

STORIES of New Jersey

Like the Army and Navy, the Coast Guard has an academy for training its commissioned officers. This was established by Congress in 1876 at New Bedford, Massachusetts, later moved to Baltimore and finally to New London, Connecticut, in 1910. Cadets selected by competitive examination obtain an extensive four-year training. The course is the equivalent of that in an engineering college, plus military drills, detailed military-naval subjects, law and cultural subjects. Instruction is supplemented by athletics, training cruises to foreign countries and military discipline. After graduation the cadet is named an ensign by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The rate of pay for officers is the same as that in the Navy. Enlisted men receive from \$21 a month as apprentice seamen to \$126 as chief petty officers, with increases at definite periods, in addition to subsistence. Chief petty officers may compete for promotion to warrant officers, whose pay begins at \$153 a month plus subsistence allowances. The cadet in training receives \$780 a year and a ration valued at about 75¢ a day. They are required to pay their own living and other expenses and to save enough to buy their uniforms on graduation.



Courtesy-Coast Guard

The Coast Guard rescues a man from a burning motor boat

New Jersey constitutes the fifth district of the U.S. Coast Guard and is the only State requiring an entire district to cover its coast. At present in New Jersey there are 19 coast guard stations with lifesaving equipment and one station at Deal, used as the communication center for the district. In the As-