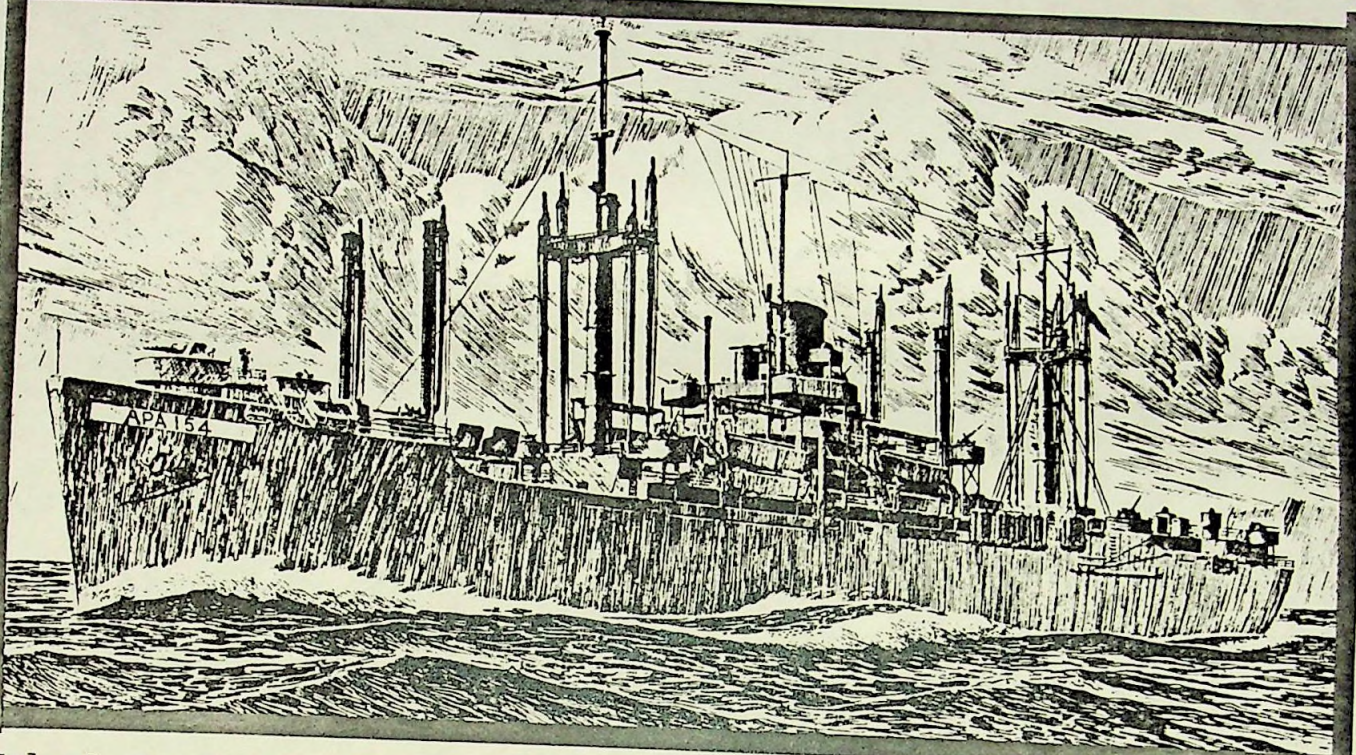


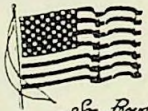
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*So Proudly
We Sail*

FIRST CLASS



***** N O W H E A R T H I S ! *****

The Reunion committee are working on the **USS Lowndes 1994** Reunion in **San Diego**. They need some input from shipmates. Arrangements must be made soon to get the best possible rates and to book interesting tours. Your co-operation will be appreciated so **P L E A S E** fill out and return the enclosed postcard promptly. It's real easy, just pull down that little handle at the top of the box and drop the card in. Post Office will take it from there and take right to **Don**.

The committee is checking out two hotels to see what facilities will be best suited for a pleasant stay. Details will follow as soon as they have been formulated.

For those of you who are not aware of the fact that next September 14, 1994 will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the **USS Lowndes** commissioning sponsored by **Mrs. Fred J. Lundberg, Cmdr. Charles H. Perdue** assuming command.

Please check attached roster list for any changes or errors and send corrections to me (**Bud**).

Compiling and sending out these News Letter has been an enjoyable task and I feel it is a good way for all of our shipmates to keep in touch with one another between reunions. Also to stir up old and pleasant memories. Thanks to all who have taken the time to contribute tales of their experiences aboard the **Lowndes**. I look forward to receiving more of them in the near future. It is not my intent to offend anyone and if that has happened it was purely unintentional.

I said I would remind everybody that I'm expecting more accounts of experiences and feelings on that memorable day when the invasion of **Iwo Jima** became a reality. Waiting to hear from you with bated breath. Need lots.

50th Anniversary congratulations to: **Bill & Lillian Davis** 7/15/93
Fred & Peg Gideon 9/18/93

We understand that **Howard** and **Lois Chappell** availed themselves of a trip to **Myrtle Beach**, a prize they won at our banquet in **Boston**, compliments of **Fred Brinkman**. Knowing this "Young couple" I'm sure their stay was an enjoyable one.

Dallas and **Lorene Stratton** were unable to be in **Boston** for our Reunion. Reason? A cruise to **Alaska**.

Jean and I returned from **Annapolis** where we attended a reunion of my first ship the **USS Reid**. One of the sidelights was a tour of the **USN Naval Academy**. What an enjoyable sight it was to see the buildings and grounds. The Brigade practice parade was really something to witness. Approximately 4200 Midshipmen and women participated, the entire football field was wall to wall with humanity. We heartily recommend this be a must when visiting **Maryland**.

LOG OF USS LOWNDES Sept. 10 to Dec. 30, 1944

Sept. 10 to Sept. 17, 1944 - USS Lowndes commissioned in Astoria, OR on Sept. 14th. Arrived aboard the Lowndes on Sept. 17th. with the Beach Party from Oceanside, CA.

Sept. 18 to Sept. 25, 1944 - Anchored in Astoria for several liberties. Ship's work consists of the completion and organization of ship and loading of supplies. Underway on Sept. 25th.

Sept. 26 to Oct. 3, 1944 - Anchored in Bremerton, WA on Sept. 26, loaded ammunition. Arrived in Seattle the next day to load supplies. Two liberties. Arrived in Frisco Bay Oct. 2nd.

Oct. 4 to Oct. 11, 1944 - Anchored in bay off Long Beach, CA. Good liberty in Long Beach. Underway on Oct. 8th for a 5 day shake-down cruise.

Oct. 12 to Oct. 19, 1944 - Anchored in San Pedro Harbor on Oct. 12th. The next day pulled into the dry docks in Long Beach for a complete overhauling. Liberty two out of every 3 nights.

Oct. 20 to Oct. 27, 1944 - Pulled out of dry docks on Oct. 21st. My last happy liberty in California. Underway on Oct. 23rd. at 0800. Destination - Pearl Harbor. Au Revoir to Stateside.

Oct. 28 to Oct. 31, 1944 - Anchored in Pearl Harbor on Oct. 29th. Loaded stores and cargo. Loaded Marine troops at Arthur and made our first landing maneuvers on Maui throughout the week.

Nov. 5 to Nov. 12, 1944 - Debarked troops and sailed back to Pearl on Nov. 5th. Next day loaded troops on Maui. Received first liberty in Hawaii. Maneuvers throughout the week with the Army.

Nov. 13 to Nov. 20, 1944 - Dropped anchor in Pearl on Nov. 13th. Left the next day and loaded more Marines for additional landing maneuvers throughout the week on the island of Maui.

Nov. 21 to Nov. 28, 1944 - Received more Marine troops and proceeded with maneuvers until Nov. 24th. Liberty in Kahului, Maui. The next day, more troops and operations complete the week.

Nov. 29 to Dec. 6, 1944 - Entered Pearl on Nov. 30th. Remained in Pearl for 11 days with liberty every third day. Routine work each day while in port.

Dec. 7 to Dec. 14, 1944 - Left Pearl Harbor for operating area on Maui Dec. 11th. Beach Party has more maneuvers with Marines on Maui. with the same monotonous procedures.

Dec. 15 to Dec. 22, 1944 - Underway around the Hawaiian Islands. Refueling and ship formation exercises with transport convoy. Firing drills every day.

Dec. 23 to Dec. 30, 1944 - Beach Party spends 5 days of rugged maneuvers on beach at Oahu. K rations and water filled fox-holes for Christmas. Returned to Lowndes on Dec. 27th.

Account of log furnished by Fred Brinkman.

Dec.93

Sorry I have waited so long in answer to your letter, it seems about all my time is for John, he is about the same, other than losing his eyesight, the left is already gone, just a matter of time for the right one to go, they are doing everything they can to save it, but not much can be done, poor circulation. I just try to keep him happy, haven't told him the right eye is giving him trouble. The people here at the VA are so good to him. I am living by myself, it takes me 1½ hours to get to the hospital. Usually go three times a week. Sometimes I feel like selling my home and moving down there, but I have so many friends here and know my neighborhood, don't have to be afraid to be by myself, I did get a dog. Well Bud, enough of my problems, hope you guys are O.K. Your letters are always welcome to see. Thanks a lot.

Goldie Johnson (John R.)

PS: Let's remember them with a card or two in their time of need.

EUGLE

T A P S

So sorry to inform you that Leonard passed away August 15th. He suffered a great deal, losing his ability to do anything, while mentally knowing everything. We had intended to attend the 1992 Reunion and were disappointed when we couldn't.

Isabel Johnson (Leonard A.).

Leonard was a victim of Lou Gehrig's disease. He is survived by his wife, 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Leonard graduated from Iowa State University, worked for Borden's, Carnation - purchased a dairy processing plant in Excelsior Springs, MO. Spent entire working life here. Sold plant to son.

Bunnie Jones (Dick Jones) passed away on August 24, 1993. She suffered with emphysema for several years, she finally succumbed to a stroke. Shipmates who attended the 2nd Reunion in Duluth, MN will remember Dick and Bunnie and the fine job they did in hosting the Reunion.

Please forgive this very informal note., but haste and stress may excuse me. First - thank you for the postcard from Washington, DC and for remembering us. Next time come slightly further south to Richmond. Second - it is my painful task to report to you and my shipmates that Eve passed away September 19, 1993. She was hospitalized August 31, after a period of declining health, although the cancer had spread, the period of discomfort was short and pain was minimized. She was a wonderful "Shipmate" - as are all the Lowndes crew.

Clark O. Martin

Our sympathy and well wishes to all in their time of sorrow.

Dec. 93

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JOHN I BRYAN - Miami, FL - "What do I remember?"

Pre-Commissioning at Seattle.

Commissioning - Tongue Point, Oregon.

My 1st watch as OD - on a strange ship at midnite, entering Seattle in a heavy fog!

Shake down - Long Beach and San Diego.

Marine rehearsals on Maui - and buying a grass skirt in port of Kahului (for a girlfriend!).

Iwo Jima - Wounded Marines and chilly night retirements.

Easter 1945 - Okinawa - making smoke and hiding from Kamikazes.

Crossing the Equator.

A run to Espiritu Santo for 100 bottles of A-1 sauce for the officer's mess; and the Southernmost point of my world travels.

Ferrying European soldiers West.

VJ day in San Francisco.

Occupation of Aomori, Japan - In a fire ravaged city seeing only 1 pole standing - and that with a fire alarm box.

MAGIC CARPET - Everybody out on points!

Near-Collision in fog off San Francisco.

Hospitalization of Capt. Perdue.

Capt. Wentraub - New C.O.

Through Canal to Norfolk.

De-Commissioning - and "Au Revoir".

My debarkation station was starboard (right side to you farmers) of No. 1 hatch, where Chief Boatswain Mate LOVING launched and recovered 4 LCVPs with the greatest of ease, and I urged many an uneasy Marine over the side. My GQ station was aft on the 5" gun and 40mm No. 5 (I think we fired all of 5 rounds in anger!). This much I do remember directly, but the material Dan Wisdom sent has refreshed my memory even more - people and events long since forgotten..

BILL DAVIS - Portage, IN - Was reflecting when the Lowndes took occupation troops to Aomori, Japan. Went ashore there and recall the destruction there, and how all the people kept bowing as they approached us. Also, the total absence of any young females. That old propaganda that we would be so cruel to them I guess.

JOHN VERNALE - Farmington, CT - On occasions I will make a wager on a horse race. In Connecticut we have off track betting which is televised from the New York race tracks. I saw this horse whose name was "Leo & Me". I just had to bet on that horse. See the enclosed clipping of the race results. How about that for a hunch?

"Don't want to get John in trouble with the IRS so won't mention the pay off". Wasn't that much anyway.

DAN WISDOM - Terrell, TX - I have received the USS Lowndes commissioning pennant from Capt. Perdue's son Charles and it will be available and donated to the Admiral Nimitz Museum at the dedication of the Bowman/Richards Memorial plaque in 1995. I have changed jobs and am now teaching special education to adolescents at a hospital. Enjoy it much more than teaching agriculture and public education.

"Good luck Dan in your new calling".

Children are a comfort in your old age and help you reach it faster.

U.S.S. LOWNDES (APA 154)

PLAN OF THE DAY FOR MONDAY, 25 DECEMBER 1944

Duty Commander:	Lt. Hinton.	Duty PhM:	Bowman, PhM2c.
Duty Medical Officer:	Lt.(jg) Wright.	Duty SK:	Griffiths, SK3c
Duty Yeoman:	Chilcote, Y2c.	Duty MAA:	Born, BM2c.

0550 Call PPO's and BM's.
 0600 Reveille. Call all hands except mid-watch standers. Trice up bunks.
 0615 Clean sweep down fore and aft except weather decks.
 0620 Mess gear
 0630 Call mid-watch standers. Breakfast.
 0745 Quarters for muster.
 Personnel of all divisions, except the Engineering Divisions, shall muster with complete helmet, gas mask, life belt, and two dog tags.
 0755 Stand by for colors.
 Department heads report to the Executive Officer on the Bridge.
 0800 Colors.
 0805 Secure from colors. Rig for church.
 0810 Turn to ship's work.
 0815 Sick call.
 0830 Christmas services with communion, in the mess hall.
 0900 Liberty
 0930 Christmas services with communion, in the mess hall.
 1125 Clean sweep down fore and aft.
 1145 Mess gear.
 1200 Christmas dinner.
 1330 Turn to ship's work.
 1615 Mess gear.
 1630 Supper.
 1800 Liberty expires on the dock for non-rated men.
 1830 Liberty expires on the dock for rated men.
 1900 Liberty expires on the dock for chief petty officers.
 Evening sick call.
 Sunset Evening colors.
 1930 Eight o'clock reports to the Executive Officer.
 2125 Tattoo.
 2130 Taps.

Memorandum:

1. Liberty parties are again warned that the Shore Patrol will pick up any men from this ship for not wearing their hats squared, for jay walking or for failing to salute. Men whose names are turned in by the Shore Patrol for any of the above will be subjected to disciplinary action.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



HARRISON GARDNER,
Executive Officer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - NOVEMBER 21, 1993

Balance May 21, 1993 \$1725.84

INCOME

Contributions 5/21/93 to 11/21/93	\$633.00	
Bowman/Richards Memorial Fund	167.00	
* Raffle	557.70	
** Souvenir cups	69.00	
*** Souvenir T shirts	100.00	
Cookbooks	32.00	
Photographs	64.00	
Interest	29.53	\$1652.23

\$3378.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing	\$213.80	
Postage	203.62	
Refreshments (Boston Reunion)	382.80	
Photographs	56.48	
Supplies	20.62	\$896.78

Balance November 21, 1993.....\$2481.29

The above statement does not reflect the expense of printing and mailing the December issue of this News Letter.

- Note: * Through the efforts of the Lowndes Lovelies.
 ** Receipts donated by Cliff & Mary Schaffer.
 *** Receipts donated by the O'Briens & Rausesos.

As of November 21, 1993 \$715.00 has been contributed to the Bowman/Richards Memorial fund. Cost of the Memorial Plaque to be dedicated in the Admiral Nimitz Museum was \$350.00, leaving a balance of \$365.00. There will be additional expenses to be incurred for the dedication in 1995.

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BOWMAN/RICHARDS MEMORIAL FUND: \$ _____

(Mail to Bud Kautz)