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THE PLANE SHOOTER

Our Motto: "We aim- To Deliver" and "We-Did"

USN Armed Guard World War II Veterans

"PLAIN SHOOTING FOR PLANE SHOOTERS"

AHOY!!! SHIPMATES and SLIPMATES

April 1, 1987



LAST CALL FOR "LIBERTY" in KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI for the May 20-24th, 1987 biggest "BULL-SESSION" west of the Mississippi, U.S.A!!!! You can make it a "GREAT SUCCESS" by coming aboard NOW!! This is "YOUR" USN Armed Guard WW II Veterans 6th National Reunion and I hope you can locate a shipmate that you have waited so long to see. We will have the names and addresses in alphabetical and Zip code order of the more than 4300 of the crew that we have located since 1982 and approx. 4600 of the 6780 ships that have been sent in with one or more names. We will have approx. 20 lists of each one so you will a chance to look them over. Come early!! Stay Late!!

Billy and Pat Hart, 1116 S.36th St, Kansas City, Ks.66106 (913) 384-2650, along with the Kansas and Missouri Armed Guard Crew, are the Hosts and they will need all the cooperation from you as possible. Your cancelled checks for the cruise, playhouse and meals should be brought with you so you will have positive I.D. for the events. This is your responsibility!! You will be issued a package at the registration desk with your tickets for events you have paid for. Be sure they are all there before leaving the desk.

I want you to pay attention to Billy Hart's telephone number above. Use it instead of the incorrect one on the outside of last mailout!! Also, in making your Hotel reservations, be sure you tell them!!! "It's the U.S.N. Armed Guard WW II Veterans Reunion". If they tell you that it is full, you tell them that we have the 600 rooms blocked and there are rooms. The number to call is Toll Free- 1-800-228-9000. (HYATT-REGENCY K.C., MO.)

Billy has informed me that the BOAT-CRUISE is filled. It was on a first come basic. There will be other activities for those not aboard. He has a standby list already in case of cancellation of someone. This is Thursday night, 3/21/87. He also informed me that the Playhouse and Dinner will soon be filled. Do not let this discourage you from attending. I am sure you will be entertained in fashion!! The Banquet and Breakfast quota has not been reached. Let's fill every table to capacity!! There will be door prizes and other goodies!! Be there to claim your Prize!!!!

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your donations to keep the bills paid for without them, the "SHIP" would sink pretty fast but I had faith from the start and still do for we all have a common goal to let the world know that there was an outfit called the "USN ARMED GUARD". Our objective is to find as many of the crew and give them a chance to come and be with us if possible or to communicate with a shipmate of WW II.

Let the phone RING

It's frustrating to rush in from outside to answer a ringing telephone and have the calling party hang up just before you reach the phone.

If you're at the other end of the line, let the phone ring at least 30 times before hanging up. A few extra rings give the person you're calling time to get out of the shower and grab a towel, come in from the yard, or turn off the stove. It also may save you from having to make a second call.

Ma Bell

My report on the "Armed Guard History Book" is that approx. 700 ordered the book and the money is in the bank drawing interest while the letters are being processed. Your photos are being taken care of and will be sent back to you as soon as possible. Please bear with us for it will take time to get together, print, published and sent to you. I thank each of you for taking part and for those that could not for various reasons, I understand your various reasons for it's not a bed of roses in life for everyone. It will be impossible to place all the photos in the book for we are allotted so many pages for pictures and History. I do ask those of you that will, please donate these pictures to our Armed Guard Museum that is in progress at this time. Think about it. I am open for suggestion. (S.S. John W. Brown?)

It has been a trying experience since the last mailout in trying to get some of the load lightened. Dick Langenderfer is willing to do his part, of which I am thankful. I sent him the approx. 3200 3X5 card file and he has info in his computer. Send him S.A.S.E. for shipmate listing, if avail. I had to read all the 700-250 words or more sent in to the History Book and picked out things of value; such as: Wife's name, telephone, Full name, ships aboard, Dates, if pics, checks, etc., you name it!! And then pass it on to Langenderfer causing him to have headaches!! Was worth it though!!

I ask you to correct last mailout on "Raymond" Cabaugh's name on page 2. Ray is in the process of getting the Penn crew in his area organized. Best of luck, Ray. Also, change Robert Wilcox's address to: 1661-155 Old Country Rd., Riverhead, N.Y. 11901 (516) 369-0765. Bob's first "Get-to-Gether" for the N.Y. crew was highly successful. Alex Lombardi, (N.J. Host) carried a gun crew from N.J. and "dem yankees" had a wonderful time I understand.

I would advise the crew to be careful in people sending you things to buy concerning Armed Guard. I have no control on what people send to you nor do I have time to answer your letters of their validity. You be your own judge. From your library, you may find: (Some may still be available)

1. A Careless Word- A Needless Sinking by Art Moore-Library Card #82-73552
2. Liberty Ships- Library of Congress Card # 70-124469 L.A. Sawyer-Author
3. The Battle of the Atlantic-Terry and Costello 1977
4. Ships of the Esso Fleet in World War II-Standard Oil of N.J. 1946
5. The Destruction of Convoy-PQ-17 Simon and Schuster: New York #2058
6. Merchantman? Or Ship at War by Charles Dana Gibson Published by Ensign Press P.O. Box 638 Camden, Me 04843 on Merchant Marine duties, etc.
7. American Diaries of World War II by Donald Vining- the Pepys Press, 1270 Fifth Ave. N.Y., N.Y. 10029.
8. The Russian Convoys-B.B. Schofield (paperback) 1967
9. There may be others in the future which we can pass on in the mailouts.

I suggest that you contact your local V.A. office for any Veteran personal information needed. Your local American Legion, D.A.V., Amvets, V.F.W or Senators offices will assist you if you need them. They are there to help. You don't have to be a member. There are so many things to say

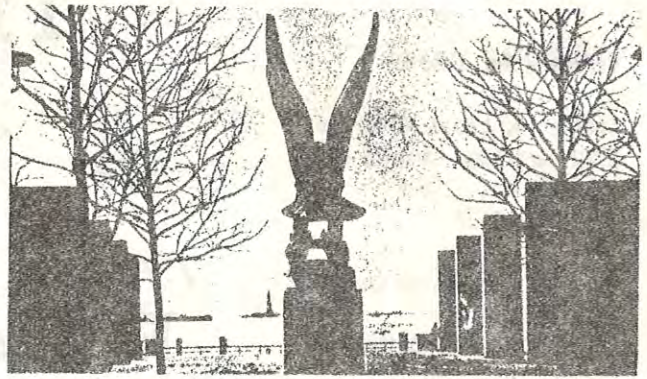
In this and future "Pointer" mailings, we will list our shipmates that has taken the Voyage ahead of us. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends. Should your name appear in the column by mistake, do not be angry. Be thankful you read it!!! And notify us. And to the widows and the widows to be, it is your place to notify us. We will continue you on the mailing if you so desire. At the reunions, you make new friends and they want you to remain a part of the crew. This is one way to adjust.

I'll close with the following saying:

Somebody said that it couldn't be done- But he, with a chuckle replied- That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one, Wouldn't say so til tried So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin. On his face- If he worried, he hid it.

He started to sing, as he tackled the thing, That couldn't be done- and he did it.

Bros. C.A. and L.D. Lloyd-Shipmates

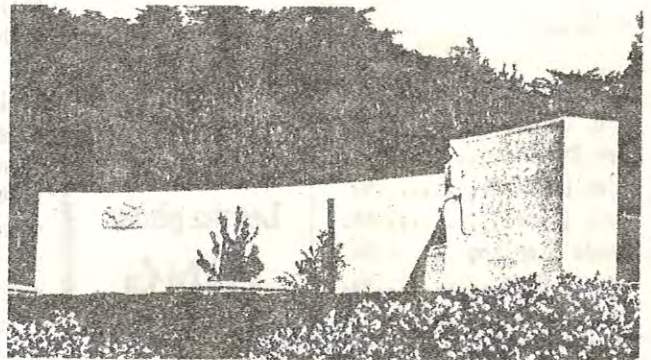


EAST COAST MEMORIAL is in Battery Park in New York City at the southern end of Manhattan Island. It is about 150 yards from the South Ferry subway station on the IRT Lines and stands just south of historic Fort Clinton, on a site furnished by the Department of Parks of the City of New York.

This memorial commemorates those soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and airmen who met their deaths in the western waters of the Atlantic during World War II. Its axis is oriented on the Statue of Liberty. On each side of this axis are four tall gray granite pylons upon which are engraved the name, rank, organization and State of each of the 4,596 Missing who gave their lives in the service of their Country.

WEST COAST MEMORIAL is located on a high point near the junction of Lincoln and Harrison Boulevards in the Presidio of San Francisco, California and near the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge.

This memorial was erected in memory of those soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and airmen who met their deaths in the American coastal waters of the Pacific during World War II. It consists of a curved gray granite wall decorated with sculpture; on this wall are engraved the name, rank, organization and State of each of 413 Missing whose remains were never recovered or identified. The terrace affords an impressive view of the neighboring shore and the exit from the Golden Gate to the Pacific Ocean.



SENT IN BY
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United States Navy, WW II, Armed Guard Veterans

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April 3, 1987.

Dear Shipmates and Old Salts:

Peggy and I went out to breakfast just the other day and the auto didn't stop until we arrived in Raleigh, NC. We walked in and surprised the crew that have breakfast every last Saturday of the month, in Raleigh. It was good to see everyone again. We stayed the weekend and had a good visit with C.A. Lloyd and his wonderful wife Hilda. Hope you are feeling better, Hilda. Be careful where you stack the wood.

C. A. and I talked a lot of Armed Guard and got a lot decided. Now that I have all of the information in the computer, I am in a position to do all of the computer work. In the future if you have a new member, send their names and address to me here in Toledo and I will get them signed on. If you should want to find some of your shipmates from the ships you served on just send along a S.A.S.E. (long envelope please) and we will find them for you if we have them signed aboard. C. A. has agreed to remain on as the historian for the group and he will assume the title of Chairman Emeritus. I know he stands ready to assist me where he can and he most likely will be called upon often. Please don't think that he is leaving, he is not. He is just going to take a well deserved rest and move off of the firing line. C. A. again I must say, thank you and I hope I will be able to do everything as well as you have done it in the past. So all of you who have been sending the new members names to him, please send them to me now so they may join our ranks.

Before I forget it, please check my ZIP code when you send anything in the mails to me. It is 43613. I realize the letterhead is hard to read and this will be corrected. All my mail is taking a ride to Bay City, Michigan first and then to me here in Toledo. I get it all, in time, but it does raise havoc with the post office.

One other little item, just came to me. As we transfer information back and forth, sometime it gets scrambled and we end up with something misspelled, numbers not right or what have you. Please realize this is a mistake on my part and I stand ready to correct any mistakes. Just send me a post card with the correction on it. I will be very appreciative. The same would also apply if you are planning on moving. We don't want to loose you, when it took so long to find you. Pick up those change of address cards at the post office and let me know the new address.

As of this writing, there have been 201 members who have contributed to the hardware project. This is great. We have almost half of the needed funds. I thank all of you very much. We are still a long way off and need to complete this project so we can continue the printing of these mailings. Some of this mailing was done through contributions and we have reduced the cost of the mailing by about \$400.00. If you are inclined to make a contribution, at this time please let me hear from you.

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 Destroyer Escort
 Sailors Association
 1111 1st St. S.W.
 Seattle, WA 98101
 Phone: (206) 462-1111



I almost forgot to announce, those of you who are members or anyone who wishes to attend, for that matter, the D.E.S.A. (Destroyer Escort Sailors Association) is holding its 12th. National Reunion. It will be held in Seattle, WA., Sept. 7 thru 11, 1987. Contact, Don Glaser, PO Box #31572, Orlando, FL., 32862 for more information.

While inputting the info. into the computer, I notice a few of you have not sent me the names of the ships you sailed on. If you can remember them, please send them to me as soon as you can so our records will be complete. There may be some shipmate out there that is trying to get in touch with you. We wouldn't want his ship to pass with out some sort of recognition. You'll be glad you did.

Some weeks ago I was in contact with Billy Hart, way out there in Kansas City. He tells me, everything is ready for the landing of the crew members and he assures me a good time has been planned for us. I know he and his wife have been working very hard on this reunion and Peggy and I are looking forward to seeing all of our old friends. We plan on making some new friends also. If you are planning on attending and I urge all to do so, please contact Billy now so he has some idea how many to plan on. He is trying to get over 1000 persons there so sign up now.

While visiting in Raleigh with C. A. we talked to Richard and Billy Kohse, out there in Olympia, WA. They were having their first ever get together that weekend and had 65 persons present. They told us they had inserted in the local newspaper a notice of the "Bull Session" and had gotten a new members at first. Before the function got started that number had grown to 22 new men to be signed up. Great word out there. Get all the experience you can. You might be called upon to host a national reunion in 1989.

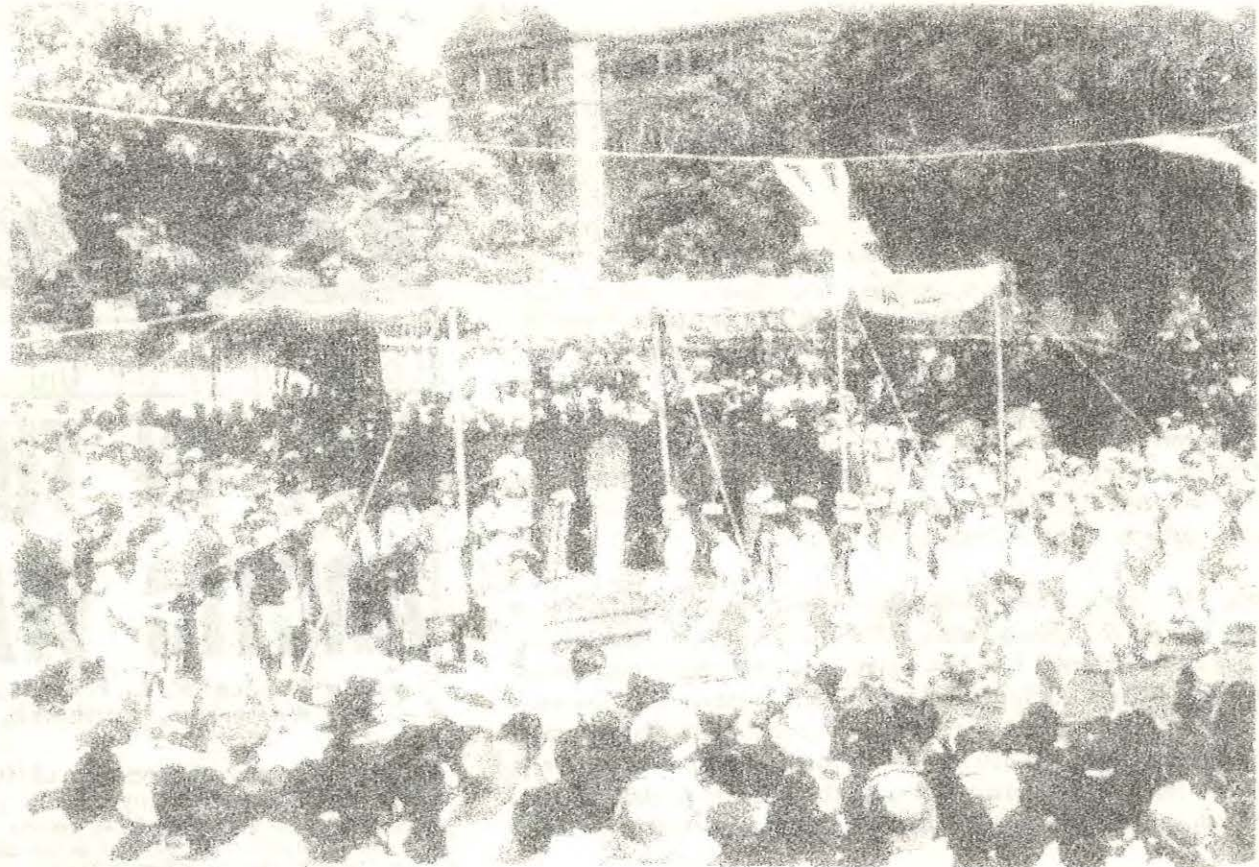
As of this printing we have **4227** members on the muster list. Thanks in part to the work of people like Ray Didur, Len Carlson, Ralph McNally, Pete De La Cruz, Ed Kurlinkus and Alex Lombardi. This group are the heavy hitters and we rely on their efforts to get the crew signed up. That is not to say there are not others doing their part but these men really shake the bush and come up with a whole bunch of new names. Thanks to all and remember to send all of the new members names to me from now on.

It's time to get to print and I have been rambling long enough. Stay healthy, smooth sailing to all and God bless. Remember, "LETS MAKE A DATE FOR 88".

Your Shipmate,

Dick

Dick



The S.S. William M. Moody Armed Guard crew joins in the 'Victory Parade' held by the Royal Navy in Bombay, India May 14, 1945. The Armed Guard crew was led by Lt(jg) George T. Bayley-USNR and they received commendations and congratulations from Rear Admiral Oliver Pevis- RN Senior Officer of the Royal Naval Establishment. They are shown, passing in review before the Governor of Bombay, Sir Henry Knight; taking the salute. Photo sent in by Armed Guard Richard P. Whalen, 9009 37th Ave., Hyattsville, Md. 20782 (301)864-8367 and shown in the left column-front sailor.

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Recipe for Armed Guard Crew

Take: (1) Gunnery Officer (1) Gunner's Mate (1) Pointer (1) Sightsetter (1) Trainer (1) Fuse Setter (3) Loaders (or more if needed) without there would be no use for others ingredients. Add guts, stamina and weeks of hard training. Now strain off mistakes, blend fast together (1) signalman (1) radioman and some dedicated Merchant Seamen, assign a ship. Let sit for awhile, towesick, broke, no mail, powdered eggs, untold hardships with a will to live and something worth fighting for and you have the best trained and fightingness gun crew that ever manned a ship's gun in WW II.
THE UNITED STATES NAVY ARMED GUARD

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| S.S. New Orleans | 1-42-11-42 | Jordan R. McIllican |
| S.S. Nehaha | 11-42-6-43 | 1290 Winter Ave. # 159 |
| S.S. Orbis | 7-43-12-43 | Hayward, Ca. 94545 |
| S.S. Marie Stanford | 1-44-5-44 | (415) 782-1549 |
| LST 1110 | 6-44-7-45 | |

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to: Charles A. Lloyd
USN Armed Guard
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From: Mr. W. L. Phillips
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Cheshire, Eng. CW83LH

Dear Mr. Lloyd

Feb. 13, 1987

Having read your entry in the "British Navy News" relating to the U.S.N. Armed Guard and the opposites in the Royal Navy--Myself, I was an Able Seaman on the H.M.S. Opportune-Destroyer of the 17th Destroyer Flotilla. A great part of my service was spent on the Russian Convoy Duty. It was on one such convoy that we were attacked by the German battleship Scharnhorst and after a lengthy battle on Boxing Day, 1943, we played our part by firing eight torpedos at her from just over 1000 yards. We claimed three hits. Of course, battleship H.M. Duke of York had hit her previously and other Fleet Destroyers did their share. Any way, that just a little bit of information, but not the main theme of my letter.

On the Feb. 17th, 1945, convoy RA-64 sailed from Murmansk, Russia. One of these ships was the S.S. Henry Bacon, 7200 GT, U.S.A. It developed engine trouble and became detached from the convoy in storms conditions. (Known as a straggler) On Feb. 23rd, 1945, a message was recieved that she was being attacked. We were dispatched from the main convoy to render assistance but torpedo bombers had hit her and she sank quickly. When we arrived on the scene, there were survivors clinging to all sorts of debris. There lifeboats and and we collected all the survivors that were still alive.

One of the boats held a lot of civilians; women, men and children. I picked up a bundle, and, hearing a child cry-I opened the coat and there was a baby of a few weeks old. My story has appeared in the National Press but as yet, I have not had any success in locating the baby, 40 years old.

The civilians were refugees from a small island off the coast of Norway called Soray. According to records, three British destroyers evacuated the island of Soray at the request of the Norwegian Government. Ther were 500 of them and they were eventually divided amongst the ships of RA-64 Convoy. We sailed into the Farge Islands. There were 19 civilians on the S.S. Henry Bacon and they were all saved. They were left at the Faroes. In addition, there were crew of 43 Merchant Seamen and 27 Armed Guards, According to records, 7 Armed Guards and 15 Merchant Seamen missing, which included the Captain.

There were 3 Destroyers in the rescue operation, so survivors were spread amongst these ships. Two of your Armed Guards were aboard the H.M.S. Opportune. Croteau, Normand G. Ser.No. 823-65-11 Coxswain V-& USNR. Home address: 15 Melville St., Fall River, Ma. U.S.A. (1945 parents address)
Walker, Lewis Earl 951-45-30 S/1c V-6 USNR(records show a
Walter, Louis Ser.No. Unknown- S1/c) This man was blown overboard and picked up by the H.M.S. Opportune and later transferred to the H.M.S. Zealous. I wrote a letter to Croteau but it was returned as address unknown. I will include the letter. Maybe you may be able to locate him for me, if he is still alive. I am enclosing a list of yours chaps that I received from a records office from the S.S. Henry Bacon.

I'll close for now, wishing you and all friends all the best in the future and please write and let me know if you received my letter. From a comrade of 1942-46 on the Ex H.M.S. Opportune.

W. Len Phillips
A.B. Seaman Royal Navy

I received 12 letters so far from our British counterparts of WW II. If you care to write him, I am sure the letters would be welcomed.(CAL)

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LIVE Letters

Conducted by the Old Codgers

LIFE IN THE ARCTIC WAVE

Ex-Able Seaman W. L. PHILLIPS, Mervyn Road, Weaverham, Northwich, Cheshire, writes:

NOT long ago, at a reunion of the 17th Destroyer Flotilla, Royal Navy, I met shipmates for the first time in 40 years.

I was reminded of an incident as the convoy fought to get through the Arctic Sea to Russia.

We, on board HMS Opportune, were detached from the main convoy, to go to the assistance of a straggler.

She was the US merchant-ship Henry Bacon and was being attacked by enemy aircraft.

When we got there, there was nothing but floating debris, lifeboats packed with Norwegian men and women and American sailors.

We commenced to pick up survivors, catching their belongings tied up in bundles, as they were passed to us from the lifeboats.

I was passed one of these bundles and as I was about to put it down on the deck, there was a cry, and, on opening it, found a baby of a few weeks old.

He or she would be more than 40 now, and I often wonder what happened to that child of a cruel war and, yes, a cruel sea.

★ Yet out of that cold cruelty, came forth sweetness, warmth and life, eh? A touching tale sir.

Write to: The
Old Codgers, Daily
Mirror, 33 Holborn,
London EC1P 1DQ.

Dear shipmate:

Feb. 13, 1967

The following facts are of the S.S. Beacon Hill that made the Murmansk, Russia run in January, 1943 and sat out eight months.

** THE FORGOTTEN CONVOY **

We left the States for England, January 1, 1943 and arrived at Granton, Scotland and waited for a convoy to Murmansk. We left Scotland in Feb. with about 24 ships. A few days out of Scapa Flow, an enemy reconnaissance plane spotted us. He stayed with us every day until we passed the North Cape of Norway. That day, he made a swastika in the sky and left. That afternoon, we were attacked by 14 bombers. They flew so low over us that we could see the bombs falling from their bomb bays.

God was with us for none of our ships were hit. The next day, it was low overcast, snow and rain intermittently. Over the PEY radio, we heard the Commodore Cruiser dispatch that there were bombers, torpedo planes with fighter escorts headed our way. As close as I remember, there were 50 in the group, and we heard them over the convoy, in the clouds, trying to locate us but they failed in their search. That same night, the convoy split into two groups, one to Murmansk and the other to the White Sea.

In the morning, we could see that the eight American ships were placed in a two column convoy and headed for the Russian port of Molotov. The White Sea was frozen solid and was littered with seals and their pups. We had a Russian ice-breaker with us and it would go ahead of one column for a mile or two and would come back for the other column. We had a Russian pilot on board our ship. We spotted two planes circling our convoy at a safe distance and the pilot said they were friendly. About that time, they peeled off and came in on the ships ahead of us and opened up with their guns and dropped two bombs. They fell between the ice-breaker and the S.S. Bearring. As they took off, we opened up with our 3"50 but missed. Then we saw two more planes and these must have been Russians for they took off in hot pursuit. We finally reached port about March 5, 1943. Since the S.S. Beacon Hill was a tanker, we were loaned to the Russians to shuttle fuel to Murmansk and back to Molotov. That's what we did for eight months we were there. Then, in November, our escorts came and we left for England.



S.S. Robert Jordan--Italy, 1944
John Spaise, Ca. Frontrow-right

What the S.S. Beacon Hill, it's crew, and other ships and crew did for those eight months we were there is another story. That is why it was to be called 'THE FORGOTTEN CONVOY'.

I salute anyone who made the Murmansk, Russia run for it was HELL.

John Spaise
P.O. Box 472
McCloud, Ca. 96057

- SHIP NAME: **ATT**FORGOTTEN.
- SHIP FNAME: CONVOY SHIPS
- CREW: S.S. ISRAEL PUTMAN
- CREW: S.S. THOMAS HARTLEY
- CREW: S.S. MOBIL CITY
- CREW: S.S. ARTIGAS
- CREW: S.S. FRANCIS S. KEY
- CREW: S.S. BEACON HILL
- CREW: S.S. BERING
- CREW: MAY-NOVEMBER-1943

A spirit of hard work, enterprise
& cooperation sailed the tall
ships of yesterday & the
Liberty Ships of World War II...

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USN ARMED GUARD VETERANS WW II ERA
ARTICLE I. NAME

THE UNITED STATES NAVY ARMED GUARD
GUN CREWS OF WORLD WAR II ERA

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE TO MAINTAIN A STRONG FRIENDSHIP AND TO STRENGTHEN OUR BONDS OF COMRADESHIP, TO ASSIST OUR OWN MEMBERS IN TIME OF DISTRESS WHEN A NEED IS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL THE MEMBERS WITHOUT INJURY TO THEMSELVES, TO UNITE TOGETHER AND GIVE THANKS TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY AND HONOR THOSE OF THE ARMED GUARD CREW THAT GAVE OF THEIR LIVES DURING WW I AND WW II FOR WHAT PURPOSE THEY FOUGHT TO DEFEND.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN THE BRANCH OF THE NAVY, OF ANY CAPACITY, THAT SERVED UNDER THE NAME U.S.N. ARMED GUARD DURING WORLD WAR TWO. HONORARY MEMBERS SHALL BE THOSE THAT SERVED ALONGSIDE OF THE ARMED GUARD IN ANY CAPACITY OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES INCLUDING U.S. MERCHANT MARINE CREW, IF PROVEN WORTHY, APPROVED BY THE ARMED GUARD CHAIRMAN AND TRUSTEES, SERVED DURING WW II AND ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN THESE BYLAWS.

ARTICLE IV. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

THERE SHALL BE NO DUES AND ASSESSMENTS OF ANY KIND UNLESS TAKEN BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND APPROVED AND PRESENTED TO THE ARMED GUARD PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL REUNION AND THEN STAND TO BE APPROVED BY 75% OF THOSE PRESENT. NO ONE IS TO BE DROPPED FROM THE MAILING LIST UNLESS DULY NOTIFIED AND NOT THEN IF DESTITUTE. ALL MONIES ARE TO BE STRICTLY OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

THE OFFICERS SHALL BE CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREAS., NINE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SIX (6) TRUSTEES. THE ELECTIONS FOR ALL OFFICERS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED AT ANNUAL MEETING EXCEPT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ONLY THE "SIXTH" NAME IS TO BE DROPPED EACH YEAR AND HE CAN BE REINSTATED WITH A MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND HIS NAME IS TO GO ON TOP.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

THERE SHALL BE ONE ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST DAY OF DATE SET FOR THE ANNUAL REUNION AND TO BE HELD AT THAT SITE. THE DATE AND CITY IS TO BE DECIDED AND VOTED ON BY 2/3 PRESENT FOR REUNION FOLLOWING SET AT PREVIOUS DATE.

ARTICLE VII ANNUAL REUNION LOCATIONS

THE REUNIONS ARE TO BE HELD BEGINNING WITH THE APRIL 24-28, 1985 AT NORFOLK, VA., TO BE HELD IN ORDER: 1985-EAST COAST
1986-WEST COAST
1987-CENTRAL
EAST-COAST, ETC. IN ROTATION

THEY ARE NOT TO BE WITHIN 400 AIR MILES OF THE PREVIOUS SECTION LOCATION HELD UNLESS THERE IS NOT A REUNION PERSON TO ACCEPT THE POSITION AND THEN IT IS OPEN TO THE FLOOR FOR VOLUNTEERS.

ARTICLE VIII QUORUM

TWENTY-FIVE (25) MEMBERS PRESENT

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

THERE WILL BE A FINANCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER, AND FOUR (4) OTHER MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING APPOINTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT YEAR.

THERE WILL BE A REUNION COMMITTEE OF ONE OR MORE TO WORK WITH THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR. THE CHAIRMAN CAN SERVE ON THE REUNION COMMITTEE. THE REUNION COMMITTEE FOR EACH YEAR IS IN CHARGE OF ALL MONIES FOR MEALS, TOURS AND OTHER COSTS OF THE YEAR. HE IS IN CHARGE UNLESS OTHER MEANS ARE DECIDED. THE PERSON OR PERSONS SO DESIGNATED ARE TO BE BONDED AND THE COST TO BE DERIVED FROM DONATIONS.

THE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE EX OFFICIO OF ALL THE COMMITTEES.

ARTICLE X ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

ROBERT RULES OF ORDER SHALL BE FOLLOWED IN ALL MEETINGS OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

ARTICLE XI AMENDING THE BYLAWS

THE BYLAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY ANNUAL REUNION MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION WITH 2/3 PRESENT VOTING. THE AMENDMENT IS TO BE PRESENTED IN WRITING ON THE FIRST DAY SET ASIDE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING TO THE CHAIRMAN AND CAN BE DISCUSSED BEFOREHAND BUT ACTED ON IN DESIGNATED MEETING.

ARTICLE XII POLICY STATEMENT

THE USN ARMED GUARD VETERANS ORGANIZATION SHALL STAND FOR ALL GOOD AND NOBLE CAUSES AND NON POLITICAL IN NATURE. ALL SPEECHES, BUSINESS, LITERATURE ISSUED, ETC., SHALL BE CONDUCTED ACCORDINGLY.

ARTICLES XIII FINANCES

THE TREASURER IS TO PRESENT AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF ALL MONIES SENT TO AND RECEIVED BY HIM SEMI-ANNUAL TO THE CHAIRMAN AND FULL ACCOUNT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CREW AT EACH ANNUAL REUNION. EACH CONTRIBUTOR IS TO BE INFORMED THAT HIS DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE WITHIN THE LAW. ALL CANCELLED CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS ARE TO BE THEIR RECEIPTS.

ARTICLE XIV LOCAL STATE MINI-REUNIONS

1. LOCAL, STATE AND REGIONAL REUNIONS ARE ENCOURAGED
2. LOCAL, STATE OR REGIONAL REUNIONS ARE NOT TO BE HELD TO CONFLICT WITH ANNUAL REUNION DATES.
3. ALL REUNION NOTICES ARE TO BE PUBLISHED, IF POSSIBLE, IN BULLETINS AND LETTERS SENT OUT, IF SENT 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MAILOUT.

ARTICLE XV SALARIES

THERE IS TO BE NO SALARIES PAID TO ANY ARMED GUARD MEMBER OR HIS FAMILY FOR LABOR PERFORMED TO CARRY OUT A REUNION OR TOUR OF OFFICE DUTY. THIS IS TO BE A STRICTLY VOLUNTEER AND TO BE COMPENSATED FOR ONLY ACTUAL EXPENSES PERTAINING TO REPAIRS, SUPPLIES, MAILINGS, POSTAGE, ETC. OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES AND ALL MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT, ETC. IS TO REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE USN ARMED GUARD VETERANS WW II ORGANIZATION.

THESE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE 1985 NATIONAL REUNION AS REQUIRED IN THE 1984 BY-LAWS BY:

Charles A. Lloyd
CHARLES A. LLOYD 1985 CHAIRMAN, SEC. AND TREAS.

THIS, THE 5th OF APRIL 1985

*This is a copy from the computer and
Dated & Signed 3/25/1987
Charles A. Lloyd*

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QUARTERS...GENERAL QUARTERS...GENERAL QUARTERS...GENERAL QUARTERS...GENERAL QUARTERS

Dear Armed Guard Veteran:

Telling the story of the Armed Guard and its contribution to the war effort is an important part of Project Liberty Ship's overall plan for the Liberty Ship John W. Brown. These plans call for the restoration of Armed Guard quarters and gun tubs aboard ship, as well as the incorporation of the Armed Guard story in formal exhibits.

Will you help us make our dream for the John W. Brown reality?

We anticipate moving the John W. Brown from the James River Reserve to drydock in the near future. After that, she will be towed to New York.

As you can imagine, this is going to be an expensive proposition, so we are sounding "General Quarters!" to sign up new members to help support the Project.

As a member you will receive our newsletter Liberty Log, periodical news bulletins and press releases, as well as the Magazine Sea History.

So please sign on now during this pivotal time for the Project!

We thank you in advance and look forward to walking the decks of the John W. Brown with you in the future.

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To:

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Any of the U.S. Navy Armed Guard WW II Veterans that are interested as to the "BY-LAWS" that controls the framework of our Armed Guard WW II Veterans that was adopted at the Norfolk, Va. Reunion by the board and members.

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Reply to: MICHAEL GILLEN
34 Sunnyside Ave.

Dear Shipmates:

Dear Charlie, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591

(1) At our first Armed Guard Reunion in Winchester, Ky.; a meeting was held by a committee selected by those in attendance and it was agreed upon by these shipmates and brought before the crew at our following days meeting that a "National Armed Guard Reunion" would be held annually. It was also agreed upon that they would not be held in the same State twice since we were getting up in age and it would not be fair to the other States for some States outnumber and could be controlled from now to eternity. It was also agreed upon, that the "Host" from the State volunteering to be strict in charge for the year. But, it was also agreed upon that if there were no volunteers from another State, then the same State could volunteer to be host, for another State. You do not have to be from the same State that the site of the reunion is to be held. (Just courageous)

Just a quick one to say hello, and to send you the enclosed statements regarding the Project's position on the Armed Guard. I thought we had made ourselves clear on this a long time ago, but in reviewing your last note, it seems clarification was called for. would appreciate you letting anyone know who might be under the mistaken impression that we are not committed to spreading the word of our role and sacrifices of the USN Armed Guard in the war effort. If any questions, please let me know.

(2) It was also agreed upon, that there would be no election of Officers at any Reunions and time wasted on this matter, for if they attended any Reunion and this took place, it would be their last time attending. We were also in agreement that there would be no dues assessed and expenses would come from voluntary donations. We kept our promise, they donate and come back. These donations are of your own free will and accord. (Ante-up)

I understand that some of the others will be stepping in to help with some of the Armed Guard organizing work load. Man, I can appreciate that. You and your brother have gone way "above and beyond" in what you have done and deserve some help. Whatever transpires, please keep me informed "directly" to the above address so I can put the latest news in the Project Newsletter--even a short column!!!

(3) Only were the "BY-LAWS" brought into existence for the sole purpose of obtaining a "NON-PROFIT STATUS" during the 1984 Austin, Texas tenure as host since over 1300 had been located from the original 50 at Winchester, Ky. 1982 Reunion and postage for mailing needed to be reduced. "BY-LAWS" were thrown together rather hurriedly but good enough to serve our purpose with a few agreeable changes by the Officers and 1985 reunion members.

The S.S. John W. Brown will be going into the shipyard probably in May or June, 1987 and preliminary estimates looks like \$1.5 million just to haul her, do bottom work and have her towed back to New York. So needless to say, WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!!! I hope that includes the backing of the USN Armed Guard WW II Veterans.

(4) I volunteered to host the 1985 Reunion in Norfolk, Va. since most of those located at that time were from the East Coast. The Officers were picked at random by me only as names to fill a position and for no special purpose than it's intent. All of the Armed Guard crew could not be, even though worthy. I retain the Chairman title only because I am in this so deep now that I can not turn loose if I tried. My name and address has been circulated throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain and other countries and I do not want to rock the boat at this time since it is my desire to locate any and all the interested crew members, wherever they may be. Dick Langenderfer will be taking most of the load off of me in the near future. He will carry the title of Co-Chairman for the time being. He and I are serving in these capacities in name only as a point of contact. We all have a job to do; search, find, notify and inform. Your trust in us has now paid off by locating over 4200. Let's continue in our search for others. They will be as thrilled as you were. Time is limited!!

Would be good to get a communications from you. Even a quick one!!! (I know how overwhelming correspondence can get, believe me!!)

In the meantime, take care and keep the faith. Best regards to your brother and wife.

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A note to Armed Guard Veterans:

(5) This letter is to accompany the "BY-LAWS" as an explanation of it's sole purpose. I hope it meets with your approval. Contact me before the reunion and I'll get back to you if time is available. I will not be at the Reunion to argue "BY-LAWS". I will be there to enjoy the labors of all the crew and to meet again with the many friends we have made in the past and meet as many of the "New Ol'Salts" and their ladies as possible. I encourage you to come and do the same and bring another of the crew. We'll be there from May 16-24 to enjoy it more. Hope to see y'all there!

Project Liberty Ship plans to fully incorporate the history of the U.S. Naval Armed Guard into the formal exhibits planned for the interior of the S.S. JOHN W. BROWN. In addition, all physical aspects of the ship pertaining to the Armed Guard (guns, quarters, etc.) will be a key aspect of the overall interpretive and restoration strategy of the Project for the ship. We hope you, as an Armed Guard Veteran, will become involved as a subscribing member, a volunteer-or both, to help further these plans.

Sincerely,
Charles A. Lloyd
Charles A. Lloyd 1985-87 Chairman

* (above was re-copied)
Mike
Michael Gillen

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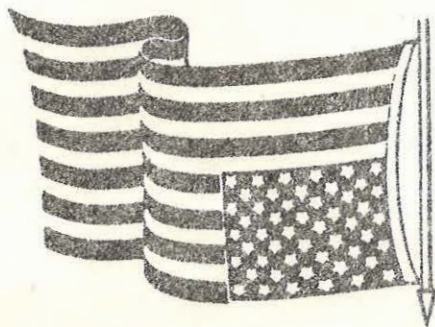
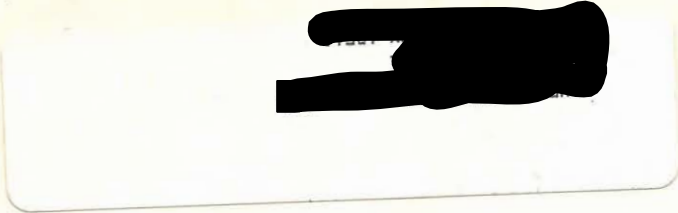
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especially to those who lost their lives, and to
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