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# Merry Christmas!



## ADORATION

On this earth where millions are born and die every year, where every tick of the clock sees a soul arriving and a soul departing, Christmas is the greatest of all birthdays.

It is not merely the birthday of One Noble Spirit; it is a birthday for all, a day of hope for all the human race.

The beautiful character of Christ stands apart from all "theology," all discussion or question.

His is a character of pure goodness, self-sacrifice, kindness for children and their mothers; His birthday is a blessed, happy day.

### GREETINGS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

SECRETARY SWANSON EXTENDS TO THE ENTIRE NAVAL SERVICE HIS SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



## GREETINGS FROM OUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF

I AM GLAD TO TAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AS THE OCCASION TO THANK THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE ARMY AND NAVY FOR DUTY WELL DONE AND FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO THE SERVICE OF THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY.

I TRUST THAT THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING TO THEM REAL HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

COMMANDER IN CHIEF

# Happy New Year!

## — THE BLUE BONNET —

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM  
THE CAPTAIN

The Commanding officer extends to the Officers and Men of the HOUSTON his heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He wishes to express his deep appreciation of the sustained interest and industry displayed at all times and of the high sense of loyalty. These elements combined have enabled this vessel to carry out successfully the duties of the past year and give assurance of future success when we rejoin the Scouting Force.

### ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY SENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The assistant secretary sends his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the officers and men of the Naval service, the loyalty, discipline and skill of all hands in the past year have resulted in high achievement and promise even higher achievement for 1936.

### GREETINGS FROM CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Christmas Greetings to all hands and best wishes for a New Year.

Xmas Greetings from the "M" Div.

## OUR LITTLE GUESTS



May the joys and the blessings of Christmas Season fill your little hearts.

As Santa Claus beckons each of you to the HOUSTON'S Christmas Tree, there to greet you and present you, with a little gift we are sure it will make you happy.

As much as Santa Claus would like to stay all day, other boys and girls are waiting, So, soon he must be on his way.

Name	Age
STANLEY WILKINS	11
DONALD WALKER	10
MAY VARTANIAN	8
JACKSON McCARROLL	10
OLGA NICOLAS	8
BARBARA PEYTON	8
TOMMY PEYTON	10
DUDLEY ROBBINS	9
ROBERT ROBBINS	11
ALBERT SANCHEZ	7
AVELINA SANCHEZ	9
BARBARA LEE SPRINGER	6
DUDLEY STRITZEL	9
BETTY SUYEDA	10
GEORGE VARTANIAN	11
HELEN ALAMEDA	11
NILE ADAMS	7
BEVERLEY ALTIMUS	10
JANET ANABLE	8
GEORGE BASSY	12
JACK BURGESS	10
TROY CARLTON	7
RUTH GEIGER	11

Name	Age
LUCY GRIZIFFI	7
NICK GRIZIFFI	12
CAROL MAHONEY	7
JIMMIE GREEN	11
JACK MAHONEY	8
ELLEN GREEN	10
WILLIAM McDONOUGH	11
LUCIUS GRANT	6
PATSY CRANT	2½
ELOISE M. DULER	2
JOAN SMITH	6
HAROLD JOHNSON	6
LOREEN ASHER	6
JILL ARNOLD	9
CHARLES ASHER	8
KAY PALMER	2½
CARNICE LEE YELVERTON	5
MARGARET L. WEST	5
DOLORES E. WEST	4
JOSEPH W. WEST	8Mo.
SALLY INGRAHAM	2
SKIPPER INGRAHAM	3
FREDDIE MOOSEBRUGGER	4

### WELCOME ABOARD THE U. S. S. HOUSTON

To our guests, the families of personnel, and our guests from Sacramento: The Captain, Officers and the crew of the United States Ship HOUSTON bid you a hearty welcome aboard the HOUSTON and extend sincere wishes for a Merry Xmas.

We, the personnel of the HOUSTON, feel fortunate indeed, in being honored by your presence at our little Yultide Party, this Christmas Day.

It is our earnest hope and desire that you enjoy the Christmas Day festivities, as much as we are proud to be the hosts to you, our guests. To us, this day shall always remain in memory as a momentous and joyous occasion, made possible only, through your being present among us.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The acting Executive Officer most sincerely wishes each member of the ships company, and feels that each deserves, the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years.

Alow and aloft it is the finest ships company with which it has ever been his privelege and pride to serve.

Xmas Greetings from the 2nd. Div.



NOBEY  
NEWS  
by  
EV' BODY



AT the biweekly meeting, our undercover men and other wise, all found time, in their nefarious meandering, to extend sincere Christmas Greetings to the finest crew of the finest ship, it has been our good fortune to serve on.

CHRISTMAS DAY  
ABOARD

GREETINGS FROM WARDROOM  
OFFICERS



Some who are lucky  
Are able to spend  
Christmas day at home  
I can't, so good wishes I send.

To Dad, Jack and Bob  
Best wishes from me  
Enough to last them  
Until I return From the sea.

Christmas is the season  
With thoughts so sincere  
So again I wish you a Merry Xmas  
And a prosperous New Year.

The Wardroom Officers extend to all hands best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

The spirit of loyalty and cooperation exhibited by the crew during the year gone by has been appreciated by every officer.

Xmas Greetings from the "N" Div.

Xmas Greetings From the 4th. Div.

Xmas Greetings from the "F" Div.

The postmaster wishes all hands a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Navigator and his gang wish the rest of the ship's company a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May the guns shoot true, the engines run smoothly, pay day come on time, the eats be plentiful and tasty,

May the good ship, HOUSTON remain clean and water tight, and the sick bay see little of our crew.

XMAS GREETINGS

The Gunnery Department extends to the Officers and enlisted men a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Xmas Greetings from the "B" Div.

Xmas Greetings from the 1st. Div.

Xmas Greetings from the "E" Div.

XMAS GREETINGS

The Engineering Department wishes all hands a very Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Xmas Greetings from the "A" Div.

Season Greetings from the Stewards



W. O.  
Mess

The Warrant Officers Christmas Greetings to the Officers and Crew of the U. S. S. HOUSTON.



Were not original but we are sincere  
In wishing a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year  
To shipmates and friends  
Wherever they be  
And to all the soldiers  
That follow the sea  
We hope our little  
Greeting is seen  
By every Sailor and every Marine  
By every man throughout the Fleet  
That makes our's a Navy  
That can't be beat

HOUSTON MARINES

XMAS GREETINGS

The Communication Dept. wishes to extend to the Officers and enlisted men of the good ship HOUSTON a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EXHAUST-PIPE



Best wishes for a Merry Xmas  
Houston Aviation Unit

Xmas Greetings from the 'R' Div.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT



On Christmas day 't's fitting  
That your thoughts should stray  
Homeward, to family and friends  
With wishes for a happy day.

Christmas is the time  
For all to be happy and gay  
I would, but I can't forget  
Home, where my thoughts for-  
ever stray.

YULETIDE  
GREETINGS

The staff of the Blue Bonnet extends Jolliest Christmas wishes to our Shipmates on board and throughout the Naval Service, and to our many readers.

The print shop personnel take this opportunity to extend the Seasons Greetings to all of the good ship HOUSTON and the entire Naval Forces.



The Chief Petty Officers desire to wish "All Hands" a very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

It has been a pleasure to spend the old year with such shipmates and it is hoped that we shall continue to serve the good ship HOUSTON during the New Year.

XMas Greetings from the "S" Div.

THE CHRISTMAS BALL



All that is left to make our second annual Christmas Ball an outstanding success is the presence of you and your guests.

Every detail has been dutifully attended to by the committees and we are given the hearty assurance of an enjoyable evening from the moment we arrive until we depart.

The Veterans Memorial Hall is easily accessible, being on Marin St. in the 1300 block. The dance floor is of the type that will delight every couple.

Make it a point to be on hand early, for a gay round of festivities is in store for you.

The best HOUSTON dance yet, is your goal.

Note:- All men desiring to invite personal guests should inform their respective Div. Representatives, immediately, the number of invitations desired.

Xmas Cheer

From our well stocked dispensary shelves,

We have decided among ourselves,  
To concoct, with greatest skill,  
A generous portion of Xmas Cheer  
and, good will.

THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Xmas Greetings from the 3rd. Div.

Xmas Greetings from the mess boys