

all these years. Don't you? . . . How 'bout that? Leo Gage refused to play on the Personnel Office Softball Team. He said he just couldn't because he was a weight lifter!

It was terribly embarrassing when "Blue" Baron ran out of words while talking to a female in the subway and his store teeth hit the deck! . . .

"Frat and Fran", alias TeeWee Tyrell, kept the "Scuttlebox" filled. Here is a sample of his ravings: "After seeing the Softball game the other day I'd say that Chuck Aragon plays a swell defense game in right field—the fence does all the work. I never knew De Grace was bowlegged till I saw that softball go thru." . . . They made quite a stink about "Sarge" Gallerani's boat drawing the duty of carting loads of manure. . . . "Sarge", who is a policeman in Mass., still can't get over it. . . . Even his friends back home got wind of it. . . .

Service plus: It's pretty tough when a Y1c has to be driven to the 12:45 Ferry by the bartender of his favorite "cafe". (That sounds like "Silent Yakum" Brandenburg to me) . . . Stan Pearsall of the Boat Pool was always in the habit of forgetting something as he rushed out of the house in the morning. His worse boner happened one morning when he left the house without his trousers and got up to the corner before he discovered his dilemma.

Poor Charlie Muller waited so long for his baby to arrive that the characters accused the stork of walking all the way! . . . Can you forget when Pete Persico recommended his barber to "Tex" Gregory? The back of Greg's head looked like the steps leading up to the Lincoln Memorial. We later found out that the barber had Indian blood in him, but a scalping would have been more becoming. . . . Andy Easton was famous for hitting the bottle, but the bottle contained—of all things—black leg make-up. He couldn't stand washing his socks. . . .

Remember the number of times Emil "Blue" Baron would get into a lengthy conversation using almost all of his vocabulary, including, "What do you think?", "Mercy!", and "One Time!"? . . .

Yipe! The boys in the Band Shack were asking Scott McAdam if his baby calls him "Daddy" yet. "Heck, no," quipped Mac. "My wife isn't going to tell her who I am until she gets a little stronger!" . . .

The story came to us that Chief "Cuddles" Pelletier was asked how old his girl friends usually are. "The one I was out with last, recently had a birthday," retorted the Mess Deck Mauler, "and she only burned 24 candles on her cake." (She must have been burning them on both ends!) . . .

Subway Saboteur: Cy Block almost caused a riot in the West End Express. From Cy's little green bag came a loud ticking sound and the people made a dash for the exits at the next subway station. (Cy was bringing home an alarm clock). . . . It says here: "Snuffy" Fabri, the mail office prospector, visited a fortune teller who started right in by telling Fab that he was married and the father of 3 children! "Snuffy" denied being anything of the kind and had only walked in to see if the gypsy could give him a good lead on a gold strike out West. When she failed to produce, he gave her a sound lecturing on how phony her racket was. (She should have tried reading the bumps on his head!) . . .

Blood? What's that? Eddie "Dogwood" Brembs had a little accident that I happen to recall. He stuck his hand with a pin and not a bit of blood appeared until a half hour later. Then, one very disinterested droop peeked out the "gaping" hole, looked around and dove back in. A hollow echo could be heard when it hit bottom! . . .



It leaked out that Frank "Ears" Flood forbade anyone in the Supply Office to turn on the fan one summer. We don't blame him 'cause the last time it was turned on Frankie found himself gliding 6 ft. off the deck. . . .

One of his admirers said that Chief Pelletier was a man of few words—which he kept repeating. . . . Crossed keys: Ned Perkins' idea of studying up to make a storekeeper's rate was to read "The Keys of the Kingdom". . . . He'll probably hate me for repeating this, but when Joe O'Hara played cymbals in the EIRS Band I pinned the name of "Cymbal Simon" on him! . . .

He always "bows" them over: Mimi Mamulski informed me one day that his best pal, Andy Easton got a royal flush. It was a good news story because Andy didn't get it playing poker. He had an assignment to repair the plumbing in the head! . . . Can't forget when Orderly Elmer Ninni dropped his wallet containing a hundred smackers over the sea wall. He hated to mess up his clean whites but the orderly decided to become disorderly and dove overboard. Result: No wallet, sloppy whites, and a wife that wouldn't believe the story when he told her about it! . . . It's true, so help me! Chief Jensen asked one of the fellows on the station if he knew of a good painter. The man recommended Michaelangelo as an excellent brush wielder. The chief retorted: "Well, let's get him! Is he transient or permanent detail?" . . .

Borscht gag of the week: When a well known Jewish delicatessen left its premises for a better location, Milton Kanotofsky commented, "They moved lox, stock and bagel. . . ." When Martin Sprung stopped at the Brig to see one of the Brig Masters he asked a brig boy who was working out front where he could be found. "Who're you?" quizzed the B.B. "I'm Sprung," answered our hero. "So what?" retorted the man wearing stripes, "I'm getting out of stir next week myself!"

In parting I wish to say in the words of the P.D. boys who were stationed here for two years or more: "Gosh, isn't it wonderful? We've been awarded the Residential Citation!"