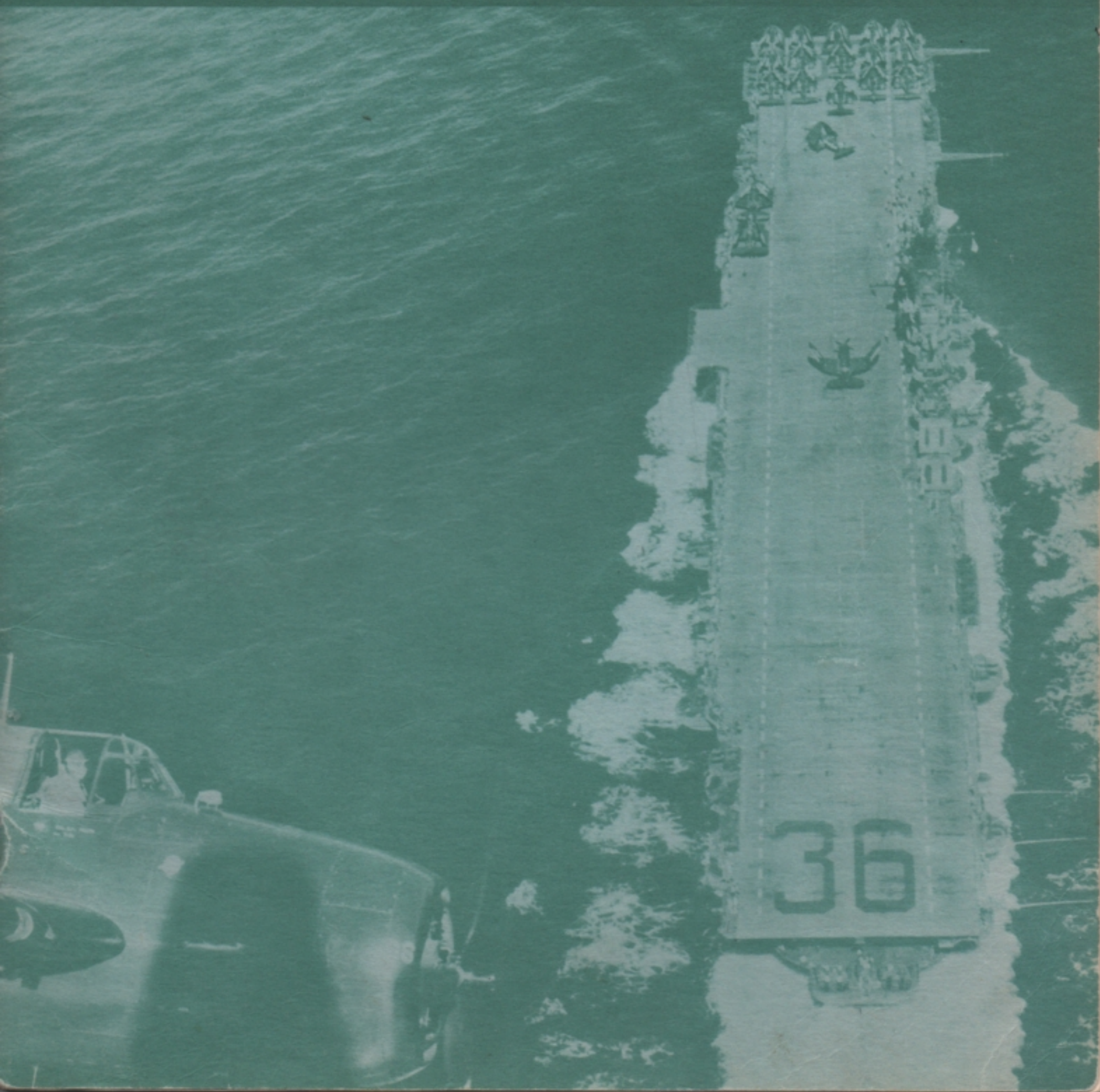


CROSSING THE LINE

ON THE U. S. S. ANTIETAM, 7 MAY, 1947



THE NEPTUNE PARTY

OF THE



UNITED STATES SHIP ANTIETAM

A Unit of Task Force 38, enroute to Sydney, Australia

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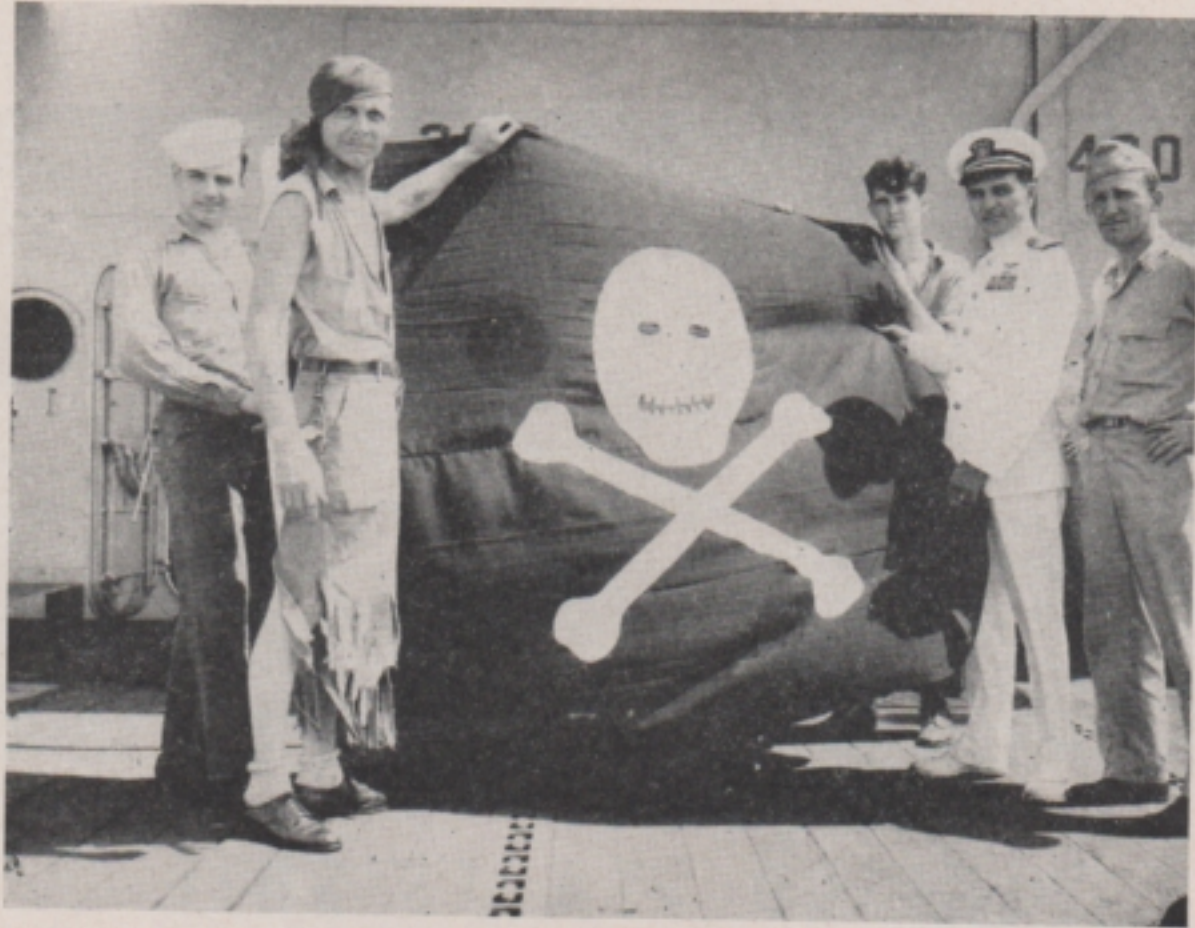
CAPTAIN W. H. HAMILTON, U. S. NAVY
Commanding



From Pollywog to Shellback
in One Hard Lesson

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The Skull and Crossbones



DEDICATED TO ALL HANDS WHOSE ENTHUSIASM
AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP MADE POSSIBLE
A GRAND NEPTUNE PARTY AND THIS ALBUM.



Foreword



The occasion upon which the United States Ship *Antietam* "Crossed the Line" was a memorable one for the entire ship's company. Prior to that day there was a preponderance of the uninitiated on board; over fifteen hundred men, some with many years service, had never been welcomed into that fraternity of the sea—the "Ancient Order of the Deep."

The ceremony was an impressive one and complied in all respects with those traditions of the sea which have grown up over a long period of time and which have now become more or less standardized.

The origin of the ancient and time-honored ceremony of "crossing the line," occasionally called the Equator, is somewhat obscure. When origins are obscure all of us will guess.

According to legend the ancient mariners were very superstitious folk and upon the occasion of crossing the equator for the first time on a voyage they held certain rituals to perpetuate the god of the sea and to insure a safe passage. In the early days of sail, a voyage around the Horn was a hazardous undertaking, the roaring forties and "Cape Stiff" were enough to try any ship's stamina and any man's soul. Thus when a vessel from northerly latitudes set forth upon such an adventure, it became the custom to hold an initiation ceremony upon crossing the line to determine if the youngsters or novices were strong enough to withstand the rigors and hardships of the grueling journey around the Horn. Undoubtedly these early ceremonies were boisterous indeed and when a man had come through them successfully he was a real sailorman.

Today the preliminaries and the build-up lack nothing by way of instilling awe and respect for the ruler of the deep and when the ordeal is over a man knows that he has earned the title of "Shellback."

This souvenir book has been prepared with the object of providing our relatives and friends with a description of this happy event and of preserving for future reference a narrative and word picture of the procedure, ritual, and costumes which are indispensable to a proper introduction to King Neptune, "Ruler of the Raging Main."

Captain W. H. Hamilton, U. S. Navy
Commanding United States Ship ANTIETAM



Commander T. B. Payne, U. S. Navy
Executive Officer, U.S.S. ANTIETAM



Prologue

At 0800 on 1 May 1947, the U.S.S. Antietam in the company of the U.S.S. Shangri-La and other vessels of Task Force 38 stood out from Pearl Harbor for Sydney, Australia. After the ship was underway for about one day a meeting of all Shellbacks was called. The steering committee was elected, as well as various sub-committees to arrange for, and prepare the ship and its load of Pollywogs for a crossing of the line ceremony. The committees held meetings every day in different parts of the ship in order that the Pollywogs would not discover what horrible fate was being prepared for them. There were minor uprisings during this time, but they were easily subdued by the Shellbacks by removing the ring-leader before their plans could be put in full operation. Like most Pollywogs of past history they were never able to get fully organized. The Shellbacks were outnumbered considerably, the count being 1600 Pollywogs to about 350 Shellbacks. On the 4th of May a message was received from His Majesty via the Task Force Commander, in which His Majesty directed that positive action be taken to subdue disrespectful conduct and words on the part of the Pollywogs and further directed that all Pollywogs prepare to meet Neptunus Rex himself.

At 1300 on the 5th of May a special watch was set up to keep a lookout for His Majesty's Scribe, Davey Jones, who it was felt might make an appearance that day. All Pollywogs were ordered into the Pollywog uniform of the day. The members of the Special Equator Watch were in their prescribed uniforms. At 1600 a dispatch was received from the Task Force Commander stating that an unidentified object had been sighted ahead, and that all ships should take necessary action. This turned out to be Davey Jones and His Party. They arrived by seahorse chariot. He was met at the Weather Hawse Pipe by the Executive Officer who brought them up to the bridge, where he was met and welcomed aboard by the Captain. In His Party was the Royal Chaplain, who gave out sympathy chits to those whom he thought most deserving, The Royal Scribe, The Royal Chief Justice, The Royal High Sheriff, and The Royal Prosecutor. After his meeting with the Captain, at which time he gave the Captain a subpoena to be served to each and every Pollywog aboard, Davey Jones and His Party inspected the Pollywogs on the flight deck. The Pollywogs were lined up in three ranks on their knees, with their heads and hands on the deck. The Royal Kops had to convince some

of the Pollywogs that it was the wisest thing to remain in that position. The Royal Prosecutor was heard to remark that he had never seen such a collection of plow jockeys and lubberly scum on one ship before. Davey Jones was heard to make similar remarks, on his departure from the ship he assured the Executive Officer that all would be found guilty before being tried and that His Majesty would be very harsh in his punishment of these intruders into his domain.

The following day, the 6th of May, the subpoenas were served on all Pollywogs by the Shellbacks. There were many strange noises heard as the Pollywogs read the charges against them. The rest of the day was spent in the final preparation for the arrival of His Majesty scheduled for the next day. The night was for the most part quiet, but there were a few Pollywogs on the prow. Some of them were calling the Royal Shellbacks on the room phones while others attempted to wreck the tank and the tunnel of love that was built on the deck edge elevator. All of their efforts were in vain.

Bright and early the following morning the Shellbacks mustered on the flight deck. All equipment was checked for final readiness. At 0815 all hands were called to quarters on the flight deck. Shellback Kops took charge of the different divisions and marched the Pollywogs into a large Bull Pen that had been constructed on the forward end of the flight deck. All Hands then stood by for the arrival of His Majesty. At just about this moment some lowly Pollywogs who were loose on the ship managed to get to the controls of the deck edge elevator and set the machinery into motion causing the elevator to go down and caused considerable damage to the tank. It did not however, cause Trusty Shellbacks to falter, for they went to work and had the tank in operation by the time that His Majesty and His Court had arrived aboard. This was no small task and it pleased His Majesty when he learned about it. Within a few moments after the elevator dropped His Majesty was sighted and the Task Force laid too long enough to pick up the Royal Party. The Royal Party was met by the Executive Officer who, escorted His Majesty to the bridge where they and the Captain exchanged greetings and recalled former visits of the Captain into Neptune's Domain. His Majesty then returned to the flight deck where he set up his court and started hearing the cases dealing first with some of the very special cases, and then with lesser offenders.

Some of these special cases included such people as the Navigator, the Gunnery Officer and Division Boatswain's Mates. With these and the "rebels" of the "E" Division he dealt most harshly. It was not long before King Neptune had everything going in full swing. There was an attempt during the proceedings by the Pollywogs to break out of the Bull Pen, but this was quickly stopped by prompt action on the part of the Kops.

By 1100 all the cases had been heard and there was not one Pollywog left aboard. His Majesty having completed his trying work returned the ship to the Captain with a wish for a happy and successful cruise. He then proceeded to the Weather Hawse Pipe where he made his departure from the ship. The Captain accepted the return of the ship and upon receiving it called all hands to turn-to and make her a fit ship for Shellbacks to live in.

Preliminaries

The following copy of dispatch was received aboard from the Task Force Commander who had forwarded it to us from His Majesty, King Neptunus Rex.

FROM CTF-38

QUOTE

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM NEPTUNUS REX: "THE DISTURBED WATERS CAUSED BY TASK FORCE 38 HAS RESULTED IN NOTORIOUS AND CHAOTIC CONDITIONS AMONG MY LOYAL SUBJECTS OF THE DEEP. IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN ORDER, SLOW DOWN, YOUR MIGHTY SHIPS ARE NOW SURROUNDED BY AN IMPENETRABLE AND IRRESISTIBLE CORDON. I APPRECIATE THE URGENCY OF YOUR MISSION BUT TRANQUILITY IN MY DOMAIN MUST BE OBTAINED. YOUR LOWLY CARGO OF LANDLUBBERS CANNOT BE GRANTED IMMUNITY UNDER

ANY CIRCUMSTANCES NOR CAN THEY BE PERMITTED TO LABOR UNDER FALSE ILLUSION THAT THE STEEL SIDES OF YOUR SHIPS AND THEIR PONDEROUS NUMBERS WILL SAVE THEM FROM THEIR LOWLY DOOM. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS MESSAGE IS DIRECTED." ALL SHIPS THIS FORCE WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO SUBDUE IRREVERENT CONDUCT AND ACTS ON THE PART OF ALL SCURVY POLLYWOGS. EACH SHIP ESTABLISH DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH DAVEY JONES VIA THE ENGINE-ROOM TELEGRAPH. INSURE TRANQUILITY OF ROYAL DOMAIN. PREPARE POLLYWOGS FOR IMPENDING DOOM.

The following is the answer sent by Capt. Hamilton to His Majesty in answer to his above message:

FROM CAPT. HAMILTON, U.S.S. ANTIETAM

QUOTE

CONCUR MOST HEARTILY, THIS WILL BE GREAT DAY FOR THE ANTIETAM IN THAT ALL THE LANDLUBBERS OF MY CREW WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOUR MAJESTY FOR SUCH JUST PUNISHMENT AS YOU IN YOUR JUSTICE MAY ADJUDGE. DEEPLY HONORED TO AGAIN TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING YOUR MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY AND

ONLY REGRET THAT URGENCY OF MY MISSION PERMITS ONLY A SHORT STAY IN YOUR REALM. HAVE ABOARD ABOUT 1500 ENLISTED AND 150 OFFICER POLLYWOGS. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING COMPLETED TO DELIVER THEM TO YOUR MAJESTY FOR TRIAL. THOSE POLLYWOGS CHARGED WITH PARTICULARLY HEINOUS CRIMES WILL BE BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION.

The following is a copy of a message received aboard from the Task Force Commander. It is quoted in full.

FROM CTF-38 TO TF-38

SENIOR SHELLBACK OF TASK FORCE 38 HAS RECEIVED BY SEAWEED COMMUNICATION CODE THAT DAVEY JONES, PEG LEG AND THE ROYAL SCRIBE ARE BEING DISPATCHED BY HIS GRACIOUS HIGHNESS NEPTUNUS REX VIA SEA HORSE SQUADRONS TO BOARD EACH VESSEL AND SERVE NOTICE ON ALL SLIMY POLLYWOGS TO BE PREPARED AT 0830 WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 1947 TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ROYAL COURT TO

BE ADJUDGED THE DOOM THEY SO RICHLY DESERVE. BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE ON BOARD THE ROYAL EMISSARIES WHENEVER THEY MAY ARRIVE ON TUESDAY 6 MAY 1947. POST ADEQUATE LOOKOUT WATCH. DUE TIME SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO INSTRUCTION OF ALL NOVICES WHO ARE APPROACHING THE DREADFUL MYSTERIES OF THE DEEP IN ORDER THAT THEIR MINDS SOULS AND BODIES MAY BE STEELED TO THE ORDEAL THAT AWAITS THEM.

The following is a recording of the broadcast made by the Armed Forces Radio Service to the Pollywogs of Task Force 38:

QUOTE

"THE UNITED STATES FLEET TASK FORCE 38 WILL CROSS THE EQUATOR IN A FEW HOURS. MORE THAN SEVEN THOUSAND MEN ARE IN THIS FORCE, INCLUDING A

LARGE NUMBER OF POLLYWOGS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PLOWJOCKEYS AND LANDLUBBERS. WE WISH THE POLLYWOGS GOOD LUCK. THE SHELLBACKS REPORT THAT THEY WILL NEED IT."

DOMAIN OF THE Flying Dragon

RULER OF THE RAGING MAIN AND THE 180th MERIDIAN

To All Sailors Wherever Ye May Be: and to all Mermaids, Whales, Sea Serpents, Porpoises, Sharks, Dolphins, Eels, Skates, Suckers, Crabs, Lobsters and all other Living Things of the Sea

GREETING: *Know Ye:* That on this 7th day of May 1947, in Latitude 00000 and Longitude 180°00' there appeared within Our Royal Domain the ships of TASK FORCE 38 bound South for the Equator from Pearl Harbor and for The Commonwealth of Australia.

Be It Remembered: That the said Vessels and Officers and Crews thereof, have been inspected and passed on by Ourselves and Our Royal Staff

U. S. S. ANTIETAM

And Be It Known: By all ye Sailors, Marines, Land Lubbers and others who may be honored having been found worthy to be numbered as one of our Tricky Golden Dragon Shellbacks, hereafter to be known as a Flying Dragon, he has been duly initiated into the

Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep and The Far East

Be It Further Understood: That by virtue of the power invested in me I do hereby command all my subjects to show due honor and respect to him wherever he may be

Disobey this order under penalty of Our Royal Displeasure

Given under our hand and seal this 7th day of May 1947

Neptunus Rex

RULER OF THE RAGING MAIN AND GRAND MOGUL OF THE 180TH MERIDIAN

Davey Jones
His Majesty's Scribe

W. H. McClellan
By His Servant
COMMANDING
USN

Executive Officers Special Memorandum to All Hands

U.S.S. Antietam CV36

IMPORTANT

Sunday, 4 May 1947

1. Last night at 0000 a WAVE mermaid messenger hailed the ship and informed the Captain that Davey Jones, the Royal Scribe, accompanied by a party of Royal Personages, will come aboard the ANTIETAM some time Monday afternoon to deliver a communication from NEPTUNUS REX whose domain the ship will then be entering.

2. The Royal Scribe will come aboard officially, that is, as a Personal Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty, Neptunus, Ruler of the Raging Main and Mystic Deep, also Grand Mongol of the Far East.

3. All hands must realize that this official visit will be a most solemn occasion. All are enjoined to help insure that the good name of

the ANTIETAM is in no way detracted from.

4. The Royal Scribe and his Party are expected at about 1500. However, the exact time of arrival or means by which they will travel is not known. He may come by plane, ship, submarine, amphibious jeep, Dolphin chariot or Sea Horse Punt. To the end, that the approach of the party will be duly detected and final arrangements be made on time, special Equator Details will be set at 1300.

5. The composition, duties and uniform of the Special Equator Details, First Group and the Special plan of the day for Monday afternoon will be:

1300—The regular O.O.D. pass the word "Station the Special Equator Details, First Group."

NOTE: All these details shall be stationed on the forward end of the flight deck.

They shall consist of:

SEE APPENDIX A	SEE APPENDIX B
Special Officer of the Deck	Uniform A
Special Junior Officer of the Watch.....	Uniform B
Special Boatswain's Mate of the Watch.....	Uniform C
Special Bugler of the Watch	Uniform D
Special Messenger	Uniform E
Special Quartermaster of the Watch	Uniform F
Special Lookout Officer of the Watch	Uniform G
Special Sky Lookouts (2)	Uniform H
Special Horizon Lookouts (2)	Uniform I
Special Surface Lookouts (2)	Uniform J
Special Sub Surface Lookouts (2)	Uniform K
Special Smoke Watch	Uniform L
Special Ready Aviation Pilot (4)	Uniform M

1400—Regular O.O.D. pass the word "Relieve the Special Equator Details, Second Group."

1500—Regular O.O.D. pass the word "Relieve the Special Equator Details, Third Group." Also call away the Pollywog Guard of the Day, and the Pollywog Band." (Uniform V.)

1510—Pollywog Surgeon Walker in Uniform N report to Special O.O.D. and Operate on "injured" Special J.O.O.W. Bring with them a Pollywog Operating Party of at least Three Pharmacist mates in Uniform O.

1520—Pollywog Dental Surgeon Blanton in Uniform P accompanied by at least two Pollywog Technicians, in Uniform Q examine the teeth of each member of the Special Equator Detail on watch.

1530—Pollywog Lt. Horne and Pollywog Ens. Minger both in Uniform R, report to the flight deck at Number One elevator for ten minutes instruction in the manly art of Shadow Boxing by Pollywog Physical Wreck Ens. Kiser who shall wear Uniform S.

1540—Pollywog Sky Pilot Helmeck and his Pollywog Choir, all in Uniform T accompanied by the Pollywog Band, report to the Special Officer of the Deck and render "Roll Out the Barrel" and "There Will Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

1558—Regular O.O.D. Have Bugler sound attention followed by five short blasts over all circuits.

1600—Davey Jones hails the ship.

Reception of Davey Jones and his party. Davey Jones and his party leave the ship.

Resume regular routine.

NOTE: The Special O.O.D., assisted by his Special Staff and all the Loyal Shellbacks on the ship, will be responsible for mustering, stationing and instructing all the Special Equator Details and insuring that the Pollywogs listed above report and carry out their prescribed duties.

T. B. PAYNE
Commander, USN
Executive Officer
A Loyal Shellback

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Appendix "A"

WATCH LIST

Group One—

Special Officer of the Deck
ENSIGN GRANT
Special Junior Officer of the Watch
LTJG FELTON
Special Boatswain's Mate of the Watch
GAMBLE, H. L., Stm2 VF-16A
Special Bugler of the Watch
ENSIGN "GUNNER" CRANDALL VF-16A
Special Messenger
TODD, W., BM1
Special Quartermaster of the Watch
MUGENSKI, J. F., F2, "B" Division
Special Lookout Officer of the Watch
LT. COMDR. BARNES
Special Sky Lookouts
ENSIGN YUENGLING
ENSIGN FITZGERALD
Special Horizon Lookouts
LTJG BROOKS
ENSIGN P. M. CHKOREFF
Special Surface Lookouts
ENSIGN BUTTER BALL BURTON
ENSIGN STATESIDE BROUSE
Special Sub Surface Lookouts
ENSIGN BOWMAN
ENSIGN MURPHY
Special Smoke Watch
ENSIGN BESSEL
Special Ready Aviation Pilots
ENSIGN "CASANOVA" SNYDER
ENSIGN "DONALD DUCK" BLACK
LTJG "STUD" LICHNEROWICZ
ENSIGN "PBY" TABER

Group Two—

Special Officer of the Deck
ENSIGN "SOUR NOTE" RAPPUHN
Special Junior Officer of the Watch
COMMANDER McKIBBIN
Special Boatswain's Mate of the Watch
SHAWVER, J., S1
Special Bugler of the Watch
BETTICA, J. J., ARM, VF-15 A
Special Messenger
WINFREE, E. E., SM3, K-2 Division
Special Quartermaster of the Watch
HARRISON, W. W., ACM, VF-15A
Special Lookout Officer of the Watch
LTJG H. A. TENYCK
Special Sky Lookouts
GORDON, B., S2

HUNTER, C. W., AETM2, VF-15A
Special Horizon Lookouts
LT. CMDR. HENSTRIDGE
ENSIGN H. T. KENNEY
Special Sub Surface Lookouts
BABIN, G., S1, S-2 Division
VAN DYKE, M., S-1 Division
Special Smoke Watch
ENSIGN "SAD SACK" BULLER
Special Ready Aviation Pilots
MATERNE, CHSCLK
LT. COMDR. "FORKEY" FORKNER
LT. COMDR. "SKINHEAD" GRIFFIN
LTJG "CUTTHROAT" HANSON
Special Surface Lookouts
LT. COMDR. BACH
RATHMAN, M. R., S2, VF-15A

Group Three—

Special Officer of the Deck
ENSIGN "FOX TAIL" ROSSI
Special Junior Officer of the Watch
LT. KERR
Special Boatswain's Mate of the Watch
McKEE, L. C., F2
Special Bugler of the Watch
KNIGHT, Stm2
Special Messenger
COUGHLIN, B. W., S1, V1-L
Special Quartermaster of the Watch
LT (jg) HILBISH
Special Lookout Officer of the Watch
ENSIGN "SUN TAN" TSCHAPPLER
Special Sky Lookouts
WILLIAMS, Stm2
BEASLEY, S2, V1-L
Special Horizon Lookouts
FUGATE, S1, V1-L
PATTON, M. O., ABM1, V1-L
Special Surface Lookouts
ROSE, E. W., CPHM
AMOUNDSON, ABM1
Special Sub Surface Lookouts
LT (jg) "LADY LEGS" MATTSO VF16A
ENSIGN SCHWARTZ
Special Smoke Watch
LT (jg) "ROSE BUD" O'DAY
Special Ready Aviation Pilots
ENSIGN "ZERO" CROHN
ENSIGN WOLFE
ENSIGN "BROWN NOSE" RIGGAN
Pollywog Guard of the Day
REGULAR MARINE GUARD OF THE DAY

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Pollywog Band—

ROBERTSON, F2, "M" Div.
LEPPER, F1, "M" Div.
HANNAFAN, PFC
MULVERHILL, V1-L
HILLERY, LT (jg)
MANN, M. E., LT. (jg)
PEACOCK, F1, "M" Div.
BULLOCK, W. L., Stm2
SCHIELDS, PFC
MUSTIN, ABM1
McGILL, ENSIGN
McGUCKEN, P. M., ENSIGN

Pollywog Choir—

ENSIGN R. E. WISE
LT (jg) W. C. ROBEY
ENSIGN L. J. WALDRON
LT (jg) C. C. WALSTROM
ENSIGN L. G. OLSON
ENSIGN J. R. VOORHEESE
ENSIGN A. R. GLEN
LT (jg) M. E. MANN
ENSIGN R. H. HOMER
ENSIGN J. A. EGER
LT (jg) R. J. HALTERMAN
LT (jg) C. N. FRISBIE

The Pollywog Uniform of the Day from 1300 On Will Be:

For the Crew—

Regulation Skivvy Shirts
Blue Trousers on Backwards—Flaps Down
White Jumpers on Backwards
Blue Flat Hats

For Chiefs and Officers

White Skivvy Drawers with Red Vertical Stripes
Shirts on Backwards with Ties
Kahaki Hat Covers
One Brown Shoe
One Black Shoe
White Socks

Appendix "B"

Uniform A—O.O.D.

White service blouse with black plastic buttons and black shoulder marks.
Southwestern hat.
Skivvy trousers with vertical stripes.
One brown shoe with black sock.
One black shoe with white sock.
Neptune binoculars.
One Vervys Pistol complete with holster and belt.
Identification sign.

Uniform B—J.O.O.D.

Same as Uniform A except Neptune spy glass instead of binoculars.
Identification sign.

Uniform C—B.M. of the Watch

Blue trousers.
Ear rings.
Neckerchief head covering.
Neptune Boatswain's call.
Cutlass and belt.
Bare feet.
Identification sign.

Uniform D—Bugler of the Watch

Jockstrap.

Neptune bugle.

Identification sign.

Uniform E—O.O.O. Messenger

Jungle cloth jumper, trousers and helmet.
Face mask.
Arctics.
Identification sign.

Uniform F—Q.M. of the Watch

Dress blues.
Neckerchief.
Blue hat.
Shined shoes.
Neptune spy glass.
Pencil.
Notebook (8"x13").
Identification sign.

Uniform G—Lookout Officer

Red goggles.
Sheepskin coat.
Skivvy drawers.
Arctics.
Neptune binoculars.
Telephone head set.
Identification sign.

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Uniform H—Sky Lookouts

Chairs as lookout seats.
Jungle cloth helmet.
Skivvy drawers.
Blue gloves.
Black socks.
Black shoes.
Neptune binoculars.
Identification sign.

Uniform I—Horizon Lookouts

Watch caps.
Jerseys.
White trousers.
Bare feet.
Neptune binoculars.
Identification sign.

Uniform J—Surface Lookouts

Same as Uniform I but with blue hats and white jumpers and arctics.
Identification sign.

Uniform K—Sub-Surface Lookouts

Swimming trunks.
Identification sign.

Uniform L—Smoke Watch

Asbestos suit.
Asbestos gloves.
Battle telephone.
Identification sign.

Uniform M—Ready Pilots

Heavy winter flying gear.
Fur helmet.
Fur-lined suit.
Fur-lined shoes.
Plotting board and pencil.
Goggles.
Gloves fur-lined.
Pistol, knife, belt and holster.
Life jacket.
Model airplanes.
Binoculars.
Identification sign.

Uniform N—Surgeon

Complete uniform and equipment worn when performing a major operation, in the operating room.
Identification sign.

Uniform O—Surgeon's Assistants

Same as Uniform N. In addition provide:
1 wood rip saw.
1 ten pound maul.
1 large cold chisel.
1 24" Stillson wrench.

1 pair large belt cutters.
1 acetylene torch.
Identification sign.

Uniform P—Dentist

Same uniform and equipment worn when performing a major dental operation, plus a bar of Lifebuoy soap and a hand scrub brush.
Identification sign.

Uniform Q—Dental Technicians

Same as Uniform P. In addition provide:
1 large crow bar.
1 pair large pliers.
1 large file.
1 large ball peen hammer.
1 large cold chisel.
1 axe.

Uniform R—Boxers

Athletic trunks.
Diving shoes.
16 oz. boxing gloves.

Uniform S—Physical Instructor

Sweatshirt.
Jockstrap.
Rubber boots.
Skipping rope.
Towel.
Bottle of rubbing alcohol.

Uniform T—Pollywog Choir

Mattress cover with holes cut in closed end for head and arms.
Black web belt.
Bare feet.

Uniform V—Guard and Band

Guard

Garrison caps.
Skivvy drawers.
Leggings.
Shoes.
Cartridge belt and bayonets.
Swabs (handled as rifles).

Band

Same as guard but white hats (turned down) and instruments.
(Combs and toilet paper) instead of "arms" (swabs).

Uniform W—Paymasters

Money bag filled with gold bearing sand.
Carry a 20mm gun (for protection).
Wear striped pajamas.

The Meeting of Davey Jones and Capt. W. H. Hamilton

The following dispatch was received from the Commander of Task Force 38. The dispatch is quoted in full.

QUOTE

BOGEY REPORTED ORBITING DEAD AHEAD. BELIEVED TO BE DAVEY JONES AND STAFF. POST ADEQUATE LOOKOUTS TO EFFECT VISUAL INTERCEPTION. AFFORD ALL COURTESIES TO THE ROYAL SCRIBE.

Within a few minutes after receiving this dispatch Davey Jones and his staff were sighted and received aboard.

Davey Jones: "Ship ahoy. This is Davey Jones. That fine looking ship must be the U.S.S. ANTIETAM."

O.O.D.: "Yes, sir. The United States Aircraft Carrier ANTIETAM, Captain W. H. HAMILTON, Commanding, bound south across the line to Sydney, Australia on a mission of peace."

Davey Jones: "We have heard that she is a fast carrier, so, from the smart look of her, I know she must be the ANTIETAM. Mr. Officer of the Deck, report to your Captain that I, Davey Jones, Royal Scribe to His Royal Highness, Neptunus Rex, Ruler of the Roaring Main and of the Mystic Deepes, wish to board you to deliver in person a most urgent communication from His Majesty."



Piping the side for Davey Jones



Davey Jones and Party Comes Aboard

O.O.D.: "Aye Aye, sir. I will inform the Captain. (Pause for a few minutes.) Sir, the Captain is delighted to hear that you are here. As the ship is cruising Ready for Action he feels that he cannot leave the bridge to greet you at the side. He requests that you come aboard and join him on the bridge."

Davey Jones: "Very well, sir. I will not ask you to heave to. I'll just board you through the Weather Hawse Pipe."

Davey Jones comes aboard through the hawse pipe (sail locker hatch) accompanied by:

- The Deputy Royal Scribe Peg Leg
- The Royal Navigator
- The Royal Admiral
- The Royal Chief of Staff
- Long John Silver
- The Royal Court Scribe (with Summons)

Bugler sounds attention followed by 1 blast, 2 blasts and 3 blasts.

Davey Jones and His Party proceed to the bridge. Pollywog band play "Anchors Aweigh" as Party goes to the bridge.

Captain: "Glad to see you aboard, Davey Jones."

Davey Jones: "And I am glad to be aboard, Captain. There are so many Jonny-come-latelies on the oceans now days it is a treat to meet a real salt for a change, not to mention seeing an old friend. May I congratulate you on your fine command. She looked so



The Captain and Davey meet Again



Davey inspects the Pollywogs

impressive standing down towards us that Peg Leg and Long John Silver here are already to ship with you as quarter gunners. It has been quite some time since I last saw you, Captain."

Captain: "Yes, Davey, ten years. The last time that I saw you was on board the U.S.S. RANGER in 1937.

Davey Jones: "Aye, so it was. I know you will never forget the first time back in 1929 aboard the U.S.S. SARATOGA. Many of those Sara and Rangers Shellbacks have now joined us Down Below, you know, Captain."

Captain: "Yes, I know . . . and they were a fine crew, too. But you have a message for me from His Majesty, don't you Davey."

Davey Jones: "Yes, Captain, a Royal Summons from His Majesty."

Captain: "Will you please read it to the Ship's Company, Davey Jones."

Davey Jones: "With pleasure, Sir."

ATTENTION ANTIETAM SHIP'S COMPANY: HARKEN TO THIS ROYAL SUMMONS—I, DAVEY JONES, ROYAL SCRIBE, DO NOW READ TO YOU: BE IT KNOWN THAT I, NEPTUNUS REX, SUPREME RULER OF ALL MERMAIDS, SHARKS, SQUIDS, CRABS, WHALES, POLLYWOGS, ALL DENIZENS OF THE DEEP AND ALL LIVING CREATURES OF THE SEA, WILL, WITH MY ROYAL COURT COME ABOARD THE U.S.S. ANTIETAM AT 0800 WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 1947 TO EXAMINE INTO THE CHARGES REFERRED AGAINST ALL POLLYWOGS IN THAT SHIP, TO HEAR THEIR DEFENSE ON THOSE CHARGES, TO FIND THEM GUILTY BEFORE BEING TRIED, TO PUNISH EACH ONE WITH MERCY TOWARDS NONE, TO EXAMINE INTO THE FITNESS OF EACH AND EVERY POLLYWOG TO BE RECEIVED INTO THE ROYAL ORDER OF SHELLBACKS AND TO BESTOW SUCH MEMBERSHIP UPON EACH ONE WHO SURVIVES THE ORDEAL AND TORTURE OF THE ROYAL INITIATION.

Signed,
NEPTUNUS REX
Ruler of the Raging Main





Davey Jones passes judgment

Davey Jones: "Captain, as you know, His Highness is always most painstaking in preparing for these Royal Sessions. He has also caused a Summons to be prepared for each and every landlubber on board. It is his order and his command that those Summons be served immediately. These Pollywogs are so far down in the scale of human life they will require every possible minute to prepare their cases wherein they must prove that they are human."

Captain: "Very well done Davey. I will take the Summons and see to it that loyal Shellbacks in the ship serve them immediately and in due form."

Davey Jones: "And, Captain, I would suggest that you have all your first aid equipment laid out Wednesday. The injured and wounded will be many as some of your Pollywogs have been guilty of practices which make a blue water sailor shudder to hear about. Why, mermaid told me that she even heard men whistling and saw them chewing gum aboard this ship."

Captain: "Yes, Davey, some of them have a great deal to learn before they become real sailors . . . Would you be so kind as to convey my respects to His Royal Highness and inform him that Wednesday I will be unable to leave the Bridge to receive him in person, but that I would appreciate the opportunity of exchanging greetings with him over the loud speaker when he comes aboard. Also tell him for me and all the loyal Shellbacks in the ship, that we are delighted he is paying us the honor of coming aboard in person to preside over the ceremonies Wednesday."

Davey Jones: "I shall explain the situation to His Majesty, Captain. I know he will understand and that the arrangement you propose will be quite acceptable."

Captain: "My Junior Officer of the Watch will escort you to the Hawse Pipe, Davey. Good-bye until Wednesday."

Davey Jones: "Until Wednesday, Sir. And then—buckets of blood. All right Mister Junior Officer, lead off and show the way, my young Snottie."

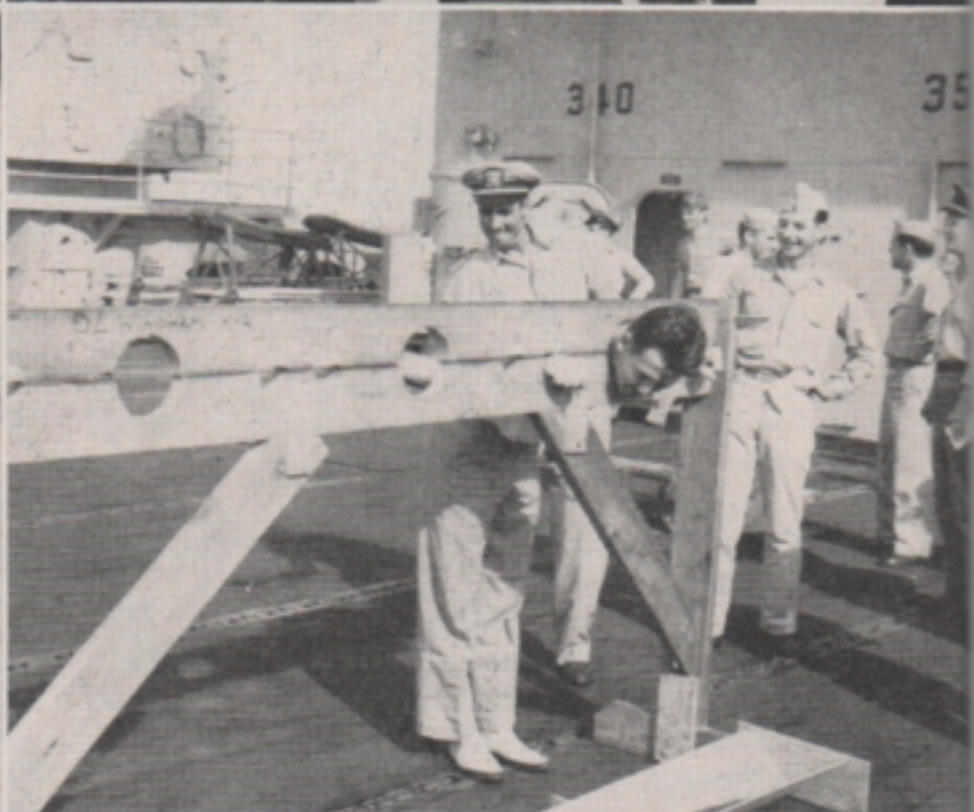


JOOW, Davey Jones and Party leave the Bridge to inspect Pollywogs and then go forward to Hawse Pipe. Band plays "The Prisoner's Song" as he goes forward.

As Davey Jones disappears down the Hawse Pipe, O.O.D. Pass word, "Davey Jones and His Party have left the ship," and have the bugler sound taps.



Davey Jones departs



What have I done to deserve this?
In Irons
Pollywog Chiefs Chow

Woe is me
A special case
Pollywog Chiefs Choir

Domain of Neptunus Rex and the Golden Dragon

Subpoena

Notice and Listen Ye Landlubbers on Board the Ships of Task Force Thirty-eight:

—GREETINGS—

It has come to the attention of His Most Royal Majesty, NEPTUNUS REX AND THE GOLDEN DRAGON, through the agency of Their Secret Police, that the United States Ship ANTIETAM is about to enter the Royal Realm, carrying aboard a number of landlubbers, sea-cooks, snipes, plank-owners, stew guzzlers, scoffers, flivver jockeys, plow deserters, drug store cowboys, and jamoke garglers.

Being unworthy to enter into the Royal Realm of the Deep and the Mysterious EAST, and being a landlubber entering our Aqueous and Equinoctial Regions without due and submissive ceremony, you have incurred Our Royal Displeasure.

THEREFORE: BE IT COMMANDED

that
be brought before OUR MOST AUGUST PRESENCES on 7 May 1947, in latitude 00-00, longitude 180 00', and there explain to Us, and to Our Royal Court in full session assembled, your contumacious conduct, and to accept most heartily and with good grace, the pains and penalties of that awful torture that will be inflicted upon you, so that you may become an HONORED SHELLBACK AND TRUSTY FLYING DRAGON.

You are guilty of the following charges, and you must answer to HIS MAJESTY, NEPTUNUS REX, THE GOLDEN DRAGON, AND THE ROYAL COURT:

CHARGE I:.....

CHARGE II:.....

CHARGE III:.....

BE IT FURTHER COMMANDED that all the Royal Bulls and Bears and others serving His Majesty in the capacity of Royal Police bring the aforesaid landlubber, or the warm body thereof, before the Royal Court of the Realm of the DEEP, he shall be given as food for sharks, whales, sea serpents, frogs, etc., who will devour his head, body, and soul as a warning to any landlubber entering our Domains.

Recommended this mossback be triced to the yard-arm by his thumbs and cast to the mermaids. No prayers to be offered by the Royal Chaplain.

ATTEST:

M. BRADY, ACMM
DAVEY JONES

(Authenticated)
E. F. PERRIN, CSKV
MARK OF THE GOLDEN DRAGON
Potentate of the Far East

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

We have hereunto
affixed OUR hand and
Seal,

W. J. PETERS, JR., CBM
(Oldest Enlisted Shellback)
NEPTUNUS REX,
Ruler of the Raging Main.