

Contributed by Mike Martin  
for his father  
PFC Norris G. Martin  
USAMP Ellery W. Niles and USAMP John M. Scholfield

*First Annual*

# Christmas Dinner

OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
MINE PLANTER "ELLERY W. NILES"



December 25, 1938

**T**HE UNITED STATES ARMY

Mine Planter "Ellery W. Niles" is the newest and the first of the diesel electric driven steel mine planters that has ever been built by the United States Army for use by the Coast Artillery Corps in the laying of both electrically controlled submarine mines and submarine cable. The Niles was named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Ellery W. Niles, who, during his active military career and prior to his death, was a distinguished officer of the Coast Artillery Corps. The crew of the Niles, except the cable personnel, are all members of the military service of the United States Army. The Niles was placed in commission at Wilmington, Delaware, on January 7th of this year. The ship is assigned to the harbor defenses of San Francisco and is normally berthed at Fort Baker, California. The Niles operates all along the Pacific coast and is equipped with every modern device to promote efficiency and eliminate danger to personnel and equipment.

UNITED STATES ARMY MINE PLANTER  
"ELLERY W. NILES"

*Ft. Baker, Calif.*

CAPTAIN SAMUEL RUBIN, C. A. C., *Commanding*

SHIP'S OFFICERS

MR. RICARD T. CARLSEN..... Master  
MR. HARRY R. MICKEL..... Chief Engineer  
MR. JOHN R. LASTOVKA..... First Officer  
MR. JOHN B. MAY..... First Assistant Engineer  
MR. EMIL S. BINGHAM..... Second Officer

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT

1ST SGT. JAMES A. HALL..... First Sergeant  
STF. SGT. EARL J. BELLER..... Radio Sergeant  
PVT. LLOYD W. ANDERSON..... Ship's Clerk

DECK DEPARTMENT

SGT. FLOYD E. CARRIER..... Boatswain  
CORP. ROBERT BELLMER..... Chief Quartermaster  
CORP. PATRICK A. CALLAHAN..... Deck Corporal  
PVT. GEORGE E. DOYLE..... Spec. 4th..... Quartermaster No. 1  
PVT. 1ST CL. HOWARD R. PETRI..... Quartermaster No. 2  
PVT. JAMES KESTERSON..... Spec. 4th..... Deck Hand No. 1, Storekeeper  
PVT. 1ST CL. GEORGE W. SHELTON..... Spec. 5th..... Deck Hand No. 2  
PVT. JAMES J. LANNEN..... Spec. 4th..... Deck Hand No. 3  
PVT. JOHN L. BECHTOL..... Spec. 4th..... Deck Hand No. 4  
PVT. DOUGLASS L. BAKEWELL..... Spec. 5th..... Deck Hand No. 5  
PVT. OLIVER P. ALLEN..... Spec. 5th..... Deck Hand No. 6  
PVT. EDMUND C. RUDZINSKI..... Spec. 5th..... Deck Hand No. 7  
PVT. LLOYD A. WATKINS..... Spec. 5th..... Deck Hand No. 8

ENGINE DEPARTMENT

CORP. ROBERT R. McMILLON..... Deck Engineer  
PVT. 1ST CL. GORDON PHELPS..... Spec. 1st..... 1st Oiler  
PVT. WILL G. BARKER..... Spec. 1st..... 2nd Oiler  
→ PVT. 1ST CL. NORRIS G. MARTIN..... Spec. 3rd..... 3rd Oiler  
PVT. JOHN P. McNULTY..... Spec. 2nd..... 1st Wiper  
PVT. KAJ TAGE G. NIELSEN..... Spec. 3rd..... 2nd Wiper  
PVT. JOSEPH E. TERMINEL..... Spec. 3rd..... 3rd Wiper  
PVT. WILLIAM A. SHANELEC (att.)..... 4th Wiper  
PVT. STANLEY G. McINNES..... Spec. 3rd..... 5th Wiper  
PVT. THOMAS J. McCULLAGH, D. S..... 6th Wiper

STEWARDS DEPARTMENT

SGT. CARL HANSEN..... Mess Sergeant and Steward  
PVT. 1ST CL. CLARENCE G. BROWN..... Spec. 3rd..... 1st Cook  
PVT. 1ST CL. IRVING COLLINS..... Spec. 5th..... 2nd Cook  
PVT. 1ST CL. KENNETH C. KRAEMER..... Spec. 6th..... Mess Steward  
PVT. 1ST CL. GEORGE A. YOUNG..... Spec. 6th..... Mess Steward  
PVT. RUSSELL E. CULLEY..... Spec. 5th..... Galley Police No. 1  
PVT. CARLTON L. COLVIN (att.)..... Galley Police No. 2  
PVT. JOHN R. BRENNAN..... Room Orderly

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

MR. A. S. BULLENS..... Cable Engineer  
MR. M. J. GUZY..... Cable Foreman

# Menu

OYSTER SOUP      CRACKERS  
YOUNG ROAST TURKEY, VIRGINIA BAKED HAM  
OYSTER DRESSING, GIBLET GRAVY  
SNOWFLAKE POTATOES      CANDIED SWEET YAMS  
CRANBERRY SAUCE      CREAMED CORN  
SHRIMP SALAD, FRENCH DRESSING  
BUTTERED ASPARAGUS TIPS  
HEARTS OF CELERY      STUFFED OLIVES  
MIXED SWEET PICKLES  
MINCE MEAT PIE      PUMPKIN PIE  
YANKEE FRUIT CAKE      CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE  
VANILLA LAYER CAKE  
ASSORTED FRUITS, MIXED NUTS, MIXED CANDIES  
STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM  
ASSORTED BREADS, PARKER HOUSE ROLLS, BUTTER, JAM  
CIGARS      CIGARETTES  
COFFEE      MILK      SUGAR  
SWEET CIDER