Crew's News

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GALA EVENT IN GAY NINETIES REVUE FOR EASTER NIGHT

Iwo Jima Solid Stepping Stone Forward

Former Jap Island, now under control of Fighting Marines.

By R.M. Uray

With the addition of Iwo Jima to the list of territory wrested from the enemy, this spot of sand and lava, less than 10 mi. square, becomes the No. 1 topic of discussion in the Pacific area.

The southern tip of the island is formed by a 600 foot extinct volcano, Suribachi Yama. The large northern end of the island is relatively level throughout the central portion.

"NO.I. IN BONINS"

From a birds eye view this is tactically and strategically the most important island in the Bonin Group, offering the most practicable sites for bomber strips. The Japs had already built two air fields on the island.

"TOKYO, 750 MILES"

An arc drawn 750 nautical miles from Iwo to the northwest would include a majority of the large industrial areas of Japan and the cities of Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka Kobe and Magasaki.

"IMPORTANT FOR NIPS"

That the Japs considered Iwo Jima a highly important defense center was evident in the extensive system of protection they had built along the shore, especially in the vicinity of the airfields.

With the Jap garrison estimated at 60,000 or more the remainder of the islands population was about 1,000 natives who worked the islands only industries, sugar and pineapple

Hatching plot for coming play, are left to right: J. Arca, Ylc; Gunner L.N. Farris, Lt. B.B. Ostrin, A. Turkisher, RdM2c; and Lt. J. H. Courage.

Xmas Show Players Cast In New Roles

Kelly, Jones and Cutcliffe to star in Review.

By A. Turkisher

On Broadway.. The writers and directors of our coming show have let slip a few hints on the nature of the next production.

The atmosphere will reek with memories of the Gay Nineties as the old songs are recalled. The revue will be a 'period', piece, even to the hero, villain (with manufactured mustachios and side-burns) and the innocent heroine (Our Nell).

The audience is invited to practise up on its hisses (for the villain) and cheers (for the hero). Thus far, Cutcliffe has been cast as THE HERO ... Ellis Jones, as THE VILLAIN .. and our charming Kelly, (of Xmas Show fame) as the HEROINE.

On the writing, supervision and directorial ends, we have Lt B.B. Ostrin, Gunner Farris and Art Turkisher.

There are parts still available for singers and dancers. If you can sing, dance, do card tricks, or magic sign up today.

Naming Of Visited Ports Permitted Says Cincpac

By Lt. T. N. Rogers

Under authority of a recent letter from CINCPAC, the Captain has released from censorship prohibition all ports previously visited by this ship. Our personnel may now disclose in their correspondence that we have crossed the 180th Meridian and visited Pearl Harbor, Hilo, Guam, Saipan, Eniwetok Atoll, and Kwajalein Atoll. These places may be discussed and personal experiences there related, but with no indication of date or sequence of visits

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Eagle Grounded To One Flight Per Month

To cut down on unnecessary clerical work for the ship's pay office, the Commanding Officer issued the following order: "Hereafter ship's personnel will be paid once a month, effective March 1."

Pay day for ship's company will be the 5th of every month instead of twice a month as was the previous arrangement.

Pay chits and other procedure will remain the same according to Ens. W.T. Levenson, Disbursing Officer.

Beach Parties Planned

Word has reached this paper that the Welfare, Comissary and Athletic Dept's Inc. are planning to hold a series of liberty section parties.

The program is being arranged by Lt. J.H. Courage and Lt. L. Webb.

The date has not been set, and depends on how soon the liberty regulations on "Hush Hush" allow an extention of hours.

Crew's News

ALL OF THE news WHILE ON THIS cruise

Published semi-monthly, by and for the crew of the U.S.S. CUMBERLAND SOUND.

OUR CREED: The purpose of this newspaper is to build morale and to create goodwill and fellowship amongst the crew.

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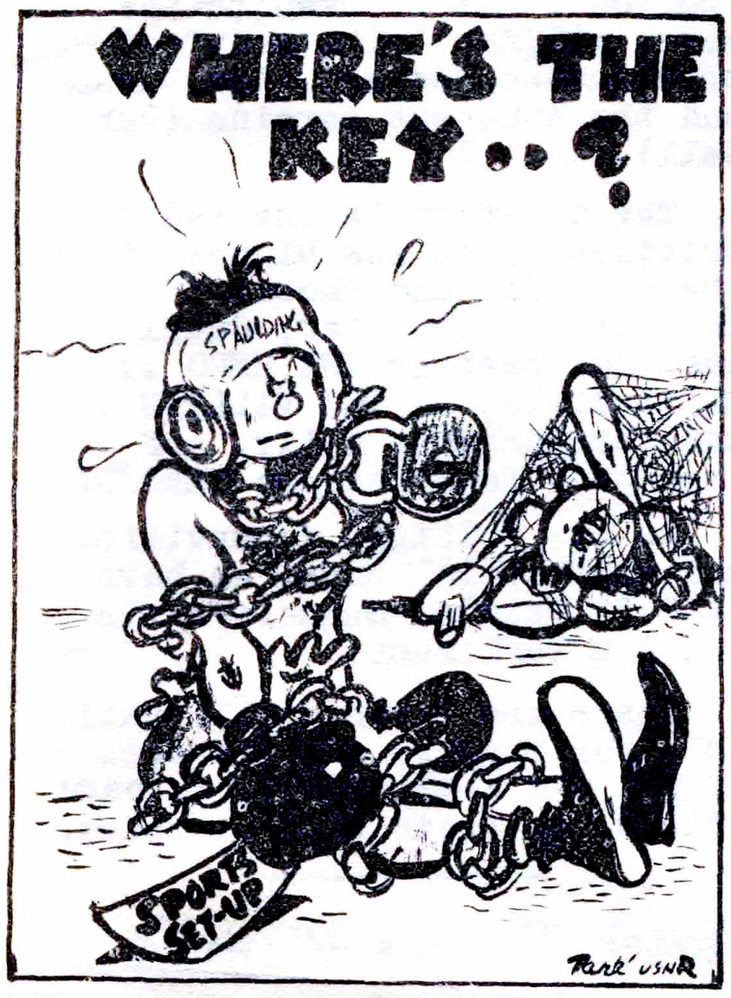


EDITORIAL

"The recreation program includes, as it always has, a responsibility of providing facilities and operating a program of games, sports and contests for the voluntary participation of naval personnel during leisure time, including physical maintenance accomplished by this means." And that's a direct quote from an official BuPers letter.

Now, the question is, Mr. Anthony, since we, the crew of the Cumberland Sound, have a lot of leisure time, and since there's a lot of nice new, UNUSED athletic gear aboard, the question is, "What's the holdup on a recreation program for this ship." Competitive sports always have been known to instigate ship's pride, (esprit de corps in civilian life!) and what would tend more to raise the crews' morale than the thought that he was a member of a ship that beat the USS Neversail in volleyball, or the Cumberland Sound's boxing team trounced the USS Rusty Bucket's overconfident punch happy pugs; or the Cumberland Sound Swatters, the best baseball team in the Pacific "A" league, challenged and choked the New Jersey's bat bearers.

Gear?? We have lots! Time?? There's more where that came from; Men???? We have a lot of stagnant, going soft, paunch protruding people who would welcome a little organized recreation. We've got all the ingredients except one--- a recreation program setup!! Recently, a volley ball tourney has been setup and the response by the crew was indicative of their eagerness to participate. True, not always will you have an unanimous turn-out, not everyone likes the same thing-- but if facilities could be made available whereby the individual could participate in the sport of his choice, the returns, both in efficiency and a crew physically capable of maintaining themselves and the ship in topnotch working condition would be satisfactory!

The layout of the ship itself is not, it is understood, conducive to any active sport set up, but with the facilities that are available on the recreation island, some organization could be whipped up where by recreation parties, could go over for some organized recreation. As it is, the liberty party goes over, gets their beer, sneaks underneath a palm tree---and that's the extent of their "liberty". For inveterate guzzlers, that's fine, but how about those individuals, (and there are not a few), who like to play softball, or volleyball, or basketball? Couldn't some arrangement be arrived at so that the officer in charge could get a field or court? Liberty goers now are bystanders, watching other ships' with more initiative and organization using facilities that are (it says) available for them also. Crowded courts, and fields could be by passed were the liberty party granted permission to go in the forenoon. It is understood that there are plenty fields and courts for the asking in the morning, whereas in the afternoon, it's a problem to even find a place to throw an empty bottle or can.

It's not the purpose of this article of converting this vessel into a floating "Gymnasium", but it is felt that a ship with her crew in shape is a ship that is truly "shipshape!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feb. 20, 1945

Dear Editors,

Now-let's see if you really mean it about publishing our poems and jokes, etc. Don't let me down-I'll be waiting to see this in print-and don't think I wouldn't feel honored.

"A PUN FOR FUN"

The "CREW'S NEWS" staff has
what it takes,
So keep on editing - for our
sake.

I read the news and go to town,
The editors are tops on the
CUMBERLAND SOUND.

It really is class and brings
us joy,
You can't get the blues from
our sailor boy.

They ride the waves brings us
joy,
They really mean business-it
isn't in fun.

So thank you all-I mean each
one,
For lettin' me join in on your
fun.

Faithfully yours,
Rita M. Kotha

Feb. 19, 1945

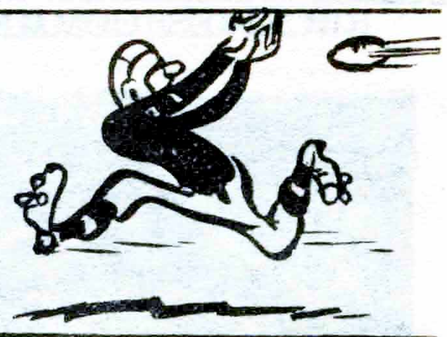
Hi Fellers!

Just finished reading "Crew News" and thought we would like to let you know how much we enjoyed reading it. We can only add our cheers to the many others you will get, not only for the paper, but for the other business at hand which you all have under control.

Here's hoping you will all be home soon.

Katie-Irene "Two Ton & Red
Yardley Debs-Billing Dept.
Union City, N.J.

SPORTS



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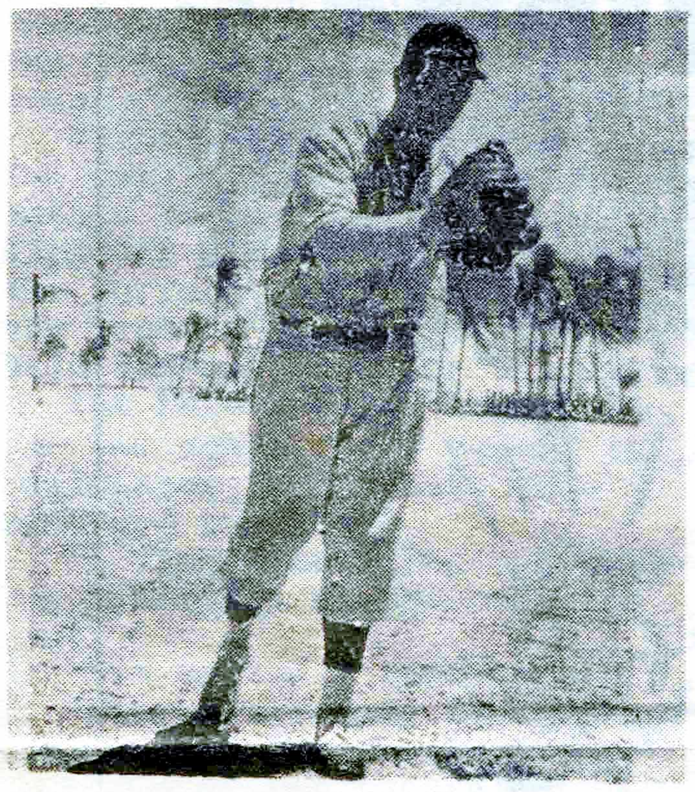


Johnny Vandermeer

ISLAND PALMS BOW
UNDER HAIL OF
BIG LEAGUE HOMERS

Last Thursday saw the end of a three day "Carnaval of Sports" that took place on the isle of "Hush Hush".

The three days were highlighted by a ball game between stars of the major baseball leagues, now in uniform.

Knowing that the crew would be interested in reading about these stars, a reporter was sent to interview your favorite players.

Pictured above is Johnny Vandermeer r, former hurler for Cincinnatti and pitcher of two consectutive no-hit games.

In the words of Mace Brown, former Pittsburg pitcher, and team manager, "Morale is the main idea behind this sports program; to bring to the men of the Armed Forces in the forward areas a chance to see in action their favorite sports stars, not only in baseball but also in boxing, tennis, and ping pong."

In summing it up, "Pee Wee" Reese, ex Dodger shortstop declared, "Sweating under a tropical sun is worthwhile if we know that we are helping to bring a little fun and relaxation into the lives of our brothers-in-arms."

CARRIER TEAM OUT VOLLIED
BY AV-17 SEXTET

GAMAGE, KREICK STAR

The "Cucville" officers and enlisted men's teams invaded the domain of a carrier recently and won two team matches and dropped a third.

In the afternoons opener the AV-17's officers; Gamage, Kreick, Martin, Garrett, Ennis and Costello swamped the host team 15-2 and 15-5.

The power house "killing" by Kreick, Gamage, and Martin plus the dead eye set-ups of Garrett, Costello and Ennis proved too much for the carrier team.

Displaying the type of ball that has brought them a marless record thus far, the host sextet took a close one from the local lads 15-13, 14-16 and 15-2.

The first two contests were thrillers and kept the spectators on the alert with their fast action and tricky shots.

Masterful net work by Kaylor, Sortman and Jones gave the winners something to worry about. Other members were Neis, Mitchell and Salmeron.

As an added attraction three officers and three enlisted men teamed up and rolled over the opposition 15-10 and 15-5.

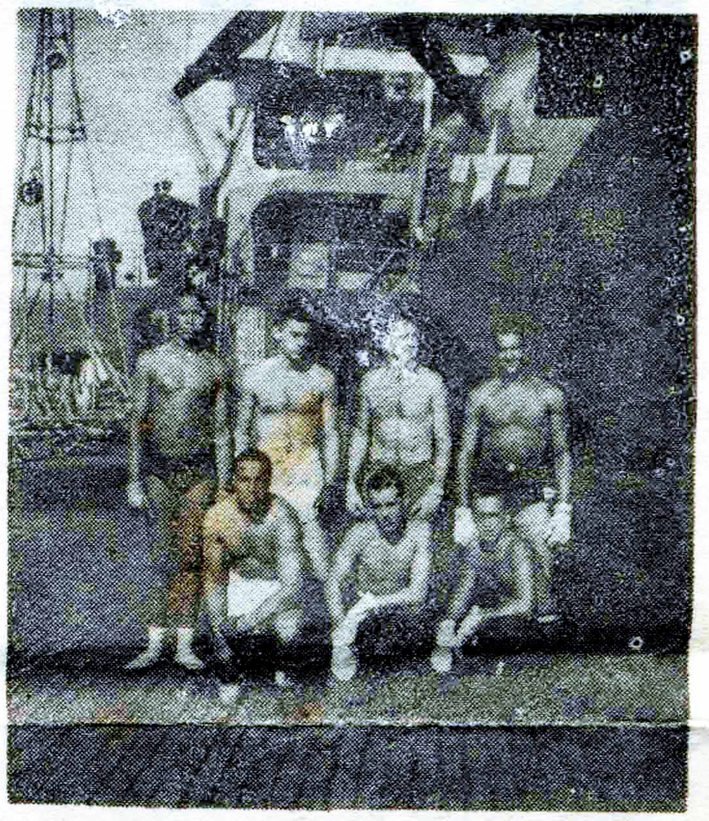
Other matches are being arranged for the near future.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Gil Dodds recently ran the mile in 4:06.4 to set a new world's indoor record. Who ran a faster indoor mile and why wasn't it official?
2. What is Ty Cobb's batting average?
3. Who was Tom Harmon's block ing back at Michigan?
4. How many times has Louis defended his title?

UP AND FORWARD---
STARBOARD
DOWN AND AFT---
PORT

APPEAR APRIL 8th



SMOKER BOXERS
SMOLDERING FOR ACTION

Racing to bring to a head several months of training, the boxers signed for the ship's smoker promise to provide an evening of real excitement.

In top form is E. Ellies, StMlc, a veteran with plenty of moxie who is slated to square off with J. Arca, Ylc, providing the latter has recovered sufficiently from a below the belt operation. Both mitt-men weight in at 165.

Another well know fighter in and out of the ring, is John Sexton, who will be paired up with R. Burch in the heavyweight division.

"Tiger" Weisenhunt, will be in there to prove that beauty is no handicap to a handy man with his mitts. He will fight at 138 pounds.

Others signed up are, H. Hall E. Zaremba, C. Hendrickson, V. Dinario and R. Gagnon.

Chess King Challenges Squadron

Plans are underway for forming the "Chess Tournament Of The Century."

W.A. Janison, AMMI lc, has challenged six squadron men to a tournament match. Janison will play all six games simultaneously.

Further details will appear in our next issue

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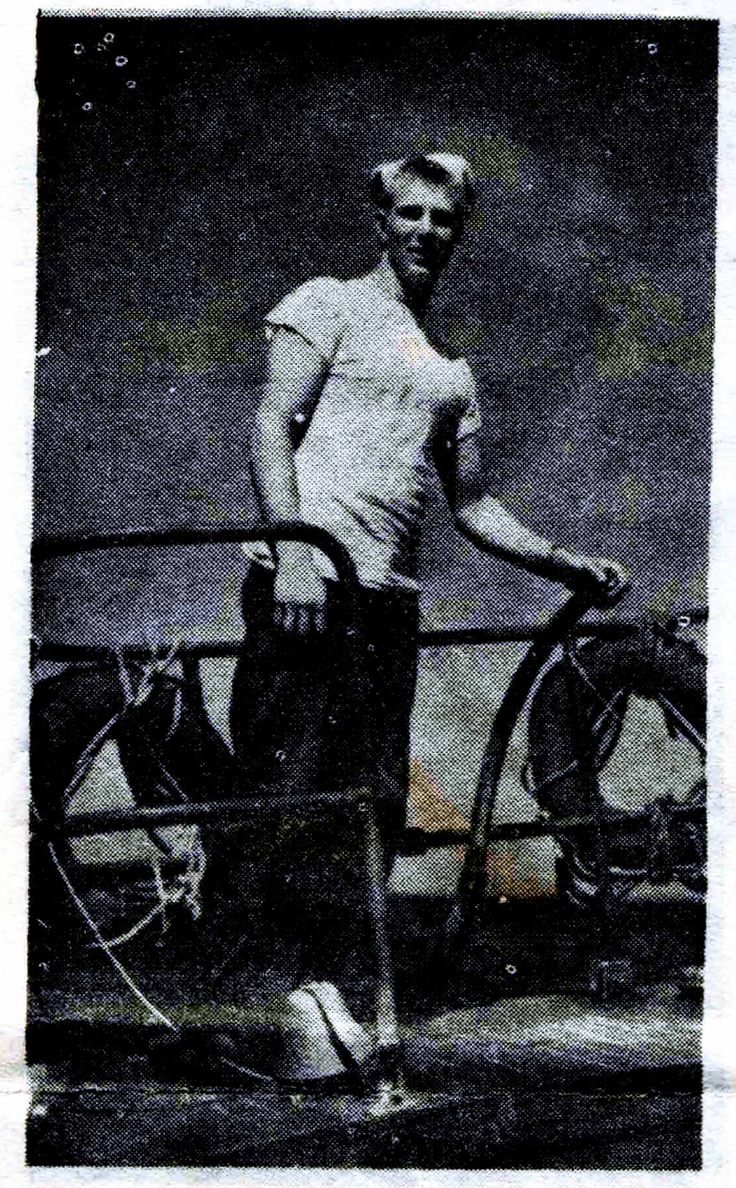

L.E. Clemens, S1c.

In the recent tragedy enacted in the vicinity of this ship, Logan Eugene Clemens, S2c 19, of Norborne, Mo. conducted himself admirably while surrounded by panic.

Clemens, Coxswain of No. 3 Motor Launch, had just returned from a routine trip, and was tying his boat alongside, when the O.O.D. ordered R.L. Loynes, S1c, the Coxswain of an adjacent whale boat to shove off and pick up the men from a sinking motor launch belonging to another ship.

Clemens, though not a member of the whale boat's crew, jumped aboard to act as engineer for Loynes, the only other man aboard her.

Clemens, advising Loynes to keep the boat headed into the swells, dove into the water at a spot where he had seen a man go down. He brought the man to the surface, and with the help of the Coxswain, got him into the boat.

Loynes then turned the boat in the direction of another sailor to whom he had, meantime thrown a life jacket. This sailor, on seeing the boat approaching, released his hold upon the life jacket and made a frantic effort to reach the boat. As he reached for the boat's side, it was snatched away from him by the sudden action of a wave, and thrashing about in exhaustion, out of reach of both the life jacket and the whale boat started to go down. Clemens seeing this dove in again and with the aid of Loynes brought the victim into the boat.

Saving lives is not an entirely new experience for Gene Clemens. Before coming into the Navy he saved a friend from drowning in Oceola, Mo.

"There is really not a great deal to it," said Gene. "I had plenty of practice while I was preparing to take my test for Eagle Scout. I also passed the Junior Red Cross Life Saving test back home."

At meritorious mast on the 9th of March, 1945, Capt. E. Grant adjudged that the following commendation be entered in the record.

"While acting as engineer and bowhook of a motor whale boat and by diving into the water, he, Logan Eugene Clemens S2c V6 SV USNR, affected the rescue from drowning of three (3) men and assisted in rescuing of eleven (11) other persons who were adrift as a result of the capsizing of a liberty boat.

First Bride: "Does your husband snore in his sleep?"

Second Bride: "I don't know yet; we've only been married three days."

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

"QUICK TOO QUICK"

C. S. Quick, now SF3c, has has a great talent for saying, if not the wrong thing, at least the thing that is seldom said.

Coming from the movies a few dark nights ago, he passed a figure sitting by the rail engaged in a good loud coughing spell.

"You'd better see the doctor," Quick advised in passing.

The coughing figure turned to give him a quizical look. It was Doctor Laub.

Standing by his cleaning station, a few days ago, he said to the inspecting officer, "If there is anything you don't like, just let me know."

The officer did.

Answers to Sports Quiz.....

1. **Glenn Cunningham ran a 4:04.4 mile in a paced race at Darthmouth, but lack of competition made it no record.**
2. **.387**
3. **Forest Evashevski**
4. **Twenty-one times.**

Strictly for the Birds!

by HENEHAN

E.V. Camus, Slc, after working his way up in the line at the Gedunk stand, asked Foster, the attendant, to fix him two cokes.

Foster, in his usual cheerful way, tossed the ingredients into a couple of paper cups, dipped a spoon deftly beneath the surface, withdrew it, set the product on the counter and held out his hand for the chit.

The famous Camus looked at the two cokes for a second in indicision, and asked: "How much are sundaes?"

"A dime," said Foster, looking anxiously at the restless line.

"Fix me one," said Camus.

"The chit's only for a dime," pointed out Foster, with an overshow of patience.

"Well make it a sundae instead of the cokes," said Camus, unperturbed

Foster hauled in the cokes, mumbling something unintelligable (the Chaplain would have cut it out anyway.)

In less time than it takes to write it, the sundae was prepared and set before Camus, who picked it up and began to amble off.

"Hold it," shouted Foster, "how about that chit?"

Camus turned with a puzzled expression.

"Thought you said it was a dime."

"Yeah, it is!" exclaimed Foster, his voice taking on a shrill aspect, "but you didn't give me the chit."

"If the cokes are worth a dime and I give them back to you for the sundae, which is also a dime that makes us even," explained Camus.

"Yeah! Yeah!" shouted Foster: "but you didn't give me the chit for the cokes."

"I didn't drink the cokes," said Camus.

Foster will think it over when he gets time.

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS (Cont.)

According to reports from Mc Quillam, library assistant. F Div. boys are getting well acquainted with the book "Strange Woman". Is there something particularly exciting about it fellows?

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DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

A dishartening blow has struck all the pretty native girls in this area. Bob Alkire, HAlc is sporting a brand new wedding band. He says, "No more liberty for me, I'm going to be true to Mary." (Marry is his wife)

If you notice anyone with a Texas-like walk, you may be sure that he was a victum of Dr. Mc Carthy's new gadget.

HEAVEN SENT

Pack, AMMIlc, was all smiles a few days ago when he received the glad tidings that he was the proud father of a bouncing baby girl, born Feb. 18th, in Chicago..... "Crew's News" whishes to apologize to CBM Hanford for not mentioning in our last issue that he too had a new addition to his family, a new nine pound baby girl.

"Armed Guard" Reed, of F Div. has come into the lime light recently because of the salty stories that he has been spinning to the boys.

DIVINE SERVICES

March 18, 1945

0900 - Latter Day Saints (boat leaves ship from forward gangway)

1000 - Protestant Services Chaplain Courage

1300 - Confession (Catholic) (In Library)

1400 - Catholic Mass

(All services other than the 0900 time will be held in the Crew's mess hall.)

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS(Contd)
TWO CUT-UPS

Very happy over the success of their recent major operations are Walsh and Sheets of M Div. They are very proud of their incisions, and will gladly relate, to anyone caring to listen, of their experiences from beginning to end.....

Diversion is still the chief cure for homesickness according to "Red" Potts. "Red's" chief diversion is delving into advanced mathematics. A subject which involves figures is always interesting.

THIS··I GOTTA SEE ☆ BY PARKER

This action shot was snapped when we crossed the 180th. Meridian several months ago.
What the man on the deck is trying to save is definately not face.
Tony Lewis and Spencer lurk in his path, That's "Hutch" in the hatch.

TOPSIDE TOPICS — QUESTION of the WEEK

BY SORTMAN

Question of the week: "What is the best way to keep peace and democracy in the world after this war?"

E.R. Jones, S1c; "By educating the people in matters of government, politic and trade relations rather than compulsary military education."

R. Mc Intyre, Cox; "By letting people get aquainted with each other, by this I mean that the youth should have tours to the different countries and learn how the other people live and their out look on life and have them come back and give talks plus facts of what the other people want out of life and have youth from other countries come to our country and do the same thing."

Bill Levine, AMM3c; "I don't know, all I can think about is getting home and I haven't thought of anything else for sometime."

Ralph Ness, MM1c; "Don't have any one man control or have a dictatorship in any country. Keep the government by the people. Try to raise everyones standard of living.

Riley Dill, SSB3c; "Have a damn good Intelligence Department to keep checked up on the other countries and keep a good standing army, navy and air force.

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and excluding all military information.

All hands are reminded that no other censorship regulations are relaxed. No statements may be made that will disclose the strength or tactical disposition of fleet units, such as references by name to other fleet units, discussion of battle damage, information derived from intelligence sources or narrative descriptions not within the writers personal experience.

Remember that this relaxation of regulations was made for the benefit of the moral of the ship's company. Do not abuse the privilege lest it be revoked.

HELP SAVE WATER

"BEER BALM (y)"

Give me my three cans of beer, mate,
Only three cans of brew,
And a seat in the shade of a coconut tree
In the midst of an ocean of blue.

Oh Omar Khyam can have his wine
And his bough and his loaf of bread,
I wouldn't swap him my three cold cans
With the blue sky over head.

So give me my three cans brother,
And I'll risk the fall of the nut,
For an idle hour on a wind swept beach
Or in a palm thatched hut.

Yea, Omar can have his bread and wine,
Just look at where he is now!
(Of course there's a difference I will admit
When it comes to the part about chow!)

Others may slip from the frosted glass
In leather and chromium splender,
But my three cans of beer are the acme of cheer
(Besides, it keeps me slender)

Just give me those three cans, mister
And I'll sip to the health of the brewers,
While my spirits lift, where the white clouds drift.
(It couldn't be done on fewer)

Why trouble to battle the storm and the strife
Of the city's clatter and screech?
I fain would brave the tossing wave
For my three beers on the beach

Only three cans - thats' all I ask,
(I would take more if you pressed me)
And I'll sit, or lie neath the tropic sky
And dream my dreams and rest me

Do you think that I'd ever be such a fool,
Such an incomprehensible dunce
As to wish to be leaving this Eden of ours?
Brother you try me Just Once

"Plumb Bob"

Jack: "Let's give the bride a shower."

John: "Count me in--I'll bring the soap!"

JOTTIN' by JON

by ARCA

"Seems to me I've heard that song before"--and then starts your stroll down memory lane. Have you ever noticed how certain songs take you on reminiscent trips to different locales? Maybe "Black Magic" will take you to Washington, but another guy will be thinking of the juke box in Boston! Times, places, girl friends, things attempted--things attempted---all parade by, drawn out by that "old familiar refrain". Try it sometime, it's hope refreshing!

What with those "certified to be a plank owner" chits making their debut, it was thought that perhaps the wrong idea would be adopted by the crew. This hunk of paper entitling the individual to a "hunk" of a plank on the seaplane deck, does not include the power, authority, permission to rent, lease, sell, or send home this particular plank. Imagine your family's faces were a ring at the door to bring a hunk of lumber with an explanatory note saying,"Dear Mom: This is my plank--keep it for me for a keepsake!"

C'est la guerre!

"Well, darling", he wrote, "I've been finally clipped! Guess it's just a guy's luck. You can never tell what's going to happen next! There I was one day, walking around, feeling pretty fair, and the next thing I know is the Doc is saying, "Take it easy, son, you'll be all right in a couple of days." It's not serious and I'm coming along pretty well--the Doc says. Hope to be up and around, though it's kinda annoying, lying here flat on your back, while your shipmates are up shouldering the burden you ducked out from under. What could I do?--it happened so suddenly! Had to have a couple stitches put in and they're causing all the trouble. However, I'm pretty lucky just to be able to write this to you now so there's no use of my complaining. As I lay there on the sack in sick bay I couldn't help but wonder if I'd ever see you again--that was the worse part --the uncertainty of it all! However, darling, I'm on my own feet now and the Doc says circumcision is a simple operation nowadays!" Love--"Jake".

They sit absorbing Christian good will and "love thy neighbor" policies for about an hour each Sunday; then for the rest of the week they spew forth the most unholy and unwholesome doctrines of living! You know these guys--they're the shocked ones who exclaim,"WHAT! You don't go to church--why I attend church every Sunday--twice on holidays." All the while he's been cussing out this or that guy! These, too, are the same fellows who modify the Golden Rule to satisfy their creed---"Do others BEFORE they do you!"

Why not hold a "field day"--take a "lower deck inspection" of yourself? Don't listen to "good will toward all men"--live it!"

(How about it Chaplain--want an assistant??)

G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS

QUESTION: What school can I attend upon discharge?

ANSWER: You may attend any school approved by the State Agency in your State designated by the Veterans' Administration as the Approving Agency. This means you can attend virtually any public or private elementary, secondary, or other school furnishing education for adults; business schools and colleges; scientific and technical institutions; colleges; vocational schools; junior colleges, teachers' colleges; normal schools; professional schools; universities, and other educational institutions. You may do graduate work.

You must be able to meet the entrance requirements of the school you select. The school not the Veterans' Administration - will determine whether or not you are acceptable as a pupil. The school also will determine whether or not you are qualified to pursue the course of training you select. You don't have to choose a school in the state where you live. You must keep up to the standards of the institution you are attending or your benefits under the Bill may be discontinued.

Hi diddle, diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
He called the Lt. a goon.
The S.P.'s laughed,
To see such sport,
The court-martials tomorrow at noon. (J.A. Journal)

SEND CREW'S NEWS HOME

MISS. PAULETTE GODDARD PARAMOUNT STAR "CREW'S CUTIE" NO. 3

Often named Pin-Up No. 1 is "Crew's Cutie", Paulette Goddard, star of Paramount Pictures.

Miss Goddard is no stranger to Cumberland Sound Cinema fans, her latest picture shown on board was "I Love A Soldier". She is currently starred in "Kitty".

Paulette is very much interested in the returning servicemen and likewise the returning servicemen are interested in Paulette, or are we wrong?

COVER to COVER

By Jones

There have been many fortune tellers and so called prophets who have dared to probe into the mysteries of the future.

Some of these men have predicted future events with a fair amount of accuracy, but none with the uncanny ability displayed by the top crystal gazer of all times-Nostrodamus.

World events are rapidly catching up with the prophecies made by Nostradamus "Three hundred Years Ago."

Whether his predictions were accidental or based upon an occult fore knowledge, they are frequently uncanny in their accuracy. His book of oracles is having a tremendous vogue at present, partly because of the wide variety of interpretations that can be made from his prognostications, but mainly because it makes fascinating reading when related to the catastrophes announced daily while the world is in crisis.

This amazing book gives special emphasis to prophecies of contemporary events and those immediately ahead.

The library has -- "ORACLES OF NOSTRADAMUS"

Everything may have a hidden meaning-- even the little red school house may have something behind it.

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