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#### McCormick To Command Libra

accordance with adage, ancient

was assigned to the "O" the rank of Lt. Comdr. ition through this (Contd. Page 2 Col. 1)

# Amphibious Insignia

Men of the Amphibious Forces, proud of
their service, can now
display tangible evidence of their attachment to a branch of
the Navy, which, while
new, is coming into
the foreground in importance. The Secretary of the Navy recently approved the
wearing of a shoulder
insignia by enlisted
personnel regularly
attached and serving
with the Amphibious

there's just not room!"
stated that there was
a big difference in
being Exec of a Section Base and Exec
(Contd. Page 2 Col. 1)

KATED C.P.O.
Congratulations are
again in order. C. A.
Rund was advanced from
SFIc to CSF, J.A. Seaberry from CKIc to CCK,
sary combined with her
Silver Star Dinner.
Besides the feasting,
attached and serving
with the Amphibious

clared Rope Yarn Sun
Rund was assigned to with Forces.

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"hard work will not pass unrewarded," Com-mander McCormick, our 1944. He takes over his new duties thorough-former Executive Offi-ly versed in the workings of the ship in all cer, was transferred its many intricate details, having previously and promoted from his served as its First Lieutenant, Cargo Officer, position on the Ormsby Boat Officer and Boat Group Commander.

to Commanding Officer Comdr. Alcott first reported aboard on Mar-of the Libra, AKA 12. ch 12, 1943, with the rank of Lieutenant. Commander McCormick Effective March 1, 1944, he was promoted to

with the rank of Lt. Enlistment date in the Navy for Commander Commander before her Alcott was December 3, 1934: He came to accommissioning, and, as tive duty September 2, 1941, reporting to the Executive Officer, has key West, Florida, Inshore Patrol. He was Exhelped to keep her ecutive Officer of the Section Base at Key running in a smooth west, and just prior to reporting to his preand ship-shape condition through this

SHIP CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY-VICTORY

the Amphibious clared Rope Yarn Sun-

day.

same position at Petersburg.

With exclamations of Asked about the job of being an Executive Officer, Comdr. Alcott there's just not room!" stated that there was

Rund was assigned to the Ormsby the 28th of Certain regulations Although the birthfor the wear and use of the insignia have been promulgated. It is to be worn on the left sleeve, the top being one-half inch (Contd. Page 2 Col. 3) day.

Although the birthday dinner had been the later he was advanced to SFlc. Prior to duty aboard the "O," he served on the USS Chicago. While with that ship he received (Contd. Page 2 Col. 3)

#### NEW EXEC

(Contd. From Page 1) aboard ship. He added;

EXEC, Comdr. Alcott, among the first offic- ic.

COMDR McCORWICK (Contd, From lage 1) first year of much co- officers were more renfusion and many deli- cent additions to shcate situations. He in's company. New and Hank Shippey, broth-also achieved the rank old alike will be greer of Chuck Shippey of of full Commander duratly missed, each one K Division was heard ing his duty on the having contributed from after having been Ormsby. July 3 his appreciably to the sp-reported as missing and he boarded and to- the Ormsby has estab-ok command of the Lib- lished. ra on July 31, 1944.

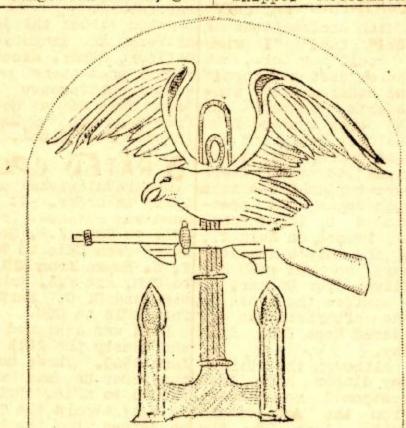
FIVE OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

Our ship lost five

and best wishes always ers to be assigned to Frior to the transfer All hands are behind the Ormsby, and both of these men W.W. New-you 100%:

served in several ca-man, Wile, was transtour of duty aboard vessel for duty.

congratulations, good "blipper" McCormick.



The MEW APPHIBIOUS FORCE INSIGHTA -- The blem is gold in color on a scarlet background, the scarlet being the same shade as the chov-rons of a rating badge.

# Nine TRANSFERRED

Last week 9 men wore officers recently to transferred to new as-new assignments in signments in the Statin another connection, new assignments in signments in the Stat"I think the Navy's a the States. The five es. Men transferred fine place for a young transferred were: Lt. were: K. Abbott, Bizc; man." Comdr. O. R. Irrgang, R. E. Heuchan, Bkr3c; man."

Mr. Alcott is married and his wife resides at their home in
Miami, Florida. They
have one son aged four
and cne-half years.

Hi-Tide is sure it
expresses the sentimen of the Ormsby in
saying WELCOIE AS OUR
ENERG, Comdr. Alcott, among the first offic
Mr. Alcott is marriComdr. O. R. Irrgang,
Florida, Comdr. O. R. Irrgang,
Fl

Prior to the transfer pacities during their ferred aboard another

# HERE'N THERE

came through lendid record which following a commando arded and to- the Ormsby has estab- raid in Italy. He is at present working on a farm in a German prison camp. His only remark was "I had al-His only ways planned on march-ing through Cermany, but they've got me on the wrong damn end of the gun."

#### NEW INSIGNIA

(Contd. From Page 1) below the shoulder seam. The omblem is not to be worn in the presonce of the enemy Ground forces or at any time whon the senior officer present con-siders the wearing of it to be dangarous to the security of his command.

Personnel authorized to woar the Amphibious insignia will Force have such authorizaentered in their tion service record. Upon em-|detachment from this branch of the service authorization to wear it terminates.

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"THE ZEB AND FLOW OF THE MICHTY 'O'"

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SAILORS, I'VE A BEEF TO MAKE
AND SURE AS HELL I MOW
YOU'LL TELL ME TO SEE THE CHAPLAIN
WHEN YOU HEAR THIS TALE OF WOE. NOW YOU MAY HAVE A PEEVE THAT'S JUST THE SAME AS MINE; IT'S ALL ABOUT A BUNCH OF CUYS WHO ASK FOR A DRAC IN LINE.

I KNOW THERE'S LOTS OF SAILORS, AND THEY ALL MUST HAVE THEIR CHOW. IT TAKES SOME TIME TO FEED THEM, BUT IT ALWAYS SEEMS SOMEHOW, NO MATTER IF THE CHOW IS LATE, OR IF IT IS ON THE. THERE ARE ALWAYS THOSE SPECIAL FEW WHO LOCK FOR A DRAG IN LINE.

EVERY DAY IT WILL HAPPEN, BE IT MORN OR NIGHT OR MOON.
THE CHOW LINE STARTS A-MOVING-I HNOW THEY'LL SHOW UP SOON.
THEY STOP AND TALK AWAY UP FRONT, AND THAT'S A CERTAIN SIGN THEY ARE SOME OF THOSE BETTER GUYS, WHO WANT A DRAG IN LINE.

MANY A TIME I'VE WAITED, JUST EDGING TOWARDS MY CHOW, STEING WIVE OR SIX AHEAD OF ME--I SCON WILL GET IT NOW. BEFORE I MALE ANOTHER STEP
"MY GOSH!" THERE'S EIGHT OR NINE.
TWO CUYS GOT A DRAG AHEAD OF A GUY
WHO GOT A DRAG IN LINE.

SO I'M OFF TO SEE THE CHAPLAIN, AND I'LL SEE THE CAPTAIN, TOO.

I'LL PROPOSE TO HIM A LITTLE PLAN
AND HERE'S JUST WHAT I'LL DO: I'LL ARRANGE A SPECIAL NESS HALL WITH MEALS AHEAD OF TIME, FOR ALL THOSE BUSY SAILORS WHO NEED A DRAG IN LINE. By "Pops" Lindmo

(Submitted by R.M. Hester)

MEMORIAL

SERVICE
On July 30, in a memorial service, the
ship's Chaplain gave
voice to the sentiments of all hands regarding men who have made the supreme sa-crifice in the service of our country. The service was a brief and simple gesture ho-noring the sort of heroism which is manifest in every opera-tion against the enemy. In essence the Chap-

fortunately, as Chann-ing Pollock pointed out in an article some months ago, there have been millions of nor-mal people who have believed that there are things worse than death--compromise conscience, derelic-tion of duty, loss of liberty and self-respect. It is along the road marked with their blood that the finest and best in our civil-ization has evolved...

"Whatever we have of security and dignity and well being, for ourselves, our nation, and our race; all that separates us from savagery, everything of the mind and heart, and of aspiration and accomplishment has been won and held by men en won and held by hell and women who, wanting to live, still 'Dared for a high cause to suffer, resist, fight. and if need be, to dit.' "Today I wish to pay tribute to our comrad-es who, while carrying out their duties in

out their duties in the best traditions of the United States Navy, died--leaving bloodmarks in the road to freedom. May the memory of them be a constant challenge to us in the days which lie ahead."

# PLAYING THE FIELD

umn. I have attempted to recall to mind a on Square Garden, Mew auto race

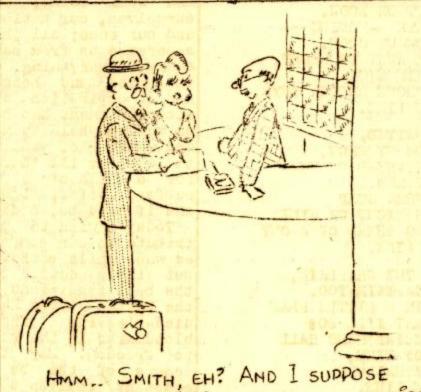
The previous year the "Biscuit" had to the front all the way, Seabiscuit thundered down the home stretch a head in front of his stablemate, Na-yak II. With my 32.00 ticket on third place Whichcee, I found myself cheering madly ended Seabiscuit's ca- and

them that he had a riof basketball's great- en Speedway." est. The game went a for the "Biscuit," as long way in promoting played a greater part were 69,999 other sen- a greater interest in in sports than right timentalists. The win intersectional games here in Officers' Counthe deserving in

00 basicot ball. sport This week's column reer and made this the was ever a cash where may well be called a greatest money which more heroism was shown "drama in sports" col- horse in the country, than the year of the The acene was Madis | 500 mile Indiarapolis in which to recall to mind a on Square Garden, New auto race in which few of many instances York City. A goodly death took former win-when drama has played crowd of 19,000 came ner Floyd Roberts? such a major roll in to witness Long Island Comewhere around the the field of sports. University's 40-scne ridway point a car drod you remember when-odd straight victor, iven by the late Bob over an opponent on Swancon went into a beautiful Santa Anita the "hardwood." This crazy spin, overturn-park to witness the time it was to be Staling and throwing Swan-warning of the annual of the a running of the annual nford University which son onto the track was led by a fellow directly in the path handicap. Twice before called luisetti. Here of on coming cars. One the people's choice, in lie the results of of these cars was drinesed in second in the race after giving one of beeing Swanson's unfor turfdoms largest the greatest demonstration of him. Roberts. thons of ball handling out of him, Roberts, and shooting the Bast without a moment's been retired only to has ever seen, Angelo hesitation, swung his try for a comeback in "Hank" Luisetti left car towards the outer this race which, win the floor late in the guard rail. Making or lose, was to be his game under a terrific better than 100 miles last. You know the ovation. It was large- an hour at the time, story:--Sticking close by Luisetti who snap- Roberts crashed into the front all the ped Love Island's wing Swanson's flaming car ped Long Island's win- | Swanson's flaming car ning streak that night and went end for end The Easterners sat over the guard rail. spellbound as the gr-eat "Hank" proved to join his fellow "Knither that he had a ri- obtained the Possing ghts of the ght 'to be termed one Road" riding the "Cold-

Ah! but drama never try, where a cribbage tournament is nearing its completion. a round robbin affair, with 25 stalwart commissioned champion-strikers in on the struggle. It is being uggle. run on a win, place, show basis by Lt. Freeman, who is the reigning czar and also a Leading contestant. the field at this writing is Mr. Schultz, who has completed his round robbin with 50 wins against 22 losses for a batting average of 696 per cent.

Chief Carpenter Schultz appears to be a sure thing for the sure thing for the money, as the word is money, already being spread that Mr. Schultz hammered and miselied his way to fine and Rumor has it fortune. that the latter state (Contd. Page 7 Col. 2)



YOUR NAME'S POCOHONTIS



# ROUND THE SMOKING LAMP

Word finally reached of is most popular on relaxing over a cup of the Ormsby? Only one strong black 'jo,' his haircuts. Result--Several "smoothies" have gone "Joe College."

Whasamatta, boys? Fraid of setting synod?

then his girlfriend,

of the Radar shack has big plans in "da rack-ets" after the war, under the name of "The Blaster." How bout Blaster." How 'bout going after the "0's" politicians now for

practice, Dante? Radio's galaxy of stars would look pale alongside such Mighty "O" stars as "Tolly Long and "Fibber McGee" Boyce of the ice mach-ines; "Paul Robson" Overman of the R Div.;
"Drummer Gene Lrupa"
Trahan of the laundry;
"Jack; the Bell Boy"
Kelly "the sell might Trahan of the laundry; to consider your bar"Jack; the Bell Boy" nacles very sparse.

Kelly, "the all night record man" of the LAA answers page 7.

Laid or Hawser-Laid Bennett of Radar; gagman "'I' dood it' Skelton" Tanksley, signal gang; and last but not age 9. Hawser.

Of these we will have to foreman in the short space of two years.

Four years later he moved to general foremoved to general foreman with the same company and remained as such until the war clcount foremoved to general foremoved to general foremoved to general foreman with the same company and remained as such until the war clcount foreman and last but not age 9. Hawser.

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sources guaranteed by ano in the Recreation tell you about him.

Deadlight Ike.

Lets get going by and postnastor will shop anytime, ask for asking--Who is the buy the music if you-
Ernie. He will greet

as we are out here.

That

down this time -- sorry, no dope.

very often incorrectly construction gang. He used. If, you miss did all right for himmore than one or two self, too, advancing of these we will have to foreman in the sho-

#### INTRODUCIN' A SHIPMATE -

A few weeks ago when Ernie Solomonson was advanced in rate Hi, Smokers: least, "The Great Fro- CMoll, many people we-The smoking lamp isefile" Link of the 3rd re asking the question, lighted. When you co- Div. lighted. When you come around for a light,
bring along a gag on
your best buddy. Security of information tist always at the pily deserved. Let me

"Turkey" whose pet name whoever you are-will you with a smile, and for any and everyone learn a new number. It won't make any difficulty of colors what type of bohis elbows in work, or sabe!

of getting gyped?

The Highty "O" is letic sports events. precise accent, just getting a bad habit of The handicap in num-remember that he was picking up strays. Fi-bers would be offset born in Sweden. Yes, rst it was "Boats," by the added midsec- Earnest G. Solomonson tion weight of the old was born in a little does it for just when the wander-lust began to make him this time, boys. lust began to make him Smokepots and Roses, restless, but it was Deadlight Ike in 1928 that he final-F.S. My assistant in ly left hone to come the Wardroom let me to America.

He settled with an unclo near Lt. Paul, Minn., took out his first papers for citi-HOW SALTY ARE YOU? first papers for citi-The following terms zonship, then proceed-are common and yet ed to get a job on a

# vin on the 49

shilling folks. So the big names in the liams' TIME OF PEACE, with due respect to the trumpets, and Hackett a novel about the perwriter, I quote as fois almost unknown. Cliod September 26, 1930, llows: "The British arinet tends to be li- to December 7, 1941. have quite a large grke Goodman or Shaw, or
oup of swing fans, who
Herman-but one of the
subject-like Artie
Shaw with a new girl.
The sax, they all souther and son, dies on
You can get any of the
not like Coleman Hawkireally good records
here, and our bands
have lots of imitators.
There are any number of fiddles think theying not a student of

The first date is chosen because the mother
and wife of the two
main characters, a father and son, dies on
that date, creating
the situation which is
of the main plot
or the minor plot. Be-There are any number of fiddles think theyof groups who make like the Bobcats used to,
and the pianos, they call the struggle of only with one exception; they try to play good too.

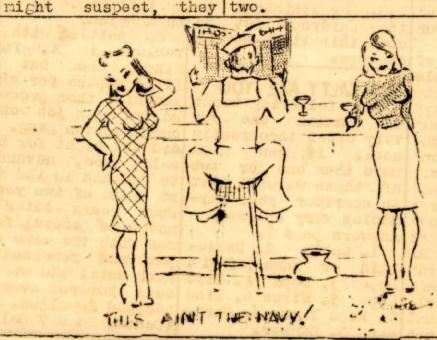
But the numbers are individual receptions. on the beat and somehow their rhythm is all best, and this will and their problems the wrong. The exception send you down. "Musk- main plot. Woven into

sion just off Oxford a trombolic included in the circus last week. A like Louis Jordon. nation's march toward plane player who's mad Remember my Lunceford war--the depression about Meade Lux took "I'm Conna Move...?"- and its crises, the me. There was a base--note for note! And New Deal and its swing with lots of gin "...Blue Heaven," "In to power. The book is ment, with lots of gin "...Blue Heaven," "In to power. The book is and tobacco smoke, and the Mood," "Basin and crammed with truths of about 30 musicians. Beal Streets," and all living, politics, and the old ones till five society which one adnamed Manny. Just like home, only no reefers. And I couldn't get enough gum for all the session, but come those drummers to make down to the meetin' The book is realistically and the home of seven tie in that the natural serious of the find the hose of seven tie in that the natural serious of the find the hose of seven tie in that the natural serious of the find the hose of seven tie in that the natural serious of the find the hose of seven tie in that the natural serious of the find the hose of seven tie in that the natural serious of the find the hose of seven tie in that the natural serious of the find the hose of seven tie in that the natural serious of the find the hose of the find the hose of th like Erupa. As

the land of pound and Louis and James are Ormsby is Ben Ames Wilshilling folks. So the big names in the liams' TIME OF PEACE,

"Musk-

you place in days of seven



#### Book Keview By Bill Hutcks

A book which has be-From a "Jivin'" Dee- are all pretty good en recommended to one ms Taylor, we were cut technically, but just man after another by in on the score from a little behind times. each reader aboard the a novel about the per-But the numbers are individual romances, is a band headed by rat Ramble"---five or the story, however, Joe Daniels, and when six times running, and so well camouflagthe opportunity occurs, "Embraceable...," "I ed as to be acceptable listen to his "... Surrender...," "One to anyone not liking Rampart Street Parade." O'clock Jump," and all history in their reading ing, is a quite comsion just off Oxford a trombone who sings plete history of our circus last week

> tic in that the natural course of boy meets girl does not flow in-"they to a smooth, "they lived happily" affair. father's life is as dynamic ashis son's. There is romance, mystery, tragedy, policy-tics; history, philes-ophy, and every bit of ophy, and every bit of it is part of your life up to December 7, 1941. TIME OF PEACE is not

> reading; heavy are no dull paragraphs of description and comments. But it is six hundred pages of new, interesting and yet Very, old situations. very good.

## INTRODUCIN'

as MolM2/c.

Most of his duty prior to reporting aboases seconds have been laid up lefthanded inrd the Ormsby about a
year ago, was in San
have not been any of
Diego. While on this
the threatened engagegreater than one inch
station he was advancments on the field of circumference, made up

# PLAYING THE

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Like any true Ameriment came from the l. Cable-A heavy can, Ernie answered lips of Lt. Commander rope or chain. It is the call to colors, Thornberry, an aspir-used attached to an-and on Feb. 1, 1942, ant after the title chors or in towing. enlisted in the Navy whose chances are mi- 2. Cable-Laid or croscopic.

station he was advanced to Molitic. And honor. Incidentally, now he is Chief, and a it has been made up of strands which in popular one with his men. But that isn't surprising for he is one of the most likeable and congenial persons you'll ever meet.

No, Ernie isn't mare the inside track, the ried. I asked him about his prospects, and he shyly but evasively answered, "There's not leaving the question as nearly unanswered as possible. Your guessis as good as mine.

And that is Ernie. "Schultz Benefit." Mr. Ernie Solomonson, CMOMM Bridgewater seemingly it is composed of yarns in which the fibres are twisted right-handed, of strands in which the yarns are twisted left-handed the inside track, the twisted left-handed right-handed.

4. Wire Rope-A flex-interaction as bed example is Mr. Freeman, as possible. Your guessis as good as mine.

And that is Ernie. "Schultz Benefit." Mr. Ernie Solomonson, CMOMM Bridgewater seemingly and the rope of hearmands and the seems are twisted about a central core or hearmands."

Ernie Solomonson, CMoMM Bridgewater seemingly rt of hemp.
of the boat gang. was the only one capgood luck, Ernie. able of nosing out Mr. name for wire rope Schultz, but when the gear.

Schultz, but when the pressure was on, with camels predominating and silence prevailing, rope in use. In gencrew members that did Bosun Bridgewater went eral the word rope is not get the word-thedown in a glorious dere is a flat fee covfeat by a two to one
ering laundry and haircuts of 75 cents per
month.

It is also requested
that the "Our Navy" second place.

Bosun Bridgewater went eral the word rope is
not used aboard ship
and nearly all ropes
are lines.
7. Rope Yarn---The
untwisted strands of a
rope.
8. Cordage--Collect-

subscribers pay up.

The field is augmented by such capable athletes as Lt. (jg) movies is—no enlisted men on boat decks, no smoking in the boats and on the navigation and signal bridges.

Also only Communication and Gunnery department personnel are allowed above the bridge deck.

It is requested that all wandering mess gear all wandering m

mess hall.

The new pay system absence from this titwent into effect the anic contest are such well known personalitweeks caused 55206 dead.

HOW SALTY ARE YOU! Answers to quiz on

Hawser-Laid Rope--Thr-Although in some ca- ee right-handed ropes

that the "Our Navy" second place.

subscribers pay up. The field is augmentively, rope, hawsers

### CAPTAIN PROUD OF COMMAND

To Officers and Crew of the USS Ormsby:

again you have Once come through with flying colors. The efficient manner in which all hands carried out their individual duti-es in the last, and by far the most difficult, operation makes me feel that we have one of the best ship's compa-nies in the U.S. Navy.

Each and every officer and man carried out his duties in the most sincere and loyal manner; and although I have known how well my officers and craw can and do perform, it go-es without saying that during the past months our task force commanders have also come to the opinion that the Mighty "O" is an efficient unit of the fleet -- that you may judge by the dispatches included in this issue.
It is unfortunate

that the several departed shipmates cannot rejoice with us in the success of our last operation. Their sacrifice will serve to spur us all to greater efforts in the future.

I know that we shall continue in the same efficient manner in all future operations, with each officer and man doing his part wisincere the same spirit of loyalty and ocoperation which has become part of the Ormsby tradition. can't lose!

I am mighty proud in having you under my command, and I want you all to know how much easier my numerous duties and responsibilities have become for me, knowing that every officer and man will do the right thing at the right time.

### MESSAGES EXCHANGED

From the USS Harry Lee to the USS Ormsby: To Captain, Officers and Men--It's been a great pleasure to serve with you. Good luck, Good luck, and lots of it.

Captain, Officers & Men of USS Harry Lee

Our Captain Answers: Many thanks and the same to you all from ll of us. Signed, all of us. Frisco

From the Admiral:

To Ormsby Officers and Crew--You may well be proud of the part you have taken in the recapture of \_\_\_\_. Good luck, all hands.

\_\_\_

From Our Transgroup Commander:
To the Ormsby--It is with deep regret that I part company with you and your loyal officers and men. I could always depend on the Ormsby to turn in a perfect performance in every operation. The Ormsby will always remain in my memory as the acme of loyalty and devotion to duty. I say again "Well Done," Ormsby, and good luck until we meet again.

Our Captain Answers: My dear Commodore--Your kind message was received as we sailed from our last port, and it made us very proud and happy. We also regret very much having left your company.

The levelty of the officers and crew of the Ormsby towards their country under your command was without question the most sincere I have ever seen. As the operations became more and more difficult, with more to be accom-plished to insure their success, our confidour confidence in you was such that nothing else was considered except to carry out instructions to the letter, knowing that success depended on doing the right thing at the right time. Now, after serving under your expert and efficient teaching, it would be safe to state that the Ormsby can take her place with the best of them. best of them.

We are all very proud to have been under your cormand, and the officers and crew of the Ormsby join me in wishing you continued success and good health. Sincerely, Loonard Frisco

NEW CPO-S

We a Letter of Commenda- comber of 43. tion.

on. Seaberry was trans- the USS Kenmore.

ter four months aboard outstanding performance this ship. He came a- aboard the USS San LEONARD FRISCO board the 28th of June Francisco.

Schuster was receiv-(Continued From Page 1) ed aboard the "o"in Do-Proviaboard

ferred from Receiving Ship to the Ormsby on June 28, 1943, BurJune 28, 1943. A regular Navy man of four months duty, he was years previous service. Advanced to BMIc. OcHe did duty on the USS
Kenmore. Hawke made MMlc af- tial Unit Citation for