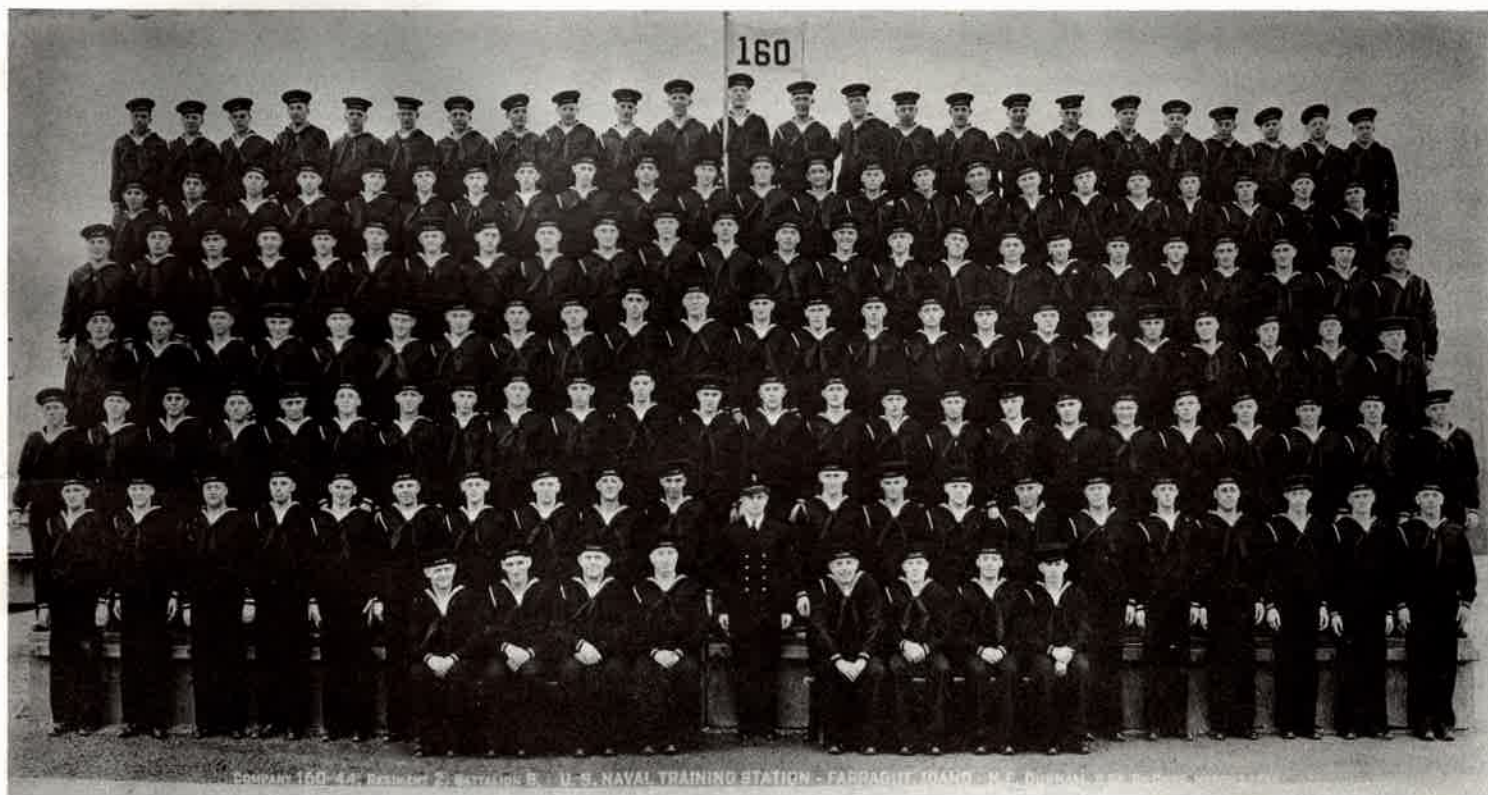


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Company 160-44, Regiment 2, Battalion B
U.S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION - FARRAGUT, IDAHO
H. E. Durham, Company Commander
March 3, 1944

This picture is to honor all "Boots" who ever finished training, whether it be San Diego, CA, Farragut, ID, Bainbridge, MD, Great Lakes or any of the many other "Bootcamps" around the nation. Oh!! to be able to do those 100 pushups and run the grinder again!!

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Dear Wonderful People;

Sept. 1992

Hope this finds you in good health; or, improving, in case you have been having problems. So far, all is well here as can be expected at our house. I have good news to report and that is our daughter's operation was successful and thanks for all of the prayers and concern. She is be back to teaching school and doing fine. She did not have to receive treatments either and hope there will never be a need.

Many have called to ask about the 50TH Anniversary Ceremony of PQ-17 held by the NORTH RUSSIA CLUB of England so I will be as brief as possible and hope I can cover it all. Hilda could not go, as she was needed to care for our daughter, Carolyn, so I flew (by plane) to Boston on June 28th, leaving Boston at 9:20 PM and arriving in Glasgow, Scotland at 8:30 AM, a total of 5 hours and 10 minutes flying time and "JET-LAG" stayed with me for 3 days. I met Bill Ryan, a Merchant Seaman from Florida at Boston Airport and we were on the same flight over. Bill was a great help as he had been over for the last several years with the NORTH RUSSIA CLUB to RUSSIA.

Martin Vallee of Flint, Mi.; Edw. Hopkins of S. Plainfield, N.J. Ed Schretter, Great Falls, Va. and George Kost of Bonita, Ca. were the other Armed Guard to attend. Ten Merchant Seamen from the States and few of their ladies also attended. Several Canadians were also represented. We were small in number but were received as if we had one thousand. We were proud to march 1 1/2 miles in a parade in Glasgow, Scotland carrying the new ARMED GUARD FLAG that was delivered to my house by UPS just 3 minutes before leaving to go to the airport. I was so excited that I left some books and papers that I wanted to carry over.

All of the "PQ-17" Crew and their guests were entertained at a dinner in the beautiful Glasgow City Hall. We were honored to have the "ROYAL MARINE BAND" to play graciously. Should you be in that wonderful city, be sure to take time to visit the City Hall and let them know you were ARMED GUARD! It was amazing to hear Vallee and the others, recognize the streets and sites as we walked over the town. MEMORIES!! As we took the tour bus to Liverpool through those rolling hills and dales we were pointed out deserted airfields from which USAF bombers flew, to and fro, to carry the war to the aggressor. Many a plane never returned. We stopped at the seaside resort town of Blackpool for a delicious lunch and a "PINT OF BITTERS".

We were well received in Liverpool. I walked along the streets but recognized very few sites. The people were so friendly as in Glasgow. The docks are now "Museums and Shops" of all kinds for the tourists. No army tanks, jeeps, tires, piles of canned foodstuff and barrage balloons. There was a difference. At the dinner, we were served chocolate candies---a complete reversal of those days when we used to hand out chocolates to the kids. After wining and dining there for a few days our tour continued to Woodstock for lunch and on to Bladon where Martin Vallee was bestowed the Honor to lay the ARMED GUARD WREATH upon the grave of the late, most Honorable Sir Winston Churchill.

Officers - Gunners - Signalmen - Radiomen - Medics - Waves - Boatswains - Coxswains - Ship's Company - Radarmen

We arrived in Portsmouth and were wined and dined at the Royal Sailors Home Club and attended several functions. This was an EXTREMELY CLEAN CITY, and one they can be proud of. I had the Honor to carry our Armed Guard Flag, a second time for another 2 mile Parade to yet another church where a another window was placed in Honor to those who made the Russian Run. Both events were held inside the church. We marched for about a block and our luck ran out and the rain came but was worth it all for as we the flag bearers stood with our flag before us as those who attended the service passed before us on the way out, one lady stopped, extended her hand and said---" I am so happy that you came over from America to be here with us". Tears were flowing down her cheeks and I then knew it all was not in vain. I may have had a little moisture in my eyes too.

From Portsmouth a Channel Ferry Ship can be boarded for France and I believe 144,000 troops embarked from this city on D-DAY, June 6, 1944, to be landed on the beachheads across the Channel into the face of an enemy, trained to kill you. This is a day to remember by people of generations to come and should be informed of it's horrors and the suffering incurred.

Were you there? If you so, write your story and send it to me. I hope to have a SPECIAL ARMED GUARD BOOKLET made up from any letters you write for the 50th ANNIVERSARY of D-DAY. I'LL NEED YOUR HELP! I was not there!! Don't write one page. Write 50 or more and let me edit it. Do not worry about misspelling words. I do it all of the time. Just relax and put it on paper. Write it as factual as you remember. That is all I ask.

Our tour left for London and stopped for a wreath laying Ceremony at the World War I Brookwood Cemetery and was laid at the Russian Memorial. Our 2 Russian Comrades guests who were with the group stood by with their interpreter, Mrs. Gelina Collis, also Russian by birth, her Husband, (British) and their son, as taps were sounded and a moment of silence to Honor all the men who gave their all and were buried there; Americans, Russians, British, French, Canadians and other countries.

At London, I stayed over night at the Union Jack Club which is only two blocks away from the train station which you will be able to take to France before too long. Trains from here go to many cities throughout Great Britain. "Navy Veterans" can make reservations but you have to show proof of service with a copy of your separation papers or discharge. It is cheaper and the address was in the March 1992 POINTER, if interested.

My regret is that I did not have Hilda with me and could have stayed a month longer while there. I wish all of you could've been there with us for the entire stay. It was wonderful to go and represent the U.S. NAVY ARMED GUARD OF WORLD WAR II. I am proud to have carried the banner for so many men that gave so much of your life for mankind, not only in that theatre of war but wherever you served. You can rest assured that those I talked with who were in PQ-17 appreciated what you and other people of the world did to turn back their aggressor who had conquered the beaches, just across the English Channel, a cablestow away.

I regret the delay in you receiving to "1992 National Reunion" Video Tapes. If you ordered one and do not receive it by Oct. 1ST, drop me a line listing date of check and check number. If any of you have ordered caps, books, or other items and had not received them, let me know. If you sent for a FORM-180 to send to St. Louis for your personal records and didn't get it, just write me. Or call call from 8:A.M. til 10:30 P.M. (7 Days a wk)

IF YOU DON'T GET A POINTER ABOUT EVERY 3 MONTHS LET ME KNOW FOR SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG!! PLEASE NOTIFY ME ABOUT 2 WEEKS BEFORE CHANGING ADDRESS. THIS KEEPS DOWN A BIG EXPENSE. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE HAD A ZIP CODE, TELEPHONE NUMBER, OR AREA CODE CHANGE, I NEED TO KNOW SO IT CAN BE CHANGED IN THE COMPUTER IN CASE WE GET IN CONTACT WITH ONE OF YOUR SHIPMATES.

Alexander Farham, the artist that drew the picture for THE PELICAN which I used on the March 1992 POINTER has been located in Stockton, N.J. and I look forward to some of his other works to reproduce and place in the Ship's museum.

My intent was to place the name of those men from the S.S. BROWN Victory who we have listed. they are:

Carlson, Gordon H. 201 Brandtson, Oh. 44035
Evans, George J. 3480 Defiance Pike, SR 281 Wayne, Oh.
Streater, Henry L. P.O.Box 427, Oskaloosa, Ks. 66066.
Stimson, Fred B. 2641 Logan Ave., Granite City, Il 62040
Rochte, Newton (Army 2129 Boshart Way, Toledo, Oh. 43606

SPECIAL NOTICE:

NORMANDY BEACHHEAD JUNE 6, 1994
50TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

I would like to know how many of "Y'ALL" would like to take part in the "50TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY" on JUNE 6, 1994? Would you like to attend as an ARMED GUARD WW II VETERANS UNIT? You are not obligated to go, but if you think there is a possibility, I would like to be aware as soon as possible to start our making plans. I have several Hotels in mind and we can not wait until they are filled. "NOW IS THE TIME"! JUST DROP ME A CARD TO PUT YOU ON THE LIST AND I WILL SEND YOU INFORMATION AS SOON AS I GET IT. Plans are being made to have the S.S. JOHN W. BROWN, S.S. JEREMIAH O'BRIEN and the S.S. LANE VICTORY to sail in CONVOY to take part. It's FANTASTIC!! IMPORTANT!!

1. I would like to know if you would be willing to sail on these ships and hold watches on the guns throughout the entire voyage if so many ARMED GUARD can be aboard to England.

2. Could you sail with them to other ports afterwards for a week?
3. Would you be interested in just sailing on D-DAY plus 50 from "A PORT" in England to the BEACHHEAD.
4. Up to how much could you pay to to help bear expenses.
5. Those of you who are not physical able to sail on the ships, but would want to fly over and attend ceremonies in England.
6. #5. After you fly over, would you like to sail to NORMANDY?
7. Those of you who can not go but are willing to donate to this HISTORIC occasion, how much would you Pledge if plans are put into place?
8. If you would like to attend write to me and answer any or all the questions by simply starting out with "No.1" and down the list. If you have questions you would like answered, write those down also. I will try to find an answer. Send it in to:

U.S.NAVY ARMED GUARD WW II VETERANS
C/O CHARLES A. LLOYD, CHAIRMAN
5712 PARTRIDGE LANE
RALEIGH, N.C. 27609-4126
1-919-876-5537

REMEMBER:

YOU ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION. JUST BE AS HONEST AS YOU CAN. IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST, SAILING OR FLYING, I WILL TRY TO GET CHEAPER RATES. IT WOULD BE NICE TO CHARTER A PLANE. (BUT I WILL BE ON ONE OF THE SHIPS IF POSSIBLE AND MY HEALTH HOLDS OUT).

Armed Guard Bill Morin, PO Box 486, Branchville, N.J. 07826 sent in an article where the "GIVENS-BELET" American Legion Post 258 Blairstown, N.J.. I called Bill and asked if he would call some more Armed Guard in the area since he was going and we'd have a representation from the Armed Guard. This he did and we have 10 more NEW OL'SALTS on our list who had read the article and came. They made friends with many of the MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS who learned of our organization and knew of other A.G.s and happy to know we exist. We hope to get a writeup on the A.G. in the paper there and pick up more of the crew. THANKS BILL!!

To our ARMED GUARD CREW and their families who lived in the path of hurricane, ANDREW, we hope you and your families survived the storm. Some of you may not get this POINTER and they will be returned to me and I will make a list in the next mailout so those nearby may check into where you are now. We feel so helpless as there is no communications at this printing. We have about 150 in Florida effected and around 50 in Louisiana. Let's hope this is the last one to come through.

I have started to put a ?QUESTION MARK behind some of your names who have not sent in your ships info nor have I heard from since I first received your name. I would hate to delete a name but if we don't hear from you, we have no other choice. I have tried to locate and inform you of ARMED GUARD of the past, present and, I hope, many days in the future. There is so much that needs to be done and so little time to do it. If you're pressed to make ends meet, don't donate. You can help by calling your local paper and put in a reunion notice. Tell them who you are and who we were!! Give the this info:

PRESS RELEASE

THE U.S.NAVY ARMED GUARD WW II VETERANS, WHO WERE THE GUN CREWS, SIGNALMEN AND RADIO MEN WHO SERVED ON BOARD CARGO AND MANY OTHER TYPE VESSELS ARE HOLDING THEIR 12TH NATIONAL REUNION IN LAS VEGAS NEVADA MAY 16-19, 1993. THEY HAVE LOCATED OVER 10,000 OF THE 144,970 WHO SERVED AND ARE IN SEARCH FOR ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS. CONTACT: And give my name and address. (OR YOURS) See how simple!!

I will be doing another "POINTER" as soon as information on the '93 NATIONAL REUNION ITINERARY is finalized. We have a few things that have been changed. You can make your reservation and you can cancel out if itinerary is not to your likings. Our Hosts, Al and Wanda Colella are doing their utmost to get prices as low as they can for the group and the SAHARA HOTEL is of the highest quality. You are free to stay at any Hotel you wish, and eat any place you like. We want you at the Reunion. Come and stay in your camper, with a friend or whatever turns you on. WE WANT YOU THERE. If you gamble, you take a chance on losing. You do what you care to do.

WASHINGTON, D.C. has been ruled out and I have contacted Orlando, FLORIDA HOTELS and FLORIDA CREW. I have also been in contact with NASHVILLE, TENN. HOTELS and CREW. I think those who did not get a chance to attend the NEW ORLEANS REUNION should be given a chance to have input. I will get the best deal and have this info ready soon as possible. After all, these men support the organization, also. It will be on the EAST COAST in 1994. More than likely we will be in PORTLAND, OREGON in 1995, MIDWEST in 1996 and ORLANDO or NASHVILLE, Tn. in '97. UTAH or ARIZONA in '98, East Coast in 1999 and UP-FOR-GRABS in the year 2000. Save 2023 for N.C. and me!

READ MY LIPS--HAVE A GREAT DAY!!

calloyd



REGIONAL and MINI REUNIONS, GET-TOGETHERS, ETC.
PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY ERRORS SO IT CAN BE
CORRECTED IN NEXT "POINTER".

ALL ARMED GUARD, their Ladies and Guests are "WELCOMED" to attend any of the functions below. Write or call them to get the itinerary. I do not have room for all and if I do it for one, I'd have to do it all. Some have offered to pay extra for cost of printing and postage. I do hope that you understand. That is why there is no advertising. There's enough in your paper! We pay our way!!

PLEASE NOTIFY HOSTS, IF POSSIBLE, if attending a meeting. If you just happen to be in that locality when traveling, join in. That is no problem. They will set another plate and "thin" the drink!!

Gerald and Lena Greaves 143 E. Killingly Road, Foster, RI. 85711 401-647-2212 are hosting the NORTH-EAST-REGIONAL-MINI-REUNION to be held Oct. 18-21, 1992 at the Sheraton-Plymouth, Mass. All of you are invited to attend. We hope to see "YOUSSE GUYS" there.

Illinois-Wisconsin will hold their ANNUAL REGIONAL REUNION at the HOLIDAY INN in OAK LAWN, IL. 10/23-25/92 Hosted by Jim and Evelyn Cepican 9341 Montgomery Dr. Orland Park, IL 60462 (708)-403-5220. We may try to attend this one, too. NO PROMISES YET!!! Also, you can contact them for other meeting for time and place.

WA-OR-ID-AK NORTHWEST SPRING REUNION HOSTS BILLIE AND DICK KOHSE 2304 Lister Rd., Olympia, Wa. 98506 (206)-456-1946 announces that their SPRING MINI-REUNION will be held April 1-3, 1993 so set the dates down and plan to attend. NO!! This is not an "APRIL FOOL'S" JOKE! This is as early as they can hold one due to weather in the mountains.
SEE NEXT PARAGRAPH!!
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NOTICE!!! You can order an "ARMED GUARD JACKET" by sending direct to KOHSE a \$30.00 Check or Money Order (includes Postage) stating: SIZES: SMALL-MED-LARGE-EXTRA LARGE. It has the ARMED GUARD EAGLE on the back. For the "NEW OL'SALTS", the EAGLE was adopted at our 1985 NATIONAL REUNION at NORFOLK, VA. as our INSIGNIA.

Ks-Mo-Ok-Ne will combine into a MIDWEST FALL REUNION October 2-3, 1992 in Lincoln, Ne. with Moe Carlton 6601 Benton St. Lincoln, Ne. 68507 (402)466-1058 as hosts. Sure would like to attend this one but Bill Bartzatt would put me to "SHUCKING CORN".

Oklahoma should contact RALPH McNALLY P.O. Box 423 Skiatook, Okla. (918) 396-2693 on their meetings at Perry's Cafe HWY 169-76th St. N. Owasso, Ok. ALSO!!! OKLAHOMA will hold a MINI-REUNION 11/7/92 at the Tulsa, Ok. AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 301. YOU ARE WELCOMED!!

The TEXAS CREW, at the time of this printing, were undecided when and where their quarterly meetings will be held. Daniel Mock 8810 Silent Oaks, San Antonio, Tx. 78258 512-681-2120 is host for a 3 day affair with a "ARMED GUARD Plaque" to be placed at the Nimitz Museum 9/18/92. See July "POINTER".

UPPER Penna. starts up a monthly meeting on Sept. 22, 1992 at the PLATZ'S RESTAURANT, 101 Harritt Rd., Lehightown, Pa. 18235 (215) 377-1815. The hosts are: John and Rita Ferko, 240 Fairview St., (215)377-3141. All "YOUSSE GUYS" ARE WELCOMED!! "Y'ALL TOO!!"

Pittsburgh, Pa. crew meets on the 3rd Sat. for a "NOON LUNCHEON" at the GREENTREE MARRIOTT. CONTACT: Hilary Makowski 202 Wedgewood Crt., Carnegie, Pa. 15106 (412)-429-8510. They welcome you to be with them in their annual Christmas Party, to be held Dec. 13, '92 at the Cloverleaf Estates-West Club House in Collier Township.

CHICOPEE-LUDLOW, Ma. CONTACT: Thomas and Priscilla Dufresne, 289 Munson St. Ludlow, Ma. 01056 (413)-583-8580 hosts a "2ND SUNDAY" 9 A.M. BREAKFAST at the MOOSE CLUB in CHICOPEE, assisted by Roger Fournier of Springfield, Ma.

Albany, N.Y. AREA HOSTS Henry and Joyce Carrington announces they will hold a 12 P.M. 2nd Sat. of each month at the Marriot Hotel 189 Wolf Rd. Albany, N.Y. They have a great group. Jeff and Mabel Haselden, 120 Richardson Blvd. Lugoff, S.C. 29078 (803)438-1491 host the S.C. meetings.

Richmond, Va. Crew meets at 1 P.M. for a "LUNCHEON" at MORRISON'S Cafe 7035 W. Broad St. Richmond, Va. on the "2ND SATURDAY". Hosts Clarence and Helen Durham, 4813 Lowells Rd., Richmond, Va. 23224 804-233-6023. Take I-64 at Broad and Glenside Exit-Turn left onto Broad-2 Blks on the left. ALL Y'ALL and YOUSSE GUYS COME ON!

In NORFOLK, Va. Contact: Robert and Margaret Burrill 5320 Brockie St. Virginia Beach, Va. 23464 (804)479-4608 for a 12:30 PM Luncheon at the C and M Cafeteria Virginia Beach Blvd. You may want to visit the LST Base and see the ARMED GUARD PLAQUE erected in 1986. Part of the Camp Shelton Gunnery Site is still there.

George Milk 449 St. James St. Port Charlotte 33952 (813) 627-6759 has returned to their "7 P.M. 2ND FRIDAY" of the month at the 1st Federal Bank Bldg. Virginia Ave and Taylor Rd., Punta Gorda, Fla.

Rudy and Eleanor Kozak 4950 Dory Dr. (Gulfharbor) New Port Richey Fl. 34652 (813)-847-4038 gets that area together. Both Kozak and Milk's area was not affected by the Hurricane Andrew, too much.

Arizona Crew Host is John Noyes 4651 East 17th St. (602) 790-4229 will host a Mini at BULLHEAD CITY 9/15-17/1992. "PLEASE NOTICE" and correct John's telephone number in past "POINTER'S". I apologize for any inconvenience it may have brought any of you.

LST CREW, CONTACT: "LST ASSOCIATION", Mike and Linda Gunjak, P.O. Box 167438, Oregon, Oh. 43616-7438 1-800-228-5870. They have an excellent LST PAPER with plenty of information.

Destroyer Escort Association (DESA) has a wonderful paper called "THE DESA NEWS" and is published bi-monthly. CONTACT: DON GLASER, DESA NEWS, P.O. Box 680085, Orlando, Fl. 32868 (407)-877-7671.

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER OF M.M. VETERANS ARE IN SEARCH OF THEIR AREA CREW and should contact: James Colamarino 2904 168th SE, Bellevue Wa. 98008 (206) 746-6984. Armed Guard are welcomed to attend.

Ralph Taylor, 426 Littlefield Dr., Lone Oak, Tx 75453 will hold their 2nd MERCHANT MARINES VETERANS REUNION 9/18/1992 in Houston and welcome the Armed Guard to take part.

S.S. JEREMIAH O'BRIEN ACTIVITIES! Check with "MARCI HOOPER", Sales Representative for the O'BRIEN on tickets or other information.

D.E.M.S.'s Sec. Doug Sephton address has been changed to: Route 3 Poussan, Ontario, Canada POH 1Z0. Armed Guard are "WELCOMED" to take part in their Reunions. We would like for them to attend our National Reunions and also the Regional ones when they can. Y'ALL COME ON DOWN D.E.M.S.!!!

#### CORRECTIONS FROM LAST POINTERS:

1. Opinion article by Mitch Bliss should have been Janesville, WI.
2. John Noyes's telephone should have been: 602-790-4229. You can correct all back issues.
3. The artist FARNHAM who drew the picture for the 2/5/45-"PELICAN MAGAZINE" in New Orleans that I used as the front cover of the March 1992 "POINTER", has been located at 78 Tumbleweed Falls Rd., Stockton, NJ 08559. We're happy to have him back onboard.

We continue to hold our FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH--BREAKFAST at GRIFFIN'S RESTAURANT, 1604 North Market Dr., Raleigh, N.C. off of 4500 Block of OLD WAKE FOREST RD. behind RED LOBSTER. Catch "440" BY-PASS NORTH and get off at #10 Exit and head North. If you come into Raleigh to stay overnight, get a room on the North Side and you'll be close by and then give me a call. (872-7115 local).

If I missed any meetings, it's because I never got it, or I just overlooked it. I have an ARMED GUARD telephone, 1-919-876-5537 so you can call them in or just write it down and send in. It would be nice if someone from San Francisco would start holding a breakfast on board the S.S. JEREMIAH O'BRIEN at least once a month.

I understand they have some type of meeting on the S.S. LANE (V) and the S.S. JOHN W. BROWN. Contact Joe Piccolini 9724 Paseo De Oro, Cypress, Ca. 90630 1-213-598-8326 about the Lane (V) AND WALT MAGALIS 5010 Leeds Ave. Baltimore, Md. 301-242-4375 about the BROWN.

Have a nice Autumn and Fall. Here's hoping to meet many of you at the MINI-REUNIONS coming up and make plans now for LAS VEGAS. cal

14 MAR 1945 ARMED GUARD CENTER, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
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WISELEY, Floyd R. 1945 01 19 U.S.N.R.  
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In obedience to curfew regulations you are directed to leave all places of entertainment of whatever kind in New Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes prior to midnight. You are directed to be off all public thoroughfares in the above localities by one hour after midnight.

PASS EXPIRES  
1000, 29 May 1945

*Floyd R. Wiseley*  
Authenticating Officer

#### TO THE BEARER

You will depart all public and private gathering places of whatever kind in New Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes prior to midnight. You are directed to be off all public thoroughfares in the above localities by one hour after midnight.

*Floyd R. Wiseley*  
SIGNATURE OF BEARER

This was given to me at the Reunion by Floyd Wiseley to be put in the A.G. Museum. cal



# Several special displays at library

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have several very special displays in the Library that you will want to see, very interesting and unique.

Jeremy Divers has loaned his shell collection, on exhibit in the Children's Library. A wide variety of shells, nicely arranged.

Also in the Children's Library is art work from the "Dabbling in the Arts" session I students that feature T-shirts, pen and ink sketches, string art, and sandpaper art. Good job, students.

On the main floor is an exhibit featuring the U.S. Navy Armed Guard, a little known special services group that served in World War II. In keeping with the patriotic spirit of the Independence Day holiday July 4th, we are pleased to have this display arranged by Tom Hylas who was a member of the Armed Guard. Bradford Brett was a gunnery officer in the Armed Guard.

## Mexico-Audrain County Library



Close-up of the display case, showing various Armed Guard artifacts. Thanks go to Gunner #3117 Tom Hylas!



**HYLAS HOUSE**  
811 South Jefferson  
Mexico, Missouri 65265  
(314) 581-2011

Charles A. Lloyd, Chairman & Secty. July 9, 1992  
USN Armed Guard WWII Veterans  
5712 Partridge Lane  
Raleigh, NC 27609

Subject: USN Armed Guard WWII Veterans Exhibit- Mexico, MO July 4, 1992  
Dear Chuck:

Thank you so much for sending the various memorabilia of the USN Armed Guard...it was gratefully received and was put to good use as you will see.

Enclosed are the photo's of the exhibit which was set up by yours truly for the librarian...Mrs. C.T. Lierheimer (Violet)...of the Audrain County -Mexico Library System, in Mexico, MO. Our exhibit will run for one full month and I am happy to report it is receiving heavy interest. Not only at the library but was included in the library news in our local newspaper...The Mexico Ledger. Over the holidays I received many compliments about the article plus the exhibit. You and are shipmates would have been proud. The article is enclosed for your files/archives.

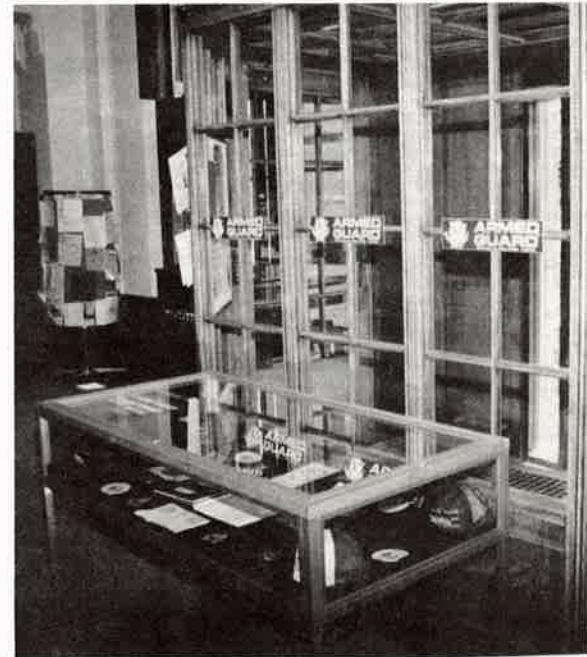
In setting up such an exhibit, it was vital that the library staff be well versed about our organization with some important vital statistics.. as well as the role they played as gunners, and signalmen and officers on board merchant ships during WWII. Amazing how most people never knew about the arming of the ships and the part the gun crewed played. Some thought we were "prison armed guards". Yes, sometimes we were. I did that duty at the AGC in Brooklyn...52nd & foist avenoooo!!!

As you know, I purchased three volumes and donated them to the library system as well....which are seen in the exhibit. I also posted some of the vital copies of "The Pointer". They received much attention as they were pinned up on two bulletins boards and could be read from cover to cover. Again I greatly appreciate your sending these old copies to me ...not only for my fond memories but to further enlighten mid-americans of the role WE played during World War II.

I will hold on to all of the items displayed until you advise me if you would like me to ship them off to some other district. Meanwhile I will hold on to it all and read The Pointers all over again.

Thanks again for contributing to this successful exhibit.

*Tom Hylas*  
Tom Hylas #3117, Gunner



The U.S.N. Armed Guard WWII Veterans Exhibit, at the Audrain County - Mexico Library, Mexico, MO. We are now the REMEMBERED ONES!!

IN MEMORY OF OUR  
Deceased Shipmates from 6/12/92-8/13/92

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| Adams     | John    | F.      | Cape May Ch   | NJ | Patricia  | 2/20/92 |
| Anderson  | Willie  |         | Antlers       | Ok | ?         | 2/19/92 |
| Bradecich | Eli     |         | Philadelphia  | Pa | ?         | 8/92    |
| Cookson   | Robert  | E.      | Harrisville   | Pa | Helen     | 5/23/92 |
| Davis     | Damon   |         | Penama City   | Fl | Barbara   | 6/11/92 |
| DeButy    | Warren  | R.      | Hamilton      | Mt | Dorothy   | ??/92   |
| Donnelly  | Jim     |         | St. Paul      | Mn | Marilyn   | ??6/92  |
| Fisher    | Arthur  | F.      | W.Middlesex   | Pa | Helen     | 5/9/92  |
| Hardin    | Jesse   | E.      | Salem         | Or | Jeanette  | 4/27/92 |
| Hennesey  | Ted     | **      | Scotland      |    |           | 8/10/92 |
| Hess      | James   | A.      | Madison Hgts. | Mi | Dorothy   | 2/10/92 |
| Johnson   | John    | P.      | Meriden       | Me | Opal      | ?? /92  |
| Kiika     | Henry   |         | Fairport      | Oh | ?         | 3/92    |
| Lane      | Stephen | J.      | Temperance    | Mi | Genevieve | 6/24/92 |
| Lankes    | Gerard  | J.      | Buffalo       | NY | ??        | 5/19/92 |
| Lewis     | Keith   | D.      | Garnett       | Ks | Mildred   | 4/28/92 |
| McDonald  | Albert  | Francis | Adams         | Me | Doris     | 6/19/92 |
| Piccione  | Joseph  |         | Bayside       | NY | Lee       | 4/6/92  |
| Roberts   | John    | W.      | Ada           | Mi | ?         | 1983    |
| Sanderson | Thomas  | R.      | Carbondale    | Pa | Nan       | 7/92    |
| Shaw      | Don     |         | El Paso       | Tx | Ellen     | 8/6/92  |
| Sorenson  | Gilbert |         | Racine        | Wl | Bessie    | 8/9/92  |
| Sorenson  | Ken     |         | Minnetonka    | Mn | Angeline  | 8/4/92  |
| Trapp     | Edgar   | J.      | Chula Vista   | Ca | ?         | 7/7/92  |
| Wade      | Walter  | E.      | Valparaiso    | In | ?         | 7/92    |

\*\*We had not located Ed Trapp, but Richard Hudnall of Chula Vista, Ca. thought the Obituary should go into the "POINTER". I had to agree and will try to locate some of the family. I thought it interested to know Ed also was an instructor at KINGS POINT ACADEMY during WW II. As a good jester, I sent the last three "POINTERS" and a small donation in his honor from the crew to the C.V.L.Team. I am sure it is a worthy organization and can be put to a good use. (cal)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO ALL THE LOVED ONES OF OUR  
SHIPMATES WHO HAVE CROSSED THE BAR.

U.S.Navy Armed Guard Association

FAREWELL SHIPMATE

Ships are not made to stay in port...

They are made to go to sea

In a distant land...on horizons grand  
Wherever the Port may be.

And ships aren't made for glassy seas...

Or billowy seas of foam

With sails that flap.. in a Heavenly breeze  
And never get off from home.

Ships are made to sail away

On seas that may never calm

To stem the tide ...though deep and wide  
With hope for the evening balm.

And..men weren't made for the world alone

To stand on the deck called life...

Men are made of flesh and bone  
And the game of strife.

We're made to sail a foreign ship

Whose colors fly away

rom bow to stern..and keel to mast  
To sail on a better day.

We lift our anchor...and sail away

With a distant port in view

With sails unfurled...full steam ahead  
Determined to sail her through.

In the evening watch with the port ahead

Just one day from shore

The anchor's drops.. the engine's dead'  
This ship will sail no more.

She's reached that port of perfect rest

She's drydocked evermore

The repair's all made; forever berthed  
On heaven's peaceful shore.

Take down the sails..all patched and torn

Take down the Ensign, too

The ship of life.. for which you sailed  
Will sail no more for you.

Farewell shipmate...now anchored safe

In Jesus Arms of Love

The seas are calm...the whistle blow  
And you are safe above.

by William J Turner..BM2/c

U.S.Navy Armed Guard WW II Veteran  
January 25, 1974

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

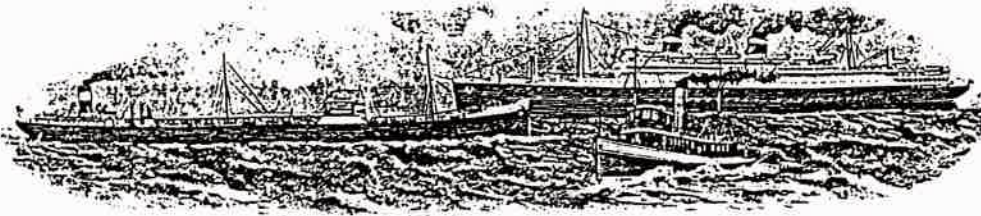
- "A CARELESS WORD-A NEEDLESS SINKING" By Capt.Art Moore, RFD 1 Box 210, Hallowell, Me. 04347 (207)623-9165 \$69.75. GREAT ONE!
- (A)"UNSUNG SAILORS-UN ARMED GUARD" By Justin Gleichauf \$30.00 Order from Armed Guard Address. Make Check or M.O. to: U.S.N. ARMED GUARD WW II. Put at Memo or for: BOOK-DONATION. Also: (B)"TWO YEARS BEHIND THE MAST" By Armed Guard Harold McCormick Price: \$16.00. ORDER SAME AS "(A)".
- "SHIPS of the ESSO Fleet" By Standard Oil Co 1946+
- "AMERICAN DIARIES of World War II" By Donald Vining-#82-60613
- "THE LIBERTY SHIPS" By L.A.Sawyer Card-#70-124469 and can be purchased through 3 SHIP'S SLOP CHEST. \$
- "U-505" by Daniel V. Gallery? Library ISBN #0-446-32012-9
- "THE RUSSIAN CONVOYS" By B.B. Schofield 7/1964 Pan Books (BRITISH) Ballantine Books-New York # U6089 7/1964
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- "THE UGLY DUCKLING" By John G.Bunker
- "GUNNER'S GET GLORY" By Robert Berry and Lloyd Wendt. 1943
- "THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC" By John Costello ISBN 0 00 216048 10. 1977-Dial Press
- "A NORTHERN SAGA" By Steve Lawrence ISBN 1 55504 2058.
- "A CORNER OF HELL" By Robt. Carse. Printed 1945 By Doubleday.
- "U-BOAT OFF SHORE" By Edwin Hoyt. 1978-Stein and Day
- "THE MEDITERRANEAN" By A.B.Whipple 1981-Time-Life Books.
- "BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC" By Barrie Pitt 1980 Time-Life Books.
- "EASTWARD THE CONVOYS" By Wm. SCHOFIELD
- "LINDA AND THE GUNNERS MATE" By John Sheridan 1985-Carlton Press.
- "WAR IN THE SOUTHERN OCEANS" By L.G. Turner-H.R.Gordon-Cummings 1985 Oxford University Press-London.
- "THE MEN-THE SHIP" By Chester J.SZYMCZAK 1976 #76-11392 SOME BOOKS "MAY BE LOCATED" THROUGH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Magazines recommended:

- "SEA CLASSICS" PO Bx 16149 N. Hollywood, Ca. 91606 1-800-562-9182. 1 yr=12 issues \$27.95 2 yr=24 issues \$39.95.
- "WORLD WAR II" PO Bx 375 Mount Morris, IL 61054-7963 1 yr=6 issues \$16.95 2 yr=12 issues \$31.90

Sunflower University Press has published a book by Armed Guard Harold J. McCormick, who was originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana, and now lives in Stamford, Connecticut, titled "TWO YEARS BEHIND THE MAST." It is his life on board the S.S. ALFRED MOORE, S.S. WILLIAM GASTON and the S.S. SANDY CREEK. This book will bring back many memories to the "ARMED GUARD and the MERCHANT MARINE CREWS" and Civilians, too. I have purchased some of these books so if you want one, send check or M.O. for \$16.00 to "U.S. N. Armed Guard" address. Mark the FOR or MEMO on check: Book - Donation. All over the actual cost is a donation to support the Armed Guard. If you don't like it, return it.





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August 19, 1992

To: All Merchant Marine and Naval Armed Guard veterans of the North Russia Convoys!

From: Ian A. Millar

Today I have been in touch with the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Washington DC, and we indeed have some good news.

First I have been informed that there is to be further awards of the 40th Anniversary of Victory Medal. This is the medal that has been thus far awarded to about 500 veterans of the Merchant Marine and the Naval Armed Guard. I am told that there are some 2,000 more awards to be made.

Secondly: Here are some guidelines for you to follow in this matter.

1. If you wish to check and see if your name is on the list you may write to:

Mr. Yurily V. Menshikov  
Attache/Public Affairs  
Embassy of the Russian Federation  
1125 Sixteenth Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036.

Please note I do not have a copy of the list and I ask that you not call or write to me regarding this as I will not be able to help you.

2. There are to be further presentation ceremonies the dates of which are not as yet set. We hope to have the first one sometime in October aboard the S/S JOHN W. BROWN.

Please note: The Russian Embassy will contact veterans and will send out proper invitations. Medals will be mailed to veterans or next of kin who are not able to attend. Again the Embassy will handle this and there is no point to call me.

3. THERE IS NO CUT-OFF DATE SET FOR APPLICATION FOR THIS MEDAL!!! Mr. Menshikov tells me that they wish for all veterans who took part or their next of kin who want the medal to continue to send in their letter of request with proof of service to the Embassy in care of him.

4. Being the original creator of this project some years ago to have our veterans of the Merchant Marine and Naval Armed Guard recognized by the award of this decoration I am of course very pleased to see that now many more of you will be honored. Be assured that I am still assisting the Russian Embassy and Mr. Menshikov in any way possible to bring this recognition to you.

I remain

your friend

*Ian*  
Ian A. Millar

I know this is good news to many of you who sent to me your info, which I made a copy of and sent to the Russian Embassy. For you who made the Russian runs and did not know what to do, make a copy of your Separation papers and send to them, along with ship name and date you were there. Thanks to Ian for being so helpful. cal

(Top) U.S.N. Armed Guard WWII Veteran Martin Vallee, Flint MI, and North Russia Club Member, Paul Allen of England place wreaths on Sir Winston Churchill's grave.



(Center) Armed Guard Martin Vallee, 1412 Brookwood, Flint, Michigan 48503 as he completes videoing Sir Winston Churchill's gravesite. In the photo is Julia Silva as she video's same. Julia will have the whole event edited on tapes for anyone wanting one, at a date and price to be announced later. Will place in a future "POINTER."

(Bottom Right) Left to right: Martin Vallee, P. Allen, Ed Hopkins and Ed "Charlie" Schretter pose for a "spot of tea" in Liverpool, England.



(Bottom Left) Sir Winston Churchill's grave.





Aug. 15, 1992



(Left to right) Andrew F. Terrano, Charles Mergl, James P. Duffy.

Dear Mr. Lloyd,

I'm sending you a picture of me and 2 of the fellows that I sailed with from Dec. 1943 to Aug. 1944 on the S.S. Livermore.

We hadn't seen or heard from one another in 48 years. It took some detective work on my part to track them down. I gave each of them applications for membership in the Armed Guard and I hope you have received their applications by now. I have also sent out applications to two others who were in the gun crew on the Livermore. If at any time you are including reunion pictures in the Pointer you are welcome to include this.

The Livermore was in the convoy UGS-38 with the S.S. Paul Hamilton which was sunk with 580 men and no survivors. The Hamilton was two columns over on the starboard side from the Livermore when she was hit on April 20, 1944. The plane that hit the Hamilton and strafed the Fitzhugh Lee came down the starboard side of the Livermore. Our bow and starboard aft 350's and our four 20 mm on the starboard side were hitting the plane. The plane went dead astern of us and out on our port quarter the twin 350 and the 551 aft and the 20 mm on the port side fired after the plane. Some ship on the port side of convoy got credit for shooting down the plane. The Livermore was very lucky not to have been a casualty.

I would like to send for my Armed Guard officer's log of the time I was aboard the Livermore. If you would send me an application, I would appreciate it. Enclosed is a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Joe Drylewski (who hasn't sent in his application as of July) told me James Carter of Niagara Falls, N.Y. who was a member of the Livermore gun crew died about 5 years ago.

Enclosed please find a check to help you with postage. Hope this finds you and your wife in good health. Maybe I'll see you in Plymouth, Mass.

Sincerely,  
James P. Duffy

STANSEL E. DE FOE  
4308 So. OSAGE AVE.  
INDEPENDENCE MO 64055

July 23, 1992

Dear C. A.:

I have not written sooner because I did not know your "whereabouts." With the follow up on the reunion and the trip to the United Kingdom, I felt you had plenty to do.

The reunion was most productive for my needs, both from a personal as well as a research point-of-view. I am receiving some very interesting material. "STRETCH" MEDE from Florida has sent me two copies of ship logs and other material. They are most valuable. Other shipmates are also responding.

Maurice Carlton called on his return from a reunion in California. He has flyers for the mini-reunion in Lincoln, NE in October. I was able to send him a set of mailing labels and a roster list of the Missouri Crew. With that list I was able to send all those who had signed up since the list was compiled last year. From his conversation and the copy on the flyer, he has things well in hand for a successful session.

One of my projects since returning home has been to compile a list of officer personnel and ships in which they sailed. With the rough copy and notes, I have nearly 1000 names. I am putting it on disks with a simple software program. When completed I will send you a hard copy as well as disks so you will be able to run it on your computer.

Along with this, I am starting to put my manuscripts in writing, both on paper and in the computer. My biggest problem is to be diverted by some interesting data and then want to research it further.

The BACKUP DISKS did an excellent job in bringing my material up-to-date. This time there were no glitches so it went into the hard drive with no hitches. I, then, searched it for officer's records and located about 100 who are on the AG list.

Hopefully, when you have time, you will send me a complete set of the "PELICAN" for I know there is more pertinent data in them as I research.

I need to get some information from you on how to make LISTS from the FilePro program. I am able to bring up one record at a time but it only prints out as Page #1. The next record comes up with the heading and Page #1 again. Some where I am missing the required commands to make LISTS. Also, I have not been able to print mailing labels. I can get the data for them but have not been able to set the printer up to print them on the individual labels. HELP!!!! HELP!!!!

It is my hope your trip to England was most pleasant and profitable in getting the story of the U.S. Navy Armed Guard to more people. Your efforts and devotion to this most worthwhile program is making the difference in many lives. I am proud to be a part of passing our history onto future generations.

I am looking forward to hearing from you when you have time.

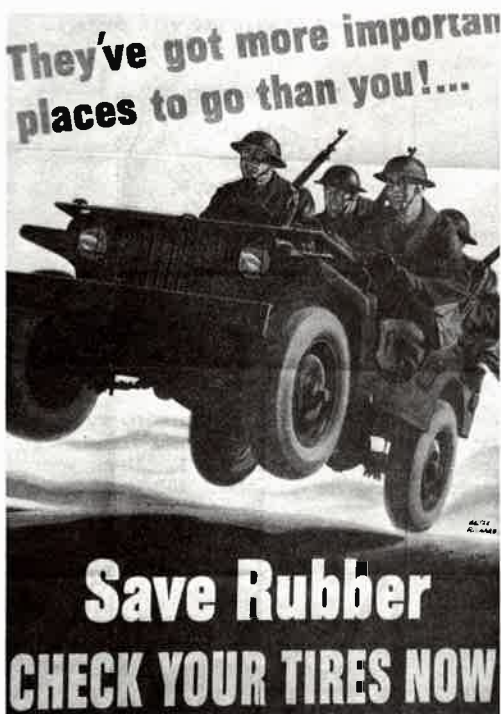
I send my best regards to your good wife.

Sincerely,  
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# REMEMBER

These photos of slogans that helped us win  
LA. Elmer sent large posters to the J.J. JO  
to be placed on board in their museum.





# BER THESE?

in World War Two were sent in by Elmer Vincent, Covington,  
OHN BROWN, S.S. JEREMIAH O'BRIEN and LANE VICTORY



I had the pleasure of meeting Ted Hennessey in Glasgow and was in his presence for 4 days. He claimed the Honor of being the FIRST "BRITISH ARMED GUARD" as he was taken out of his British Unit and placed onboard the S.S. OLOPANA to complete a gun crew. Ted passed away the first of August. A friend for a few days, but it was as if I had known him a lifetime. cal

(Left to right)  
 Enoch Silvia, (MM) Tucson, AZ;  
 George Kost, (A.G.) Bonita, CA;  
 Wayne Nielson, (MM)  
 Ted Hennessey, Scotland  
 (deceased 8/92); M/SGT. Bill  
 Ryan (MM and ARMY) at the HMS  
 BIRMINGHAM 7/5/92.



### S.S. OLOPANA

I was an Army Maritime Gunner and I joined the United States ship OLOPANA at the Tail o' the Bank. We were armed with four twin .303 Merlin guns (1918 vintage) as well as the Lewis gun that we carried from ship to ship. There were two D.E.M.S. ratings and my 'oppo', a Welshman, Gunner Owen.

We arrived in Iceland and became part of PQ17. After the convoy scattered we made for the ice-pack, where we came upon lifeboats from WASHINGTON, BOLTON CASTLE and PAULUS POTTER. We stopped and asked them if they wanted to come aboard. But they all said "No", not that I blame them as they had come through the mill. We gave them supplies and left. I think that was on 5th July. After a bit of excitement we were tin-fished at night on 7th. The starboard boat was wrecked and the port one was cut away, we also lost one raft. We got away on the remaining three rafts and we lost six men, my 'oppo' amongst them. I met one of the D.E.M.S. lads last year, after 49 years - he is a club member.

The rafts drifted apart and we were washed ashore on Novaya Zemlya on the 11th July. We made a fire and then we found a lifeboat washed ashore from the HARTLEBURY, so we had something to eat. After a walk we came on the WINSTON SALEM, a U.S. ship that had been run ashore. The skipper had lost his nerve.

We were picked up by a Russian Catalina and flown to join EMPIRE TIDE in Moeller Bay and we arrived in Archangel on 24th July - seventeen days after being torpedoed. After a month there, I was put on SEAGULL and sailed for Vaenga where I transferred to the destroyer ONSLAUGHT (GO4). We left on 29th August in company with MARNE, MARTIN, TUSCALOOSA and WASHINGTON, all full of survivors.

During the passage home we were put on lookout for a German minelayer ULM which was sunk. Fifty-three of the crew were picked up including the captain and six officers. We completed our voyage at Scapa and the Americans went on to Greenock.

That's a bit of my story - I'll never forget PQ17 - I guess I was one of the lucky ones.

TED HENNESSEY.  
 Memb N° 617.





*The Lord Provost  
and  
Glasgow City Council  
request the pleasure of your company  
at a Civic Dinner  
in the City Chambers, Glasgow  
on Friday 3 July, 1992 at 1930 for 2000 hours  
on the occasion of the  
International Reunion of Veterans of  
The World War II Arctic Campaign 1992*

*Informal*

*City Chambers, Glasgow G2 1DU  
June 1992*

# INTERNATIONAL RE-UNION BANQUET



at  
**The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall**

**4th July 1992**

**50th Anniversary of the signal to scatter P.Q.17**



**Russian Memorial in Brookwood England Cemetery.**

## *Programme of Music*

|                    |                        |                |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| March              | TRINIDAD               | Lloyd          |
| Overture           | SEA MEDLEY             | arr Lang       |
| Waltz              | SOBRE LAS OLAS         | Rosas          |
| Selection          | HMS PINAFORE           | Sullivan       |
| Entr'acte          | EAST AND WEST          | Stanley        |
| Descriptive        | SEAFARER               | Wood           |
| Meditation         | SKYE BOAT SONG         | arr MacDermott |
| Suite              | SHIPBUILDERS           | Wood           |
| March              | CAVALRY OF THE STEPPES | Woodfield      |
| Selection          | WORLD WAR 2 MEDLEY     | arr Woodfield  |
| Extra              | NAVAL HYMN AND SUNSET  | arr MacDermott |
| RULE BRITANNIA     |                        |                |
| REGIMENTAL MARCHES |                        |                |

The Band of HM Royal Marines  
Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland  
under direction of Warrant Officer Bandmaster R. Metcalf ARCM, RM  
by kind permission of Vice Admiral Sir Hugo White K.C.B., C.B.E.

## *Menu*

Seafood Cocktail

Traditional Roast Turkey and Trimmings  
Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes

Mississippi Mud Pie

Coffee and Marshmallows

## *Toast List*

*Welcome to Guests*  
Mr. C. B. Tye  
President, North Russia Club

*Responses*  
Lord Provost of Glasgow

Mr. R. E. Allen  
Chairman, Russian Convoy Club

Mr. W. F. Ryan  
U.S. Merchant Marine Veteran

Vice-Admiral Sir Hugo White, K.C.B., C.B.E.  
Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland



# Armed Guard Center a Pool of Unsung Heroes

Navy Crews Who Man Guns on Cargo Ships Drift In, Stormy Petrels of War

By Morton Glatzer

A tanned young sailor, with four service ribbons on his chest to signify that he had been in all theaters of war, walked into the United States Naval Armed Guard Center, at the foot of Fifty-second Street, in Brooklyn, yesterday and heaved his sea bag from his shoulder.

"I'm back again," he announced to Lieutenant William J. Pitt in a matter-of-fact tone that almost belied the reality that he had been away for five months as a member of a Navy gun crew on a merchant ship. "When do I get leave and when do I go back to sea duty again?"

To Lieutenant Pitt, officer in charge of morale, welfare and recreation at the center, the sailor's terseness was nothing unusual. Since Pearl Harbor, tens of thousands of Navy gunners who bear the responsibility of protecting the invaluable cargoes of human lives and freight in the war zones, have arrived in the same manner at the center after hazardous voyages that put the stories of Sinbad to shame.

These men, who comprise the Navy gun crews on cargo vessels, oil tankers and troop transports, were returning to their shore home, their school and their recreation post—the Armed Guard Center, which is one of the largest permanent military units in the world.

## Three Centers in U. S.

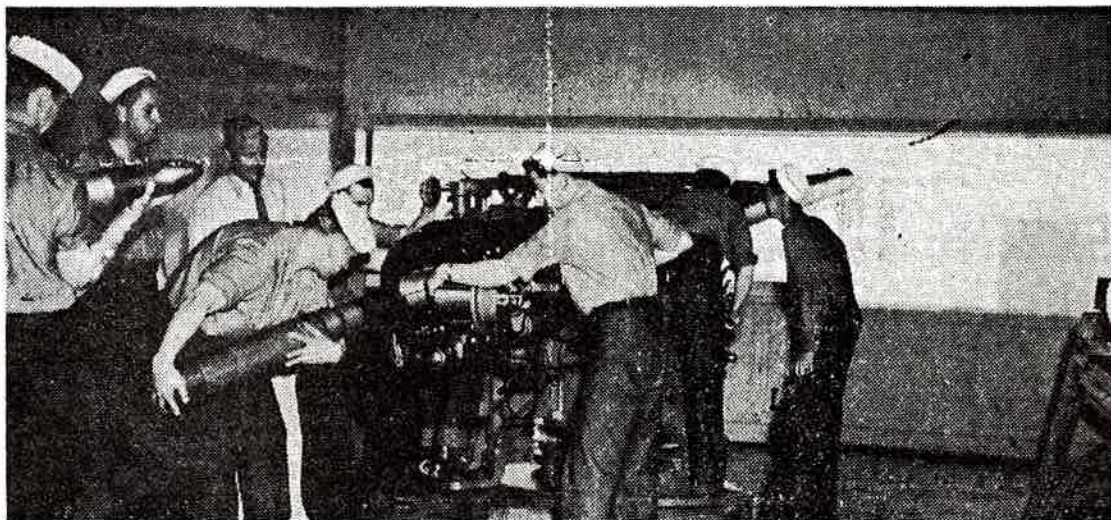
There are three Armed Guard Centers in the United States—one at Brooklyn, which is a pool supplying Navy gunners and communications men for convoys leaving from Atlantic seaboard ports; another at New Orleans, covering vessels departing from Gulf ports and the third on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, which supplies men for merchant ships in Pacific ports.

The Armed Guard Center at Brooklyn was established by the Navy in November, 1941, in the huge building which served as the armory of the 2d Battalion Naval Militia Reserve since 1904.

The purpose of the center is five-fold:

To be the base for men assigned as gunners and communications men on non-combatant vessels in

## Where Navy Gun Crews Study and Play Between Convoys



Herald Tribune—Rice

A corner in the Brooklyn Armed Guard Center, at the foot of Fifty-second Street, where Navy gun crews get additional training in the use of a 4-inch gun

a convoy;

To serve as living and recreation quarters for members of the Armed Guard when they are not at sea;

To teach seamen the fundamentals in abandoning ship if it has been fatally struck by torpedoes or bombs;

To train men in methods of gunnery adopted since they received their basic training months before, and

To give assistance in the welfare of the men's families while they are at sea.

## No Man Power Shortage Here

The Armed Guard Center could be described as the naval counterpart of civilian agencies that supply men and women for work in war plants. But there can be no man-power shortage in the Armed Guard. Every merchant ship that departs from an American port must have a Navy gun crew consisting of officers and up to forty men, depending on the armament of the vessel. That crew is drawn from the pool at the Armed Guard Centers.

Many of the Armed Guard are unknown heroes of the war. They are the men who go down with ships and if they survive they go back for more. And once the gun crew is under enemy fire, each member has a responsibility which hitherto was reserved only for ship's masters or captains—in action against submarines, aircraft or surface raiders, the gun crews must remain at their post until the last moment when it is certain that the ship no longer can be defended.

At the center yesterday there was considerable action presenting a scene which Lieutenant Pitt, former member of the staff at Teachers' College, Columbia University, compared with "the Hol-

lywood version of a huge newspaper office."

## Chow Line Popular

On the main floor of the old armory, thousands of gunners were either in the chow line, in the canteen or on the "upper deck" playing games. Topside, Commander William J. Coakley, commanding officer, and Commander Joseph M. Young, executive officer, were busy with administrative duties of the center.

A group of men listened to Chief Specialist Frank Shirvis instruct them in a swimming pool in abandon-ship tricks—how to jump into the water to avoid oil and debris, how to convert a pair of sailor's trousers into a life-preserver by tying overhand knots at each end of the legs and buttoning up the waist, after which it can be inflated to hold up three men for a half-hour.

In a pitch-black room, Chief Petty Officer Max Miller, former instructor of naval science at Yale University, was teaching officers and enlisted men how to develop "night eyes" to detect ships in dark seas. On the dock, a group of men fresh from Camp Sampson learned how to handle anti-aircraft guns and make quick identification of planes with hundreds of models serving as a guide.

While all this activity was at high pitch, Lieutenant Pitt was wrestling with the vagaries of men seeking assistance in morale. Lieutenant Pitt is the controller of the center's welfare fund, consisting of profits from the ship's stores and a Navy allotment. The fund is used to lend small sums to seamen who need "a dollar or two until pay-day," and to assist in solving emergency problems of families of men who are on sea duty. Twenty thousand dollars of the center's welfare fund is in

constant circulation.

In another part of the building, men who were survivors of a ship that was sunk, presented their cases before the survivor board which was to study the capabilities of the men for continued armed guard duty and to decide whether they needed a brief vacation in a Navy rest home, a shore assignment or the most popular—a visit to the folks at home. For each month of sea duty, the men receive two days of leave. Men who have made hazardous voyages receive special compensation.

Throughout the entire area, men were carrying sea bags—they were either coming home to the center or going out for a few months of sea breeze. And in the front and the rear of the armory, barracks were under construction to fill the needs of the rapidly expanding Armed Guard.

## Mail Boat Sunk

Torpedoed Between Corsica and Nice; 242 Aboard Saved by Nazis

LONDON, May 20 (AP).—The German-controlled Paris radio reported today that the mail boat General Bonaparte, operating between Corsica and Nice, had been torpedoed yesterday forty miles off the French coast while carrying 192 passengers and a crew of fifty.

German naval craft picked up survivors, said the broadcast, which was recorded by The Associated Press. A subsequent broadcast said that all the passengers and crew were picked up by two German destroyers and taken to Nice.

Just be sure you put at least 10 per cent in War Bonds.



July 20, 1992



Mr. Charles A. Lloyd  
Chairman & Secretary  
USN Armed Guard WWII Veterans  
5712 Partridge Lane  
Raleigh, NC 27609-4126

Dear C.A.:

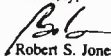
Just reviewed the July issue of *The Pointer*. When I came to the page contributed by Edward Haake on the Kamikazi attacks in Leyte Gulf, and noticed the date of 11/12/44, I told my wife that it had to be a Sunday. Upon checking, it was! I was an Exec on an LCT operating off the Tacloban airstrip that afternoon. We were alongside a merchantman, preparing to take on a load destined for the beach. I remember nine Kamikazi aircraft coming in. Of these, all but one hit their targets.

The one which missed did so because an Armed Guard crew burst a shell right in front of the aircraft's nose when it was about 1/2 mile out, approaching from the stern of the ship. I had been on the "bridge" and when the plane started its run, I came down the ladder to the main deck. Our skipper, hearing the gunfire, started up the ladder to see what was happening. Because of the gun burst, the kamikazi banked sharply with its right wing tip about 50 feet off the water, passed down the side of the merchantman and right over our heads, striking just in front of our bow. Several crewmen on the ship were injured by the aircraft's gunfire, and 1/3 of our crew, including the C.O., were injured by the aircraft's explosion. We loaded the wounded onto our deck and transported them immediately to a beach hospital.

As I mentioned, the only miss that afternoon that I observed was due entirely to the accuracy of fire by the Navy Armed Guard crew on the stern of the merchantman. After delivering the wounded to the beach, we went back out (my first command), and offered assistance to other ships some of which were on fire. It was a quite a memorable Sunday afternoon.

New subject: donations are coming in for the U.S. Navy Armed Guard/U.S. Merchant Marine bronze sculpture. We hope to be making a mailing requesting further support in August. Again, our thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

  
Robert S. Jones  
Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)  
Bronze-relief Program Manager

P.S. The Navy Memorial is cosponsoring a 6 September cruise in S.S. JOHN W. BROWN.

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June 1, 1992

Mr. Charles A. Lloyd, Chairman  
USN Armed Guard World War II Veterans  
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Raleigh, N. C. 27609

Dear C. A.:

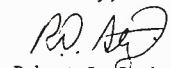
Not being aware of the Armed Guard Veterans organization until some nine months ago, it was a pleasure to attend the NOLA reunion with my wife. By copy of this letter to Elmer and Doris Vincent, I wish to thank all who worked so diligently to arrange and pull off such a large gathering of aged sailors and their mates. From the quick efficient registration, ample time to visit in the hospitality rooms, the "NATCHES" cruise, the memorial service at OUR Armed Guard Plaque in Algiers (the timely remarks by Mr. Quin), the Dinner Dance Friday night and then the Banquet Dinner on Saturday night with Brig. General Robert Floyd delivering a talk that made each sailor know that the General had been in the "Armed Guard" and concluding with breakfast Sunday morning, it was 4.0.

I left out the business meeting as it was brief and well presented. Being new to the organization I realized that I had not contributed financially to the ongoing of our organization. Enclosed is a check to rectify this oversight.

Thank you for being so dedicated to the Armed Guard. Our Motto: "We aim - to Deliver and We-Did". C. A. you deliver too!

See you in Vegas in 1993.

Sincerely,

  
Robert O. Stringer

Enc.  
cc/ Elmer & Doris Vincent  
20181 Chandler St.  
Covington, La. 70433

Dear Charles:

Once again I want to thank you for all your efforts in behalf of those of us who were part of a unique organization, the ARMED GUARD!!

My career started with my minority cruise in the Navy in 1942. My primary base was in "BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN BAYRIDGE, BROOKLYN, N.Y. It was a time when one could still walk it's pretty streets and not get into action with the "COWBOYS". I saved the copies of the "POINTER" and often reread them. The nostalgia flows freely to those impossible days. As I recall it, it took 25 or more years to get a full night of sleep after serving on the S.S. WILLIAM C. CLAIBORNE, S.S. JOHN LAWSON and the S.S. SARAH ORNE JEWETT.

Like many other Armed Guardsmen, I migrated to the Submarine Service, remaining there until I received an interservice transfer and commission in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps, in early 1968. What is this all leading up to????? I believe I may be that last FORMER ARMED GUARD to sail on a working "LIBERTY SHIP", December of 1969.

Joseph Silvia, Box 89 Anthorn Rd., North Stonington, Ct. 06359

14 August 1992

Dear Charles,

It was very nice meeting you in New Orleans, La. and get to talk to you as briefly as it was however, at this time I thought you would like an Armed Guard Report about the Gun Crew and their accomplishment to date aboard "The S.S. Lane Victory" in San Pedro, Ca.

Please print copy in "THE POINTER" space permitting.

Thank You,

SMOOTH SAILING AND FOLLOWING SEAS

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CHARLES SAVONA



U.S.N. ARMED GUARD PROGRESS REPORT ON THE S.S. LANE VICTORY  
By Charles Savona

Since February, 1991, we of the Armed Guard Gun Crew have come a long way in the restoration of guns and Armed Guard Facilities on board the S.S. LANE VICTORY. One of the first projects to undertake was the removal of "50 years" of grease, oil and debris from 5"38 and 40 mm guns. We've accomplished this task with the use of the ship's steam cleaning machine and dedicated hard work by many.

One thing that we didn't anticipate in the restoration of the was the discovery of 18 inches of solid concrete in the breech end of the gun. The removal of the cement was finally accomplished by two gunners using hammers, chisels, a 6 foot crowbar and a 10 pound sledge hammer about four hours later. The guns were completely sanded, scraped, primed and sprayed with coats of battleship gray. Miscellaneous parts for the guns have been replaced, such as, badly scratched instrument lenses, old worn out hose, etc.

The ammunition storage lockers have been placed on the aft gun deck; port and starboard and have been primed and painted gray to match the guns. We are storing the "dummy" projectiles and the 5"38 powder cartridges in one locker and the 3"50 "dummy" projectiles in the other locker. Our 20mm storage locker below deck has been cleaned and everything stored in it's proper place. Eight 20 mm gun mounts have also been cleaned and painted several coats of paint.

On the signal bridge, the signal deck was chipped and painted similar to the after gun deck, listed below. The starboard and port hand signal lights were completely restored, primed and painted throughout. The final coats of paint will be completed soon on these lights. Two Armed Guard Navy "Signalmen" have spent many hours in #5 Hold between decks!! They've been checking all signal flags for their condition, taking an inventory and cataloging all flags.

The 5"38 gun tub was completely stripped of the many coats of old paints, right down to the bare metal. It was then treated with one coat of "ospho", a metal rust preventative; two coats of zinc chromate and three coats of deck gray paint. We plan to apply one more coat on the deck, after she comes out of dry dock. She will be a beauty!!

The aft gun deck, railings and bulkheads have all had similar treatment. The hand rails are not complete as of this writing due to fact, some are rusted through and will be replaced.

The aft gun steering wheel and mount have also had many layers of old paint removed, as well as the binnacle cover. All the brass will be cleaned and polished at a later date.

A section of the bulkhead, on the starboard side of the former gun crew's quarters, including the spare anchor, was chipped and painted by members of the gun crew. Chipping of the old paint on the aft, starboard cargo boom to bare metal is now in progress by the Armed Guard Crew.

During the time when the weather was not favorable for outside work, we continue setting up the U.S. Naval Armed Guard Museum below deck. The museum is located next to the HAM RADIO SHACK.

This concludes the Progress Report so far on the LANE VICTORY. We highly encourage you to come join in with us, or to stop by and see her when you're in the area. You may want to spend the night or eat in the MESS HALL for lunch on Saturday for \$4.00. Our relationship with the MERCHANT SEAMEN and CIVILIAN WORKERS are tops and we hold them to the highest esteem. It is great to work together on such an HISTORICAL PROJECT in remembrance of all ARMED GUARD who protected her to the best of their ability, all MERCHANT SEAMEN who casted off the lines and sailed her to faraway ports and brought her safely home to port and tied her up to the piers and to all the CIVILIANS; from the FARMER, who produced the food, and fibers for our clothes, to the FACTORY WORKER, who not only clothed everyone, but built the machinery and made the parts from the bow to the stern and from the keel to the crow's nest, including the guns and ammunition.

She's looking "GREAT"!!

Charles Savona, 8777 Coral Springs Crt. #6-9, Huntington Beach, Ca. 92646 1-(714)-960-6925. (If Savona's not around, Contact Joe Piccolini or some of the other crew).

Thanks Charlie for your input to give me a chance to inform the crew for all to know the progress made on the S.S. LANE (V). cal

P.S. JUST IN!! Joe Piccolini called to say the S.S. LANE (V) will sail her "MAIDEN VOYAGE" OCTOBER 3, 1992 over to Catalina with 800 paying passengers. SO SOLLIE!! She's all booked up at \$150. per head. Joe says the other sailings will be \$75. and will send me notice ahead of sailing dates. cal



Part of the S. S. SILAS WEIR MITCHELL'S Gun Crew 3/43 -11/43 were together at the NEW ORLEANS 1992 National Reunion and had a great time. Shown L-R are Bill Fellows, Stratford, Ct.; Bil Fiederlein, Wichita Falls, TX.; Bill Stump, Reading, PA; Tom White, Parump, NV; and Ralph Torcello, Batavia, NY. Photo courtesy of Larry French, Reunion Memories, P.O. Box 161939, Altamonte Springs, FL 32716, who is our regular photographer. If you'd like a book for the 1992 Reunion, send \$12.00 to him. TO GET IN the 1993 yearbook, send wallet size photo of you and your lady along with the \$12.00. You should be getting 1992 book around Thanksgiving.



**CAROL RITTER**

## Navy vets aim for museum at Sampson

**H**e stands there bigger than life, a strapping young man wearing bell-bottomed trousers and carrying a sea bag on his left shoulder.

He's the Sampson Sailor, a bronzed-figerglass statue representing the thousands upon thousands of men and women who passed through Sampson Naval Training Station in Seneca County during World War II. The statue tops a pedestal in the middle of a traffic circle that once was the hub of a busy base.

**THE MILITARY** installation built on former farmland for \$56 million in 1942 is history now, and Sampson State Park's campgrounds and picnic tables spread across the property that slopes gently downward to the eastern shore of

Seneca Lake. A visitor exploring the pockmarked old roads crisscrossing the mostly undeveloped park can find several derelict cement-block buildings half hidden in brushy vegetation.

But retired pharmacist Steve Bull of nearby Seneca Falls thinks Sampson's past as a part of the nation's war effort is too important and too interesting to keep under wraps. And he's not alone.

Five years ago, Bull and a handful of others got together to form Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans Inc., a sort of alumni organization for the men and women who trained at Sampson as well as the officers and support personnel who staffed the base. The group now has 3,400 dues-paying members.

**BUT THAT'S ONLY** a fraction of the 411,429 recruits who made up about 4,000 training companies. With the addition of service school personnel, an estimated half-million people were stationed at the scenic base.



**Sampson Sailor**

For a few years during the Korean War, Sampson was re-opened as an Air Force base to house several thousand more troops.

Finding those old buddies is one goal of the veterans' group. Establishing a museum at the park to tell the story of

Sampson's past is another.

Bull said the museum's collection will be limited to artifacts that can be directly traced to Sampson: for instance, uniforms that were worn by service people while stationed there, or snapshots and group photos taken at the base.

To house the collection, the veterans' group is rehabilitating the old jail, or brig, a one-story brick building with a central courtyard now crowded with bushes, weeds and young trees.

**THE GROUP HAS** an oral contract with the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to use the brig for a museum "as long as we want it," Bull said. The state has pledged to staff and maintain the building once the museum opens. However, there's a catch.

Like most buildings dating from the 1940s, the brig was constructed with liberal quantities of asbestos, which must be removed before it can be opened to the public. The veterans' group is trying to raise money for the necessary renovations to create a museum. But asbestos removal runs into big bucks. So Bull contacted the Army to find out about getting the work done through the Corps of Engineers, which is stripping asbestos from buildings on another part of the former base.

The corps informed him that the Army Environmental Restoration Program wouldn't cover asbestos removal for a private organization. Bull said that argument doesn't wash. "We don't own the building. It's a state piece of property. We're just using it."

**IF THE ASBESTOS** situation is resolved, the museum should be ready to open in time for the veterans' fifth annual reunion Sept. 11-13 at the park. More than 1,000 attended last year's gathering. The one coming up marks the 50th anniversary of Sampson.

William Russell of Corryton, Tenn., is president of Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans Inc. He began basic training at Sampson in March 1944. "I could never get Sampson out of my mind," Russell said in a phone interview. "It was where a lot of us boys grew up to be men. It was a very meaningful time in our lives. It's hard to explain, but it's something that you just don't forget."

To learn more about the Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans Inc., contact Bull at 3056 East Bayard St., Seneca Falls, N.Y. 13148.

*Carol Ritter's column appears on Saturdays. Call her weekdays at (716) 258-2309 or write to 55 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, N.Y. 14614.*

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August 1, 1992

Dear C.A. :

The January 1992 issue of "The Pointer" has a picture of Floyce and Judy Waits. I had the pleasure of serving with Floyce in 1945 aboard the SS Whittier Victory. The picture brought us together -- after 47 years.

I wrote Floyce and in March of this year we met in San Francisco, along with our wives. We spent an enjoyable day, reminiscing and also visiting aboard the SS Jeremiah O'Brien now docked in San Francisco.

Your effort has brought two sailors together again and we intend to keep our friendship alive. I speak for Floyce, his wife Judy and my wife Selma in saying THANK YOU for the wonderful job you do.

Sincerely,  
  
Thomas Little



# NORMANDY SALUTES

*This article was compiled from information furnished by the U.S. Navy Armed Guard WWII Veterans.*

## THE U.S. NAVY ARMED GUARD

The 144,000 men who served in the U.S. Navy Armed Guard held the responsibility of protecting the merchant ships that delivered troops and supplies all over the world during World War II. Manning the guns placed upon U.S. tankers and merchantmen, half of which were the famous "Liberty Ships," the Armed Guard fought valiantly to keep their ships, crews and cargoes from the enemy as long as they remained afloat. Initially armed with guns too obsolete for warships or with only creosote poles constructed to resemble weapons, the Armed Guard had to contend with submarine torpedoes, German Luftwaffe, kamikaze pilots, and E-boat and Japanese cruiser attacks. The results were that the Armed Guard suffered losses in great proportions: one out of every 185 men was killed.

The crews, ranging from eight to twenty-four men, were comprised of Gunners, Radiomen, Signalmen, Medics, WAVES and Radarmen, and were led by a single officer. Their journeys were always hazardous; even when their ship sailed through quiet areas, there was an ever present danger of accidents or collisions which would ignite cargoes of gasoline or explosives. Winter gales and ice ripped apart convoys and destroyed many ships, and the threat of sabotage in ports-of-call where direct attacks were unlikely made constant vigilance essential.

Many merchant vessels

were sunk off of America's shore because the silhouettes of the ships created by the lights from coastal cities made easy targets for German submarines. One of the most notoriously dangerous trips for the Armed Guardsmen was the supply run into Murmansk to deliver Lend-Lease materiel to the Soviets. This journey into the Arctic was known by all crewmen as a suicide mission: they had to endure North Atlantic storms and ice locks in subzero temperatures, as well as U-boat torpedoes and hits by German planes and shore batteries. Twenty-five percent of all ships to Murmansk were lost.

As well as keeping the "bridge of ships" intact across the oceans to supply troops in both theaters of war, the Armed Guard played a vital role in the invasion of Normandy. The Armed Guard crews of the twenty-two merchant ships that were scuttled to create a breakwater at Omaha and

Utah beaches endured the early fury of the German counter-attack and provided necessary fire protection to the forces on shore. They faced mines and E-boat attacks as they crossed the English Channel, and they protected their breakwater from German 88mm gun fire during the day and bombers at night. Remaining on the cement-filled, semi-submerged freighters from June 7 to June 19 until relieved by Army personnel, the Armed Guard crews helped to ensure that the Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine were able to transport troops and supplies into the Normandy beaches during the D-Day invasion. ■

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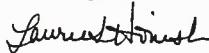
July 13, 1992

Dear Mr. Lloyd,

As I promised, I am enclosing copies of The Battle of Normandy Foundation's newsletter *The Beachhead*, featuring the article on the U.S. Navy Armed Guard. I appreciate the tremendous help that you gave me in preparation for this article. The photograph that you provided of the Armed Guardsmen practicing at the Naval Base in New Orleans complements the article perfectly.

Again, thank you for your help. I hope that you had a pleasant trip to England and that you were able to take the time to visit the Memorial Museum in Caen. Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay cool!

Sincerely,



Laurie J. Honish  
Assistant Editor,  
*The Beachhead*

*To the U.S. Navy  
Armed Guard who  
fought to keep the  
supply lines open  
to Allied forces:  
Normandy  
Salutes You.*



▲ Two armed Guardsmen at a gunnery practice at the Algiers Naval Station, New Orleans.

▼ The S.S. Brown, the last surviving Liberty Ship on the east coast.





# Navy Armed Guardsmen Recall Strategic Operations of the Past

By Mike Murphy  
Gates-Chili News

U.S. Navy Armed Guardsmen stationed on the S.S. Alderborn during World War II were given a six-inch piece of rope that would tie their clothes into a bundle for transport and storage.

These crews were expected to scuttle, or sink, an enemy ship by creating holes beneath the ocean's surface.

Neil Keyes, a Chili resident and retired Fridensinger employee, recalls a trip to India he made while aboard the ship.

The Navy Armed Guard was created during World War I to supply armed support of ships. Keyes, who was on the ship's watery trek from Panama to south of New Zealand to India where pipe was unloaded in Calcutta. The pipeline was needed to

supply the "Flying Tigers" with fuel for their aircraft.

He was to deliver a message from the English force in Karachi to a Lord's and Lady's home in Bombay, India and wound up invited to a tea. He passed a large, ivory elephant tusk on his way into the marble home.

"It was fabulous," Keyes says. "It was quite a tea."

Contrast that with Calcutta.

"It was the filthiest place I ever saw," he says.

While serving his three-year, 18-day service, Keyes made stops in England and Scotland.

"10 Downing Street was a joke. All it was was an alley," he says. "Scotland I liked better. It was the only place I ran into that had a bathroom like we had at home."

About 50 local veterans of the Armed Guard have been meeting every

second Tuesday of the month since 1990 to swap stories and recall the days of yore.

Keyes and John Shevlin of Irondequoit started the luncheon get-togethers as a way to "hash over old times."

"Anything needed to have war, we delivered it and many times took a beating doing it," Shevlin says. He was a 20 millimeter gunner during the war.

While Keyes remembers some of the good times during the trips, they were under pressure 24 hours a day. In charge of guns and the safety of the ship, they were expected to perform.

"I never had to fire the guns, thank God for that," he says. "We expected anything on the South Pacific run."

Others recall expecting the worse, and getting worse than they expected.



Back row, from left: John Shevlin, Dick Smith, Larry Proia, Mark Lucas, Walter Mace, Louis Van Durme, Ralph Cimineri and Neil Keyes. Front row: Sam Lobiondo, John Blackmon, John Dutko, Mac Holroyd and Joe Gombatto.

Vince Daddazio, who lives in the Dunn Towers, was part of the crew of the S.S. Mobile City.

They were also known as the lost convoy.

While in port near Russia, he and his mates were "sitting ducks."

"The third mate became captain," he says. Twenty-five survivors, including Daddazio, were picked up

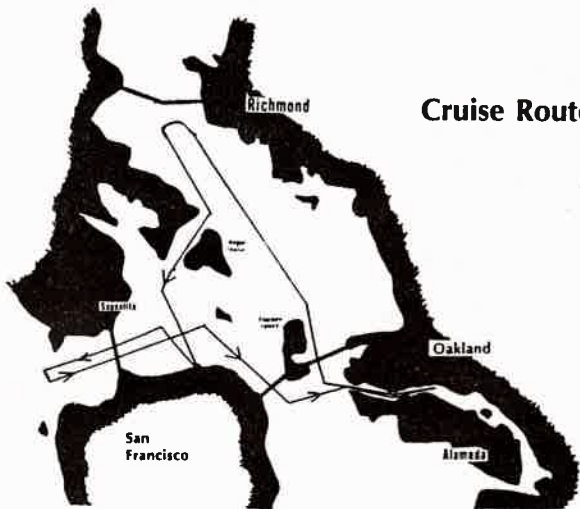
in Norway and sent to England.

"We're not trying to bring back our 20s," John Dutko of East Rochester says. "It takes you 40 or 50 years to realize what you had done. Then, you were just a kid. As we get older, you look into the past more than you look into the future. And some of the stories make the hair raise on the

back of your head."

Shevlin says there were 144,970 armed guardsmen on 6,236 ships. Of those ships, 710 were sunk. Twenty-seven men were taken prisoner and 1,810 were killed in action.

"We were not concerned about the dangers," Shevlin says. "We had a job to do."



The Liberty Ship Jeremiah O'Brien will be in the U.S. Navy's

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