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## PEOPLE

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Associated Press  
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Time, February 6, 1943



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### W.S. H

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Swam into the Navy in Louisville as an apprentice seaman: the Brooklyn Dodgers' crack shortstop Harold (Pete) Rees. His dad's name: unneeded: the Dodgers' minor crack shortstop, Manager Leo ("The Lip") Davidson.

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Into It

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Sworn into the Navy in Louisville as an apprentice seaman: the Brooklyn Dodgers' crack shortstop, Harlod ("Peewee") Reese. His draft status unsettled: the Dodgers' reserve crack shortstop, Manager Leo ("The Lip") Durocher.

Commissioned a lieutenant in the Navy in Manhattan: the New York Sun's Richard Lockridge, 44, fourth top-flight dramatic to go off to the wars. The others: The Times's Brooks Atkinson, now a correspondent in China; the World Telegram's John Mason Brown, U.S.N.R. lieutenant stationed in London; the Herald Tribune's Richard Watts Jr., OWI chief in Belfast.

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New shopworker at the American Export Lines instrument plant at LaGuardia Field was 1926's world-famed Channel Swimmer Gertrude ("Trudy") Ederle. Out of the swim most of the time since she gave up teaching at pools in San Juan a year and a half ago, she decided to become an aircraft worker after her kid brother joined the Army Air Forces.

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