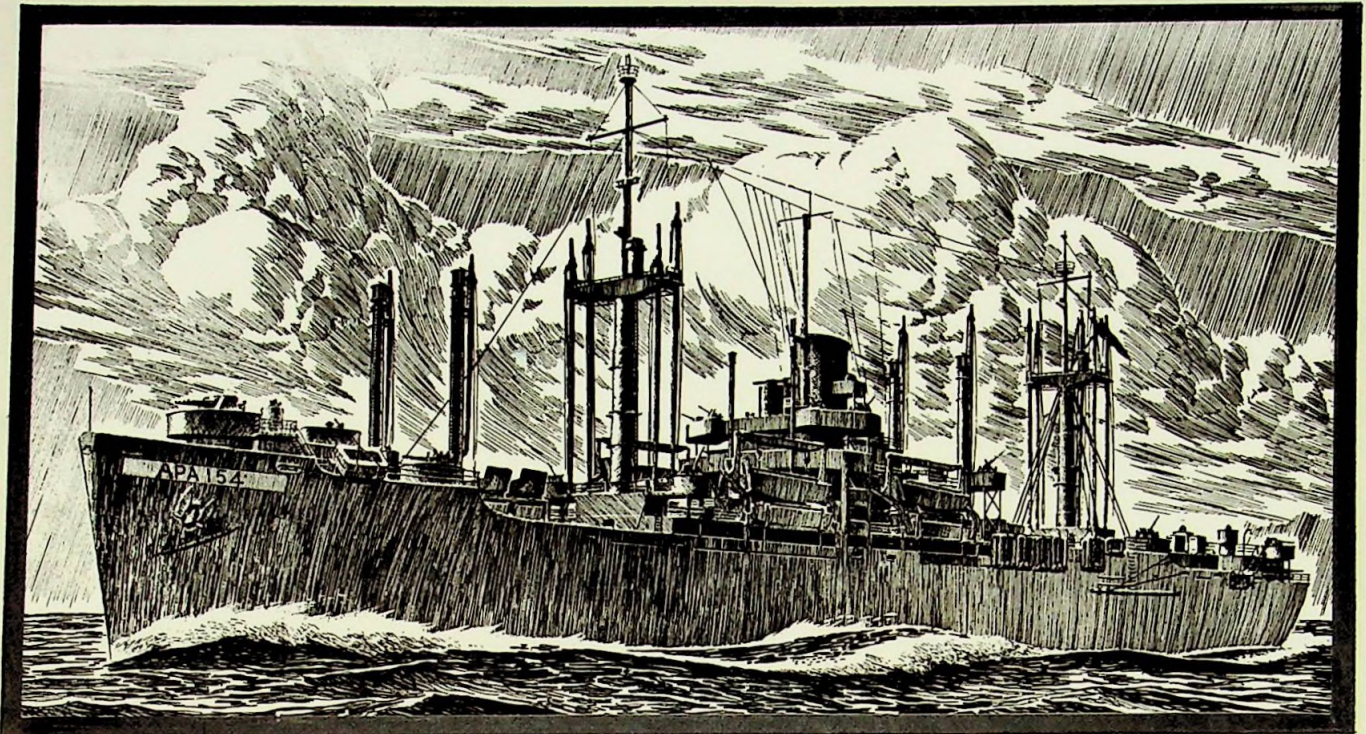


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## FIRST CLASS



ED. McKELLAR - Waianae, HI - I remembered something that our Executive LCDR Bernard related to me about Edgar Hinton our gunnery officer. My No. 1 baker Lazenby found out that the Exec. liked cake, so about every three weeks he would bake a birthday cake and take it to the Exec. saying it was his birthday. The Exec. kept the cake to himself and shared it with no one. One day while we were around San Pedro the Exec. went into his cabin and found Hinton sitting in the toilet eating some of his cake. He restricted him to his room for five days. When Hinton's wife came aboard to see him, she asked the Exec. "Why did you restrict Edgar?" When told the reason she said "I don't blame you".

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H E L P - H E L P - H E L P !

CLARK MARTIN - Richmond, Va - Among the many legends and sea stories circulating about the crew of the USS Lowndes is one that sticks in my memory and which I need to confirm or explode.

At some time near or after the end of the war, the ship received a message to transfer one LCVP to an APA in our division (TransDiv Fifteen?) because one of theirs had sunk. One of our boats was selected and the Supply Officer prepared an invoice to record the transfer and clear our records. The coxswain of the escort LCVP had instructions not to release the boat being transferred which was in good condition unless he obtained a signature on the invoice. About an hour and a half after the message was received, the coxswain gave the Supply Officer a copy of the invoice bearing the signature of an officer of the other APA. At the time the coxswain said that they had not only carried out the instructions to effect the transfer but that they had intercepted the boat which was supposed to have sunk and had picked up four men of that boat crew and taken them back to their ship just before their boat disappeared in the sea. I know the crew of the USS Lowndes responded to orders quickly and efficiently and I am reluctant to question legend, but it would certainly be helpful if someone, preferably a participant in the "rescue", could verify the story. When? Where? What was the name of the other ship? Who were the boat crew of the Lowndes? Did it really happen or was the Supply Officer being "snowed" again?

Is there someone out there in our ranks able to put Clark's mind at ease?

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JIM CHILCOTE - Pocatello, ID - I am enclosing a copy of the Plan of the Day for 19 February 1945. As I feel that it will be of interest. From its appearance and format, it looks like my work as that was part of my ship's office duties. I am trying to recall the appearance of Lt. Cmdr. Harrison Gardner. As a matter of amusement, I note that the roster indicates my rate as Y2c. I left the naval service as Y1c, so in the interim I've been reduced in rate, and not even having the opportunity of appearing at Captain's Mast. Oh well! If all goes well, we'll enjoy seeing one another in San Diego.

Note: See Jim the pen is mightier than the sword.

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Shipmates, take notice - I depend upon you to notify me of any errors or changes on our roster and mailing lists. Drop me (Bud) a line to make proper corrections in the future.

BILL TAYLOR - Elizabethtown, PA - Amelia & I have been busy since our Reunion in Boston. In November I flew out to the Los Angeles area to visit my sister who is terminally ill with cancer. In mid December Amelia went to Costa Rica with our daughter Gail they were there 4 days. Then we spent a few weeks in Florida in February. Our 9 year old grandson who lives in Germany flew to Orlando where we picked him up. We stayed at the Caribbean Beach Resort of Disney World for 6 days during which time we did the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and MGM Studios theme parks. It was the first time we spent a lot of time alone with Alexander. The 3 of us enjoyed the time together. In addition to the time at Disney World we spent 3 days in Kissimmee. From there we took a one day tour of Cape Canaveral and Kennedy Space Center. We plan to be in San Diego for the Reunion.

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Jim & Ina Mae Ross will be leaving for Germany to visit their son in July and return in August. Have a pleasant trip.

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BILL DAVIS - Portage, IN - Recently received a video tape of the three Reunions taken by Jim Frieden and got to "Meet - see all you men and Ladies (Lowndes Lovelies)" on tape. Really enjoyed viewing the tape. It sure is nice to be back in touch with the "Gang" and will not allow it to disappear like it once did. I remember VJ Day, Ernie Ross, myself and our wives. We had been to a movie in California and as we exited - the whole city was going Mad! Wild! The war news - that it was over just came through and what a wild celebration was going on.

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MIKE MICHALSKI - Austin, TX - "HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY"

Jerry, Renee' & I went to Maui and Oahu and had a great time. We snorkled and saw and fed fish of all colors and sizes. After we got used to the snorkle - it was fun. We took a 45 minute helicopter ride over a volcano, down through a narrow winding valley until we came to a tall waterfall, then flew straight up to the top of the mountain - just clearing treetops as we dropped over into another. Flew over acres of sugar cane and pineapple fields. Then out over the ocean to look for whales on their way back to Alaska for the summer. Rented a car to see other areas of the island. Went down 120 feet in a submarine - specially built to watch marine life. Attended a luau, watched hula dancers and other entertainment nightly. Then to Oahu and rented a car and visited the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial and the U.S.S. Bowfin submarine where our mutual friend, Stan Dunn, drove us up into the mountains to give us a closer look at pineapple fields then through the military bases and showed us how the Japanese flew in on their attack of Pearl Harbor. We then toured the island and went through the only hotels that were on Wakiki Beach during WWII, the Royal Hawaiian and the Moana. Went up the coast and saw the Halona Blow Hole and beautiful snorkling beaches and coral reefs. Back through the mountains to Honolulu. The statue of the King of Hawaii was in the process of having a complete re-do of the surrounding area - it will be a great improvement when completed. We also visited the Marine Museum - which was very interesting. Finally it was time to head back to the States. A trip enjoyed by all. We recommend it!

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May 6th - Congratulations Dan & Lera Wisdom on their 22nd Anniversary.

MY LOG & DIARY - FRED BRINKMAN

July 3 to July 10, 1945 - Dropped anchor in **Guam** harbor on July 4th. All our cargo is unloaded to boats in the Bay. One recreation party on **Guam**.

July 11 to July 18, 1945 - On July 11th we receive orders to report to **San Francisco**. Anchors aweigh from **Guam** with 200 Sea Bee passengers, the **U.S.S. Lowndes** is Stateside bound.

July 19 to July 26, 1945 - Underway at sea, bound for **San Francisco** on a straight course. The best cruise we have made to date. On July 26th we near the **California** coast.

July 27 to August 3, 1945 - Our long-awaited liberty begins in **Frisco**. I receive four liberties in **Frisco** and have a helluva swell time. There's nothing Stateside can't cure.

August 4 to August 11, 1945 - On August 4th I receive a seven-day leave which I spend in **Los Angeles**. It's eat, drink and be merry - especially the latter two. Seven days - very short, very sweet.

August 12 to August 19, 1945 - Back aboard the **Lowndes**, liberty continues in **Frisco**. Four more big liberty nights wind up my Stateside cruise for the present time, even though **Japan** surrenders.

August 20 to August 27, 1945 - On Monday, August 20th, 1700 Army troops are embarked, whom we will transport to their occupational territory. Underway on August 20th we again say "So Long Stateside".

August 28 to September 4, 1945 - Dropped anchor off **Eniwetok** on September 1st. Peace treaty is officially signed the next day (**Bud Kautz'** birthday), ending World War II. Leave **Eniwetok** on September 3rd. Mail is no longer censored. All troops remain aboard.

September 5 to September 12, 1945 - Arrived in the **Ulithi** Islands on September 7th. Underway the same night. Anchored off **Luzon** Island in the **Philippines** on September 10th. Unloaded Army troops on **Luzon**.

September 13 to September 20, 1945 - Traded with **Philippino** natives and made one "Pom Pom" liberty on **Luzon**. **U.S.S. Lowndes** Commissioning Anniversary on September 14, 1945. Went to **Leyte** on this day. Embarked Army troops at **Leyte**. Underway on September 18th.

September 21 to September 28, 1945 - Left the **Philippines** and arrived at **Aomori**, on northern **Honshu** on September 25th for the first occupation landing of north **Japan**. Disembarked all our troops. Liberty on the beach on September 27th.

September 29 to October 6, 1945 - Underway on September 29th. Left **Aomori**, **Japan** and arrived at **Saipan** on October 4th. Passengers loaded the next day and on October 6th, the **Lowndes** is again underway from **Saipan**.

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A total of \$830.00 from 36 contributors.

Thank you.

Less than 64% of the **USS Lowndes** Reunion Group  
have contributed to the general fund.

As of this date there have been 8 contributions made this year.

Please note the enclosed post card addressed to **Mike Michalski** requesting information to assist in setting up the 7th Annual **USS Lowndes** Reunion in **Texas** in 1995. This Reunion will honor **Donald William Bowman PhM1c** and **Norman Robert Richards HA1c** (KIA Iwo Jima) with the dedication of a Memorial Plaque in the **Admiral Nimitz Museum** in **Fredericksburg, Texas**. This plaque has been purchased and is in place in the Museum. **Dan Wisdom** has the commissioning pennant and will present it to the Museum for the permanent flag display.

Answer to "Now you know" in March News Letter - **Clark Martin**.

Don't forget to rummage through your closets for a photograph of yourself taken while in the service, bring to Reunion in **San Diego**.

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(Mail to Bud Kautz)

U.S.S. LOWNDES REUNION SCHEDULE**THURSDAY - Sept. 15, 1994**

- 1500 - Check in & Registration  
 - Welcome Reception/Hospitality Room  
 - Information/Play or show for interested parties.

**FRIDAY - Sept. 16, 1994**

- 0800/0930 - Breakfast on Own
- 0930 - Board bus for WILD ANIMAL PARK (45 min. ride)  
 5 mile Monorail Tour. Tour at own pace, see  
 animal shows. Lunch on own.
- 1400 - Board bus.
- 1500/1630 - Bus Tour of Coronado stopping at Hotel Del Coronado  
 to enjoy some history. Board bus for return to Hilton.
- 1800 - Business Meeting
- 1900 - Dinner on Own
- 2000/'til - Hospitality Room

**SATURDAY - Sept. 17, 1994**

- 0800/0900 - Breakfast on Own
- 1000/1200 - Harbor Cruise (2 hr. 25 miles). Take in the following  
 sights: Cabrillo National Monuments, Hotel Del  
 Coronado & the Magnificent Coronado Bridge. Get a  
 close up look at U.S. Navy aircraft, submarines,  
 carriers, sleek destroyers & merchant vessels from  
 all parts of the world & of course, the oldest  
 merchant ship afloat, the Star of India.
- 1200/1330 - Lunch on Own at Seaport Village (a shopping, dining &  
 entertainment complex, known for its show-stopping,  
 views, antique carousel & plethora of activities).
- 1400/1600 - Board bus for San Diego Naval Station & Tour of Ship.  
 Or if wives prefer - A Tour Guide will join you on  
 the bus to give you a Completely Narrated Tour of  
 San Diego, covering many different points of interest,  
 you will be able to tour at your own pace, the bus  
 will stop in places you care to sightsee.
- 1800/1900 - Cocktail Party - Photo Session
- 1900/2100 - Banquet (Anyone requiring special menu please  
 notify Don Macpherson)
- 2100-'til - Hospitality Room

**SUNDAY - Sept. 18, 1994**

- 0800/1000 - Buffet Breakfast

SO YOU WANT TO KNOW A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO?

Established on February 18, 1852

San Diego Zoo - Founded in 1815. Coronado has more retired Admirals than any other city in the country.

Warmest average temperature was recorded on September 2nd. 77°.  
Least rainfall on September 9th 0.13"

Forgot what year.

In 1952 Orville Redenbacher developed a hybrid yellow popping corn that today is found in grocery stores nationwide.

Did you know that the longest hole in one on record is 405 yards?

Through the efforts of Fred Brinkman and George Tuppan in attempting to determine who, what and where our ship, U.S.S. Lowndes was named after - we are now as confused as ever but hope to sift through information our two shipmates have obtained from Departments of Archives and History of the various states and counties and report the findings. Fred and George have really extended themselves. Thanks. Will report findings in future News Letter.

Education is a wonderful thing. If you couldn't sign your name, you'd have to pay cash.



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