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## THE PLANE SHOOTER

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USN Armed Guard World War II Veterans

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Hi!! Y'all Rebels! Youse Yankees, Westerners and all Y'all!!

10/15/89

Hope this "POINTER" finds you in the best of health and the aging process being real nice to you!! I am still here, after a beautiful "Regional Reunion" in the Great City of Cincinnati, Oh. with Bob and Dot Ober as hosts and the Baltimore, Maryland Regional with Alex and Edith Lombardi as hosts. They were both GREAT!! "CINCY" had over 1/2 million outside the Westin Hotel for the "Octoberfest" and Baltimore had their "INNER HARBOR" with the "HISTORICAL LIBERTY SHIP" S.S. JOHN W. BROWN tied up at the Pier especially for the ARMED GUARD DAY REUNION. What a wonderful sight to walk out and see lines of visitors waiting to go aboard her for a tour into the "PAST". Many were young children and maybe someday they can tell their grandchildren of the "U.S.N. ARMED GUARD of World War II. I carried stories and other information onboard for visitors and it was all taken. I will replenish this for others. Mike Molinari of Brooklyn, N.Y. donated a painting of the Eagle Ensignia and left it in #1 hold, site of the future Museum.

YES! A 5"38 with two 3"50s on the stern and a 3"50 on the bow! It was beautiful sight to see!! Now to locate and mount the 8-20mm guns and we're ready to show off our "hardware". Our "SPECIAL THANKS" go to Brian Hope, who is the Chairman of the "PROJECT LIBERTY SHIP-S.S. JOHN W. BROWN" and to our Armed Guard Crewman, Walt Magalis who is Co-Chairman, for their dedication and outstanding services to this project. Through their leadership and working with others, restoration of ship and it's quarters are progressing. The aft Armed Guard foscle has been completed with bunks, matters, sheets, blankets, lockers, fully clothed Navy mannequin, pictures, helmets, shoes, white and blue hats, etc.!! We carried 12 blue caps that Bill and Gladys Fiederlein from Wichita Falls, Texas had sent to me. I have other items to carry up that many of you have sent to me when the places are completed and the dehumidifier is installed. When I returned home, I had a package from Wilson Leggett of Houston, Texas containing the drinking cup from a lifeboat mentioned in the writeup of the August 1, 1989 "POINTER". This is what it's all about-preserving our "ARMED GUARD HISTORY". Now is the time to be a part of it in anyway you can participate. An item you kept and still have. A story that only "YOU" can tell! Many of these items will be in the city dump after our lives has ceased no more. Think about it. We need your "HELP NOW"!

Enclosed, you will find a form whereby you are given your last chance to take a part in the VOLUME III ARMED GUARD BOOK. We need more participants to make this last book as successful as possible. I did not have time to get this "LASTCALL" out in time for the other CUTOFF DATES so it has been extended til DECEMBER 31, 1989 as THE FINAL CUTOFF DATE!!! I apologize for this delay but I was "swamped" with "NEW OL'SALTS" names just after the Seattle Reunion and when I caught up, it was time to get things ready for Cincinnati and Baltimore. I returned from

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two cities, I had picked up almost 100 names there and in the mail! All of these have been sent ARMED GUARD material, bumper sticker, decal, etc. These are no good in the garage. I ask all of you to place the stickers on the vehicles so they can be seen. Over 600 have been located with them. Otis B. Jones from Fort Washington, Md. who sailed on the S.S. Moses Brown, SS Belle of the Sea and USS Hornet (CVH-12) saw one on someone's car in Pennsylvania and called as soon as he got home and I gave him his shipmate names. Now, that's the reason that the address and telephone number was placed on the new ones. If you are not around and they see it and in a hurry, they get the info then. Think about it! (P.S.) Another call from Robert Joslin of Eagle Bay, N.Y. who saw a sticker on Ralph Jamison's van from Irving, New York. Keep up the great work!!! Jerry Goucher's HOME ON WHEELS stickers catches the eye in Henderson, Nv. and "ON THE ROAD."

To clear up a long standing question of "ARE THERE ANY DUES AND HOW MUCH?". I will have to repeat this answer for I failed to send a "FIRST TIME" letter to so many of you when the old COPIER was in need of repair and I did not have any copies run off to send to you. "THERE ARE NO DUES!" We operate strictly on the "VOLUNTARY DONATIONS" and I will tell you why. At our FIRST REUNION AS WE KNOW IT TODAY, a "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" was that all would finance the expenses by voluntary contributions and all would attend, if possible, as long as we didn't take up the reunion's time arguing how much to raise, or lower dues, voting on the officers, etc. It never dawned on me that I would end up with this much of responsibility but I have and it's a long story which I will cut short. The guy in charge of the "ARMED GUARD FOR EACH YEAR IS THE HOST FOR THAT YEAR!" I only hold the CHAIRMAN TITLE for a "LOW-NON-PROFIT" mailing system. I do what I have to do since I am caught in a "WONDERFUL WEB" of time and circumstances in our effort to find another of the crew, send and gather data and get him in touch with his shipmates and to record and preserve ARMED GUARD HISTORY for the next generation. OUR AGREEMENT WAS TO NOT HOLD A NATIONAL REUNION IN THE SAME STATE TWICE, UNLESS WE LIVE OVER 50 YEARS FROM 1982 and start again in KENTUCKY!! It is as simple as that. Who will volunteer for year 2032 in KENTUCKY???

Now to BASICS! NOW HEAR THIS! WE HAVE CHANGED OUR "1ST SATURDAY" OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST MEETING PLACE TO: "GRIFFIN'S RESTAURANT" 1604 North Market Dr. in Raleigh, N.C. behind the "RED LOBSTER" 4408 Old Wake Forest Rd. Take the BELT LINE around Raleigh to Old Wake Forest Rd. Exit, go north and you will see Red Lobster 1 mile on right. Those coming in on I-40 North, turn right on Millbrook Road (at Bar-B-Que Lodge) and go across R.R. tracks to Old W.F. Rd., turn left at the stop light and you'll see it on the left. When you get into town, please call us. If you expect "YANKEE FOOD", bring your own!! YOU WILL GET BRITS!!!

The letter sent in by Bob Watson and published in "POINTER" from THE BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION brought many inquiries. I called Bob and he "COULD NOT" tell me if the ARMED GUARD could obtain these medals or not, so I have gone through proper channels to reach the "Russian Embassy" and will inform you as to results and what action to take if any, so hold on for now. At least we'll know. Who knows, they may send some 20aws. We were recognized in the STAR's recent publication and I was informed that their 10th Annual Reunion of the "1ST AMERICAN BRANCH" out of Washington, D.C. will be held Nov. 11, 1989 at the ARMY-NAVY Country Club in Arlington, Va. by William P. Hought, 1662 East St. Rd, Glen Mills, Pa. 19342. Countess Mountbatten will be accompanied by her husband, Captain, The Lord Brabourne. He was an Aide to Admiral of the Fleet, The Right Honorable, The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, during World War II in South East Asia.

I have been notified that Carlin Montgomery, 7718 Westfield Dr, San Antonio, Tx 78217 1-512-674-8800, has gone to that everlasting life on September 15, 1989 and our sympathy is extended to Ruth and the family. Carlin had been a dedicated worker in organizing the Armed Guard Crew in that area and holding "THE SAN ANTONIO BREAKFAST CLUB". George and Frances Hastings 2611 Woodbury, San Antonio, Texas 78217 1-512-824-3636 along with Lloyd and Marilyn Tholen, 6007 Archwood Dr. San Antonio 78239 1-512-657-2708 have stepped forward to carry on in Carlin's place and their next meeting will be Dec. 2, 1989 at "Wyatt's Cafeteria" Loop 410 N.E. and Teroro Dr., San Antonio, Tx. Everyone are welcomed to their "ROUNDOUP".

The MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY, King's Point, N.Y. 11024-1699 (516) 7735515 or 5520 will hold their Annual Reunion Oct. 27/28, 1989. I regret that I could not get this out sooner but if you are in the area, the Armed Guard Crews are always in good company with them. Ask Alex Lombardi and those who were there last year. Frank D. Braynard, Curator, is the Reunion Chairman. A reminder that May 22 of each year has been set aside as "NATIONAL MARITIME DAY" in their Honor by Order of Congress on May 20, 1933 to commemorate the day in 1819 when the Steam Ship Savannah left Savannah, Ga. on the first transatlantic steamship Voyage.

The "LST Association" will hold it's National Reunion Sept. 26-30, 1990. in St. Louis, Missouri. Mike and Linda Bunjak, 64 Ponderosa P.O. Box 8769, Oregon, Ohio 43066-2221 1-800-228-5870 has done a tremendous job in getting all the LST Crew and their ladies together and have a wonderful "SCUTTLEBUTT" paper and is very informative to even those who were not in that Unit. (1800- Pittsburgh reunion)

The R.C.N.A.-D.E.M.S. 36th Annual Reunion will be held May 18-21, 1990 Montreal, Que., Canada. Our great adopted "ARMED GUARD-D.E.M.S." Tom Anderson and all the Canadian Crew welcomes the Armed Guard Crew to Attend. Write R.C.N.A.-D.E.M.S.,

Box 512, Richmond Hill, Ont. L4C 4Y8 or to Robert A. Sargente-Chra., PO Box 545, Cote St. Luc Post Office, Montreal, Que. Canada H4V 2Z2. (BYOB) BRING YOUR OWN BRITS

The Patrol Crafts Assoc. will hold their National at the Riverfront Holiday Inn, St. Louis, Mo. May 3-6, 1990. Contact: Joe Kelliher, PCSA P.O. Box 232 Cambridge, NY 12816-0232 for details. They have a great Newsletter also.

James O. Powell, 14 M. Mountain St. Box 113, Newburg, Penn. 17240-0113 edits the Cumberland Military Review and carried our reunion notices and we found many in the area. Why not call your local paper and see if they'd do one for you. You can place the Armed Guard address as the point of contact, if you don't want to place your address in. Makes me happy to find them anyway we can. Doug Dugger, who entertained the crew in Seattle and will be with us again in Chicago, will perform at the Holiday Hotel/Casino in Reno, Nv. Jan. 18-21, 1990 according to Madelen Rigg and crew who plan to be there.

Carl Winder 1734 Pilgrim Ave. Mountain View, Ca. 94040 1-415-967-6493 has monthly meetings ahead on the WESTCOAST and contact him for more info and great times.

Madelen Rigg, Billie and Dick Kohse will have their next local get-together in Tuswater, Wa., Tyree Hotel-April 6-8, 1990. Contact Dick Kohse, 2304 Lister Rd. N.E. Olympia, Wa. 98506 1-206-456-1946. CONTACT THEM ALSO IF YOU'D LIKE TO ORDER THE \$30.00 Armed Guard Jacket which includes shipping. U.S.N. ARMED GUARD SWEATER can be obtained by sending \$25.00 to Bob Grossman, our 1990 host. Both of these items has the EAGLE INSIGNIA and of good quality.

The OUTSIDE COVER of "THE POINTER" is Memory to the late Hugo Estes, Opelika, Ga. and all the Armed Guard who trained and stationed in San Diego, Ca. during WW II. He was a shipmate of Carl Winder, the "WEST COAST GET-EM-TOGETHER." Hugo called me often and had sent this and other pictures plus WW II newspapers for the U.S. John M. Brown Museum in Baltimore. His group picture, with those two in it will be in Volume III History Book. .

Leo Gullage 5709 Crafton Dr. Lakeland, Fl. 33809 1- 813-858-1126 has informed me that the Florida Crew will have a "GIT-TO-GETHER" in the near future but the plans for dates and site has not been set. Maybe some of you there may want to assist and hold it in your area.

Virginia Armed Guard continue to hold their luncheon at 1 P.M. on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the "MORRISON CAFE" 7035 West Broad, Richmond, Va. The contact is Lin Taylor, 7212 Alvia Ave., Richmond, Va. 23228 1-804-226-2303 for more info. Robert Burrill of 5320 Brockie St., Va. Beach, Va. 23464 1-804-479-4608 will hold a "FIRST SATURDAY" Monthly meeting in his area through 1989 and will hold the "LAST SATURDAY" starting January 28, 1990. Those interested, please contact and encourage him by attending. You have over 80 AGs in the area around Norfolk; Va. Beach; Hampton; and New Port News. Should be interesting!! Burrill and Lin and crew has discussed holding a "50 YEAR CELEBRATION" of the establishment of the WW II Armed Guard Base at Little Creek, Va. Oct. 15, 1991. It's great to plan ahead so others can make plans around them.

Don Gleason, 227 North Knox, Topeka, Kansas informs me their recent "Mini" was "GREAT" and notice will be given on their next meeting. If you're a NEW OL'SALT from Kansas for future readers, contact Don for more info. This applies to the other area Hosts listed from other states.

For all Reunions: NAVY, ARMY, MARINES, Seabees, Merchant Marine, Etc., check with your local VFW, AMVETS, American Legion, D.A.V. and other Military Unit's magazines. They are there to help let you know they care.

The New Jersey-Northeast Regional Reunion will be held back in Livingston, N.J. next fall. Time and dates will be announced by Alex Lombardi, 14 Brookfield Rd. Montclair, N.J. 07043 1-201-746-6361. Phil Bradley, 800 Briar Creek Rd., Room EE-406, Charlotte, N.C. 28205 1-704-371-6628 had 9 of the S.S. George E. Badger at the Baltimore Reunion. Let's all try to top this and with over 4500 on the mailing list, we would have quite a gathering!! I will have their picture and the names in the next "POINTER" with some great pictures on the S.S. J.W. BROWN.

I would like to let the readers know of the Sea Classics Magazine published by Challenge Publishing, Inc. 7950 Deering Ave., Canoga Park, Ca. 91304-9980 with a special Christmas price of \$29.95 for 12 Issues. I look forward to every issue and recommend it to you. Many have wrote to me or called saying they appreciate letting them know of its existence. Through their articles and letters to the Editor, Edwin Schnepf, we have located many of you. Enclosed is a letter from an Army man seeking help on the S.S. Richard March Hoe, and the USAT W.C. Gorpes. I have the S.S. Empire Hoe on the list, and Yawter said it was British and I have Ed Warner, Independence, Kansas, Frank Rauchman, Allen Park, Mich. and Lavern Addington, of Tulsa, Okla. onboard. I have sent article to these men to assist Mansberry. There are other military papers out that may interest you and I will compile a list soon for the next "Pointer". One more such magazine is "WORLD WAR II" 105 Loudoun St. Leesburg, Va. 22075 (703) 771-9400. Cost: One year, 6 bi-monthly issues for \$14.95. See the editorial by C. Brian Kelly, the Editor who gave me permission to reprint. Yes!! we have Mike Molinari listed.



We will accept donations for the ARMED GUARD CAPS: 1. Eagle 2. Lettered, U.S. NAVY ARMED GUARD NM 11 3. Lettered, U.S. NAVY ARMED GUARD-MURKIN RUN 4. U.S. NAVY ARMED GUARD-SOUTH PACIFIC. (Summer and Winter) Ladies caps only with the EAGLE. Lapel pins, bumper stickers and decals. I cannot sell them for I don't have time or help to keep up with N.C. STATE TAX.

Now to close out this issue of the "POINTER" saying that I hope all of you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday for we don't have as many ahead of us as we once did. Make plans now for the National Reunion in Chicago. I hope to have another "POINTER" in your mailbox before Christmas, with enough donations. If you have a little extra cash around, send it to Bob Grossman and Crew, to help with extra expenses to put on a great reunion there. To our many friends made throughout the World, may all your days be a day of Thanksgiving. GOD BLESS ALL

Charles A. Lloyd

8-29-88

Mr. Charles,

The article in the Aug. Plane-Shooter about the Port Chicago tragedy jogged my memory about an explosion in the Pearl Harbor area in the spring or summer of 1944.

I was on the SS John B. Floyd anchored in the harbor waiting to take on cargo when this explosion took place. It lifted our hatch covers two or three feet in the air. We were a mile or two away.

When we docked a Coast Guard cutter who was standing gangway watch with me said it was a horrible thing that happened. He said several LST's loaded with troops took a mmo. blew up.

We said rumor had it that more people were killed, than when the Japs hit Pearl Harbor.

We left soon after that and I never did hear anymore about it.

I've often wondered what really happened.

HARRY L. McMAHON  
20009 CLEVELAND  
BELTON, MD. 64012

The letter from Harry L. McMahon may jog your memories and enlighten him on the explosion at Pearl Harbor. Maybe some of you LST crew will know and advise us.

#### IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES

Last	First	City	State	Wife	Date
Allison	Claud	Thomas	Ok	Thelma	6/17/89
Benfield	Thomas	J.	SC		6/9/89
Conard	Bobbie	D.	Mo.		?
Cooke	Edward	J.	NY	Frances	5/15/74
Coventry	Donald	E.	Oh	?	9/12/89
Davies	Donald	J.	Ca	Arlene	8/24/89
Davis	Harry	E.	Ks	Irene	8/89
Elrod	William	Franklin	Tx.	Christine	10/26/79
Estes	Lubie	Hugo	Al	Elsie	8/20/89
Farris	Harry		Mo.		8/16/89
Griffith	Tracey	H.	Oh	?	?
Hurley	Clifford	D.	Fl		89
Libby	Paul	A.	Pa	Arlene	6/27/89
Montgomery	Carlin		Tx	Ruth	9/15/89
Mayfield	James	D.	Ca.	Mae Belle	9/19/89
Myers	John	I.	NC	Winifred	3/31/89
Noland	Lars	J.	Va.		3/2/89
Noonan	Daniel	J.	NY	Ruth	9/89
Smith	James	J.	NJ	?	9/88
Suttl	Frank		Ca.		89

#### MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED LADIES

Last Name	First	City	State	Husband	Date
Cockerill	Edith	San Diego	Ca	Boyd	8/89
Gardia	Ruth	Chatham	NJ	Frank	9/89
Kavanaugh	Margo	Hopkinton	Ma	Jim	9/89
Lachowicz	Blanche	McKees Rock	Pa	Albert	8/3/89
Lester	Rosa	Lafayette	In	Kenneth	89
Noonan	Ruth	Belle Harbor	NY	Don-4 days prior	9/89
Norris	Edna	Wilmington	NC	Charles	8/21/89
Reynolds	Barbara	Lafayette	In	Ralph	8/89
Ritter	Helen	Rockaway Point	NY	Lou	8/25/89

Our thoughts, prayers and sympathies are extended to all families and friends. These were compiled by the Armed Guard from information sent to and received by me since the August 1, 1989 "POINTER" was published. Should the shipmate widows elect to be removed from the mailing list please advise. You are welcomed to be with us and continue on as a part of the crew and attend the reunions. CAL

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Great Lakes, Illinois



# A Survivors Prayer

Prayer by Winfield McCoy, of 473 Van Vorst Bellevue, Kentucky, a survivor of the sinking of the S.S. Dorchester on, February 3, 1943. Written in Greenland shortly after his rescue from the icy waters of the North Atlantic in 1943.

Submitted by Rev. Henry Reinwald  
Department Chaplain

There were 1,016 on board Her when she left the states  
Of those, over 700 had already sealed their fate.  
I was very proud to *had* been with them on the night they  
had to die  
Also on board were four men of God before morning came  
were to be tried.  
The icy water lapped at their feet,  
In 13 minutes, the Lord they'd meet.  
Four other soldiers, cold and confused  
Said Padre's, we have no life jackets none we can use.

"Here take ours" they spoke up as one;  
I think they knew then their work here was done.  
They comforted and helped everyone, then said Goodbye:  
Then they joined hands and prepared to die.  
They had done everything they possibly could:  
Four Chaplains of the Army  
Washington, Poling, Fox and Gooda.  
Now Lord when I come to meet you as I surely hope I do,  
I will say "Don't judge me too harshly, I was on that  
death ship, too."  
But if by chance I go the other way, I will meet Satan at  
the door;  
There's no need to show me around, I've been here once  
before.  
Now when I passover, perhaps someone will grieve  
I'm not afraid of dying Lord, but I kind of hate to leave.  
God in all your wisdom in heaven above  
Know's the four chaplains died with the men they loved.

Winfield McCoy

Editor's Note: This was written over 40 years ago by a  
young lad still full of fright. Maybe the good Lord let him  
live to tell of that awful night.

## (6) DANCE WITH A DOLLY

(Army F-Disc 331A—Navy F-Disc 111A)

As I was walkin' down the street, down the street,  
down the street,  
I met somebody who was mighty sweet, mighty  
fair to see.  
I asked her would she like to have a talk, have a  
talk, make some talk,  
All the fellows standin' on the walk wishin' they  
were me.  
Mama, mama, let me dress up tonight, dress up  
tonight, dress up tonight.  
I've got a secret, gonna 'fess up tonight,  
Gonna dance by the light of the moon.  
Gonna dance with a dolly with a hole in her  
stockin',  
While our knees keep a-knockin' and our toes keep  
a-rockin'.  
Dance with a dolly with a hole in her stockin';  
Dance by the light of the moon.  
Dance by the light of the moon.

### 2ND CHORUS

As I was walkin' down the street, down the street,  
down the street,  
I met somebody who was mighty sweet, mighty  
fair to see.  
I asked her would she like to have a talk, have a  
talk, make some talk,  
All the fellows standin' on the walk wishin' they  
were me.

## (2) LET THE REST OF THE WORLD GO BY

(Army F-Disc 335B)

With someone like you, a pal good and true,  
I'd like to leave it all behind and go and find  
Some place that's known to God alone,  
Just a spot to call our own.  
We'll find perfect peace, where joys never cease  
Out there beneath a kindly sky.  
We'll build a sweet little nest somewhere in the  
West,  
And let the rest of the world go by.  
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## (3) IN A SHANTY IN OLD SHANTY TOWN

(Army F-Disc 332B—Navy F-Disc 112B)

It's only a shanty in old Shanty Town;  
The roof is so slanty it touches the ground;  
But my cumbled down shack by an old railroad  
track,  
Like a millionaire's mansion, is calling me back.  
I'd give up a palace if I were a king;  
It's more than a palace, it's my ev'rything.  
There's a queen waiting there with a silvery crown  
In a shanty in old Shanty Town.  
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Mama, mama, put the cat out tonight, cat out  
tonight, cat out tonight,  
Worked all day, I'm gonna scat out tonight,  
And I won't be home until dawn.  
Gonna dance with a dolly with a hole in her  
stockin',  
While our knees keep a-knockin' and our toes keep  
a-rockin'.  
Dance with a dolly with a hole in her stockin';  
Dance by the light of the moon.  
Gonna dance by the light of the moon, dance by  
the light of the moon,  
By the light of the moon.

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## (7) ALWAYS

(Army F-Disc 328A—Navy F-Disc 163A)

I'll be loving you always,  
With a love that's true, always.  
When the things you've planned need a helping  
hand  
I will understand, always, always.  
Days may not be fair, always.  
That's when I'll be there, always.  
Not for just an hour, not for just a day,  
Not for just a year, but always.  
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## (4) OVER THE RAINBOW

(Army F-Disc 335A)

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high,  
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby.  
Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue,  
And the dreams that you dare to dream really do  
come true.  
Someday I'll wish upon a star  
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me.  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops, away above  
the chimney tops,  
That's where you'll find me.  
Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly,  
Birds fly over the rainbow,  
Why, then, oh why can't I?  
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are selected for you by a committee of your favorite  
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"O" Issue, 1944

## (1) AN HOUR NEVER PASSES

(Army F-Disc 331B—Navy F-Disc 111B)

An hour never passes but I think of you.  
An hour never passes but I miss you, too.  
Ev'ry day from dawning till the moonlight's glow,  
You're beside me, darling, ev'rywhere I go.  
An hour never passes, a clock never chimes  
But I keep recalling those old happy times.  
Without my prayer for you in each lonely sigh,  
An hour never passes by.

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## (5) THE TROLLEY SONG

(Army F-Disc 316A—Navy F-Disc 96A)

"Clang, clang, clang," went the trolley,  
"Ding, ding, ding," went the bell.  
"Zing, zing, zing," went my heartstrings,  
For the moment I saw her I fell.  
"Chug, chug, chug," went the motor,  
"Bump, bump, bump," went the brake,  
"Thump, thump, thump," went my heartstrings,  
When she smiled, I could feel the car shake.  
I tipped my hat, and took a seat.  
I said I hoped I hadn't stepped upon her feet.  
I asked her name, then lost my breath,  
She looked so lovely that it scared me half to death.  
"Buzz, buzz, buzz," went the buzzer,  
"Plop, plop, plop," went the wheels,  
"Stop, stop, stop," went my heartstrings;  
As she started to leave, I took hold of her sleeve  
with my hand,  
And as if it were planned, she stayed on with me,  
And it was grand just to stand with her hand hold-  
ing mine  
To the end of the line.

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Sept. 6, 1989

Mr. Alex Lombardi  
14 Brookfield Rd.  
Montclair, N. J. 07043

Mr. C. A. Lloyd  
5712 Partridge Lane  
Raleigh, Nc. 27609

Dear Alex and C. A.

I am writing a joint letter to both of you so that you can both have the same information.

Alex, I am the person that spoke to you in Seattle and gave you the information about the 3-50 gun that is in the City Park in Ottawa, Kansas.

Last week my wife and I drove to Ottawa which is only a short distance from Topeka and took some photos some of which we are sending to both of you for whatever you may need them for, we do not need to have them returned to us.

We visited with Mr. Randy Wetmore, who is the City Manager of Ottawa. He was at a loss to know how someone from Baltimore, Md. knew that they had a gun in their City Park until we told them that we had told you about it. That cleared up some of the mystery.

As you may detect from some of the newspaper articles which we are enclosing, you may have a bit of difficulty persuading some of the Townspeople to part with their gun. Some of them probably have never even seen the gun at their park, but don't want to have it leave their city.

Alex, is it possible that you and C. A. could explain, maybe in an open letter to the people of Ottawa, that it is not just for a group of Veterans from the East Coast but rather that it would be a Memorial to all USN Armed Guard WW II Veterans all over the United States. We feel like that maybe, if the people knew how much time and effort C. A. has put in to locate so many Vets after so many years and what success he has had and also if they were to be told the story of restoring the John Brown they might be more apt to part with the gun.

We also felt like if another gun could be located and placed in the Park or perhaps a Tank that it would placate them a bit.

Another suggestion we might make is that Kansas Senator Bob Dole is a Disabled World War II Veteran who might assist you.

According to the August 8th Newspaper there is a USNAG that lives in Ottawa, Ks. His name is John F. Tienken Jr. 836 S. Locust, No zip code given, we are sending him an invitation to our Mini-Reunion which we are having in Topeka on Sept 23rd. C. A. if you want to add him to your list and start sending him information, we would appreciate it.

ottawa  
KS.

Best of luck!!!!

Don and Henrietta Gleason  
227 North Knox  
Topeka, Kansas 66606



# Local man operated 3-50s



Jim  
Hitch

The Ottawa Herald

John F. Tienken Jr., 836 S. Locust, has mounted the seat of the naval gun in City Park more than once.

The most recent time was this morning.

But the first time he took his seat on a 3-50 was 45 years ago.

Tienken, who has lived in Ottawa 26 years and is a fieldman for Mid-America Dairy-men, joined the navy in 1944, during World War II. He took basic training at Farragut Naval Station in Idaho, and then was sent to gunnery school at San Diego.

He learned to shoot the 3-50 as well as other kinds of guns and then volunteered for the Armed Guard, naval units that manned weapons on board merchant marine vessels.

"Our job was to stand watch (four hours on and eight off) and man the guns when it was necessary," Tienken explained.

"We had a lieutenant as our commanding officer and four petty officers. Three of these were gunners mates and the other was a signalman.

"The ship was run by the merchant marines, who were all civilians, which at times made for some bad times between us."

Tienken disputes earlier claims that there were three 3-50 guns on board liberty ships.

"The 3-50 was the bow gun and there would be a four-inch or five-inch gun on the fantail. Along the sides of the ship were eight 20 millimeter Oerlikon guns," which were of Swedish

make.

The 3-50 takes a three-inch diameter shell and has a 150-inch barrel (50 times the diameter of the shell). It has a muzzle velocity of 2,700 feet per second, according to Tienken.

The gun could be elevated to 85 degrees or lowered to 13 degrees below the horizon. Its ceiling range was 29,400 feet and its surface range, 43,800 feet.

"The man in the right hand seat (called the pointer) could move the gun barrel horizontally and then man in the left (the trainer) moved the gun vertically and he also fired the gun by percussion, using a foot pedal."

According to Tienken, the pointer and trainer, working in unison, could rotate the barrel in a circle.

The crew consisted of one man who took the shell from the shell box, the man who loaded the gun, the pointer and trainer, the hot shell catcher and a gun captain.

Tienken said 3-50 crews could fire two rounds in about five seconds.

"These guns were installed on all merchant ships such as oil tankers, banana boats, liberty ships and victory ships."

Tienken served on the liberty ship John Lund and was en route to Japan with a load of cable and other kinds of communication equipment when the war ended. His was the first liberty ship to arrive at Kawasaki following Japan's surrender.

After the war he returned to Japan on the steamship H.H. Raymond, which was loaded with Coca Cola and cigarettes.

He never came directly under attack, but had one close call. He was serving on a tanker that had gone to Saipan, south of Japan, and was at anchor transferring



The seat still fit when Ottawan John Tienken mounted the City Park 3-50, identical to the one he helped man 45 years ago aboard the tanker Texas Sun (below).



high test oil to a fleet tanker when a flight of 26 Japanese Zeros (fighters) approached.

But American fighters met the attack and shot down 25 of the 26 enemy planes.

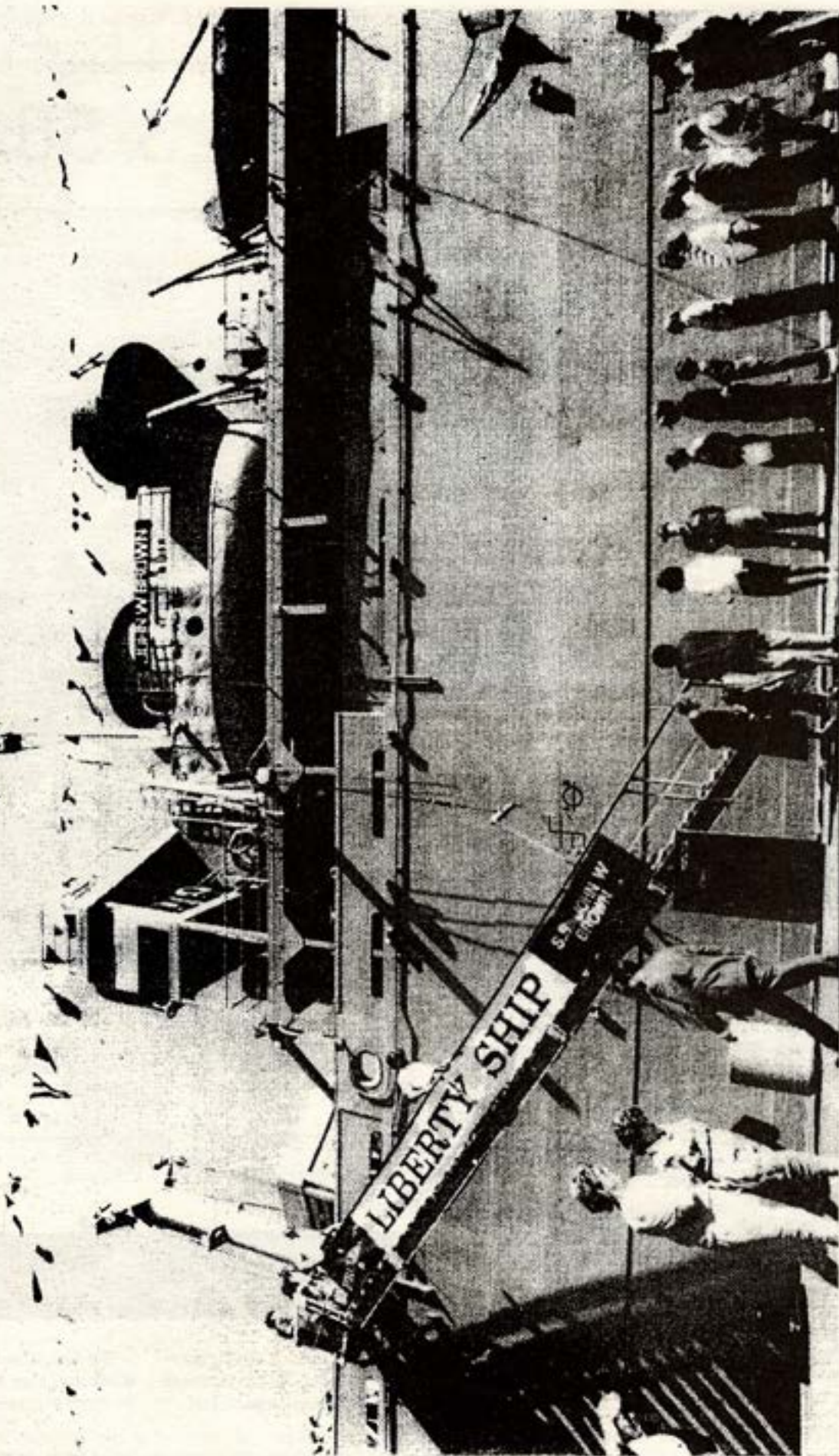
Sent in by Don Gleason.

Thanks to the publicity of the 3-50 gun in Ottawa, Kansas, we located some more of the Armed Guard crew and a town in the Midwest learned of the Armed Guard and

what they did. We found 3-50s in Crane, Indiana not in use and they are now aboard the S.S. John W. Brown and the kids can still play on their gun and, who knows, another story can be written and "USN Armed Guard" remembered.



FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29, 1989



THE SUN/MARY DAVIS

## Liberty ship is back home

People lined up yesterday to see the restored S.S. John W. Brown, a Baltimore-built World War II Liberty ship named for a labor union leader, making its debut in the Inner Harbor. A national group of Baltimore-based maritime enthusiasts salvaged the vessel — one of the few Liberty ships not sold for scrap metal. The S.S. John W. Brown, to be moored eventually as a maritime museum, remains on public display through Monday.





U.S.N. ARMED GUARD UNIT (ATLANTIC)  
S.S. JOHN W. BROWN  
LT. ARLEY T. ZINN, C.O. — 22 MARCH 1944

Sent in by:  
Robert Ilaria, 91 McCosh Rd., Clifton, N.J. 07043 is shown 2nd from left on the  
2nd Row. This photo will be displayed on the S.S. John W. Brown in the Museum.



U.S.N. ARMED GUARD WORLD WAR II VETERAN'S 9TH NATIONAL REUNION  
JUNE 6-10, 1990

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Dear Shipmates, Ladies and Guests:

Well the 8th National Armed Guard Reunion is behind us, and it was a great success in Seattle, Washington, thanks to Madelyn Rigg, Billie and Dick Kohse and a great team from the Northwest. Now it is our turn here in the "Midwest" to "Welcome" you to the GREAT CITY OF CHICAGO. It was the "HOME" of many Armed Guard for the first few months before and after Pearl Harbor.

We hope that we have selected places to go, sights to see and all the things that will make your stay in our Beautiful City a lasting memory. Our Committee has worked over a year in putting this together and now we have less than eight months to finalize and encourage you to join in with the rest of us Ol' Salts and meet new Shipmates as well as renew old friendships.

We have reserved 200 rooms for Wednesday, June 6, and 500 rooms for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. If you are coming prior to Wednesday, June 6, and staying after Sunday, June 10, 1990 the price of \$65.00 per nite will still apply. When making Reservations, PLEASE SAY YOU ARE PART OF THE U.S.N. ARMED GUARD REUNION to obtain this Rate.

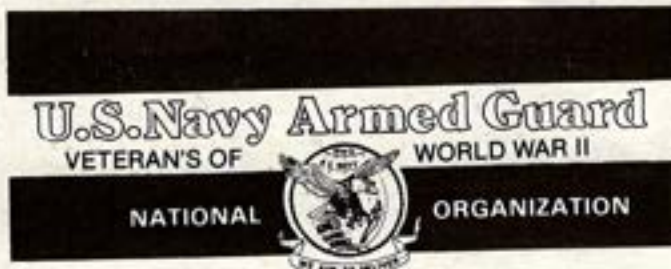
ALL Hotel Reservations are to be made directly to The Congress Hotel on their toll free number of 1-800-635-1666.

The Committee is working on many various activities for our Members who will be arriving on Wednesday, June 6th. These include Baseball Games, - Sox or Cubs, depending on who will be in town - Arlington Race Track - Theatre or just Sight Seeing in our beautiful City.

The above activities cannot be made firm at this time as their Schedule is not yet known. As soon as we have this information, we will pass it along.

If none of the above appeals to you, be assured we have many, many interesting alternatives.

LET'S GO TO CHICAGO IN '90





U.S.N. ARMED GUARD WW II 9th NATIONAL REUNION JUNE 6-10, 1990  
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WEDNESDAY - JUNE 6, 1990 - 12:00 NOON TO 5:00 P.M.

THURSDAY - JUNE 7, - 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY - JUNE 8, 1990 - 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY - JUNE 9, 1990 - 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

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OUR ITINERARY FOR THE 9th NATIONAL REUNION IS AS FOLLOWS:

HELP US BY MAKING RESERVATIONS EARLY - BRING CANCELLED CHECKS FOR  
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THURSDAY - JUNE 7, 1990

At your leisure but Sightseeing Tours are available at the  
Registration Desk.

DINNER CRUISE on Lake Michigan 6:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Cruise, Dinner and Bus \$45.00 per Person

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_.

Cash Bar aboard Ship.

Maximum 600 People - First Come Basis.

FRIDAY - JUNE 8, 1990

GREAT LAKES TOUR

Lunch in Mess Hall

Plaque Dedication

Graduation Ceremony

Cocktails (Cash Bar)

Dinner Buffet "PORT OF CALL"

Great Lakes Tour, Including Lunch, Dinner,  
and Bus \$36.00 per Person

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_.

SATURDAY - JUNE 9, 1990

General Meeting 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

GREAT HALL - CONGRESS HOTEL

Sightseeing Tour of Chicago including FIELD

MUSEUM and go on board Captured German

Submarine U-BOAT 505

Leave Hotel at 12:30 P.M. Return at 4:30 P.M.

Cost per Person \$17.00

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_.

Does not include cost to go on U-Boat. At this  
writing cost is \$2.00 per Person, payable at the  
Museum,

BANQUET in the GREAT HALL

Cocktails 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)

Dinner at 7:00 P.M. Cost per Person \$25.00

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_.

SUNDAY - JUNE 10, 1990

SUNDAY BRUNCH 8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. in the  
Great Hall.

BRUNCH Cost per Person \$15.00

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_.

YOUR Check or M.O. No. \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$\_\_\_\_.

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Vince Alones 217 McKee St, Floral Park, N.Y.  
gave me two tickets to the 1951 Reunion. I  
thought it would bring back some "MEMORIES".  
They were held til 1953. Started again in '82.

### My Flag

Red, White and Blue  
I am always true to you  
for all you have gone thru,  
better believe I do.

The years have gone by,  
and still high you fly  
because of the few-  
that are still true, to you.

Each generations must take  
its stand, or there are those  
who would have this land,  
so it's up to, the few.

To rally around you,  
to keep you flying high  
as we stand by your side.

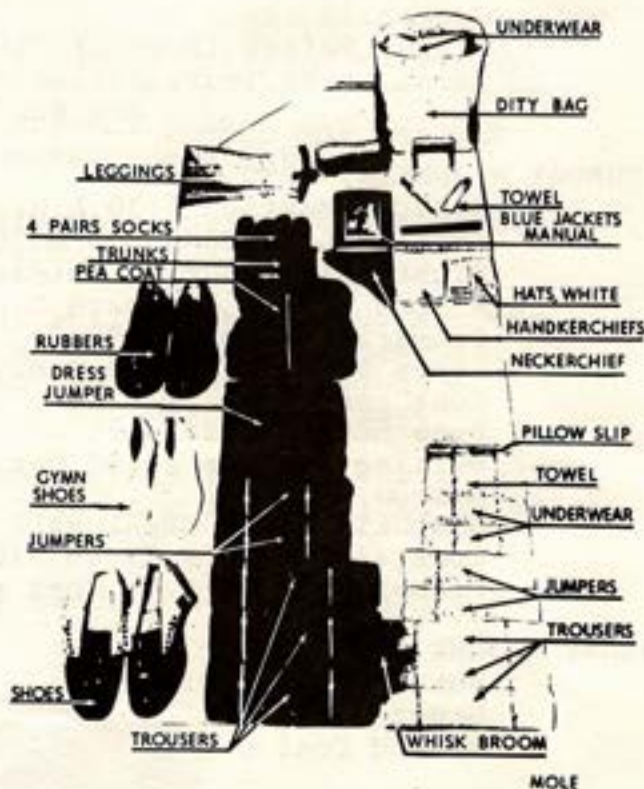
In distant places  
men and women must die  
to keep our Freedom and  
our Pride.

So, God be with us while  
you fly high,  
In each battle or endeavor  
we try. \*\*\*\*\*

by Shipmate;



KENNETH BURHITE JR  
239 NELSON RD  
ROCHESTER, WA 98579



### Bag Lay-out

U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION,  
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS  
REAR ADMIRAL JOHN DOWNES U S NAVY,  
COMMANDING OFFICER

Sent in by Paul (Friedman) Roberts 247 Arrowood Dr., North Brook, IL 60062  
Can you believe we laid out clothes that neat!! He also sent the Thanksgiving  
from Great Lakes. How many of you were there then? cal



*To the Armed Guard S/Lewis Luckenbach*



*My Christmas Wish*

*A Merry Christmas and many more*

*A Happier New Year than ever before*

*S. A. Olson master*



Sent in by:

Tom Bowerman, 814 Springdale Ave., Anniston, Al. 36201 received this Christmas card while on the S.S. Lewis Luckenbach in 1943. He also sends actual photos of transferring of oil from the ESSO PROVIDENCE to another unknown tanker in 1944.





Brain Hope sends a photo that will bring back some memories of the refrigerator and an Armed Guard raiding it. I know the photo was taken in port for the grape

fruit didn't roll out. notice how the plates are in the rack to keep there in a storm. I beleive the one I was in would have broke in the rack!!!! cal



Sent in by Brian Hope.  
The 3-3"50s arrive in Baltimore, Maryland from Crane, Indiana to go onboard the S.S. John M. Brown and was delivered by Maryland Merchant Marine Veteran Tom

Harley and his son, Brian, who delivered it as a contribution to the Project. The 5"38 was delivered free from upstate Pennsylvania by another Merchant Seaman.



Ex. Able Seaman, GJX 353474  
 U.S. Royal Navy,  
 Serving mostly aboard  
 H.M.S. Opportune, 17th Destroyer  
 Flotilla- 1942 - 46

William Leonard Phillips,  
 8 Redgate, The Pippins,  
 Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 4TQ  
 England.

August 26th. 1989.

Dear Cal,

Firstly, let me thank you for sending me your most interesting and informative Mag. 'THE POINTER' it certainly is a credit to you and your team. I noted with interest your comment regarding your 'Great Grandmother being a Phillips' there maybe some family tree tie up along the line, my Grandparents originated from the Plymouth area, a great seafaring port, many years ago the 'Mayflower' sailed across the Atlantic with its passengers seeking a new life, there is a plaque on the Hoe at Plymouth to commemorate the sailing.

As you are no doubt aware I have spent many years researching the Convoys on the Murmansk run, particularly RA 64, this was the convoy in which both the 'Thomas Scott' and the S.S. Henry Bacon were lost.

We were actively involved in the rescue of the survivors from 'Henry Bacon' in fact we managed to save many of the crew and the U.S. Armed Guards plus of course the one remaining seaworthy lifeboat that contained the 19 Norwegian civilians that she was carrying.

As I have already related in many letters in my search for more information I was in the rescue party and the little girl that I snatched from the lifeboat was just 2 years old at that time, her name Sofie Pederson, her sister was also among the survivors and she was only 4 years old, well I have managed to contact these two ladies and in fact Sofie has visited me from Norway, all organized by the Norwegian Paper 'Verdens Gang' they flew her over from the Island 'Socoya' which is right up there in the Arctic Circle. We had a wonderful weekend here in England with her, she is 46 years old now.

I am including a photograph of her when she came to visit us at our home, this is the baby of two years old in Feb. 1945 that was on passage in the S.S. Henry Bacon when she was sunk 300 miles off Tromsø by German aircraft.

Well Cal I'll close for now, hoping that this will be of interest to you and your pals.

P.S.

Sofie is the lady on the left of the photograph, the other two people being my wife, Alma and myself.

I must have wrote hundreds of letters trying to trace her and when I finally located her, she was living on the same Island off the Norwegian coast that they evacuated from in February, 1945 - The Island is called Socoya

The lifeboat had 19 civilians aboard plus a crew to man the boat, along with Sofie 2 years old was her sister Inger, she was 4 years old, their Mother & Father and several relations of the Pederson family.



NA 6124.2-3800-2-41

NAVY  
 GRACE LINE

CREW STATION CARD

ss Lara  
 DATE May #50  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 RATING Gunner  
 ARTICLE NO. 38  
 BOAT STATION 2- Assist  
to Clear Boat  
 EMERGENCY STATION Standby  
Gun  
 BATTLE STATION Standby  
Gun  
 INITIALED \_\_\_\_\_ 1st ASST. ENG.  
 " \_\_\_\_\_ CHIEF OFFICER

NA 6124.2-3800-2-41



GRACE LINE

CREW STATION CARD  
 DECK DEPARTMENT

ss LARA  
 DATE VOY-50  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 RATING SENIOR  
 ARTICLE NO. 40  
 BOAT STATION 2  
PREPARE TO LOWER  
AFTER FALL  
 EMERGENCY STATION AND FIRE  
STATION: STAND BY  
GUN  
 INITIALED \_\_\_\_\_ CHIEF STEWARD  
 " \_\_\_\_\_ CHIEF OFFICER

A wonderful story!  
 a wonderful ending!  
 CAL

(I will have another story in the next  
 "POINTER" by James E. Cockey, Baltimore,  
 Maryland in the rescue of a boy  
 in the same area. cal



## As our readers remind, there's still a lot to be said...and remembered.

(Another Armed Guard mentioned and more found from articles like these in the "WORLD WAR II" Magazine 105 Loudon St., SW, Leesburg, Va. 22075 cal

Dipping into the mailbox (and if you don't always get a mention here or a voluminous reply, have pity—it does pile up!), we find the Reverend E. Bruce Parks, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Spur, Texas. In the Aleutians 47 years ago, he apparently had a brief encounter with the ill-fated crew of the Soviet submarine L-16.

Readers may recall the story of the L-16 from our January issue. In a chance encounter of her own, west of the Washington state coastline, she was sunk by the Japanese sub I-25—as an obscure and long-secret footnote to the war then raging around the globe.

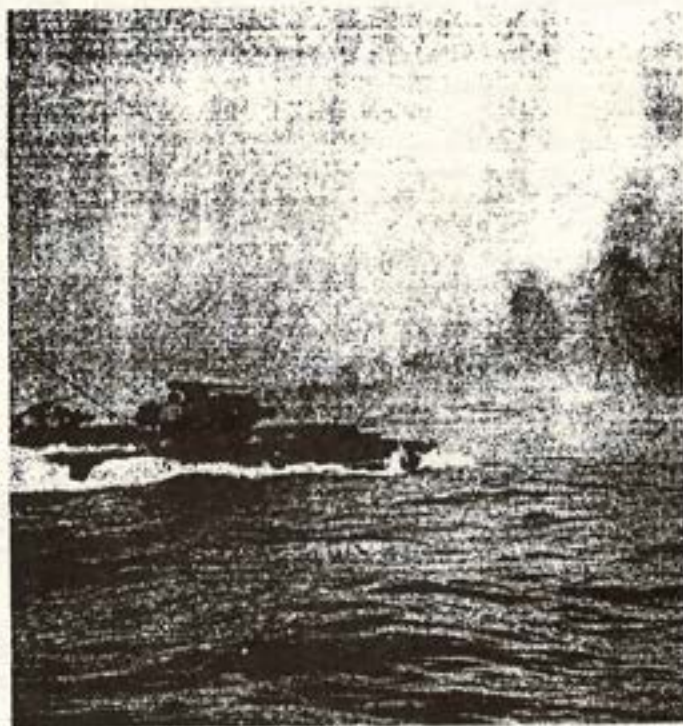
Not only was the Russian crew lost, but so was Sergi Andrevich Milhalloff, a Russian-speaking American Navy petty officer accompanying the Soviets as interpreter and liaison officer during their projected voyage from Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians to San Francisco and then through the Panama Canal, with the Atlantic Ocean as final destination.

It seems that the Reverend Parks made his fateful acquaintance one evening while on liberty from his four-stack destroyer, USS Gilmer, at Dutch Harbor—

*Drank a little beer—not much else to do—maybe tramp around the anchorages. I was doing a little of both when I met several Russian submarine sailors. With them was a Russian-speaking American sailor. I spent a happy evening with them; the American sailor seemed to be special to the Russians, but nothing was said about him serving with them. They kept their secret.*

Navy veteran Parks never heard any more about the incident until, reading our recent story by Wayne R. Austerman, it dawned—"I suddenly realized that I had had a part in that story!"

Fred O. Freuler of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., on the other hand, was taken by our



Amphibious reinforcements approach embattled Peleliu. Among those providing essential support during this grueling campaign was the 456th Amphibian Truck Company.

recent story on the difficult struggle to subdue the Pacific island of Peleliu (Island Without Mercy by Albert Hemingway, November 1988).

"It caught my attention and I had to read it from start to finish," writes Mr. Freuler. In fact, he read the story twice—"and nowhere in the entire story did I see anything about the Army's 456th Amphibian Truck Company."

He's perfectly correct, of course, and we must plead guilty—but it's also a fact that when we offer our readers a story on this campaign or that battle, it would be impossible to cite or even merely to list all the units that may have taken part. Magazine space simply doesn't allow, and that's one reason we suggest related books at the end of our feature stories.

But let's get back to the omitted 456th—just what did that minuscule Army outfit contribute to the Marine Corps show at Peleliu? Quite a lot, it seems—It was to carry the 105 guns and crews

ashore. It went ashore on September 15, 1944, somewhere around the fifth to eighth wave. It at times fought alongside the Marines. It moved the 37, 75 and 105 guns ashore. It carried the wounded to the hospital ship offshore. It brought the supplies ashore such as ammo, food, gasoline and water. It moved the dead. It stayed with the Marines until the island was secured.

Reader Freuler himself should know—"I know this to be true because I was in the outfit."

Now, "just a thought" from Ed Krug of Buffalo, N.Y.—

I am a veteran of World War II and in all of my reading of books on the war I have yet to read anything about the Aviation Engineers who started out from Langley Field, Va., landed in Africa in November 1942. They built all the airfields in Northern Africa for a whole year. Then went to Italy and built all the bomber and fighter air fields for two years in southern Italy. I think they contributed quite a feat toward ending the war in Europe.

Surely they did, and as still another outfit that gave its all, Michael Molinari of Brooklyn, N.Y., would like to see due credit for the U.S. Navy's Armed Guard—

*We served on all makes of our merchant ships; we were gun crews and we fought off the German subs and air force and also the Japanese and what they threw at us in the Pacific.*

Reader Molinari served his convoy duty aboard the Liberty ship Andrew Carnegie and aboard an oil tanker, surviving the deadly Murmansk run, among other high-risk travels. He considers himself lucky to have survived.

But I am always thinking of the men we lost in convoys that never made it home, that are still with their ships.

Nearly 50 years later, there's still a lot to be told, a lot to be said—and still to be remembered.

C.B.K.



## Nation to Honor Men of Fleet Navy Day

### District Annexes Secretary's Flag For Bond Buying

Bond-buying Civil Service employees of the Ninth Naval District, including those at Great Lakes, will be honored here Monday at 1600 in Ross Auditorium, when the Secretary of Navy's War Bond Honor Certificate and Flag is presented to the Ninth Naval District.

The award, to be presented by Capt. G. A. Eubank, director of the War Bonds Office in Washington, will be the first to be made to a Naval district in the United States and territories.

The Hon. Ralph A. Bard, under-secretary of the Navy, will deliver the principal address at the meeting. Rear Admiral John Downes, commandant of the Ninth Naval District, will accept the certificate and flag from Capt. Eubank, and Lt. Cmdr. Norman L. McCready, War Bonds officer of the Ninth Naval District, will give the welcoming address.

The Great Lakes band, choir and drum and bugle corps, and Robert Moonan, M.C., organist, will appear. The program will be broadcast by transcription over WGN, Tuesday, 1400 to 1430.

To win the award 1,800 Civil Service employees of the District participated 94.47 per cent in war bond purchases, with 11.88 per cent payroll participation.

### Navy Day Greetings

#### From Maj.-Gen. Aurand

The following Navy Day greeting was received by Rear Admiral John Downes this week from Major General H. S. Aurand, commanding general of the Sixth Service Command:

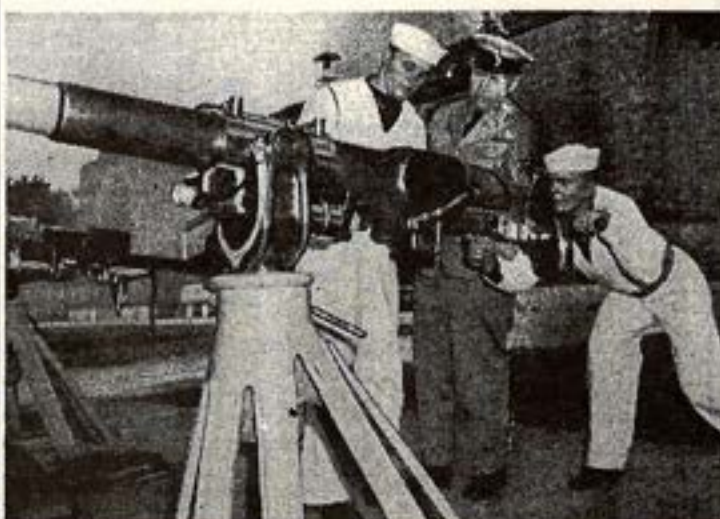
My dear Admiral Downes:

It gives me great pleasure to convey to you the best wishes of the officers and enlisted men of the Sixth Service Command upon the observance of Navy Day, Oct. 27, 1942.

The confidence and mutual trust between the personnel of the Ninth Naval District and the Sixth Service Command have been a most valuable factor in the solution of our common problems. In the successful prosecution of this war, such cooperation is a determining factor.

With my personal regards and best wishes for a successful Navy Day.

### SALUTES STATION ON 31st YEAR



Chief Electrician's Mate Elgin G. Clark (center) shows Norman Dagley, (left) of Somerset, Ky., and Ray E. Day, (right) of Terre Haute, Ind., how to operate a salute gun here. The guns were at Great Lakes in 1911 when Chief Clark was a member of the first company of recruits to train here.

### 'Boot' In First Company Here Comes Back as Instructor After 31 Years

Thirty-one years ago President William Howard Taft dedicated the U. S. Naval Training Station here.

Great Lakes was an experiment; it was the first inland training station in the history of the United States Navy. Old-time seagoing men termed the venture a farce and swore the station never would be successful.

The original station was constructed for a capacity of 2,500 men, but at the time of the dedication its full complement was only 1,000 Bluejackets.

Among the sailors who participated in the dedication ceremony was Elgin Gilbert Clark, a 17-year-old apprentice seaman of Bay City, Mich.

#### Saw History in Making

For Seaman Clark the day was a thrill of thrills. It was history in the making, for he was a member of the first company to be formed and later to graduate from the "enlisted men's Annapolis."

Since its opening in 1911, the station has grown into the world's largest naval establishment of its kind. It bore that reputation in World War I and in the current conflict it again has attained that status. Since its opening in 1911,

Great Lakes has trained almost a half million men for duty with the fleets.

#### Station Observes Birthday

Next Wednesday the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes will observe its 31st "birthday." No special ceremony is planned, but for one man stationed here, the event will have special significance.

He is Chief Electrician's Mate Elgin Gilbert Clark, now 48 and a resident of Woodstock, Ill.

He is the same Elgin Gilbert Clark, who as a "boot" in training 31 years ago, saw President Taft officially open the station. Since his initial "hitch" Clark twice has left lucrative civilian jobs to serve in the Navy during war-time.

He was a member of the first draft to leave Great Lakes in 1911 and was assigned to duty on the U.S.S. Washington, an armored cruiser. Clark studied hard in the

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### 'Quiz Kids' to Appear

The "Quiz Kids," youthful intelligentsia of the radio, will appear on their regular broadcast here Sunday at 1030 in Ross Auditorium.

### Admiral King On Chicago Program: Plan Huge Parade

While Bluejackets here trained strenuously to assume their roles in the fight against the Axis, citizens of the United States prepared to pay tribute Tuesday to the men of the fleet by observing Navy Day.

Since the exigencies of war will keep Bluejackets here busy at routine training, the gigantic Navy Day observance in Chicago will be of chief interest to sailors on the Station.

Headliner on the Chicago show will be Admiral Ernest King, commander in chief of the U. S. Fleet, who will speak at the LaSalle Hotel at a dinner sponsored by the Navy League of the United States.

#### Admiral King to Speak

Admiral King's speech will be broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System from 2045 to 2100, following an earlier broadcast from Washington over the same system by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, from 2030 to 2045. Rear Admiral John Downes, commanding officer here, will introduce Admiral King.

Following Admiral King's address, a special "Meet Your Navy" broadcast, dedicated to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, will be aired from the LaSalle Hotel from 2115 to 2200. The first half of the program, in which Great Lakes Bluejackets will participate, will include renditions of the favorite songs of the President. On the same program, Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of staff to the commander in chief of the Army and Navy, will speak from Washington from 2030 to 2045. For the next 15 minutes, Great Lakes musicians will take over the program.

#### Plan Mammoth Parade

At 1000 Tuesday morning, 10,000 Bluejackets from the Chicago Area will participate in a mammoth Navy Day parade down Michigan Ave. and State St. The Navy Pier band will appear in the line of march. No Great Lakes sailors will participate in the parade.

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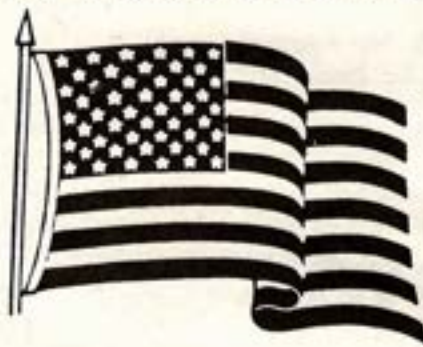
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