

THE MOC HAS A BIRTHDAY



JULY 25TH

THE USS MOCTOBI, NAMED AFTER THE MOCTOBI INDIANS, WAS BUILT BY THE CHARLESTON SHIPBUILDING AND DRY DOCK CO. AND COMMISSIONED AT THE CHARLESTON, S. C. NAVY YARD ON JULY 25, 1944.

SHE PROCEEDED TO NORFOLK, VA. FOR SHAKEDOWN EXERCISES IN CHESAPEAKE BAY, AT THE COMPLETION OF WHICH SHE WAS READY FOR SEA. PROCEEDING TO NEW ORLEANS, LA., THE FIRST TOW WAS PICKED UP AND THE MOCTOBI HEADED FOR PANAMA IN CONVOY.

AFTER A SHORT STAY IN THE CANAL ZONE, SHE LEFT INDEPENDENTLY FOR MAJURO ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS, A DISTANCE OF 6,666 MILES, ARRIVING SOME FIFTY DAYS LATER, THEREBY COMPLETING ONE OF THE LONGEST NON-STOP TOWS IN NAVAL HISTORY. A SHORT STOP HERE AND THEN ON TO ENIWETOK TO DROP THE TOW. FROM THERE SHE HEADED FOR PEARL HARBOR AND THEN BACK TO ENIWETOK AGAIN WITH ANOTHER TOW.

GUAM WAS THE NEXT PORT AND HERE ORDERS WERE RECEIVED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY FOR ULITHI ATOLL IN THE WESTERN CAROLINES, FROM WHICH PLACE WE OPERATED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS UNDER SERVICE SQUADRON TEN. AT THE OPENING OF THE IWO JIMA CAMPAIGN THE MOCTOBI WENT TO SAIPAN TO BE HADY - JUST IN CASE.

THEN SHE OPERATED WITH THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FORCE DURING THE OKINAWA CAMPAIGN, AND FROM THERE WENT TO THE PHILIPPINES FOR A LITTLE REST AND A FEW BEERS FOR HER CREW.

NOW WE'RE AT SEA AGAIN. BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO READ ABOUT THAT NEXT YEAR.

THIS BRIEF HISTORY HASN'T BEEN FULL OF HEROIC DOINGS, BUT JUST THE STORY OF A SMALL COG IN A GREAT MACHINE DOING HER JOB AND DOING IT WELL. AND WE ALL GIVE HER A PAT ON THE BACK AND SAY, "WELL DONE".

O-F-F-I-C-E-R-S

Lieutenant TROY BRASHEAR, USN - - - - - Commanding Officer.
Lieutenant W. E. BROTHERS, USN - - - - - Executive Officer and
Navigator.
Lieutenant (jg) F. S. ZIMMERMAN, USNR - Commissary & Stores Officer,
Salvage Officer.
Lieutenant (jg) R. B. VEIT, USNR - - - - - Gunnery Officer.
Lieutenant (jg) P. C. BETTS, USNR - - - - - First Lieutenant.
Lieutenant (jg) L. A. CARROLL, USNR - - - - - Communications and
Welfare Officer.
Boatswain J. D. MOSLEY, USN - - - - - Ship's Boatswain.
Machinist M. B. ROBERTS, USNR - - - - - Engineering Officer.

PLANK OWNERS
(ORIGINAL CREW)

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

DUNN , L .L CBM
DELORENZO , C.D CQM

OLIVER , W.H CMO
JOHNSON , H.L CEM

FIRST DIVISION

HICKMAN , J E	BM 1/C	FOSTER , B W	S 2/C
WARD , D W	GM 1/C	FOSTER , R H	S 1/C
WEEKS , F C	CM 1/C	GASDIEL , G C	S 1/C
FIELD , R L	BM 2/C	PICCIONE , D J	S 1/C
GUSTIN , M	SF 2/C	TALBOTT , R	S 1/C
LOVERIDGE , L A	EM 2/C	WEATHERFORD , J B	S 1/C
HABEL , W H	COX	WILLIAMS , H D	S 1/C
WRIGHT , G H	COX	WILLIAMS , J P	S 1/C
PORTER , J F	COX	WISE , J M	S 1/C
AMARAL , F A	S 1/C	WORTHEN , T R	S 1/C
ALLEN , A R	S 1/C	WRAY , J B	S 1/C
BAKER , C J	S 1/C	ZEPP , C R	S 1/C

SECOND DIVISION

HEFFINGER , O H	MOMM 1/C	MULLINS , E E	MOMM 2/C
KAWAKEK , J V	MOMM 1/C	SARGEANT , C E	MOMM 3/C
STINSON , T L	MOMM 1/C	STONE , R H	MOMM 3/C
LEA , J J	EM 1/C	SWARTZEL , R L	MOMM 3/C
GREGORY , R M	EM 1/C	GEONCHINO , E	EM 3/C
GELESPIE , T J	EM 2/C	MITCHELL , R G	EM 3/C
NAVARRA , S J	EM 2/C	CROSS , J C	F 1/C
HANKS , G W	MOMM 2/C	PHILLIPS , A T	F 1/C
		WISER , L R	F 1/C

THIRD DIVISION

BRATCHER , D H	RM 1/C	BUCKLE , K R	SM 3/C
DALY , F J	RT 1/C	QUICK , Y H	RM 3/C
TAYLOR , G W	Y 1/C	PRESENT , P S	RM 3/C
BULLARD , K C	PHM 1/C	POLLACK , M H	RDM 3/C
SHRIVER , R M	QM 2/C	BORONDY , J	RIM 3/C
SPOONER , W R	SM 2/C	RIPLEY , G M	SOM 3/C
RAMSEY , H B	RDM 2/C	LA RUE , G M	SOM 3/C
MC MULLEN , A C	SOM 2/C	GEISLER , W G	SC 3/C
REYNOLDS , J A	SK 2/C	SKOWRONEK , J D	S 1/C
SCHLUGE , L	SC 2/C	WOOD , R A	S 1/C
GILLIS , H K	QM 3/C	BRADLEY , R L	STM 1/C
		WALTON , J	STM 1/C

NEW FACES

BROWN , J J	RM 3/C
ECKBERG , W M	F 1/C
FEINSTEIN , C J	SF 2/C
HOUSTON , F	BKR 2/C
JINKNER , A F	SC 3/C
MC COMAS , J R	S 1/C
PARRISH , R A	STM 1/C
RIDEN , W W	S 2/C
ROBEY , A D	S 2/C
ROSSER , R L	S 2/C
WICKLINE , J C	S 1/C
WINDHAM , H T	MOMM 3/C
WISEMAN , A C	F 1/C
WOLFLEY , E M	F 1/C
WOODWORTH , L R	S 1/C
YOUNGREN , O H	S 1/C
WILSON , E	OC 3/C

PLAN OF THE DAY

- 0600 --- CIVILIAN WORKING PARTY COMES ABOARD TO CARRY OUT CLEAN UP DETAILS
- 1000 --- REVEILLE
- 1030 --- BREAKFAST IN BED SERVED BY GIRLS FROM HOLLYWOOD
- 1230 --- DINNER
- 1300 --- AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT ON FANTAIL BY ABOVE MENTIONED GIRLS
- 1500 --- ALL HANDS LAY DOWN TO THE FANTAIL FOR BEER AND CHIPS
- 1700 --- SUPPER
- 1900 --- DANCING ON FANTAIL
- 2200 --- TAPS

This is more interesting than
anything I could write

Love Leon.

P.S. Send this to Jennie it will
save me writing her a letter

I am fine still at sea but
he looks to Pat in

a few
months

25 July 1945
Birthday Dinner

Fruit Cocktail

Olives Pickles Sliced Carrots

Roast Young Tom Turkey

Dressing Giblet Gravy Cranberry Sauce

Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Peas and Carrots

Bread Butter

Ice Tea or Coffee

Pumpkin Pie

Birthday Supper

Bilge Water Soup

Squid Salad

Choice of:
Shredded Seagull
Seahorse Steak

Eel Head Gravy

Mashed Barnacles

Mouldy Biscuits Seafoam Jelly

Sea Cow Milk

Choice of:
Seaweed Pie
Jellyfish Pudding