



NOSEY NEWS

by
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This past week could be considered as one of those you sometimes hear about. To start off right, the weekend was more or less one of watchful waiting with those Santa Anna conditions prevailing (the amount of sand and dust about the ship was just an indication of what one of these peculiar storms can do). The sudden changes in weather at our favorite anchorage kept the boys interested too.

Even though we have been operating a major portion of this week, the crew of the mighty HOUSTON has managed to spend a few hours ashore with the result our undercover men have had things rather smooth.

Seeing a young sailor-lad borrowing a cent so he would have ten cents and thereby be able to make an overnight liberty does make one believe in the old adage "you learn something new every day".

"Joe" Bush lets us know with lots of gusto, "Me no savvy GG yet, maybe can do soon". In response to many requests we interviewed Wellbourne but he would only say "see my secretary".

It was rather surprising to hear Grant of the pay-office say he would soon be going out on sixteen - we were so sure he had intended doing twenty.

Apparently, our anchorage at L. B., is not so bad after all. It seems that the CHESTER drew the low lot number this time. They do say we have an advantage though, for we are able to view the entire fleet and environs. Maybe some of us are interested in scenery?

It has just come to light why Barker of No. 2 turret has been so worried these days. He was sent after a swab comb and is still looking for one. Won't someone come to the assistance of this innocent lad?

Now that Derouen has found minor success in his trapping game he is seriously thinking of applying for a trapping license. He has the right idea for it is a known fact we have licensed hunters (underwood), amateur detectives, public speakers, etc.

Burwell of the Well-Deck says he has no liking for liverwurst and cheese sandwiches now, when only a few short days ago he was a rabid addict. It seems he must have used the wrong beverage to wash them down.

Wonder what our printer will do with all the fancy silks and otherwise he has been collecting lately?

"Pee Wee" Deforge says he must simply stay out of circulation for some time yet for he still has several copies of western romances to read. 'Tis our guess the gals will be pleased with their flag-waving romeo when he blossoms forth with the new technique. ? ?

We suspect the messenger in the Captain's Office has much to learn. He can't understand why an office man should scrub paintwork. Live and learn says we.

We shall have to admit our fishing enthusiasts do not find as great a variety of the finny tribe in San Clemente waters as in the Cocos, etc., but they have quite a bit of fun. And if you haven't sampled some of those Mackeral you have missed something.

One of our youngest Houstonites, Chmielowicz by name, recently learned that sundry sweets, powder fumes and the bounding main in these waters do not agree. ? ? ?

'Tis remarked that the signal gang shall soon sue No. 2 turret for assault and battery. Maybe the doughy C&R boys have a few intentions too. ? ?

—Sayonara

V. O. COMPETITION

In a recent issue of the Blue Bonnet, mention was made of our success in V. O. competition. Our signalmen earned and deserved every part of the credit given them. We are proud of them.

The quartermasters are also required to participate in this competition in company with the signalmen. Their ability and earnest effort contributed toward the fine score made by this ship. We appreciate the fact that their cooperation helped to put the HOUSTON at the top, and we regret that mention of the Quartermasters was omitted in a former issue of the Blue Bonnet".

"Excuse it, please".

HOUSTON CARRIES FLAG

During the past week Rear Admiral A. P. Fairfield, Commander CruDiv Seven, U. S. Navy has flown his flag from the main of the HOUSTON.

The following officers and men of his staff were also in the HOUSTON during a major portion of the week:

Lieut-Comdr. H. R. Bowes, Lieut. F. F. Ferris, Lieut. C. M. Jensen, Meringher, S. P. SM1c, Dulard, R.W. SM1c, MacCauley, J. C. Sealc, James, C. T. RM1c, Sission, P. A. RM2c, Marchant, J. W. RM3c, Meade, R. J. Sea2c.

GREAT FLOODS

During the past week we have read quite comprehensive reports concerning destructive floods in the east and southeast.

We read in the "Lincoln Library of Essential Information" some facts about the following great floods in various parts of the world since the year 1813:

1813—in Poland and Siberia; 10,000 perished. 1824—in Petrtgrad; 10,000 perished. 1883—Java and Sumatra; 30,000 perished. 1889—in China - Yellow river burst its banks, countless lives lost. 1889—Johnston, Pa.; Reservoir burst; 2,200 dead. 1900—Galveston, Texas; 4500 lives lost. 1928—St. Francis dam (near Los Angeles) burst; 250 dead. 1928—Lake Okechobee, Fla.; 2,000 lives lost.