: Heaps and heaps of salt. Water soluble. Good for animal consumption and sailor's saltyness. Machine, complete with instructions and directions with rapid progress courses and advancements included. Cheap at half the price.

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Overheard back aft: All the cups that have disappeared from the mess hall have been broken in the carpenter shop while Burton and Riemer have their store teeth in them at night. No wonder Riemer had such a grouch on the other morning. He probably had Burton's teeth

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PAYDAY - that wonderfull day when the Navee keeps their part of the contract - will be held as soon as we get to the Fleet Anchorage at IAJURA. It has been discussed - by "it" - the pro's and con's about how much to give out to each man. It has been decided that \$10 per man ought to be enough to keep you in those things that you need. Now wait, before you growl. Nobody is trying to "hold back" your dough or anything like that. There are several reasons for only giving out ten bucks. One is that there is no place to go ashore and spend it. Another is that, unfortunately, there was found a short time ago that a skunk is still somewhere on board who cannot keep his hands off of his shipmate's money. Another is that there might be an inclination to pass the time of night in the clicking of clicks and this cannot be allowed on board, especially when all hands need whatever sleep they are able to grab. If there is any reason that you want more than ten bucks, get a request chit and make out a request. All requests must be made the Ship's Office by 0800, 12 Feb. Saturday. These chits will be passed out again before payday to the men concerned. Any man desiring more than ten bucks must present an approved request to the paymaster in the payline. It might tick you a little now - the idea of somebody telling you to draw a "measly ten smackers" - but think hard won't it be a helova lot better to spend on something for which you can receive full value?

ABSENTEE VOTING BLANKS may be obtained from the Ship's Office. Any man wishing to vote should obtain one of these blanks, fill it in, mail the blank to the Secretary of Secretary of State, New York. Upon receipt of war ballot the ballot must be executed in accordance with instructions which will accompany the ballot, notarized by any commissioned officer and returned. These ballots should be obtained immediately.

FOR INTERESTING READING AND A CLEVER IDEA - Genial ED JENKINS should be thanked. His "Birthday special" has taken a hold on the fellows and has proven to be interesting. It is no small amount of work and there are no thanks outside of the feeling that you get that you may have made another guy feel good. Good going Ed - there are a lot of fellers with "good ideas" but too few of them see the ideas through.

WOTJE DOIN TONIGHT?

HO. TO LIVE ON \$15.00 A WEEK

WHISKEY and BEER.....	\$8.00
LIFE'S BEER.....	1.65
Meat, Fish, Groceries, on CREDIT	
RENT.....	PAY NEXT WEEK
MID-WEEK WHISKEY.....	1.50
COAL.....	DRRC. REICHCOR'S
LIFE INSURANCE (life's).....	.50
CIGARS.....	.20
MOVIES.....	.60
BURIAL CLUB FOR LIFE.....	.50
HOT TIP ON HORSE.....	.50
DOG FOOD.....	.60
SMOKES.....	Pick Up Dutts
SNUFF.....	.40
POKER GAME.....	1.40
TELEPHONE.....	Use Slugs

TOTAL \$16.65

THIS MEANS GOING INTO DEBT, SO CUT
OUT LIFE'S BEER.....