



U. S. S. ARKANSAS

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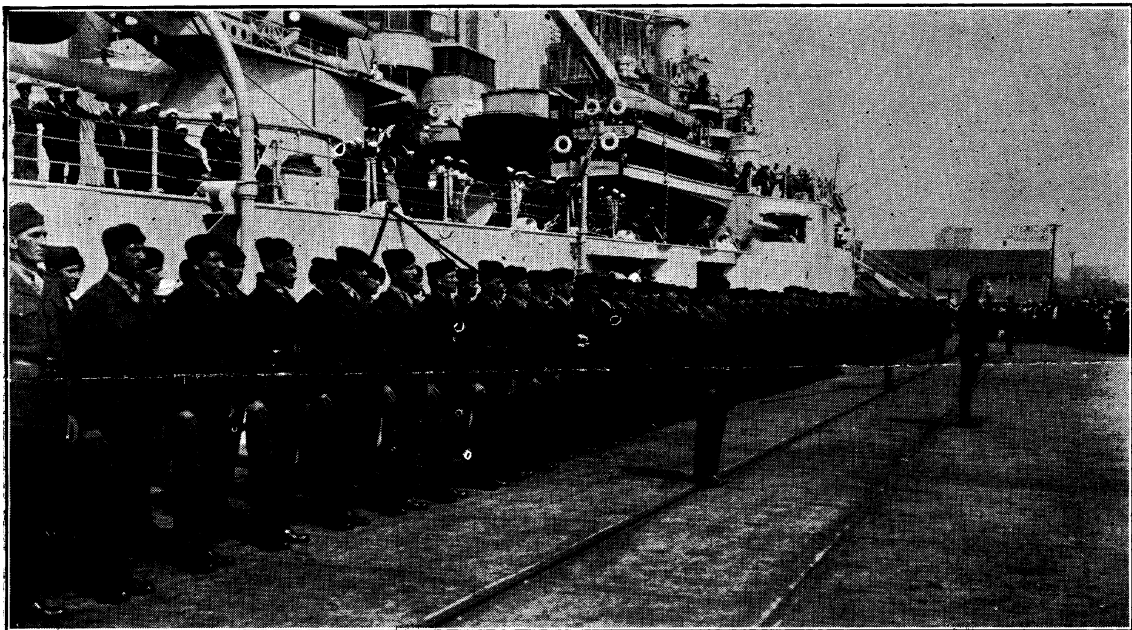
Group 10

San Diego, California.

Saturday, 17 December, 1932.

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ARKANSAS COMPLETES 1932 CRUISE AT SAN DIEGO



First Separate Training Battalion Leaving Ship on Arrival at San Diego,
For Temporary Duty at Marine Corps Base.

MANEUVERS WITH BATTLE FORCE ENDS BUSY YEAR

With characteristic smartness and precision the good old ARKANSAS went through her paces in the battle line, along with the best of them, during the tactical exercises in company with the fleet off Southern California . . . then steamed gaily to her holiday playground at San Diego for a few weeks of recreation, liberty and leave.

And here we are, berthed snugly and safely alongside a comfortable pier, a stone's throw from San Diego's Broadway and the heart of the city.

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OUR MESSAGE TO SAN DIEGO

We're mighty glad to be here, alongside your fine dock, and to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays with you. Next to being at our own firesides, of course, we don't know of any place where we would rather be than where we are. Your hospitality to us during the ARKANSAS' visit a few months ago made us look forward to our return. San Diego's atmosphere of friendliness has made us look upon your city as "Our home away from Home." We hope to renew old friendships and to make new ones.

Come on board to see us!

ADMIRAL'S INSPECTION RESULTS

The Captain and the Executive officer were well pleased with the general appearance and condition of the ship and personnel at last Saturday's semi-annual military inspection of the ARKANSAS.

During the absence of Vice Admiral F. H. Clark, U. S. N., Commander Scouting Force, who was on temporary duty at Washington, D. C., as a member of the Line Selection Board, the inspection of the ARKANSAS was conducted by Captain J. R. Defrees, U. S. N., Chief of Staff, assisted by

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ARKLITE

A Ship's paper published weekly on board the U. S. S. ARKANSAS in the interest of the Ship and the Navy.

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WHILE the calendar year has not completely ended, the working year insofar as the fleet is concerned, is about to wind up its busy affairs. The last problem, the last gunnery practice, and the last cruise of 1932 have been completed - successfully, and with credit to all officers and men. It has been a busy year for the Navy afloat, and a particularly unusual one for the ships of our force.

We believe that the ARKANSAS played her part well in the scheme of things that made the performance of the fleet as a whole such a creditable one for 1932. It is a distinct comfort to our sense of wellbeing, as we reflect on the past twelve months, to realize that we have been able through united effort, under able leadership, to measure up so well to every task assigned us, and to know that the signal "Well Done" is not received unmerited.

During the year 1932 our ship has travelled almost 15,000 miles, visited eleven different ports at home and abroad, in the performance of various missions. In all of them she has made good. It makes us feel proud to belong to her.

As the year closes we enjoy a well earned rest, but look to 1933 with hopeful enthusiasm to bring us new worlds to conquer.

CRASHED AVIATORS RESCUED

Chance gave the ARKANSAS another opportunity to be of service last Wednesday morning, on completion of Fleet Maneuvers, in being the first vessel to have a boat reach a crashed seaplane which had participated in the exercises, and to effect a rescue of its two occupants. Fortunately, no injuries were sustained by anyone. Congratulations to the rescued and to the rescuers.



CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Before Christmas, 18 December, 1932, Morning Prayer and Sermon in the Fifth Division Compartment at 1000.

The Catholic Church party will leave the ship for Mass ashore at 0900.

Everybody welcome

BRIDLE THE TONGUE

We speak sometimes, before we think;

The spoken word should follow thought;

The tongue, unbridled, often brings Contentions, when the peace is sought.

No explanation will suffice

When hasty words are given wing; Eternity will not remove

The ugly scars left by the sting.

Let judgment sure precede the word, For idle gossip idly spread, Or thoughtless words that may do harm -

"Twere better they were left unsaid.

Be not too hasty to condemn;

The truth may lie some other way; We do not often feel regret

For words we thought, but did not say,

If you cannot say something good,

When speaking of your fellow-man; If in your thought you must upbraid,

Then silence is the better plan,

Condemn the act, in sympathy,

Should circumstances force your scorn;

Feel but compassion for the man, His conscience yet will prove his thorn.

—T. J. Honaker.

MAIL THE ARKLITE HOME

AROUND THE SHIP

The old ARKIE certainly had the appearance of "Spotless Town" for Admiral's inspection last week. Fine work! Let's keep her that way.

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Our movie equipment is being improved for bigger and better sound effects - to the tune of \$578.00. Who pays? All of us - through supporting the Ship's Service.

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Lieutenant W. H. Von Dreele, U. S. N., popular "M" Division Officer, is traveling by plane to and from East Orange, N. J., on a short and snappy (and we hope happy) leave.

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Ensign P. W. Clarke, U. S. N., has returned aboard and is now convalescing from his recent operation for appendicitis. Best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to duty, Mr. Clarke.

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We are glad to report that Theodore S. Hajac, Seaman 1c, "R" Division, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident a few weeks ago, is showing some signs of improvement.

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Three intrepid voyagers of the deep have forsaken the sea for a hurried trek overland via automobile to spend part of the holidays at home. H. Kress, C. C. M., J. L. Frazier, C. T. C., and J. T. Haslinger, C Y., have formed a solemn pact to reach "heaven, hell or Hoboken" by Christmas.

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Our worthy editor, Chaplain Quinn, was at home during the past week resting up for the strenuous work which the Christmas season always brings to those whose work is largely a labor of love. During his absence the remainder of the ARKLITE staff has struggled to get this edition out as best it could.

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The coming week will see the ARKIE dressed up in appropriate holiday attire in the various division compartments and living spaces. Green and red effects are beginning to be in evidence. In former years friendly rivalry ran strong among the different parts of the ship for the best decorated compartment. Who will take first honors this year?

LINE OFFICER SELECTIONS

On 12 December, 1932, the President approved the report of the Line Selection Board recommending the following officers for promotion:

For Rear Admiral: Captains

- F. J. Horne
- C. P. Snyder
- J. R. Defrees
- S. W. Bryant
- S. Gannon
- J. D. Wainwright
- C. S. Freeman
- C. R. Train
- E. J. King

For Captain: Commanders

- A. C. Read
- L. F. Kimball
- E. D. McWhorter
- W. S. Farber
- H. J. Abett
- J. S. Barleon
- S. B. McKinney
- B. H. Bruce
- J. B. Earle
- T. A. Symington
- R. E. Cassidy
- E. C. Allen
- H. C. Gearing, Jr.
- W. W. Bradley, Jr.
- H. M. Bemis
- C. T. Osburn
- G. M. Ravenscroft
- C. R. Hyatt
- W. T. Smith
- L. F. Thibault
- G. C. Logan
- H. V. McKittrick
- R. C. Giffen
- C. N. McConnell
- E. A. Lofquist
- H. B. Riebe
- T. A. Thomson, Jr.

MARINE BATTALION

Once more the members of this Battalion disembark for the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, and it should be gratifying to Jim East, our esteemed Chief Commissary Steward, to know that the main complaint in our departure is the loss of his excellent cuisine. About twenty of the boys will not be back with us after the first of the year, and we take opportunity to wish them "bon voyage."

We are glad to welcome Captain E. F. O'Day, U. S. M. C., as he reports for duty with the "Floating Battalion." Captain O'Day will assume the duty as Commanding Officer of Company "C" relieving 1st. Lieutenant J. H. N. Hudnall, U. S. M. C., who will return to the Base for permanent duty upon our disembarkation. The Battalion will sustain a great loss in his detachment. In addition to receiving commendation on several occasions for the work of Company "C," we have always found him ready to champion the cause of any of the "boys." Our well wishes also accompany First Sergeants Aylward and Shambough on their new tour of duty.

We hesitate to say that we are

"WORDS OF PRAISE"

Recently in forwarding to the Navy Relief Society the contributions from officers and men of the Training Squadron to that society the following paragraph was placed at the end of the forwarding letter:

"Commander Training Squadron takes great pleasure in forwarding these contributions to the society and takes advantage of this opportunity to express the appreciation of the officers and men under his command of the splendid and unselfish work which is being done by The Navy Relief Society."

It is a source of satisfaction to receive from Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood, U. S. Navy, Retired, Secretary and Treasurer of The Navy Relief Society, the following acknowledgment:

"My dear Captain Foote:

Many, many thanks for the fine contribution of \$1221.75 received this morning from the officers and men of your command. It is splendid and your own Flagship in particular deserves special praise for their generous contribution of 100 per cent.

I cannot refrain from adding a special word of thanks for the kind words at the end of your forwarding letter. Such words of praise come to us so seldom that they are doubly welcome when they do come and I want to tell you how much we appreciate your words of praise.

Very sincerely,
(Signed) Spencer S. Wood."

sorry for the natives of Long Beach who will be forced to endure the holidays without the presence of the Good Ship ARKANSAS anchored off its fascinating shore. A few of the boys may "wander" back to Long Beach to spend their holiday leave.

The schedule would lead one to believe that the Battalion will be quite busy during its stay at the Base. A detachment of non-coms will be stationed at the Rifle Range at La Jolla for about a week, engaged in attending the Infantry Weapons School, and later rejoining their respective companies. Quite a bit of "soldiering" was learned during our previous stay at the Base and we are hoping to make this trip as profitable as the previous one. —W. A. F. and E. J. D.—

SAYS GLOOMY GUS



We understand that a certain division officer this week in deep disgust dismissed the men he had been trying to instruct with: "You're a bright bunch this morning. That's all; you can go. And on your way out, try not to flap your ears."

"Mama, is papa going to die and go to heaven?"

"Of course not, Bobby. Whatever put such an absurd idea into your head?"

"Cohen (entering delicatessen store): "Gif me some of that salmon." Proprietor: "That's not salmon, that's ham."

Cohen: "Vell, who asked you what it vas?"

"How do you like that cigar I gave you, old man? For two hundred bands of that brand they give you a phonograph."

"You don't say! If I smoked two hundred of these cigars I would'nt want a phonograph; I'd want a harp."

Two men full of moonshine were whizzing around a sharp corner in an auto, and one of them yelled out, "Careful, Jim hol' 'er sheddy!" and the other fellow said, "Whatta know 'about that! I thought you was drivin'!"

"I don't like your heart action," said the doctor, applying the stethoscope again. You have had some trouble with angina pectoris."

"You're partly right, doctor," said the young man, sheepishly, "only that ain't her name."

"Of course, there is no such thing as woman's supremacy."

"Think not? From the time a boy sits under a street light playing with toads until he is blind and old and toothless, he has to explain to some woman why he didn't come home earlier."

There was a young woman named Myrtle Who carried a plate of mock turtle, But, sad to relate, she slipped with the plate. And all the mock turtle turned turtle.

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The "breaks" have been with the ARKIE for especially favorable berths during 1932, and on behalf of the ship's company the ARKLITE takes this opportunity to thank those in command for their part in bringing this about. We appreciate the added conveniences which our present location makes possible.

In accordance with instructions issued by the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet, one o'clock liberty will be granted daily as far as the ship's work will allow, and this will give those who want it a chance to see something of San Diego's points of interest, of which there are many. We offer a few suggestions:

Mission Beach — 25 minutes by street car from 23rd and Broadway. A little of Coney Island, The Pike, Revere Beach and The Chutes, all thrown in together.

Old Town — What Plymouth Rock is to the Atlantic Coast, Old Town is to the Pacific. It is the birthplace of this coast, the exact spot "where California began." Within its confines are the treasures of the beginnings of civilization on the Pacific slope. (Route "A" bus).

"The Star of India" — A lonely survivor of the old square rigged wind jammers, tied up alongside the Embarcadero, within walking distance from the ARKANSAS. Contains a marine museum. Admission, 25 cents. **The Zoo** — in Balboa Park -- one of the finest collections of wild life in the entire West. It is entirely outdoors, the animals being confined in surroundings as natural as can be made compatible with safety. Don't miss this.

La Jolla — (pronounced "La Hoya") 14 miles from San Diego; reached by street car, bus or train, has beautiful seashore scenery, world famous caves, and is one of the prettiest spots on the Pacific Coast. **Tijuana, Mexico** — Use Discretion!

The ship will look deserted when the majority of our Marine Battalion shipmates leave for their shore base or the rifle range, and a good portion of the regular crew go on leave. In case we don't meet to say it personally, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, successful New Year.

CHRISTMAS DINNER BATTLE PLAN

Our intense participation in the maneuvers, war games and battle problems of the recent past gives us an impression something like this of the approaching Christmas Day Dinner:

Estimate of the Situation

Plan Affirm:

Object: To avoid contacting the enemy main body - to avoid even sighting them.

Information: Our secret agents report that the enemy main body is lying in wait at Point SHIP'S GALLEY to intercept and destroy (the appetite of) this force. Zero hour is said to be noon, Monday, 26 December. Enemy forces are reported to be overwhelming in number, notwithstanding our own strength (of appetite). Estimated strength of opposing force: 1000 pounds of turkey; six varieties of the latest and most improved design vegetable, plus a strong army of trimmings, candy and fruit, further reinforced with smoke screen laying outfits of cigarettes and cigars.

Assumption: Without any doubt, the enemy will be there at ZERO hour.

1. This force will engage in a strategic coup. All available personnel (armed with leave papers) will rendezvous on quarterdeck at 0800, then instead of proceeding to POINT Messables to certain destruction of the forces mentioned above, an orderly retreat will be made over the gangway towards POINT Railroad Station and Bus Terminal, chuckling with fiendish glee, leaving enemy holding sack.

Plan Baker:

Object: To seek out and decisively engage enemy body, destroying, if possible, but surely damaging badly the enemy forces.

Information: Same as Plan Affirm.

Assumption: Same as Plan Affirm.

1. This force will rendezvous at POINT Division Compartment between 1130 and 1145, Monday, 26 December. Deployment will be made

ADMIRAL'S INSPECTION RESULTS

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other members of the Admiral's staff and officers from the Flagship AUGUSTA.

The hard work on the part of all hands in preparing for this inspection has not gone unnoticed nor unappreciated.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

There is yet time for men desiring to make contributions to the 1933 High Seas Roll Call of the Red Cross, to do so. The ARKANSAS started its collections for this purpose on the first pay day in December. Those who can and wish to, please turn over to your division officer such sums as you feel you can afford to give. It's for a worthy cause.

NEW REGULATIONS ON VISITING TIJUANA, MEXICO

Very apropos to our arrival in San Diego, new instructions governing visits to Mexico and Canada by officers and enlisted men have just been received from the Bureau of Navigation.

The Secretary of the Navy has authorized that officers and men on regular leave or liberty may visit Mexico or Canada without obtaining special permission as was necessary heretofore. The only restriction in this regard is that civilian clothes must be worn while making such visits.

on signal "Mess Gear," taking cruising disposition "Option King;" course: of least resistance towards enemy line; speed: full. On making contact, our mess cooks will lure unsuspecting turkey and cranberries into appetite infested area. By skillful tactics our forces will get enemy into advantageous position for attack. Upon signal "Pipe Down," this force will fire salvo after salvo of the enemy into our own vulnerable compartments. When enemy appears groggy from barrage and acknowledges defeat, our eating forces will retire to left wing, maneuvering helpless enemy, surrounded by stomach, to convenient bunk or any flat surface, to repose here in happy agony.