

N-642-17.

23 January 1923.

Subject: PYLE, Ernest Taylor, 2987211,  
EX-Apprentice Seaman, USNRF.  
Re: statement of service.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, which is returned, herewith, you are informed the records show that you enrolled in Class 2, of the United States Naval Reserve Force, October 1, 1918, at Peoria, Ill., as apprentice seaman, to serve four years; were ordered to active duty, October 1, 1918; released from active duty, December 20, 1918; reported for active duty for training, July 14, 1921; were released from active duty, July 28, 1921; and were given an Honorable Discharge, September 30, 1921, in accordance with Alnav #67.

Respectfully,

THOMAS WASHINGTON,  
Chief of Bureau.

By direction.

Mr. Ernest T. Pyle,  
S. A. E. House,  
Bloomington,  
Indiana.

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18 April 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: Officer in Charge, Biographies & Research Section, Room 0134,  
Office of Public Relations, Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.

Subj: "Ernie Pyle," columnist.

1. In accordance with information requested this date concerning subject man, the following information is furnished:

Records of the Bureau show that Ernest Taylor Pyle, 2987211, enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve Force at the Navy Mobilization Substation, Peoria, Illinois, 1 October 1918. Pyle, who was born 3 August 1900 at Dana, Indiana, gave his occupation as a student. He had just turned 18. He was ordered to active duty that same day as an apprentice seaman, the "Class of Reserve" shown on his enrollment record as "USNR Class 2 for General Service." That same day, 1 October 1918, Pyle was sent to the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, for what was called "Navy Section SATC." The Armistice came along the following month and on 20 December 1918 Pyle was released from active duty. He was still in the Reserve, however, and on 14 July 1921 reported for a two week training cruise aboard USS WILMETTE, ending 28 July 1921.

At the end of his training cruise he was examined and given the rating of "SC3," which does not appear to mean ship's cook but rather "seaman class," "3." "AC" in those days meant artificer class, "YC" meant yeoman class.

On 29 September 1921 the Navy Department notified the NRF that an economy wave made it necessary to reduce that outfit. The Department had asked \$12,000,000 for the fiscal year to pay NRF men. Congress appropriated only \$7,000,000. Pyle was "disenrolled," along with others, as of 30 September 1921, and given an honorable discharge, in accordance with ALNAV #67.

R. W. Wood,  
Commander, USNR,  
Special Assistant and  
Director of Public Relations.

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