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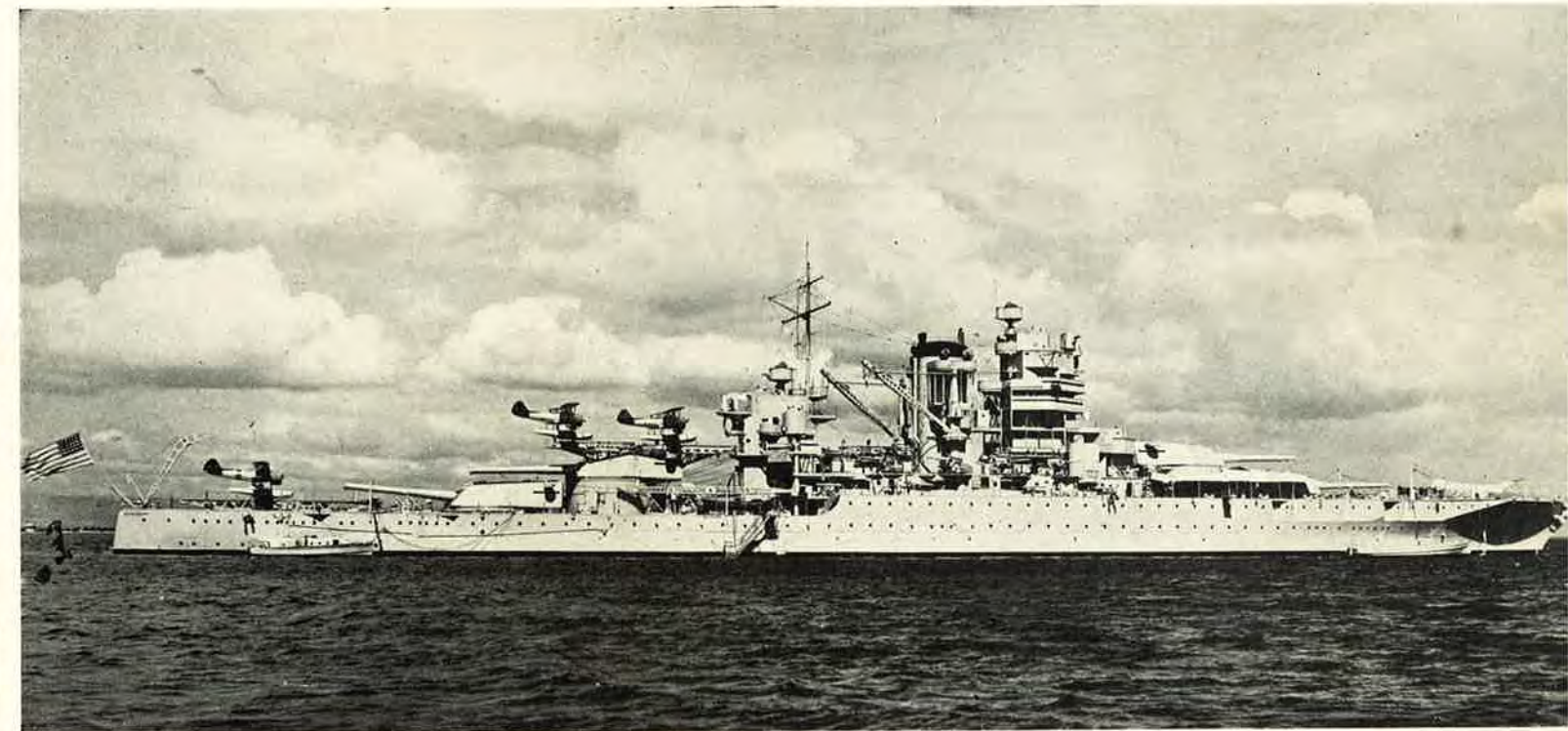
Battleship Division Three

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REAR ADMIRAL ARTHUR P. FAIRFIELD, U.S. NAVY

Commander Battleship Division Three

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U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI

CAPTAIN WILLIAM R. MUNROE, U.S. NAVY

Commanding

COMMANDER HERBERT V. WILEY, U.S. NAVY

Executive Officer

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By CHIEF MACHINIST VIRGIL A. COWART, U.S. NAVY

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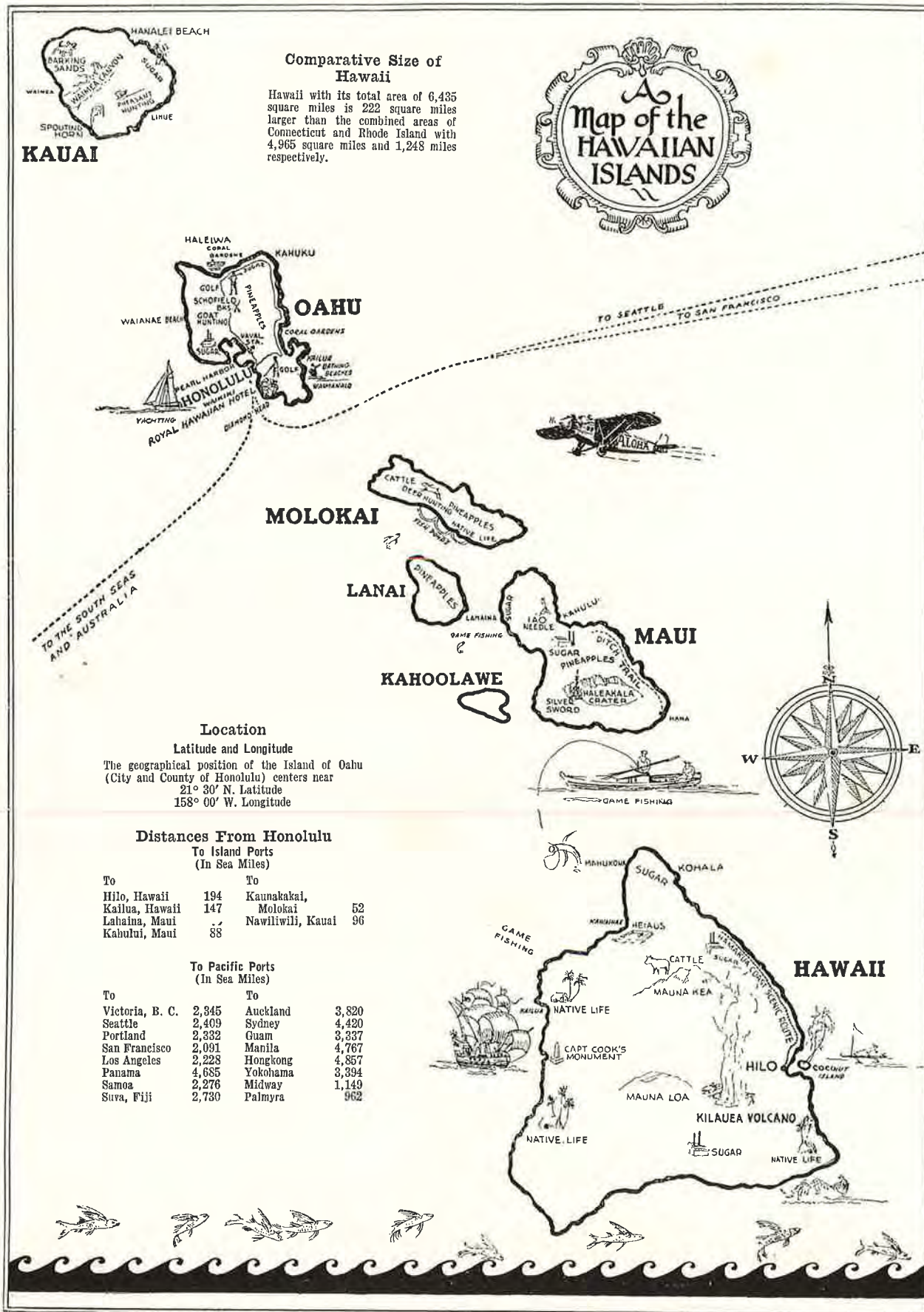
Cartoons

L. H. WEBB, *Yeoman 2c*, U.S.N.

Personnel Data

A. MAURER, *Chief Yeoman*, U.S.N.

Plysome, water-line of a ship



Commanding Officers of the U.S.S. Mississippi

- Captain Joseph L. Jayne 18 December 1917 to 31 January 1918
- Captain Philip Andrews 31 January 1918 to 6 September 1918
- Captain Benjamin F. Hutchison 6 September 1918 to 29 November 1918
- Captain William A. Moffett 10 December 1918 to 7 December 1920
- Captain Powers Symington 7 December 1920 to 15 December 1921
- Captain Orton P. Jackson 15 December 1921 to 14 November 1923
- Captain William D. Brotherton 14 November 1923 to 6 June 1925
- Captain Thomas C. Hart 6 June 1925 to 2 June 1927
- Captain Charles M. Tozer 2 June 1927 to 27 June 1928
- Captain Edward B. Fenner 27 June 1928 to 14 June 1930
- Captain Harry L. Brinser 14 June 1930 to 5 July 1932
- Captain William D. Puleston 5 July 1932 to 1 June 1934
- Captain Sam C. Loomis 1 July 1934 to 30 November 1935
- Captain William P. Gaddis 30 November 1935 to 7 June 1937
- Captain Francis L. Reichmuth 7 June 1937 to 30 April 1938
- Captain Raymond A. Spruance 30 April 1938 to 6 January 1940
- Commander Edmund W. Burrough 6 January 1940 to 6 February 1940
- Captain William R. Munroe 6 February 1940



Waikiki beach . . . Diamond Head in distance

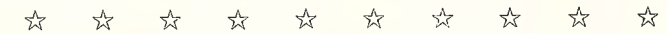


Surfriding at Waikiki



FOREWORD

A story of the voyage of the U.S.S. Mississippi across the Equator, in the South Seas, and a description of the Initiation Ceremonies by which 1038 officers and men of the Mississippi were converted from Pollywogs to Shellbacks.



ORIGIN OF THE CEREMONIES

THE ORIGIN of the ceremonies connected with crossing the line is lost in antiquity. At a very early date when Neptune was believed to be the God of the Sea, sailors on entering his domain were only too glad to gain his good will and protection by acts of propitiation. We know that the Vikings had a ceremony of some kind in crossing certain parallels, and it is probable that they passed on the custom to the Anglo-Saxon and other sea-going nations. Sailors finally gave up their belief in Neptune, God of the Mysterious Deep, but they kept up the "propitiation" and turned it into something like a cross between a lodge initiation and a Blitzkrieg. Today the ceremony is simply an initiation of men who have not crossed the line by men who have. Thus the "Pollywog" becomes the "Shellback." This

Brotherhood of the Sea is said to be the only organization in the world which men are compelled to join. Every "Shellback" is a zealous member. In fact he is a go-getter, going into every conceivable hiding place on the ship to get the trembling "Pollywog." Lest our readers who are not familiar with naval customs condemn this ceremony as brutal, it should be said that the initiation is not brutal, but may be boisterous. The worst a man gets out of it is a good ducking, a treatment by the Royal Barbers and Royal Doctors, and a well placed paddling by the gang. Captain B. Hall, of the Royal Navy, writing more than a century ago, said: "Its evil is transient, if any evil there be; while it certainly affords Jack a topic for a month beforehand and a fortnight afterwards."



Honolulu . . . Diamond Head as seen from Ala Moana Park



Honolulu Harbor and Business District



Old Hawaiian putting pig in "imu" for roasting



Honolulu's "Palace Square" with the Federal and Hawaiian Electric Buildings in the foreground. . . . "Honolulu Hale" or city hall. This beautiful example of Hawaiian architecture is set in a garden of lush tropical beauty.

THE VOYAGE

ON JULY 19, 1940, the U.S.S. *Mississippi*, accompanied by other units of the United States Fleet left the Fleet Base in Hawaiian waters for routine maneuvers through the South Pacific Ocean, south of the Hawaiian Islands, approaching the islands of the South Seas falling in the general classification of American Polynesia.

These islands had for many years lived a lazy existence, with very few people living on them, and some of them entirely uninhabited. They were known to us only through the romantic novels of the South Seas, wherein such names as Palmyra, Jarvis, Christmas, Fanning and Kingman served to identify points at which shipwrecked mariners spent long days, weeks and months hoping to see a rescuing sail being borne through the tropics by the trade winds.

For many years they were considered of such small value that even their ownership was a matter of no great concern. They were nominally under Great Britain, but were used freely by any

one who travelled through them. They were seldom visited by any craft other than fishing vessels from Hawaii.

In 1935 the scene quickly changed. The giant clippers of the Pan-American Airways conquered the Pacific Ocean, and the following year the route to the Orient became a beaten path for the huge silver planes. The United States government was quick to see the potential value of the islands in connection with aviation service to the Antipodes. By negotiation with Great Britain, they were placed beneath the American flag, and even as our voyage started, the first regularly scheduled clipper flight to Australia was in progress above these islands.

Upon leaving the Fleet Base, word went through the ship that during the next few days the maneuvers would carry the fleet across the Equator. The first thought at this news was that at last the ship would for the first time since 1925 come within the domain of Neptunus Rex, the Ruler of the Raging Main.

PREPARATIONS

PREPARATIONS were started immediately for the party. The first step was to find the number of officers and men who had crossed the line before, and to organize the Court from these Shellbacks. It was found that of a total of 1137 officers and men aboard the ship, 23 officers and 76 men were Shellbacks. This gave a total of 99 Shellbacks to initiate 1038 Pollywogs.

Lieutenant Commander Bern Anderson, U.S. Navy, the Athletic Officer of the ship, was directed by the Captain to make the necessary arrangements for a party befitting the *Mississippi*. He in turn designated Chief Machinist V. A. Cowart, U.S. Navy; W. G. Zuber, C.B.M., U.S. Navy and E. A. Kennedy, CCStd., U.S. Navy as a committee to plan the ceremonies.

This committee then selected committees to handle arrangements; credentials; appointments; and subpoenas. These committees were headed by the following Chief Petty Officers: arrangements, W. G. Zuber, C.B.M.; credentials, A. Maurer, C.Y.; appointments, F. B. Kieffer, C.E.M.; subpoenas, A. Maurer, C.Y. A credentials and subpoena committee consisting of Lieutenant Clanton E. Austin, U.S.N., Lieutenant Carleton E. Mott, U.S.N., and Chief Radio Electrician Robert E. Trapeur, U.S.N., were appointed to pass on the credentials of all Officer Shellbacks and prepare subpoenas for Officer Pollywogs.

The subpoena blanks were prepared by Shellback J. L. Nuzzo, Chief Printer, U.S.N., with his Pollywog assistants. Pollywog assistants of all the Shellbacks cooperated in caring for the many details connected with the party, and thanks are hereby given for the help given by these men, requiring overtime work by them in many cases.

After leaving the base, a message containing the following information was received from Commander Battle Force:

"THIS FORCE WILL CROSS EQUATOR WEDNESDAY MORNING X COMMANDER BATTLE FORCE WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO ROYAL DOMAIN OF HIS MAJESTY NEPTUNUS REX."

Immediately following receipt of this message, a note was found in the Daily Work Sheet to the following effect:

"THE FOLLOWING MIXED SHIPMENT OF STORES CONSIGNED TO DAVEY JONES, U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI, WAS RECEIVED FRIDAY FROM THE SUPPLY OFFICER FOURTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT. STOREKEEPER CONCERNED PLEASE DRAW SAME FROM D-601 TODAY: DIGITALIS PURPUREA, STRYCHNINE SULPHUROUS, NUXVOMICA, CAUSICUNA FRUCTUOSUS, PHY-SOSTIGMA VENENOSUM IN CAPSULES, TEN GALLONS MUCILAGE, 20 GALLONS

COAL OIL, 6 QUARTS HOT PEPPER SAUCE, 10 QUARTS CASTOR OIL, 2 BARRELS STICKY BLACK TAR, 20 POUNDS AXLE GREASE, FOUR HIGH PRESSURE GREASE GUNS, FIFTY BASEBALL BATS, SIX PAIRS HORSE CLIPPERS, FIFTY PAIRS CRUTCHES, ONE GALLON SHELLBACK OIL, 4 CORK LEGS, 3 CASES ADHESIVE TAPE, 6 BLOOD STOPPERS."

Publication of this note brought great consternation to the lowly Pollywogs among the crew. They began to realize the mighty power of the Ruler of the Raging Main, and knew that all of the above material was for the purpose of conducting a proper initiation into the Silent Mysteries of the Deep.

Amusing cartoons, reproduced herein, began to appear around the ship. These cartoons aroused great interest in the party. Several small groups of Pollywogs attempted to form an organization to combat the Shellbacks, but these uprisings were quickly brought to the attention of the Royal Representative on board, and prompt action squelched the rebels.



On the Daily Work Sheet for Saturday there appeared the following message, which had been received via the Starboard Main Injection:

"From: Long John Silver:

To: Secret Agent—BB41.

KNOW YE, THAT VAGUE RUMORS HAVE REACHED OUR EARS, THROUGH CHANNELS OF OUR LAWFUL EMISSARIES ON TERRA FIRMA THAT THE U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI, IN PURSUIT OF HER LAWFUL DUTIES, WILL ASK PERMISSION TO ENTER OUR DOMAIN; WHEREFORE, WE BID ALL OUR TRUSTY SUBJECTS PREPARE THE MANY POLLYWOGS WITH WHICH THE SHIP IS BURDENED TO DO US HOMAGE AND TO INSTILL IN THEM A PROPER REVERENCE AND HUMILITY SUCH THAT THEY MAY BE WORTHY TO COME BEFORE OUR AUGUST PRESENCE. BY HIS EXALTED MAJESTY, NEPTUNUS REX."

The Shellbacks continued their work with more vigor after receiving this word from their beloved King. The subpoena committee worked quietly, compiling a list of the many sins of the Pollywogs in order that His Majesty would have a clear and complete story of the misdeeds of the culprits when they approached His throne.

The Daily Work Sheet for Sunday contained another bombshell for the Pollywogs:

"From: Davey Jones.

To: Foretopmast, Secret Operative BB41.

XIBVT TDJKL WSVHP GFKIP BERTU
CCIEL WXFHJ CNDFJ HOWEC SFDTH
ALEXA NDERGM DVBEK WSCUL LPDFW
LENTZ KFHEF LPWSD XMKLD WJAKL
ENSIG NFIKE KLPED HGDJK AKSLD JAMES
WDFTH EPOXR VANKAMMEN XDLED
FYWKV."

This message struck terror into the hearts of the Pollywogs, because even though they did not have the Royal Code Book, and therefore they could not decipher the message, the Royal Cryptographer had cleverly revealed to them that His Majesty was aware of the activities of certain of the Pollywog revolt leaders. In the message above will be found the names of Bertucci, GM1c; Chaplain Howe; Alexander, GM2c; Lieutenant Scull; Lentz, Coxswain; Ensign Fike; Ensign James and Van Kammen, SC1c.

A meeting of Shellbacks was held in the Warrant Officers Mess Room, where plans were discussed, questions answered, and final arrangements made.

The Daily Work Sheet for Monday carried another message from the Royal Domain, this message expressing the grave displeasure of His Majesty at the actions of some of the Officer Pollywogs:

"From: Davey Jones.

To: Royal Representative on Board U.S.S. Mississippi.

YOUR REPORT OF THE ACTIONS OF POLLYWOGS HAS BEEN RELAYED TO HIS EXALTED MAJESTY NEPTUNUS REX. THE PART PLAYED BY POLLYWOGS SHERMAN, SCULL, HOWE, INNES, FAIRFAX AND LEADER IN INCITING THE POLLYWOGS TO REVOLT HAS BEEN DULY RECORDED. THEY ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE THE LEADERS OF THE PIRATES. HIS MAJESTY DECREES THAT, AS ADDITIONAL PUNISHMENT AND THAT THEY MAY BE PRODUCED IN HIS PRESENCE WITH THE PROPER REVERENCE AND HUMILITY, THEY SHALL BE HOISTED TO THE YARD TWO HOURS PRIOR TO ENTERING THE ROYAL DOMAIN AS SPECIAL LOOK-OUTS. THEY SHALL BE LOWERED AND GIVEN AN EGG SHAMPOO FOLLOWED BY A BILGE WATER WASH AT HALF HOUR INTERVALS."



Payment in full for all punishment



"CROSSING THE LINE"

Scranton, D. E., Sea1c
Sehn, E., F1c
Seipp, G. B., Sea1c
Selby, W. B., Sea1c
Semler, R. K., Sea1c
Seymour, W. P., CBM (PA)
Shandonay, A. J., Sea1c
Shannon, A. D., Sea1c
Shannon, H. L., Sea2c
Shannon, W. W., Sea1c
Shaw, V., Sea2c
Sherard, D. D., Sea2c
Sherman, U. J., AS
Shimek, F. K., Sea1c
Shirley, B. F., Sea1c
Shore, H. A., Sea2c
Siefert, C. K., F1c
Siegmond, J. K., Sea1c
Simmons, M. "V", MM1c
Simming, A. L., Sea1c
Simming, W. O., F1c
Sinclair, A. W., F1c
Slagle, J. D., Sea2c
Slatoski, P. J., SM3c
Sledge, L. P., FC1c
Sledge, M. C., FC1c
Sloan, S., Sea1c
Smallwood, P. E., Sea1c
Smith, C. D., Sea1c
Smith, C. L., MM1c
Smith, D., Sea2c
Smith, E., Sea1c
Smith, E. C., Sea2c
Smith, E. M., Sea1c
Smith, E. M., Sea1c
Smith, F. R., Sea1c
Smith, G. H., Sea2c
Smith, H. D., Sea2c
Smith, J. O., MAtt1c
Smith, L. R., Sea2c
Smith, M. L., CWT (AA)
Smith, M. M., Sea2c
Smith, N. B., GM3c
Smith, N. S., PhM3c
Smith, R. D., MM1c
Smith, R. N., Sea1c
Smuck, J. W., Sea2c
Snively, A. W., Sea1c
Snodgrass, W. M., Sea2c
Sormrud, S. R., Sea2c

Spaven, W. H., AMM3c
Spell, W. H., Cox
Sporer, J. F., Sea1c
Spracklin, L. D., Sea1c
Spurgeon, N. K., F1c
Squier, E. L., Mus1c
Squier, E., F1c
Stanley, S. H., Sea1c
Stansfield, J. D., EM3c
St. Cyr, L. A., Sea2c
Steele, W. G., F2c
Stender, G. A., F1c
Stenger, L. J., Sea1c
Stewart, L. G., Y1c
Stierwalt, C. A., Sea2c
Stoy, G. E., Sea1c
Stramer, E. J., Sea2c
Stratton, C. L., Sea1c
Stratton, R. W., Sea2c
Strevel, L. R., Sea1c
Stromberg, L. "B", MM1c
Struve, C., Sea2c
Stuart, C. L., Sea1c
Stuckey, E. S., F2c
Sullivan, J. F., AS
Sumner, A. A., Sea2c
Sundstrom, J. D., SC3c
Suriano, D. N., F1c
Suriano, J., F1c
Sweatt, H., Sea1c
Syberg, W. D., MM2c
Tanner, R. E., F1c
Tanner, W., Sea1c
Tarter, C. V., BM2c
Tate, V. O., Sea1c
Taylor, C. L., GM3c
Taylor, R. E., CQM (AA)
Taylor, R. M., MAtt1c
Teach, A. R., Sea1c
Templeton, J. V. B., Sea2c
Templeton, L. C., MM1c
Tennessee, P. T., RM2c
Thomas, A., Sea2c
Thompson, A. H., EM1c
Thompson, J. A., MAtt2c
Thompson, J. H., Sea1c
Thompson, N. "J", Sea1c
Thompson, T. J., Sea1c
Thornton, A. H., Cox
Tinsley, D. P., Sea1c

Tisor, C. J., Sea1c
Tittsler, W. R., GM3c
Todd, R. W., Sea1c
Trivelpiece, W. P., RM3c
Truitt, W. K., Y1c
Trumbo, J., MAtt3c
Tverstol, J. H., Sea2c
Unateny, J., F2c
Vahe, H. A., EM3c
Van Kammen, D. P., SC1c
Vanskike, O. R., F3c
Van Winkle, J., WT2c
Vaughan, E., Cox
Vick, W. H., EM3c
Vinzant, R. R., SF3c
Vodenik, C. I., Sea1c
Wade, L., Jr., Sea2c
Waits, M. L., SK1c
Waldron, C. G., EM2c
Walker, E. B., Sea1c
Walker, H. M., Sea2c
Walker, J. T., Sea2c
Walsh, P. A., Sea1c
Wardlow, S. D., F2c
Watson, C. L., Sea2c
Watts, C. E., Sea2c
Weatherford, O. E., AS
Webb, L. H., Y2c
Webber, L. C., CEM (PA)
Weber, N. J., Sea2c
Weber, W. P., Sea2c
Webster, C. H., Cox
Wehmeyer, L. L., Sea1c
Weigele, W. J. J., Sea1c
Weisman, R. F., CBM (AA)
Welbourn, R. A., F1c
Welch, G. W., MM1c
Welch, R. H., Sea1c
Weldon, J. A., Sea2c
Welker, R. A., FC2c
Wellman, V., Sea2c
Wente, J. R., Sea1c
Werle, J. W., SC3c
Werner, H. G., Sea1c
Westhafer, L. R., F3c
Wetherell, W. B., Sea2c
Wevick, R. J., Sea2c
Whelchel, J. S., CCM (AA)
White, G. "C", Sea1c
White, H. C., Sea1c

White, J. S., Sea1c
White, L. R., Sea2c
White, R. M., Sea2c
White, R. E., AS
Whittington, H. C., F2c
Whorton, E. R., Sea2c
Wiley, R. W., Sea2c
Wilkinson, H. R., Sea1c
Williams, F. T., WT2c
Williams, J. A., BM2c
Williams, L. A., Sea2c
Williams, R. R., F3c
Williams, V. E., F1c
Wills, C. W., GM3c
Wilson, D. E., F2c
Wilson, E. C., Sea1c
Wilson, G. V., EM3c
Wilson, H. C., Sea1c
Wilson, W. E., Sea1c
Winter, D. H., F1c
Winter, R. L., AS
Wise, B. A., F1c
Wise, D. "C", F3c
Wishmeyer, R. V., Cox
Witkouski, J. J., MM1c
Witkowski, C. S., Y3c
Wood, A. W., MM2c
Woods, H. F., Cox
Woodworth, E. D., Sea1c
Woosley, H., Sea1c
Wright, J. E., WT2c
Wyatt, G. T., Sea1c
Wyndham, L. W., Sea1c
Yancey, A. W., MM1c
Yanta, S. J., Sea2c
Yates, E. D., Sea2c
Yates, G. B., Sea1c
Yaun, A., F2c
Yeagle, A. C., Sea1c
York, C. E., F1c
Young, B. O., Sea1c
Zalenski, J. S., Sea2c
Zellers, J. M., F1c
Zimmermann, A. E., Sea1c
Zimmerman, C. S., EM2c
Zinser, A. L., WT2c
Zuehlke, W. R., Sea2c
Zweifel, P. E., Sea1c
Zylla, D. P., Y3c

Interdivisional boxing and wrestling matches were continued, with everybody enjoying the efforts of the contestants.

Another message was received from the Royal Domain:

"From: Davey Jones.

To: Royal Emissary, U.S.S. *Mississippi*.

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT POLLYWOGS ARE TO BE DROPPED ONLY FROM SIGNAL BRIDGE. THIS IS TOO SHORT A DROP. I SUGGEST DROPPING FROM SKY AFT. MY RECORDS SHOW THAT A POLLYWOG WAS DROPPED FROM MAIN TOP ON YOUR SHIP IN 1921 AND HIT THE QUARTER DECK SO HARD THAT HE WENT ON THROUGH TO A FUEL OIL TANK, WHERE HE WAS FOUND DURING MODERNIZATION IN 1932. IN VIEW OF THIS REQUIRE ALL POLLYWOGS MAKE OUT WILLS."

On Tuesday the Royal Throne really started taking shape. The platform was built, the tank completed and filled with water. Barber chairs were installed, operating tables set up, and every Shellback busied himself in last minute preparations for reception of His Majesty Neptunus Rex.

Suddenly word went through the ship that the Royal Mystery Man had discovered that some of the Royal Equipment had been captured by the Pollywogs. An inventory was made and it was found that the Royal Stocks were missing. Word went out to the Pollywog clan that dire things would happen to them if the missing stocks were not replaced, and soon they were found lying right where they had been captured.

IMPERIAL MAJESTY NEPTUNUS REX X ALL SHIPS IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH AN ADEQUATE LOOKOUT TO WATCH FOR DAVEY JONES X DUE TIME SHOULD BE ALLOTTED TO THE INSTRUCTION OF ALL NOVICES OTHERWISE KNOWN AS POLLYWOGS WHO ARE APPROACHING THE DREADFUL MYSTERIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR MINDS AND SOULS AND BODIES MAY BE STEELED TO THE ORDEAL WHICH AWAITS THEM."



The ship was scheduled to perform certain evolutions during the afternoon which made it impractical to establish the watch immediately. However, the Watch List was posted, in preparation for the Pollywog Sea Watch to be set as soon as the evolutions were completed.

The Commanding Officer's Very Special Order, File Extraordinary, a copy of which appears below, was published to all hands:

File Extraordinary Pride of the Proudest of Fleets
The United States Ship *Mississippi*
Queen of the Seas
The Day Before the Big Day

From: Commanding Officer.
To: All Officers and Men under my Command.
Subject: The boarding of this vessel by the Royal Scribe Davey Jones and the reception of his Imperial Majesty Neptunus Rex.

Reference: (a) The traditions of the Seven Seas.

1. Word has been received both by radio and sound signals that at about 1900 today, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Imperial Majesty Neptunus Rex, His Honor Royal Scribe Davey Jones will board this vessel.

(a) When directed, the Pollywog Sea Watch will be set. This watch to be in accordance with instructions which have been issued to the Pollywogs comprising the watch.

(b) The Officer of the Deck shall keep a sharp lookout and report to me on the quarterdeck by megaphone when the party is sighted.

(c) The ship will be slowed to allow boarding by Davey Jones and his party. After the ship has been



At high noon, on Tuesday, the following message was received from Commander Battleships:

"From: Commander Battleships:

To: Battleships, Battle Force.

Information: Cincus Combatfor.

ALL SHIPS THIS COMMAND MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION OF HIS

"CROSSING THE LINE"

Marines Converted from Landlubbers to Shellbacks

First Sergeant
Evans, James P.

Gunnery Sergeant
Davis, Henry "G".

Sergeant
Amos, Raymond L.
Fields, James S.
Johnson, Willard C.
Wiggins, Nathan E.

Corporal
Alexander, Drummond
Banks, David W.
Brumfield, Nelson I.
Graham, Marshall D.
Lunetta, George, Jr.
Sitko, Steve T., Jr.
Smith, John E.
Smith, Robert N.

Field Cook
Jones, Robert P., Jr.

Private First Class

Atchison, Ernest "D".
Baker, Robert C.
Blood, Richard C.
Brown, Robert L.
Clark, Richard T.
Cram, Gordon S.
Daniel, Joseph F.
Goebel, John A.
Hancock, William A.
Harper, James M., Jr.
Higginbotham, Robert L.
Hill, Dave, Jr.
James, Albert T.
Jaramillo, Robert C.
Jewett, Paul L.
Kalber, Howard H.
Labbo, Charles A.
McCarty, Ray Y.
McMahan, Harvey B.
Miller, Allen J.
Opseth, Raymond G.

Owens, Fred E.
Parish, William O.
Perkins, Clayton D.
Reddick, Chandler R.
Robert, Lawrence C.
Saenger, Donald C.
Sanders, John M.
Shedd, Grover C.
Siesser, Lewis
Smith, Robert C.
Smith, Richard D.
Tomlinson, Joseph P.
Tuttle, Robert B.
Wilson, Rupert C.
Woerz, Eugene J.
Assistant Cook
Duncan, Bertram McL.
Field Music First Class
Gaden, Fred A.
Private
Allison, Delbert
Appling, Leroy C., Jr.

Bailey, William H.
Barnes, Ronald M.
Bertermann, Robert P.
Cameron, Lyle R.
Chauncey, Leslie W.
Cirinelli, Alfred A.
Clark, Thomas D., Jr.
Daly, John P.
Davis, Billy J.
Furgerson, Buford N.
Leslie, Miles D.
Maquar, James P.
Maxwell, Leroy F.
McKechnie, Archie W.
Milam, Harlan DeF.
Minick, Ralph Q.
Riegle, Kenneth E.
Sykes, Guy C.
Tomolonis, Martin
Wiley, Daniel
Field Music
Tarrant, John W.

hailed, and Davey Jones has ordered the ship to heave to, searchlights will be played on the hawse pipe. When the searchlights are lighted, the Marine Guard and Band will render honors.

(d) The Junior Officer of the Deck shall be sent to the forecandle to receive the Royal Scribe and conduct him to the bridge, then to me on the quarterdeck. The Pollywog Sea Watch will then be secured.

(e) When Davey Jones has reached the boat deck, on his way to the bridge, assembly will be sounded, and all hands will be marched aft by divisions for Massed Formation.

(f) Davey Jones will present to all Officers and Chief Petty Officers the subpoenas ordering them to appear before the Royal Court. Subpoenas for all others will be delivered to the Division Officers who will be responsible for their safe delivery.

(g) After presenting the subpoenas, Davey Jones will return to the Sea whence he came.

(h) When Davey Jones has left the quarterdeck, the divisions will return to their Division Parades for distribution of subpoenas, and will then be dismissed.

The above formalities are necessary in order to please and placate His Majesty's closest friend, adviser and High Counsellor, the Royal Scribe Davey Jones.

2. The second Pollywog Sea Watch will be set at 0645 tomorrow. This watch will be made up according to watch list furnished by Davey Jones when he comes aboard this evening.

3. His Imperial Majesty Neptunus Rex, Emperor of the Deep, will board this vessel at or about 0800, tomorrow.

(a) Breakfast will be served to all hands at 0630, and quarters will be sounded at about 0745. All Divisions will be at Massed Formation Aft at 0800.

(b) The ship will stop at 0800 to allow boarding by His Majesty and Court. They will come aboard via the hawsepipes.

(c) The Junior Officer of the Deck shall meet His Majesty on the Bow, and escort Him and His Court to the Quarterdeck, coming on to the Quarterdeck on the Starboard side.

(d) As the Royal Court reaches the Quarterdeck, Full and Most High and Royal Honors will be rendered by the Marine Guard and Band. Ten Side Boys will be used.

(e) His Majesty will then assume charge of this vessel and all persons herein shall strictly execute his commands under pain of his displeasure. The Royal Standard will be broken at once. The Royal Court will proceed to the forecandle and take their stations. A signal for all Pollywogs to report to the forecandle will be sounded by a Royal blast from the Royal Whistle of the Royal Chief of Police.

(f) The uniform for quarters will be the uniform of the day, and the officers will wear side arms. The uniform for initiation will be optional. All hands are cautioned not to have watches or valuables in their pockets.

(g) The initiation line will form on the boat deck, and all hands will surrender their subpoenas to the Royal Scribes for checking off. The Royal Scribes will retain the subpoenas until after the ceremony is finished, at which time they will be returned to their owners.

(h) Officers will be initiated first, followed by the Chief Petty Officers, then by the crew.

4. Tomorrow is hereby declared a holiday.

5. On that date all Shellbacks will be relieved of watch and duty during the hours of the ceremony.

6. All hands are warned to have their subpoenas with them when they enter the initiation line.

7. It is particularly dangerous for Landlubbers to flirt with the Princess, or worse still, with the Queen. The Royal Baby must not be teased.

11/Tb

W. R. MUNROE,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

MISUNDERSTOOD POLLYWOGS



"WE AIN'T DONE NOTHIN'!"



At about 4:00 p.m., the evolutions being completed, the word was passed for the Pollywog Sea Watch to be posted on the double double. Soon the entire crew was amazed to see the Pollywog Sea Watch, made up as follows, take their stations.

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District of Equatorius

From: Commanding Officer.
To: All Pollywog Watch.
Subject: Pollywog Sea Watch—Establishment of.
Reference: (a) Combatships Despatch.

1. Reference (a) is quoted for information.

From: Combatships.
To: Batships Batfor.
Info: Cincus, Combatfor.

ALL SHIPS THIS COMMAND MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY NEPTUNUS REX X ALL SHIPS IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH AN ADEQUATE LOOKOUT TO WATCH FOR DAVEY JONES X DUE TIME SHOULD BE ALLOTTED TO THE INSTRUCTION OF ALL NOVICES OTHERWISE KNOWN AS POLLYWOGS WHO ARE APPROACHING THE DREADFUL MYSTERIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR MINDS SOULS AND BODIES MAY BE STEELED TO THE ORDEAL THAT AWAITS THEM.

2. In accordance with reference (a), the following Pollywog sea watch has been established. The watch will be set immediately after completion of afternoon exercises. The watch will be manned on the double double immediately after the word is passed.

Johnson, C. J., Sea1c
Johnson, D. L., Sea2c
Johnson, E. E., Sea2c
Johnson, E. F., BM2c
Johnson, M. W., EM2c
Johnson, O. C., GM2c
Johnson, S. V., Cox
Johnson, W. E., F2c
Jolly, C. E., WT2c
Jones, F. K., EM2c
Jones, F. R., GM2c
Jones, G. B., Sea2c
Jones, H. B., AOM3c
Jones, K. C., Sea2c
Jones, L. C., MAtt2c
Jones, R. B., Sea2c
Jones, W. E., Sea1c
Justis, G. S., F3c
Kain, W. F., Sea2c
Kalasinsky, F., BM2c
Kalberg, G. D., Sea1c
Karalius, A. M., Sea2c
Kaup, K. N., Sea2c
Keiderling, F. R., F1c
Keiderling, W. H., Sea2c
Keimig, J. J., Sea1c
Kelly, J. B., SC2c
Kemp, O. W., Bug1c
Kennedy, E. F., Msmth1c
Kinch, Q. A., Sea1c
King, K. K., Sea2c
King, R. J., Sea2c
Kintz, R. V., F3c
Kirk, P. W., F2c
Kirts, E. B., Sea1c
Kistler, V. O., Cox
Kladek, F., RM2c
Klein, H. G., Sea2c
Klimkoski, L. J., F2c
Knight, R. T., Sea1c
Kobes, K. R., Sea1c
Koenig, W. E., Sea2c
Kolinko, S., SC2c
Koonce, Q., F2c
Krogstad, W. D., MM2c
Kuzan, M. N., SM3c
Lacross, R. J., WT1c
Lakosky, C. J., Sea2c
Lambert, H. W., Sea1c
Lang, O. G., Sea1c
Lang, S., MM2c
Lantrip, D. A., MM2c
Lapham, J., MM2c
Larkins, J. L., Sea2c
Larsen, S. N., Sea1c
Larson, H. M., Sea1c
Lasater, M. H., Sea2c
Latimer, M. S., PhM2c
Lawson, G. W., F2c
Leasman, A. W., Sea1c
Lee, J. S., F1c
Leimgruebler, N. A., MM1c
Lemaire, J. K., Sea2c
Lemler, H. W., Sea2c
Lenges, S. W., Sea1c
Lentz, G. A., Cox
Leo, L., SK2c
Lewis, E. L., Sea1c
Lewis, R., EM3c
Leyde, W. G., F2c
Lillie, T. T., RM2c
Lindsey, R. D., AS
Linn, H. A., Sea2c
Lipinski, G. A., Sea1c
Llewellyn, W. C., GM2c
Loddings, H. W., EM3c
Loftis, J. O., GM3c
Loftus, F. P., Sea2c
Lohr, C. K., Sea2c
Long, J. E., F1c

Lorenzana, S., MAtt1c
Loveland, E. L., MM1c
Lowerey, J. F., MAtt3c
Lucas, P., Sea2c
Lyne, D. T., Sea2c
Lynn, R. J., RM3c
Lyon, H. J., Sea1c
Lyon, W. H., MM2c
McCain, R. S., Sea2c
McCann, F. L., Sea2c
McCarty, S., Sea1c
McCormick, H. G., Sea1c
McCracken, L. H., EM3c
McCrary, A. K., F1c
McDaniel, T. B., Sea2c
McDonald, B. H., Sea1c
McDowell, C. D., Sea1c
McElduff, T. J., Sea2c
McFadden, J. "R.", Sea2c
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McMillian, O. J., BM2c
McMurry, E. L., SK2c
McNaughton, V. F., F1c
McWilliams, R. O., F1c
Mabry, G., Sea1c
Mackey, T. A., Sea2c
MacPherson, D. E., EM3c
Magness, J. R., F1c
Mainland, J. C., EM2c
Maner, J. W., Sea2c
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 Constantino, J., Sea1c
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 Cotter, M. F., AS
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 Cunningham, L. R., GM3c
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 Dace, S. W., Sea2c
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 Daniel, P. H., Sea1c
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 Davis, W. E., Sea2c
 Day, H. A., F1c
 Dean, W. A., Cox
 DeBerry, R. C., EM3c
 Deere, K. F., Sea1c
 DeGeer, J. M., AS
 Denham, B. T., WT2c
 Dermond, R. L., CM3c
 Dickens, P. W., Sea2c
 Dickson, W. M., Sea1c
 Dinwiddie, C. H., BM2c
 Dixon, T. L., Sea2c
 Doering, M. J., RM3c
 Doescher, V. M., F1c
 Dolk, R. W., FC3c
 Donald, W. M., Sea2c
 Donato, C. M., RM3c
 Doss, M. W., Sea1c
 Doster, O. D., Mus2c
 Doyle, J. A., Sea2c
 Drennan, W. J., Sea1c
 Dudzik, F., Sea2c
 Dugan, V. D., F1c
 Dumas, H. H., F2c
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 Dunn, E. E., CTC (PA)
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 Eddy, J., "D", Sea1c
 Eilola, E. W., Sea1c
 Eline, J. E., SF2c
 Elkins, J. N., Mus2c
 Ellington, O. E., Sea1c
 Ellis, I. D., GM3c
 Ellis, W. D., RM3c
 Elmer, R. H., Sea1c
 Emerson, K., Sea1c
 Erickson, V. C., Sea2c
 Espersen, A. C., SC2c
 Estep, J. B., Sea1c
 Etheridge, M. N., Sea1c
 Evans, D. H., Sea1c
 Evans, J. F., Bkr1c
 Evans, M. L., Sea1c
 Evans, R. L., Sea1c
 Farlow, D. T., Msmth1c
 Farnell, J. L., Sea2c
 Farrell, W. J., Jr., F2c
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 Feldthouse, H. W., Sea1c

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 Ferrell, W. R., Sea2c
 Ferrer, G., OS1c
 Ferris, D. W., Sea2c
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 Finney, H. E., Sea1c
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 Fisher, K. P., F1c
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 Garner, J. E., Jr., Sea1c
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 Goodson, R. A., Sea2c
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 Green, R., Mus2c
 Griffin, S. W., Sea1c
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 Grimes, K. L., MAtt3c
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 Hobbs, H., Sea1c
 Hobson, L. M., Sea1c
 Hoffman, F. J., Sea2c
 Hoke, R. E., Sea1c
 Holden, H. J., Sea2c
 Hollingsworth, J. F., Sea1c
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 Holm, J. A., Sea1c
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 Houpp, H. L., EM3c
 Howard, L. F., Sea2c
 Hughes, H. D., Sea2c
 Hughes, J. V., Sea1c
 Hughes, K. R., Sea2c
 Hughes, L. W., SM3c
 Hughett, J., Sea2c
 Hughson, S. L., Sea1c
 Hulslander, C. C., CTC (PA)
 Humphrey, B. J., Sea2c
 Hunt, J. F., F2c
 Hunt, R. W., Sea2c
 Hunt, S., Jr., F2c
 Hunton, W. J., SC3c
 Hurd, J. W., SF3c
 Husseman, A. J., Sea1c
 Hutton, L. D., F3c
 Ingle, R. E., Sea2c
 Jackson, D. C., Jr., RM3c
 Jackson, R. W., SK3c
 Jameson, H. R., F2c
 Jarrett, A. C., F1c
 Jeffers, F., SF1c
 Jenne, M. L., AM3c
 Jennings, L. L., Sea2c
 Jensen, H. G., 1stMus
 Jensen, R. J., Sea2c
 Jex, F. R., F1c
 Johansen, L. B., AS
 Johnson, A., SC2c
 Johnson, A. E., Jr., AS
 Johnson, B. J., SM3c

NAME AND RANK OR RATE	STATION	UNIFORM
Lieutenant G. Scull, U.S.N.	Atop #1 Turret. Reports every 10 minutes to O.O.D. "Neptune is King."	Cocked hat, frock coat, white trousers, boots.
Captain P. D. Sherman, U.S.M.C.	Inspects all stations on this watch, reporting every 20 minutes to O.O.D. that watch is alert.	Full dress baker, rubber boots.
Ensign K. F. Innes, U.S.N.R.	In diving suit on forecandle forward of Turret 1.	Full diving dress, carrying helmet in hand.
Ensign I. F. Fike, U.S.N.	In eyes of ship. Reports all fish seen swimming by. Announces at 10 minute intervals: "Oh Waukegan, where art thou?"	Same as Lieut. Scull.
Ensign E. G. Fairfax, U.S.N.	Searchlight platform starboard side of stack. Watches galley smoke pipe.	White sox, shorts, shallow water diving outfit.
Ensign B. E. Eader, U.S.N.	Same as Ens. Fairfax.	Same as Ens. Fairfax.
Lieut. (jg) F. W. Gross (MC), U.S.N.	Patrols starboard side of forecandle carrying bedpan and duck. Every 5 minutes reports to O.O.D. that all bottoms are dry.	Surgical gown, no shoes, cocked hat.
M. S. Bertucci, GM1c, U.S.N.	Assistant to Captain Sherman.	Flat hat, blue jumper, neckerchief, drawers, leggings, shoes, and web belt.
D. P. Van Kammen, SC1c, U.S.N.	Atop #1 Turret. Reports to O.O.D. every 10 minutes "I laid an egg."	Diving underwear, diving shoes, breast plate and watch-cap.
T. J. Ford, CMM, U.S.N.	Takes post in eyes of ship, every 5 minutes says, "Quack, quack."	Swim trunks, no shoes, sign on board 3"x15", "I am Donald Duck."
G. A. Lentz, Cox., U.S.N.	Incinerator watch. Announces same as Ford.	Same as Ford.
H. F. Hash, Sea1c., U.S.N.	Orderly for Van Kammen.	Burlap sack for headdress, leggings, no shoes, skivvies.
W. P. Seymour, CBM, U.S.N.	At starboard anchor windlass control. When Van Kammen makes his report, Seymour announces, "Van Kammen laid an egg."	Mess jacket or white coat, one black shoe, one white shoe, dungaree pants. All medals, leggings, web belt and canteen.
R. D. Smith, MM1c, U.S.N.	At port anchor, windlass control. Every 5 minutes announces: "I am the eye."	White undress jumper, blue pants, no shoes. Carries general mess soup bowl with eye painted on bottom.

3. This watch will be given sufficient time in which to eat the evening meal, and must return immediately. It will continue in effect until secured upon arrival of Davey Jones on bridge. Meals must be eaten in the uniform assigned.

4. This watch is required for proper lookout. All

watch standers listed must immediately bend every effort to obtain the material required.

5. All reports called for must be made in a loud clear tone of voice.

W. R. MUNROE,
 Captain, U.S. Navy,
 Commanding.

THE ROYAL COURT OF NEPTUNUS REX, U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI

NEPTUNUS REX.....Chief Boatswain G. B. Martinson
The Queen.....J. R. Bauman, GM1c.
The Princess.....C. Byrd, SM1c.
The Royal Baby.....R. H. Faulkner, BM2c.
Davey Jones.....O. C. Thore, CMM.
Royal Guest of Honor.....Captain W. R. Munroe
Royal Officer of the Deck.....Lieut. Comdr. B. Anderson
Royal Navigator.....Lieut. H. S. Wygant
Long John Silver.....Lieut. A. F. Richardson
Royal Prosecuting Attorneys: Chief Machinist V. A. Cowart;
 I. J. Holtz, CWT; E. J. Beal, CTC.
Royal Judges: Chief Radio Electrician R. E. Trapeur; W. C.
 Maahs, Ptr.1c; G. J. Short, CWT.
Royal Doctors: Comdr. E. Richison, (MC); H. H. Capers,
 ChPhM; M. C. Rice, PhM1c; B. O. Hubbard, PhM2c.
Royal Dentist: E. F. Waugh, HA1c.
Royal Devil: J. O. P. Muise, CMM.
Royal Undertaker: J. A. Neiger, CWT.
Royal Admiral: Comdr. A. L. Mare.
Royal Chaplains: E. A. Kennedy, CCStd; F. Boozer, SC1c.
Royal Distiller: T. P. Moorhouse, SF1c.
Royal Barbers: W. P. Skinner, WT1c; W. S. Rimmer, CMM;
 J. S. Fender, MM1c; E. E. Vick, EM2c; R. E. Lantrip,
 WT2c; J. C. Orgovan, CM3c; R. V. Kachinsky, Yeo3c.
Royal Buglers: A. Aguillon, Mus1c; R. Melitar, Mus1c.
Peg Leg: T. W. Baker, RM1c.
Royal Scribes: A. Maurer, CYeo; L. C. Zweifel, CYeo; D. I.
 White, CSM; L. E. Auger, CSK; J. L. Nuzzo, CPrtr.
Royal Attendants for Neptunus Rex: S. Boyd, Matt1c; C.
 Hobbs, Matt1c.
Royal Nurse: L. J. Gurski, CMM.
Royal Baby's Nurse: W. L. Winchell, CEM.
Royal Maids: Lieut. L. F. Sugnet; Lieut. C. E. Austin; R. E.
 Lewis, EM1c; Z. T. Stuart, EM1c.

Royal Entertainers: Electrician G. W. Clemens; I. T. For-
 bredg, BM2c; J. L. Williams, SM1c; J. D. Romero, OC1c.
Royal Cannibals: A. Bentes, OStd2c; G. Beltrano, Matt1c; M.
 Ollado, OC3c; M. Mejia, OC1c.
Royal Chiefs of Police: J. LeBlanc, BM1c; A. H. Briggs, BM1c.
Royal Aerologist: Lieut. (jg) S. Bradbard.
Royal Chief Bears: W. G. Zuber, CBM; H. T. Francis, CGM;
 O. L. Slay, CWT.
Royal Adviser: Carpenter M. J. Leed.
Royal Astrologer: Lieut. C. W. Truxall.
Royal Electricians: F. B. Kieffer, CEM; F. E. Haake, EM1c.
Special Counsel for Captain P. D. Sherman, U.S.M.C.: Comdr.
 J. A. Walsh, (DC).
Royal Prime Minister: Lieut. Comdr. W. J. O'Brien.
Royal Aide: Lieut. Comdr. C. F. Swanson.
Royal Architect: Lieut. C. E. Mott.
Royal Aviator: Lieut. (jg) J. M. Elliott.
Royal Chef: Lieut. Comdr. G. L. Thomas, (SC).
Royal Kibitzer: Chief Machinist F. W. Sievert.
**Special Counsel for Outstanding Pollywog Pests as per list
 furnished by Royal Mystery Man:** Lieut. R. T. Thornton.
Royal Police: G. Barta, Sea1c; W. L. Adams, Cox; F. N. Hat-
 tember, Sea1c; J. E. Blanchard, RM2c; A. Carboni, CRM;
 H. H. McIntyre, AMM1c; J. G. Lane, Bkr2c; H. W.
 Miller, CWT; J. M. Owen, EM1c; L. F. Fulks, SF2c;
 A. E. Harriander, 1stMus; J. E. Richard, 1stMus.
Royal Bears: A. D. Klarich, Sea1c; H. P. Smith, GM1c; J. M.
 Olexa, GM1c; S. Kaminski, Cox; W. C. Grippen, CRM;
 F. H. Downes, Qm2c; C. B. Reese, Bkr2c; B. T. Denham,
 WT2c; A. Gasper, WT1c; F. C. Cox, WT1c; M. Calhoun,
 MM1c; P. K. Fisher, 1stMus; W. C. Smith, Sea1c; M. J.
 LeTourneau, CGM.
Royal Mystery Man: (Secret).



POLLYWOG SEA WATCH. 1. Van Kammen, SC1c; Hash, Sea1c; Lieut. Scull. 2. Seymour, CBM. 3. Ford, CMM. 4. Ensign Fike. 5. Watching for Neptunus Rex. 6. Ensign Innes. 7. Doctor Gross. 8. Captain Sherman and Bertucci.

Officers Converted from Landlubbers to Shellbacks

Commander H. V. Wiley	Ensign H. E. Robinson, USNR	Ensign E. O. Gray, Jr.
Captain P. D. Sherman, USMC	Ensign J. H. Russell, Jr., USNR	Ensign B. E. Eader
Lieutenant G. W. Legwen, Jr.	Ensign F. W. Vannoy	Ensign R. N. Henderson
Lieutenant G. Scull	Ensign C. G. Mendenhall, Jr.	Ensign A. J. Little
Lieutenant (jg) R. S. Thompson, Jr.	Ensign W. R. Ballou	Ensign J. G. Hedrick
Lieutenant (ChC) H. W. Howe	Ensign E. G. Fairfax	Ensign M. L. Jarrett
Lieutenant (jg) (MC) F. W. Gross	Ensign N. W. James III	Ensign D. H. Lewis
Ensign K. F. Innes, USNR	Ensign G. L. Reed, USNR	Ensign R. W. Long
Ensign I. F. Fike	Ensign A. S. Goodfellow, Jr.	Gunner R. T. Leader
Ensign (SC) C. F. Palmer	Ensign L. H. Keator	Chief Pay Clerk H. G. Conrad
Ensign E. L. Kiem, USNR	Ensign E. S. Gillette, Jr.	Pay Clerk H. G. Cocke

Enlisted Men Converted from Landlubbers to Shellbacks

Abney, G. E., Sea1c	Arnn, C. J., GM2c	Barrios, U. B., Sea2c	Bertucci, M. S., GM1c
Abrams, A. O., Sea1c	Ashby, D. W., Sea1c	Baskevic, S., EM2c	Best, J. H., GM3c
Adrian, J. G., MM2c	Ashworth, A. H., Sea2c	Bass, E. L., Sea1c	Beyer, T. E., Sea1c
Alexander, G. W., GM3c	Auchard, O. C., Sea2c	Bauer, R. B., F3c	Bierman, W. H., Sea2c
Allen, P. E., Sea2c	Ayers, M. P., Sea1c	Bauman, V. R., F1c	Biggerstaff, C. R., Sea1c
Allen, W. H., Em1c	Baca, D. E., Sea1c	Raumgarner, C. L., Sea2c	Rikka, F. W., Cox
Allen, W. L., Sea2c	Baglini, J. A., Sea1c	Bayer, G. V., F3c	Bixby, C. W., F2c
Allison, L. R., Sea1c	Bain, J. B., Sea1c	Bayless, T. J., MAtt2c	Black, E. T., Sea1c
Alsobrook, R. W., Sea2c	Baird, C. E., Sea1c	Beach, C. H., Sea2c	Black, L. E., PhM2c
Anderson, E. G., CSK (PA)	Baker, G. D., Sea1c	Beams, D. W., Sea2c	Black, R., Sea1c
Anderson, E., Sea2c	Balcom, C. A., Sea2c	Beard, J. J., Sea1c	Blodgett, F. M., Sea2c
Anderson, J. C., Mus2c	Ballard, J. E., Sea1c	Beasley, R. C., Sea2c	Blumer, S., EM2c
Anderson, L. C., Sea1c	Ballenger, D. G., Sea1c	Beatty, W. J., Sea2c	Boberich, C. H., GM3c
Anderson, P. R., Sea2c	Bania, J. F., Y3c	Beaver, H. J., Sea2c	Bodie, J. H., Sea2c
Anderson, W. K., MM2c	Banks, J. A., SC2c	Belcoe, M. V., Sea1c	Bogard, J. R., GM3c
Andrews, E. M., Sea1c	Banks, K. C., F3c	Bennett, H. F., Sea1c	Bohling, A. N., Sea2c
Anger, C. G., Sea2c	Barber, G. D., Sea2c	Berg, R. M., Sea1c	Boone, C. C., Sea1c
Anselmo, J., MM1c	Barberee, E. B., Sea1c	Bergevin, S. E., SM3c	Boosinger, B. F., Sea2c
Apelgren, H., Sea2c	Barnes, B. L., Sea2c	Berry, R. W., Sea2c	Boruff, J. P., Sea2c
Arbuckle, C., BM1c	Barrett, T. S., RM3c	Berry, R. K., Sea2c	Bottoms, H. M., BM1c

launched on January 25, 1917, and was commissioned on December 18, 1917, under the command of Captain Joseph Lee Jayne, U. S. Navy.

She served in the World War with the Atlantic Fleet, and after the War, was assigned to duty in the newly formed Pacific Fleet, which arrived on the West Coast in August, 1919. She has served continuously in the Pacific Fleet, later renamed the Battle Force, except for the period from 1931 to 1934 when she, along with her sister ships, the *Idaho* and *New Mexico*, were modernized on the East Coast. The three ships rejoined the Battle Force in the Atlantic Ocean in the spring of 1934.

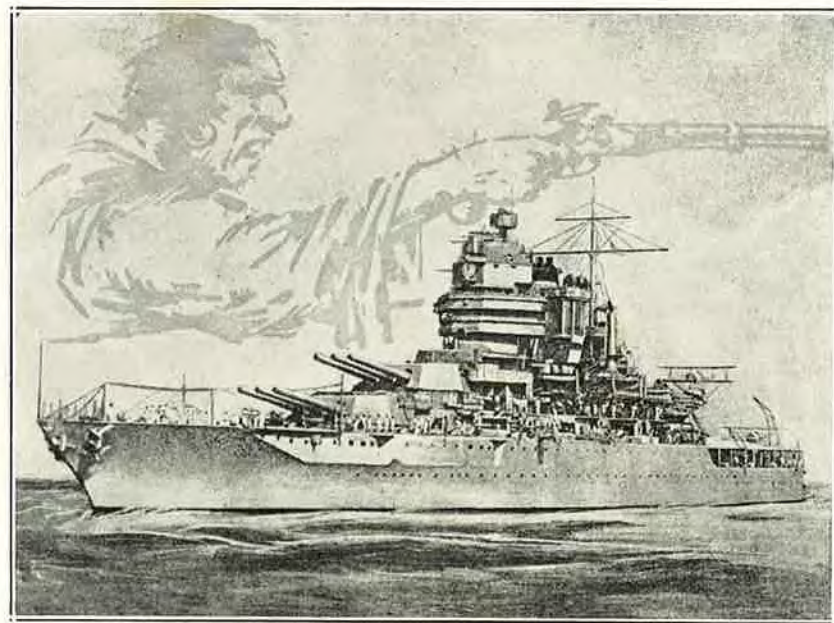
The *Mississippi* has always been known as a happy ship, and a successful ship. She has stood high in Gunnery, Engineering and Communication Competition, and has an outstanding record in Athletics. The Iron Man, the Fleet Trophy for General Excellence in Athletics, has been won more times by this ship than by any other ship, and for many years was almost a permanent fixture on the *Mississippi*.

One of the *Mississippi's* former Commanding Officers later became one of the most famous officers in the Navy, as he had become one of the most popular during his time in the ship. This officer, Captain William A. Moffett, U.S. Navy, went from command of this ship in 1920 to duty in the office of Naval Operations, in charge of Aeronautics. When the Bureau of Aeronautics

was formed, Captain Moffett became the first Chief of that Bureau. He held this position until his untimely death in the loss of the dirigible Akron off the New Jersey Coast in April 1933.

The *Mississippi* has been in the Southern Hemisphere three times, entering on January 24, 1921, en route to Valparaiso, Chile; again on July 6, 1925, en route to Australia. In 1936 she was approaching the Equator in company with the United States Fleet, and when within less than a day's run from the line had a machinery derangement which prevented her accompanying the Fleet. The crew of the ship thus became known far and wide as "Rain-check Shellbacks," and duly paid for it, when they crossed the line on other vessels.

The present *Mississippi* is the third vessel so named. The first *Mississippi* was a paddle-wheel steamer of 1692 tons, with 10 guns, launched May 5, 1841, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, participated in the Mexican War and the Civil War. She was destroyed by fire in battle off Port Hudson, Louisiana, March 14-15, 1863. The second *Mississippi* was battleship number 23, of 13,000 tons displacement, built by William Cramp and Sons at Philadelphia. She was launched on September 30, 1905, and was commissioned April 1, 1908. She, in company with the U. S. S. *Idaho*, battleship number 24, a sister ship, was sold by this country to Greece, on July 30, 1914.



ARRIVAL OF DAVEY JONES

At 6:30, while the crew were watching the performance of duty by the Pollywog Sea Watch, and wondering just when they would have a chance to see Davey Jones, a hail was heard across the bow of the ship:

"SHIP AHOY, SHIP AHOY, WHAT SHIP IS THIS?"

Davey Jones had arrived, and everyone crowded forward to see him! The Bridge answered: "U.S.S. *Mississippi*, Captain W. R. Munroe, U. S. Navy, Commanding."

DAVEY JONES: "WHENCE CAME YOU AND WHERE ARE YOU BOUND?"

BRIDGE: "WE ARE TOO MANY DAYS OUT OF LONG BEACH, AND BOUND FOR AMERICAN POLYNESIA."

DAVEY JONES: "I HAVE IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS FOR YOU. HEAVE TO THAT I MAY BOARD YOU."

The ship was slowed, and Davey Jones, accompanied by two Royal Scribes and two Royal Chiefs of Police, came aboard across the bow. The Officer-of-the-Deck sent the Junior Officer-of-the-Deck to the forecabin to greet the distinguished visitors, and he escorted them toward the bridge. Just as they passed abreast of No. 1 Turret, the Ship's Band and the Marine Guard rendered Full Honors, four ruffles and flourishes, and "Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here." The distinguished visitors stood at salute during the rendering of the honors.

As the boarding party left the forecabin headed for the Bridge, Assembly was sounded, in order that all hands might be aft when the party arrived on the quarter deck to be greeted by the Captain. The party proceeded to the Bridge, where they were warmly greeted by the Navigator, Lieutenant Commander Anderson, a Shellback of long standing. Davey Jones then turned to the Officer-of-the-Deck, Lieutenant Richardson, and greeted him as a Shellback, and told him and the Navigator that it was very gratifying to find such a splendid ship in the hands of loyal subjects of His Majesty.

After the greeting on the Bridge, word was passed to the Captain on the Quarter Deck that Davey Jones was aboard, and the Captain directed that the party be escorted to him on the Quarter-deck. Upon arrival on the Quarter-deck, the Captain greeted Davey Jones, and welcomed him to the ship. Davey Jones thanked the Captain for his welcome, and told him that he was glad to see him in the Royal Domain again, in command of such a fine ship, and congratulated him on his promotion to the grade of Captain since his last visit in 1936.

The Captain inquired about the health of His Majesty Neptunus Rex and the Queen, and was told they both were in the best of health, and looking forward to seeing the Captain again, but that His Majesty was grieved that such a splendid ship as the *Mississippi* had so many Pollywogs aboard.



Commanding Officer; Davey Jones; Royal Scribes and Royal Chief of Police

Pharris, Bertucci, Maser, notorious Pollywogs under arrest

Davey Jones then introduced the Royal Scribes and the Royal Chiefs of Police to the Captain, and asked permission to publish certain orders, and to deliver official mail. This permission being granted, Davey Jones read a letter from His Majesty to the Captain. This letter was written on the Royal Stationery of the Domain of the Deep, and read as follows:

ROYAL DOMAIN OF NEPTUNUS REX

From: NEPTUNUS REX, Ruler of the Raging Main, King of the Dead Men of the Deep.
To: Captain William R. Munroe, United States Navy, Commanding U.S.S. *Mississippi*.
Subject: Welcome to the Royal Realm.

1. Greetings.
2. A Royal and Hearty welcome is extended to you and the faithful Shellbacks of your command. I wish to commend you for the meritorious deed of assembling such a large and healthy collection of Landlubbers, Pollywogs and Beachcombers on board the *Mississippi*, and assure you that the modern tortures devised for their initiation into the Ancient Order of the Deep will prove to be both interesting and amusing.
3. Upon entering my Royal Domain tomorrow you are directed to have the *Mississippi* and her crew in readiness for a very rigid inspection by Myself and the Royal Court. Subpoenas will be delivered this date by my Royal Representative Davey Jones, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, and all Landlubbers, Pollywogs and Beachcombers are directed to spend the night in repentance of their past misdeeds and are also directed to prepare their defense to be submitted before the Royal Court tomorrow morning.
4. I have further directed My Royal Chief of Police to place under arrest and personally deliver subpoenas to certain notorious offenders. Your cooperation is expected as heretofore.
5. I desire that certain offenders be placed on watch at 0645 tomorrow morning, as per list which is in possession of my Ambassador Davey Jones. This Pollywog watch list is required in the public interests.
6. I have received a copy of your Very Special Order, File Extraordinary, and further wish to commend you for your foresight. It is directed that your Executive Officer, Commander Herbert V. Wiley, U.S. Navy, specially note that paragraph which declares tomorrow to be a holiday. Reports reaching me early this month indicate that he required trusty Shellbacks to work on one of your National Holidays, July 4th. This has been made the subject of a charge against Commander Wiley. You are further directed to invite particular attention of all hands to Paragraph 6 of your very special order.

NEPTUNUS REX,
Ruler of the Raging Main.

After publishing the above letter, Davey Jones began delivery of subpoenas to the Pollywogs. He first called the Executive Officer, Commander Herbert V. Wiley, U. S. Navy, and read the charges preferred against him. There was much merriment at the reading of the charges against

Commander Wiley and the other Officer and Chief Petty Officer Pollywogs. During the reading of the subpoenas, Davey Jones suddenly stopped the proceedings, and read a letter, reproduced below, directing the arrest and restraint of certain notorious Pollywogs:

ROYAL DOMAIN OF NEPTUNUS REX

From: HIS ROYAL MAJESTY, NEPTUNUS REX, RULER OF THE RAGING MAIN.
To: THE ROYAL CHIEFS OF POLICE.
Subject: ARREST AND CONFINEMENT OF CERTAIN LANDLUBBERS.

1. UPON BOARDING THE U.S.S. *MISSISSIPPI* THIS DATE, YOU WILL PLACE UNDER RESTRAINT THE FOLLOWING LANDLUBBERS WHO HAVE BEEN SLANDEROUS AND DISCOURTEOUS TOWARD HIS ROYAL MAJESTY AND THE ROYAL COURT:

H. F. MASER, BANDMASTER, U.S. NAVY.
 J. C. PHARRIS, TCIc, U.S. NAVY.
 M. S. BERTUCCI, GM1c, U.S. NAVY.

NEPTUNUS REX,
 DAVEY JONES,
By Direction.

While the Royal Chiefs of Police were scurrying about carrying out the orders to arrest these landlubbers, the Captain's steward appeared on deck with refreshments and smokes for the distinguished visitors. The three culprits were brought before Davey Jones, and placed in chains to await reading of their subpoenas. They looked so forlorn standing in the presence of the party that the Captain and Davey Jones took pity on them and had them share in the refreshments.

The refreshments having been served, and the culprits in chains, Davey Jones completed his work of delivering the subpoenas. Those for the crew were turned over to the Division Officers for distribution. Then Davey Jones made a speech to the assembly, in which he said:

"Captain, Officers and Men of the *Mississippi*. This ship has been called the mightiest ship afloat, but it matters not how mighty the nation or how mighty the ship. You will meet tomorrow one who rules all, His Royal Majesty, Neptunus Rex, Ruler of the Raging Main, who conquers for a day. Pollywogs, you are warned to make your last will and testament and to go before the doctors and be examined for this ordeal. Last but not least you are warned not to flirt with Her Majesty the Queen, nor the Royal Princess. You are also warned not to tease the Royal Baby, as this baby is not to be irritated."

THE MISSISSIPPI



U. S.
 STEAM FRIGATE
 MISSISSIPPI
 WOODEN BARQUE-
 RIGGED VESSEL,
 3220 TONS.
 BUILT AT
 PHILADELPHIA,
 IN
 1839



U.S.S.
 MISSISSIPPI
 BATTLESHIP OF
 13,000 TONS,
 20 GUNS.
 BUILT AT
 PHILADELPHIA, 1905
 SOLD TO GREECE
 IN 1914



U.S.S.
 MISSISSIPPI
 BATTLESHIP OF 32,000 TONS
 34 GUNS
 LAUNCHED, NEWPORT NEWS,
 VA. 1917



U.S.S.
 MISSISSIPPI
 MODERNIZED AT
 NAVY YARD,
 PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA
 1933

The U.S.S. *Mississippi*, Battleship Number 41, 1914. Her keel was laid at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia, on April 5, 1915. She was

"CROSSING THE LINE"

was as black and dirty as any of the men being initiated.



Ex-Pollywogs

The Royal Undertaker kept his coffin ready, and from time to time a hapless Pollywog was placed in the coffin and the top screwed down.

At about 10:30 A.M., the watch on duty was relieved, and brought before the Court. This enabled the Royal Scribes to report that the initiation was coming along well, and that all men were making their appearance.

Every Officer Pollywog, from the Executive Officer down, took his initiation with the best of grace, thus setting a fine example for the crew. All hands enjoyed the experience of going through the one great leveller of Naval men, an appearance before Neptunus Rex, the Ruler of the Seas.

One of the Royal Judges, accompanied by a Royal Scribe, went to the Sick Bay, to attend to the men who were unable to come to the topside for the ceremony.

Several of the more notorious Pollywogs, such as Mike Bertucci, in addition to getting the works

on the platform, were required to take through the tank as a companion, the familiar dummy, "Oscar," used in life boat drills. Going through the tank alone was a harrowing experience, but with "Oscar" in one's arms, it was terrible.

At about 11:30 A.M., it was found that all of the Pollywogs had made their appearance before the Royal Court, and had become true Shellbacks. This word being given to Neptunus Rex, he announced that the Ceremony was at an end, pronounced all of the Officers and Crew Shellbacks, thanked the original Shellbacks for their part in the ceremony, and the Royal Court returned to the Deep, from whence they came, as the Royal Standard was lowered.

All hands had gone through a thrilling experience, one which will live in their memories for years, and which will serve as a topic of conversation for the rest of their lives. It was made possible only by hard work on the part of the Shellbacks, by cooperation of all hands, and a desire that in this, as in all things, the *Mississippi* comes first.



Special Offenders



U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI

Davey Jones then expressed his pleasure at again meeting all the Shellbacks aboard, and bade goodbye to all hands. He then requested permission to return to the deep from whence he came. This permission being granted, he and his party left the ship, and the division officers made busy

delivering the subpoenas to the men of their divisions.

All hands made busy reading their subpoenas, learning the horrible crimes for which they would have to answer the next day. A sample subpoena is reproduced below:

*The Royal Court of The Realm of Neptune
In and for the District of Equatorius*

The People of the Realm of the Deep }
vs. } ss.
All Landlubbers of the U.S.S. *Mississippi*

To:.....

It having been brought to the attention of his Royal Highness, NEPTUNUS REX, Supreme Ruler of the Deep, through his trusty intelligence service, that a fine ship, long absent from these waters and manned by a crew consisting mainly of Pollywogs who have not acknowledged the sovereignty of the Ruler of the Deep, has transgressed on his domain and thereby incurred the Royal displeasure.

Be it known: To ye all that His Most Royal Highness, NEPTUNUS REX, Supreme Ruler of all mermaids, sharks, squids, crabs, pollywogs, timmonogs, and other denizens of the deep, will, with his Secretary and Royal Court, meet in Full Session on board the offending ship *Mississippi*, upon her arrival at the Equator, to examine into your fitness to be taken into the citizenship of the Deep and to hear your defense on the following:

Charge: 1. In that you have hitherto willfully and maliciously failed to enter my domain, and are thereby a vile Landlubber and Pollywog.

Charge: 2.

It is therefore ordered and decreed that the above named man present himself before the Royal Court at the time and place above mentioned, under penalty of eternal pickling.



By order of the Court:
For His Majesty.
(SEAL)

Given under my hand and seal, during the month of July, 1940, Anno Domini 1940.

DAVEY JONES, *Clerk.*
PEG LEG, *Deputy.*

Some of the many charges preferred against the Pollywogs are listed to show the wide range of crimes which are distasteful to His Majesty Neptunus Rex.

COMMANDER H. V. WILEY, *U.S. Navy*:

Wilfully, knowingly and without justifiable cause, failing to visit the Royal Domain during 29 years Naval Service; Causing Shellbacks to work over the side on July 4th, and failing to grant liberty on a National Holiday; Failure to know difference between "Turn Two" and "Turn To."

CAPTAIN P. D. SHERMAN, *U.S. Marine Corps*:

Failure to know the difference between the 180th meridian and the Equator; Marine Insomnia, inability to sleep between breakfast and quarters; Attempting to get night-blooming cereus to bloom in the day time; Showing contempt for Neptunus Rex by failure to eat meals on the High Seas; Being a sea lawyer; Skulduggery, entering an overweight boxer in an interdivisional boxing meet.

LIEUTENANT GIFFORD SCULL, *U.S. Navy*:

Depriving Shellbacks of water in order to run his boilers; Chief Ring Leader of the Pollywogs, inciting them to mutiny; Unwarranted assumption of authority, assuming the duties of Officer-in-Charge of the Barber Shop; Gross disrespect to Shellbacks; Editing subversive literature in the attempt to malign the character of Shellbacks; Accusing Shellbacks of being sissies; Being an expert (one of those people from out of town).

LIEUTENANT (JG) F. W. GROSS (MC), *U.S. Navy*:

Running a clip joint within the Royal Domain without authority; Gross neglect, failure to preserve the health of the Assistant Patrol Officer on duty at Lahaina.

ENSIGN G. C. MENDENHALL, *U.S. Navy*:

Subversive activity, disclosing information about fellow Pollywogs to Shellback investigating committee, with intent to appease displeasure of King Neptune.

LIEUTENANT (JG) H. W. HOWE (ChC), *U.S. Navy*:

Spreading false rumors about ships movements in spite of a direct line of communication with the Head Man; Working on Sunday.

ENSIGN K. F. INNES, *U.S. Naval Reserve*:

Inciting Pollywogs to mutiny; Eating at unauthorized times (constantly); Needlessly burdening Shellback mailman with additional work by writing too many letters; Having the temerity to compare the Great Lakes with the Mighty Domain of Neptunus Rex; High pressure salesmanship, selling overcoats to Hottentots, and selling cowhide bags before the cows are born; Gross disrespect to Nickel Deck Shellbacks; Refusal to drink Wardroom Coffee because it keeps him awake during working hours; Weakening the ship's structure by placing too much weight on the decks; Creating additional work for the Chaplain who already has enough sinners to look after; Interfering with Shellbacks in the execution of the duties of their office; Decreasing the standing of this vessel in the Engineering Competition by having too much surface to wash, thus using additional fresh water; Causing additional load on the ship's generators by constant use of the telephone and "E" Call System; Threatening Shellbacks.

CHIEF PAY CLERK H. G. CONRAD, *U.S. Navy*:

Aggravated disturbance of Shellbacks in attempting to cast doubt on the value of the 59¢ dollar; Serving almost 29 years in guardos, receiving ships, etc., completely ignoring the deep blue sea; Failing to assist Shellback Chief Gunner C. H. Anderson, U.S.N., in breaking up rocks for his new home; Sprinkling water on Shellback in 1936, while said Shellback was on a friendly visit; Failure to identify himself as either a Shellback or a Pollywog until called before the Shellback Investigating Committee, at which time he stated that he had nothing to say.

PAY CLERK H. G. COCKE, *U.S. Navy*:

Attempting to bribe a Shellback with candy; Being seen shaking hands with a sour-puss observer who was making life miserable for Shellbacks; Mopery, dopery and highway gawbery.

GUNNER R. T. LEADER, *U.S. Navy*:

Spending so much time in the cane fields that he has earned the nickname "Mongoose"; Aggravated disrespect to loyal Shellbacks in Warrant Officers Mess; Gluttony.

BERTUCCI, M. S., GM1c:

Organizing and attending meetings of mutinous scurvy Pollywogs; Ringleader of Mutineers; Calling the Royal Judge a rear end of a horse; Saying the Royal Court members were a bunch of eight balls; Attempting to dislodge King Neptune's Molars; Passing subversive pictures of the Royal Court.

TAYLOR, R. E., CQM:

Enticing a Shellback into the hands of mutinous Pollywogs; Deliberate neglect of assisting in safe navigation of this vessel into the waters of Neptunus Rex.

MILES, K. F., CFC:

Liar; Claiming he crossed the equator on a freight train; Repairing watches so they run backwards; Making round trips on ferry boats then argues with officials for moving the city; Insisting the Royal Baby looks like Bertucci.

MASER, H. F., Bmstr.:

Trying to impersonate Jack Benny with his violin; Creating a disturbance with his Pollywog band.

HUSLANDER, C. C., CTC:

In that you were a leader of the fifth column; Trying to bribe a Shellback; Attempted assault and battery on the Royal Baby; Making known a desire to become a Pollywog recruiting officer.

MCGOWAN, R., CMM:

Said the Royal Family was a myth and out of date at John Paul Jones' time and is sickening.

GOSTING, G. C., CSK:

For keeping late hours while on permanent shore patrol.

REYNOLDS, V. V., CEM:

Blue print reviser and fouling up the watch list; Chronic kibitzer.

SMITH, M. L., CWT:

Wearing a toupee; Falsifying his age; Making the bilges his cleaning station.

HENSON, A. A., CMM:

Silent contempt; Turning steam on the hand rails in the pump room.

SEYMOUR, W. P., CBM:

Disrespect; Raiding King Neptune's spirits chest; Too familiar with Shellbacks; Delaying his visit to the Domain too long.



1. The Platform. 2. The Queen and Royal Chief of Police. 3. Pollywog Sea Watch. 4. A new Shellback. 5. The Tank. 6. The Platform. 7. Running the gauntlet. 8. Before the Chaplain. 9. Looking for Davey Jones.



1. Before the Royal Chaplain. 2. The Royal Chaplain. 3. The Royal Tank. 4. Treatment by Royal Barbers. 5. In the Royal Cage. 6. Davey Jones and Pollywogs.

brought before the Court, some of them going to the Doctor, then the Dentist, and to the Royal Barbers, where they were given a liberal application of Thousand Fathom Shaving Cream, a mixture of lampblack and linseed oil, then unceremoniously dumped backward with a flip of the barber chair, into the tank, where they were repeatedly dunked by the Royal Bears. Climbing out of the tank, they were belabored with paddles and clubs, on that part of the anatomy especially favorable for such application. Reaching the deck beyond the tank, they then had to run a gauntlet of some twenty Royal Bears armed with sturdy billy-clubs. At the end of this gauntlet they found themselves tried and true Shellbacks, and many of them slipped back into the tank and into the gauntlet line to assist in initiating their shipmates coming through later.

Some of the outstanding Pollywogs, having special charges against them, were given special

treatment. They were either placed in one of the two cages, and liberally doused with a fire hose, or were placed in stocks to await further punishment. There were head stocks, and leg-and-arm stocks; and these were at all times full of Pollywogs. Gunner Leader was required to eat a special sandwich prepared by his messmates. This sandwich, prepared the day before, was made of a slice of bread, stale cabbage leaves, a strip of raw bacon, garlic, then another slice of bread, lots of black pepper, toothpicks, more stale cabbage leaves, more raw bacon, sliced tomato, mustard, finally topped off with another slice of bread. He was having considerable difficulty eating the sandwich, until one of his Shellback shipmates poured some salt water over it, making it more palatable.

The Royal Baby was roaming back and forth on the platform, demanding kisses from the Pollywogs, and at the end of the ceremony the Baby

POLLYWOG UPRISING

After receipt of the subpoenas, weird tales began to circulate through the ship that the Pollywogs, even though they were to be sacrificed in the morning, had decided to have one final fling. Hastily calling the members of their organization by secret pass-words, they established Court on the starboard side of the Quarter-deck, and meted out quick punishment to such Shellbacks as could be found. The Court, presided over by Judge Mike Bertucci, sentenced Chief Machinist Cowart, Carpenter Leed and Electrician Clemens to dance "Ring-around-a-Rosy" on the Quarter-deck; Briggs, BM1c, Fulks, SF2c and Adams, Coxswain, were lashed to the rail and wet down; Forbregd, BM2c, was required to dance, sing and tell sea stories to the Pollywogs; Smith, Gunners Mate1c, and Bauman, Gunners Mate 1c, had to run through a paddle-wheel gauntlet, and

then dumped into the Royal Initiation Pool; Letorneau, CGM, Francis, CGM, and Olexa, GM1c, were lashed to the deck in the casemates; Rice, PhM1c, W. C. Smith, Sea1c, and Romero, OS1c, were lashed in stretchers and hoisted clear of the deck; Kachinski, Ye03c, was given an egg shampoo; Hobbs and Boyd, Mess Attendants 1c, were required to give an exhibition of trucking; Kieffer, CEM, and Owens, EM1c, were required to dance and Faulkner, BM2c, was ordered to sing and dance. Ensign Mendenhall, charged with giving information about Pollywogs to Shellbacks was required to furnish sandwiches to the Court. The Pollywog uprising soon subsided, however, after an hour's fun for all, given and taken in good spirit. Quiet descended upon the ship as all hands except the watch turned in and prepared for a busy day on the morrow.



Shellbacks captured by Pollywogs: Center, Chief Machinist Cowart and Electrician Clemens brought before Judge Bertucci by Pollywog Bailiffs Gunner Leader and Lentz

Rice, PhM1c

Smith, Sea1c

THE BIG DAY

Promptly at 6:45 the next morning, the Pollywog Sea Watch as listed below took their stations. They had all been called at 6:00 A.M., and given their assignments, and had only a few minutes to get their uniforms together and get on top side.

U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI II/Tb
District of Equatorius

From: Commanding Officer.
To: All Pollywog Watch.
Subject: Pollywog Sea Watch—Establishment of.
Reference: (a) Combatships Despatch.

"CROSSING THE LINE"

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following watch will be set at 0645:

ENSIGN C. F. PALMER (SC), U.S. Navy:

Take station on port side of forecandle, announcing every ten minutes "I will gladly pay Shellbacks Special Money." Uniform, white shirt, black bow tie, cocked hat, sneaks, no trousers. Binoculars.

LIEUT. (JG) R. S. THOMPSON, U.S. Navy:

Take station on starboard side of forecandle, announcing every 10 minutes "I repent my disrespect to Shellbacks." Uniform, same as Ensign Palmer.

GUNNER R. T. LEADER, U.S. Navy:

Take station in eyes of ship; every 5 minutes call out "I want a sandwich." Uniform, breastplate, diving underwear, watch cap, web belt, canteen.

PAY CLERK H. G. COCKE, *U.S. Navy*:

Take station in eyes of ship, keeping record of the Gunner's requests. Uniform, baker's cap, bath robe, skivvies, medals, no shoes.

ENSIGN G. C. MENDENHALL, *U.S. Navy*:

Take station at incinerator. Report every 10 minutes "No smoke." Uniform, full dress baker, white shoes.

LIEUT. G. W. LEGWEN, *U.S. Navy*:

Sitting down atop No. 1 Turret, announcing every ten minutes "No signal on 500." Uniform, white trousers, no shoes, white shirt, blanket, head set over ears.

R. E. TAYLOR, CQM, *U.S. Navy*:

Take station in starboard bow. Take and report soundings every ten minutes, reporting "No bottom at three." Uniform, white trousers, dungaree shirt, flat hat, neckerchief.

W. K. TRUITT, YIC., *U.S. Navy*:

Take station on top of wildcat. Uniform, white sheet, skivvies, no shoes. Wear sign marked "Mahatma Ghandi" and carry bottle marked "Goat Milk."

J. B. MIMS, FIC., *U.S. Navy*:

Walk around forecandle, announcing every five minutes "The Shellbacks ran my shoes off." Uniform, dress blues, flat hat, no shoes. Carry lashed hammock.

L. H. WEBB, Y2c., *U.S. Navy*:

Take station on initiation platform. Announce every five minutes that "The Captain's Office doesn't need a blower." Uniform, dungaree shirt, skivvies, one wash-deck bucket on each foot. Feet not to be removed from the buckets.

C. V. TARTER, BM2c, *U.S. Navy*:

Take station at the tank. Sound tank every five minutes, reporting soundings to O.O.D. Uniform, dress blues, flat hat.

C. C. HULSLANDER, CTC, *U.S. Navy*:

Take station at tank. Take the temperature every five minutes, reporting to O.O.D. Uniform, rain hat, rain coat, with skivvies, no shoes. Carry file board to record temperatures.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST:

LIEUT. (JG) H. W. HOWE (ChC), *U.S. Navy*:

Take station on top side. Uniform, clerical garb consisting of black cassock, white neckpiece, carrying a rosary made of brass chain. Recite the following prayer at each of the stations listed on this watch bill:

"Oh, King Neptune, as we lowly Pollywogs gather this morning, we pray that you will have mercy on our poor bodies and our weak minds. Please, Oh King, forgive us our many trespasses against Shellbacks as we forgive Shellbacks who transgress against us. Guide us through the tortures of this day. Help us to stay afloat while in the tank, help our stomachs to withstand the Royal Medicine. Please, Oh King, forgive us our landlubberly sins and we will follow you and be your loyal subjects."

ALL ABOVE REPORTS TO BE MADE IN A LOUD CLEAR VOICE.

2. This watch will continue until assembly is sounded.

W. R. MUNROE,
Captain, *U.S. Navy*,
Commanding.

All hands were soon on the top side watching the Sea Watch perform their duties, and considerable enjoyment was had by all but the watch standers, and even they could see the humorous side of it. Of all the Pollywog Watch standers, probably the outstanding performance of duty was rendered by Doctor Gross, who carried his bed pan and duck, and reported every five minutes that all bottoms were dry.

At 7:45, quarters were sounded for the crew to assemble aft, and preparations were made to receive His Majesty. Shortly after 8:00, the Equator was crossed, and almost immediately the ship was stopped to allow boarding by His Majesty and His Court. They came aboard ship over the bow, and came down the port side of the forecandle, then through the casemates, and to the Quarter-deck via the starboard side. As His Majesty reached the Quarter-deck, he was given Most Full, High and Royal Honors. Ten side-boys, a full guard and band, with the Marine Guard prostrating themselves on deck as in a Queen Anne Salute, the Royal Party passed them. The King received 6 ruffles and flourishes, followed by "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

The Royal Chiefs of Police led the way, with His Majesty walking alone. He was followed by the Royal Admiral escorting the Queen, the Royal Aide escorting the Princess, the Royal Baby with two nurses, the Royal Attendants, the Royal Maids, the Royal Judges and Prosecuting Attorneys, the Royal Navigator, the Royal Astrologer, the Royal Chef, the Royal Architect, Long John Silver, and the remainder of the party.

Upon reaching the Quarter-deck, the Captain welcomed His Majesty and His Court to the ship. The King thanked the Captain for his welcome, and expressed his pleasure at seeing the Captain and his trusty Shellbacks again. The Captain then turned command of the ship over to His Majesty, who turned to the Royal Admiral and told him to take charge of the ship, to keep her on her present course and speed, and to take no orders not emanating from the throne. The Royal Standard, a white skull and cross bones on a black field, was then broken at the main, and His Majesty ordered the Royal Court to repair to the forecandle, to receive the Landlubbers and Pollywogs.

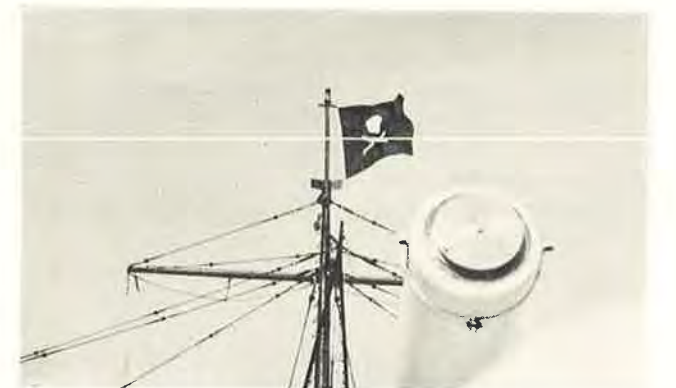
The Royal Admiral directed the Royal Navigator to take a sight and verify the ship's position. Hanging a brass sun on the rail, the Navigator lifted his heavy sextant for a shot at the



THE ROYAL FAMILY... Her Majesty, the Queen; His Majesty, Neptunus Rex; Royal Baby; Her Highness, the Princess

sun. Setting the sextant to his liking, he pulled the trigger of a signal gun attached to the sextant, and the sun was shot, right into the water. Making quick calculations, the Royal Navigator announced that the ship was just one-half inch south of the Equator.

The Royal Party established their Court on the starboard side of the forecandle, with the Royal Family, attended by the Royal Admiral, Royal Aide, Royal Attendants and Royal Nurses on the boat deck, just above the Royal Judges and Prosecuting Attorneys. Chaplain Howe was the first culprit to be brought before the Court, and he started the procession from the Bench to the Royal Doctors, where he received a dose of Deep Sea Specific, a vile concoction, the taste of which was equalled only by its odor; then to the Royal Dentist, where he was given a dose of Royal



The Royal Standard

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JULY 19-29, 1940



