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GENERAL TIMBERLAKE

As we are about to debark after one of the most pleasant voyages I have ever made, I appreciate this opportunity to express my thanks to all of those concerned. The crew of the Acadia, from Captain Neilson on down, have been most considerate and accommodating over and above the efficient job they have done in operating this vessel. Likewise Captain Scott and his permanent Army personel have been most thoughtful of the welfare and comfort of the passengers even in the midst of their duties. The passengers, first class as well as the troops have had a spirit of mutual cooperation and courtesy to one another that makes me glad to be one of them.

The staff of the USAT Acadia's "Now Read This" deserve a special vote of thanks from all of us for furnishing the news and other interesting features.

Mrs. Timberlake and I have had a most splendid trip and wish all of you "Happy Landings".

CAPT. SCOTT

As we near the end of the voyage to our good country thoughts and dreams of home are soon to become the real thing. The ones we left behind upon deporting overseas will in all probability be slightly changed. We also will have changed in that length of time. Try to be telerant of your surroundings, your people and your country. If things seem to have gone badly or been or been badly managed in your absence try to be tolerant and be all the more energetic in helping get things back to normal. Join the service organization of your choice and take a more active interest in National and International affairs. Our good and great country has been strained badly during the past emergency and really needs plenty of good old fashioned Americian effort to make a good recovery. Don't be the kind of of individual who wants special compensation for having been a soldier. The special compensation should have been more than paid by having the honor of serving our groat nation.

Oct. 7-46
Lat.---320-13' N
Lon.---1450-15' E
Yok.---355Miles
Hon.---3167 Miles

Oct. 8-46
Lat. --- 29°-39' N
Lon. --- 151°-43' E
Yok. --- 722 Miles
Hon. --- 2800 Miles

Oct. 9-46
Lat.---28°-2' N
Lon.---158°-25' E
Yok.---1080 liles
Hon.---21/2 liles

Cot. 10-16
Lat. --- 27 - 16 N
Lon. -- 165 - 11 E
Yok. --- 1445 Miles
Hon. --- 2077 Miles

Cct. 11-46
Lat. -- 25°-53' N
Lon. -- 172°-9' E
Yok. -- 1823 Miles
Hon. -- 1699 Miles

Oct. 12-46
Lat. --249-30 N
Lon. --1790-33 E
Yok. --2240 Niles
Hon. --1282 Miles

Oct. 12-46
Lat. --- 23°-32' N
Lon. --- 172°-58' E
Yok. --- 2662 Miles
Hon. --- 360 Miles

Oct. 13-46
Lat. --- 220-12' N
Lon. --- 1650-19' W
Yok. --- 3071 Miles
Hon. --- 451 Miles

Cct. 14-46
Lat.---arrive HonLon.---at 1306 hours
Yok.---3522 Miles
Hon.---O Miles

Cet. 15-46
Lat.---in Honolulu
Lon.--Yok.---3522 Miles
Sea.---2347 Miles

Oct. 16-46
Lat. --- 25°-23' N
Lon. --- 154°-23' N
Hon. --- 324 Miles
Sea. --- 2023 Miles

Oct. 17-46
Lat.---30°-46' N
Lon.---149°-39' W
Hon.---738 Miles
Sea.---1609 Milos

Oct. 18-46

Lat. --- 350-48' N

Lat. --- 1140-11' W

Hon. --- 1141 Miles

Sea. --- 1206 Miles

Oct. 19-46
Lat.---40°-46: N
Lon.---138°-01: W
Hon.---1561 Miles
Sea.---786 Miles

FIRELL AND GOOD LUCK

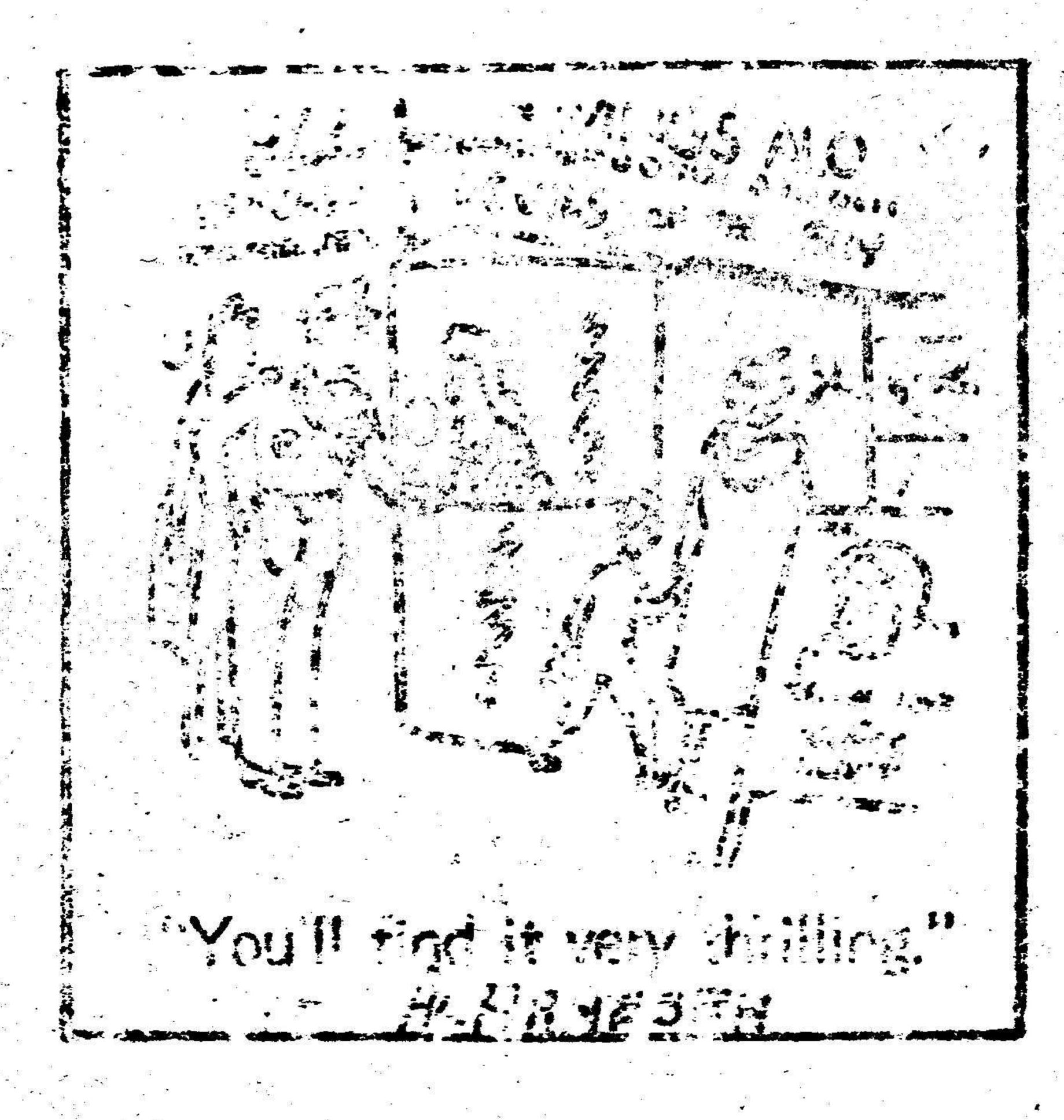
It is always a great pleasure to carry the boys home, it seems that they appreciate every little thing that is done for them. I hope you all have enjoyed the trip home. I might give you a few reminders of the trip: We left Yokohama October 6, 1946. Arrived in Honolulu October 15, 1946. Expect to arrive in Seattle October 21, 1946. The distance from Honolulu is 2347 miles. By the time that you get home, we will be on our way back for more boys, but they won't be as lucky as you. They won't be home for Christmas. So good luck to all of you and thank you for your cooperation.

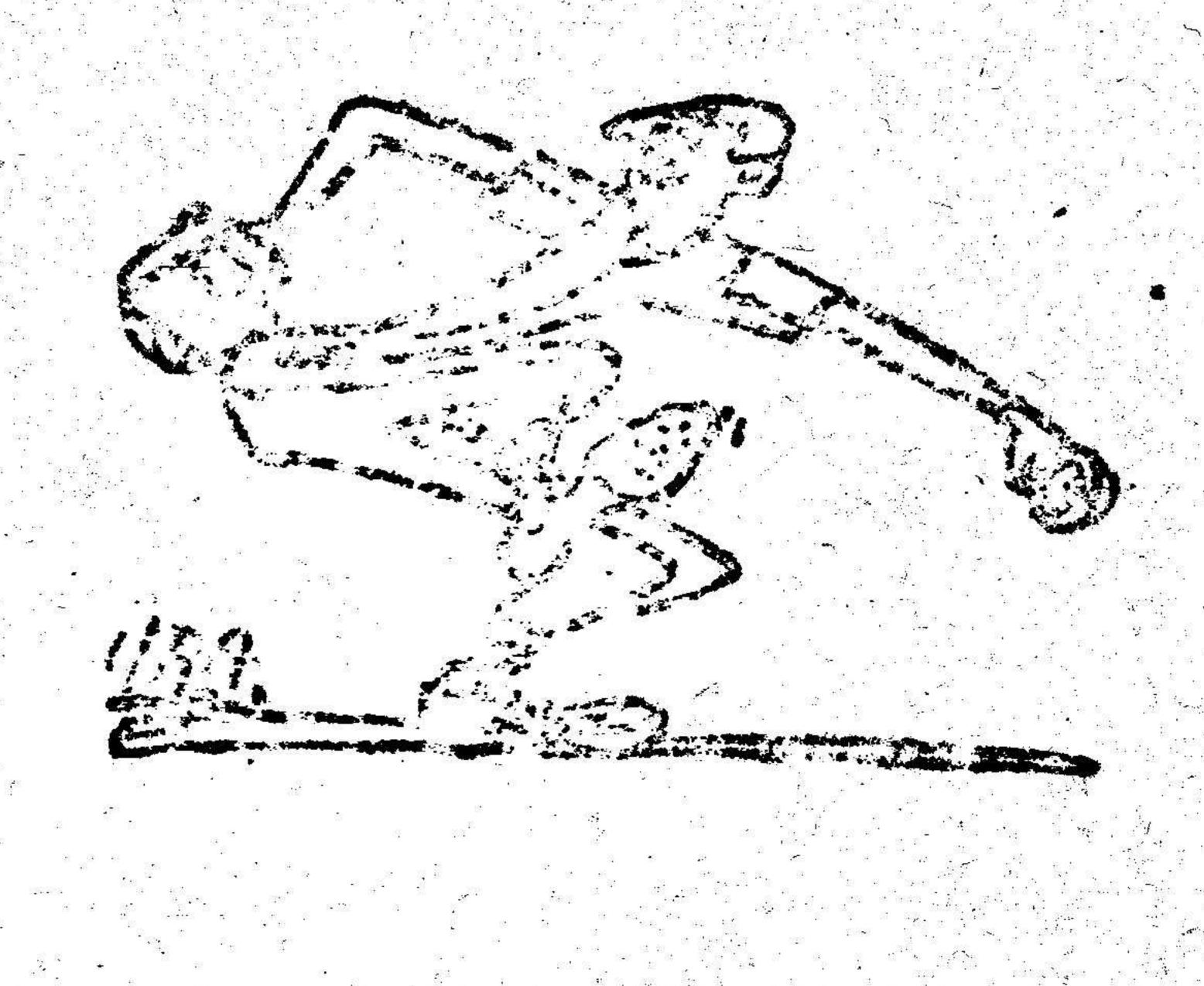
Alfred Weilsen Ship's Waster



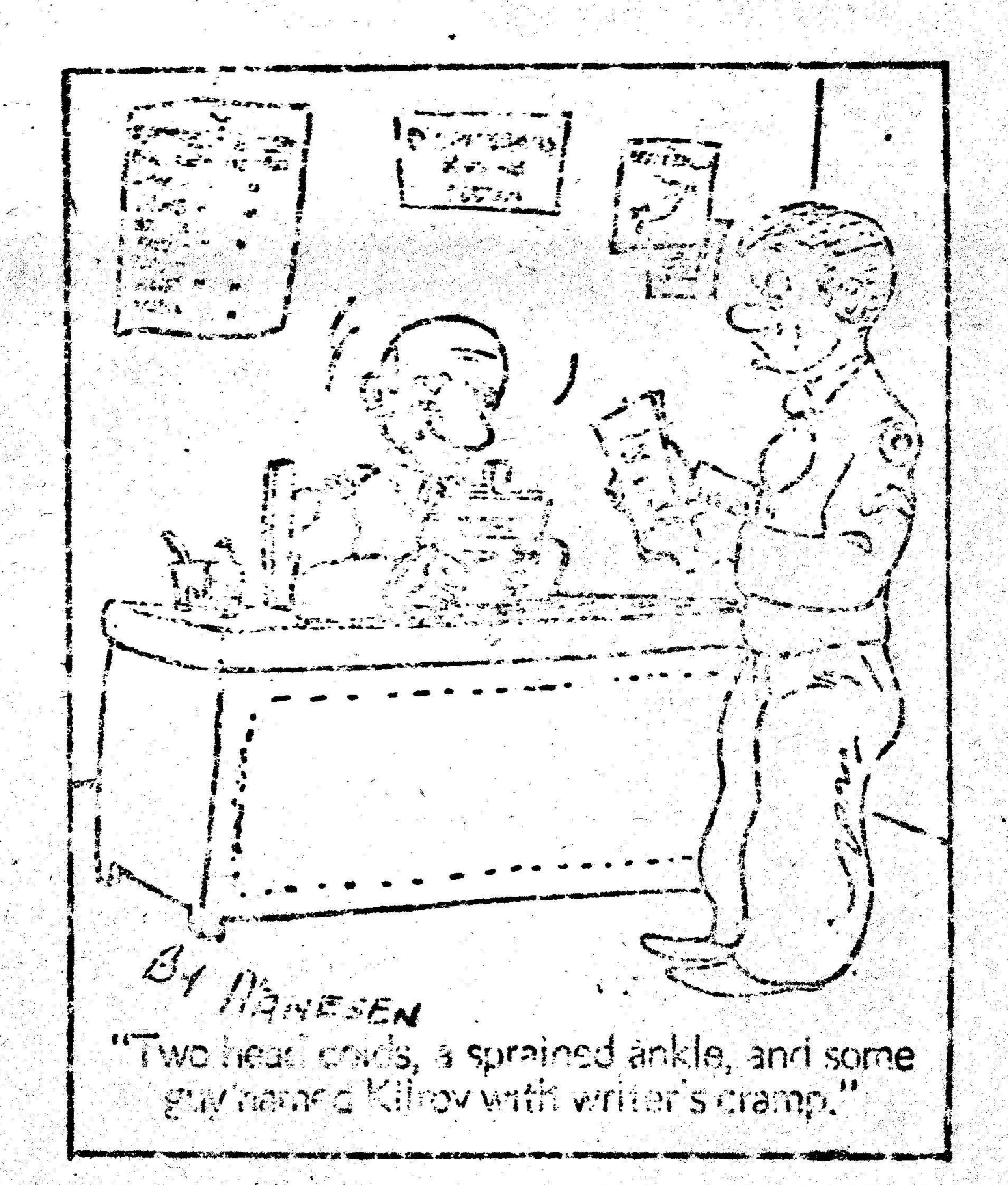
She was designed by Ferris and contracted for by Eastern Steamship Lines. The kneel of the 7-leck S.S. Acalia was hid in March 1931 in the Virginia yard of the Newport News Shipbuilling Co.

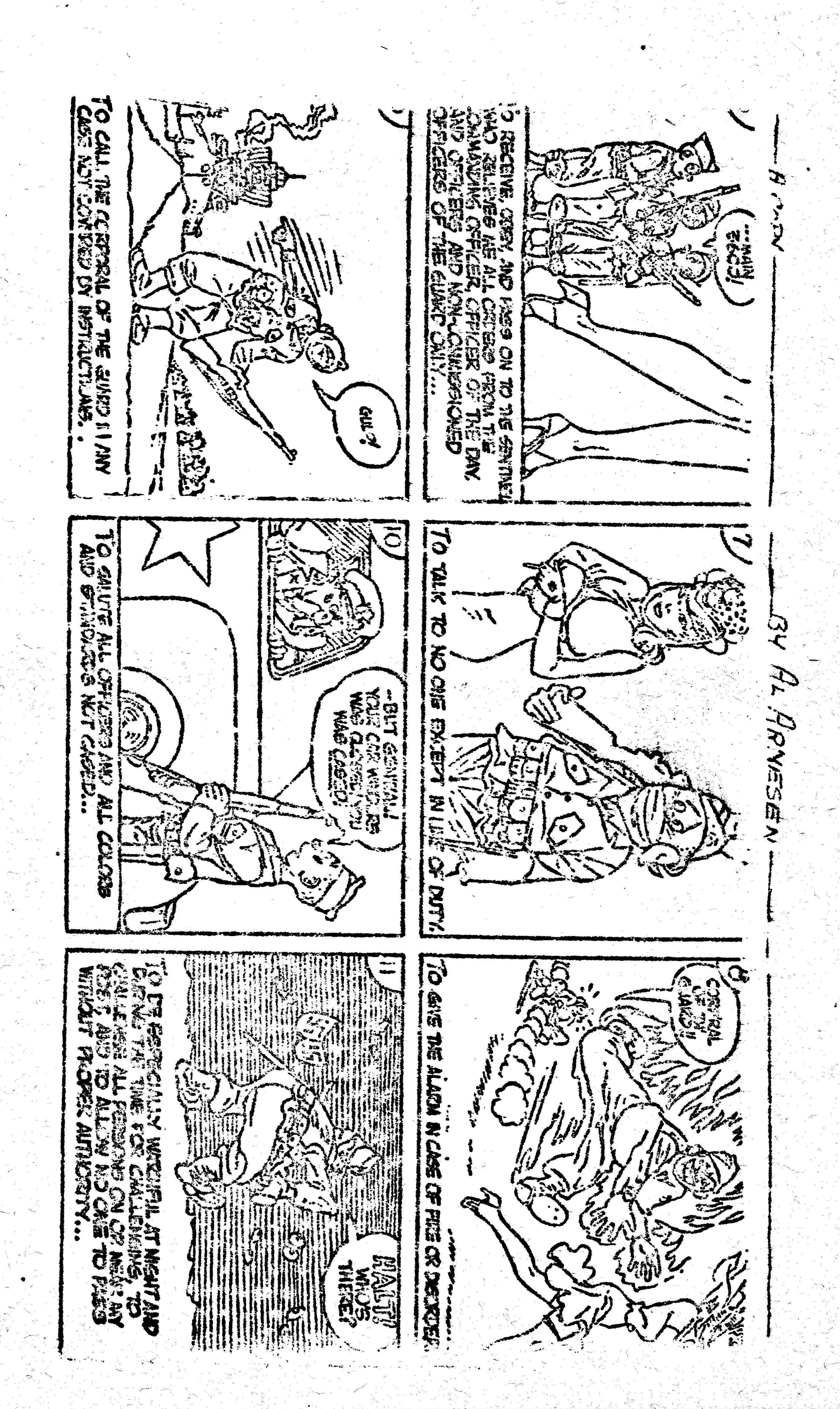
Launched in April, 1932, she was christened "ACADIA", derived from the land of the Acadian's", that land of the early Nova Scotian settlers, whose history Henry L. Longfellow immortalized in his famous poen of "Evangeline".

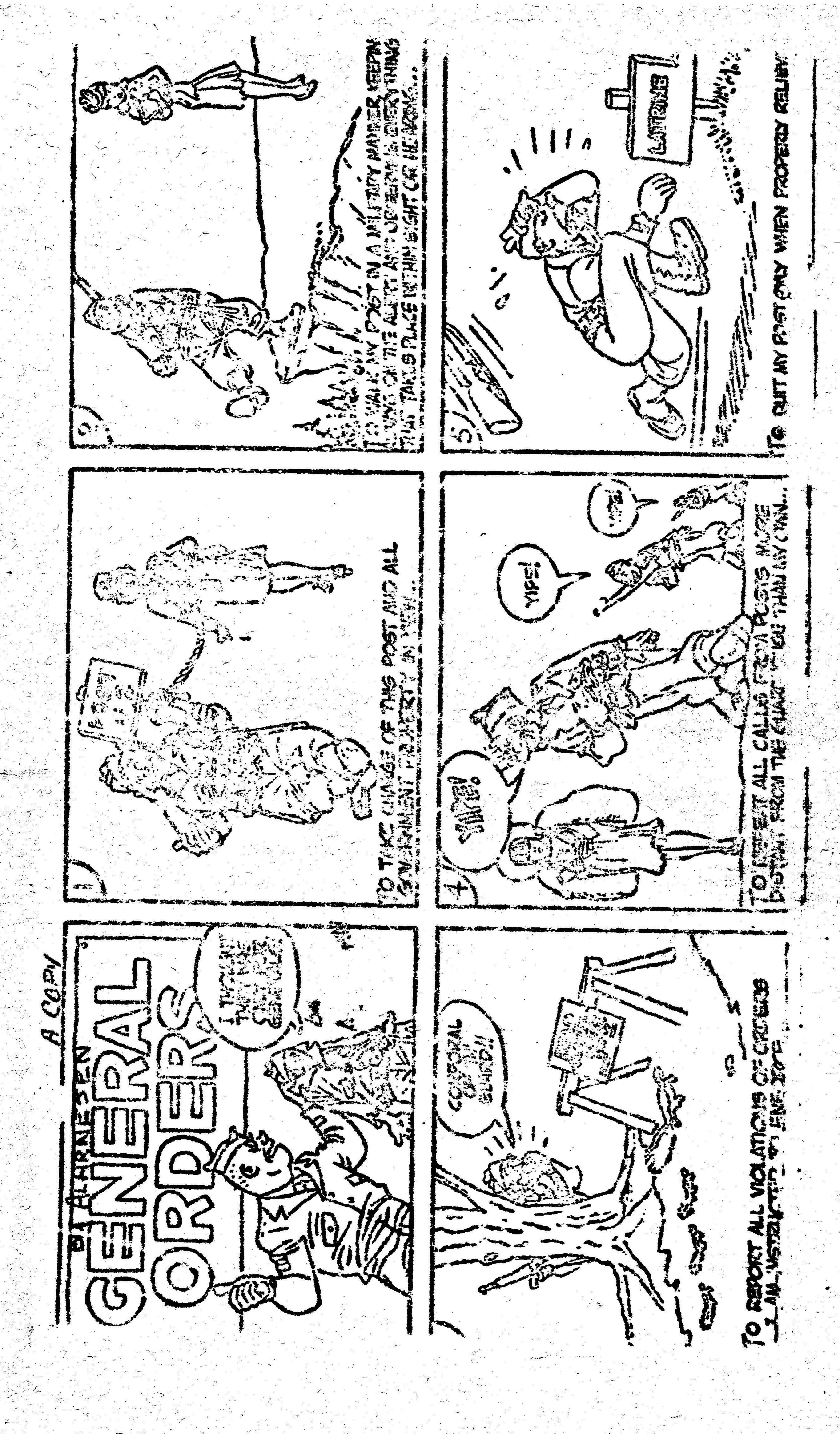












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With this wonderful weather and fine group of soldiers and passengers, I think it has been a pleasant voyage for all of us. As far as helping to keep the ship clean and in order, I know that you have all done your best. I express my deepest appreciation and wish you all luck and happiness for the future.

J. GLOVER GRIFFIT: Chaplain

The transport chaplain wants to thank all those who have manifested an interest in the religious program of the ship. Your presence in all, the services was greatly appreciated. Your pleasing manner and congenial spirit was at all times noted. It was a pleasure to have each of you aboard and I know that you are happy once more to see the United States. I am glad to have known you and I hope to see you again somewhere on life's road. May you centinue in health and happiness and God bless you all.

CCCUPATION OPINIONS

T/5 Otto Kowronsky: Japan as an island has very beautiful scenery. I for one enjoyed it for one year. The people were very cooperative as most of you know. The occupation was a great success right from the start but I am glad I am going home no matter if it is taking 20 days.

Pfc. James King: It wasn't to bad. As for being in the army and away from home, I would just as soon been there as the states.

Pyt. William D. Cox: During the 12 months that I have been in Japan, I can't say that I was entirely happy, but I did have my fun. All I can say is that if there is anyone who didn't have fun, well he never will.

A/B Joe Reyna: I like Japan better than quite a few places. Byen better than Honolulu.

T/5 Francis Baldway: Some of the scenery was very beautiful. But I din't care much for the backward way of the people.

Cpl. John Simmons: Scenery was fairly good, but it seemed that every time there was a beautiful view it was marred by some old tim shack or a small patch of corn or rice. The people were especially polity. And they proved themselves successful with what machinery they had to make things with.

1/5 Emmet P. Shultz: From the educational stand point, the people were very interesting.

Pfc. Walter S. Brolowicz: I lidn't care much for Japan as a land or as a people.

Pfe. C. J. Stanck: The scenery was very nice but the prople were very funnu and had funny ideals.

COL. W. G. DONALD

I would like to take this apportunity to thank the troops on the Acadia for their soldier-like behavior on this trip, and I,m sure that I can express the appreciation all military personnel aboard for the fine efforts of the efficers and crew of the ship to make this a comfortable trip, one that we'll all remember with pleasure.

CAIT BARNES

The trip from Japan has been pleasant throughout, the general attitude of cooperation on the part of all troops has made the operation of the troop mess easier than we had anticipated. To all of you, and particularly the mess detail, my appreciation for a job well done, and my hope for you that the States will look as good to you a month from now as it did a month ago.

RCNALD, MORKIS
1st Asst. Radio Officer

Its a pleasure to bring back G.I.s who've been away from home and the best of luck to you.

JOIN DISKO JR.
3rd Officer

Best of luck to all of you. Hope you enjoyed the trip.

R.E. RAUCHTON
3rd Mate

Glad to have helped you fellows back.

CHARLES L. STEEL Captain

I believe we'll all agree that the trip has been very pleasant for all concerned. All the personnel on board have helped in every way possible to make things run smooth and I take this opperatunity to thank the ship's crew for a great trip and to wish every man on board a happy and speed y home coming.

JUL TUNKIS Cartain

It was a pleasant voyage for my wife and myself-it was our honoymoon trip. As for the IM aboard
ship, they were swell. Cooperation was 100% plus
for 99 9/10% of the mon.

The ship's crew was the phlegmatic bunch I have ever sailed with.

However, Captain Scott and hip personnel and Captain Nielsen and his officers are tops.

GEORGE CILIERSON Cantain

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This group has been the quietest most cooperative and healthy group of soldies I have had the pae-asure of traveling with in several months. I wish you all the best of luck always.

JOHN H. CUSHIAN Captain

Most of the passengers are probably agreed that they are quite ready to set foot ashore permanently. The opinion is about unanimous that this veyage has been a pleasant one, as far as it has been possible for the ship's crow to make it so. We all wish to thank Captain Nielsen, the ships master, and Captain Scott, the transport commander and all their staff for providing us with every possible convenience.

JATES . MUELLER
1st Lt. CE

We all owe a word of thanks to the ship's officers and crew for the pleasant voyage. Another thank you to Captain Scott and his staff for their efforts to make life an board more enjoyable.

This return trin on the Acadia exceeded all my expectations as a pleasant voyage. The transain compartment E-2 will hack me up on this. I think we all were surprised to see double deckers instead of bunks piled four and five deep; and equally surprised to see fans and blowers that really worked. The enger cooperation of the ship's complement in all matters cannot be overlooked. We all heartily back the Acadia's reputation for good chow.

DID YOU KNOW

That the first private house in the whole city of New York to be lighted with electricity was the home of J.P. Morgan.

That Crystal gazers, card readers, tea leaf prognosticators, astrologists and palmists take a cool million dollars every day in the United States.

That the traffic courts in the United States have an average of 7,000,000 persons in a year. More than all the other courts in the United States put together. That the Police in Schenectady. New York was the first ones to have a patrol far designed expressly for two way radio communications. It was introduced in September, 13, 1964.

That it takes 60 seconds to make a minute.

3,600 seconds to make an hour.

80,100, seconds to make a day.

604,800 seconds to make a week.

2,592,000 seconds to make a month.

31,536,000 seconds to make a year.

That according to the rules of land warfare a spy who completes his mission within enemy lines and safely returns to his own forces cannot be punished for his former offence.