

REMINDER

Make Reunion reservations asap--amount of rooms reserved depends on early reservation trend. Also, if you have special needs (need refrig... close to hospitality room, etc).



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Tours highlight Tripoli Glasgow visit in June, 1953

Tours of Scottish landmarks and the scenic countryside highlighted the T's visit to Glasgow in June of 1953. The tour departed from the city of Glasgow and passed through the older part of town, where the T-men viewed ancient houses and buildings that have been landmarks for centuries. They then passed through the countryside to view picturesque mining and farming villages. First stop on the agenda was Loch Katrine, and Mount Ben Venue. This Loch was the setting for Sir Walter Scott's "Lady of the Lake". The tour then went into the highlands near Ben Moore (3,000 ft.) where the famous Rob Roy McGregor made his home. Additional stops on the tour included Loch Lomond, the longest Loch in Scotland, (23 miles), and Loch Long, where several British warships lay in mothballs. (Next issue----A tour of Edinburgh---Scotland's Capital City).



Pensacola Naval Air Museum on agenda for 2002 Reunion

A visit to the National Museum of Naval Aviation is one of the activities scheduled for the Tripoli Group Reunion in October. The Museum, located in Pensacola, Fla., is one of the largest and most beautiful Air and space museums in the world. The Museum houses over 140 restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation.



The USS Alabama, at Mobile's Battleship Memorial Park, is also included in the Reunion activities schedule.

Tripoli Reunion 2002

Thursday, Oct. 10 to Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002
Mobile, Alabama

Reservations: Lafayette Plaza Hotel
301 Government St., Mobile, Ala., 36602
1-800-692-6662

(Mention that you are with the USS Tripoli Group when calling)

Single or double room---\$62.00 plus tax---includes breakfast buffet for two. (Reg. rate is \$79.00+tax.) A block of 20 rooms has been set aside for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion, at the \$62.00 rate, but those rooms must be reserved ASAP as they may not be available near the Reunion date. First class rated hotel in the heart of the downtown historic district---near the ship channel, and within walking distance of tourist attractions and restaurants. Historic District Trolley stops near hotel---25 cents to ride the loop.

Summary of Reunion Activities Scheduled

Thur., 10 10 --- Check in. Get acquainted with ship mates and spouses in the Hospitality Room. Stroll the Historic area. Ride the trolley. Enjoy dinner at downtown restaurants.

Fri. 10 11 --- 9:00 A.M. --- Bus trip to Pensacola, Fl. with admission to the Pensacola Naval Air Museum. See Naval Aviation history come to life. Lunch on your own at the QB Bar Cafe, and then a scenic trip back through the gulf shore area. \$20.00 per person. 6:30 P.M. --- The crazy and notorious White Elephant Auction. Wine and cheese provided. (Will Jim McHenry be able to buy back his trousers? Be there for this next exciting episode!!!).

Sat., 10 12 --- 9:00 A.M. --- Bus trip to beautiful Dauphin Island (also called "Massacre Island"). Includes a tour of the fascinating aquatic nature Estuarium and the Living Marsh Boardwalk, and then, back through the quaint fishing village of Bayou La Batre---Forrest Gump country. Lunch on your own. Wind up with a visit to the Battleship USS Alabama. \$34.00 per person.

7:30 P.M. --- Reunion Banquet and Mardi Gras Party --- (cash bar opens 6:30 P.M.). Choice of Sliced Round of Beef or Chicken Monterey at the Banquet. Then, Mobile --- the home of the original Mardi Gras-----will treat us to a colorful mini-celebration with music, costumes, and a parade. Not to be missed! \$29.00 per person.

Sun., 10 13 ----- Checkout (Reunion Reservation form enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter.)

Mobile Airport Shuttle Information

Those who plan to fly in to the October Reunion should call the Mobile Bay Limousine and Bus Service, in advance, to make a reservation for transportation to the Hotel, on the date of arrival, and, also, for transportation back to the Airport for their departure date. The telephone number is: 334-633-5693. The fee is \$25.00 each (\$15.00 each for two or more). Advise them of your flight numbers and arrival and departure times. Plan for adequate time for security checks for departure flight. They will provide you with information about pick-up locations and times.

A Chronology of the Tripoli in WWII

(This is the second, in a series of articles about the history of the Tripoli during WWII, provided by shipmate Max Edelstein).

1943---28--29 December-----Moored at Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.

29 Dec.-- Reported to Industrial Command, U.S. Naval Repair Base, San Diego, for availability period.

29 -- 31 Dec. -- Moored at Naval Repair Base, San Diego.

1944-- 1 -- 4 Jan ----- Moored as before, undergoing repairs and alterations, including fitting out as a flagship.

4 Jan. -- At 1340, the ship went to fire quarters when gasoline, present on the water as a result of pumping bilges, was ignited. One fatality resulted when PTAUCH Orland Roy, RM3c, 668 78 94, USNR, was caught in flames on the walkway aft of the island. Considerable damage resulted, mainly to one Mark 51 Director, bridge equipment, electrical wiring, winch motors, on paravane, and blistered surfaces.

4 -- 14 Jan. -- Moored as before, undergoing repairs from fire and making other repairs and alterations, including fitting out as a flagship.

14 -- 25 Jan. -- Based on Naval Air Station, San Diego, conducting flight operations in operating areas, Southern Sector, Western Sea Frontier, for Carrier qualification of Composite Squadrons Nine and Twelve, and various pilots from Carrier Aircraft Service Unit Five in Models FM, F4U, F6F, and SB2C type aircraft, in company with USS Ballard.

25 -- 26 Jan. -- Moored at Naval Air Station, San Diego.

26 -Jan. - Underway in San Diego Bay for compass and R.D.F. calibration.

26 -- 31 --Jan. -- Moored at Naval Air Station, San Diego. (Continued in next issue).

LUCKY BAG




BY HERLIHY

I have been advised by my Internet Server, that my e-mail address will be changed, sometime within the next month. I'll advise all our shipmates, who have contacted me, by e-mail, of the new address, and will list it in the next issue of the Tripolitan. As you can see, by the information in this issue, our 2002 Reunion promises to be another great one. Will look forward to seeing you all in Mobile, in October.

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FROM THE DECK LOG



By Bill Atkinson

The Deck Log is the only complete official record of the ship during her commission. All significant items, whether pertaining to the ship's personnel, material, operations, or state of readiness, are entered in the Deck Log. During WWII, every U.S. Navy ship was also required to keep a War Diary, in which events were recorded for historical purposes. These diaries were maintained, in addition to the Deck Log. In 1945, Japan's surrender allowed the Tripoli to become a pilot training ship in the San Diego area, until she was de-commissioned on May 22, 1946. An entry, in her War Diary, on Oct. 18, 1945, was as follows: 1235----Exercised at fire quarters. Fire originated in the parachute loft from sparks from an acetylene welding machine. 1240---- --Secured from fire quarters. There was no damage to the ship, no injuries to personnel.

"T" Officers of the 1950's (Continued from March 2002 Issue)

Following is a list of officers who served aboard the Tripoli during the 1950's: Ens. J. Garcia, O R Div. JO, '53, LtJg. Robert Gifford, Jr., CIC Watch Officer, '52, Ens. C. W. Goering, '54, Lt. Frank W. Grabowski, Navigator, '52-'53, CWO2, Robert P. Graham, Asst. Supply Off., '56-'57, LtJg. R. G. Grant, V-Div. JO, '53, Ens. G. H. Grossman, Asst. Supply Off., '54, Lt. Richard G. Hahn, Medical, '58, CWO1 L. I. Haines, Electrical, '58, LtJg. Thomas M. Hall, Disbursing, '57-'58, Lt. B. W. Hall, Communications, '58, LtJg. Stanley R. Harris, O R Div., '52-'53, Emory L. Head, Asst. Supply, '56, Lt. Arthur D. Heinze, V-Div. Off., '52-'53, Bernard P. Hermes, 1st Lt. '56, LtJg. H. E. Hill, N-Div. Off. '53-'54, LtJg. Seymore Joffe, Personnel-'53-'55, Lt. Asa W. Jones, Chaplain, '58, Lt. Thomas D. Keller, Aviation, '52-'53, ChElec Lesslee C. Kessler, '52, Cdr. W. R. Kreitzer, Navigator, '54-'55, ChClk L. P. Lacey, Asst. Supply, '54-'55, Cdr. W. F. Laffey, XO, '54, Lt. James W. Lanier, Jr., Asst. 1st Lt. '53-'54. (continued in next issue)

Victor Division News -- September, 1958

By Ray E. Graham, BM3----We have had only one new man report to our Division in the last two trips---Victor Balancier, SN. Last trip some of us toured Stavanger, Norway and Aalborg, Denmark---a very interesting and educational visit. Several men from Victor went on a tour of the Worlds fair. Transue, BM1, Hardin, BM3, Hardin, SN, and Wickkiser, SN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY**April**

1--Eric Spencer
 1--Harvey Cook
 1--Arlin Yother
 1--Wilbur Slocum
 2--Martin Stahl
 2--Lawrence Day
 2--Kenneth Lee
 3--Thurmond Sorrow
 3--James Padgett
 4--Richard Neckers
 5--Ralph Vogt
 5--Albert Sattler
 6--Max Edelstein
 6--Ivan Harber
 8--David Preston
 9--Clay Coomer
 11--Jim Doyle
 11--Willard Gosnell
 12--Anthony Richards
 12--Homer Grady
 13--Vernon Attaway
 13--Robert Sampson
 14--William Wright
 16--Paul Koba
 19--Joseph Main
 19--Melvin Wiles
 19--Julian Cassell
 20--Dick Hiner
 23--John Birchard
 24--Charles Woodward
 24--Benjamin Whitfield
 24--Julian Goldstein
 25--Kerman Isbell
 25--Thomas Stamper
 26--Robert Odekirk
 27--Earl Pierce
 29--Arthur Locke
 29--Louis Dewald

May

1--Milford Bington
 2--James Coulter
 3--Knox Manford
 4--Jules Primm
 5--Dennis Marchael
 6--David Sussman
 7--John Longsworth
 8--Melvin Blackwell
 8--Victor Aloisio
 11--Arthur Turner
 12--George Dante
 13--Henry Wegner
 13--Richard Mann
 14--Edward Shonka
 15--Manuel White
 16--Irvin Snider
 16--George Foerster
 21--Hugh Dengler
 21--Robert Manning
 22--James Cummings
 23--Ronald Tanner
 25--Thomas Boles
 27--Eugene Papaj
 27--Lee Ruthruff
 28--Edger Huggins
 29--Wiley Dummich
 29--Alfred Hase
 29--Robert McGayhey

**June**

1--Donald McCleery
 1--Allan Selby
 1--Guy Shedden
 6--Robert Rupell
 7--Henry Schneider
 8--William Mather
 8--Harold Schutte
 10--Donald Robertson
 10--Eugene Edwards
 10--Leo Hofmeister
 11--William Hockenbury
 12--Joseph Iannaco
 13--Byron Tripp
 18--Chester Bellairs Jr.
 18--Kenneth Robinson
 19--Rodney Scribner
 19--Frank Shaver
 20--John Marsh
 24--Martin Thiele
 25--Donald Neruda
 25--Neil Robinson
 26--John Denning, Jr.
 28--Charles Dundee
 29--Dave Grudzinski
 29--Eugene Puschel
 30--Stephen Pruden
 30--Charles Marinelli

Departments and Divisions aboard the "T"

This is the first in a series of articles about the various Departments and Divisions aboard the Tripoli.

Supply Department - by Lou Mercier and Dick Neckers

The primary function of the supply Department was the ordering of all the ship's supplies, with the exception of the Medical, Engineering and Commissary supplies. The Medical Officer handled all medical supplies, and the Engineering Officer was responsible for ordering the ship's fuel. All items handled by the Supply Department were categorized, and each category was allowed X number of items. Everything was "Red Tabbed" so that when the supply of that item reached the "Red Tab" it had to be reordered. For example: the Engineering Department needed a screwdriver-----a Request (Chit) was made and processed through the Supply Office for approval. After this was done, the Request (Chit) was taken to GSK where it was issued. The Request (Chit) was then returned to the Supply Department where the screwdriver was removed from the inventory. The Supply Department consisted of two Divisions, S-1 and S-2. In the S-1 Division, the Spare Parts Dept. handled all individual items for the Engineering Dept. S-2 Division took care of Ship Service supplies, such as Laundry, Ship's Stores, Barbers, etc. The Supply Office also included the Disbursing Dept., whose Personnel handled all the Payroll records. Also in the S-2 Division, personnel known as "Jack of the Dust" handled all bulk food supplies, which also had to be issued by request. (Chit).

T-men transfers in June, 1952

During a "T" visit to Bremerhaven, in June of 1952, the following shipmates were notified of transfers: Chester A. Archer, AN, and Charles L. Peacock, AN, headed for Class P Airman School at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville Florida. Charles L. Dolgo went to the Navy Prep. School in Bainbridge, Md. Transferring to the Officer Candidate School, at Newport, Rhode Island, were Charles S. White, SN, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and Van Cleave Reid, RM3, a graduate of the University of New Mexico. Gene Boyette, SN, and Joe Beckman, SN, headed for the Journalist School at Great Lakes. McGoon, BM1, Gaskin, BM1, Budd, AN, Lyon, SK2, and Garing, AM1, left for shore duty.

O/R Division News---June, 1953

Hot scoop of the week is that Joe Keough wants to give up the sands of Wildwood Beach for the sand dunes of Saudi Arabia. O R played a great baseball game, in Brindisi, against O I Div, thanks to Jack "Rubber Arm" Lucy. Pip Steinmetz is going to see that Bob Kunda gets a first class tour of all the interesting sights in Napoli. Understand that "Ike" La Follette has volunteered to publish the Morning Press each day. Earle Fiske seems quite interested in that exciting foreign shore patrol duty. O R congratulates Heinze & Jeffries (O I) on their recent promotions.



George R. Foerster served aboard the Tripoli as Operations Officer, and Asst. Air Officer from June, 1944 to April, 1945. He served aboard five Aircraft Carriers from 1941 through 1945. During his 26 years in the Navy, he encountered a multitude of experiences which provided both joy and sorrow. He joined the Navy as an Aviation Cadet on July 1, 1941, in New Orleans, La. During his Senior year at Tulane University, in 1939, he enrolled as a CAP student and received 60 hours of flight instruction, and ground school studies, which included aircraft engine indoctrination and a smattering of aerology. The studies also included the fundamentals of air flight. After soloing in a light aircraft, such as the Talorcraft and Aeronca, he received instruction in a bi-plane, the Waco ----- a slightly larger and heavier aircraft than the two previously mentioned. During the next year he accumulated approximately 160 hours flight time, mainly as cross-country flying. He then successfully completed his commercial pilot's examination and received his license. With a commercial pilot's license, in hand, he soon passed his flight test as a Naval Cadet and remained at the Naval Station in New Orleans. He completed ground school studies, at that time, in Navigation, Aerology, and Morse Code, and was then transferred to the Jacksonville, Florida Naval Air Station for more advanced flight training. (Next issue--the beginning of World War II).

USS Tripoli Plan of the Day 29 November, 1943

- 0530 -- Reveille for all hands. Serve coffee. Commence preparations for getting underway at 0730.
- 0600-- Early breakfast for officers in wardroom. Mess gear. Rig in airplane boom. Hoist in MWB#2.
- 0615--Early breakfast. Send Lieut. Davison in #1MWB to Indian Point. Trice up port gangway. Rig in port boom. Hoist in #1 MWB upon its' return.
- 0630-- Breakfast.
- 0730-- (or when directed) --Get underway. Set condition 3, watch 2.
- 0815--Quarters for muster. Physical drill.
- 0830-- Five hand working party, from the Air Department, report to the Chief Storekeeper in the OSK Storeroom.
- 0833--Sunrise.
- 0900-- Commence calibration of RDF. Fire control tests.
- 1300--Meeting of all War Bond Officers and Petty Officers in Squadron Ready Room.
- 1430--Fire Drill.
- 1700--Anchor. Rig out port boom and gangway. Hoist out #1 MWB. Be prepared to receive, on board, Magnetic Compass Technicians.
- 1730--Sunset.
- 1930--Motion Pictures. "R" Div., -rig the movies and sweep down Hangar Deck afterwards.

NOTE 1: Attention is directed to the fact that all officers and men are now authorized to wear the American Defense Campaign Ribbon. Orders for the Ribbon may be placed with the ship's tailor in the tailor shop.

NOTE 2: All Enlisted Men in the first three pay grades (CPO's, PO's 1c and 2c) who wish to continue drawing HAQ should lay up to the Disbursing Office, as soon as possible, to register any necessary allotments and sign a necessary certificate.

DIV. Transfer--G.W. Bradfield, F3c, from PNSY to "B" Div.



TAPS



- Lyle Dunbar-----12 9 01
- Buster Jones-----8 25 01
- Carl T. Keenan-----8 15 01
- Van C. Reid-----1 23 02
- Anthony Richards--11 18 01
- Capt. Forrest Todd--
- John E. Panfil-----4 16 02

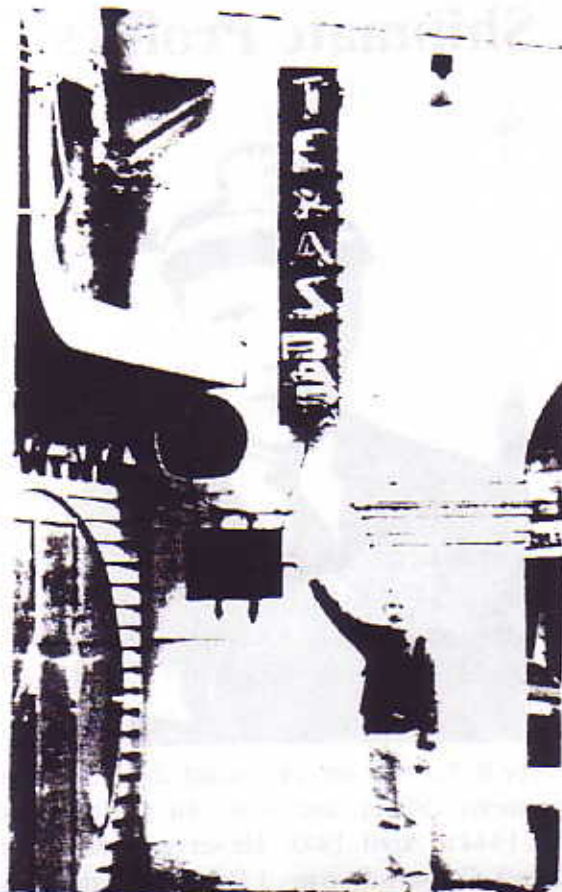


Welcome Aboard to our New Shipmates

<u>Name</u>	<u>Served Aboard</u>	<u>Division</u>
John L. Cote		
William H. Mather	1 57--1 58	1st
Walter A. Taylor	11 54--'56	

Composite Squadron 6 aboard the Tripoli May -- 1944

Composite Air Squadron 6, was commanded by Lt. R.M. Payne, a fighter pilot from Missouri, and one of the youngest Squadron Commanders in the Navy at that time. Other members of the Squadron included: Lt. C. F. Cutter, A.C.I. Officer. Graduated from U. of Chicago in 1929---married---born in Chicago---survived the famous "Coconut Grove Fire". Lt W. G. Layden, TBF Pilot---Born Feb. 1, 1921---home--Gardena, Calif.-----attended Kansas City College-----bachelor. LtJg. L. H. Robertson,---Born Oct. 2, 1919---home----Eugene Oregon---attended Oregon State University. LtJg. C.A. Shortle---Born Dec. 9, 1919---home--Milton, Mass.--attended Univ. of Vermont--married. LtJg. C.L. Woddell----Born April 13, 1921----home----Charleston, W.Va.---attended Univ. of Cincinnati---married----known as "Woody". LtJg. W. H. Cole---Born April 20, 1921--Fighter Pilot--known as "Tex"---attended Baylor Univ.---home---Waco Texas. LtJg. A.A. Heins---Born Oct. 5, 1917----TBF Pilot known as "Tony"---home--Palisade, N.J. LtJg. W. H. Gillespie---TBF Pilot-----known as "Bill"---Born Jan. 24, 1919---home--Saugus, Mass.-----attended Syracuse University. LtJg. C. W. Smith---Born Jan. 5, 1918---home--Topton, Pa.----TBF Pilot--attended Penn State University. LtJg. J. Steere---TBF Pilot---born Aug. 8, 1919---home----Ipsilanti, Mi.---attended Michigan State Univ. ----called "Joe". New Commanding Officer of the Tripoli, at that time, was Captain T.T. Tucker, who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1923. He became a Naval Aviator in 1926. Capt. Tucker called Baltimore, Maryland his home. The Tripoli travelled over 105,000 miles at sea during 1944. During 1944, her duties took her across the Greenwich Meridian, near Capetown.



"Texas Bar" Re-discovered

Dan Herlihy, son of Tripolitan Editor, Bob Herlihy, is shown above, pointing to the "Texas Bar" sign on Nova do Carvalho St. in Lisbon, Portugal during a recent visit. Dan and his wife Liz searched the city, at Bob's request, to see if the Bar still existed. They found the Lisbon landmark at the same spot where it was located 50 years ago. The Texas Bar was a favorite hangout for the Tripoli shipmates during visits there in the 1950's.

8/14/43 Edition of "Tripoli Tripe" Newsletter lists shipmates on board

(Continued from 3 02 Issue)---Ernest E. Lemley, Ptr3c, Arthur R. Loomis, CEM, Albert E. Malmer, MM2c, Richard E. Martin, MM1c, William G. Mc Brayer, GM3c, Edwin R. Meek, Cox, Edward Eugene Meneely, SC3c, Harry E. Musgrove, BM2c, Paul E. Nordyke, S1c, Ira L. Ohlstein, SC3c, Paul R. Oppenheimer, CSF, Stuart V. Ownes, FC1c, Albert C. Parham, GM3c, Orville W. Penrose, TM3c, Milo D. Peterson, SC3c, Carl J. Porth, MM2c, William J. Puglesa, C M M, Adelco A. Pulsinelli, MM2c, Carlton J. Rice, MM1c, Gerald E. Rice, MM2c, John Richar, CTM, Byron B. Robinson, Jr., MM2c, Stanley Romero, MM2c, Edward W. Rondy, TM3c. (listing continued in next issue).

Spending a day on you own in Mobile

by Paul Long

With Tours, Auction, Banquet, Mardi Gras Party, and scuttlebutt in the hotel hospitality room, you can bet that Friday and Saturday will be chock full of activity and fun for the Tripolitans and their guests attending the Tripoli's 10th annual Reunion in Mobile, Alabama. But Mobile and vicinity has such a wide variety of places and things to see and enjoy, shipmates who will be arriving early or staying late don't need to worry about what to do. Here are a few tips:

Bellingrath Gardens -- 20 minutes southwest of Mobile, features 65 acres of botanical displays, a bayou nature walk, and an historic house, the home of millionaire founder Walter Bellingrath. In October, the Chrysanthemum displays are especially dazzling.

The Casinos of Biloxi--are about an hour's drive west into Mississippi, just off Interstate 70. Good luck!

Golfing near the Gulf--- is nearby and convenient. Both the Spring Hill and the Gulf Pines Courses are within the city, and the opulent Robert Trent Jones Magnolia Grove course is located in Semmes, just outside Mobile.

Take a Walk--Within a four block radius of the Lafayette Plaza you will find a lot of history: the fascinating Museum of Mobile, old Fort Conde, and the 19th Century Phoenix Fire Museum, none of which charge admission. For those who like to combine hands-on fun with science and high-tech learning, the Gulf Coast Exploreum is only two blocks down the street, along with the two story high IMAX movie theatre. A stroll up and down quaint old Dauphin Street, (Mobile's little French Quarter) will transport you to memories of New Orleans.

Don't feel like walking?--Ride the trolley bus around the historic district loop which downtown Mobile is operating during Tri-centennial. It can drop you off near any of those spots and give you a look at historic

Tripoli Division News -- ----August 1, 1953

"Snipes Scope" by Pete Sorrow-----A well done is in order for the "A" & "R" Divisions for the fine job accomplished on the GeeDunk Stand. "A" Division sent Ahlquist to Air Conditioning and Refrigeration School. Rozanski, Sattler, Turner, and Tokanel, of "A" Division, enjoyed leaves while the ship was in port. Nehring is now enjoying himself on a thirty day leave. Pica, after returning from MR School and making his MR3 Rate, has been transferred from "M" to "A" Division. Prohaska has just returned from MR School in San Diego. Ray Dengler has just purchased a 1951 "Kaiser". Robinson, from "B" Division, is on leave to get married. Griffes has been transferred to Charleston, S.C. McGee has just returned from leave. DePalma is back from Diver School. Succi is back from the hospital, and Chief Selen has been transferred to the hospital. Decourcey has been transferred to shore duty. Adams was left behind to take the great step---Matrimony.

Ship's Store

Moneyclip with knife--\$11.00, Tie clip--\$6.00, Tripoli Pin -- \$6.00, Letter Opener--\$7.00, White Tripoli Caps (S, XL)--\$11.00, Tripoli License Plate Frame ----\$12.00, Money Clip (Tiger)--\$6.00, Money Clip (Ship)---\$6.00, Keytag (Tiger)----\$6.00, Military Belt and Buckle (tiger or Ship)--\$11.50, Buckle only--\$6.00.

Note: An order form for Tripoli Golf shirts is enclosed with this newsletter.

Luther Royds has requested that these be ordered as soon as possible, so he can place an order for them soon (minimum order quantities required for these).

Money back guarantee on all items.

Send requests to Luther Royds, 1019 Gorman St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19116.

Checks payable to: Luther Royds.

architecture within the area.

Watch the ships come and go--A five block jaunt will place you on the dock at the Mobile Convention Center where you can see the ships sailing up and down the channel, bound for or leaving the Alabama State Docks. Or, just take the elevator to the 17th floor of the Lafayette Plaza and watch them from the glass-enclosed Bayview Lounge.

Try to locate your old haunts--You might just find a trace of nostalgia and a memory, or, you might just be the one to discover the lost site of Joe Palughi's Bar.

Remember When ???

"Tidbits from the Good Old Days"



Geedunk--Ice cream, candy, potato chips and other assorted snacks.

Ditty Bag --The ditty bag is still issued to Navy Recruits and contains a sewing kit, toiletry articles and personal items such as writing paper and pens.

Old Radio Programs-- "The Shadow", "Jack Armstrong", Fibber McGee and Mollie", "The Hit Parade", "Suspense", "Easy Aces", "Lux Radio Theatre", "Charlie McCarthy", and "One Man's Family".

Burma shave signs--"Don't Lose Your Head"--
---"To Gain a Minute"--"You Need Your Head"--
---"Your Brains are in it"---**Burma Shave**

Songs from the 40's---"Brazil", Xavier Cugat, "Don't Get Around Much Anymore", Duke Ellington, "You'll Never Know", Frank Sinatra.

50's Songs--"I'll Walk Alone", Don Cornell, "Delicado", Percy Faith, "Glow Worm", Mills Bros.



Helicopter Landing on "T" in late 50's

The above photo, provided by shipmate Bill Atkinson, shows a helicopter landing on the after end of the Tripoli flight deck in the late 50's. During the early and late 50's, the "T" was assigned to aircraft transport duties, and periodically, helicopters were flown on and off the ship. The Tripoli was a Casablanca class Escort Carrier, with 10,900 tons displacement. The air complement, during her 1940's duties as an active carrier, was 1-Squadron (approximately 21 - 23 aircraft). She was 557 feet long and had a beam of 105 feet. Her original armament included a 5"38 gun, on the fantail, 4-40mm quads, and 20-20mm guns. She was de-commissioned in November 1958.



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2002 Reunion Activities Reservation Form

Friday, October 11, 2002-- 9:00 A.M. --Bus Trip to Pensacola, Florida, with Admission to the Pensacola Naval Air Museum--\$20.00 per person X___=\$___

Saturday, October 12, 2002 --9:00 A.M. -- Bus trip to Dauphin Island, Acquatic Nature Estuarium, Living Marsh Boardwalk, Bayou La Barte Village, and Battleship Alabama---\$34.00 per person X___=\$___

6:30 P.M. ___ Reunion Banquet and Mardi Gras Party--
\$29.00 per person X___=\$___

Total=\$_____

Entree: Beef___ Chicken___

Shipmate Name/address_____

(Make check payable to "Neil Robinson" and mail to 88 Goddard Drive, DeBary, Fl., 32713)



Tripoli Golf Shirt Order Form

- Anvil Cotton Deluxe Jersey, with, or without pocket
- Color: White or Ash, Sizes -- S, M, L, XL, 2XL or 3XL
- 100% preshrunk extra heavyweight cotton, left chest pocket, knit collar, welt cuffs, clean-finished three button box placket, woodtone buttons, double needle bottom hem.



Order

Size___Quantity___Color___Pocket___No Pocket___

Size___Quantity___Color___Pocket___No Pocket___

Size___Quantity___Color___Pocket___No Pocket___

Size___Quantity___Color___Pocket___No Pocket___

Number Ordered___ X \$20.00 Each = \$___.

Pick up at Reunion?___ Ship to you?___ (add \$3.50 each if shipped)

Shipmate name/address:_____

Order by end of
July ---receive a
Mystery Prize at
the Reunion

(Make check payable to "Luther Royds" and mail to 1019 Gorman St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19116)