

TR Roll Call

How many were there of us in Division 5A?

In July of 1945 when recruiting for the Guard Unit got under way there was an average weekly attendance of 300 men, mostly on boat operations.

Personnel of the Division increased gradually in number to about 1,000 in September. Then, with the arrival of a British transport in October, the number of TRs on duty reached 1,500 a week.

TR Unit	Men	TR Unit	Men	TR Unit	Men
407	275	508	136	516	245
411	277	510	253	517	92
412	606	511	388	518	132
502	321	512	259	520	115
503	281	513	274	521	115
504	293	514	122	523	*
505	358	515	145		
			Total		4,687

*Originated in late fall of 1944.

The upward trend continued to mid-December 1945, when the number standing watches 24 hours a day reached what was to be the record peak—over 2,800 mustering for waterfront duty and special assignment.

During 1944 the weekly muster was around 2,000. As posts were secured in early 1945 attendance leveled off to approximately 1,800 and continued at that figure through V-E day to 15 June 1945.



Texasco "oil farm" Navy and Coast Guard fuel reserves were vital. First line of defense is strong guard system.



Through smoke and mist at Wiggins Terminal we detect three TRs "on the ball" at the railroad crossing shark.



War Bonds to Sallies, as token of appreciation.



The Sally Wagon—regular and faithful—a refreshing pause and welcome interlude. Those 0000 early morning hours, however, were much happier when sandwiches from the Base complemented the eternal doughnut, which burned with such a bright blue flame.