

# Kearsaga

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Loading ship the major task of our crew at present.

The picture above shows one phase in the major operation now being performed aboard our ship. This is the job, right now. Very few men know that we have been loading about 56 tons of stores and equipment each day, since we came aboard... that is the small matter of 112,000 pounds per day. Or, if you care to think of it in another way, we have handled about one thousand tons of supplies since moving aboard our ship.

Our supply department handles stores and equip-

ment which have been assigned to each department on the ship by allowance from the Bureau. Supply see to it that the altar allowed by the Bureau for Sunday services is brought aboard and made available - that the cameras for the photographic officer are turned over to him, and so on. There are particular times when certain departments are strained to their utmost capacity - this is the Supply Department's period. But without their work, none of us would have anything we need with which to work.

## LAMB'S CLUB HOST TO 'K' MEMBERS

The Servicemen's Morale Corps. of the world-famous Lamb's club of New York City, was the host at a dinner and party on 6 Mar. 1946, to which seventy officers and men of the Kearsarge were invited.

The gala evening began when the K detail was picked up alongside the ship at 1600 and taken to the club's headquarters at 130 West 44th street. At 1530 dinner was served - and a mighty fine dinner it was.

Walter Greaza presided at the dinner, while Bob Hawk, of 'Thanks to Yanks' was the toastmaster. After dinner the theatre skits were directed by Ward Wilson, while Milo Boulton, of 'WE the People' was in charge.

The program began with gang singing, led by Geof O'Hara, composer of 'K-K-K-Katv'. The master of ceremonies, Richard Midgley then introduced a whole series of troubadors, magicians, singers, dancers and novelties. There was also on hand such celebrities as Guy Kibbee, and George Shelton of 'It Pays to be Ignorant'.

Other invited guests included the returned officers and men at St. Alban's Naval Hospital and the Halloran General Hospital. This was the 198th consecutive weekly function sponsored by this splendid organization.

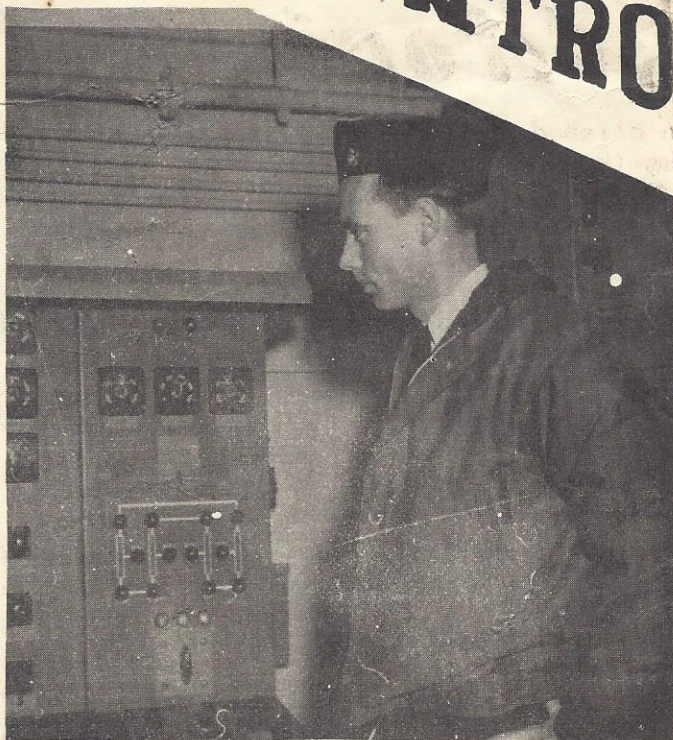
The officers and men of the ship are most grateful to The Lamb's Club and its host, Sidney Blauner.

## STAFF CALL

Several positions are open on the staff of the Kearsaga. This volunteer work is available to men who qualify as reporters, feature writers or editors. Those interested should see Chaplain Butz at once, in the crew's library.



# INTRODUCING



Commander Robert Hayes Wescott, Jr., USN, fills the important post of Engineering Officer of the Kearsarge. As the head of this large department he brings to our ship the result of years of training and experience in the Navy.

He was born in Madison, Wisconsin on 1 February, 1914. He was educated in the public schools, spending four years in the High School of Burlington, Vermont. After one year in the University of Vermont he went to the Naval Academy, being graduated in 1937.

His Naval service began with a one year tour on the U.S.S. Cincinnati, followed by three years on the U.S.S. Texas, as Radio Officer and Ship's Secretary. In 1941 he went to the U.S.S. Louisville and served as Engineering Officer until 1945, when he reported to the Kearsarge.

He holds two Bronze Stars, the Asiatic-Pacific with ten stars, the Philippine Theatre with two stars, the American Theatre and the Victory Medal.

He married the former Miss Priscilla Duxbury of New Bedford Massachusetts. Commander Wescott's permanent residence is in San Diego, California.

Commander Orville E. Hardcastle, (DE)USNR, the First Lieutenant and Damage Control officer of the Kearsarge, is an officer of wide Naval experience.

He was born, 12 February 1911 at Carrizo Springs, Texas and was educated in the public school system. At the age of 15 he enlisted in the Navy and served four years, from 1926 to 1930 aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma, Texas and Whitney.

Coming back into service in August, 1941, he served as a division officer aboard the U.S.S. Chenango until that ship was decommissioned in 1942. When the Chenango went back into commission as a converted carrier he again served aboard her. He finally rose to the position of First Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer of this CVE.

In January, 1945 he left the Chenango to become First Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer aboard the U.S.S. Suwannee (CVE27), until August 1945. Thence he came to the Kearsarge detail.

He wears the American Defense Ribbon with star, Asiatic Ribbon with ten stars, Philippine Ribbon with two stars, the Victory Ribbon and the Naval Reserve Medal.

In 1937 he married the former Miss Virginia Shufelt of Great Barrington, Mass. They have one son age, five years.







# Editorial



Three men climbed to the top of a high mountain. One of them saw the beauty of the vast view spread out at his feet. One admired the loveliness of a rare flower which grew only at this high altitude. The third complained about the mud which had resulted from a rain an hour before.

Men see what they look for, and enjoy that for which they have trained their appreciation. We are privileged to be, for a short time, in the very midst of a mine of opportunities. New York City offers to sports lovers all the varied programs of Madison Square Garden and lesser arenas. Sight-seeing folk have the two-hour bus trips leaving Times Square daily and all the wonders from the Statue of Liberty to Rockefeller Center. Music fans have the symphony concerts and the many recitals of all kinds which are available constantly. Art lovers have the art museums and so the story goes. Every moment of liberty ashore can be spent in most worthwhile pursuit of something many of us may not have opportunity to enjoy readily again.

Is it not sensible to spend our liberty hours in this fashion? Think it over, the results will bring many future hours of pleasant memories.

## EXTRA COMMISSIONING LITERATURE

Any man who wishes to have an extra souvenir copy of the Commissioning Program or the Commissioning Edition of the "KEARSAGA" may obtain one by applying at the crew's library. Here also may be had copies of the information booklet for our ship. These various pieces have historic value: they are yours for the asking.



Divine Services

On Hangar Deck each  
Sunday  
Catholic.....0900  
Protestant.....1000  
Daily Catholic Mass at  
0700 in crew's library

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## SPORTS

This week brings to a close most of the mid-winter activities in the way of sports here in New York. But with the hockey playoffs and the NCAA basketball tournament still in sight plus fights at the Garden every Friday night, a sailor can still drop in there and expect to have a full evening of entertainment.

Although the Rangers were eliminated from the NHL playoff series the N. Y. Rovers are still in competition for the Eastern Amateur title, and there is always action aplenty in these amateur games.

The date of the NCAA games is still unknown; but it looks like N.Y.U. and Muhlenberg will be battling on the top rung for eastern honors. All this will take place at 99 Park Avenue-mecca of basketball lovers.

Watch this column for future sport hints.



# IT'S ALL IN FUN!!

Mrs. J. Gordon Turner will introduce three speakers when the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Men's Club of Extonston meets on Dec. 3. The visitors, all from the League of Women Voters, are---. A panel discussion will take up such topics as food, agriculture, education, aviation, stabilization of currency, and the problems created by the atomic bomb.

Chicago Daily News

In a New York fight club, one of the fans, disgusted with the lack of action in the ring, call out: "Hit him now, you bum. You got the wind with you!"

Bob Considine in Argosy

My buddy and I were standing on Broadway and 44th wondering what to do, when we were approached by a shabby and somewhat inebriated man. Expecting that my friend in his new ensign's uniform might be an easy "touch", he asked, "Say, ya gotta nickel for a cup of coffee?" Without a moment's

hesitation my companion replied, "No, but don't worry, I'll get along!"

T. Lindahl in Reader's Digest

Fred Allen says that the Hershey chocolate people are trying to keep him in pictures: "When I am on the screen, more people come out in the lobby and buy Hershey bars than for any other actor."

Wilson in N. Y. "Post"

## PROBLEM

Those newfangled dance steps are too much for me; I constantly pause for a breather; and confidentially, I never could cope with the oldfangled dance steps either.

Philip Lazarus in "Postscripts"

Hitler to Tojo (on phone) "Heil, Tojo, I thought you would be in America in three weeks." Tojo "So sorry, Adolph. Where you phone from? Moscow?"

Two little boys were talking over important matters in the back yard.

"Do you really believe there is a Devil?"

"Naw," replied the second.

"It's like Santa Claus. He's yer ole man."

## WHATKNOTS by Stern



By Ships' Editorial Association

Junkman: "Any old beer bottles?"

Aged spinster: "Do I look as if I drink beer?"

Junkman: "Sorry, lady — any old vinegar bottles to sell?"

Spring is the season when the sap rises, and he's a groom by Jupe.

CPO: "Why were you late for muster?"

Seaman: "They called the roll before I got there."

"Mama, I fell in a mud puddle." "Oh my, with your new trousers on."

"It happened so fast I didn't have time to take them off."