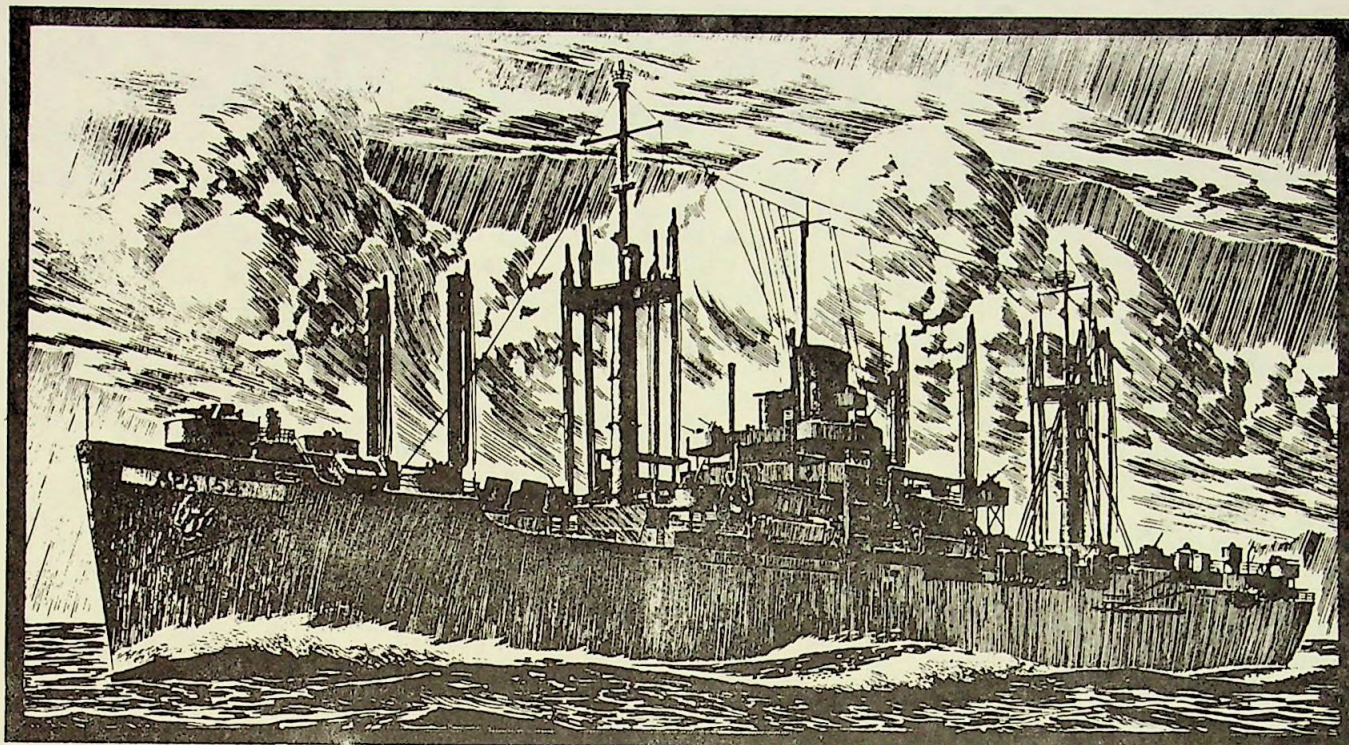


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## FIRST CLASS



LYMAN "PAPPY" NEDEAU - Baldwin, MI - Long time no see, but it looks like we might get together, (good Lord willing). Read in the VFW magazine that there just might be a ship reunion. (Hey! Lym, we are working on our 5th USS Lowndes Annual Reunion). Sounds wonderful to me and only hope I can make it, for some unknown reason I believe I may have missed reading about it if there was one before. I still live in Michigan but spend about 6 months each winter in Florida. Normally leave Michigan around the 1st of October and return about the 1st of May. Please send all information that is available, you can rest assured that I will be there if at all possible. Needless to say, we don't buy green bananas anymore. Will send more information when I return to Michigan. In answer to your question - where is Lake Suzy? Have just spent the greater part of an hour talking to 5 people at the main post office in Naples. Finally found out it's probably in the Lakeland area. (How about specifics, McNamee?)

PAUL "PB" LINEBACK- Mount Airy, NC - Most treasured moments of my life were aboard old APA 154. Vivid memories include the slow trek from Pearl to Florida Island where we dropped off 3000 buckets on the beach, the day we crossed the International Date Line, the day we diverted 5 gallons of shrimp from officers mess to CPO locker and invited XO & Capt. Perdue to our shrimp fest at 0230 under way to Saipan. A great moment we all remember for sure was being downwind of the USS Logan in Saipan Harbor after she had been rammed and all the food had spoiled. And of course our 2 beers and bologna sandwich and the ball games while at Garripan Landing in Saipan. Then our 0230 steak dinner the morning we arrived off Iwo Jima, then the wait, the exercises the practices for the Okinawa campaign. Then the war was over and I received orders to open Nav Sep Ctr, Minneapolis, MN. The Lowndes had a great crew, and standing tall were Bob Hazelett, Jim Chilcote & Stan Dunn & myself all spear headed by Ens, Leon Fougnyes. It was great having an administrative crew like those listed above.

ELLIOTT T. PILCHARD - Oxnard, CA - "Fueling at Sea" was a very special job of mine. I especially liked it 'cause I was in control..the Capt. or exec. would never tell me what to do. The tanker would set her course and do her best to maintain it. I didn't look at the compass at all, but would closely watch the bow of the tanker - when she started to swing to port - I would put on a little left rudder and the same when she would swing to starboard...I had to maintain the same distance between our two ships very exact so we wouldn't separate the fuel lines or ram each other. It was our job to follow him...it's all up to the helmsman. The same applies to transferring a man between ships at sea in Breeches bouy. Remember how we used to press our Blues and Whites? Fold 'em real nice and put them under our mattress and sleep on them. It worked out pretty well at that.



Breeches buoy

FRANKLIN T. JUDNITSCH - Park Rapids, MN - What I remember are just a few bits and pieces, but as I remember, we were in port and the evaporator room was shut down. Repairs were being made on the ship and someone had opened a sea valve and didn't close it so sea water flooded the room under the floor grates. It wasn't noticed until the water reached the floor grates. The room had to be pumped out and all electric motors removed, washed out with carbon tetrachloride, then put together and tested, then reinstalled. Seems to me that there were 18 motors. Harley Workman may recall more to add to this. What port we were in and who else was involved in this.

AGNES BENSIE- Parma, OH - Report on Lowndes Lovelies raffle (Aussie hat full of money), returns coming in but still short of expectations. Only 37% response. Still time to get your tickets in.

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By the way - Cliff Schaffer still has some souvenir USS Lowndes cups and they will be available at the Boston reunion. Ditto on cookbooks.

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Fred Brinkman	John Jurica	Dean & Mary Fearing	- May
Dean Fearing	Arthur Rauseo	Cliff & Mary Schaffer	- June
Franklin Judnitsch	Robert Warnberg	John & Sally Vernale	- June
	John Vernale	David & Joanne Long	- July

The John Morrissey's Celebrated 61 years of wedded bliss last March.

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FRANKLIN JUDNITSCH - Park Rapids, MN - Dora and I won't be able to attend the reunion in Boston this year, Dora had what they call a silent heart attack and had very high blood pressure, it is under control now. While in Salt Lake City last summer we had the opportunity to visit with Harley Workman, after these many years had difficulty remembering him. We wish you all a good time.

CONNIE MICHALSKI - Austin, TX - Introduction of a new line in our catalog will prevent us from attending the reunion in Boston. Working out plans for the 1995 reunion in Texas, details will follow in the future News Letters.

DALLAS STRATTON- Belleview, FL - Lorene and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on August 4th and plan a trip to Alaska so doubt if we'll make it to Boston.

LORENE - Dallas keeps busy playing softball and deer hunting, so far he has gotten 3 in Georgia, 1 in South Carolina and 1 in Pennsylvania.

AL RESETAR- Mount Pleasant, MI - Sorry, Jane and I will not be coming to Boston this year. I have had 2 complete knee replacements. Keep us informed about next year.

WALT KARSON- Elk River, MN - I know I won't be able to make the reunion in Boston this year. Sure would like to see that town. After boot camp at Great Lakes I was shipped to Boston. I don't recall how long I was there, but I got around a little while there. One place I remember very well was "Locke Ober" a grand eating place and - - -. Had a few happy hours there. At times talked to crewmen coming in from the Atlantic convoy runs. First taste of what the Navy was all about. Maybe the place is still there.

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JOEL RODRIQUEZ - Hidalgo, TX - Working on a possible reunion in Texas for 1994. If unable to attend Boston will send information to be discussed at business meeting.

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LEO O'BRIEN - Baldwin, MA - Another mode of transportation to Boston worth looking into is Amtrack arrives at south station. Not too far from the hotel. A pleasant way to travel.

THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES AND THEIR LADIES HAVE TENTATIVELY INDICATED THAT THEY PLAN TO ATTEND THE BOSTON REUNION:

Ed & Agnes Bensie	Henry & Dolores McNamee
Fred & Roberta Brinkman	Leo & Margaret O'Brien
Sally Cary & John (Son)	Charles & Carole Robins
Howard & Lois Chappell	Art & Marjorie Rauseo
James Chilcote	Cliff & Mary Schaffer
Frank Dubois	Bill & Amelia Taylor
Stanley Dunn	George & Glenda Tuppan
John & Leby Dyer	Walt & Jackie Umbarger
Bud & Jean Kautz	John & Sally Vernale
Don & Shirley Lorenzi	Frank & Alice Wanits
Clark & Eve Martin	

Leo is getting a little nervous so please, any others planning to attend, let the poor guy know as soon as possible. Tomorrow would be fine. We don't want Margaret to have a basket case on her hands.

Located Ernest Scott - See enclosed roster lists for additional changes. If there are any errors please let me (Bud) know.

The Bowman/Richards Memorial committee are working on a combination reunion and dedication service in Texas sometime in 1995. As plans are formulated they will be noted in future News Letters. Have contacted Mrs. Richards (Norman's Mother), she informs us that she has doubts about attending the dedication, but time will tell.

Leo also reports that Joseph's Aquarium on the waterfront has fine lobster dinners - before 5PM \$11.95 - after 5PM \$13.95. How many people in our group were aware that Wheel of Fortune was filmed in Boston during the month of May and the cast stayed at the Park Plaza?

This little item should make Texans happy: McDonald's restaurant serve the equivalent of 2,250 head of cattle to hamburger-hungry customers.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT - MAY 20, 1993

Balance December 31, 1992		\$1720.98
Income		
Contributions - 12/31/92 - 5/20/93	\$35.00	
Interest	13.13	
Bowman/Richards Memorial Fund	110.00	
Cookbooks	15.00	\$173.13
		<u>\$1893.52</u>
Expenses		
Printing	\$90.55	
Postage	68.40	
Printing supplies	8.73	\$167.68
		<u>\$167.68</u>
Savings account balance - May 20, 1993		\$1725.84



The above statement does not take into account the expenses of printing and mailing the June issue of this News Letter. It can be determined that contributions have declined drastically in the past year.