



**TOURISTS GUIDE**  
a'la COOK

Guantanamo Bay — what a beauty spot for the traveler. Balmly winds softly carress the cheek like the kiss of a fairy butterfly. The glorious sun sends down its shower of California warmth and quality. The smooth expanse of water reflects the Neapolitan heavens above. It is a picture that gives men feeling to go forth to battle (That is why it's pristine charm is so popular with our Navy men.)

Among the outstanding points of interest, not to be overlooked by the casual tourist are Caimanera, city of beautiful women, small boys selling "officers peanuts", astounding post-cards, and Pepe's. What finer meeting place than Bar "Bacardi" where old friends and new mingle alike. Close at hand, in the suburbs is the world famous "Red Barn", where if one desire he can see the worlds most beautiful girls (if you bring your own Police Gazette) and listen enchanted to music from a rusty victrola. Then down on the waterfront, unsurpassed by Atlantic City's best, is that world reknowned Hicacal Beach Hotel, home of roving elite. Beneath the stars and the new moon rising or setting across the bay, one drinks the enchantment of tropical nights. Here too, are the worlds most beautiful women (A'la Red Barn). But finest of all, who can surpass that gem of the southland, that acme of cleanliness, that pearl of the bay, Guantanamo City itself. You don't believe it?

Well, neither do I. Must have been something I ate last night. Pardon the intrusion. Well, anyway, it sounds like it might be true — if you haven't ever been there.

**SMOKER PROGRAM**

**HOUSTON vs. PORTLAND**

**OPENING NUMBER**  
U.S.S. LOUISVILLE ORCHESTRA  
**PORTLAND** **HOUSTON**  
**WRESTLING**  
Schneider, N. - 125 vs. Hill, R.V., - 135  
Exhibition Defaulted  
**HILLBILLIES**  
Woodard & Hollis, alias Jack & Curly  
"Red" Clogger  
Thompson, H.-127 vs. Turner, N.-134  
Chapman, W. B. — Vocal Solo  
Hayes, H.N. 145½ vs. Head, R.A., 149  
Phillippine String Band  
Santiago Barnzo Tandero Ayap  
McKeig, H.D., 157 vs. Holt, J.A., 161  
U.S.S. LOUISVILLE orchestra  
Penczynik, J., 173 vs. Folta, A.E., 166  
Vincent, J.G., 192 vs. Starke, W.C., 166

**INTERMISSION**

**BOXING**  
Londero, N., 112 vs. Dingle, I., 112½  
Calder, Hildenberg, Bair — Vocal Trio  
Givetz, S.A., 128 vs. Schramm, T.E., 126  
Brickler, Heyworth, Woods  
Vocal Duet  
Smith, F.J., 135 vs. Kline, W.H., 134  
Ensign Lambert — Trumpet Solo  
Ramsey, J.C., 145 vs. Mustain, J.E., 141  
Woodward, Kolmer, Brown  
String Trio  
Hobbs, D.L., 183 vs. Kennedy, J.E., 180

**FINALE**

U.S.S. LOUISVILLE orchestr a

**OFFICIALS**

U.S.S. LOUISVILLE

**Wrestling**  
Referee Ens. J.S. Lehman, USN  
Timekeepers Ens. U.W. Gambling  
Ens. W.T. Griffith  
**Boxing**  
Referee Ens. J.J. McCormick  
Judges Lieut. (jg) P.W. Hanlin  
Ens. E.F. Metzger  
Ens. E.R. Tilbourne  
Ens. W.T. Griffith  
Timekeeper Ens. U.W. Gambling

**SMOKERS**

Smoker season is here. Tonight we initiate it with our entertainment of the PORTLAND and LOUISVILLE boys. This is the first of a series of three to determine the division champions in boxing and wrestling. Next Friday, 19 October, the LOUISVILLE will entertain and try to outdo our boys. Then on the 30th the PORTLAND and LOUISVILLE will tangle to decide their own contests, PORTLAND entertaining.

The time is 1930 tonight. Be on deck to welcome our division shipmates. The arrangements have been completed by our Entertainment Committee and a good time is expected as you can judge by the program appearing on this page. Our talented shipmates will strut their stuff and we are going to do our best to show off. After the program, refreshments will be the order of the evening. With Ens. Bullock on the job, we are assured of a good performance by the "S" Division. (It is rumored, however, that beer will not be served.) Our broadcast system will be installed, with Whitey Wellburn at the microphone to do his McNamee stuff. Those who get up on the Com. Platform will be in a position to hear his mellow voice from our own loudspeakers. In case you don't hear all the grunts in the ring, see "Movie" Brown for an explanation.

This is our first venture in an affair like this. Most of us are new on board, that is, rarely more than five months on board. This is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted

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## —: THE BLUE BONNET :—

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PEP TALK

There is a time and place for every thing. And according to an old saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

These apply to athletics on board ship. A time to work, a time to play, and a time to support the teams. The work must be accomplished. There is a time for that. There are games to play and to win. There is a time for that. In addition there is the time required for practice. Every one has time to watch a game. How many have time to double up on the work while the teams are practicing???

A time to work... This means all hands, including the teams. Work for and have the snappiest ship in the Fleet. A time to support the teams Not only with leather lungs but with a willing spirit to double up while the teams are practicing. A time for play. Attend the athletic events, win them, relax, and play the game yourself; with the teams, with your shipmates, and for the service.

Getting out a paper is no picnic:

If we publish original matter, they say we lack variety.

If we publish things from other papers, we are too lazy to write.

If we stay on the job, we ought to be rustling news.

If we don't print contributions, we don't show proper appreciation.

If we do print them, the paper is filled with "junk."

Like as not some fellow will say we swiped this from some other paper. Well, WE DID!

How about some division notes?

Did you know that any service man if he so requests, may be buried in the Arlington Cemetary?

## BOOK REVIEW

If you haven't read about that lovable old character that was so ably portrayed by the great Marie Dressler in one of her last pictures, you want to get hold of "Tug Boat Annie" as soon as you can. The female tugboat skipper that fought and argued her way up and down the coast from the Canadian border to San Pedro is a personality that everyone will enjoy reading about.

One of her sayings I'd like to quote was one that she made after her first mate told her she was sweating like a horse, and she retorted, "Horses sweats, men prespires, but ladys only glows."

## KNOWING THE NAVY

In May, the Boy of Tripoli, jealous because the neighboring piratical states of Algiers and Tunis had made a more profitable bargain with the United States than he had, declared war against us.

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The War against Tripoli was carried on by a U.S. squadron under Commodore Richard Dale, who had been Paul Jones' chief officer in the battle between the "BON HOMME RICHARD" and the "SERAPIS".

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The first engagement in the War with Tripoli was between the ENTERPRISE and the TRIPOLI, two evenly-matched armed schooners. Captain Sterret handled the ENTERPRISE with consummate skill, forcing the TRIPOLI to strike her colors after three hours of continuous fighting, in which the pirate lost 20 men killed and 30 wounded, while the American had not a single man wounded and sustained only slight material damage.

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The slackness with which the War with Tripoli was conducted during the first year was partly excusable by the fact that enlistments in our Navy at that time were made for one year only.

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The first naval school for midshipmen of the U.S. Navy, strange as it may seem, was conducted in the pirate state of Tripoli. It was conducted by the captain of the captured PHILADELPHIA, Captain Bainbridge while the crew of the U.S.S.

## SPLIT ESSES

Owing to the acute shortage of Camera Guns in the Cruisers, this unit has been ordered to complete the Practice by 13 October, in order that the guns may be used by the SALT LAKE CITY and INDIANAPOLIS. It is expected that by the time this goes to press, we will be counting our scores, and we hope with a happy grin.

During the past week while the ship has been engaged in Battle A.A. Practices, we have been plugging along with our own little bit of gunnery. The planes have been catapulted each morning after getting underway and picked up in the evening upon anchoring. The planes and the crews have been spending most of the time on the beach awaiting the arrival of the ship. Quite a bit of practice in night taxying and recovery operations has been obtained, owing to the fact that the ship has not been in the habit of coming to anchor until after dark.

It is with regret that we lost Chief Ordnanceman, the well known "Abie" Kall, last Sunday. He was ordered to the PENSACOLA for transportation to Hampton Rds., to be paid off. Good Luck; Old Boy, Old Boy.

In return we welcome to our Unit and the ship, MacNesby, AOM1c., who has just completed a tour of shore duty at Pensacola, Fla., and was recently ordered by Our Father which ar't in the Bureau of Navigation, to join the working men at sea for a period of four years.

Mother (To her sailor son): Son, where in the world did you put your father's glasses?

Sea 3c.: Away.

Mother: Yes, I know, but where—where away?

Sea 3c.: Two points off the starboard bow.

Sparky—"I ain't no blinkin' nursemaid. I'm a radioman!"

Wifie—"Hush up—you're going to be a watertender and like it!"

PHILADELPHIA was held captives by the Tripolitan pirates for nineteen months.

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The original United States Navy Regulations were taken almost word for word from the Governing Regulations of the British Navy.



## NOSEY NEWS by EV' BODY

Due to the firing last Wednesday, there wasn't much time for nosia' around, but a little news came in from here and there and we find that Pearce the Cox. made the statement that you weren't supposed to hit the target, just come close to it. It has been learned from authentic sources that "Boats" Shanahan and "Pockets" Highstreet have joined the Jewish navy. Mahatma Ghandi has a real contender for honors in none other than a certain trumpet player in the band, and did you ever notice the facial contortions when he toots a high "C"? Rebel Kayse came home an easy winner from Fish Point one evening and from the big hand he was given by the crew things were— Oh, well, ask Rebel ???? Slusarsky, BM1c., says, "from now on when the basketball team goes to Fish Point to work out, I will be there too." Oh yeah. The World Series broadcast might be sewed up on the beach by none other than Henry Ford, but our own Herbie has done well by all hands in bringing the series to us, and did you notice the rabid fans daily. If you even think you know baseball—just mention it to Weigand. Some one in the aviation gang was overheard saying that gas spilled on deck was good for the oil spots, maybe so, but he evidently was not around the two mornings the Poly-stones were going to eliminate said gas spots. Terrio, the new CBM, looks fine in the new Hackie outfit, but there is a difference in the uniforms, how about it, Chiefie? Oscar Hand is now in serious training, that is gaining one to two pounds per diem; reason, he has suddenly discovered that the gals like him pleasingly plump. Just ask him. Steve Sivak

has boasted of his immunity to women, but that Leopard woman in Houston seems to have changed his good intentions. Hank Kennedy started off as boatswains locker keeper by breaking out a coil of 3½" line full of \*?||?:)? and was he red? Mc-Govern says, "first I have boils in Houston and then it is the ceremonial gangway in Guantanamo, what next? It seems that one of the Sharp yeoman from the flag office, having been partaking quite freely of the good old amber fluid, hired one of Cuba's alleged horses to take in the sites of Guantanamo City. After stopping at the divers places to further refresh himself, he was suddenly stricken with overwhelming pity for the poor horse and proceeded forthwith to ride said hayburner right into one of the city's better known cheer dispensaries. Having dismounted, he demanded in no uncertain tone that the faithful animal be allowed his just dues. This didn't go over so big with the inmates of the shanty and the sea-going Buffalo Bill was forced to take his plug and withdraw in defeat. He was also defeated in his attentions to the nag in another den of iniquity, but we won't go into that. If we don't get the Engineering "E" we surely should get one on that scuttle-butt, forward. Some guy says, "I wish they wouldn't make the drinking water so cold, it gives me an ache in me false teeth." Hmm, I wonder. It was rumored that a certain Wardroom steward was ashore in some town, some place and was referred to as a certain kind of a spud, whats the dope? A certain dashing ship's service operator was arrested lately and the following conversation took place at the M A A shack:

CMAA: "How do you plead?"

SSO: "I plead guilty and waives the hearing."

CMAA: "What do you mean, 'waive' the hearing?"

SSO: "I mean I don't want 'o hear no more about it."

And so with this last comment, I will close, "Our girl friend calls her doggie "Broker"—because he's so active on the curb.

Every man thinks he has wonderful self control because the woman had the last word.

## HACKIES COMMENTS

They tell me that Hackies Comments have missed the last two issues of the BLUE BONNET. My, how time flies. Won't be long before we'll be seeing Long Beach breakwater again and what a welcome sight it'll be! To really appreciate California is to be away from it for a time and compare it to other climes.

Two of our shipmates left last week for parts unknown: Richards and Kall. Smith, CWT., also left on an extended furlough into the wilds of Wisconsin.

"Ducky" Richards had quite a reputation as a bridge player. To quote Shannahan, he ranked among the rankest.

Bill Rader relinquished his job as mess caterer to Doc Kreuger after a year or more of devoted service to the mess. The only fault I find with Doc's catering is that he makes the most terrible coffee. Instead of saying "Pass the coffee" you now say "Pass up the hot water." No offense. Doc.

October Twelfth, is Columbus Day, and all ships having chaplains on board will have had their chaplains deliver an address on the subject of Columbus. If the First Sergeant Luck were to speak on the subject, he would probably tell us that Columbus used to be a marine.

I asked Diggins if he had anything to say for the column and he declined by saying that he lives in a glass house and mustn't throw stones. Well, that's something worth thinking about, and speaking of mottoes, how's this one:

"We seldom get something for nothing and how long must we live before we discover we are getting no more than we are willing to give."

How many times have you heard:  
Luck — Any mail for the devil dogs?  
O'Neal — That Dutchman.  
Beary — When's pay-day?  
Rader — Son-of-a-bugger.  
Walsh — Yowsa.  
Michell's peculiar laugh.  
THAT'S ALL.

Captain (To guilty party at mast):  
Now in the future you must go straight. Understand what straight means?

A. O. L.: Yes, Sir. Without ginger ale, sir.

**ATHLETES LEAVE SHIP**

Quite a few of the HOUSTON old-timers have left the ship in the past months and among those, the athletic teams have suffered. Lou Parker has gone and it will be remembered that Lou was the first one to bring a Heavyweight belt to this ship, that of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet. Abie Kall, of the aviation gang, was the man who brought the Backstroke championship to this ship, taking it from one of the old China hands. Donaldson was a member of the basket-ball team and whaleboat crew for three years running. It is regretful that we must lose these men, but we wish them all the luck in their new assignments, both on the outside and in.

**SCRIMMAGE WITH WEEVEE**

The basket-ball team showed a little of the hoped for form the other day when scrimmaging the WEST VIRGINIA quintet for a fifteen or twenty minute go. The score stood 16-4 at the end in favor of the Blue. Much improvement is still needed, but it shows that the work is going well and a good team can be expected when the competition starts. It is well to know that the W.V. has always had a team better than fair, and they have had a little more time of the floor than we have had.

**ORIGION OF BASEBALL**

The Devil was the first coach. He coached Eve when she stole first and Adam stole second. When Isaac met Rebecca at the well, she slew the Philistines and Moses made his first run when he slew the Egyptians. Cain made a base hit when he slew Abel, but Abraham made a sacrifice. The prodical son made a home run. David was a long distance thrower, and Moses shut out the Egyptains at the Red Sea. The game was called when the flood came on account of wet grounds.

**FLASH**

M.A.A.'s take arms.

Kayes vs. Welbourn  
Boxing Wrestling

**The Last Round-up**

Kellums ..... Referee  
Hartman ..... Timekeeper

**PORTLAND SMOKER**

**RACE BOAT CREWS**

A few things like gunnery and operating outside have upset the daily workouts of the race boat crews this past week. Gunnery Sgt. Washe reports a good crew. As a matter of fact it seems that these Marines know their oars. Acuto, of the anchor detail of the 1st Division, and coxswain of the Frst Enlistment crew reports a light crew but a willing one. Pemental, coxswain of the Third Div. has taken over the selected crew. He reports a husky bunch of oarsmen. The races come off next Saturday. A large turnout is expected. Incidentally some of you who have been "beefing" about the crews and getting away with it should come out and let the coxswains give you a work-out.

**HOUSTON NINE  
BOWS TO INDIANAPOLIS**

Showing much improvement but still lacking in some of the finer details of the game, the HOUSTON team played the outfit from the INDIANAPOLIS and came out on the short end of an 8 to 2 score. The game was close until the first part of the ninth frame when a bad break on the part of the HOUSTONITES allowed 3 runs to cross the plate on top of the two already in. The HOUSTON team on the whole played some bang up ball, but due to a few costly mistakes, were unable to take over the game. Eggerter starred with his good baseball judgment. Miller pitched a good game, but lacked backing in the pinches. Lucas, Davis and West showed good form and look to be big helps in games to come.

**SMOKERS**

with our shipmates in CruDiv 6. Let's give them a big hand, welcome them as part of our own gang. Talk things over with them and make them feel this ship is as good as their own—make them feel at home, that the HOUSTON knows how to entertain and how to treat its guests. That is the only way to make it a 100% success. Commander Scouting Force has accepted the invitation to be present, and to him also we want to show that the HOUSTON is as active a member of the force as any other. All together for a perfect turnout and a good time. LET'S GO!!

**STOKERS NOTES**

Another week gone by and A.A. firing over, now we are coming to the time when we will start for the West Coast and good old San Pedro. Of course some more maneuvers going there but that won't last long and in no time the boys will be kicking the gong around.

Lutz, WT1c., was transferred to the ARGONNE for temporary duty in connection with oil barge duty. Mr. Bly left us for duty with the Camera Party.

Now fella's, we are falling down on that score, try and be more considerate when using water as that is our big failing at the present time. So the rest of the month watch the use of water so that we will not fall down from our first place in the Scouting Force.

It is drawing close to the end of the month and no doubt there will be some rates coming out. Now, get those courses in so that we can have a few more rated men on here. Mr. Duff handles the courses for the Engineers Force and will be only too glad to help anyone along towards getting a course completed.

Well, will have to leave for this week and hope to return next week with the word of a better Engineering Score. Let's pull together.

**THE GUNNERS GANG**

This past week saw the Fourth and Fifth Divisions complete AntiAircraft practice Tare. It seems that the Marines put one over on the 4th Division and made the best score. Next week sees the same bunch working over the targets with the machine guns. They fire both on the range and on board. The Fourth Div. is determined to be "First" this time.

Weigand, Turret Captain of the fighting First, reports that the loading crew is in fine fettle. He also says that he can put his guns, loaded of course, on the target before anyone else can. How about that in the Second and Third Divisions?

Coop, GM3c., of the First Division and Wilson, GM2c., of the Second Division were transferred to the Receiving Ship, Hampton Roads, Va., last week. We wish them luck in their new assignments.

Send the BLUE BONNET home.