



**SIGHTSEEING AND LIBERTY**

**IN THE LAND OF BLACK BEAR,  
GLACIER AND MUCKLUCK.**

The blase attitude of so many toward sightseeing, was not in evidence during our cruise in Alaskan waters. Facts and figures prove conclusively that those who made the trips to Copper River to see the famous Childs and Miles glaciers and to Anchorage were amply repaid for the time spent.

Approximately one hundred and twenty enlisted men and ten officers were on the special Copper River & Northwestern R. R. train when it pulled out of Cordova on the forty-eight mile run over the "Iron Trail", so well known to all lovers of the lusty Northland stories written by Rex Beach. This was on Monday, July 22nd. On Wednesday, the 24th, another larger group made the interesting excursion to Anchorage from Seward. One hundred and fifty-four enlisted men and twelve officers boarded the Alaskan Railways special to ride through one hundred and twelve miles of natural wonderland, to a little city which makes up for its location by being the home of thoroughly progressive and cordially hospitable people. This last, is equally true of all the folks we have contacted in the three cities visited: Cordova, Seward and Anchorage.

To most, the trip north held little of anticipative interest. Frankly we thought it would be a rather dull cruise. We found to our surprise and consequent pleasure that our illusions concerning Alaska were just that, and based on everything but actuality.

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**U. S. S. HOUSTON**

**WINS**

**IN BASKETBALL**

**HOUSTON-27 PORTLAND-19.**

**PERSONNEL**

**NEW RATING QUOTA**

Examinations are now being held for the following ratings allotted to the HOUSTON.

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| 1 - BM2c. | 4 - F2c.      |
| 1 - Cox.  | 1 - SK2c.     |
| 1 - GM3c. | 1 - SK3c.     |
| 1 - EM2c. | 1 - Bug.1c.   |
| 3 - EM3c. | 1 - SC3c.     |
| 2 - RM3c. | 1 - OC3c.     |
| 1 - SF2c. | 2 - Matt.1c.  |
| 1 - MM1c. | 1 - Matt. 2c. |
| 2 - MM2c. | 1 - WT1c.     |
| 2 - WT2c. | 12 - Sea1c.   |
| 2 - Flc.  |               |

Within a short time 42 of our shipmates will have reaped the rewards of diligent and careful study. Although not as many rates were assigned this vessel as had been hoped for, there are enough to put many stogies in circulation.

**UP THE LADDER**

Latour, L.K. FC1c. to CFC.

**NEW SHIPMATES**

Fagan, A.G. COX. reported on board, in Seward, from the U.S.S. Swallow. Welcome, and a pleasant cruise.

**THE ROTARY CLUB CUP**

In October 1930, this cup was presented to the ship along with the silver service, the colors, a rowing cup, a swimming cup and several other articles, representative of the great interest shown by the City of Houston in this vessel. The Rotary Club cup is emblematic of supremacy in SRBP each year by any one of the turrets or either the port or starboard AA battery.

The cup is now on display in the 3rd Div comp't having been won by them three years in four the cup has been up for competition, the 5th Div winning it once.

In less than two months another SRBP will be fired and, who knows, the cup may find a new Div's name inscribed on it.

The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Div's having never won it yet are out to take the cup as well as winning the white "E". No.-3 turret is coming on the line, showing good form, but No. 1 and 2 turrets are looking like champs since they have their regular crews together again, while if the vigor shown on the boat deck is to be considered indicative of the attitude the AA crews have toward winning the trophy, the fan-tail turret is due for some stiff competition.

**DANCE IN CORDOVA**

On the evening prior to our sailing, the city of Cordova gave a dance for the crew at the Elk's Hall which was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

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