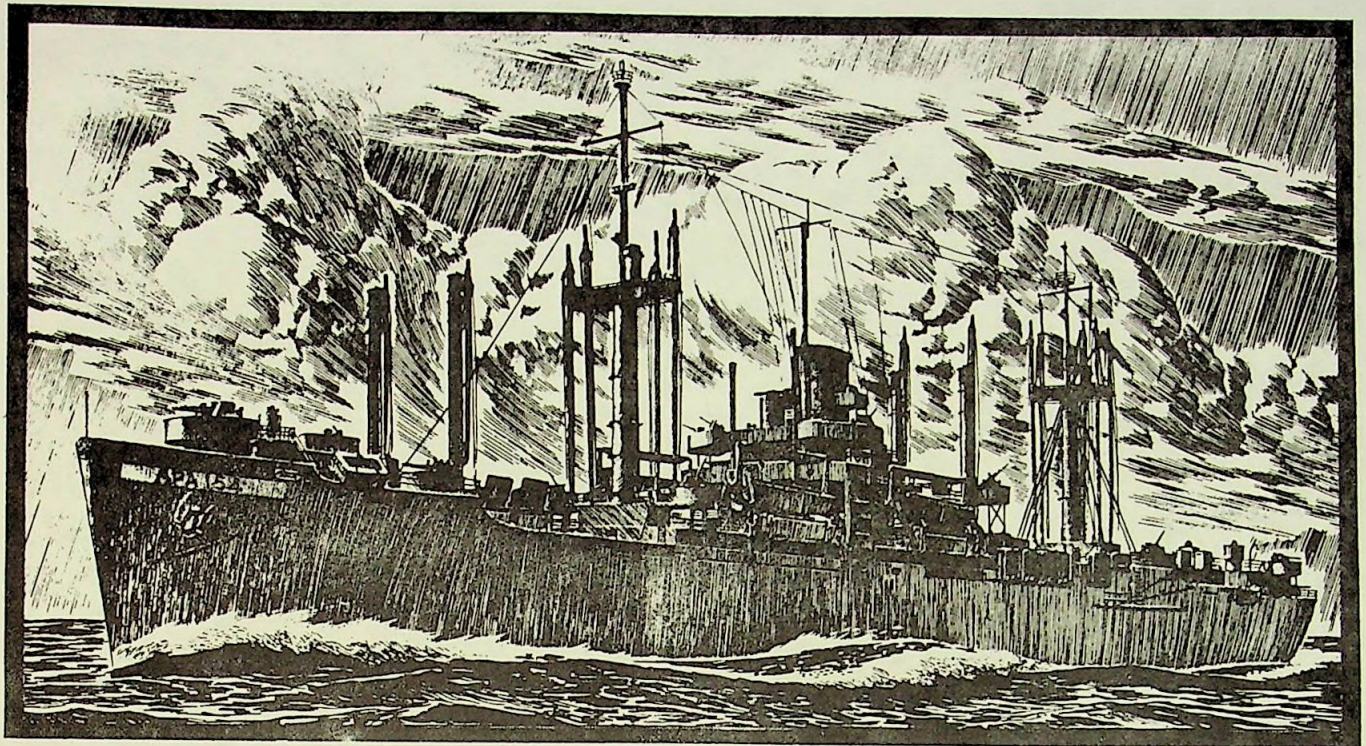


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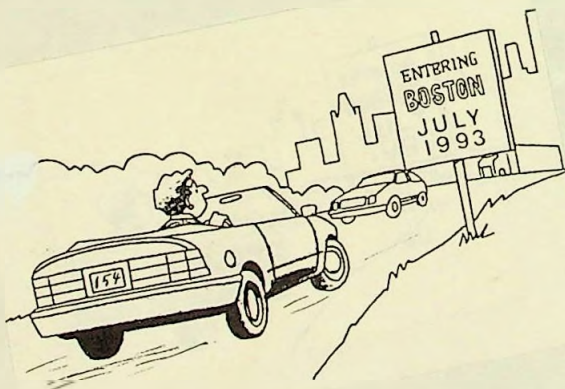
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FIRST CLASS



Dec. 92

(2) U.S.S. LOWNDES - APA 154
Fifth Annual Reunion
July 8 thru July 11, 1993

Location: Boston Park Plaza Hotel
64 Arlington Street
Boston, MA 02116-3912
(617)426-2000

Hotel parking: \$8.75 per day.

The Boston Plaza Hotel is located 10 min. from Logan Airport. Shuttle bus every 1/2 hour.
In & out of Boston by auto - see enclosed card & map on page 6.

Rates: \$60.00 Single or Double occupancy. Subject to 9.7% hotel tax.
Check in - 2:00 PM Check out - 12:00 Noon. Make reservations as soon as possible.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday July 8, 1993

12:00 - 8:00 PM Check in & Registration - Hancock Room (Mezzanine)
Hospitality Room
Dinner on Own

8:00 PM "Forever Plaid" Musical revue in hotel, a lively show

Friday July 9, 1993

Breakfast on own

10:00 AM Trolley tour of Boston & Freedom Trail,
"Whites of their Eyes" - Panoramic show of battle of Bunker Hill.

1:00 PM Drop off at Franueil Hall - Lunch on own, Durgin Park - Oyster House Restaurants in Franueil Hall. Shop Filene's Basement, etc. St. Anthony's Shrine, Christian Science Church, Newberry St. shopping. Boston Pops in concert, write Leo O'Brien for tickets & Info if interested.

4:00 - 5:00 PM Business Meeting.

6:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner on own.

8:00 PM Hospitality Room.

Saturday July 10, 1993

Breakfast on own. 90 minute cruise of Boston Harbor starting at 10:00 AM.
11:30 AM Visit New England Aquarium - lunch on own at north end & visit market area.

3:00 PM Return to hotel.

6:00 PM Photo session.

8:00 PM Cash Bar & Banquet (Raffle drawing).

After Banquet - Hospitality Room 'til?

Sunday July 11, 1993

Breakfast Brunch. 24 churches within walking distance of hotel.

"Cheers" 5 minutes from hotel. Visit anytime during reunion.

U. S. S. LOWNDES REUNION ORDER FORM

Amount Enclosed

"Forever Plaid" - Musical Revue \$16.00 per person-----\$ _____

Trolley tour of Boston, Freedom Trail & "Whites of their Eyes" \$15.00 per person--\$ _____

Boston Harbor Cruise & New England Aquarium \$10.00 per person-----\$ _____

Saturday's Banquet & Sunday Brunch \$50.00 per person-----\$ _____

Please send check for total with order form to: Leo O'Brien TOTAL \$ _____

18 Baldwin St.
Malden, MA 02148

Be sure your name & address is on reverse side of this order form.

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HOWARD CHAPPELL - Enjoyed the Harrisburg reunion and looking forward to Boston in '93. Having a good hot summer in Western PA. Good golfing weather but not very good for my garden. (Howard - I had a lot of explaining regarding you and your spouses' T shirts, oh well".

DALLAS & LORENE STRATTON - This summer we spent almost three months in other states -- the high light of our travel was the Lowndes Reunion in Harrisburg. We did enjoy the tours that were planned and visiting with ship mates and their wives. Each year we meet new buddies. What a joy! Dallas is getting ready for bow season to open in Georgia. That's all I'll hear 'till January when the hunting season closes. Hunting takes precedent over soft ball. (Dallas - waiting for that venison recipe you mentioned at the reunion).

DOROTHY HALING - I enjoy all the News letters and Fred Brinkman's letters. I would love to attend the reunions but health prevents me from traveling. I was in the hospital twice in June and have nurses helping me at home. Hoping to be good pretty soon. For years I had doubts about my brother (Don Bowman) but I now know for sure that he is gone.

DAVY JONES' LOCKER - The bottom of the sea, thought of as the grave of those drowned or buried at sea, is known as "Davy Jones' locker". Davy Jones' is seen as the personification of the devil who rules over the evil spirits of the sea, being part of sailor slang for over 200 years. There are several theories of how the expression originated, one is that he stored more than ale in the locker at the back of his pub, which served as a place to drug and shanghai unwary seamen who awoke only when the ship had put to sea. Thus Davy Jones' locker came to be feared. There are other tales explaining this term.

You're over the hill when your knees buckle and your belt won't.

There are still cookbooks available - (\$7.00ea - postage included).

USS Lowndes souvenir cups - (\$5.00ea. Postage, \$3.00 for 1 & \$4.00 for 2. Please contact Cliff Schaffer.

For those who have not attended a USS Lowndes Reunion, they will never experience meeting old shipmates who have aged so much that they hardly recognized me.

The "Lowndes Lovelies" have decided to dispense with the annual auction and replace it with a raffle. Books will be mailed to Lowndes shipmates in March of 1993 by Agnes Bensie. First prize will be an Aussie Hatful of money, other prizes are listed on the raffle tickets. Lets all rally behind this fund raising venture of the Lovelies. Cost? \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6. As an added bonus - the seller of of the first prize winner will receive \$25.00.

Don't forget-USS Lowndes 5th Reunion in Boston-July 8 thru July 11.

Three USS LOWNDES crewmen have attack transports bearing their names:

Pierce

APA-50

Briscoe

APA-65

Dawson

APA-79

RECOLLECTIONS

WALT KARSON - I got transferred to the **USS Lowndes** at Pearl Harbor. She was anchored out, so I was given a ride to the ship in a dinghy. When we pulled along side the ladder, I looked up and said (to myself) now this is a real ship. Was transferred from an **LSM**. For almost a year I was proud to be a crew member of the **Lowndes**. I wear my cap (**USS Lowndes - APA 154**) at all times. Get to meet sailors from **WWII** where ever I go. The News Letter is the only link I have with my former Shipmates. I cannot be at all the reunions but I sure like to know whats going on with the guys and their mates. Sounds like a great time was had by all. Keep sending the News letters to me.

MAX COLE - Going back to **VJ Day, 1945** in **San Francisco**, when I left the **Lowndes** and went ashore I got caught up in the first night of the riots in the Market St. holocaust. Lost my hat, was swamped with kisses and bundled down the street amidst a gob of gobs at the head of a conga line. Women waved their panties and war bond booths became bonfires. I ended up on a fire truck, hell-bent up Powell St. This sort of thing went on for three days. Unfortunately there were 12 deaths and around 1,000 injured. (Ed. note: "Guess times have not changed a great deal.")

People were dropping paper bag water bombs from hotel windows. I remember **Capt. Perdue** coming back to the ship, bareheaded and furious: "Imagine grabbing my hat and yelling: "Chicken---- Gold Braid!" As a result all liberties (Navy & Army) were canceled I went ashore with the mail guard. It was like a deserted city.

WARREN PROCTOR - Was good to receive all of the info. Really enjoyed it. Just wish I could make one of the reunions. You may remember me, I was in the amphib. group in charge of one of the **LCM's**. We only had two on board. **Dean Ricks** had the other one, we hauled supplies and the crew on recreation (What little we got). I hit **Iwo** in the third wave with a truck and a 105, the truck only went a few yards before it was put out of commission by a mortar. I think I remember you **Bud**, you helped to initiate me crossing the equator.

GEORGE TUPPAN - A time to remember. We, the crew of the **Lowndes** are a select group that not many, if any had the good fortune of celebrating two **Thanksgivings**, both legal, in the same year. Perhaps some of you will recall now that I bring it up. The ship was returning to the **States** from the **Philippines**. All of us were looking forward to **Thanksgiving** with turkey and all the trimmings which we had that day. That night the ship crossed the International date line and, behold it was Thursday again and **Thanksgiving**. **Capt. Perdue** ordered turkey again. Very few people can say they had 2 **Thanksgivings** in 24 hours.

In 1960 **Publick Occurences**, the first American newspaper, published its first, and last edition in Boston.

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See page 2 for details and order form to be returned to Leo O'Brien.

The musical revue "Forever Plaid" is a good lively show and we, "The New England Connection" feel it would get the reunion started off in the right mood. A group rate has been extended to us.

Other points of interest in Boston: Whale Watch, Tour of Concord & Lexington, Kennedy Library, Plimouth Plantation or historic Salem-Gloucester-Rockport. More details of these should be available in Boston. Also check out enclosed color map.

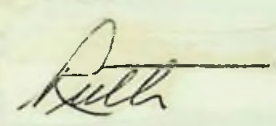
NIMITZGRAM

Date: 12 October 1992

To: Wm. "Bud" Kautz
From: Ruth E. Peeters
Subject: USS Lowndes APA-154 Plaque Dedication

Dear Bud,
I'm sure we can find a way of incorporating the pennant which flew over the LOWNDES into your ceremony. My records show that the dedication will be in April 1995 perhaps. If you have an interest in using a color guard and/or bugler to play taps, please contact Hellen McDonald of our offices. Her phone No. is listed below. You should phone or write her about 2 months prior to the event for the necessary arrangements to be made. Is there any chance that the pennant may be donated to the museum?

The Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park
Post Office Box 777, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624 - 512/997-4379



Dan Wisdom is in possession of the above pennant and has agreed to part with it. The April 1995 date is tentative, an earlier date is being considered. Details will be made available as soon as they are formulated.

The Memorial Plaque Committee feels it is a courtesy to extend an invitation to a member of each of the Bowman & Richards family to attend the dedication.

Answer to riddle in last News Letter: A clock.

Ready for another one? "What did the ocean say to the ship?"

CONTRIBUTIONS - 1993 USS LOWNDES REUNION GROUP

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

ENCLOSED IS MY CONTRIBUTION FOR \$ _____ DATE _____

BOWMAN/RICHARDS MEMORIAL FUND \$ _____

(Mail to Bud Kautz)

Received a call from **Ed. McKellar** informing us of **Mary** passing away on Oct. 11, '92. She had battled cancer for the last 12 years. **Ed & Mary** were married in 1935 (57 years). **Mary** led a full life, at the age of 42 she re-entered college as a student of humanities. Sang with the **Hawaiian Group** and performed at the **Wakiki Hotel**. Took hula lessons and studied the **Hawaiian language**. She will be missed.

Changes & additions to roster:

Leon Fougnes
5048 Fifth Ave. Apt. 106
Pittsburg, PA 15232
(412)621-7572

Frank Wanits - Add Maple Lane

Rhonal Shy - S1c

Dallas Stratton - New Zip 34420

Mrs. Raymond Golembowski
1178 McClellan St.
Schenectady, NY 12309

Mrs. Charles Seay (Lt. Meadows Sister)
3851 Windsor Lane
Dallas, TX 75205
(214)528-5544

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dave Frederick **Mitchell Chasteen**
C. C. Michalski **James Ross**

FROM THE WEST: Mass. Pike (I-90) to Exit 22 Copley Square ramp, and follow Stuart Street to Park Plaza.

FROM THE NORTH: Expressway (I-93) to Storrow Drive. Copley exit, left to Arlington Street. Follow to Park Plaza.

FROM THE SOUTH: Expressway (I-93) to Chinatown/Downtown exit. Left on Kneeland Street to Park Plaza.

to all a
Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year
Bud & Jean