



THE LIBERTY BELL

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LIEUT. COMDR. E. A. SEAY REPORTS

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From his former post as Executive Officer of the U. S. S. Sampson came Lieut. Comdr. Erskine A. Seay to assume the duties of the Gunnery Officer of the PHILADELPHIA.

A member of the class of 1924 of the Naval Academy Mr. Seay's duties have been many and varied in his sixteen years afloat with the fleet and on duty ashore.

A brief resume of Mr. Seay's duties since his graduation will prove of interest to all hands: 1924-25, U. S. S. TEXAS; 1925, Officer Student at Torpedo School, Newport, R. I.; 1926, U. S. S. REUBEN JAMES; 1927-31, U. S. S. R-7; 1932-33, Shore Duty at Naval R. O. T. C. Unit, Harvard University, Boston, Mass.; 1933-36, U. S. S. TEXAS; 1937-38, Shore Duty in Philadelphia, Pa., as aide to Commandant of the Fourth Naval District. It was in this capacity that Mr. Seay saw the U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA launched and commissioned. Returning to sea in 1938, Lieut. Comdr. Seay fitted out the U. S. S. Sampson, at Baltimore, Md., and served as her Executive Officer and Navigator until he recently reported for duty on the PHILADELPHIA. The "LIBERTY BELL" welcomes Mr. Seay to duty on the "PHILLY" and wishes him a pleasant tour of duty.

SHIP'S MINSTREL UNDERWAY

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Work on the "Philly Minstrels" is getting off to a fine start. Rehearsals will begin soon for what promises to be the greatest show afloat.

—:— NEW CHIEF —:— RECOMMENDATIONS

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The below named men are recommended to take examinations for Chief Petty Officers (Acting Appointment) as indicated:

Bryan, W. J.	BM1c	to	CBM
Feilers, I. J.	BM1c		CBM
Burum, A. T.	TC1c		CTC
Sincavage, J. A.	TC1c		CTC
Mazoway, L. A.	QM1c		CQM
Soles, E. B.	SM1c		CSM
Dougherty, W. G.	EM1c		CEM
Maski, W.	EM1c		CEM
Carlson, E. W.	Prtr1c		CPtr
Dauster, H. D.	MM1c		CMM
Dews, W. P.	MM1c		CMM
Harper, L.	MM1c		CMM
Hayes, J. F.	MM1c		CMM
McCahan, J. E.	MM1c		CMM
Mullally, C. J.	MM1c		CMM
Rainey, G. C.	MM1c		CMM
Huggard, J. J.	MM1c		CMM
Sewell, L. C.	MM1c		CMM
Tarvin, C. R.	MM1c		CMM
Hannah, W. M.	WT1c		CWT
Little, J. D.	WT1c		CWT
Moore, T. G.	WT1c		CWT
Oniks, C.	WT1c		CWT
Sammons, W. O.	WT1c		CWT
Woodward, J. C.	Y1c		CY
Gill, W. J.	PhM1c		CPhM
Barr, L. S.	SC1c		CCStd
Stroud, D. C.	SC1c		CCStd
Sharpe, E. H.	AMM1c		CAMM
Skinner, R. C.	AMM1c		CAMM
Williams, R.	SF1c		CSF
Day, H. E.	GM1c		CGM
Derby, R. G.	GM1c		CGM
Erdahl, H. S.	GM1c		CGM
Wall, C. L.	GM1c		CGM

LT. COMDR. J. N. OPIE III DETACHED

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One of the unexpected changes in the Ship's officer personnel came in the detachment of Lt. Comdr. Opie late in May to the American Embassy in London, England.

Mr. Opie came to the PHILADELPHIA after a varied career in the Naval Service which well fitted him for his duties as Gunnery Officer aboard. During his year of service on the PHILLY he had made many friends. The "Liberty Bell" joins all hands in wishing Mr Opie good cruising and profitable experiences in his new assignment.

Since this time orders have been received for the detachment of several officers attached to the PHILADELPHIA. Information concerning officers to be detached and officers ordered to report to the PHILADELPHIA is given below:

Lt. Comdr. John E. French has been ordered to duty at the Naval Academy. Mr. French has been on the PHILADELPHIA since its commissioning and has served in the C&R Department as Assistant First Lieutenant until May of last year when he was appointed head of the C&R Department. It is with regret that all hands bid farewell to this Officer, for his congenial smile and quiet manner has made him one of the most popular officers on this ship.

Lt. Comdr. Robert Goldthwaite is leaving some time this month for the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point R.I. Mr. Goldthwaite has been Commanding Officer of VCS-8 for the past year.

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YOUR VOCABULARY



For many years the illogical thinking of man has confused profanity of speech with virility and manhood. The idea of a sailor at one time was the pirate who roamed the Spanish main. They were supposed to be a hard drinking, hard living bunch of men who expressed themselves with a series of curses and oaths. But ships have come a long way since the days of the old square riggers, and the men who man them have changed greatly. Men are no longer pressed into service and treated like galley slaves with oaths and cattails. The sailor today is selected in accordance with very high standards. He is a man of good strong body, and with a high enough education to express himself without resorting to profanity.

When a man uses oaths and curses to express himself he proclaims either his lack of power to control his temper, or his mental inefficiency to find the right word to express his idea. In ordinary conversation a man does not use profanity if he knows what he is talking about, and if he has a working knowledge of the English language. So let us get it straight here and now. The man who is addicted to swearing and filthy language is not a strong man of character, but rather a coward who hides his short comings in a flow of vile speech. It is a condemnation to ourselves in any way we may choose to look at it.

OVER NIGHT CAMPING

TRIP TO NANAKULI



The Army cooperated with the Navy again, not in joint maneuvers or drills, but in the way of good fellow-ship. During the Fleet's last stay in Pearl Harbor, a camp was set up at Nana-kuli, which is about 25 miles west of Honolulu. Each ship was allotted a certain number of men to take the trip. Ensign P. Wood was placed in charge of the sixty-two men from the U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA, who accepted the invitation. The trip was made on the Oahu R. R. train which chugged its way through sugar-cane fields, and pineapple plantations. At one point the train had to switch right in the midst of a sugar-cane field, and the men had time to pick a few stalks of cane. The scenery along the way was magnificent, and everyone was satiated with its splendor. There were many private fish ponds and Chinese men and women, knee deep in mud, could be seen pulling water cress.

The train stopped at the camp gate way and the camp came into view. It was located under trees and consisted of about 200 tents. The beach was only a short distance from the camp. The finest beaches in the world are found here and this was one of them. The sand was like granulated sugar, of very fine texture with not a stone or a piece of coral to be found anywhere. The water looked like a plate glass spread over the smooth sand. It was so clear, that it looked like a strange unsteady pellucid green air, and it made extremely good bathing.

A Lieutenant addressed the men and told them they had the run of the camp. The uniform-of-the-day was swimming trunks and work orders had been left out of the schedule. The day was ideal, the warm sun, crystal clear water, and fresh sea breezes all made it very exhilarating.

There was a pronounced good-fellow-ship between the soldiers and sailors and although the tents were designed for two men, they were filled with groups who played cards and exchanged stories, of land and sea. There was not much conventionality, but much companionship.

The evening was spent with friends from other ships, and chatting with soldiers, and then in the serenity of the surrounding night men turned in to review a truly wonderful day.

—Lizotte

Divine Services



Protestant

Chaplain W. G. Irwin, U. S. N.
1000 Sunday—C-306-L



Catholic

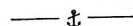
Church Party aboard U. S. S.
Brooklyn whenever available.

WHERE TO NEXT

PHILLY ? ?



Taking advantage of a few spare moments aboard the PHILLY, I scuttled the skuttlebutts to get the dope on our next port of call. In answer to the question, "Where to next, PHILLY?" These (your guess is as good as mine) answers were given; "Good will tour to South America - - - "Six months in Norfolk" - - - "Out of Commission" - - - "Rehabilitation and Homesteading work in Philadelphia" - - - "Gonaives to forget" - - - "Remodernization" - - - "Singapore with the Asiatic Fleet" - - - "Ten even money on Mare Island" - - - "Palistine with a load of Holy Stones" - - - "To Liverpool to get Mr. Opie" - - - "Heard it from a guy who knows" - - - "Nobody knows" - - - "Five to one on Frisco World's Fair" - - - "Ten to one on New York's" - - - "Back to Honolulu" - - - "Japan good will tour" - - - "Pensacola to exchange Mr. Brown for two new planes" - - - "Secret maneuvers in Cuba" - - - "Three weeks liberty in Panama City" - - - "To pick up refugees in Greenland" - - - "Portland for Fleet Week" - - - "Newport for new torpedo tubes" - - - "Pango-Pango on Penguin Patrol" - - - What! No ong mentioned Long Beach or San Pedro - - - But Oh! the wistful gleams registered with the eyes - - - Time will tell - - - nobody even mentioned Bremerton. - - -



SEND THE LIBERTY BELL HOME

**Personnel
Notes**

Leaving the ship at Lahaina on June 13, 1940 Ensign W. K. Yarnall reported to the U. S. S. SOUTHARD for his second cruise afloat since his graduation in 1939 from the U. S. Naval Academy.

Recently when the list of newly selected chiefs was made public, three men aboard the U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA donned new uniforms. Those men selected for this honor and advancement are as follows: SCHIRLING, W. A. to CBM., WARD W. E. to CWT., MEEHAN, J. W. to CSF. All hands extend to these men their heartiest congratulations.

There are two men aboard the U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA who might justly claim the title of “K A M A I N A” “SHELLBACK” or any of the other phrases which mean old timers in the Navy dictionary. Harry Wright, CBM, better known as “CRASH BOAT MAN”, and John Ernst CM1c, “THE ABLE WOOD BUTCHER”, have just reenlisted on board for another cruise.

Sharpe, E. H., AMM1c, of the aviation unit is back to duty after a short stay on the U. S. S. RELIEF. All hands welcome him back on the PHILLY.

The PHILLY welcomes the return of two graduates of branches of Navy schools. Kerns, A. J. EM-3c, has recently finished the course at the Sound Motion Picture School. Pre-slupski, S., F1c, has returned after completing the Diesel Engine School. Congratulations!

There is some discussion about the fellow who awakens the office force in the Exec's office each morning with the same question

“Have my records and accounts been received aboard yet? I haven't been paid in over a month!”

Fireman: “I'm telling you the day will come when women will get men's wages”.

Seaman: “You said it, big boy. Just as soon as we dock”.

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THE OLD AND THE NEW

Imagine that you are aboard one of the Navy's old sailing vessels in the year 1840. Mess-gear has been sounded, work has been knocked off and you are idly awaiting pipe-down. One of the cooks with the help of a scullery-maid drags out a great wooden tub and sets it on deck. Occasionally a wave slaps the ship's side with force enough to send it's salty spray spitting and hissing into the steaming contents of the tub. Pipe-down and the contest of who will emerge with the largest ration is on. With the first sip you discover that dinner is composed of fish soup with a few spuds chucked in to give it some claim to a substantial base. A calloused stomach, it would have to be, to give relish to such a menu. A hellish culinary concoction but you would eat it or else go hungry; very hungry, for the work is hard and exhausting. A slab of hardtack with a ration of blackish looking water to soften it with and the meal is done. Your duty to your stomach, however painful or distasteful it has been, is done and your hunger has been appeased. At least it should be.

It has probably taken great effort to imagine the foregoing and I may be asking too much in calling for even more imagination. Let us suppose though, that one of the old seafaring salts of a century back should suddenly step forth from Davy Jones' locker club onto the deck of this ship. He would find, although we might have been weeks at sea, fresh fruits and vegetables on the mess tables. Even the eggs we eat, though they may have left the chicken years ago, are just as tasty as if laid yesterday. The old timer would look in astonishment and swear the devil was playing tricks with his sight or he might blame his supposed illusions on his last drink.

A glimpse of our soda fountain would be the fatal blow for the old boy's heart. Imagine, ice cream and soda water whenever you wish. Correction please:- whenever you have the price. Though our friend of the past has been taught to believe in miracles he can hardly conceive all of this.

Certainly this is streamlining a miracle a little too far.

Thank God this is 1940 and as for me the Navy can't do too much streamlining.

J. J. McLaughlin

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A BOATSWAIN'S MATE

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(Dedicated to our new Chief)

I think there's nothing quite so great,
Or noble as a boatswain's mate.
A boatswain's mate with hairy chest,
Who gives the rubber socks no rest.
Upon whose fore arm is tattooed,
A dancing woman - in the nude.
A boatswain's mate who yells all day,
For someone up on deck to lay.
Or toots his little pipe and booms
In basso, “Sweepers starcher brooms”.
And bellows out, “Now there will beno”,
In talk that sounds like Argentino.
Any fool can make a rate,
But only God can make a boatswain's mate.

Great Lakes Bulletin.

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ORDERS TO OFFICERS

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(Continued from page one)

Lieut. John P. Rembert has received orders for the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Mr. Rembert came aboard the PHILADELPHIA last June and has performed the duties of Senior Aviator.

Lt. (jg) Charles M. Holcombe has received orders for the MONTGOMERY and will probably be detached upon our arrival at the Navy Yard. All hands extend best wishes to Mr. Holcombe for a happy tour of duty aboard the MONTGOMERY.

Ensign John S. Dalton has been ordered to the TALBOT.

Ensign Richard E. Robb to the WASMUTH.

Ensign Joel E. Brown to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

Here's wishing all these five officers the best of luck in their new stations.

The following Officers have been ordered to the PHILADELPHIA:

- Lieut. Cameron Briggs.
- Lieut. W. A. Wright.
- 2nd Lieut. W. B. Carneal.
- Ensign R. L. Dodane.
- Ensign A. C. Edwards.
- Ensign F. L. Englander.
- Ensign F. J. Graziano.
- Ensign G. M. Hawes.
- Ensign E. R. Peterson.
- Ensign W. B. Downes A-V(N).

All hands extend best wishes to these officers in their new stations.

And bid welcome to these new officers, and may they have happy cruising on the PHILADELPHIA.

SPORTS

by GIOFFRE

PHILLY TEN WINS TWO

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The PHILADELPHIA softball team showed its power last week when it captured two consecutive victories. The victims were the U. S. S. SAVANNAH and the highly touted U. S. S. HONOLULU. The HONOLULU was beaten by a score of 9 to 6 while the SAVANNAH went down to defeat before the heavy hitters of the PHILADELPHIA by a one sided score of 24 to 6.

In the HONOLULU fray “Stores” Olds emerged the winning pitcher. His steady pitching and ability in the pinches gave him a well deserved victory. Johnson, Corcoran and Gioffre took honors at the bat with three hits each.

The PHILLY sluggers really came into their own in the SAVANNAH contest. Behind superb pitching of Barnett, and the heavy hitting of the team the PHILADELPHIA took an easy victory. Ricord of the PHILLIES cracked out a home run. Corcoran and Gioffre fattened their batting averages in this game by collecting three bingles each.

Summaries:

	R	H	E
HONOLULU	030	000	0 6 9 2
PHILLY	202	500	9 14 1

Batteries:

PHILLY—Olds and Johnson.
HONOLULU—Partker, Nokes (6) & Edwards.

	R	H	E
SAVANNAH	001	002	3 6 8 2
PHILLY	437	611	2 24 18 1

Batteries:

PHILLY—Barnett and Stouder.
SAV—Willard and ROGERS

WRESTLING SQUAD

LOSES MR. YARNALL

— † —
The wrestling team deeply regrets to see Mr. Yarnall leave the squad. Under his able management the team was very active, wrestling top-notch clubs and making good showings.

He provided an incentive by his more than ordinary interest in a grand sport.

The wrestling team experiences a great loss, with the departure of their coach, manager and friend.

PHILLY NINE

BASEBALL NOTES

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While the Fleet was in Pearl Harbor last week the PHILLY Baseball team swung into action on four different occasions. The team won one game, while losing two, and battled the PORTLAND to an eleven inning tie.

The PHILADELPHIA nine defeated the SAVANNAH on June 4th by a score of 9 to 4. Joe Strong, center fielder of the PHILLY, hit for the circuit with one mate aboard in the second inning to feature the PHILLY win.

Summaries:

	R	H	E
PHILLY	020	031	120 9 14 1
SAV	301	000	000 4 7 2

Batteries:

PHILLY—Roach and DeLavalla.
SAV—Wallace, Bartley (4) and Scott.

The U. S. S. RELIEF nine put on a Merriwell finish in their game against the PHILLY on June 6th and won out by a score of 9 to 7. Going into the sixth with the score 7 to 3 against them the RELIEF rallied to score four runs and tie the score. In the eighth they tallied two more runs to cinch the ball game.

	R	H	E
PHILLY	140	011	000 7 10 1
RELIEF	000	034	020 9 12 1

Batteries:

PHILLY—H. Gray, Doc Graig (7) and DeLavalla.
RELIEF—Reynolds, Williams (4) and Griffin.

In a return engagement on June 8th the SAVANNAH nine defeated the PHILLY team by a score of 7 to 5. Going into the final frame with the score five to three against them the SAVANNAH squad tallied four to win the game.

	R	H	E
PHILLY	300	000	011 5 8 0
SAVANNAH	010	010	004 7 9 1

Batteries:

PHILLY—Roach, W. Gray (6) and DeLavalla.
SAV—Pensinger, McCurdy (1) and Scott.

On June 9th the U. S. S. PORT-

PHILLY SWIMMERS

CAPTURE MEET

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The PHILLY swimming team under the coaching of Ensign P. N. Shamer proved their aquatic mettle during the ship's recent stay in Pearl Harbor, T. H. In the intercruiser competition meet the PHILLY swimmers splashed through with an overwhelming victory over their opponents.

Their real glory came in the Fleet finals held in the Navy Pool at Pearl Harbor on Friday, 7 June, 1940. The PHILLY team played a large part in the victory over the other Divisions of the Fleet. Members of the PHILLY team accounted for eleven of the twenty-nine points made by the Cruiser Battle Division to win the meet. The PHILLY swimmers who scored points were: David McKeeton, who won the unofficial Fleet championship for the 200 yard free style event; Willis Cowling, who captured second place in the Fleet fancy diving; James Wetherington, Jr. who took third place in the 50 yard free style; and the PHILLY 200 yard relay team, composed of James Wetherington, Jr., David McKeeton, L. Tisdale and C. Biddle, who captured second place in this event.

Final Standings

Cruisers Battle Force	29 Pts.
Battle Division One	24 Pts.
Battle Division Three	17 Pts.
Battle Division Four	7 Pts.

LAND and the PHILLY battled to a 2 to 2 tie in an eleven inning contest. The game finally being called due to darkness. This game saw DeLavalla, the team's most versatile player, make his debut as a pitcher and do a great job of it. After being nicked for two runs in the opening frame, DeLavalla, settled down and pitched ten scoreless innings.

Summaries:

	R	H	E
PHILLY	001	001	000 00 2 8 1
PORT.	200	000	000 00 2 7 1

Batteries:

PHILLY—DeLavalla and Urrizola,
PORTLAND—Gallaher and Courtis.
**Note: All games were played at the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor diamond.