

# T-Boats Are Tried Out

## Midget Submarines Begin Operation Here

Uncle Sam's two midget submarines, the smallest underwater warriors constructed for the Navy since 1908, completed the last leg of their journey recently when the USS's T-1 and T-2 moored alongside their mother ship, the submarine tender Bushnell, based here.

The tiny 121-foot subs, which were assigned duty here, began their cruise to join Submarine Division 122 for operations with sonar school and the Operational

Development Forces, Atlantic Fleet, on January 29th when they left the U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn. En route the crews were afforded liberty and recreation at Norfolk, Va.; Charleston, S. Car.; and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Lt. Joseph M. Snyder, Jr., of Hyattsville, Md., a 1945 class graduate of the Naval Academy, commands the T-1. He served on destroyers and then completed Sub-

marine School at New London. Since then he has served on board the submarines Conger and Spikefish and on the Staff, Submarine School, New London.

Commanding officer of the T-2 is Lt. Edward Holt, of Perrysburg, Ohio, who graduated from the Naval Academy with the class of 1946. He served two years aboard destroyers prior to being selected for Submarine School and duty. Since Submarine School he has served in the submarines Cobler and Entemador and on the Staff, Submarine School, New London.

Commenting on the cruise to Key West, Snyder said, "The trip was fine and everyone seemed to enjoy it, although it meant a little more work for all hands. Generally, the weather was good, but we did hit some rough water coming into Charleston. It's quite a relief coming to such a warm climate as this after those temperatures at New London, too, he added.

Holt presented some interesting facts on the T-2 and its crew, as well as commenting on the size of the midget subs. The average age of the T-2 sailors is 26 years, and their average time spent in submarines is six years. An especially unique fact about these submariners is that they are volunteer volunteers—that is, besides volunteering for submarine duty, they are volunteers for duty in these particular submarines.

"The T-2 people are really turners and burners, though," stated Holt. "When it came to painting the sub, it took two men with two paint brushes two days."

Because of the numerous duties performed by the crews of both boats, each man serves as a jack-of-all-trades. He takes his turn as cook, helmsman, bow handler, phone talker, etc.

The T-2 is especially proud of their Chief-of-the-Boat, J. H. Ott, radioman first class, who passed the chief radioman code receiving part of the exam for advancement in rating with one hand, because of a broken finger on the other.

Crewmembers of the T-1 have also showed the true submariner spirit by becoming Officers-of-the-Deck. While at Fort Lauderdale, Chief Torpedoman's Mate Carlton H. Davis, who is Chief-of-the-Boat, and William H. Hannaford, quartermaster first class, took the boat out and brought her back alongside the mother ship there.

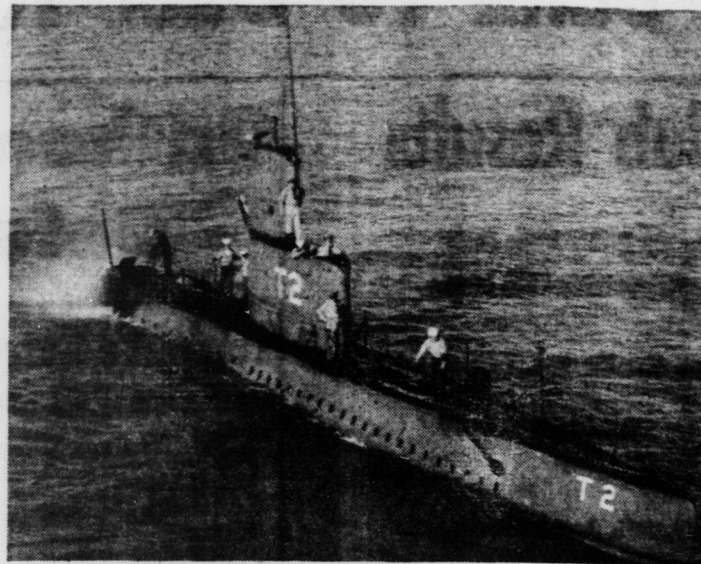
Soon after arriving here, the crews of the T-boats began making preparations for their new role in the Navy. For about three weeks they will make practice dives and surfacings and perform various drills to ready them for the operating tests with other submarines and anti-submarine warfare units.

Then, in several months a board of inspection and survey will arrive here to observe tests of the vessels under all conditions. If they meet expectations, they'll be fully accepted by the Navy. At this time, the target submarines technically are not commissioned but are in the active-in-service status.

Although the T-1 and T-2 are units of the same submarine division, they will not necessarily always operate together. For example, the T-1 will engage in operational drills from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for about three weeks in April, while the T-2 will be providing services in this area.

Both skippers of the boats expect their power-packed little vessels to meet their obligations, even if they were mauled by porpoises

# T-Boats Complete Cruise



THE T-2, second "target" submarine to be constructed for the Navy and under the command of Lieut. Edward Holt, arrived at Key West recently after her cruise from New London, Conn. Accompanying the T-2 was the T-1 commanded by Lieut. Joseph M. Snyder, Jr. Both subs will serve as units of Submarine Squadron Twelve, based at Key West. An idea of the midget size of the subs may be gathered from comparison of the size of the men shown on deck.—Official U.S. Navy Photo.

# 'Copter Group Christens New Fishing Boat

Recently the officers and men of Helicopter Squadron One watched their fishing boat, the "Miss Appropriation," christened with pre-tentious humor and launched from the Seaplane Base ramp.

The christening was almost a disaster when Mrs. Joanne Ray, wife of James W. Ray, AE2, "missed the boat" with the Champagne bottle, but it quickly became a success when, with the shattered remains of the bottle, Mrs. Ray determinedly crashed it against the bow and the boat slid gently into the water.

The thirty-foot boat, purchased with money from the Squadron Recreation Fund, went through a complete overhaul from the time of its purchase to the day it was launched.

James Ray, AE2, Charles H. Johnson, AO3, Niles O. Farar, SN, and William W. Fewell, AN, were the mainstays of the project and saw the repairs begin with replank-

ing of the hull and complete over-haul of the powerplant, and end appear on the list to "Go Fishin' ", with the last coat of paint, put Overall, the whole buying, re-The project, under the direction pairing, christening, and launching on a few hours before launching. of the boat was a huge success, of Lieutenant Junior Grade Joseph N. Tulino, USN, was followed close-ly by the men of the squadron and further interest was gained when "Name The Squadron Boat" con-test offered a cash prize for the winner. Lieutenant C. E. Pierce, USN, was the winner of the con-test with his entry, "Miss Appropriation."

Now all hands are looking for-ward to the day their names will be bottled and now HS-1, long a squadron of flying men, have become sailors in the true sense of the world.

## Beer Theft Reported

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—An "un-determined" amount of bottled beer was stolen from the refriger-ator of Mrs. Joseph Hemingway, she told police yesterday.

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## Oilmen Vie In Okla. Campaign

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A two-way race for the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator from Oklahoma shaped up today between a couple of millionaire oilmen, both ex-governors, in what promises to be a very spirited campaign.

Winning the Democratic nomination usually assures election in traditionally Democratic Oklahoma.

Roy J. Turner, 59, Oklahoma City oilman who owns a widely known hereford ranch at Sulphur, Okla., said yesterday he will oppose incumbent Robert S. Kerr.

## NEWSBOY'S CONFUSED BY HEADLINE TERM

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP)—"Five congressmen shot in a saloon!" shouted the young newsboy. The Examiner - Enterprise circulation manager, Vernon Strong, did a double take and called the boy aside.

Pointing to the headline, "Five Solons Are Shot in House," he explained "solons" was a synonym for lawmakers.

who seemed to enjoy the T-boats' company during the cruise to Key West.

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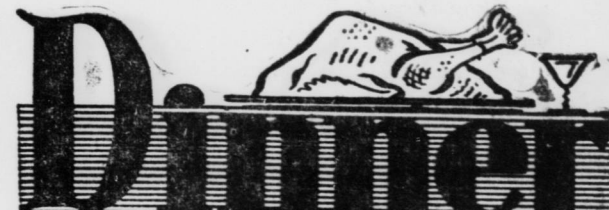
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