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UNITED STATES SHIP MINDORO

CVE 120

Commissioning December 4, 1945

PANAY

NEGROS

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MINDANAO

BORNEO

MOROTAI

HALMAHERA

East China Sea

South China Sea

Mindoro

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was a member of the initial crew of the U. S. S. Mindoro
and was on board at the time
of commissioning

To Pace the Peace

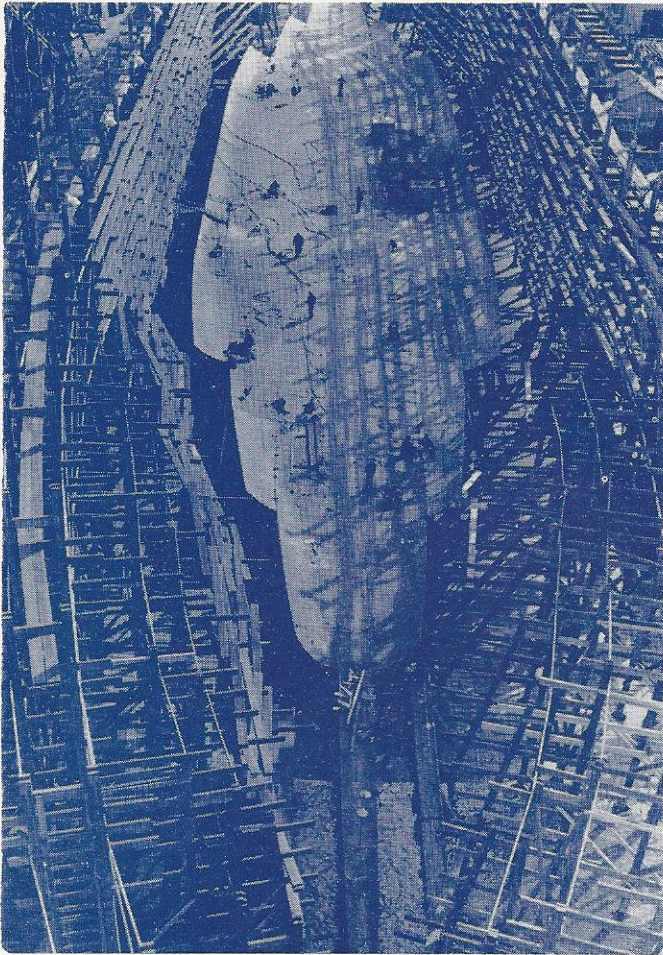
OUR commissioning comes at that season of the year when "Peace on Earth - Goodwill toward Men" is the order of the day.

We, the officers and men of the Mindoro, pray and hope that, for the sake of humanity, her service may be one of peace.

Yet, we are neither naive enough to think that the world conflict just passed will necessarily be the last — nor cynical enough to believe that future war is inevitable. But, we are cognizant of the fact, that at man's present state of civilization — eternal vigilance is the price of peace. And eternal vigilance shall be the Mindoro's contribution to what — with God's will and man's effort — may be a lasting peace.

May the Mindoro pace the peace.





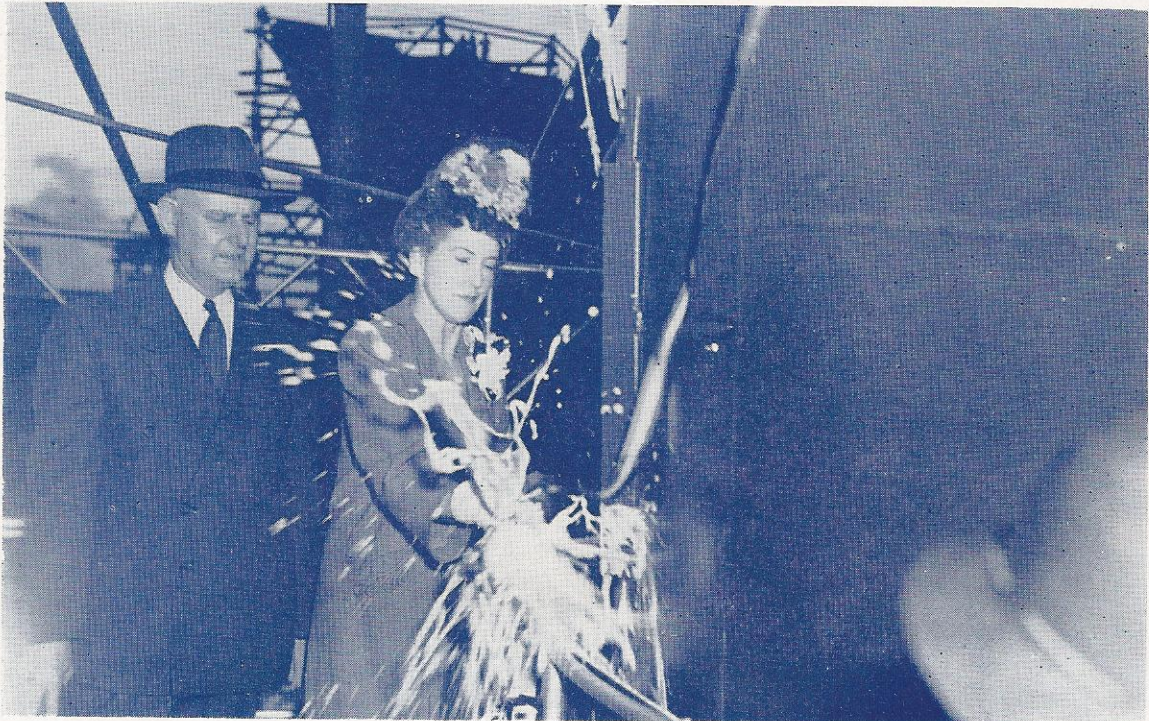
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The Mindoro's keel was laid on the first day of the New Year in 1945, and, almost six months later, as the christening bottle crashed against her bow, she was released from her holding triggers at Todd Pacific Shipyards. In the ideal weather which prevailed on June 27, 1945, she slipped—slowly at first—then faster down her ways to meet the waters of Commencement Bay at Tacoma. It is these same waters which she is now almost ready to leave for whatever adventure my lie ahead.

Scores of naval officers, Todd officials, invited guests and Todd workers witnessed the spectacle of the big ship making her first dip into the water. Todd President R. J. Lamont ordered the holding triggers sprung precisely at seven p. m. and seconds later the Mindoro came to rest out on the bay.

Mrs. R. L. Bowman won honors of the ship's sponsor, and she swung the christening bottle in seaman-like fashion. She is the wife of Capt. Bowman, USN, who commanded the U. S. S. Com-



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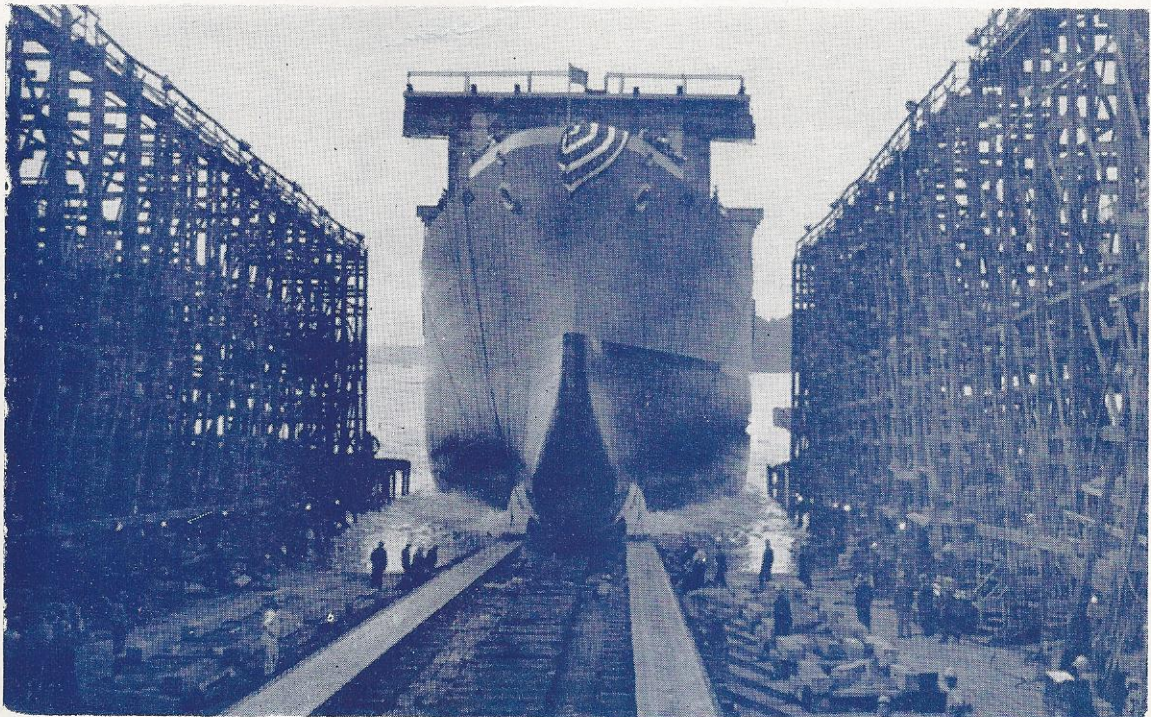
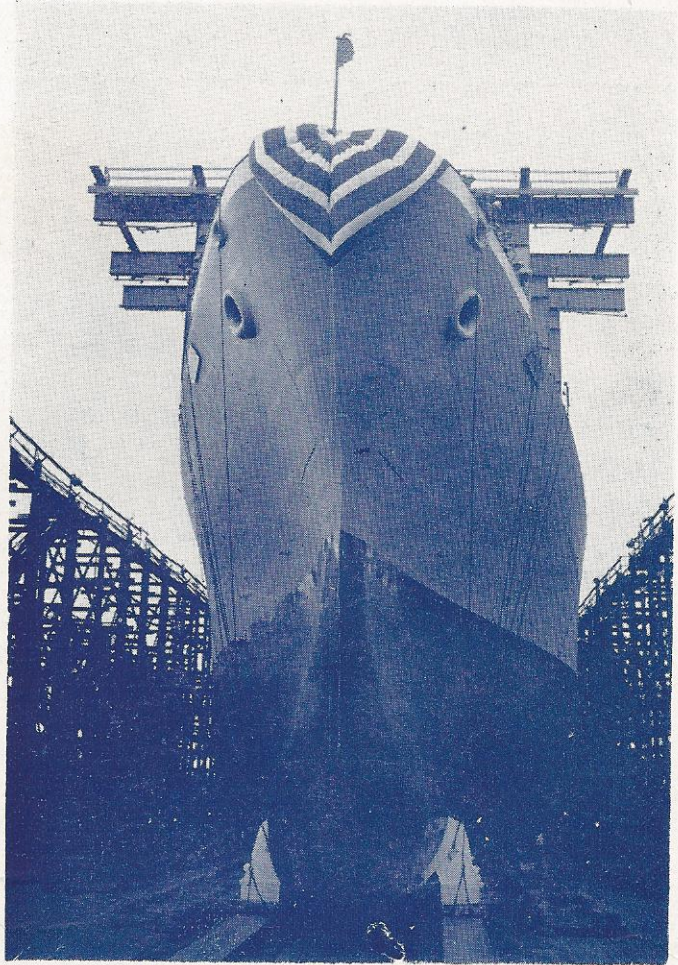
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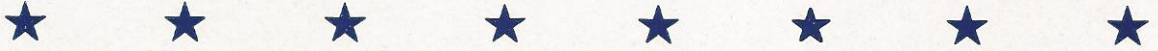
mencement Bay, the first ship of this series of carriers delivered to the Navy. Her matron of honor was Mrs. Henry J. Barbey of Astoria, Oregon.

Others in the sponsor's party on the high launching platform were Mrs. D. T. Handy, Mrs. Nelson P. Head, Mrs. M. E. Gange, Miss Anne McGuigan, Comdr. E. H. Enright, USN, Mrs. S. W. Callaway, Mrs. J. L. McGuigan, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace MacPherson, Mrs. Harry P. Cain and Capt. and Mrs. C. F. Coe, USN.

Mr. Lamont had in his official party, Mrs. Lamont, Geo. F. Kachlein, assistant general manager and Mrs. Kachlein; John Green, works manager and Mrs. Green; James F. Goodrich, chief engineer and Mrs. Goodrich, and Lt. Comdr. S. B. Moser, USNR, of the supervisor of shipbuilding office.

The Mindoro is one of 19 sister-ships built at Tacoma for the U. S. Navy. These vessels are the largest ships ever built in the Pacific Northwest and are classed as the world's largest all-weld ships.





MINDORO

The U. S. S. MINDORO, — its name commemorating our landings made in December of 1944 on the Island of Mindoro, in the Philippines, is a symbol of carrier air power's greatest contribution to the war.

The Philippines, having been the largest of our possessions lost to the enemy, it was fitting that, in no previous operation, did the preparatory phase of our strike to regain them, cover such a vast area and involve so many different striking elements. The leading role was played by a tremendous carrier force of the Third Fleet which struck along a vast arc from the Philippines to Marcus Island, the Ryukyus, and Formosa.

On October 20, 1944, troops poured ashore at Leyte. On October 25th, a strong Japanese force reached Leyte Gulf and began shelling our carriers. In this action, the enemy lost a golden opportunity, which was actually in their hands, to destroy our entire escort carrier and transport fleet in Leyte Gulf. Our carriers, destroyers, and destroyer escorts covered themselves with glory against tremendous odds.

During all the operations in September and October, it was the carrier forces of the Third Fleet that dominated the air action and deserved the major share of credit. In these two months, carrier air power, in a war dominated by sea masses, rather than land masses, proved itself indispensable. On December 15th we made a landing on the Island of Mindoro and, once again, the Japs struck hard, but this time it was too late. Once on the firm soil of Mindoro, the Fifth Air Force was able to pull its main bomber strength up to the Philippines and took up where the carriers left off. In three weeks, the remainder of the Jap air establishment in the Philippines was utterly demolished. Never in the European Theatre or previously in the Pacific, had such a crushing air defeat been administered.

Carrier air might had come into its own.



Invocation

Father of all mankind, Creator of land and sea and sky, we invoke thy blessings on this occasion. We pray that thou wilt look with favor upon the commissioning of this, one of our country's fleet of combat ships. May she prove seaworthy and a bulwark of strength for the men aboard in turbulent seas. If need be, may she withstand the assaults of enemies in the defense of our country and its constitution. And may she be a blessing to those whose hands have made her.

We pray thy blessings upon those who will make her their home and man her for conflict, give them courage and strength for their tasks. Bless the one in command to the end that she may be an efficient and happy ship.

In the name of the Eternal One. Amen.

Navy Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.



*Commanding
Officer*

**CAPTAIN
EDWIN R. PECK, U.S.N.**



Captain Edwin R. Peck, U. S. N., was born in Buchanan, Michigan, on November 3, 1902. He is a Naval Academy graduate of the class of 1923 and has been a designated Naval Aviator since 1926, having spent the interven-

ing three years on destroyer duty. In 1926 he was assigned to the U. S. S. Nevada with Observation Squadron 2. The years 1927 to 1929 saw him attached to a fighter squadron aboard, first the U. S. S. Langley, and later the U. S. S. Saratoga, which he helped commission.

His experience gained by then, qualified him excellently as an instructor, for which purpose he was brought back to Pensacola for the period 1929 to 1932. Again, in the next four years, he served in both fighter and bomber squadrons aboard the U. S. S. Saratoga and the U. S. S. Ranger, another ship which he helped commission. 1936 to 1938 saw him engaged in Patrol Squadron duty at Coca Solo, while 1938 to 1940 found him engaged in the same type of duty at Seattle and in the Alaskan area. The Naval Air Station at Seattle claimed him from 1940 to 1942.

From August, 1942 to May 1944, duty took him to the Southwest Pacific where he served first Staff Commander Aircraft Seventh Fleet, and later was with Fleet Air Wing 17, based on New Guinea. Once again, his experience made him invaluable for the purpose, and he spent the period June 1944 to August 1945 at the NAS, Vero Beach, Florida, where Naval and Marine Night Fighters were trained. Our Captain brings to the U. S. S. Mindoro, pre-eminent qualifications which will guide her through the days ahead.

Captain Peck married the former Miss Thelma Childs of Buchanan, Mich. They have one daughter, age 17, and two sons, 15 and 12 years old, respectively.

*Executive
Officer*

COMMANDER

**JOHN H. S. JOHNSON,
U. S. N.**



Comdr. John H. S. Johnson, U. S. N., of Richton, Mississippi, was born on January 17, 1909. After graduation from high school, he attended Marion Institute at Marion, Alabama for one year. In June, 1928, he

was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy, being a graduate of the class of 1932. The following four years saw him aboard battleships for duty—the U. S. S. Arkansas and the U. S. S. Idaho. His flight training took place at Pensacola from February 1936 to April 1937. Assignment to Torpedo Squadron 3, aboard the U. S. S. Saratoga, followed this training. Duty then took him to the U. S. S. Richmond for a further period of two years. From June, 1940 to April, 1942, he was attached to the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, and, in 1942, organized and commissioned VSID5 at NAS, Norfolk, being in command of this unit until June, 1943. The next two years, he spent as C. O. Headquarters Squadron Fleet Air Wing 12. In May, 1945, he assumed Command of Fleet Air Wing 12 and later, decommissioned this wing in July, 1945.

It is an interesting fact that our Executive Officer is one of eight brothers who have served their country, four of whom were Annapolis graduates and Naval Aviators. One brother made the supreme sacrifice, having died in the service of his country in China in 1934.

Commander Johnson married the former Miss Ethel Runyan of Pensacola, Florida on April 12, 1937. They have two sons, John H. S. Johnson, Jr., age 3, and Joseph E. Johnson, II, age 4 months.

Our Executive Officer, too, brings a wealth of air experience to the U. S. S. Mindoro.



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... Commissioning

Assembly of the Crew

Supervisor of Shipbuilding received at gangway and escorted
to Commissioning Parade

Invocation by Chaplain Peter R. McPhee, Jr., U.S.N.R.

Playing of the Navy Hymn

Delivery of the Ship to U. S. Navy by Mr. G. F. Kachlein, Jr.,
Assistant General Manager of Todd Pacific Shipyards Inc.

Presentation of War Bond Plaque by Pierce County War Finance
Committee

Acceptance of Ship for the U. S. Navy by Captain H. N. Wallin,
U.S.N.

Refreshments will be served on the Hand



MINDORO

Commissioning Program . . .



Commissioning Orders and Remarks by Captain H. N. Wallin,
U.S.N.

Playing of National Anthem while Colors are raised

Transfer of Command to Captain Edwin R. Peck, U.S.N.

Orders to Command and Remarks by Captain Edwin R. Peck,
U.S.N.

Setting of the Watch by Commander J. H. S. Johnson, U.S.N.

Retreat

erved on the Hangar Deck and in the Crew's Mess



Department Heads

Air Officer



LT. COMDR. JAMES A. WEST, Jr., USNR, of Wash., D.C., University Maryland and Washington Law College. Various duties, recently operation officer, NAS. Livermore. Married, 1 boy, age 20 mo.

Gunnery Officer



LIEUT. JOHN L. MCCOOK, USNR, hails from Georgetown, Texas and Southwestern University. Previous service at Sub Base, Panama and U.S.S. Shipley Bay. Good looking, but still single.

Navigator



LT. FERRELL A. ROLLINS, USN, native of Hartselle, Alabama. Almost 17 years of active duty in various capacities. Most recently Navigator of U. S. S. Hollandia (CVE 96). Married, no children.

Communication Officer



LT. (jg.) JOHN R. KELSEY, USNR, from Toledo, Ohio. Yale University. Service includes Communication School at Harvard and 17 months aboard U.S.S. Shipley Bay. Unmarried.

Engineering Officer



LT. COMDR. VICTOR U. BUENZLE, USNR, Palo Alto, Calif. Calif. Nautical School. Merchant Marine. Over 5 years Naval Service, two previous commissionings. Unmarried.

Supply Officer



LT. COMDR. GORDON M. CALHOUN, USN, of Oakland, Calif., and the University of California. Five years Naval experience in various activities including three years sea duty. Married, 1 boy.

First Lieutenant



LT. WM. S. TOWNSEND, USN, makes his home in Tacoma, Wn. Over 15 years sea duty, 12 years on USS Tennessee, two years aboard USS Yorktown. Married, two girls.

U. S. S. MINDORO

Roster of Officers



CAPTAIN EDWIN R. PECK, U.S.N.

Commanding Officer

COMMANDER JOHN H. S. JOHNSON, U.S.N.

Executive Officer

Lieut. Comdr. V. U. Buenzle, USNR
Lieut. Comdr. G. M. Callison, USN
Lieut. Comdr. R. A. Cwik, USNR
Lieut. Comdr. T. D. Martin, USN
Lieut. Comdr. J. B. Mitchell, USNR
Lieut. Comdr. R. J. Ney, USN
Lieut. Comdr. J. A. West, Jr., USNR
Lieut. Comdr. J. E. White, USN

Lieut. J. J. Daly, USNR
Lieut. W. D. Guthrie, USNR
Lieut. C. Hamilton, USN
Lieut. C. Jones, Jr., USNR
Lieut. J. L. McCook, USNR
Lieut. R. J. McKee, USNR
Lieut. F. A. Rollins, USN
Lieut. W. S. Townsend, USN

Lieut. (jg) E. H. Bastien, USNR
Lieut. (jg) C. C. Browne, USNR
Lieut. (jg) L. L. Buswell, USNR
Lieut. (jg) O. F. Cilley, USN
Lieut. (jg) H. W. Falbe, USN
Lieut. (jg) J. R. Kelsey, USNR
Lieut. (jg) M. F. Killory, USNR
Lieut. (jg) R. G. Lang, USN
Lieut. (jg) H. R. Lehnhardt, USNR
Lieut. (jg) D. T. Loughran, USNR
Lieut. (jg) H. A. May, USN
Lieut. (jg) A. E. Owings, USN
Lieut. (jg) P. R. Stoltz, USNR
Lieut. (jg) R. A. Townsend, USNR

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Ensign T. E. Babb, USNR
Ensign J. A. Bialosky, USNR
Ensign S. Cox, USNR
Ensign D. L. Currier, USNR
Ensign D. F. DeGroote, USN
Ensign R. W. Delavega, USNR
Ensign B. Feld, USNR
Ensign R. D. Katzenmeyer, USNR
Ensign R. W. Lotz, USNR
Ensign H. H. McCall, USNR
Ensign R. C. May, USNR
Ensign J. W. Newberger, USNR
Ensign D. D. Newton, USNR
Ensign J. R. Rowland, USNR
Ensign R. R. Radnor, USNR
Ensign L. S. Shealy, Jr., USNR
Ensign S. D. Skillern, USNR
Ensign A. L. Tollefson, USNR
Ensign G. A. Trigaux, USNR
Ensign G. K. Turner, USNR
Ensign C. L. Wakefield, USNR
Ensign W. E. Webb, USNR
Ensign A. G. Wilson, USNR
Ensign G. D. Wood, USNR
Ensign S. W. Wolf, USNR
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Ch. Gunner O. H. Keene, USN
APC A. C. Coleman, USN
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Mach. A. Phillips, USN

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who man the Mindoro . . .

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The Mindoro is one of a group of carriers, the type of which signifies the culmination of efforts to combine into a single ship all of those characteristics which had proved themselves most battle-worthy in past escort carrier experience. Nor has the comfort and welfare of those who man her been sacrificed or neglected. Rather, have those refinements which mean so much to the morale of those aboard been enhanced.

Of course, her prime function is that of a floating air field—and her facilities in that capacity are unsurpassed. She is equipped to care in every respect both for herself and for the planes she harbors, as well as for those who breathe the spirit into her inanimate machinery.

For, the Mindoro, to function as a true man o' war of the United States Navy, must have that elusive and almost indefinable something which makes of a ship far more than just a massive structure of steel inhabited by a crew. That something results in a functioning of the ship to the best of her abilities under all circumstances and conditions. The mechanical part of that something has been built into the ship and is an innate part of her, for she has truly been equipped physically with the best which money can buy. But the human element of that something comes only from a true understanding, by each of her men, of the term "shipmates." A simple term—yet one which has a connotation hardly fathomable to one not of the Navy. For, aboard ship, men live physically and spiritually far closer to each other than do any other group of people as a body. And each man's virtual existence is dependent upon the proper functioning of each man at his job in peace as well as in war. To be a real "shipmate" implies a strict observance of the Golden Rule. To be a real "shipmate" implies giving the best that is in each of us—spiritually, morally and physically.

To care for those who give her life, the Mindoro is a city in herself. She can cruise practically around the globe without refueling. A completely equipped spotless, air-conditioned hospital rivals the best ashore. Her shining galley turns out volumes of healthful, nourishing food three times a day. Every day her bakery turns out 400 loaves of bread and 150 pies with biscuits, rolls and cakes thrown in for good measure. Refrigeration is provided to take care of enormous quantities of fresh foods and meats. One days provisions for feeding may include one hundred dozen eggs, almost a ton of meat and a ton of potatoes, among the many foods served. A modern soda fountain dispenses cokes, milk shakes and ice cream. For the personal needs of her crew there are excellently equipped services including barber shop, laundry, cobbler shop and ship's service store. Complete church services may be held, and a daily newspaper is published to keep all men in continuous contact, not only with the important happenings of the world, but also with the ship's local news. A library is provided and the most modern movie equipment and movies gives the ship a world of entertainment. Physical well being of her men is assured by the skillfully planned athletic program, while plentiful gear and hangar deck space encourages participation in sports by the maximum number. The Mindoro's radio equipment surpasses that of many city broadcast facilities in both range and power. Her electric plant could adequately light a United States City. Several hundred dial telephones supplement other systems of interior communications. She is, naturally, equipped with the very finest in radar equipment and in all other particulars with those instruments which make for the safest possible navigation under all circumstances.

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