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## LOG OF THE PATRICK

(Dec. 29, 1945 - Jan. 28, 1946)

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DEC. 29- Weighed anchor at Calcutta, 12:30, and began the 84 mile trip out of the Hooghly River.

DEC. 30- Reached mouth of Hooghly at 23:00.

DEC. 31- At noontime, situated 18°02' N., 36°28'E., having travelled 188 naut. mi. since departure.

JAN. 1 - Noon position: 11°52'N., 83°06'E.

JAN. 2 - Anchored at Trincomalee, Ceylon 08:14 to refuel and fill up reserve water tanks. (948 naut. mi. from Calcutta). Trip from Calcutta took 3 days, 20 hours averaging 13.1 knots.

JAN. 3 - Weighed anchor at 08:00, and proceeded on the 1,475 naut. mi. trip to Singapore. Had travelled 70 nautical miles by noontime.

JAN. 4 - 12:00 pos.: 06°59'N., 88°54'E.

JAN. 5 - Passed Nicobar Islands at dawn. noon position: 06°12'N., 95°16'E.

JAN. 6 - Sailed thru Straits of Melacca. Passed French battleship, Richelieu, (one of largest in world) at 17:20.

JAN. 7 - Dropped anchor in Singapore Harbor 12:25 (3 days, 17 hours after leaving Trincomalee--averaging 14.9 knots) for purpose of picking up sealed orders. In late afternoon, the Patrick's sister ship, Gen. R.E. Callan, (scheduled as leaving Karachi on Dec. 29th) anchored near us--also bound for the U.S.A.

JAN. 8 - Weighed anchor 07:00, and proceeded on the 7,500 naut. mi. scheduled course to Seattle.

JAN. 9 - 12:00 position: 03°54'N., 111°24'E. -- in the South China Sea.

JAN. 10- Peak of Mount Kine Balu (20 miles inland, 60 miles from ship) on North Borneo visible on our starboard. To our port, Island of Balabac (S.W. tip of Palawan group) could be seen. During day, also passed by the Coral Lumbacan, Comiran Islands and the Nasubata and Roughton Reefs in the Sulu Sea.

JAN. 11- Sailed into Philippines group during late hours of morning, passing Island of Negros visible on our port, and entering the Mindanao Sea. Also sighted on our port, during afternoon, islands of Siquijor, Bohol and Camiguin. Shortly before dark, the PATRICK sailed

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## THE U.S.S. GENERAL M. M. PATRICK (AP-150)

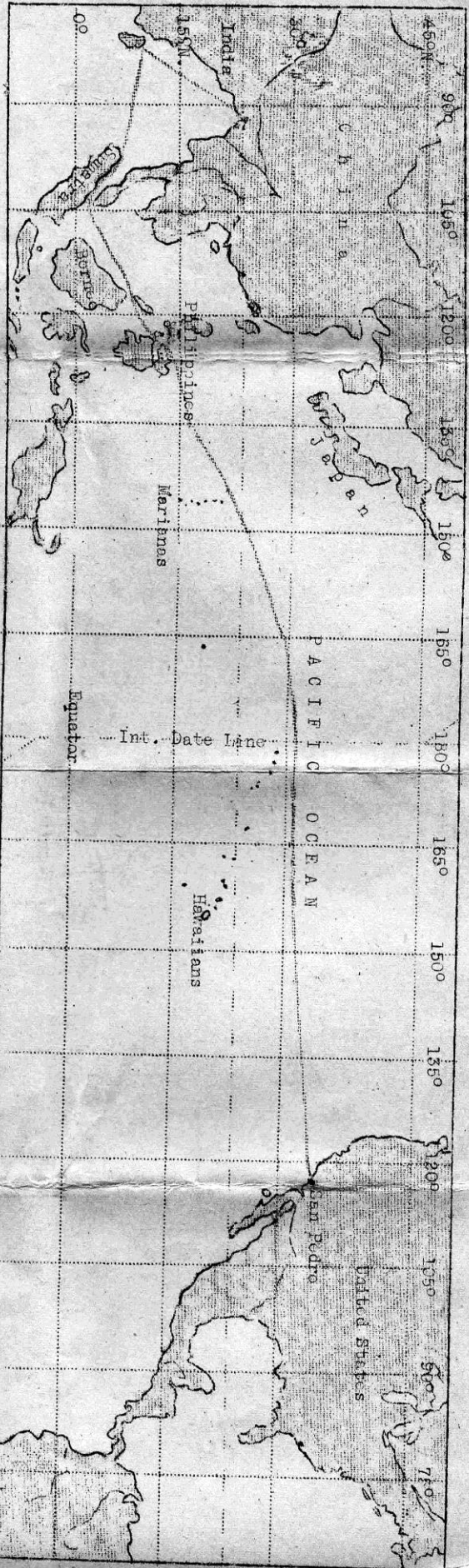
When the PATRICK ties up in San Pedro she will have completed over 16 months of active duty for Uncle Sam, made 2 complete trips around the world plus thousands of miles in Pacific battle areas, logging a total of 113,350 miles since her commissioning.

Built in the Richmond, Cal. shipyards by Henry Kaiser for the Maritime Commission, the PATRICK was commissioned on Sept. 4, 1944 and went to San Pedro on her shakedown cruise. Her speed (over 17 knots) and her fire power (5", 20 & 40mm machine guns) facilitated her unescorted travel thru dangerous waters, while her complete hospital facilities made her invaluable in evacuating wounded.

The ship is named in honor of General Mason M. Patrick, who died in 1942. Gen. Patrick served in France in World War I with the Engineers, and later was Chief of Air Service, A.E.F. Always an advocate of the principle "Flyers in command of flyers", he learned to fly at the age of 60 and was a strong proponent of a powerful Air Force for the U.S.

The PATRICK was designed primarily as a cargo ship, and will probably be converted to that task when her job as a troop ship is completed. Displacing 14,000 tons, she is 522' 10 1/2" long and 71' 6" across the beam. The top of the foremast is 105' above water level, with the main deck 25' from the water. She draws 26 to 27 feet of water at normal speed. Her boilers produce superheated steam (740°F. at 440 pounds pressure) that powers the two turbines (9,000 HP) which, geared down, turn her 22 ton propeller at 80 RPM. A distillation plant with a 40,000 gal. daily capacity supplies her fresh water. In keeping with Navy tradition of plenty of good food for all hands, the PATRICK was stocked for this cruise with enough food to feed the whole population of any one of the following cities for one day: Sacramento, Cal; El Paso, Texas; Utica, N.Y. or Lowell, Mass.

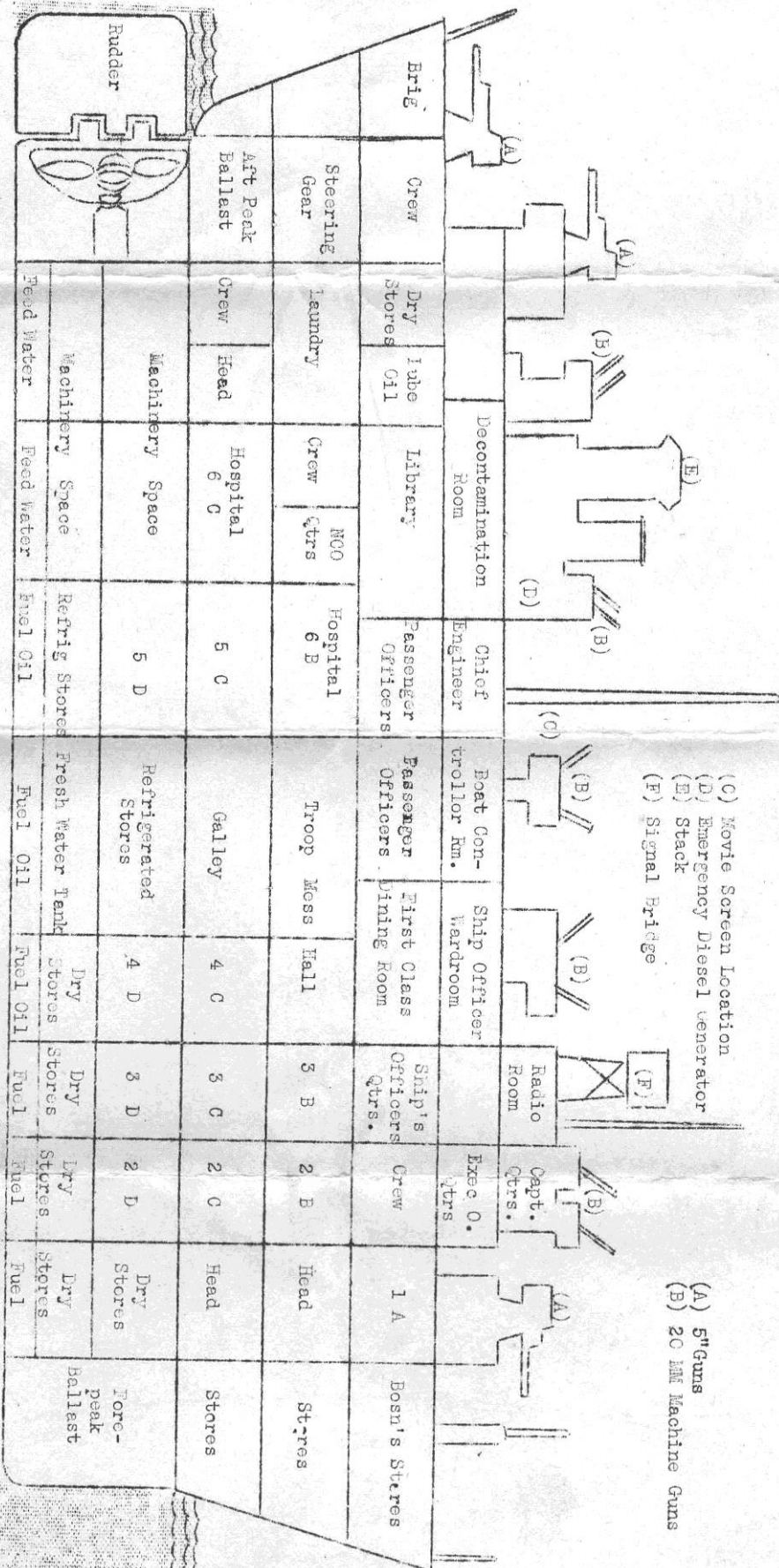
The PATRICK is commanded by Captain A. L. Pleasants, USN, a Navy veteran whose 28 years of service date back to the beginning of World War I.



## LOG OF THE PATRIOT

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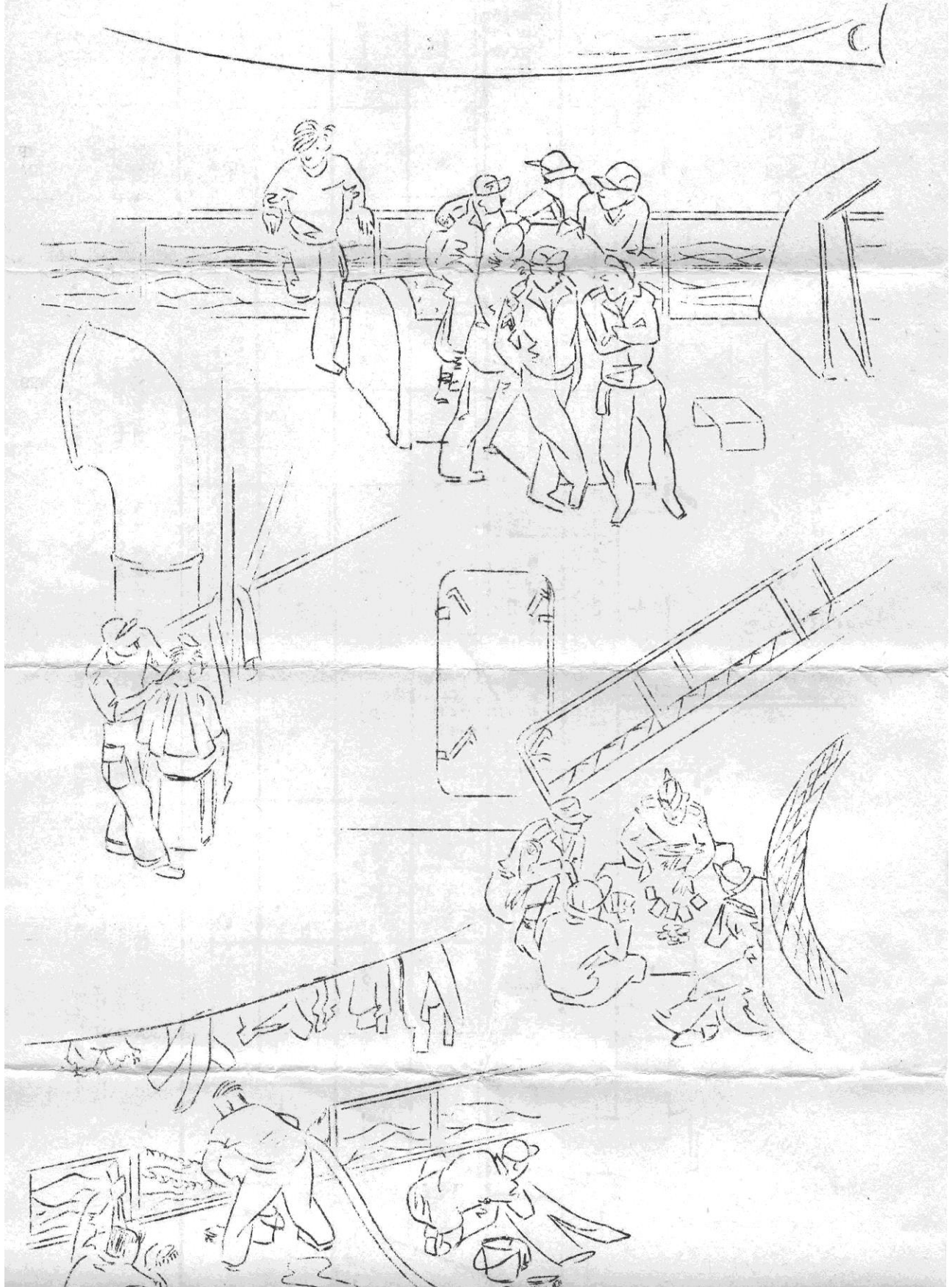
- thru Surigao Straits passing Panason and Leyte on our port.
- JAN. 12- Headed out into the Pacific, pitching and tossing.
- JAN. 13- Pos. noontime:  $15^{\circ}48'N$ ,  $131^{\circ}15'E$ .
- JAN. 14- 12:00 position:  $16^{\circ}54'N$ ,  $136^{\circ}27'E$ .
- JAN. 15- Situated between the Marianas and Volcano Island Groups at about 21:00.
- JAN. 16- Crossed Tropic of Cancer, entering the North Temperate Zone, during the late afternoon.
- JAN. 17- At 10:00, 70 miles North of Marcus Island. Announcement made, regarding change of destination to San Francisco
- JAN. 18- 12:00 position:  $28^{\circ}25'N$ ,  $161^{\circ}19'E$ .
- JAN. 19- Noon position:  $30^{\circ}27'N$ ,  $168^{\circ}26'E$ .
- JAN. 20- New destination announced as San Pedro. 12:00 position:  $32^{\circ}25'N$ ,  $175^{\circ}27'E$ .
- JAN. 21 (#1)- Crossed International Date Line at approximately 02:00. Passed 185 miles North of Midway Island at 10:00.
- JAN. 21 (#2)- At 09:00, approximately 330 miles North of Laysan Island in the Hawaiian chain. Position at noontime:  $31^{\circ}20'N$ ,  $168^{\circ}57'W$ .
- JAN. 22- Situated 600 miles North of Pearl Harbor during late afternoon.
- JAN. 23- 12:00 position:  $32^{\circ}01'N$ ,  $153^{\circ}42'W$ .
- JAN. 24- 12:00 position:  $32^{\circ}33'N$ ,  $145^{\circ}54'W$ .
- JAN. 25- 12:00 position:  $32^{\circ}32'N$ ,  $140^{\circ}29'W$ .
- JAN. 25 (cont.-) - At 19:30, passed the USS Rescue, a Navy Hospital Ship-- sailing in the opposite direction.
- JAN. 26- Noon position:  $32^{\circ}46'N$ ,  $134^{\circ}29'W$ .
- JAN. 27- 12:00 position:  $33^{\circ}30'N$ ,  $125^{\circ}30'W$ . (Approximate)
- JAN. 28- Shavertt-Lal:!!!!



This simplified diagram of our "Yacht" is necessarily out of proportion, and many parts of the ship are not shown, in order to indicate the more important compartments. However, with this plan you can trace your path from 2 Dog to the mess hall and back, show the route followed in the days you carried ship's stores and where you sat topside to watch the movies at night.

- (C) Movie Screen Location
- (D) Emergency Diesel Generator
- (E) Stack
- (F) Signal Bridge

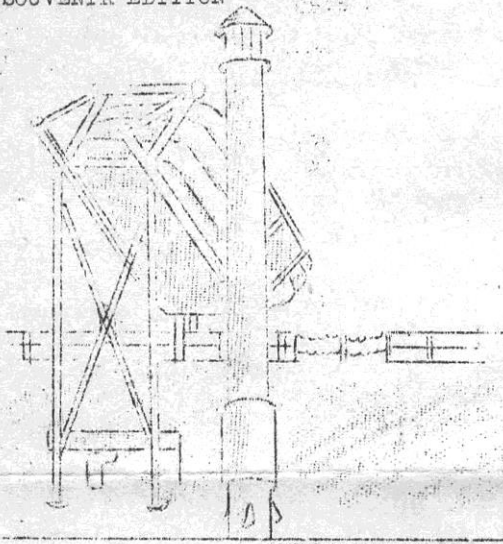
- (A) 5" Guns
- (B) 20 MM Machine Guns



INFORMATION ABOUT GOVT. BENEFITS FOR OVERSEAS VETS OF WORLD WAR II

BENEFIT	REQUIREMENTS	WHEN TO APPLY	DURATION OF BENEFIT	LENGTH OF TRAINING	MONEY BENEFITS ALLOWANCES, ETC
MUSTERING - OUT PAY.	*		Three (3) payments.		\$300 in installments of \$100
GI BILL OF RIGHTS	90 days service or prior disability discharge for 1 yr, plus 1 month of active service for each additional month of education.**	Within 4yrs after discharge or 4yrs after end of war	Courses must be completed by 8 yrs after end of war.	Up to 4 school yrs. depending on length of service. Army schooling taken off G I Bill time when Army Credits are used for civilian credits.	Free tuition, books, plus \$65 a month. (\$90 a month if you have dependent. Less if you have job).
EDUCATION.					
LOANS.	Used for home, farm, business. Prove you are good risk. Max. interest - 4%**	Within 10 yrs after official end of the war.	Repaid within 20 years		Govt. guarantees \$4,000 on farm or home loans, \$2,000 of business lns.
EMPLOYMENT	Old job must have been "other than temporary" **	Within 90 days after discharge.	Can't be fired for 1 yr. unless "misconduct".		Entitled to all accrued increments.
OLD JOB.					
NEW JOB.	Registered with USES. **	Anytime.		Varies with course.	
FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE.	Take required exam. (some jobs are for Vets only)*	Anytime.			5 points added to score. 10 if disabled.
READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES. (unemployment compensation).	Register with USES, be available for "suitable" work or for free training. **	Within 2 yrs after discharge or end of war.	52 weeks (maximum)		\$20 a week if unemployed. Diff. between wages & \$23 if partially employed.
GI INSURANCE.	Present term policy may be converted after 1 yr and before 8 yrs from date of issue.***		In case of disability for over 6 months. Payment of premiums suspended for duration of disability		Death benefits in monthly installments to beneficiary. Face value of policy from \$1000 to \$10,000.
PENSIONS	Disability incurred in or aggravated by service. **	Anytime. Use VA Form 526.	For duration of disability (subject to exam by VA at any time)		From \$11.50 to \$265.00 per month.
SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY					
NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY.	Permanent disability; income less than \$1000 (\$2500 if married or have minor children.) **	Anytime.	For duration of disability		\$50 per month (increased to \$60 after 10 yrs or at age 65).
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.	Pensionable disability incurred or aggravated by service. **	See next column.	Training to be completed within 6 yrs after end of war	Up to four (4) years.	At least \$92 a month, plus additional amounts for dependents.
MATERNITY AND INFANT CARE.	Wife of EM in 4 lowest pay grade (below grade of S/Sgt.) @	As soon as wife discovers pregnancy.	During pregnancy, child-birth and infant care for 1 year.		Doctor and hospital fees.

\* HONORABLE DISCHARGE  
 \*\* OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE  
 \*\*\* UNSPECIFIED  
 @ MUST BE STILL IN ACTIVE SERVICE AT TIME OF APPLICATION FOR THESE BENEFITS.



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ABLES 2  
3  
CATS  
4  
DOGS

C H O W  
L I N E



Five Charlie fall in the mess line  
 ....chow is something to do....  
 and after that, the standing....  
 waiting....a place at the rail...  
 ..a place to sit down....not a  
 chance....perhaps in the library  
 ....something to read anyway--  
 good for a half hour....can't con-  
 centrate....play cards, maybe....  
 or argue about the news....find a  
 place where we can sit down togeth-  
 er....iron is hard....standing is  
 harder....get some sun.... "All  
 troops go below for muster"....  
 into the latrine, the smells....  
 Jackson, Jackiewicz, Jameson....  
 let's get out of here....to stand  
 and wait....if I only had a chair  
 ....we could watch the boxing...  
 .not exciting but it's something to  
 do....or play bingo....get a real  
 coke....gotta wash some clothes  
 ....salt water's so useless with  
 greasy dirt....hair blowing from  
 the fantail barbers.... "One foot on  
 the deck, fella"....hit the sack  
 'til chow....damp sweat.... One A-  
 ble fall in the mess line....damn  
 hot....then later too damn cold....  
 go below out of the wind....stale  
 air....that trapped animal feeling  
 ....always something to get away  
 from, but no place to go.... all  
 over in February....

