

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION SHEET FOR RELATIVES
OF PERSONNEL ON U.S.S. HOUSTON LOST IN
SUNDRA STRAITS, FEBRUARY 28, 1942

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The response to the requests I made in the first exchange sheet (Jan. 15, 1944) was great! Most relatives sent immediate confirmation and several new names and addresses of Houston men and next of kin. A few, however ignored my requests and one or two people questioned my motive- a perfectly natural thing to do. I'll now state my motives--I should have done so in the first exchange sheet. First--(the selfish motive)--I want to compile as large a list of home addresses of Houston men as possible so if my brother, Lt. Ernest D. Hodge, does not return, I will have some place to turn to question known survivors. Second--(the human motive)--I truly desire to be helpful to the hundreds of mothers and wives and other relatives of the men who shared my brother's fate; that I have done so is testified to by over two hundred letters expressing appreciation of my efforts to show, (1), that all men were not lost with the Houston; (2), that news of additional survivors is still trickling through; and (3), that no Houston man should be given up for lost until the Navy Department officially notifies the next of kin.

The list of names given here is NOT a complete list of all men who were on the Houston February 28, 1942; it is NOT an official list. It is compiled from many sources--mostly from information supplied by relatives of the Houston men listed. Several relatives have short wave radios and faithfully listen to prisoner-of-war broadcasts and from time to time send me information (Mrs. Homer L. Flowers has supplied much information), while other relatives have searched letters, photographs and newspapers to glean information which was forwarded to me. Then there are about ten wonderful people who do not have relatives on the Houston but who are motivated by that human desire to be helpful mentioned above and give hours of their time listening to, recording and forwarding prisoner-of-war broadcasts. Outstandingly helpful to me on this Houston file has been Mr. E. E. Alderman of Dayton, Ohio; Mr. Adam Welker of San Francisco, California; and Mr. Fred Wolfe of Alameda, California. And of course this list could not be prepared without the help of those secretaries and members of the stenographic department who have given of their time and skill typing and mimeographing these sheets. I am sure that every member of the Houston family will join me in thanking those who have cooperated in making this list possible.

W A R N I N G -- You should accept news of your Houston man only through sources willing to properly identify themselves. If you are approached by any person claiming to have "inside information" about your Houston man and wanting money for such information, notify the nearest office of O.N.I. (Office of Naval Information) or F.B.I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation). These two offices are "on their toes" and doing great work protecting the country from espionage and also protecting the citizens, particularly the relatives of service men, from those despicable persons who falsely represent to gain money for themselves.

You will find this list of names divided into four groups:

OUR HONORED DEAD -- This group contains only those names which I have been able to confirm as being officially listed as having died subsequent to February 28, 1942. Those men killed in the battles prior to February 28, 1942 are not here listed.

PRISONERS-OF-WAR -- This group contains only those names which I have been able to confirm as being officially listed prisoner-of-war. Preferred means of confirmation is from the next of kin or official government releases to newspapers, et cetera. A very few are so listed on the strength of letters from people who should have accurate information. Nearly all men of this group have succeeded in writing at least one card to their next of kin.

REPORTED ALIVE -- This group contains names of men reported over Jap radio, unsigned postal cards, mentioned in letters by other prisoners, et cetera. It is bound to be inaccurate. If your Houston man is listed here, won't you please send me the correct name, address, prison camp, dates messages received, date officially declared prisoner-of-war, or any other pertinent information.

MISSING -- The names in this group were obtained from Houston relatives (many of whom confirmed their Houston man was officially classified missing) who held letters or pictures mentioning buddies. If you know anything about these men, please send the information in.

OUR HONORED DEAD

Alberman, H.C., Ch. R.M.
Hill, Donald, USMC

Ramsey, Frederic, Major USMC
Rooks, A.H., Capt.

PRISONERS-OF-WAR

Agin, Gerald L., S.2/C
Arnold, Floyd V., S.1/C
Aust, Richard, USMC
Baerman, Donald George, S.1/C
Ballinger, J.M., S.1/C
Batchelor, W.T., S.1/C
Bender, G.F., S.2/C
Biechlin, L.E., Carpenter
Bingham, James Leo, S.1/C
Brain, Donald, S.2/C
Brothers, Frank W., S.1/C
Burroughs, C.D., Lt.
Collings, Charles Mitchell, Ship F.2/C
Cooper, Dale R., Petty Officer 3/C
Dalton, J.F., Lt.(jg)
Detre, George E., F.1/C
Epstein, Wm. Abraham, Comm.
Feldscher, Johann Phillip., G.M.1/C
Feliz, Jack Martin, M.M.1/C
Fitzgerald, James Russell, F.2/C
Flanigan, George Portman, Store K.2/C
Forrester, John E., S.1/C
Fulton, R.B., Lt.
Galbraith, W.J., Lt. Comm.
Gallagher, F.E., Jr. 1st. Lt. USMC
Hamlin, H.S., Jr., Lt.(jg)
Hanson, Ralph Robert, S.1/C
Johnson, Wayne, S.2/C
King, Thomas H., USMC

Kirkpatrick, H.G., Lt.
Lamb, Robert Verne
May, E.V., M.
McFarland, Thomas James, USMC
Nelson, John Blount, Ens.
Netter, Jack Gordon, S.1/C
Parham, Thomas Eugene, S.1/C
Payne, Thomas B., Lt.
Peters, Irving Eugene, F.2/C
Porter, John J., Musician 1/C
Rafalivich, Danny, Sig.3/C
Robinson, John Walter Jr., F.2/C
Robinson, Marvin E., USMC
Russell, Milton Bland, S.1/C
Shearer, James Monroe, S.1/C
Smith, C.D. 2nd, Ens.
Smith, Jack Dale, S.1/C
Stivers, J.B., Ens.
Templeman, Edward John, S.1/C
Thew, Henry Prior, F.C.1/C
Usher, Rexford Deming, S.1/C
Wampler, Carl, F.1/C
Widmeyer, Harry
Wilkerson, Eugene
Willey, Lloyd V., USMC
Willis, Donnie Wayne, S.1/C
*Wilson, Lt.
Winslow, W.G., Lt.(jg)

REPORTED ALIVE

Please note: If your Houston man is listed here, won't you please confirm? Remember those long anxious days when you would have sacrificed much to learn any encouraging word about the Houston and its men? Hundreds of relatives are still anxiously awaiting-----if you have good news, won't you share it?

*Abrams, R.E., Yeo. 1/C	Connell, James Harold, F.1/C
*Adams, USMC	Contrell, James Albert, S.2/C
*Agingle, E.L., S.2/C	Crispi, Eugene Carl, Yeo. 3/C
*Ahiers, R.C., Mess Att. 1/C	Day, Clarence Nixon, S.1/C
Albers, A.M., Store K.2/C	DeBord, Mark
*Allen, H.H., S.3/C	*Dupler, USMC
Alleva, Joseph George, S.1/C	Ebaugh, Forest Vergil, S.1/C
*Armour, S. or F., S. 1/C	Eddy, Merrit
*Atterberry, C.C., S.1/C	*Edge, John Wesley, F.1/C
Autrey, J. or G., S.1/C	Elam, Richard
*Axelson, W.C., S.3/C	Ellis, Franklin D., Ch.W.T.
Back, Col Adison, Jr., Ship F.3/C	Fannon, Buel Ragon
Bain, N.L., S.1/C	Farsman, Melfred, M.M.3/C
Ballew, J.F., S.2/C	Faulk, USMC
Barbatti, H.T., S.1/C	Flynn, David Chas., R.M.2/C
*Barnes, S.D., S.1/C	Frame, Paul, S.2/C
*Barreman, B.G., S.1/C	Freeman, Robert J.
*Barrett, W.M., Lt.	*Galyean, George Lee, Bandmaster
Bartz, John Edward, S.1/C	Gee, James, USMC
*Battles, T.F., USMC	Godfrey, Donald F., S.1/C
Bauman, B.G., S.1/C	Goodson, Ray, S.1/C
*Beardsley, S.2/C	Graham, Richard, Petty Officer 3/C
*Beason, W.L., S.1/C	*Grice, W., USMC
Beatty, Paul Erskine, S.2/C	Hemill, John Marshall, Lt.(jg)
Bedford, Wendell J., S.1/C	Harrell, John Allison, Yeo.3/C
Behrendt, John, Yeo.3/C	*Hedrick, George
*Benner, C.W., E.3/C	Hendricks, Robert Harry, Phm.2/C
Bergam, S.J. or T., Ch.W.T.	Henshaw, George Herbert
*Bevel, V.B., Cox.	*Holsinger, USMC
*Bigger, B.B., S.2/C	*Hood, Jack
*Bird, L.C., F.1/C	*Hopkins, Benjamin G.
Bishop, Viva Arual, USMC	Howe, John, USMC
*Blair,	Huebler, Eugene Al, Bugler 1/C
*Blinn, Lt.	*Hunt,
*Bonn, H.E.	*Hurt, David Albert, Lt.Comm.
Bowlby, Wilbur Eugene	Hutchinson, Bill Martin, S.2/C
Boz, Wallace Stevens, S.1/C	Ingram, William, Jr.
*Bran, D.C.	Jones, Morris L., S.1/C
*Brandle, L.R.	Kelly, Floyd L.
Branham, Lawrence R., S.1/C	Kerkan, Albert, F.2/C
*Brode, S.W.	Ketman, Robert E.
*Bukowisky, USMC	Krekan, Albert
Callahan, Leo Augustus, S.1/C	*Lebart, Herb
Callahan, Melvin	Lehnhoff, Eugene Elmer
*Campbell, Melvin C., S.	Levitt, H.A., Ens.
*Chaplin, B.T., G.M.3/C	Logan, Wilford Edward, S.1/C
*Charles, R.H., USMC	Lusk, Joe, USMC
*Chelas, James C., S.2/C	Mather, Arthur Lawrence, Comm.
Clark, Preston Richter, Ens.	Massey, Allen Otis, Cox.
*Collins, F.2/C	*Miller, Albert Ray, USMC

REPORTED ALIVE - Cont'd

Miller, Wm. Douglas, S.1/C	*Shaw, USMC
Morgan, Dean, Lt.	*Shustra, USMC
*McClure, Ens.	*Sloan,
*McCone, USMC	Soule, I.G., G.M.3/C
McMaster, Samuel Thomas	Sparks, Ramond Leroy
O'Brien, John F., USMC	Spencer, Mason, S.
Odom, John Carol, Phm.2/C	*Swanson, Edward R., E.M.2/C
Omoth, Robert E., S.	Swartz, Lowell, Phm.M.2/C
*Ord, Phm.2/C	Trice, USMC
Orth, Eugene, Phm.M.2/C	*Unrush,
*Owens, USMC	Washburn, Claude, Jr.
Page, Harold L., Yeo. 3/C	Wilder, Robert Lee, S.1/C
*Papish, Paul, Store K. 3/C	Wilker, Max
*Parkinson, S.1/C	Willerton, Robert Paul, S.2/C
Price, Fred Dalton	Williams, Carl, USMC
Pryor, USMC	Williams, David Marvin, S.1/C
Quick, Fred, USMC	Williams, Roy O.
Rass, William, Jr., F.2/C	*Winston, S.2/C
Rhodes, Frank, W.T.2/C	Winters, Jack, USMC
*Rochford, USMC	*Winthrop, Robert W., Lt. or Ens.
Rogers, Leon W., Lt.(jg)	*Wisccup, USMC
*Rogers, John Wm.	Yarbo, Robert
Rose, Guy M.	Young, Kenneth, S.1/C
*Ross, R.R., Lt.	

MISSING

*Adams, C.R., Lt.	*Bush,
Airhart, Albert Edward, S.2/C	Bushell, Ch. Petty Officer
Albers, Harold S., Av.M.M.1/C	Bushnell, Edgar Wayne, Ch.Store K.
Allen, Roy	Chay, William, S.1/C
Anderson, Carl Brown, W.T.2/C	Cheadle, Clarence Richard, S.1/C
Andrews, David Zack	*Cherry,
Arneson, Raymond	*Chisholm, J.K., Lt.
*Arnett,	Christensen, Lester
Ashton, James Clifford, F.2/C	*Clay, William
Autio, Lauren Edward, S.2/C	*Clymer, S.H., G.M.1/C
Ayers, Ray Charley, Ch.Qtr.Master	Coble, Joseph Robert, S.1/C
Baker, Jack, W.T.1/C	*Comer, Ch.E.M.
Barney, Dwight M., USMC	*Connery, T.F., Ens.
*Barringer,	Copeland, James L.
Becket, Robert, USMC	Cravens, J.F., Ch.M.
Biechlin, Neal, Yeo.2/C	Crepps, Harry E., Jr., S.1/C
*Bienert, J.B., Bosn.	Daggett, Harley, S.1/C
*Blakemore, F.P., Ens.	Daley, Robert Martin, G.M.3/C
Boorum, Richard Wm., S.1/C	Davidson,
Bourgeois, F.J., Ens.	*Deam, W.A., Lt.
Bowman, Byrl Gay, S.2/C	*Denson, J.E., Printer 3/C
*Boyd,	Dobkins,
Brill, Richard	Doty, Carl
Brown, Allen Ramsey, Yeo.3/C	Dowling, Wm. Lester
Buhlman,	*Drewett,
Bulla, M.M.1/C	Ebaugh, Elmer
Bunyard, Basil, E.M.1/C	*Egelston, Douglas
Burgard, Carl N., Jr., S.1/C	Egri, George J., Ship's cook 2/C
*Buschello, Alfred C., M.M.	*Elliot, J.E., S.1/C
	Eugate, John Michael, S.1/C

MISSING - Cont'd

Evans, Leroy, S.2/C
 *Ewing,
 Farnsworth, Franklin Monroe, S.1/C
 Feuchak, Steve
 Fiegel, Laurence James
 *Fink, N.H., S.1/C
 Flowers, Homer L., W.T.
 *Gary,
 Gerke, Arthur Vernoni
 *Gilbert, Eugene
 Gillet, Frank A., R.E.
 *Giret,
 Gingras, R.H., Lt.Comm.
 Griffin, Everette P., C.P.M.
 Gunnerson
 Guyer, Floyd Galen, S.1/C
 *Harnden, Robert D., E.M.1/C
 Harrell, Dero, Jr.
 *Hauge, John J.
 Hazen, Glenn, USMC
 *Hendry, J.B., Capt. USMC
 Henley, Doyle Franklin, Ship F.3/C
 *Hiddengers, Bob
 Hobbs, Merle
 Hodge, E.D., Lt.
 Hogan, James Elmore, G.
 *Holm, Herbert Clayton, F.2/C
 Hollowell, J.A., Jr. Comm.
 Holmes, Jason Hunter, Jr. W.T.2/C
 *Hooper, E.T.
 Hough, John
 Howren,
 *Hubbard,
 Huffman,
 Hurrell, Leslie Taylor, Av.Mtl.Smith 2/C
 *Irey, J.E., Printer 2/C
 James, Edward, E.M.2/C
 *Johnson, Wm. Arthur
 Jones, William Sylvester, F.C.2/C
 *Jorden,
 *Kalmer, T.J., S.2/C
 Keen, O.J., Jr.
 Keith, Farrel, Lt. Comm.
 *Keys, S.W., Ens.
 Kiefer, Karl C., USMC
 King, John W., Ch.M.M.
 Koepkey, Fred, M.M.2/C
 Koller, John Rudolph, Musician 1/C
 Kollmyer, Kenneth Leon, Lt.(jg)
 Kopp, Alois, Phm.M.2/C
 Lackman, Joseph, F.2/C
 Lafferty, J.A., Pay Clerk
 Laird, Jay R., Ship's Cook 3/C
 Lamm, Frederick
 Lantz,
 Leo, Nicholas, Ch.E.M.
 Levchenko, Leo, G.M.1/C
 Lewis, Jesse Adelbert, Yeo.2/C
 *Lucas, Dwight
 *Mahlanot,
 Mallory, Fred Ferguson, Ens.
 *Manisto,
 *Manning, H.E., USMC
 *Marinos, Mathew
 Martin, James Eugene, Cox.
 *Martwick,
 Mathis, Chester Marion, F.3/C
 Mayo, Caswell A., III, Ens.
 Merideth, Earl J.
 Mesner, L.M., S.1/C
 Mieth, Wm. Clemens, F.1/C
 Minton, Glen
 Moga, Rome, S.1/C
 *Moon, T.H., Ch. Printer
 Moore, Howard Lewis, M.M.2/C
 Morris, Edgar
 *Morrison, J., Ens.
 *Mothershed, J.L., USMC
 McClaskey, James Elroy, S.1/C
 McDonald,
 McFarlane, Thos. James. Phm.2/C
 *McGarvey,
 *McGowan, J.W., Printer 2/C
 McKensie, Cletius Julius
 McNealy, Jack G., M.M.1/C
 *Neiderhouse, George
 *Neitsch, M.M.2/C
 Nethken, A.F., Ens.
 Nicolao, Anthony, S.1/C
 Northcutt, James A., S.1/C
 Nstaszeuski,
 Okon,
 *O'Ryan, John, Lt.
 Parks, Theodore
 *Parsons,
 Patten, Kenneth
 *Patton
 Patty, John Cockrell, Jr.
 Pittman, Clyde Belmont, R.M.2/C
 *Prattico, Louis, E.M.3/C
 Preschler, Harold Harry, E.M.1/C
 Prouty, Wm.D., S.2/C
 *Racine,
 Ranger, John William, Av.M.M.2/C
 *Reburn, Paul A., E.M.2/C
 Reed, Reuben, USMC
 Reese, Seldon Dortz, S.1/C
 *Rehfeld,

MISSING - Cont'd

*Rentz, G.S., Comm. Chaplain
 Reves, Lester, R.M.3/C
 Roberts, David Wells, Comm.
 Sallis, James Homer, Sig.1/C
 Sandercook, Theodore F., B.M.1/C
 Sanders, Roy, Ch. Petty Officer
 Sass, Chester August, F.C.3/C
 Sawtelle,
 Schnitzius, Woodrow, S.2/C
 Schuelke,
 Schuffenhauer, Louis Otto, S.1/C
 Schwannie, Theodore, Ship F.2/C
 Sellers, C.4th, Ens.
 Shemanski, Sylvester
 Shettlesworth, Clinton A., B.M.1/C
 Shilling, George Allen, S.1/C
 Shireman, Raymond L., M.M.1/C
 Shumaker, Clarence Wm.
 Sitton, Troy Lee, F.1/C
 Skidmore, Bruce D., Lt.(jg)
 *Skokowski, J.F., Printer 3/C
 Smith, Geo. Jr., Av.M.M.2/C
 *Smith, H.P.
 Smith, Jack Leroy, W.T.2/C
 Smith, S.L., Lt.Comm.
 *Smith, U.G.
 Smith, Wilbur
 Sorenson, Edward Richard, E.M.2/C
 Stafford, Wm. F., Sig.3/C
 Stahl, James C., E.2/C
 Stanzak, John
 Starr, Melvin
 *Steele, H.F., R.M.
 *Stephens, V., S.1/C
 Stevenson, Harold Victor
 *Stoddard,
 Stower, Donald G., S.2/C
 Taylor, Cecil Luther, G.1/C
 *Tiefel, D.J., S.1/C
 Tisdale, William, P.O.1/C
 *Ukena, J.
 Ustazewski, Sigmund, Phm.2/C
 *Vallerie, Fred, Sig.
 VanSlyke, Richard, F.1/C
 Vaughan, James Harold, F.2/C
 Villwock, Harvey Henry, E.M.3/C
 Waite, Walter W., E.
 Walling, Nelson C., F.1/C
 *Walstrom, H.A., Actg. Pay Clerk
 Ward, Frank Calvin, E.M.3/C
 Ward, Willard G., Ship F.1/C
 Weaver, Charles Turner, E.M.2/C
 Weiler, F.B., Ens.
 Weimer, Albert John, Store K.2/C
 Weissinger, William J., Jr., S.1/C
 *Welk, USMC
 Weltfeld, Ed., M.M.1/C
 *Werner,
 Westerfeld, Donovan Harris, E.M.1/C
 Weyl, Joe Warren
 White, Glen Dale, S.1/C
 *Wicklind, Toney, M.M.1/C
 Wilemon, Roy Haskell, S.2/C
 *Wille,
 Williams, John Marshall
 *Wise,
 Wolfe, Adrian, F.1/C
 *Wood,
 *Woodruff, John Ford, Lt.(jg)
 Woody, Stanley Larch, S.2/C
 Yannucci, Chester, Musician 1/C

*Names marked with this asterisk indicate name and address of next of kin if not known. If you know the address of a relative or close friend of this man (or anything else about him), please write Fred G. Hodge, 602 Electric Building, Portland 5, Oregon.