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OUR GUNNERY OFFICER



The Gunnery Officer, Lt. Comdr. J. D. Reilly, has served in the cruising cruiser *Chester* (the pride of the Navy and the terror of sea) for five years, starting at the bottom, in the plotting room, and reaching the top as main battery spotter. The Assistant Gunnery Officer, Lt. Comdr. Koshliek, first saw duty in the cruiser *Quincy*, later boarded the newly built *Hornet* with a full bag, and not much later swam away from her in only his skivvies. He liked the water and soon found himself in submarines, pushing up periscopes to see Japan. His last duty was that of control officer at the "line of departure" (where one stops to pray) off the beach of Saipan. Lt. Alexander, the Second Assistant Gunnery Officer, who knew the names of every Jap battleship and cruiser when he was fifteen, kept an even better record of them during three and

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ANOTHER VICTORY

Pearl Harbor Cash Bond sales on board the good ship *Shangri-La* went over \$91,000.00. One thousand six-hundred and forty-four bonds were bought. The average per man amounted to forty-five dollars.

Many men whose finances would not permit buying a bond had an opportunity to invest a few dollars in a good cause and among these men 157 won a Christmas Gift Bond.

Officers and men alike worked for the good name of the *Shangri-La* and every division came through in swell fashion.

Not the least interesting was the challenge sent to our sister ship the *Randolph* to prove that we were the champion Flat Top of the fleet. They accepted our challenge and after seven days sent the following message: "*Shangri-La* is congratulated on splendid record of cash war bond sales during the Pearl Harbor Drive. *Randolph* total cash sales through seven December twenty-three thousand dollars."

Now let's hold these bonds and keep the Jap head down.

WELL DONE

The following has been received by the Captain: "On behalf of our officers and men I thank you very much for letting us have the use of your very fine band for the concert and dance. Ensign Arthur was very cooperative and the music by your very finished players was much enjoyed by all who were able to hear them. I appreciate your courtesy very much indeed."

C. C. Baughman,
Commodore, U. S. N.
Commander, NOB

"From all the comments I have heard, the ship passed a most excellent Damage Control Problem. My sincere congratulations to all hands. Well Done."

J. D. Barner,
Captain, U. S. N.



(The Ship's Paper of The U. S. S. Shangri-La)

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BOUQUETS: During our first G.Q. problem, handling of the rations was very well executed....Randolph conceding to Shangri-La winner in the recent Pearl Harbor Week Bond Drive. A tribute to War Bond Officer, Chaplain Mitchell; assistants--Lt. Friedman, Lt.(jg) Coleman and Murray Peck, PhOMlc, for their efforts in putting over the drive for a total of \$91,000....and to the men who invested their fighting dollars to make this possible....Lt. Comdr. Ayers, First Lt. and Damage Control Officer, went over in a big way following his splendid talk on Damage Control to the crew.

BRICKBATS: To the one who is persistently getting into the wrong lockers...there'll come a D-A-Y, etc....those throwing loose gear around...letting the other fellow do it....Cooling-off-with-outside-weather-reports: Norfolk, Rain, Frost and Snow.

"Semper Fidelis." Corporals Erler, Lane and Green are Marine retirees, each having done a hitch before the war. Incidentally, Corp. Erler is the writer of that fine eulogy on the Shangri-La. Be sure and get your copy....P.F.C. Walker has done two

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DIVINE WORSHIP

Two chaplains are aboard to aid officers and men in their worship life. Chaplains P.L. Mitchell and P. Martineau may be consulted at any time in the Crews Library office.

Divine Worship will be held on the Hangar Deck. Give God a chance. Attend church Sunday. Catholic Mass at 0900 - Chaplain Martineau. Protestant Service at 1000 Chaplain Mitchell. Services on the Hangar Deck.

THE PADRES SAY

With every passing year, the blessed season of our Saviour's birth brings hope and cheer to those of the Christian faith, and renews the bonds of devotion, prayer and fellowship which mean so much to the human heart.

We greet you, the officers and men of the Shangri-La, in the Name of Him, whom to know is life abundant, and life eternal. Though it be a time of war, may the spirit of Christ bring you this season that inner peace which passes human understanding.

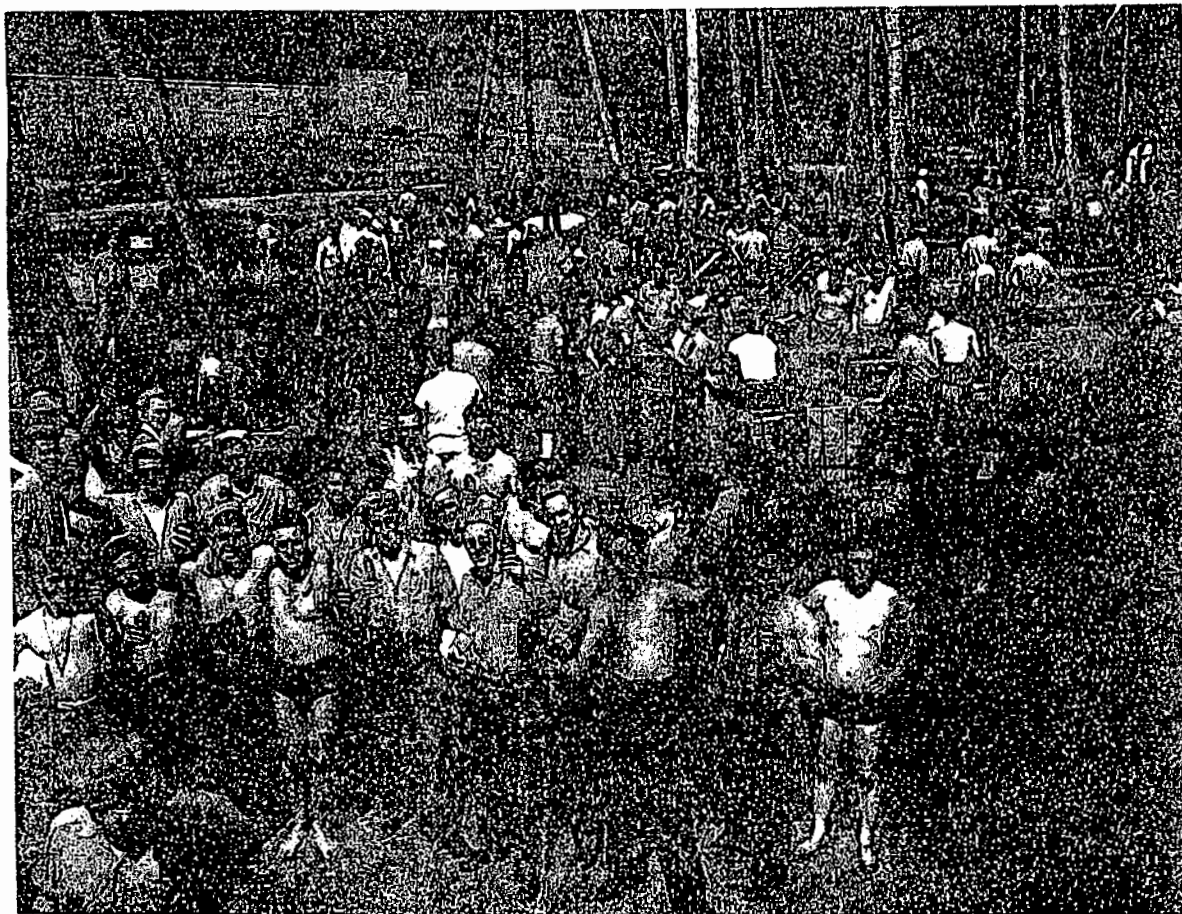
We wish you the blessings of God's protecting providence and a double portion of His sustaining grace.

MUFFLERS FOR CHIEFS

CPOs may now wear mufflers with their overcoats under a recent addition to uniform regulations. When worn, they are to be of white silk, rayon or wool, plain or ribbed, woven or knitted, to be of approximately commercial size.

AND THOUSANDTH





BEACH PARTIES GALORE ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR.

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one half years in the cruiser *Chester*. He began his combat career cutting fuses on 3" shells with a hand wrench during the first raid on the Marshalls, and now is charged with the maintenance of the *Shangri-La's* ordnance equipment.

The G-1 Division Officer, Lt. Nestor, went to Tokyo with the *Hornet*, later survived many an action in the *Essex*. It is believed that he is still single because he hasn't been "States-side" long enough to find a wife, but perhaps his prospective Mrs. doesn't like the home he is so used to -- a Mk 37 director. Lt. Margolis, G-2 Division Officer, controlled 20mm in the *Enterprise*, 40mm in the *Yorktown*, and now 5" in the *Shangri-La*. The Bureau of Ordnance will design him a larger AA gun for Christmas. Lt. Cecil of G-3 Division left the *Minneapolis* just after she completely destroyed two enemy torpedoes. He then served in the mighty *New Jersey* throughout the Central Pacific campaigns. Lt. Strogberg of G-4 learned to keep the 40mm shooting in the *CVE Nassau*. That his experiences were stimulating will be guaranteed by any Damage Control Officer. Lt. Heck of G-O Division, the sea daddy, has been at sea over ten years, eight of which were in

IT'S A SECRET

Don't tell the Gunnery Officer, but we're better than he thinks. During the last two firings we shot down four drones, and without using much ammunition. Tuesday morning we got so tired of waiting for the drone to be launched we almost shot it out of the hands of the Joe on the boat. But we waited and shot it down in the afternoon. It isn't such a small target; it ought to tow a sleeve. You should have seen it fall in flames, just like the newsreels. In fact, I'll bet our shakedown report sounds just like a Communique, "One plane known to have been hit, another thought to have been hit, and the last one last seen burning fiercely, thought to have been destroyed."

/s/ Cannoners with Hairy Ears.

the battleship *Idaho* and two in the *Che-nango*.

Many other officers and men of the Gunnery Department have met the foe, but they left the job unfinished, so that everyone could have the chance to earn free drinks after the victory parade. A snappy salute to the Gunnery Department and watch those shells hit as one man expressed it, "We ain't sweating here for nothin."

FLIGHT QUARTERS--

by Cassone and Cowdery



BOXING ROUNDUP

With a good turnout, considering the work done and to be done, our varsity boxing team begins to shape up with a few names to be watched.

The middle weight class shows the most competition with V.S. Merlin, MM3c, EM Div. C.W. Russel, MM2c, EM Div. and Leroy Sparks, UM Div. Merlin and Russel have fought two draw matches in workout exhibitions with Merlin showing professional use of a right to the body, and Russel the form of a good all-around boxer. Sparks, and don't forget that name of his, has the natural ability of a mean contestant.

Representative of good welter weight competition are W.A. Cochran, RCN3c, V3R Div. and J.O. Desormeaux, SF3c, HA Div.

However, with no spots sewed up, the call is still out for boxers of all weights. Amateur or professional, beginner or expert, if you are interested in boxing report to CSP (A) Trannett at any one of the flight deck athletic activity periods.

DECK SPLINTERS

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years in the Canadian Army. Pvt. Browne has served time in the U.S. Army...P.F.C. Beaman and Pvt. Lampert each has seen service in the Coast Guard...The first beach party resulted in the Marines losing their first softball game. However, they came back to even the score in the second..... The 4th Detachment wishes Corp. Cox many happy returns of the day on his 24th birthday. Me too.

On-the-Horizon: C.L. Andrews, CEM, will combine Xmas bells with wedding bells come Xmas...A swell job of mess catering is being done by Chief C.E. Shealy, CGM...Winner of the Chiefs individual War Bond Raffle was won by Chief Gardner, ACM...One hundred smackeroots...Ensign Arthur, Gus Bivona and his Musical Pirates were a distinct hit during their three day playing engagement at N.A.S. Navy 117.

Supply Officer, Lt. Comdr. Pabst, sporting a brand new mustachio...not going native

THE DEEP SIX

Girl: "My husband is in the Navy."

Wolf: "Oh, so your anchor's aweigh."

Millie: "When it comes to sailors, I like 'em tall, dark and handsome."

Daisy: "Yeah? When it comes to sailors, I like 'em tall, dark and handcuffed."

Mac: "Was her father surprised when you said you wanted to marry her?"

Mate: "Surprised! Why, he nearly dropped the shotgun!"

Girl: "Do you like the girls who kiss better than the others?"

Sailor: "What others."

And did you hear about the prayer a Sic made on going into his first sea battle? "Oh Lord, please distribute the enemy's shots like the pay...mostly among the officers."

Sailor, walking into recruiting office: "Gimme that ol' sales talk again. I'm gettin' kinda discouraged."

A flirt is a woman who believes that it's every man for herself.

Sailors don't get along with southern girls. They talk so slow--a guy asks for a kiss, and by the time she says "Yes," his leave is up.

on us, are you Commander?...It is now Chief Commissary Steward, Wheatly.