THE U.S. NAVY CONCERT PARTY

THE following very brief biographical notes are supplied for the many people who have expressed interest in the various members of the Claude Thornhill all-Navy show now touring New Zealand.

DENNIS DAY, Ensign: Featured soloist on the Jack Benny show for five years.



Dennis Day and Tommy Riggs.

Has played in two films, Music in Manhattan and Here's to Romance.

TOMMY RIGGS, Musician 3rd class: Ventriloquist; had his own radio show; was first brought to fame by Rudy Vallee, who engaged him for one performance: Riggs stayed for 49 weeks!

JACKIE COOPER, Musician 3rd class: Film star of Skippy and The Champ fame. Has perfected his hobby





Jackie Cooper and Ted Vesley.

of playing the drums and has played with many famous American orchestras.

TED VESLEY, Musician 2nd class:

Featured trombonist with Artie Shaw, Fred Waring, and Benny Goodman. Comes from Iowa. Three years in the Navy with aircraft carriers. Musical director of the Thornhill show.

ART BERGMAN, Musician 2nd class: Has been musical arranger for many of America's famous radio shows



The Graziano Brothers, Bob and Charlie.

and is much in demand for his work; is an accomplished guitarist.

GRAZIANO BROTHERS, Motor Machinist Mates, 2nd class: Vaudeville stars and dance team on stage and in films (Ziegfield Follies, Heil's A'Poppin', etc.). Have been in the Navy since 1942, together all the time.

MORT ABRAMS, Musician 3rd class: Won National Accordion championship in Chicago, 1943; is also noted performer of card tricks and other black magic. Hails from Chicago.

ROLLIE MOREHOUSE, Musician 2nd class: Virtuoso on clarinet, has been featured with many leading American



Art Bergman and Mort Abrams

dance bands — Red Nicholls, Anson Weeks and Harry James among others.

FRED GREENWELL, Musician 3rd class: Is only nineteen years of age, has played with Tommy Dorsey and





Rollie Morehouse and Fred Greenwell.

Kay Kayser and is the son of a well-known American 'cellist.

BOB HARRIS, Musician 3rd class: Comes from the famous radio show the National Barn Dance and has been a featured solo guitarist with Benny Goodman and Henry Busse.

JOHNNY FRITZ, Specialist 1st class: Which means he is an athletics





Bob Harris and Johnny Fritz.

specialist in charge of the health of the group. Is a well-known bass player.

EDDIE SEARS, Musician 2nd class: The show's claim to a "long hair" or classical musician, he was first cornetist with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra before he joined the Navy.

HAROLD STOVER, Musician 2class: Known in the show world at "Smokey," has played the drums since he could first keep time, has played with Andre Kostelanetz and others, and can play any instrument you like to name. Official U.S. Navy photographs.



Eddie Sears and Harold Stover.



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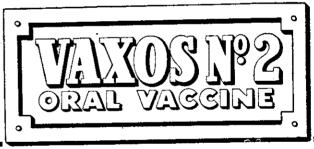
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