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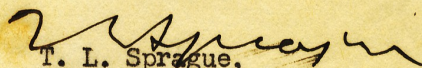
My dear Admiral,

Enclosed you will find some pictures of the Good Luck token which was presented to the ship by Mrs. Hoover. Your suggestion has been followed and, as you see, it has been mounted exactly on the center line of the pilot house, and is a constant reminder to us of the good wishes of our sponsor and our duty to our country. I have taken the liberty of mailing similar pictures to Mrs. Hoover.

I trust this finds you in good health, and I know by what I read in the dispatches, that your people are giving the Japs hell.

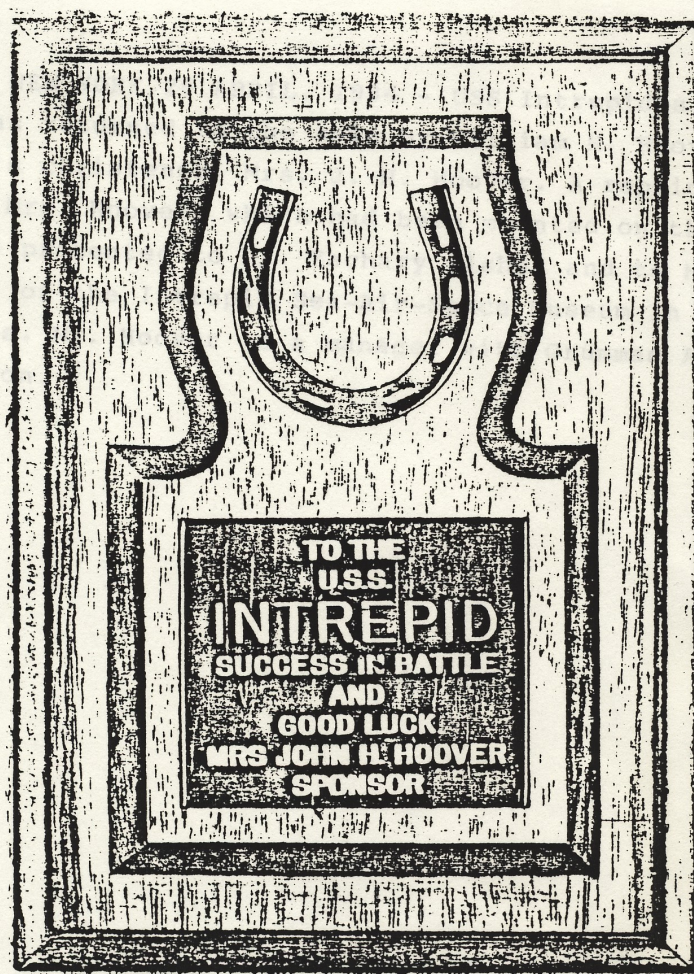
With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,



T. L. Sprague,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Rear Admiral J.H. Hoover, U.S. Navy,
Commander, Aircraft, Central Pacific Force,
Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

NEW YORK, 26 APRIL, 1984 - USS Intrepid's "Good Luck Token" was returned to the ship by William H. Hoover, son of the ship's christener, Mrs. J. H. Hoover. A replica of the plaque given by Mrs. Hoover, which had been mounted on the bridge, but lost, was presented to Mr. Zachary Fisher and to Mr. James Ean, president of the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in flight deck ceremonies. Mr. Hoover is a manager with Grumman Aerospace Corporation.



Pictured above is the "Good Luck Token" presented to the Intrepid aircraft carrier by Mrs. John H. Hoover. It was mounted in the ship's pilot house.

A wooden plaque with a horseshoe and an inscription. The plaque is made of dark wood and has a rectangular shape with a recessed center. A horseshoe is mounted on the wood. Below the horseshoe is a brass plate with an inscription. The plaque is mounted on a green textured wall.

TO THE
U.S.S.
INTREPID
SUCCESS IN BATTLE
AND
GOOD LUCK
MRS JOHN H. HOOVER
SPONSOR



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT & CEO

January 21, 1998

*Captain Bill Hoover, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
227 Providence Road
Annapolis, MD 21401*

Dear Caption Hoover,

A few weeks ago you contacted me for a picture of the Intrepid's Lucky Horseshoe that was presented to the ship by Mrs. J. H. Hoover, Intrepid's sponsor. I know you will be delighted to learn that the horseshoe is still on Intrepid and is continuing to bring us good luck! Please find the photograph you desired enclosed.

Best wishes

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Gardner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

*Donald R. Gardner
Major General, USMC (Ret.)*

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Enclosure: Photograph