

Today finds the month already one-half past. Means Uncle Sam owes us another check (raincheck in our case). Also means that the laundry is two bits more to the good on each man. Anyway, the war is fifteen days closer to the Armistice and the Japs are beginning to realize it more and more every day. Who said something about fifteen days leave? Let's see who had his umbilical cord cut some years ago today.

MCNTIJO, Rico F., MM1c USN, was born at National City, California in '19 of Spanish descent. He received his schooling both elementary and high school at National City being outstanding in track and basketball. His best record was 1:36 in the 660 yard dash and this mark stood as the mark to shoot at for two years. Upon being graduated, was employed at his father's machine shop and at various other jobs. He joined the CCC's in '38-'39 being stationed at Pine Valley, Calif. Since there "wasn't much doin' on the outside" and having had a taste of the way that Uncle Sam treated the boys, he enlisted in the Navy on 11-10-39 at San Diego, Calif. Had "good duty" on the USS RELIEF from 8-40 to 11-42 at which time he received orders to the "A". His ambitions while aboard are 1) to get fat on the food and 2) to live to be as old as Argenzio. Says that he is a 20 year man- 6 in and 14 out. Hobbies are all sports and music, any type. Religion: Catholic. Politics: Fourth termite.

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PISAPIA, Albert Frank, S1c NR, was born at Groton, Conn. in '23 of Italian Descent. Received both his elementary and high schooling at Groton where he was a three letter man in football, baseball and basketball. Worked on the greens during the summer and had caddied for Harry Cooper, well known pro, and many Washington diplomats. Was employed at the Electric Boat Co. until he enlisted in the Navy on 12-10-42 at New Haven, Conn. He intends to help keep the deck force on the "A" the best in the fleet for the duration and then return to the home town and be employed at the occupation he left as a machinis. Hobbies are all sports. Religion: Catholic. No politics. No ties at home until he is sure he can see her to trust her.

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Matress Covers: Those men not having matress covers on their mattresses are asked to get them immediately. This does not refer to the fireproof covers which have always been a requisite. And those who have not changed their cover in some time had better do so at once. An inspection of all compartments is scheduled in the near future and any bunk found, satisfactory or deficient will be placed on the list. The poor condition of covers at the last airing is the reason for this inspection. They were filthy. And while we are on the subject, when word is passed for bedding to be aired, remove the mattress cover and after being piped down, use a clean cover for covering.

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Word has come to the Medical Department that there are some men, if we may consider them of that high a calibre, who haven't the sense of a week-old kitten. We learn with dismay that we have people aboard who are too lazy to walk a few feet to empty their bladders, that is, they have private heads beside their sacks. In addition they must enjoy the aroma for they are even to lazy to cover the cans. We hope this warning will be sufficient. No names have been asked for as yet, but if the offenders continue this practice, no questions will have to be asked. Come to your senses, "diaper kids" and live as clean a life as the Navy would have you to.

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Bonnett, that genial dispenser of pogeys, tobaccos, safties, super-bite store teeth, etc., asks us to inform the impatient ones, that it will be two or three days before small stores will be distributed, and also that he has a sufficient stock of foot powder to supply each member of the crew with at least one can.