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THE USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS

The plaque in our wardroom below the picture of a handsome young man reads:

U.S.S. ROBERTS (DE-413)
Samuel Booker Roberts, Jr.,
Coxswain, U.S.N.R.
Born May 12, 1921
Died September 28, 1942
Navy Cross

"For extraordinary heroism as member of the crew of a Higgins Boat assisting in the rescue of a group of Marines surrounded by enemy Japanese forces on a beachhead on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands on 27 September 1942. Although he knew that his boat was to be used for the purpose of drawing enemy fire away from other craft evacuating the trapped Marines, Roberts with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered as member of the crew. With his lightly armed boat stationed in an exposed position, he gallantly remained at his post until, at the close of the operation he was wounded by enemy fire. By his great valor and fearless devotion to duty, he contributed directly to the success of his mission, saving the lives of many who otherwise might have perished."

This, however, does not tell the whole story. Samuel B. Roberts, Jr. was born in the City of San Francisco and at the age of 18 enlisted in the Naval Reserve at Portland Oregon. He was associated with the Third Division and early in 1941 went into active duty aboard the transport USS HAYWARD. This duty, however, was not active enough to suit him and he volunteered for instruction on a landing craft. As Coxswain of a Higgins Boat throughout the operations at Guadalcanal he saw plenty of the excitement he craved, just how much will never be known as his life was ended while gallantly exposing himself to danger to save others.

His mother and father were in Boston during our post-shakedown availability and went through the ship. These people are very proud of their son, and very proud of the ship named for him, and they wish the best for all who man her. They will be watching with interest the doings of our ship - and we will try to make a record worthy of the man for whom she is named.

Editorial

This is the first issue of this ship's newspaper. In surveying the accommodations aboard, one finds practically everything that goes to make up a community. We have heads and showers, a store, barbers, movies and a laundry. There were three missing factors, namely, GIBBS, BEER, and a NEWSPAPER.

The Navy forbids the first two but not the issuance of a Newspaper.

For want of a name, and because a GIBBO is an object without a name, this was chosen for the first issue and will be used until a permanent name is adopted.

To add the element of surprise, very few hands took part in this publication but in the future, the paper will be the crew's own project. In order that this be accomplished each division will select one representative and submit his name to CSCMIN, Y2c before Sunday 6 August.

Conditions permitting, the paper will be mimeographed every Wednesday and issued to all hands Thursday mornings.

Original articles of all types will be accepted, and all hands are encouraged to submit such. The deadline for the week's issue will be 1900 Tuesdays. This is an excellent opportunity for poets, writers and humorists to show their stuff.

We must find an appropriate name for the ship's paper and in order to do this a contest is now in effect.

A suitable award will be given to the man who submits the best name with his reasons why that name should be used.

Although they do not know it yet, Ensign Koylan, Blaszczyk, CY, and King, PHMlc will act as judges. The judges and their immediate families will not be eligible for the prize. All entries will become the property of this publication.

It is hoped that the fullest cooperation will be given by all hands.

This Aint The 413

THE PLAN OF THE DAY FOR TOMORROW
Routine according to routine in port,
EXCEPT:

1000...Reveille
1030...Breakfast - Choice of Menu
1100...Reveille for late risers
1130...Knock off ship's work
1200...Luncheon on Fantail
1400...Break out Deck Chairs
1430...Request Last*
1800...Cocktails on Fo'c'stle
1830...Liberty for all who have had a hard day.
2400...Hostesses shove off from ship

NOTES:

1. *Only requests for shore duty with subsistence in Boston or Houston will be approved at this time.
2. King, PHMlc and Gonyea PH3c will be only too glad to assist their sick shipmates returning from liberty.

If you have a better Plan of the Day submit it for the next issue.

A man in an insane asylum sat fishing over a flower bed. A visitor wishing to be friendly, walked up and asked: "How many have you caught today, my good man?"
"You're the ninth," replied the inmate.

"Why is Brown pacing up and down in front of his house like that?"
"He's awfully worried about his wife, poor chap."
"Why, what's she got?"
"The car."

The reason a dog has so many friends is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.

Sailor: I hear the church you go to is very small.

Have: Yes, everytime the person says "Dearly beloved," I feel as if it's a proposal.

The difference between a regular sailor and a Seabee is that while the sailor is looking for a park bench the Seabee builds one.

Know Your

Shipmates ...

A member of the crew of the USS HORNET when Doolittle's bombers took off from the famous carrier's flight deck to bomb Tokyo and later service on the USS COLUMBIA when that cruiser was engaging in many of the early Pacific battles has earned Cullen Wallace, CBM, 14 stars for his service bars.

Now a veteran of 18 years naval service, Wallace hails from Fairbairn, Okla., where he was born in 1905. He graduated from high school in Dallas, Texas where he played four years varsity football as a guard and tackle.

FLEET CHAMPIONS

In 1926 he enlisted in the US Navy at Little Rock, Ark. and took his "boot training" at the San Diego base. His first assignment aboard the USS MISSISSIPPI lasted four years during which time he earned Slc. As a regular on the battlegroup's football team, Wallace helped his mates attain the title "Football Champions of the United States Fleet".

After two months as a civilian, Wallace reenlisted for his second "hitch" and was returned to the USS MISSISSIPPI. Four months later he was rated Coxswain. Upon the decommissioning of the MISSISSIPPI, Wallace was transferred to the USS NEVADA where he served out his second enlistment. The future CBM spent a total of seven years on the NEVADA during which time he played on the Navy football team.

WORLD'S BEST LIBERTY TOWN

In 1937 Wallace was given China duty on board the USS Pope with advancement to BM2c. He spent 35 months in the North and South China seas and insists that the best liberty port in the world is Shanghai, "The Crossroads to Hell".

In 1941 he again reenlisted and was sent to Norfolk to help commission the first USS HORNET. Wallace was promoted to BMC before the B25's took off from the HORNET'S deck for their Tokyo run. Other battles included the battles of the Coral Sea, Midway, Reynolds Islands, before the battle of San Cruz in which the HORNET was sunk.

PROMOTED TO CHIEF

Wallace came back to the states and helped commission the USS COLUMBIA. He was rated Chief Boatswain Mate 1 Feb. 1943. On this ship he saw action at Java, Guadalcanal, Munda, Bougainville and was in the battle of the fleets at Empress Augusta Bay. This running battle lasted three hours and 51 minutes. His ship was credited with sinking one heavy cruiser and two destroyers. They also were credited with knocking down 18 enemy planes.

Sent to Miami as an instructor during January 1944, the chief again requested sea duty and was assigned to the nucleus crew of the USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS.

He wears five service ribbons with the stars indicating 14 major engagements.

Besides all this he is a swell shipmate and we are all proud to have him aboard.

Sailor, walking into recruiting office:
"Gimme that ol' sales talk again -- I'm gettin' kinda discouraged."

John: "Do you believe that clothes make the man?"

Bill: "Well, a good suit has made many a lawyer."

The road to success is dotted with tempting parking places.

SAMMY, WATER TENDER 16 JOINS CREW OF THE ROBERTS GETS DOG TAGS, SHORT ARM, GOES OVER HILL

Early one morning, while we were in Norfolk, a new hand staggered over the gang plank. In fact, the time was 0400. Now as every one knows, it would take a lot of nerve to report for duty at such an hour. As a result, the Officer of the Deck placed the matter in the Skipper's hands.

The Skipper called the First Lieut. and they went into a deep conference as to what should be done. Obviously, the first thing was to break the Doctor out of his sack for the routine inspection.

Expecting an important person, the Doctor dressed even to a tie and went above to perform his duty. The complete inspection was made because we couldn't have some dreaded disease aboard at a time like this.

After the short arm and well known bottoms up, the Captain announced that this was Sammy, Water Tender first class who had joined the crew.

We don't know what prompted Sammy to join the Navy but the consensus is that he has his eye on a Jap poodle. He probably figured that the 413 would be the quickest way to get to Tokyo.

Sammy was accepted by his shipmates and put through his course of indoctrination. He was instructed as to the out-of-bounds districts, issued his dog tags and a service and health record are being prepared.

There have been moments when Sammy was very unhappy. On two occasions, it has been necessary to place him on the sick list because of "sea-sickness."

In the last port, the new crew member was over the hill for several hours and luckily received only a deck court. The sentence - washing down the bulkheads in the boiler room. We don't know what he was up to during his AWOL but so far he

hasn't reported to the Sick Bay with a discharge.

Incidentally, he is democratic as hell. Already, he has been caught exercising his natural rights in the Wardroom and his only complaint is that there are no fireplugs or little trees located there.



We know that the cartoon doesn't have too much to do with athletics but it will suffice to introduce the fact that future issues will have a Sports Page. If the Ping Boys want to challenge the Black Gang to a folf match, we will carry the challenge and publish the results. Or if "Muscles" Swiggett wants to challenge "Tiny" Hazura to a wrestling match to a finish on the fantail - we will have the GISMO Sports Staff cover the event.

We wonder who pocketed the profits from the "Peanuts" transaction on the fantail during refueling ??????