

The SHANGRI-LA HORIZON

THANKSGIVING EDITION

THE ENGINEER OFFICER



While serving as a "grand kicker" during the Army's Mexican Border Dispute, our Chief Engineer, Comdr. G.E. Howell learned there were easier ways to see the world than marching. He then began a seafaring life which has continued ever since.

During World War I he served in the Navy as "COAL HEAVER" first class.

After World War I he entered in the Merchant Maritime Service where he obtained license in 1925. During this roaming of the seven seas a charming Holland girl captured his heart and brought him to the Altar...and ashore as a steamboat inspector on the Great Lakes.

He was commissioned Lieutenant(jg) in the USNR in 1930 and in July 1941 as a Lieutenant Commander, he was ordered into active service as Assistant to the Inspect-

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THANKSGIVING GREETINGS

To the Officers and Men of the *Shangri-La*:


This is for the second edition of our ship's paper and I know you are all glad that we are now in a position to do our own printing. Since the second issue comes out at Thanksgiving time, I am very glad to be able to give my shipmates a thanksgiving message.

You have all had a hard, trying time these last two months but you have just completed the worst part of our shake-down. I feel confident you will all get more fun out of the remainder of our first cruise.

Gunnery practice by a new crew is usually quite poor. I thought the shooting by the *Shangri-La* gun crews was excellent and your handling of planes reminded me of a carrier that had been in commission many months. It was splendid. Keep up the good work. Other departments were also much above average, in fact--excellent. The men of the Engineering department functioned like veterans. The Communication department handled many dispatches without a hitch. The quartermasters, signal men, galley force, in fact, all hands carried to completion a difficult job and I am very proud of each and every one.

Now I know that many men feel that every thing about this or any other ship should be different; that we should not be required to work so hard, or have so much drill or have so little liberty. After all, our lot is so much better than that of soldiers, sailors and marines who are engaged in far more hazardous fighting than we shall ever be called upon to do, that today, at this thanksgiving time let us all give thanks to God for our good health, our splendid new ship, and for the many other blessings which have been bestowed upon us all.

/s/I.D. BARNER



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

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THANKSGIVING DAY - 1944

Today, Thanksgiving Day..we have much for which to be thankful. Our land is unscarred by war, our naval and military units are closing in for the kill and the food trays which we carry are the heaviest-laden in the world.

O On the dream ship *Shangri-La*, routine will continue without let-ups, but special services and a thumping big turkey dinner with all the trimmings will serve as a reminder that its Thanksgiving Day.

At 1900 tonight a twenty minute Thanksgiving Service will be held on the Hangar Deck for all hands. Before the movies, therefore, come for a few minutes to give thanks to Almighty God and to remind ourselves of the many benefits we and our loved ones receive at His hands.

THE ENGINEER OFFICER

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tor of Machinery, USN, at a plant where most of our modern Navy's boilers are manufactured.

From there he was called to the *USS Long Island* under our present Captain--as Chief Engineer of our first converted Aircraft Carriers. Then to the Naval Station, Astoria, Oregon, assisting in the commissioning of fifty Kaiser escort carriers. Last June he was assigned to the *Shangri-La*.

Under his guidance, and with the help of a FEW experienced officers, chiefs and men, the Engineering Department has already given a fine performance which is a promise that this Engineer's Department will do its part in making the glorious history the *Shangri-La* has already begun.

S2c: "You wouldn't blame me for something I didn't do, would you?"

Chief: "Of course not."

S2c: "Well I didn't get to muster this morning."

ANSWERING ALL BELLS

Shortly after the *U.S.S. Shangri-La* was launched last February, members of the "Black Gang" began forming the "*Shangri-La Detail*". Their duty consisted of going on board ship every day and getting acquainted with the engineering plant. Some of the officers and men had years of experience in high pressure steam engineering, but many were digging in to learn from the bottom up.

Slowly but surely they traced out those steam lines and fuel lines through a maze of air hose, rigging, and yard workmen. They observed and assisted the yard force in installing pumps, valves, motors and pipe lines. They inspected and tested out every item of machinery in the Engineering Department.

Weeks before commissioning, each of the eight big boilers had generated a full head of steam. Each of the four main engines had turned over its shaft and screw. One of the finest and fastest plants, complete with the latest improvements by Bu-Ships and Norfolk Navy Yard, was ready to be put to the test. One hundred fifty thousand horses were harnessed and ready to go.

Shortly after commissioning, the engineers took her out for a trial spin and were highly pleased with the results of their efforts. A few more wrinkles were ironed out, a few touches added here and there and the plant was ready for inspection by the Admirals and Captains on the Board of Inspection and Survey. They gave us one of the highest ratings awarded to a ship of this class.

At their battle stations in hot engine rooms and hotter fire rooms, every man is an important cog in the machinery that keeps our propellers turning and the *Shangri-La* in position to launch and recover her planes. Go down below and you will hear a discussion about how fast she will go at full power or how many volts the main generators produce. Then again you may hear some light gurgles about liberty and women or note just enough of a low growl to know that the Black Gang has really come through.

From his battle station in Main Engine Control, Commander Howell, the "Chief Engineer" directs, sometimes very personally, the main propulsion operation. Surrounded by telephones connecting him with every machinery space, he is ready to answer every turn rung up by the Bridge. At this stage of our cruise, Commander Howell feels that his gang has put in some good hard hours and has done a swell job. They have shown the will, spirit and ability to put the *U.S.S. Shangri-La* out in front and now intend to keep her there.

MARINES MAKE GOOD

"I assure you that it is a source of personal satisfaction that the Marines are carrying this war to the enemy in a way that hurts; not only in physical combat but in their support of the War Bond Program."

Lt. Gen. A.A. Vandergrift

ATHLETICS ABOARD SHIP

Athletics aboard ship is by necessity different from what we have been used to on shore stations and in civil life. First, is the potential irregularity of the schedule. We can not have a definite time scheduled for athletics each day. We have to grab the time when we can. It may come during the morning or afternoon, depending upon our schedule of operations.

Secondly, we do not have the fine courts and fields we have ashore. These areas have to be marked off in spaces where we find room. Courts may be smaller or larger than ordinary and occasionally have an irregular shape but we simply go ahead with what is available and play the game.

Some days we are unable to have any program and then there are days when we can have a larger program than usual.

The activities in which men may participate will be as varied as possible. For example, there will be boxing, wrestling, volleyball, basketball, touch football, hand-to-hand combat (judo), and a variety of others to contribute to one's health and happiness.

The main order of the day will be competition in these activities. Everyone likes to compete whether as an individual or as a member of a team. Team competition will be conducted on a divisional basis. Each division may enter one or more teams in various tournaments, depending upon the size of the division. Records will be kept of the achievements of the various divisions with outstanding records at various times. Awards will also be given the winners of individual tournaments.

Of course, the big question in everyone's mind is "when is this going to start?" Let's answer that by placing ourselves in the position of the Captain and Executive Officer. Their big job is to get this ship ready to fight. They must be sure that every man knows his job thoroughly. They must have confidence that our repair parties can handle any damage that might occur and that every officer and man knows what to do should an emergency arise. Their only way of knowing this, is by good performance of these duties at the drills that we have. When they become satisfied that we can handle our jobs, the number of drills will decrease and more time will become available for our athletic program. So let's all pitch in and learn our jobs as quickly and thoroughly as possible.

Then will come time for our athletic program, which will equip us physically to withstand the strain of prolonged periods of combat, and to help develop that competitive attitude that is essential to a happy fighting ship.

Visitor Aboard: "I would like to see someone with a little authority."

Ensign: "What can I do for you? I have about as little as anybody."

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.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

"ETER... AND EVERPRESENT GOD, we stand in rever... before thee as we humbly beseech thy divine favor upon the exercises of this hour. May this vessel, which is here commissioned to serve in the Navy of the United States, be a holy vessel in the hollow of thy hand; consecrated to the destruction of evil and the preservation of those finer values toward which all peoples look. Grant that in the performance of its varied duties there may be present always the highest loyalty to the priceless traditions associated with the display of the Star Spangled Banner.

Keep secure those who in this ship shall commit their lives to the dangers of the deep. Watch over them we pray, that in peril or pleasure, no evil shall befall them or tragedy come nigh to hurt their souls; and so, through all the adventures of these momentous days, bring them by thy mercy over the horizon of time into that promised city of delight, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

The above prayer was given at the Commissioning of the U.S.S. Shangri-La by Chaplain P.L. Mitchell.

MEMO. TO ALL HANDS

An ideal Christman present for the children of Navy men has been announced by the Navy Department - and will be available on this ship.

It is a War bond - plus a handsome Treasury certificate bordered with Walt Disney animals and dwarfs in full color.

At the top of the certificate - which is 8 by 10 inches and suitable for framing - are the Seven Dwarfs, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful, Doc, Sneezy, Grumpy and Dopey.

On the sides and bottom in all the colors of the rainbow are Mickey Mouse, Pinocchio, Donald Duck, Goofy, Bambi, Figaro, Baby Weems, Hughie, Dewey, Louie, Thumper, Don Carioca, Feline and, of course, Pluto.

The certificate will be inscribed with the name of the child and will be given free for the asking to those who buy War Bonds during the Pearl Harbor Drive and until Christmas.

Information and bond application forms may be obtained from the War Bond Officer, Chaplain Mitchell, in the Crews Library.

FLIGHT QUARTERS--

by Cassone and Cowdery

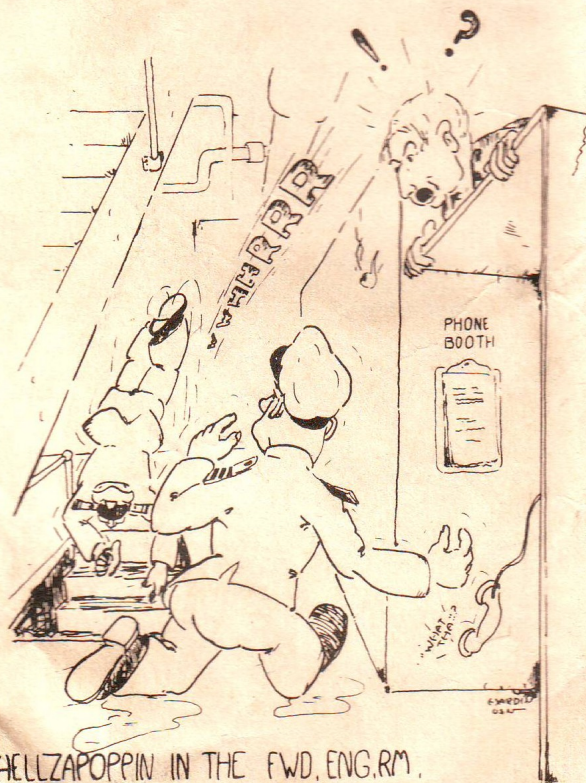


FLIGHT QUARTERS

A regular feature of the HORIZON will be "Flight Quarters" the Norfolk Naval Air Station's DOPE SHEET comic strip.

Featured in "Flight Quarters" is Miss Pepper Burns, a saucy little gal with a streamlined chassis, who works in the Ship's Service. One good look at Pepper and you'll see why "Flight Quarters" is popular and appropriate, for she usually has the lads scrambling.

She's just a "boot" as far as Navy life is concerned, and in her blissful ignorance, she occasionally startles the men aboard. So, get your copy of the HOFIZON and follow the trials and troubles of Pepper.



From: The Secretary of the Navy.
To: All Ships and Stations.
Subj: Extra Cash War Bond Sale.

1. The period December 1 to 7, 1944, inclusive, is hereby designated for the Navy's Extra Cash War Bond Sale. Regulations and instructions for stimulating and reporting such cash sales will be issued to all commands by Coordinator for War Bonds.

/s/James Forrestal

Flossie: "What's a military objective?"

Tessie: "Just walk past those sailors on the corner--you'll find out."

Mac: "Is that hair tonic any good?"

Barber: "Good? Say, I spilled some of it on my comb last week and now it's a brush!"

"I've taken my girl dancing and to the movies, bought her flowers and candy twice. Do you think I ought to kiss her?"

"I should say not! You've done enough for that girl already."

Did you ever stop to think that a Nudist is the only person who runs a sailor any competition for lack of pocket space?

and don't forget to buy a bunch of bonds, to buy a bunch of bombs, to bomb a bunch of bums.

"Thanks, Darling, for the Christmas present bond. It's a nice way for you to do your Christmas shopping."

Thanksgiving Day--November 23, 1944