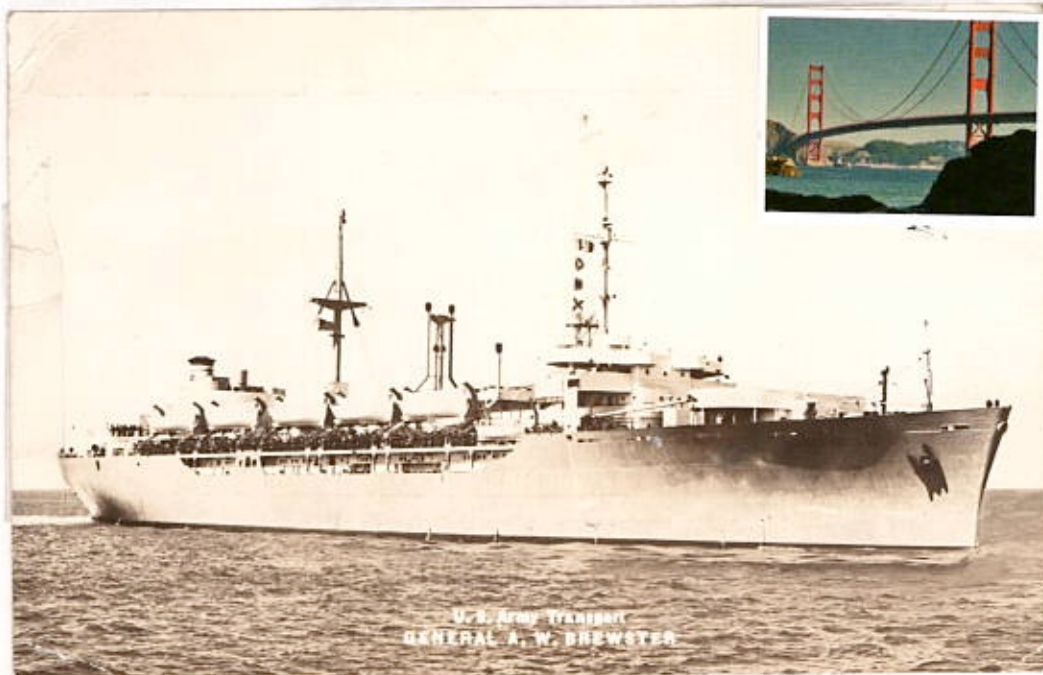


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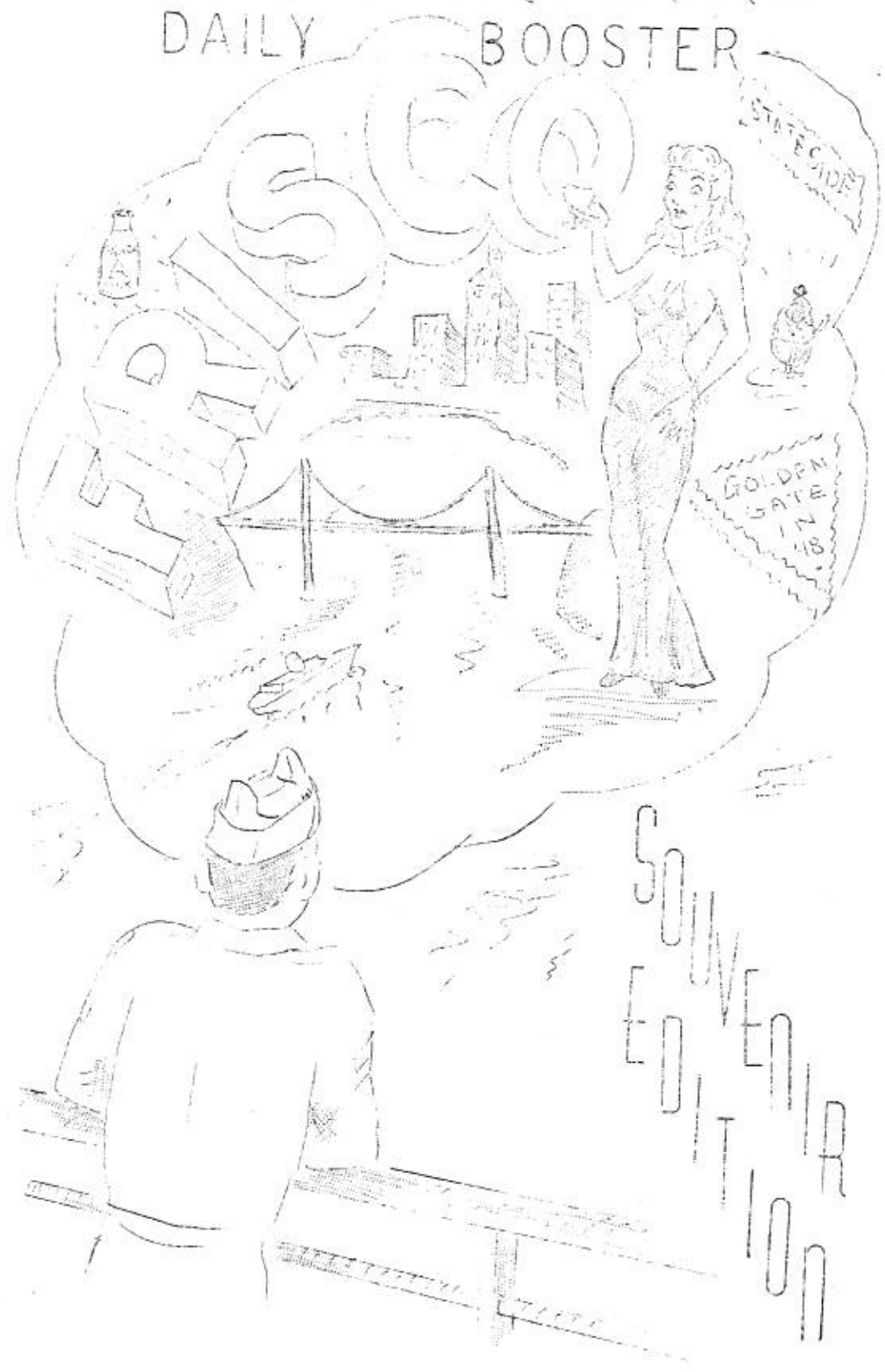


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INDEPEND

BERLIN - United States Army Secretary Kenneth Royall said that officials of western Europe have asked for an increase of American troop strength in Europe. Asked if United States strength there will be increased, Royall replied, "That is a matter which has not yet been determined." He said he has not recommended any increase in Germany.

On another subject, he said Russian forced labor camps contain 13 million persons. The figure, he said, is based on a "most reliable intelligence summary." The 13 million includes only the camps in Russia proper. He said the report is that 9 million of the prisoners are Russians, 2 million Germans and 2 million Poles, Czechs, and persons of other nationalities. The estimates do not include war prisoners.

BERLIN - The Russians freed 6 American soldiers after holding them prisoner for 24 hours near the border of the United States and Soviet occupation zones.

The Americans were well treated by the Russians during their detention, according to an official Army statement.

GREENLAND - The foul weather balked another Air Force attempt to rescue the airmen on the ice-cap. The Air Force said it tried to move a C-52, "flying boxcar" transport from Goose Bay. Labrador to B W-1, an airbase on the southern tip of Greenland. But the weather forced the plane back.

The Air-Sea Rescue Service said the next rescue attempt probably will be made by a C-47 equipped with skis and rockets to assist in its take-off.

The Air Force dropped turkey dinners to the men on Christmas Day. Five of the men with families in Greenland were able to talk with them over the radio. Colonel Stuart Balchen, famed veteran of Antarctic expeditions, took off from Marilab for Greenland to help in the rescue of the men.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC - The skipper of the big Navy carrier, the Saipan, rejected an Air Force suggestion that he change his plans for attempting to rescue airmen stranded on an ice-cap in Greenland. Air Force officials had radioed earlier asking that the carrier come in at the Air Force base at Bluie West one on the southern coast of Greenland and begin rescue operations from there.

NORTH ATLANTIC CONT'D - Captain Joseph Kane, the ship's skipper, informed Bluie West Airbase in reply that he still thinks the number one plan of "Operation Ice-cap" should be to proceed directly up the west coast of Greenland to a point about 100 miles west of the ice-cap.

PARIS - The United Nations Security Council defended an attempt by the Russians to have the council order the Dutch to withdraw their forces in Indonesia to the lines they held before their Peace Day campaign there.

A Soviet resolution calling for the Dutch troop withdrawal received only 6 council votes and needed 7 for approval.

The Soviet Union move came quickly after the Dutch refused to tell the Council whether they will comply with the cease fire order issued last Friday by the Council.

Russian delegate Jacob Malik asserted that the statement made to the council by Dutch delegate J. H. Van Royen constituted a "refusal to stop military action."

Russian delegate Tarnasenko brought the United States into the debate by charging that without United States financial help the Netherlands would have been unable to wage war for 2 years in Indonesia.

KANSAS CITY, MO. - President Truman charged that Russia kept none of the "specific agreements" made at Potsdam and Yalta. Mr. Truman said also that "contracts are not sacred to the Soviet Government." The president appeared at a testimonial luncheon in Kansas City for his old haberdashery partner, Eddie Jacobson. He spoke off the cuff and accused the Soviet Union of being a "stumbling block" to peace in the near east. "Our great ally on the north," said the president referring to Russia, "has a system of morals that are not morals."

He said further that specific agreements were made at Yalta, none of which were kept. Kansas City businessmen surprised by their president's appearance at the luncheon, heard him say he is "exceedingly sorry for that" because the Russian people are a "great people." The president said he is sure "if they had a voice in the government of Russia we would have no trouble whatsoever."

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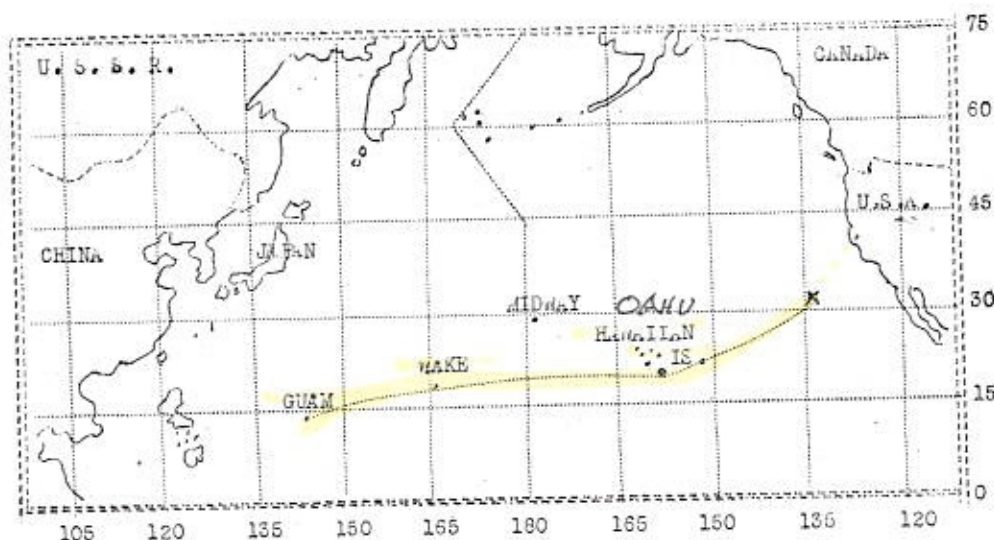
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Course----- 062"	Distance from Honolulu-----1450	Water----- 62"
Distance----- 398	Distance to San Francisco-- 641	Weather---Sky Overcast
Latitude-----32° 45' N	Average knots per hr----- 17.3	Wind-----S S E -2-3
Longitude-----134° 11' W	Air Temperature----- 62"	Sea-----Slight S'ly
Length of day- 23 Hours.	Barometer----- 30.43	sea and low swell.

MOVIES TONIGHT

Main Lounge - for 1st class passengers.
"Loves of Carmen" - with Rita Hayworth and Glenn Ford.

1st show 1815 hrs. 2nd show 2030 hours.

The first showing will take place at 1815 hours and will be for parents and children only. Children unaccompanied by their parents will not be admitted. Sitting on the shelf in back of the booths is forbidden as serious injury can result from this practice.

The second showing of movies will be at 2030 hours, and is for adults only.

Troop Lounge - for troops and troop class passengers.

"Station West" - with Dick Powell and Jane Greer.

1st show 1800 hrs. 2nd show 2000 hours.

SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED.

FINAL NOTICES

All library books are to be turned in today.

The ship's exchange (FX) will not be open after today.

The ship's barber shop will close after tomorrow night.

Movies will not be shown after tonight.

The troop lounge, Compartment 5C will be off limits tomorrow, Wednesday.

FINAL NOTICES CONT'D

12/30

Breakfast Thursday morning will probably be your last meal aboard ship.

Final edition of the "Brewster Booster" will be published tomorrow.

LATE NEWS

PALESTINE - The Egyptian commander in south Palestine reported thru the United Nations that Israeli troops overran some of his coastal positions less than 5 miles north of the Egyptian border.

The Israeli Army reported that the Negev battle is in full swing and that the fighting has spread to the central front northeast of Tel Aviv.

CHINA - All noncombatants have been ordered to evacuate the town of Tangku, near Tientsin. This seaport town, on the bay of Chihli, is the only one left open to the Chinese government's army in the north. The waterfront usually is frozen over from December to May but small naval vessels have been reported active off the coast presumably bringing supplies to government troops.

CHINA - The Secretary General of the Arab League said it had notified the United Nations that the Jews have broken the Palestine truce and therefore the Arabs are "free to act as they see fit."

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THE ISSUES AT STAKE IN GERMANY

In spite of difficulties which have been piling up for over a year, our leaders say that the United States is determined to stay in Berlin as a part of the four-power occupation and government agreed upon at Yalta in 1945 which stated that (1) Germany would be divided into zones of occupation each governed by one of the four countries. (2) Berlin, in the Russian zone, would be divided similarly, into sectors, but that the city as a whole would be administered by a joint commission called a Kommandatura. In July 1945 when the Yalta Agreements were carried out, another conference of the leaders of the "Big Three" (Truman, Acheson, Stalin) set forth the basic aims of the occupation of Germany: 1. Demilitarization, de-Nazification, and deindustrialization. 2. Democratization and reconstruction. 3. Revival of political parties.

In 1946 the first free elections in 13 years were held in the American zone and later in other zones. The Communist Party fared poorly in the Western zone and not much better in the Soviet zone. So the German Communists sought to merge the Socialist Party with the Communist-front party to form the so-called Socialist Unity Party—a phony "Popular Front" really controlled from Moscow. The plan met with little success in the Western zones, but it met with considerable success in the Russian zone. The chief officials, civil courts, and police were then controlled by the Communists in their Eastern zone. The Berlin situation duplicated, in miniature, the situation in Germany. The same attempts at Communist domination were unsuccessful in the Western sectors, but successful in the Soviet sector. The city cannot conveniently operate under split or duplicated departments, such as police, fire, sanitation etc. So many city departments had officials from all zones, but, in general, the Soviets have been unable to perfect a party rule in Berlin, which would force the Western allies out. This would mean that tens of thousands of Berliners who have been cooperating with the Western Allies and their plans for Germany might perforce shift their support to the policies of the Soviet Union; and mean the victory of Soviet totalitarianism over Western democracy. The Western Allies are determined that the new government for all Germany, when it is worked out, shall be a decentralized and not a centralized government which would extend the "Iron Curtain" to the Rhine. This would mean the people of Europe had exchanged Nazi totalitarianism for the menace of Communist totalitarianism.

Dictatorship feeds an economic unrest and inadequacy; so our policy in Germany is to foster better economic conditions as a basis for rebuilding. Partly because of the importance of the Ruhr coal and steel, the economic rebuilding of Germany is important to the whole of Europe. In addition, Western Allies took steps to initiate the currency reform contemplated by the Potsdam Agreement. This action brought about great improvements in the availability of goods and dealt the black market a heavy blow. The Soviets objected to the reform, insisting that they should write all currency laws for Berlin. On 24 June Soviets stopped all rail communications to and from Berlin, creating a virtual blockade. The Western Allies thereupon undertook "Operation Vittles" to feed Berlin.

The objective of the U.S.S.R.'s economic policy is to keep Germany economically "down", discourage the Western Allies, and make the Allies leave. They want Germany to be a satellite of Russia, so they can control the Ruhr with its coal and steel and also demand confiscatory reparations from Germany without regard to the future economic welfare of Germany and Europe.

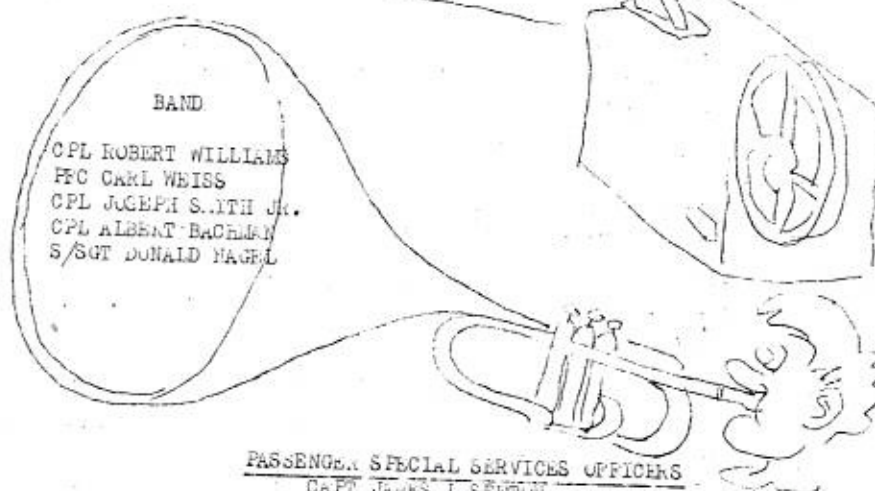
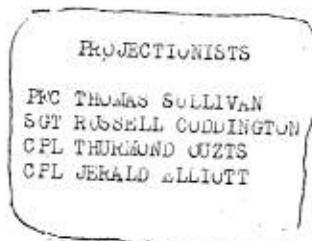
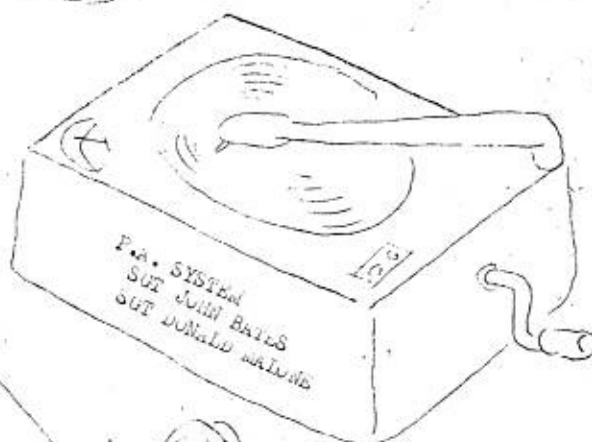
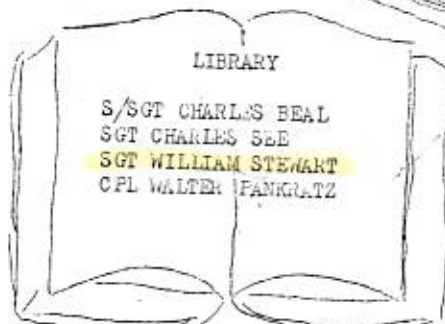
On the other hand the Western Allies desire a federal government of Germany, with power divided among county, state, and national governmental agencies, with participation in government by several political parties responsive to the people's demands. Germany should be maintained as an economic unit with rehabilitation of traditional German trade with all Europe. "Operation Vittles," by which the U. S. and England are feeding Berlin by airlift has been remarkably successful. The direction of future developments in the struggle for Berlin may determine the future—not alone of Germany but of all western Europe.

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A SOLDIER'S GUIDE TO THE UNITED STATES

In view of the fact that some of the personnel now overseas have been forced to accept assignments in the United States, we are printing this practical guide to that foreign country.

The United States is made up of a large tract of land. This large tract of land is divided into many smaller states in which you will find many white people who speak a language which you will be able to understand. This language in case some of you have forgotten is called English.

Do not let these strange people talk you into sleeping in one of the big, soft, mattress-covered beds so common in the states. Many cases of curvature of the spine have resulted from such practices. In order to get a comfortable night's sleep, it is best to carry a blanket and sleep on the floor. Most hotel rooms are equipped with fancy latrines. Careful inspection will show you what to do with each object. Americans have the disgusting habit of bathing twice a week. Care must be taken when stepping in the shower as hot water is fairly common and severe cases of scalding are often reported. Stay away from hot water as much as possible as people have been known to turn white on account of it.

You will find a great many of the things in the entertainment field are different. For instance, the movies and stage shows are most likely to be brand new and entertaining. If this happens, merely get up and leave so as not to disturb people who are enjoying the show. Don't boo or shout just because it is a show that you have not seen before and you don't find any interest in it.

As we said before, the people here have the habit of speaking English and it is well to make sure that no one can hear you when you are giving vent to wrath. The women, too, can speak English, so when you talk them over with your friends make sure there are not any around to hear what you say about them.

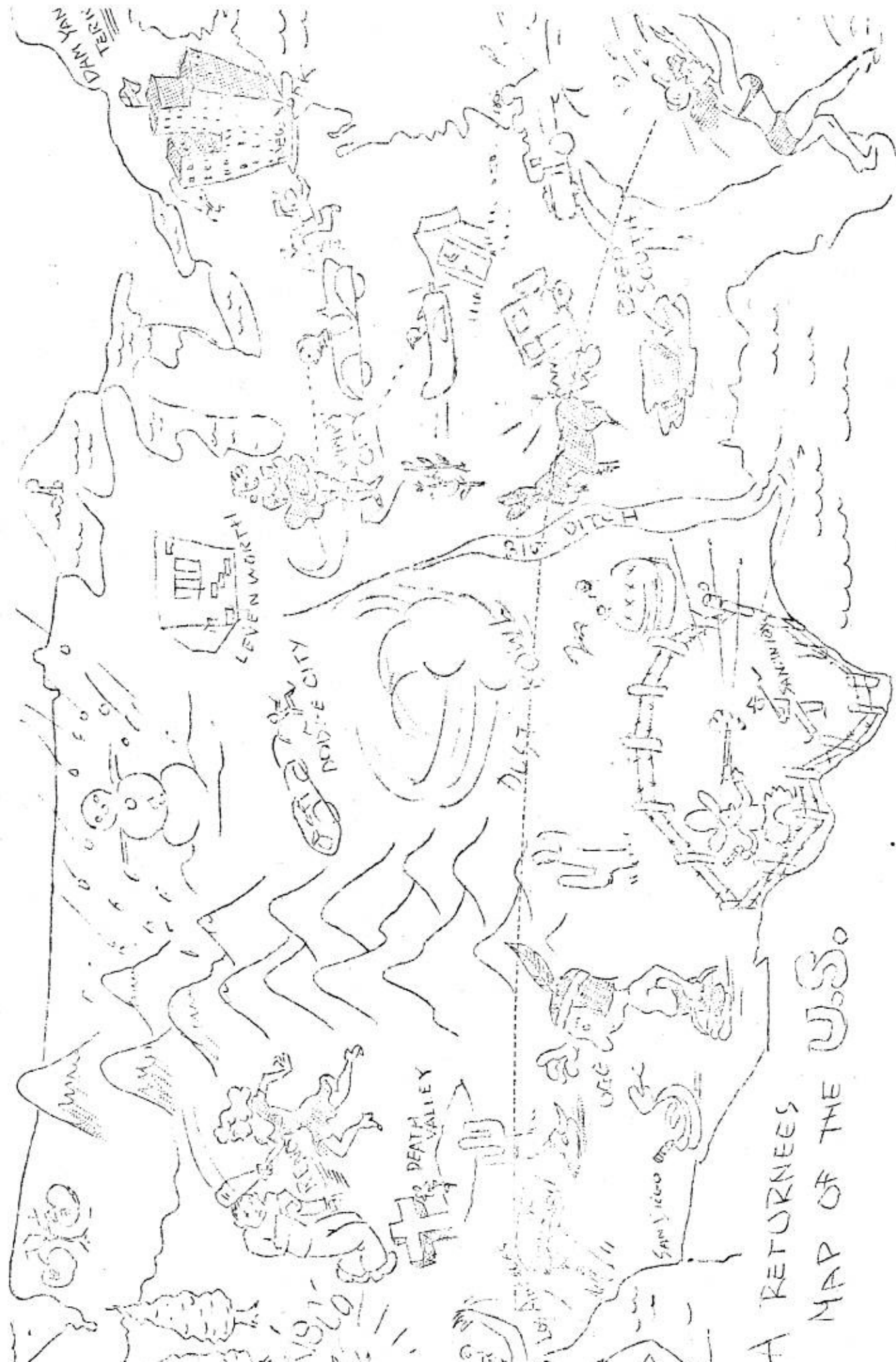
The trains have cars that everyone can go into. Do not be caught looking for a car especially for yourself. The trains very often have things known as club cars which feature sandwiches (page 266 of Webster's Dictionary) and drinks. Don't be surprised, act as though all of this is nothing new to you and that you expected it all the time.

Food is not generally too plentiful, but in some localities powdered eggs are almost unobtainable. You will probably have to be content to eat the shell-covered kind on most occasions. Remember, do not eat the shell simply crack the egg and throw away the outer covering. By the same token dehydrated vegetables are almost extinct in the United States. Stores feature potatoes, carrots, spinach, and turnips in their natural state. You will notice places of soil still clinging to these items but don't throw them away and say that they are not any good, simply wash them before eating them and you will find that in most cases you will like them very much. They also have an item that they call "steak" which is an item that you use a knife and fork to cut it with and in most cases you will find that you will be able to cut it which I know most of us are not used to doing but don't let it scare you as I am sure that even though you can cut it you will still like it very much when you taste it. They also have a liquid that they call milk. Don't drink too much of this liquid as they say that it is very fattening.

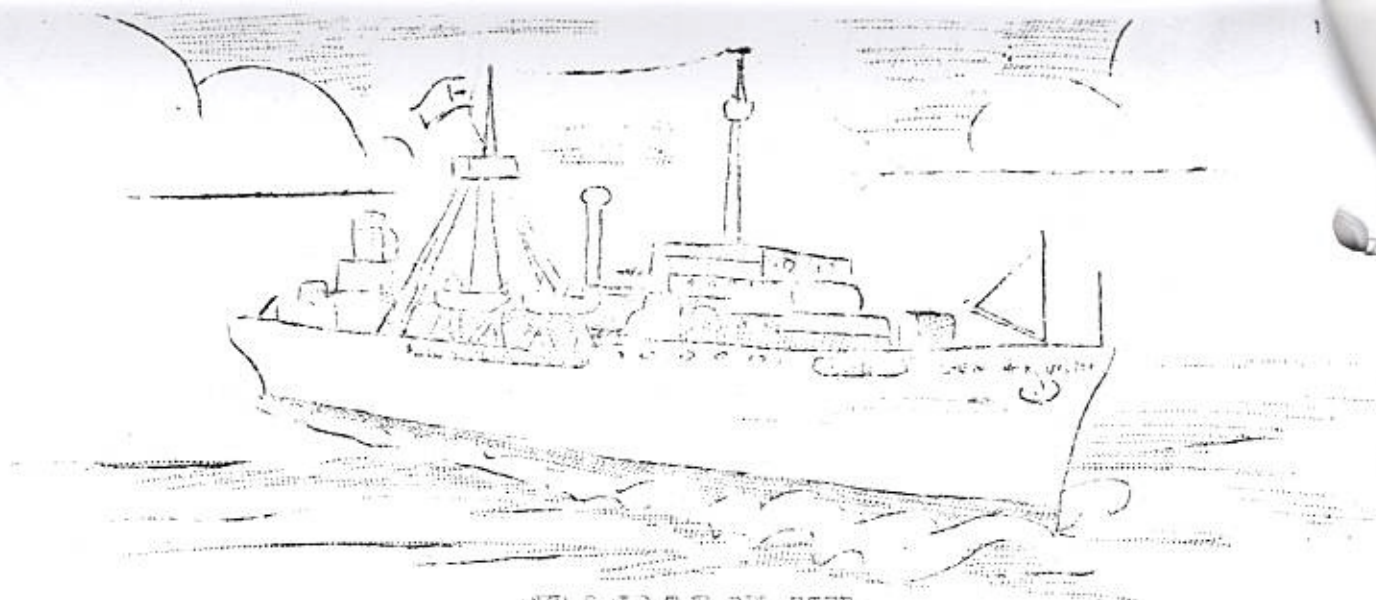
If you find that you have a hard time getting ahold of some Peso Gin and S.M. Beer, just take a flask of alcohol and 100-octane gas with you. Whiskey such as Old Taylor, Seagrams and Lord Calvert will probably ruin the lining in your stomach. The best rule to follow is, "If it is old, it is not any good."

You will find that the country is run by Republicans, Democrats and John L. Lewis. It is a big place because it stretches all the way across the country. Keep on your toes and you will be O.K.

Oh, Yes. A final thought. When you have been invited to a friend's house and you find that you are without a chair don't just squat down in a corner. If you will wait for just a minute we are sure that your host will find you a chair. In case you are wondering, a chair is the item that most people in the states use for sitting on and not on the floor or squatting as some of us have been used to doing for the last few years.



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OUR SHIP THE BREWSTER

The U.S.A.T. General A. W. Brewster is an United States Army Transport operated by the San Francisco Port of Embarkation as a part of the Transportation Corps, United States Army.

She was built at the Kaiser Yard, Richmond, California, and was completed and commissioned by the United States Navy in 1945 and was immediately assigned to duty as a troop transport carrying Army and Navy troops. After the war, the United States Navy released control of the General Brewster, and she became a full fledged United States Army Transport.

During the war, the General Brewster carried only military personnel and had a capacity of approximately 3,600 troops. She has since been partially converted by the Army and now has a capacity of only 1,700 troops while some more comfortable accommodations have been added for the cabin class passengers. The ship was named after Major General Andrew Walker Brewster. General Brewster was born in 1832 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Tenth Infantry in 1895. He participated in the Santiago Campaign during the Spanish-American War and saw active service during the Boxer Rebellion in China. In World War I, he was Inspector General of the American Expeditionary Force. He was promoted to the rank of Major General in 1917 and retired with the rank of Major General in 1925.

The General Brewster is a steam turbine-gear driven ship, with a single screw which develops 9,500 horsepower. She is 322 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and has a full displacement load of 17,500 tons. She is capable of developing a speed of approximately 21 knots.

This is the thirteenth voyage of the ship as an Army Transport. Ports of call were Guam, Honolulu and San Francisco.

The General Brewster is commanded by Captain A. Anderson, ATS, and is staffed by a crew of 167 men and an Army complement of four officers, two nurses, and 13 enlisted men. There are two stewardesses assigned to the vessel. The crew is divided into three main divisions: Deck, Engineer, and Stewards Departments, which are headed respectively by First Officer Anthony Castrogiovanni, Chief Engineer Randolph Peterson and Chief Steward Gerald Kinsella. A small but important part of ship's personnel staff is the Transportation Office under Mr. C. A. Peterson. Responsible for all supplies aboard is Mr. Paul Colley, Supply Officer.

The ship's complement of Enlisted Men includes nine Medical Corpsmen, one Sergeant-Major and assistant and one PA Sales Clerk and one Special Service NCO. Major Franklin L. Couch, PA, was Troop Commander on this Inbound Voyage. Army Officers assigned to the vessel are:

Maj.	Glenn L. Marsh	Transport Commander
Lt.	William M. Dalton	Asst. Transport Commander
Capt.	Ralph M. Smith	Chaplain
Capt.	Harold G. Rudish	Surgeon
Lt.	Ruth Brown	Nurse
Lt.	Margaret Fuller	Nurse

FROM THE SKIPPER

For those of us who stay with the ship I take this opportunity to say "Goodbye" to those of you who are leaving. And speaking for the heads of all departments I want to thank all of the passengers for the cooperation and help you have given us.

We wished you "Merry Christmas" while aboard and tried to make the day as pleasant for you as limited facilities permitted.

Now as you leave we wish you a "Happy New Year" and "Bon Voyage" for the remainder of your travels home.

So long - and we were glad to have you aboard.

Albertinus Anderson
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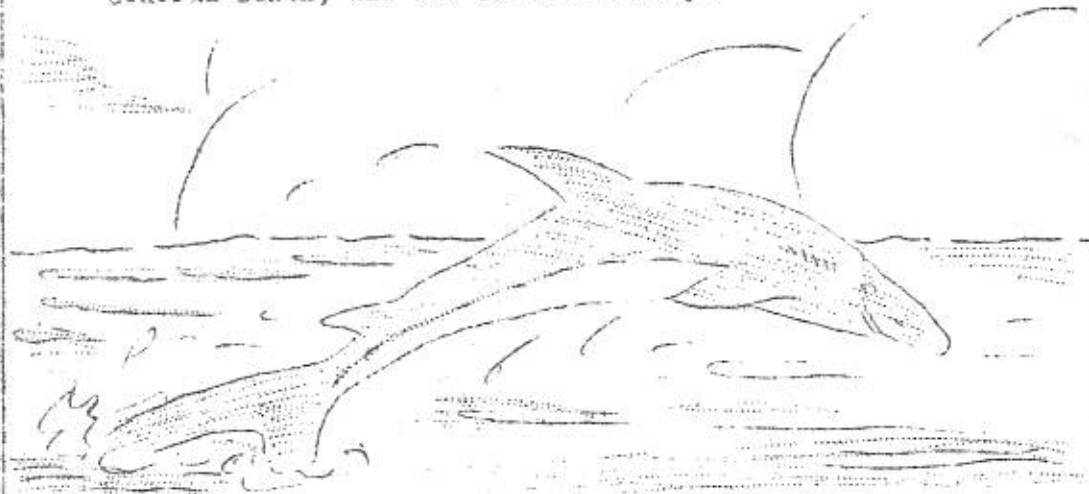
YOUR SHIP'S CAPTAIN

The Master of the USAF General A. W. Brewster is Captain Albertinus Anderson.

Captain Anderson is a native of Denmark. Like many other sons of Denmark, he chose the sea as his career, which he has followed for the past forty years.

Captain Anderson has served with the United States Government for twenty-five years. Five of these years were spent with the U. S. Navy on active duty in the Pacific area during World War II. Part of this time, he was Commanding Officer of one of the Navy's largest floating Dry Docks. He served with the U. S. Army Transport Service from 1929 until he went on active duty with the Navy 16 June 1941. In February 1946, he was relieved from duty with the Navy and rejoined the Army Transport Service.

Captain Anderson has been Master of the General Patrick, General Black, and the General Greely.



Now that our voyage is nearly over, in behalf of myself, my Officers, and the ship's complement, I desire to express my appreciation for the splendid cooperation we received from the voyage staff, ship's crew and the passengers.

To the Troops and Officers who were responsible for the cleanliness of the Brewster -- thanks for a swell job. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your splendid cooperation throughout the voyage.

To all transient personnel: it has been a pleasure to have sailed with you. Many thanks to all for observing existing regulations, which always makes the voyage more enjoyable.

It is our earnest hope that you have enjoyed your stay with us as much as we have enjoyed having you with us, and now that you will soon be leaving us may we wish for your continued health, happiness and prosper!

Glenn L. Marsh
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Major TC
Trans. Comdr.

YOUR TRANSPORT COMMANDER

Major Glenn L. Marsh, the Ship's Transportation Commander, enlisted in the Army the first time in 1926, to serve three years in the 31st Infantry in the Philippines. He was discharged in 1928, and re-enlisted in 1932 for the 15th Infantry to serve in Tientsin, China until 1936. At that time he was returned to the States where he re-enlisted and returned to China. In 1938 when the Japanese took over Tientsin he was returned to the States, arriving at Fort Lewis, Washington with the 15th Infantry.

In 1942 Major Marsh was sent to U. C. S. at Fort Penning, Georgia and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. 21 October 1942, and was assigned to the Transportation Corps upon graduation. He was then assigned to Camp Shanks, New York, until 1944. In the fall of 1944 he was sent to Marseilles, France to help set up a Debarcation Center, but did not reach there because of the Bulge. He was assigned to the 9th Traffic Regulation Group with the 3rd Army and served there until November 1945.

From November 1945 to August 1947 Major Marsh served with the Military Government in Germany. In August 1947 he was returned to the States and assigned as Provost Marshal at the Oakland Army Base in November 1947.

In September 1948 he was assigned to the USAT Altman on which he made one trip. He was then transferred to the Brewster in November 1948. This is Major Marsh's first trip as Transportation Commander of the ship.



FROM THE TROOP COMMANDER

As we near the Golden Gate and our trip on the USAT "General A. W. BREWSTER" draws to an end I would like to leave with all of you this message.

To the Master of the Ship, Captain Anderson, and his Officers and crew, and to Major Leach, the Transport Commander and his Staff, - "Thanks to all of you for everything you have done to make this voyage a pleasant one. I have found much of you from the Master down, very cooperative, courteous and friendly. I know I express the appreciation of all passengers, both military and civilian, when I say 'Thanks a lot for your interest in us and for your friendliness'."

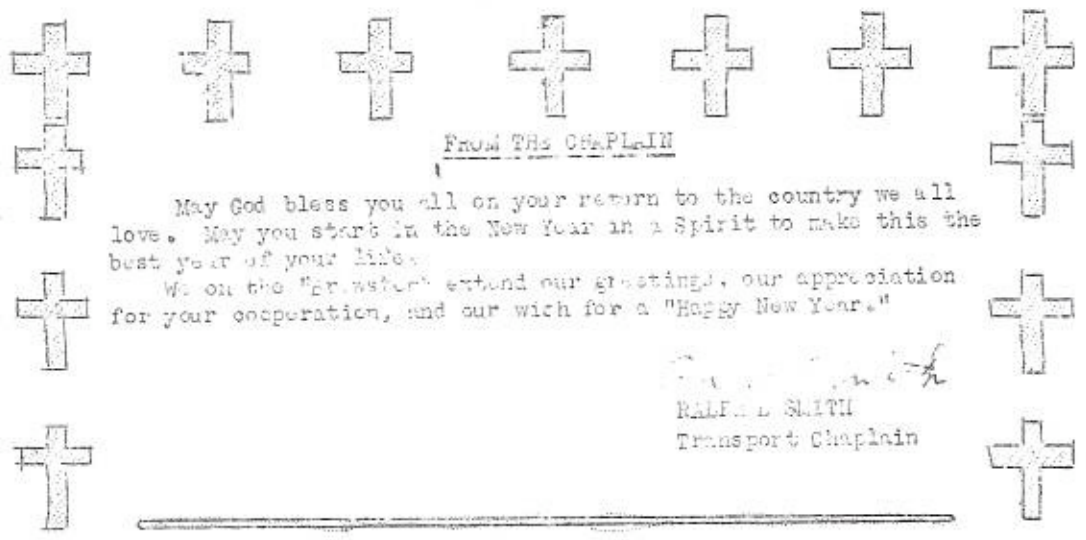
To my own Staff, including Compartment Commanders and their assistants, - "I am grateful for the efficient and thorough manner in which you have carried out your various assignments. I have nothing but the highest praise for each of you. That everything has gone so smoothly and so happily for us all in the administration of our troops and of all the civilian passengers is due entirely to you Staff members."

To all troops, - "You have proved yourself to be a high type of personnel of the Armed Forces of our Country. You have cooperated in the accomplishment of the various assignments aboard ship, and have done much to make the voyage a pleasant one. This ship is an excellent example of the 'unification of the Armed Forces of the United States.'"

And last but not least, to all First Class Passengers, military or civilian, - "From your remarks I assume that you have experienced a most pleasant voyage barring the unpleasant mal de mer. You also have come under the jurisdiction of myself and Staff. We have been interested in all of you, young and old. We have found you most cooperative and it has been a real pleasure to get to know many of you."

And so to all of you on board this ship as our voyage ends, I say "Happy Landings" and to each of you, my best wishes for a successful future wherever that future lies. It has been a pleasure knowing you.

Franklin L. Couch
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Major PA
Troop Commander,



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

May God bless you all on your return to the country we all love. May you start in the New Year in a Spirit to make this the best year of your life.

We on the "Brewster" extend our greetings, our appreciation for your cooperation, and our wish for a "Happy New Year."

Ralph L. Smith
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Transport Chaplain

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