

# DIVISIONS—HOW THEY FUNCTION IN NORTHWEST

A LARGE share of the responsibility for keeping members of the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve busy in the 13th Naval District rests upon the shoulders of the commanding officers of the several divisions.

A typical division is commanded by a lieutenant. On his staff will be other officers, assigned to operations, education and training, personnel, etc. Women TRs have been particularly active in keeping the complicated records that must be maintained by the divisions.

Senior officer of a division, called the division captain, serves as a liaison between the Assistant Captain of the Port, base commander and the commanding officers of the flotillas which make up the divisions.

Full staffs are not maintained in all divisions in the 13th Naval District, but in most cases where TRs have been assigned to active duty, the chain of command is the same in the small as it is in the large divisions.

A question that has arisen frequently is "When does a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary cease to become an Auxiliaryman and become a TR?"

The answer to that question, of course, is that a member of the CGA becomes additionally a member of the Coast Guard (temporary) when he actually is on duty.

In a typical case, a member of the CGA enrolls—he does not enlist—in the TR. The commanding officer of his flotilla is also the commanding officer of the TR unit to which the enrollee is assigned. In activating a TR, the permission to use TRs for a particular activity must come first from the District Coast Guard Officer. The ACOTP then is authorized to utilize TRs. He, in turn, authorizes a base commander to assign the men, and at the same time calls on the captain of the TR division to supply a certain number of men for a particular activity. The division commander passes the order along to the flotilla or unit commander, who then dispatches men to the base from which they will operate.

When a TR goes on duty, he serves under a base commander, rather than under the TR division and unit officers. Where a TR is assigned as base commander, the TRs on duty still are under his command.

Thus, it may be seen, a division occupies a most important position in the life of a TR.

In the 13th Naval District the divisions are No. 1, which includes Everett, Anacortes, Mount Vernon and Bellingham; No. 2, Seattle; No. 3, Port Angeles and Bremerton; No. 4, Tacoma, Olympia, Shelton, Aberdeen, Hoquiam; No. 5, Astoria and Lower Columbia River; Division 6, Oregon coast towns, including Twin Rocks, Newport, Depoe Bay, North Bend and Coos

Bay; No. 7, Portland, Longview, Kelso, Hood River, The Dalles; No. 8, Lake Chelan, Coulee Dam, Coeur d'Alene (Spokane), Pend Orielle, Pasco and Kennewick.

Division captains have been named in only five of the divisions, and in one of those five, TRs have not been assigned to active duty.



Above is pictured an example of what the well-groomed Temporary Reservist will wear on duty. You can't see the young cannon strapped to the TR's duty belt but, brother, it's there. The man can shoot it too, as verified by training received on the pistol range from the Regular Coast Guard personnel. The handsome "TR" is our Coca Cola man, L. F. Pearson, S 2/c USCGR (T), Flotilla 44.

Division 2 is headed by Lieut. (T) George Stroble of Seattle, former member of Flotilla 24, Seattle Yacht Club. Division offices are at 77 Washington Street, Seattle, in the ACOPT headquarters. On Stroble's staff are Lieut. (j.g.) J. D. Sparks, executive officer; Ens. (T) E. A. MacGilvra, junior officer; Ens. (T) Walter Groshong and Ens. (T) Ruby Vaughn, senior WTR officer.

Lieut. (T) C. D. Ogden heads Division 4, maintaining his headquarters in Tacoma. In Division 5, senior officer is Lieut. (T) R. H. Ball, Astoria; Lieut. (T) W. A. Kenney is division captain in Division 7, Portland, while Lieut. (T) S. S. Brundage, Portland, vice commodore of the Auxiliary in the 13th Naval District, is senior officer; Lieut. (j.g.) (T) D. R. Riegel of Spokane is Division 8 senior officer, but TRs of the division are unassigned.

Where no division office has been established, the commanding officer of the flotilla works directly with the ACOTP of his district and the commanders of bases which his men help man.

A typical case is Flotilla 65, Coos Bay, Or. Members of 65 operate under orders from the Coast Guard Operating Base, Empire, Or. The Coos Bay men help patrol on the water, and patrol the harbor areas on foot and in jeeps. The Empire base, in turn, is under the Portland ACOTP.

Flotilla 31 operates under the Coast Guard Base at Port Angeles, Bremerton's Flotilla 32, however, while in Division 3, operates under the Coast Guard Operating Base, Harbor Island, Seattle.

Divisions 1, 2 and 3 are in the Seattle ACOTP district. Division 4 is under the Tacoma district, and Divisions 5, 6, and 7 are in the Portland district. Division 8 is in both the Seattle and Tacoma districts.

Division officers are under the district officers in TR affairs, the district staff serving as a liaison between the District Coast Guard Office and the Temporary Reserve. Thus an order for assignment of men may be issued by the senior district officer, upon receipt of permission from the District Coast Guard Officer. A parallel order authorizing use of TRs would be passed along from the District Coast Guard Officer to the ACOTP.

Although it is a mistake to say that the TR staff from District, through division to flotilla parallels the regular staff, there is a strong similarity in staffs and the channels bear a likeness to each other.

Since Auxiliarymen took on the additional name—TRs—both the regular Coast Guard officers and the TR officers have learned a great deal in the handling of part-time volunteers. Operations in this district

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now are running as smoothly as any military organization. The part-time officers of the TR have a greater appreciation of the problems of the regulars, and the regulars, in turn, have shown high respect for the type of service TRs have given.

For the most part, the enlisted men of the regular Coast Guard have worked smoothly with the TRs. There have been isolated instances where friction existed, but in most cases they have been understandable and excusable.

Absence of any serious disagreements between TRs and regulars is a tribute to the wisdom of district, division and flotilla officers in their selection of men for the Temporary Reserve and of the dispatchers of the various flotillas in their selection of men to serve together.

Art Paul, CBM (T), member of Flotilla 44, Tacoma, maintains and keeps in operating condition all of the radio equipment at the Tacoma base of the Coast Guard. Chief Paul is on call and ready for emergency repair work at all times. Jeep and picket boat radios are subject to considerable abuse yet function perfectly under the guiding hand of this expert.



**WOMEN TRs OF DIVISION 2**—Left to right, back row: Beverly McLeod, S 2/c; Florence Luecken, Y 3/c; Ruth Crandell, Y 2/c; Natalie Hansen, S 2/c; Alma Richardson, S 2/c; Isabella MacLennon, S 2/c. Front row: Muriel Hartnett, Y 1/c; June Cloutier, Y 2/c; Winnifred Blashfield, S 2/c; Ens. (T) Ruby Vaughn; Leah McDonald, Y 2/c; Ivy Maciolek, S 2/c, and Angeline West, Y 1/c.

## DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

*Coast Guard Temporary Reserve*

*13th Naval District*

Senior Officer.....	Cmdr. S. W. Donogh (T)
Executive Officer.....	Lieut. Cmdr. R. Kline Hillman (T)
Operations Officer.....	Lieut. Anderson S. Joy (T)
Ass't Operations Officer.....	Lieut. (j.g.) John Price (T)
Training Officer.....	Lieut. Roy A. Palm (T)
Ass't Training Officer.....	Russell C. Emrich, CBM (T)
Personnel Officer.....	Lieut. L. Kenneth Schoenfeld (T)
Public Relations Officer.....	Lieut. Claude Walter (T)
Staff Officer Manager.....	Lieut. (j.g.) E. A. deVoss (T)



Part of the training program for TRs of Division 2, submachine gun firing on a range near Seattle. The machine gun used was the H & R Reising, 45 caliber, standard equipment on Coast Guard



patrol vessels. Other classes were held in firing the 38 caliber pistol. Since the shift to the 45 automatic, refresher classes are being held for this weapon.