

The number of men destined some generation or two ago to be the personnel of the "A" were not lucky enough to be born on this date. Their parents were undoubtedly satisfied in letting Abe Lincoln have the day to himself. Since we resolved to print on the days that there were no birthdays aboard the histories of those men who had birthdays earlier in the year, we present the following. Both were born on 1 January but doubt if they were New Year resolutions.

JOHNSON, Albert Edward, RC3c USN, was born at West Blocton, Alabama in '25 of English and Irish descent. He received elementary schooling at West Blocton but during his freshmen year the "vanderlust" got the best of his good person and on 1 Dec. '42 he joined the regular Navy (must have had a good recruiting agent there). His greatest ambition while on the "A" is to get as many planes belonging to Tojo and all his pals painted on the bridge as there is space to do any painting. His later intentions after serving just one hitch is to go back home and make up for all the lost time as that is what he considers the time spent in fighting Japs. He has plans to go in the trucking business. Hobbies are all sports with a little beer guzzling on the side preferably home brew. In his opinion a Yankee is still a _____ Yankee. Religion: Baptist.

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RAGAN, Stephen (n), EM3c USN, was born at Braddock, Pa. in '26 of Slav descent. He received his elementary schooling at Braddock and had nearly finished high school at Scott High in Braddock when the recruiting propoganda overtook him for a hitch on 1 January, '43. He hopes for the "A" that 1) she soon makes the States or Tokyo making it possible to hook up to shore power which will excuse him from standing board watches, and 2) the electrical principles he has learned while being aboard can soon be put into practice on new construction. Hobbies are all sports having played center on the football team. He has one brother, a bombardier, who has been interned in a German concentration camp for the past year being shot down over North Africa. Religion: Greek Catholic

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Seems we have to bring to light another old gripe that has prevailed on the ship for a long time. It is the carelessness that some of the men still have, the idea that the head is a place to abuse and not to use. There are those that have to be called numbskulls that continue to urinate in the troughs while throwing their gum in the urinals. Come on, you bunch of saps, wake up and use that thing you have above your shoulders and between your ears for something other than just a human fixture.

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It is rumored that Stan Young, our promising mail clerk, has learned some of the ropes of the South Sea Islands much more sooner than expected. When applying for special money in Funafuti, he finally admitted that he owed two dollars to a native islander who wasn't bad at all.

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