

**Charles Monroe Stuart, Jr., Navy Service 1935-1939 and Army Service in World War II**  
**By Carolyn Stuart Dorval, daughter, January 01, 2024**

**C.M.S. aboard ship, c. 1935-1939**



**Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Presidential Cruise on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1938**



**Charles Monroe Stuart, Jr., b. 1/29/1916-d. 7/13/1996**  
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Charles Monroe Stuart, Jr. graduated from Northbridge high school on June 8, 1934. The following July he enlisted in the Navy in search of excitement and adventure and he would find both. Charles enlisted as an apprentice seaman on 17 July 1935 having experience in repair, upkeep of firerooms and boilers. His navy service lasted 3 years:11 months:7days and ended 23 June 1939 and alternated between the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Houston and the hospital ship U.S.S. Relief. He was on the USS Houston for the third and fourth Presidential Cruise of Franklin D. Roosevelt. During this time, he went through the shellback ceremony when the ship crossed the equator on 25 July 1938. The Imperium Neptuni Regis certificate is a record of the shellback ceremony and lists Charles M. Stuart Jr. as WT <sup>2/c</sup> (water tender second class) and is hand signed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt and is a beautiful document. After discharge from the navy, Charles was employed by Whitin Machine Works as a machinist for several years only to return to service after enlisting in the army on 02 November 1943 during World War II. He tried to re-enlist in the navy several times but he had severe eczema on his hands from all the solvents that he was exposed to during his previous navy service and he was rejected. He tried again and finally was accepted into the army. He served in the Third Army, Company C, 503<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Battalion and was an expert in carbine. He related a story that he saw General George Patton who commanded the Third Army and that the aftermath of war was disturbing. He served in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe and was in Normandy a few days after D-Day, 6 June 1944. He was discharged from the army on 21 December 1945 and arrived in the USA shortly thereafter. After the war, he attended WW II veteran reunions. Charles re-entered society and was an auxiliary police officer and worked at Whitin Machine works for 39 years before his retirement in 1978. Charles and his wife, Clare, herself a WW II Navy nurse, purchased a house on Laurel Lake in Douglas, MA in 1960. His daughter Carolyn Stuart Dorval has resided here since 1976.

Original photographs and documents were carefully photographed. The digital photographs are all from original pictures from the Presidential Cruises, various ports of call and during WW II.

**Provenance of collection: Charles Monroe Stuart, Jr. to Carolyn Stuart (Dorval)**

**Charles Monroe Stuart, Jr. as a young boy**



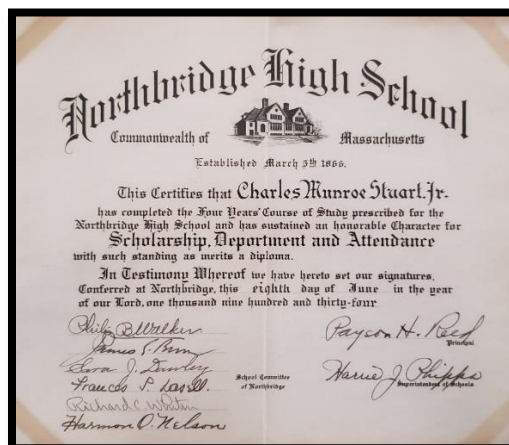
C.M.S., third from right, high school lettermen



C.M.S. with his sister Irene Stuart (Bliss) in high school



C.M.S., High School Diploma, 8 June 1934




**U.S.S. Houston, CL 30/CA 30 c. 1934-1939**

**“Galloping Ghost of the Java Coast”, Original 8” x 9 7/8” photo from C.M.S. collection**



**U.S.S. Houston Specifications**

U.S.S. Houston (CL-30/CA-30)

Namesake: Houston, Texas
Builder: Newport News Shipbuilding
Laid down: 1 May 1928
Launched: 7 September 1929
Commissioned: 17 June 1930
Fate: sunk 1 March 1942, Battle of Sunda Strait
Stricken: 19 July 1946
Honors/Awards: two battle stars and PUC in WW II
Class/Type: Northampton-class cruiser
Displacement 9,200 Tons
Length: 600' 3"
Beam: 66' 1"
Draft: 16' 4" to 23'
Speed: 32.7 knots
Complement: 109 officers/676 enlisted
Armament:
9 × 8 in (203 mm)/55 caliber guns (3x3)
8 × 5 in (127 mm)/25 caliber anti-aircraft guns
2 × 3-pounder 47 mm (1.9 in) saluting guns
6 × quad 40 mm (1.6 in) Bofors guns
20 × 20 mm (0.79 in) Oerlikon cannons
16 x 1.1 inch (28 mm)/75 caliber anti-aircraft guns
Armor:
Belt: 3–3 ¾ in (76–95 mm)
Deck: 1–2 in (25–51 mm)
Barbettes: 1 ½ in (38 mm)
Turrets: ¾–2 ½ in (19–64 mm)
Conning Tower: 1 ¼ in (32 mm)
Aircraft: 2 SOC Seagull Scout floatplanes, 2 catapults



## History of the U.S.S. Houston

USS Houston (CL/CA-30), was a Northampton-class cruiser of the United States Navy and the second ship to bear the name "Houston". She was launched by Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Virginia, on 7 September 1929, sponsored by Elizabeth Holcombe (daughter of Oscar Holcombe, then-mayor of Houston, Texas), and commissioned on 17 June 1930, Captain Jesse Gay commanding. Originally classified as a light cruiser (CL-30) because of thin armor, she was redesignated a heavy cruiser (CA-30) on 1 July 1931, as the provisions of the 1930 London Naval Treaty considered ships with 8-inch main guns to be heavy cruisers. After conducting a shakedown cruise in the Atlantic, Houston returned to the United States in October 1930 and visited Houston TX then joined the fleet at Hampton Roads. Steaming to New York, the cruiser departed on 10 January 1931 for the Pacific, and after stopping at the Panama Canal and the Hawaiian Islands, arrived at Manila on 22 February. Houston became flagship of the Asiatic Fleet upon arrival, and for the next year participated in training operations in the Far East. With the outbreak of war between China and Japan in 1931, Houston got underway on 31 January for Shanghai to protect American interests. She landed Marine and Navy gun platoons to help stabilize the situation and remained in the area, with the exception of a good will cruise to the Philippines in March and one to Japan in May 1933, until being relieved by Augusta on 17 November 1933. The cruiser sailed to San Francisco to join the Scouting Force, and for the years preceding World War II participated in Fleet Problems and maneuvers in the Pacific. During this period, Houston made several special cruises. President Franklin Roosevelt came aboard on 1 July 1934 at Annapolis, Maryland, for a cruise of almost 12,000 nautical miles (14,000 mi) through the Caribbean and to Portland, Oregon, by way of Hawaii. Houston also carried Assistant Secretary of the Navy Henry L. Roosevelt on a tour of the Hawaiian Islands, returning to San Diego on 15 May 1935. After a short cruise in Alaskan waters, the cruiser returned to Seattle and embarked the President again on 3 October for a vacation cruise to Cedros Island, Magdalena Bay, Cocos Islands, and Charleston, South Carolina. Houston also celebrated the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco on 28 May 1937, and carried President Roosevelt for a Fleet Review at the same city on 14 July 1938. Roosevelt's 24-day cruise aboard Houston concluded on 9 August 1938 at Pensacola, Florida. Houston became flagship of the U.S. Fleet on 19 September, when Rear Admiral Claude C. Bloch brought his flag aboard, and maintained that status until 28 December, when she returned to the Scouting Force. Continuing the routine of training exercises, she got underway for Fleet Problem XX, on 4 January 1939 from San Francisco, sailed to Norfolk and Key West, and there embarked the President and the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral William D. Leahy, for the duration of the problem. She arrived in Houston on 7 April for a brief visit before returning to Seattle, where she arrived on 30 May. Assigned as flagship of the Hawaiian Detachment, the cruiser arrived Pearl Harbor after her post-overhaul shakedown on 7 December 1939, and continued in that capacity until returning to Mare Island on 17 February 1940. Sailing to Hawaii, she departed for the Philippine Islands on 3 November. Arriving at Manila on 19 November, she became the flagship of Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commander Asiatic Fleet. Shortly before the war in the Pacific broke out, five quad-mount 1.1"/75 caliber antiaircraft cannons were shipped to Cavite Naval Yard in the Philippines; four of these were installed aboard Houston to increase the ship's air defense protection.

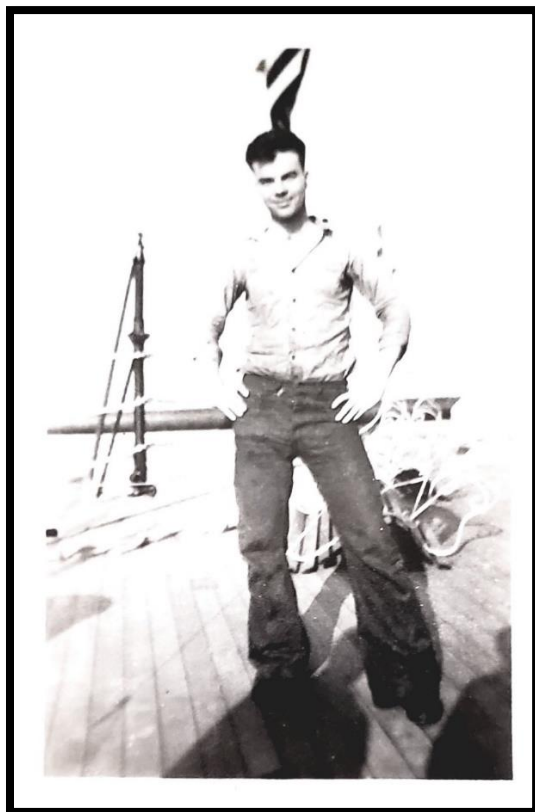
### **U.S.S. Houston maneuvers and cruises: Bold+Blue highlight: C.M.S. was on these cruises**

January 1, 1927	First meeting of the Cruiser Houston Committee
September 7, 1927	Navy announces that heavy cruiser will be named for Houston
May 1, 1928	Ships keel laid at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company
September 7, 1929	USS Houston (CA-30) launched in Newport News, Virginia
June 17, 1930	Ship commissioned in the United States Navy Yard
February 22, 1931	Houston becomes flagship of Asiatic Fleet
1933	Houston joins Scouting Force based in Long Beach, CA
July 1, 1934	First cruise by President Franklin D. Roosevelt
<b>October 3, 1935</b>	<b>Second Presidential Cruise, Charles Monroe Stuart, Jr.</b>
<b>July 16, 1938</b>	<b>Third Presidential Cruise, Charles Monroe Stuart, Jr.</b>
<b>February 18, 1939</b>	<b>Fourth Presidential Cruise, Charles Monroe Stuart, Jr.</b>
November 7, 1939	Houston in Pearl Harbor with Hawaiian Detachment
November 27, 1941	Houston ordered to central Philippines
January 15, 1942	Houston becomes part of American-British-Dutch-Australian (ABDA) force
February 4, 1942	Battle of Makassar Strait
February 27, 1942	Battle of the Java Sea
February 28-March 1, 1942	Battle of Sunda Strait and sinking of USS Houston (CA-30)
March 1942 USS	Houston crew members become POWs
May 30, 1942	Thousand Houston Volunteers join Navy
June 19, 1943	USS Houston (CL-81) launched
October 1942- October 1943	Burma-Thai Railway built with POW labor
August 16, 1945	Houston crew members learn war is over
1948	Beginnings of USS Houston Survivors Association

### **Presidential Cruise and U.S.S. Houston additional information:**

[http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/resources/images/tully/7\\_03.pdf](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/resources/images/tully/7_03.pdf)  
<https://www.navalhistory.org/2015/11/03/president-roosevelts-gone-fishin>

C.M.S. aboard ship, c. 1935-1939



C.M.S., WT 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Navy Good Conduct Medal, 1939



Pillow Shams, 16 1/2" x 16 1/2" "

3<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Cruise on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1938 and 4<sup>th</sup> Presidential Cruise on February 18<sup>th</sup> 1939  
Stuart, C.M., Jr.; WT2c listed in the 1938 roster of the Presidential Cruise book, Page 73.  
C.M.S. was part of the 1939 Presidential Cruise although no book was produced.



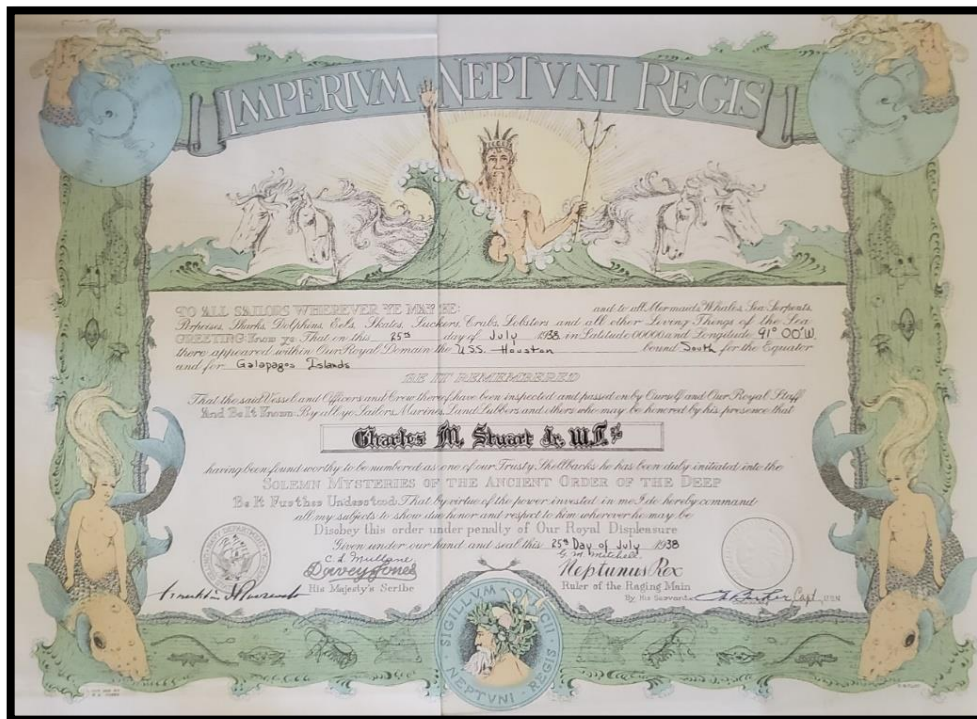
Third Presidential Cruise, Galapagos Islands, 25<sup>th</sup> July 1938

Certificate: Imperium Neptuni Regis to Charles M. Stuart Jr. WT 2/c

Hand signed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt; beautiful document never framed

Shellback Ceremony aboard U.S.S. Houston, Presidential Cruise, 1938,

Ceremony during the Presidential Cruise of 1938, commemorating crossing the equator





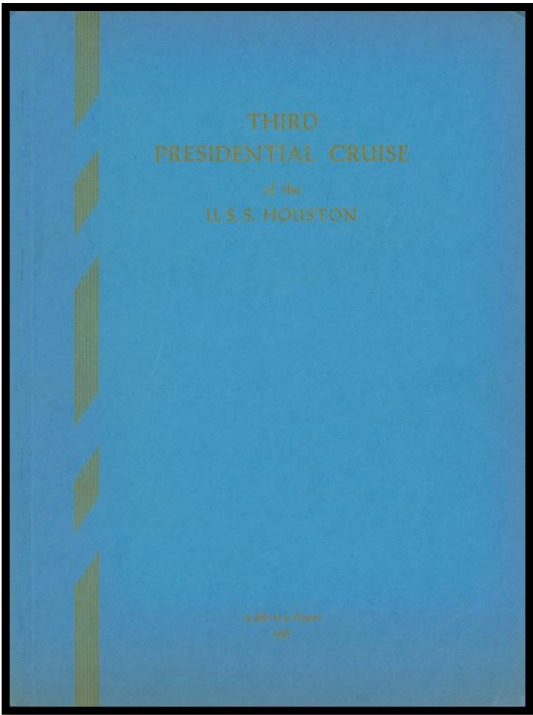
Certificate: Domain of Neptunus Rex to Charles M. Stuart, May 20, 1936, never framed  
Shellback Ceremony aboard U.S.S. Houston commemorating crossing the equator



Third Presidential Cruise Book

The book is in very good condition, the spine is intact and not ripped or creased in any way, some light soil to the cover, all pages intact, no tears, very light foxing on front and back pages, 8 1/4" x 11"

Stuart, C.M., Jr.; WT2c listed on Page 73.



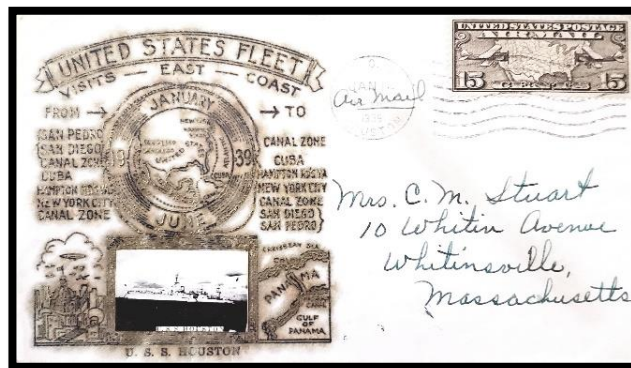
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Stoner, R. L. ....	F1
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Stuart, C. M., Jr. ....	WT2c
Sullivan, G. J. ....	Sea2c
Sweeney, W. ....	MAT2c
Taylor, F. B. ....	GM3c
Tejano, R. ....	MAT1c
Tennant, W. R. ....	WT1c
Teschner, S. F. ....	Sea1c
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Thompson, R. B. ....	SK3c

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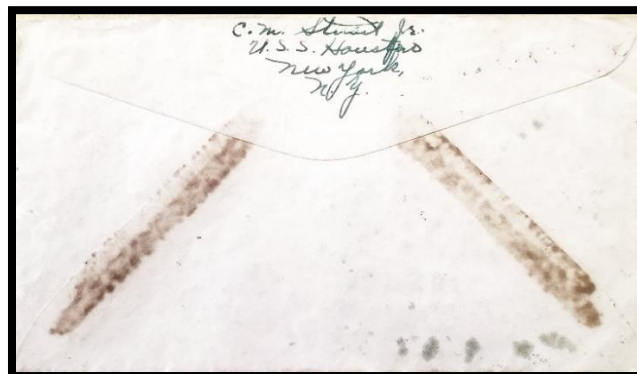
U.S.N. lock, from U.S.S. Houston, c. 1935-1939



Envelope, 1939, letter sent by C.M.S. from U.S.S. Houston, 6 1/2" x 3 1/2"



Reverse



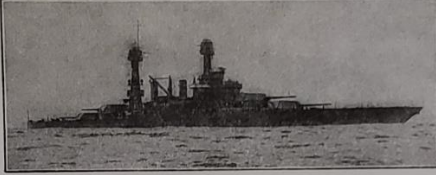


U.S.S. Houston Training Course Certificate, July 1936

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(Sept., 1929)

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Navy Training Course Certificate

Charles M. STUART (212-40-51), Fireman third class, U.S. Navy  
having completed the Navy Training Course

"FIREMAN SECOND CLASS"

with a mark of 3.18, is awarded this certificate this 25th  
day of July, 1936. Notation to this effect has been made in  
his service record.

*H. T. McCrary*  
H. T. MCCRARY,  
Machinist, U. S. Navy,  
Division Officer.

*P. K. Robottom*  
P. K. ROBOTOM,  
Commander, U. S. Navy,  
Commanding  
U. S. S. HOUSTON

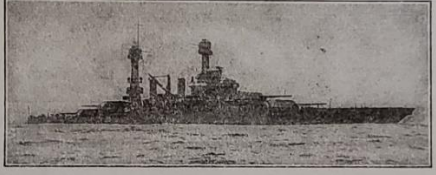
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U.S.S. Houston Training Course Certificate, January 1937

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Navy Training Course Certificate

C. M. STUART, #212-40-51, Fireman second class, U.S.N.  
having completed the Navy Training Course

"FIREMAN FIRST CLASS"

with a mark of 3.48, is awarded this certificate this 29th  
day of January, 1937. Notation to this effect has been made in  
his service record.

*A. C. House Jr.*  
A. C. HOUSE, Jr.,  
Ensign, U. S. Navy,  
Division Officer.

*P. K. Robottom*  
P. K. ROBOTOM,  
Commander, U. S. Navy,  
Commanding  
U. S. S. HOUSTON


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U.S.S. Houston Training Course Certificate, March 1938

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Navy Training Course Certificate

Charles M. Stuart, Fireman First Class, U. S. Navy,  
having completed the Navy Training Course

"WATERTENDER SECOND CLASS"

with a mark of 3.95, is awarded this certificate this 25th  
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his service record.

*A. B. Clapp*  
A. B. CLAPP,  
Chief Machinist, U. S. Navy,  
Division Officer.

*C. A. Bailey*  
C. A. BAILEY,  
Commander, U. S. Navy,  
Commanding  
U. S. S. HOUSTON


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U.S.S. Houston Training Course Certificate, June 1938

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Charles M. Stuart Watertender Second Class, U.S. Navy,  
having completed the Navy Training Course

"WATERTENDER FIRST CLASS AND CHIEF WATER TENDER"

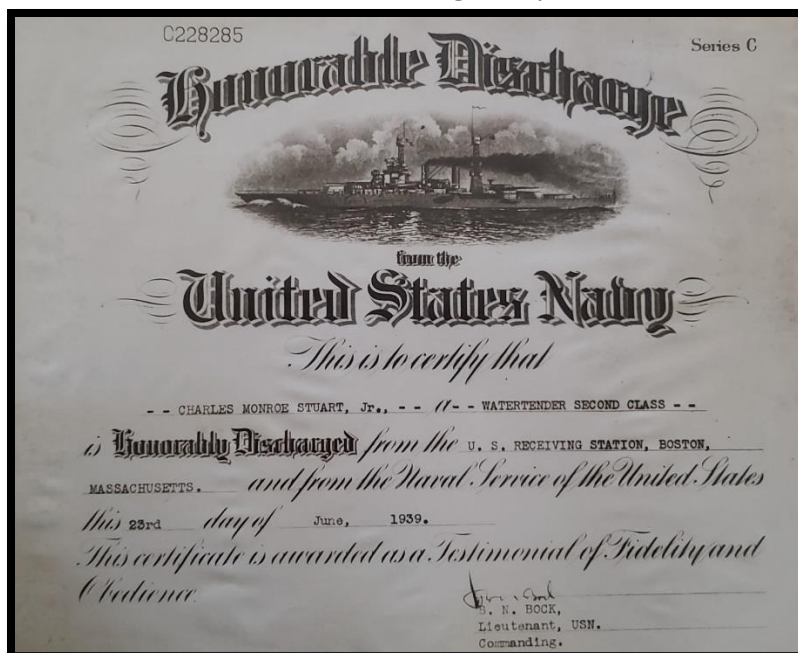
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A. B. CLAPP,  
Chief Machinist, U. S. Navy,  
Division Officer.

*C. A. Bailey*  
C. A. BAILEY,  
Commander, U. S. Navy,  
Commanding  
U. S. S. HOUSTON

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C.M.S. Honorable Discharge, Navy, 23 June 1939



Log Album-Pictures, 1937 Hawaiian Maneuvers, C.M. Stuart Jr. U.S.S. Relief and U.S.S. Houston  
Suede cover, Hand painted scene with canvas binding and back, pristine condition, 8 1/4" x 11 1/2"





The pictures on the following pages are all originals from the album.

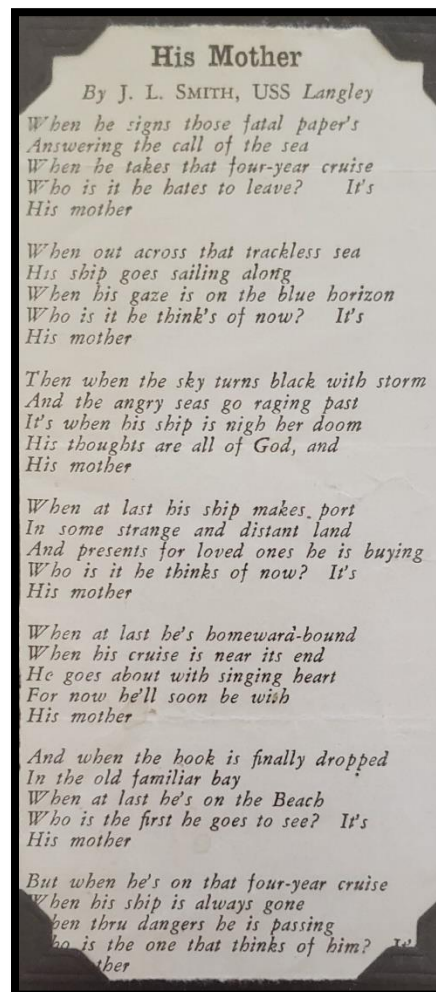
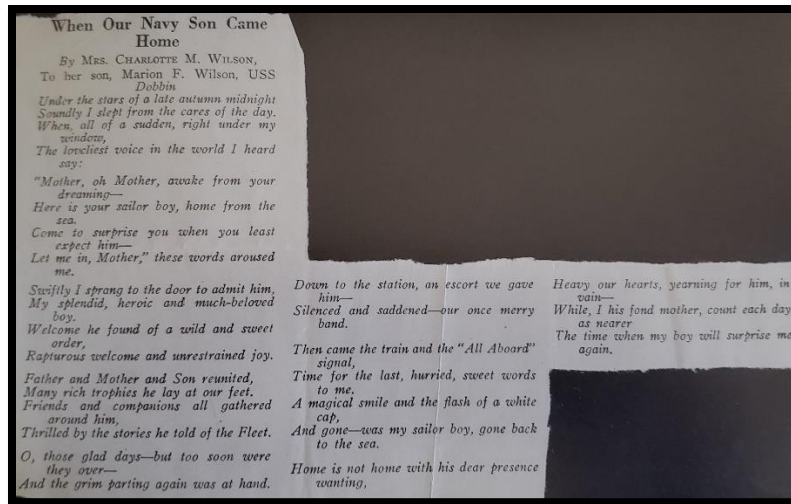
President Roosevelt aboard U.S.S. Houston, 1938, 8" x 10" photo



U.S.S. Houston in dry dock, 8" x 10" photo



## Navy poems from the album





C.M.S. at home during leave



On board the U.S.S. Houston



Neptunus Rex, U.S.S. Houston



The Judge, second from left, U.S.S. Houston



Neptunus Rex Ceremony, U.S.S. Houston  
Shellbacks and Pollywogs



**Neptunus Rex Ceremony, U.S.S. Houston**  
**Shellbacks and Pollywogs**



Neptunus Rex Ceremony, U.S.S. Houston  
Shellbacks and Pollywogs



Unknown sailor



Aboard U.S.S. Houston





Neptunus Rex Ceremony, The Royal Tank, Shellbacks and Pollywogs, U.S.S. Houston



Neptunus Rex Ceremony, The Royal Tank, Shellbacks and Pollywogs, U.S.S. Houston



Sailors, C.M.S. is on the right



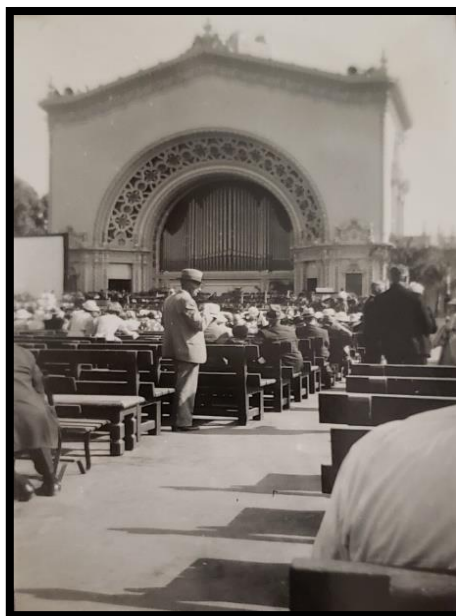
U.S.S. Houston gun on the deck



Albatrosses following the ship



Unknown port of call



U.S.S. Houston, sailor hanging from anchor on top-left





Unknown location



Port of call, unknown





Port of call, Chile



Port of call, Casa Hans Frey, Chile



Port of call, Chile



Clipping



Ships on the horizon



Tropical location





Transferring sick or injured man from one ship to another



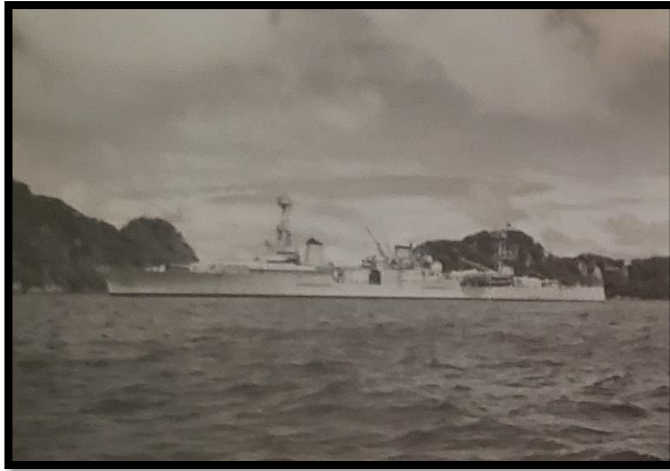
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Small pictures from various ports of call



U.S.S. Houston at the Cocos Islands

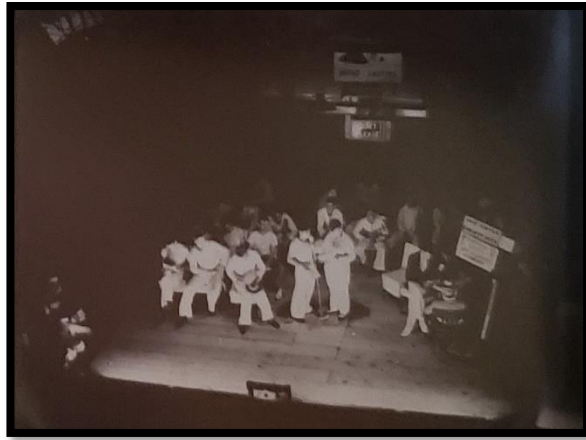


Presidential Cruise 1938, Mascot from the Galapagos, page 54 of Presidential Cruise Book



Devine services on the quarterdeck, 22 days out, page 59 of Presidential Cruise Book  
U.S.S. Houston steams toward Pensacola, Florida





Charles Island, Galapagos



Post Office Box, Charles Island, Galapagos





Beach house, Charles (Floreana) Island, Galapagos



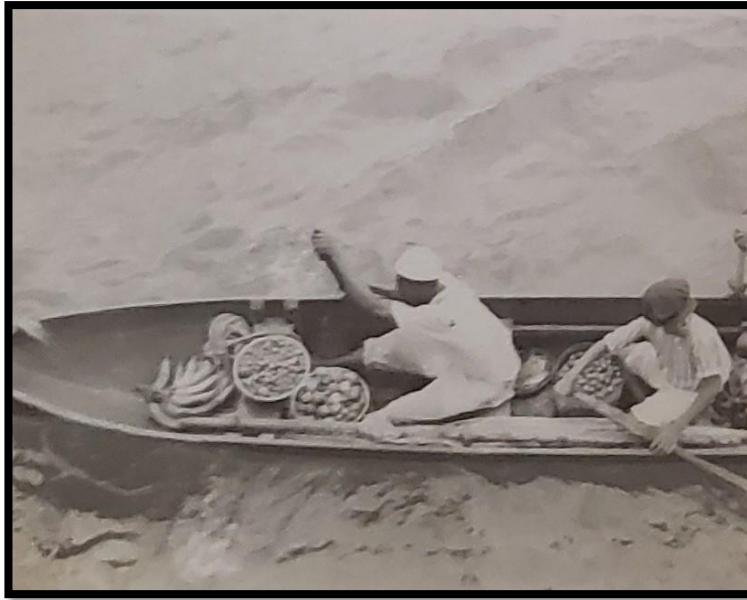
Present residents of Charles Island, Mr. and Mrs. Conway, page 53 of Presidential Cruise Book



U.S.S. Houston landing party on the Galapagos



Natives of the Galapagos



Pinnacle Rock (right) Sullivan Bay, Galapagos



Landing party on the Galapagos



Galapagos Albatross



Sailors on Galapagos, 24 July 1938



Iguana, Galapagos Lizard, 24 July 1938





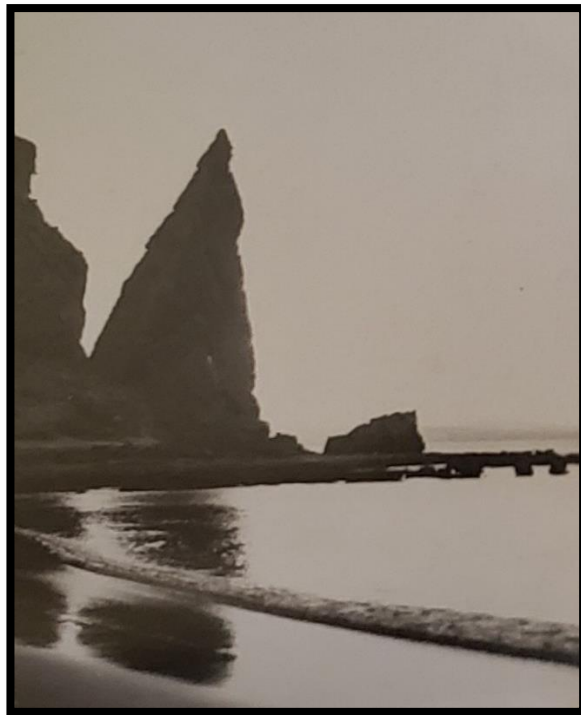
Galapagos Seal, 24 July 1938



Albatross at rookery on Hood Island (Espanola), Galapagos, July 1938



Pinnacle Rock, Sullivan's Bay, Bartolome Island., Galapagos



Pollywog Seaman Qualters Safe at Anchor, page 26 of Presidential Cruise Book, 23July1938



**Pollywog Officers on watch: The Lookouts**  
Pollywogs are sailors that have not crossed the equator



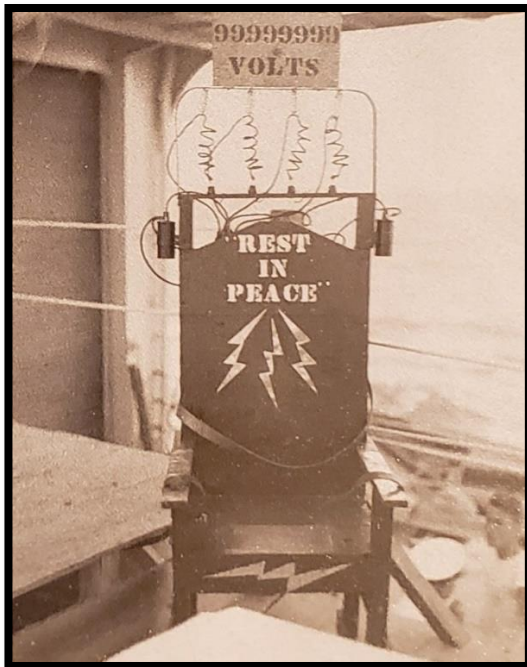
**“The Beginning” Tunnel of Horrors, page 41 of Presidential Cruise Book**



Pollywog's on deck



For a Pollywog's End, page 19 of Presidential Cruise Book



Pollywog's on deck





King Neptune Ceremony



Pollywog's on deck



Neptunus Rex, King Neptune's Flag, 24 July 1938

Royal Sawbones, cross the equator, Latitude 00 00, Longitude 91° W



Davy Jones and his gang



The Judge, page 38 of Presidential Cruise Book



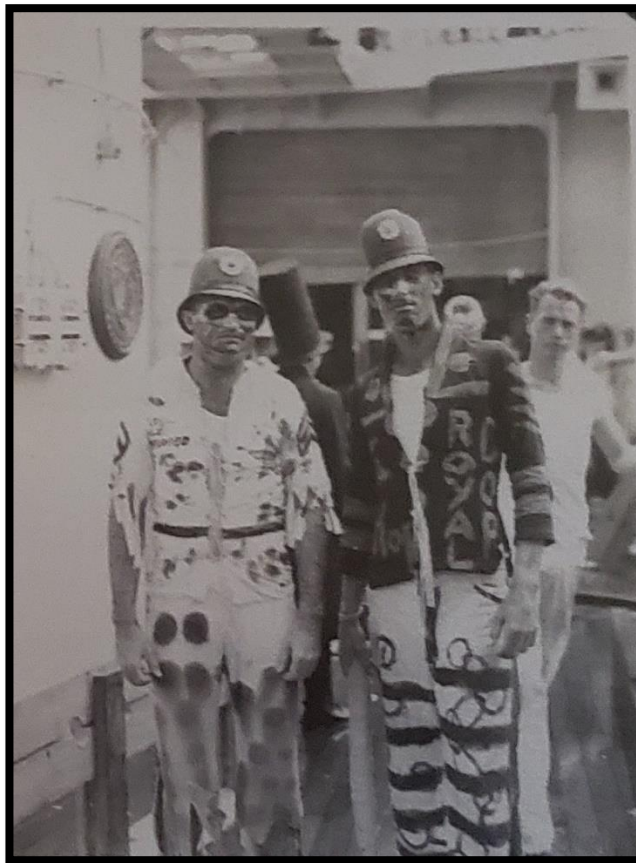
Pollywogs crossing the equator



The President hobnobs with Royalty, page 48 of Presidential Cruise Book  
King Neptune gave a warm welcome to his new subjects. At 1200 dinner was served and at 1400 the ship anchored at Tagus Bay and the presidential party went fishing.



The Royal Police





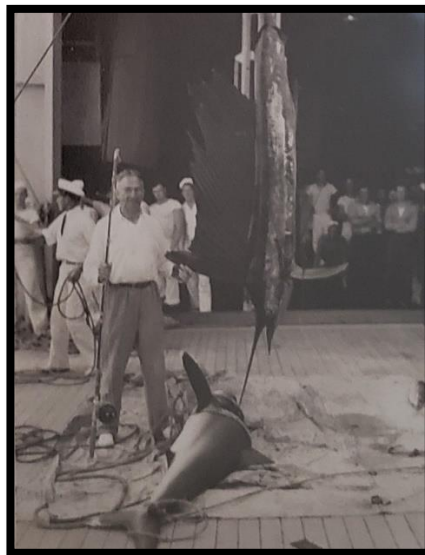
President Roosevelt and his party



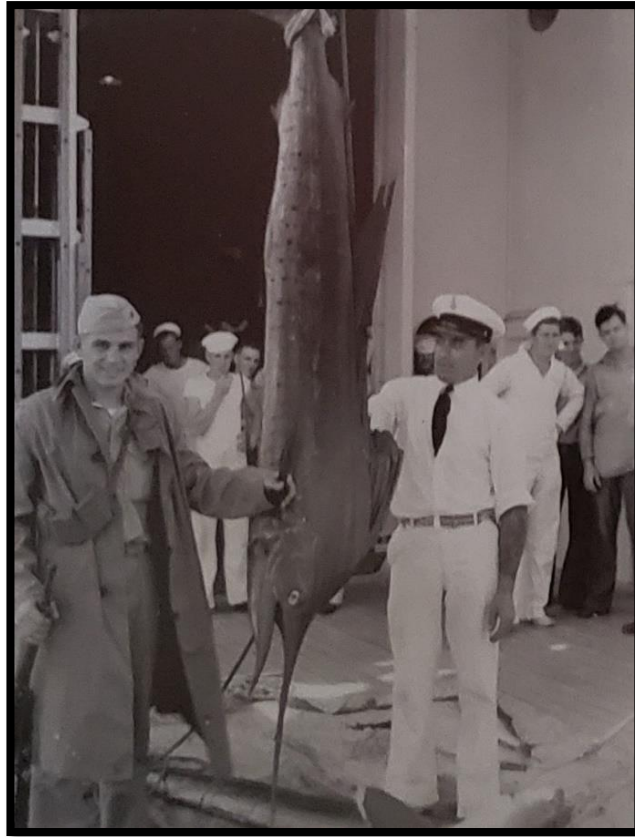
FDR catches a Shark and Sailfish being hoisted, Sullivan's Bay, Galapagos



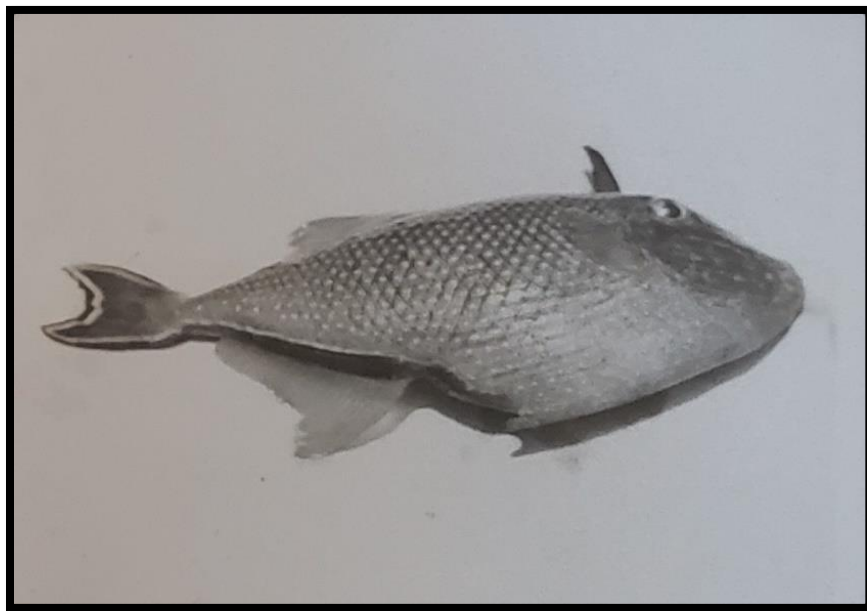
Sailfish, Sullivan's Bay, Galapagos



The Party's catch



The Party's catch



President Roosevelt, center



President Roosevelt, right

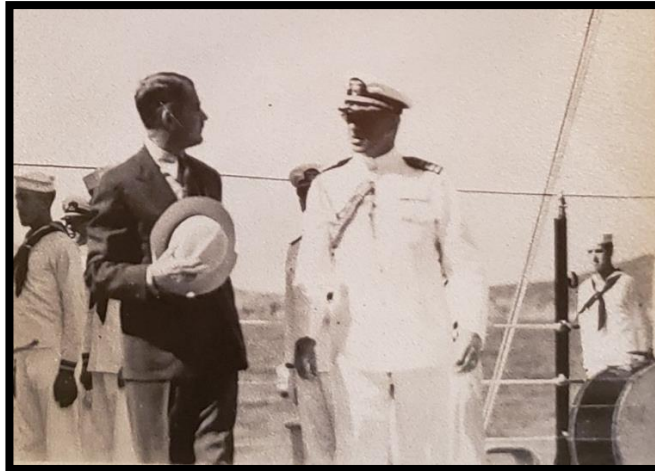


Officer's dinner

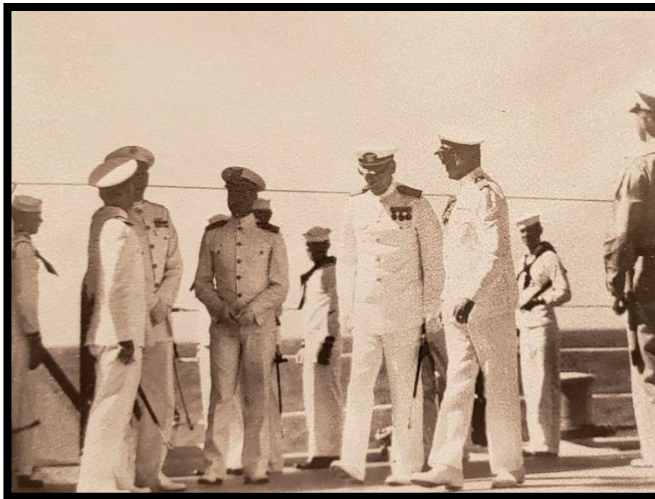




One of President Roosevelt's Party with officer



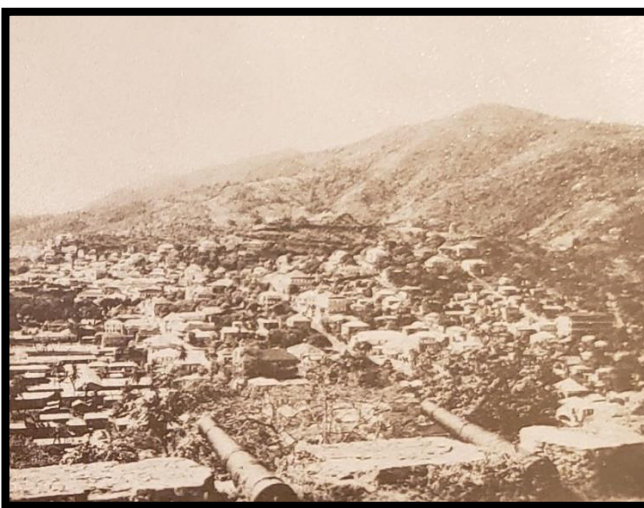
U.S.S. Houston officers



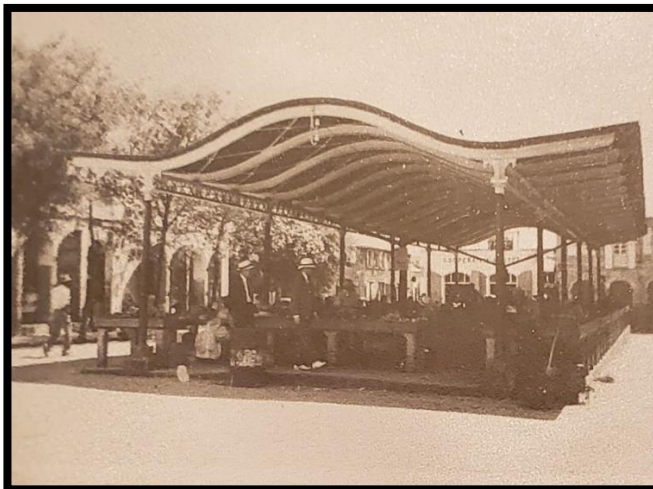
President Roosevelt on deck



U.S.S. Houston sailors at port of call

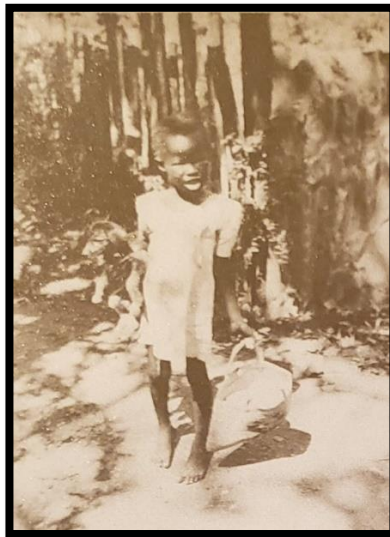
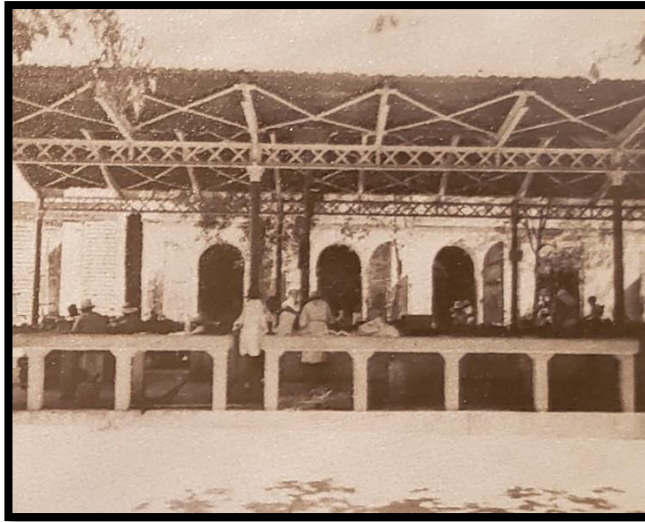


U.S.S. Houston sailors at port of call



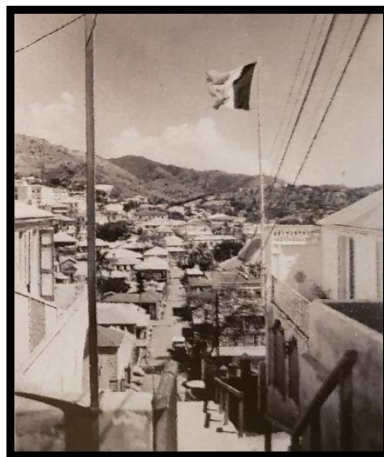
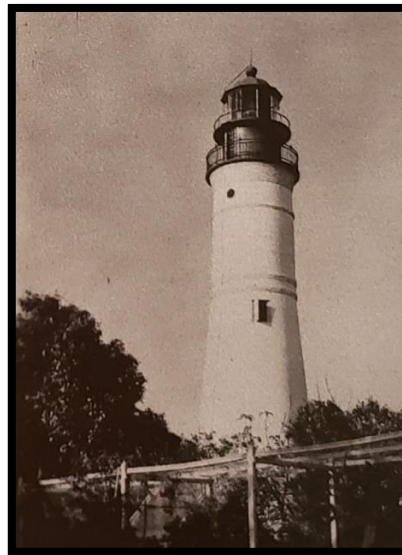
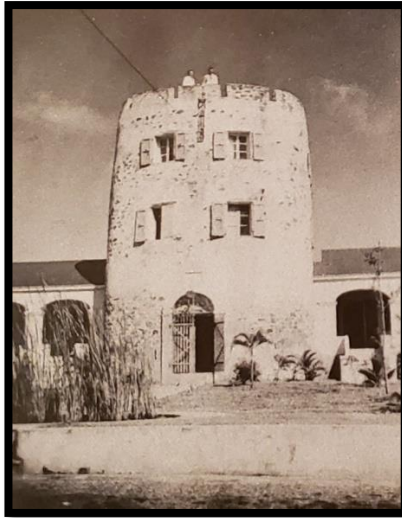


U.S.S. Houston sailors at port of call





U.S.S. Houston sailors at port of call



C.M.S. on leave at home with a friend



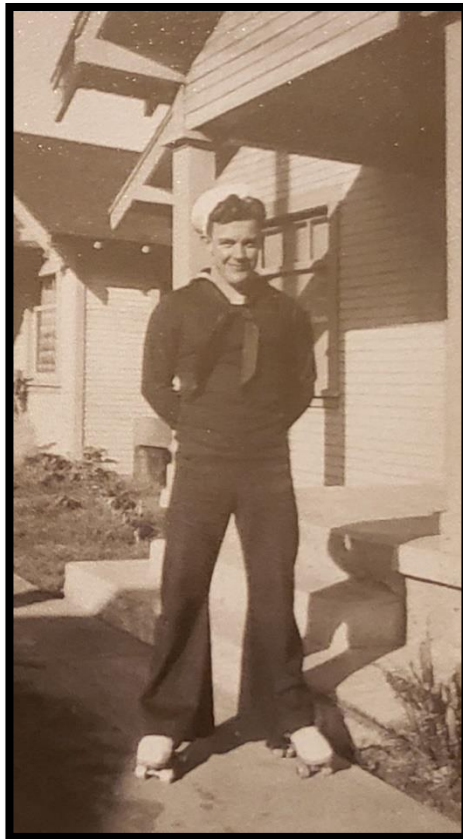
C.M.S. on leave at home with his parents



C.M.S. on leave at home with his parents

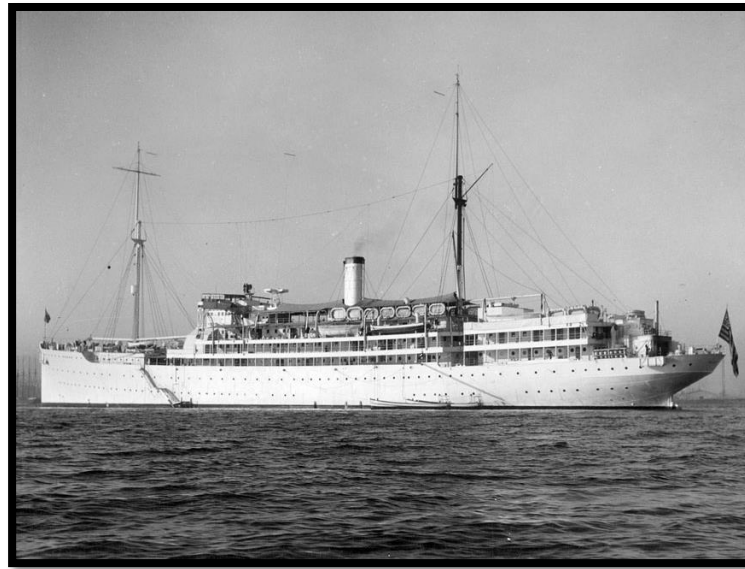


A sailor friend






### U.S.S. Relief (AH-1), c. 1934



### History of the U.S.S. Relief


The sixth USS Relief (AH-1), the first ship in the United States Navy designed and built from the keel up as a hospital ship, was laid down 14 June 1917 by the Philadelphia Navy Yard; launched 23 December 1919; and commissioned 28 December 1920 at Philadelphia, Commander Richmond C. Holcomb, Medical Corps, USN, in command. With a bed capacity of 550 patients, the USS Relief was one of the world's most modern and best equipped hospital ships. Assigned to the Atlantic Fleet, she departed Philadelphia 26 February 1921 to provide fleet units on Caribbean maneuvers with all the facilities of a modern shore hospital. The USS Relief continued to serve the Atlantic Fleet until the conclusion of the winter-spring maneuvers of 1923, which took her to Cuba and Panama Bay. Departing the Panama Canal Zone 31 March 1923 for San Diego, California, she arrived 12 April. There she relieved USS Mercy (AH-4) as hospital ship for the Pacific Fleet and participated in fleet battle problems conducted northward to Alaska and westward to Hawaii. Her usual employment schedule was interrupted 01 July 1925 when she sailed from Pearl Harbor to join the Battle Fleet as it made a good will practice cruise via the Samoan Islands to Australia and New Zealand. She returned to San Pedro, California, 26 September 1925 and continued to serve the Pacific Fleet as the National Emergency preparations swelled the ranks of sailors and marines. This duty ended 3 June 1941 when Relief departed San Diego on route Norfolk, Virginia. She returned to San Pedro, Calif., on 26 September 1925 and continued to serve the Pacific Fleet. In the spring of 1931, after an earthquake devastated Managua, Nicaragua, the Navy sent Relief to Coranto to provide medical assistance. She reprised such humanitarian activities when an earthquake caused heavy damage at Long Beach, Calif., in March 1933, providing medical people and supplies. The USS Relief received patients from the USS Wyoming (AG-17) at San Pedro, CA on 18 February 1937 after a shrapnel shell exploded prematurely as it was being rammed into a 5-inch gun during a multi-faceted land, air and sea exercise. Six Marines were killed and 11 were wounded. Immediately after the explosion, the Wyoming sped to San Pedro and transferred the wounded to the Relief. The USS Relief passed under the Golden Gate Bridge on opening day, 27 May 1937.

U.S.S. Relief (AH-1)	
	
Namesake: Aid given in time of need	
Builder: Philadelphia Navy Yard	
Laid down: 14 June 1917	
Launched: 23 December 1919	
Commissioned: 28 December 1920	
Decommissioned: 11 June 1946	
Stricken: 19 July 1946	
Honors/Awards: Five battle stars in WW II	
Displacement 10,112 Tons	
Length: 483' 10"	
Beam: 61'	
Draft: 19' 6"	
Speed: 16 knots	
Complement: 375	
Beds: 550	



**Discharge from the Navy, enlisted on 17 JULY 1935**  
**C.M.S. had alternate service on U.S.S. Houston and U.S.S. Relief**

DELIVERED HONORABLE DISCHARGE BUTTON.  
TOTAL NET TIME SERVED TO DATE OF DISCHARGE - 3 yrs 11 mos 7 days.

Enlisted as Apprentice Seaman 17 July, 1935.  
(Rate) (Date)  
 At U.S.S. SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS. for Four years  
(Place) (Time)  
 Born 29 January, 1916. at Whitinsville, Massachusetts.  
 Qualifications Alteration, repair, upkeep and operation of firerooms & boilers.  
6 Ratings held AS; Sea2c; F3c; F2c; F1c and WT2c.  
4 Certificates 3.95; WT1c & CWT - 3.85.  
0 Trade schools completed None.  
- Special duties for which qualified As listed above.  
 Service (vessels and stations served on)  
USNS SPRINGFIELD, MASS., USNS NEWPORT, R.I., U.S.S. HOUSTON, U.S.S.  
RELIEF, U.S.S. HOUSTON, U.S.S. RELIEF, U.S.S. HOUSTON, U.S. RECEIVING  
STATION, NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.  
 Rating at discharge Watertender Second Class 212-40-51  
(Service Number)  
 Character of service excellent. Final average 3.85  
SINGLE  
E. N. BOCK, Lieutenant, U. S. N.  
Executive Officer.  
 Height 5 ft. 11 in. Weight 174 lbs. Eyes Brown  
 Hair Red Complexion Ruddy  
 Personal marks, etc., Ant: So. 1/2" Rt. Groin: So. 1/2" Lt. arm. POST: VSLA  
 I am physically qualified for discharge. Requires neither treatment nor hospitalization.  
I certify that this is the actual print of the right index finger of the man herein mentioned.  
Ernest Ward U. S. N.  
Lt. Comdr. (MC) and Medical Officer.  
 Monthly rate of pay when discharged \*SEVENTY-TWO & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$72.00)  
 I hereby certify that the within named man has been furnished travel allowance at the rate of  
.05 cents per mile from NY'd Boston, Mass. to Springfield, Mass.,  
 and paid \$ 71.49 in full to date of discharge.  
(Amount)  
 Total net service for pay purposes 3 years 11 months 7 days.  
Charles Morris Stuart Jr. A. S. [Signature], Lt-Comdr., (SC), U. S. N.  
(Signature of man.) and Disbursing Officer.

**C.M.S. re-enlisted in the Army 02 November 1943 in WW II**

NARA Record: <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

Field Title	Value	Meaning
<u>ARMY SERIAL NUMBER</u>	31259805	31259805
<u>NAME</u>	STUART#CHARLES#M#JR	STUART#CHARLES#M#JR
<u>RESIDENCE: STATE</u>	13	MASSACHUSETTS
<u>RESIDENCE: COUNTY</u>	027	WORCESTER
<u>PLACE OF ENLISTMENT</u>	1328	FT DEVENS MASSACHUSETTS
<u>DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY</u>	11	11
<u>DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH</u>	02	02
<u>DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR</u>	43	43
<u>GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION</u>	PVT#	Private
<u>GRADE: CODE</u>	8	Private
<u>BRANCH: ALPHA DESIGNATION</u>	BI#	Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA
<u>BRANCH: CODE</u>	00	Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA
<u>FIELD USE AS DESIRED</u>	#	#
<u>TERM OF ENLISTMENT</u>	5	Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law
<u>LONGEVITY</u>	###	###
<u>SOURCE OF ARMY PERSONNEL</u>	0	Civil Life
<u>NATIVITY</u>	13	MASSACHUSETTS
<u>YEAR OF BIRTH</u>	16	16
<u>RACE AND CITIZENSHIP</u>	1	White, citizen
<u>EDUCATION</u>	4	4 years of high school
<u>CIVILIAN OCCUPATION</u>	678	Semiskilled machine shop and related occupations, n.e.c.
<u>MARITAL STATUS</u>	6	Single, without dependents
<u>COMPONENT OF THE ARMY</u>	7	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
<u>CARD NUMBER</u>	593	593
<u>BOX NUMBER</u>	0417	0417
<u>FILM REEL NUMBER</u>	3.139	3.139

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C.M.S. in Army uniform, 3<sup>rd</sup> Army insignia on helmet



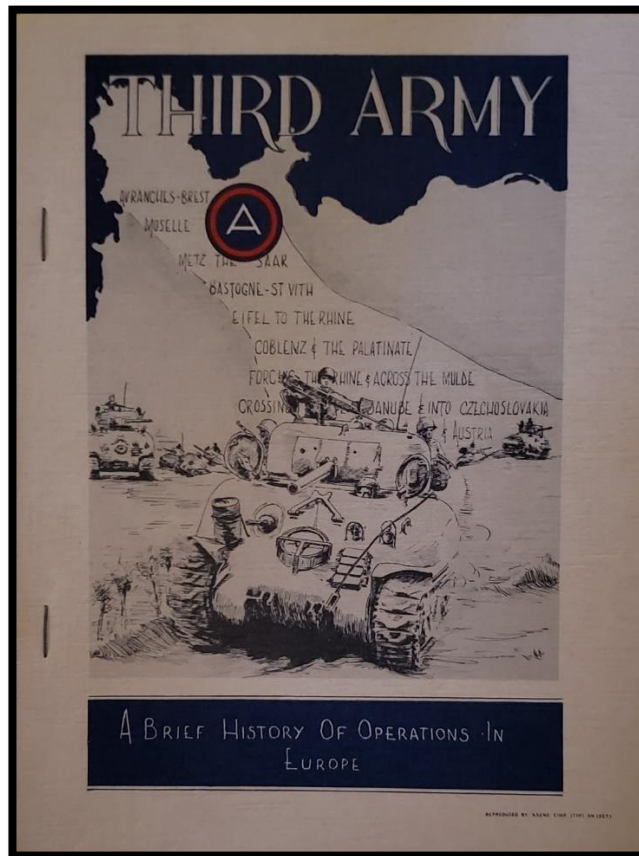
C.M.S. Army Compass



Somewhere Cold, C.M.S. (left), 4 Hershey bars on the lower cuff, 12 months overseas



C.M.S. WW II, Third Army booklet, 8" x 10 1/2", Mint condition





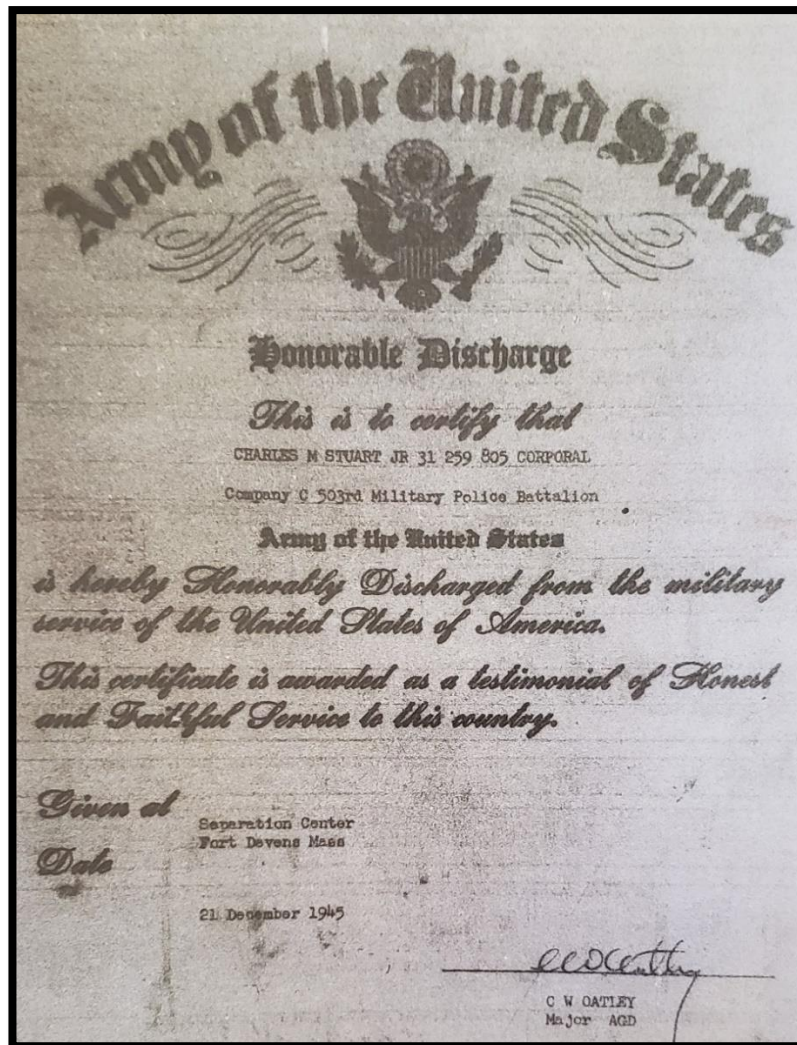
# C.M.S. WW II Honorable Discharge

HONORABLE DISCHARGE											
1. NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Charles M. Stuart Jr.				2. SERVICE NUMBER 31 859 805		3. GRADE CPL		4. DATE OF SERVICE COP		5. COMPONENT ME	
6. EDUCATION High School Military Police Bn				7. DATE OF EXPIRATION 21 Dec 45		8. PLACE OF EXPIRATION Separation Center Ft Devens Mass					
9. ADDRESS (Include ZIP code) 1000 Ave Whitinsville Mass				10. DATE OF BIRTH 29 Jan 16		11. PLACE OF BIRTH Whitinsville Mass					
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SENT				13. COLOR EYES Brown		14. COLOR HAIR Brown		15. HEIGHT 5-11		16. WEIGHT 165	
17. MARITAL STATUS Single				18. U.S. CITIZEN Yes		19. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. Milling Machine Operator Ford 1-78 031					
MILITARY HISTORY											
20. DATE OF INDUCTION 11 Feb 43		21. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 18 Feb 43		22. NAME OF CITY AND STATE Ft Devens Mass		23. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE See # 9					
24. SELECTIVE SERVICE YES		25. LOCAL S.S. GRADE NO. 118		26. COUNTY AND STATE Worcester Mass		27. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE See # 9					
28. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. Military Police 677				29. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND NO. (I.e., Infantry, Cavalry, and other military badges, etc.) Expert Rifle Expert Carbine							
30. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS Meuse Northern France Rhineland Ardennes Central Europe											
31. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS Good Conduct Medal Victory Medal European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon											
32. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION None											
33. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES											
34. SMALLPOX		35. TYPHOID		36. TETANUS		37. OTHER (Specify)		38. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN			
20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		14 Aug 45		DATE OF DEPARTURE		DATE OF ARRIVAL	
20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		14 Aug 45		14 July 43		21 July 43	
20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		14 Aug 45		12 Aug 43		23 Aug 43	
20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		14 Aug 45		19 Jan 44		30 Jan 44	
20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		20 Mar 45		14 Aug 45		28 Nov 45		15 Dec 45	
39. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE				40. HIGHEST GRADE HELD				41. PAY DATA			
CONTINENTAL SERVICE				FOREIGN SERVICE				42. PAY DATA			
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45. PRIOR SERVICE				46. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION				47. EDUCATION (Formal)			
U.S. Navy 3 years 11 months 7 days				Discharge of the Govt AR 615 365 RR 1-1 Demobilization				8 4 0			
48. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED				49. PAY DATA				50. PAY DATA			
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98. PAY DATA				99. PAY DATA				100. PAY DATA			
99. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. O. Directives)  Issued Lapel Button ERC 11 Feb 43- 17 Feb 43 ASR Score (2 Sept 45) 71											
100. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED Charles M. Stuart Jr.						101. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - optional) Charles W. Wroten 1st Lt CMP					

## C.M.S. WW II Honorable Discharge Lapel Button



C.M.S. WW II Honorable Discharge



C.M.S. WW II bring back, Red Cross Dagger

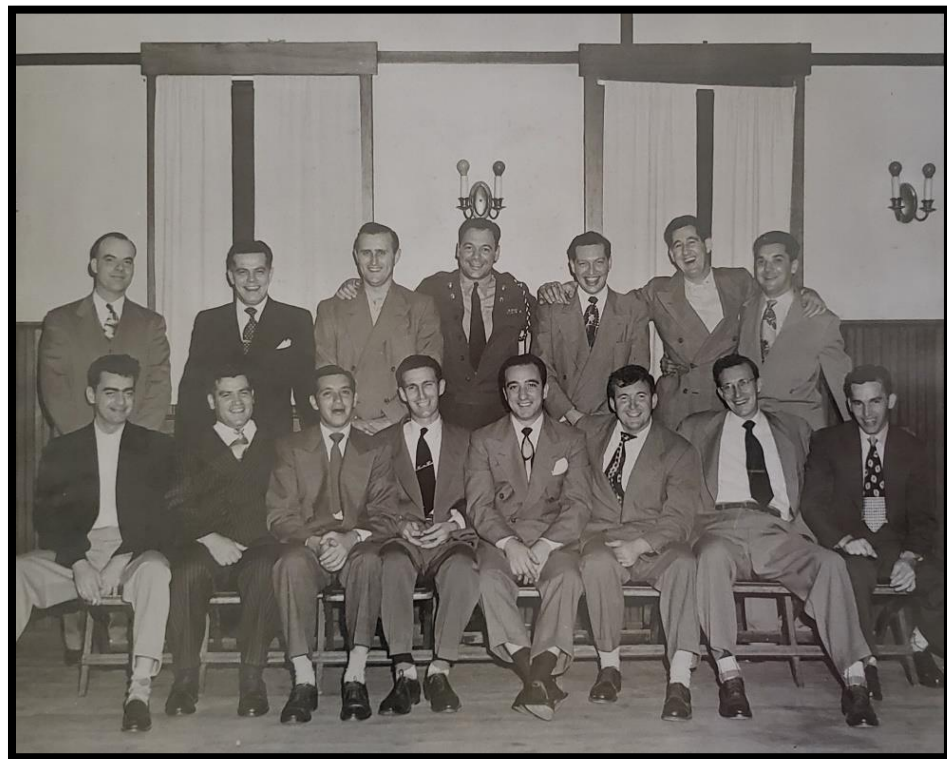
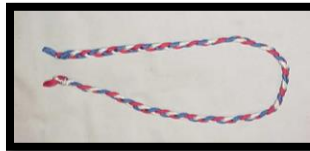


C.M.S. WW II bring back, photobook, German Artillery, canvass cover, 9" x 12"



Reunion photo from: Ed Reynolds, 124 Whalley Ave., New Haven CT, C.M.S. (back row-left)

Man in the center back with his service jacket has a red/white/blue braided cord.  
This is the FSSF cord: First Special Service Force Cord which were commando forces.





C.M.S. post war Auxiliary Police Officer, lapel pin



C.M.S. post war Auxiliary Police Offices, back row-far right





Whitin Machine Works, years of service lapel pins

20, 25 and 30 years, 10K gold with pearls and semi-precious stones  
C.M.S. worked at Whitin Machine Works as a machinist for 39 years.



C.M.S. retirement from Whitin Machine Works in 1978



The sign at his lake house in Douglas, MA

