What a Life we lived at Baltimore

1. "Above all, here at Ft. McHenry, we light fires and put them out," TRs were told. From atop the fire tower may be seen, in immediate foreground, foam tank and other equipment. Classrooms at left. On crown of "hat" float three inches of hot oil. TRs using high velocity fog have just snuffed out the blaze. White spots are smoke and vapor. Liberty ship in background is laboratory for fire-fighting experiments. Into engine room have been poured 5,000 gallons of bunker oil. Ignited, it becomes blazing inferno. Thirty minutes later new records are made and new techniques learned in extinguishing fire aboard ship under "impossible" conditions.

2. Class B fire at Ft. McHenry damage control school gets the fog treatment from determined TRs. Students also had individual experience extinguishing fires with mechanical and chemical foam, as well as 110° below zero CO_2.

3. Ready with the question? These TRs at Ft. McHenry have studied the chemistry of fire and will tell you about "underwriter's play pipes" and when to use a double male or female. No "knuckle heads," they know how to fight blind spots with the Bresnen distributor and Baker cellar pipe.

4. Instructor at Ft. McHenry demonstrates effectiveness of the Coast Guard fire boat. TRs are told there's nothing like having a "Mae West" around when you're cold or go overboard.

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"The Coast Guard League has been recently organized as an alumni association of men and women who have served in the Coast Guard, and who wish to perpetuate their wartime fellowship.

"The purpose and object of the League is to preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Coast Guard; to band those who are now serving in the Coast Guard and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to the Coast Guard."

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"The Auxiliary is a nation-wide civilian organization of boatmen, radio hams, and civilian plane pilots, created by Congress to aid the Coast Guard:

1. To promote safety and to effect rescues on and over the high seas and on navigable waters.
2. To enforce laws of the United States applicable to motor boats and yachts.
3. To promote efficiency in the operation of motor boats and yachts.
4. To foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with the laws, rules and regulation governing motor boats and yachts.
5. To facilitate other operations of the Coast Guard.