

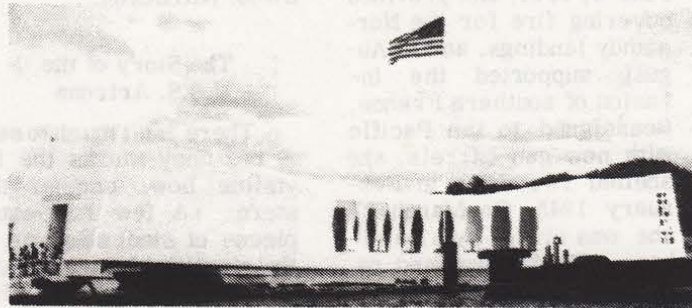


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Midget Sub's Endless Journey

By C. L. Jackson

The moment had arrived. Ensign Kuzuo Sakamaki was prepared. A deeply patriotic Shintoist, he believed he would join his ancestors if he died honorable for the glory of Japan. Now, on the night of Dec. 6, 1941, he faced a momentous choice — he could abort his suicide mission or continue on as best he could. Despite a mechanical failure in his midget submarine, his decision was immediate.

"On to Pearl Harbor!" he told his commander. Sakamaki might have been better off if he had not gone on. The voyage of his midget submarine became a nearly comical succession of errors which ended with the sub's capture by the U.S. Navy.

Sakamaki was born in 1918. Like most Japanese children, he grew up with a deep reverence for his parents, teachers and the Emperor. In 1937, he entered the Japanese Naval Academy, one of 300 selected from more than 6,000 applicants. After his graduation and commissioning as a midshipman, he received a month of flight training and spent a

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Where did they go from Battleship Row?

THE LITTLE MOTOR VESSEL backed away from the Kewalo Basin dock and turned westward on a course roughly parallel to Oahu's southern coastline. The weather was perfect: blue Hawaiian sky above, blue Pacific water below, and tropical sunshine all around, mottled by fluffy white clouds ghosting along on the Trade Winds. It was a fine day for middle-aged, middle-class, mainlander tourists to be making a pilgrimage to Pearl Harbor.

Seated in front of us was a couple from Texas.

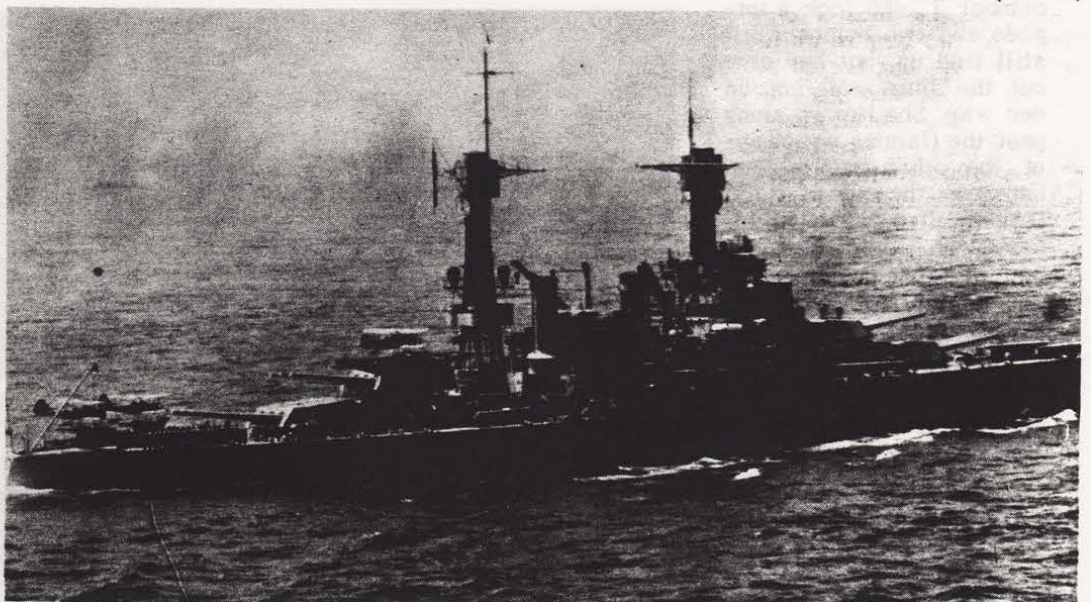
Earlier our guide had pointed them out. "He was on the WEST VIRGINIA when it happened. We used to get two or three each tour, but he is the first one in several months. I guess they are dying off. This is always an emotional trip for them."

At ten knots, the voyage out took an hour. Our captain throttled back the engines and turned northward into the channel. The wide reaches of Pearl Harbor proper opened up before us, with Ford Island dead ahead in the center.

The Harbor is surprisingly inactive. On that unforgettable Sunday morning in long ago 1941, when our world turned upside down, most of the major vessels of the Pacific Fleet were tied up at the mooring quays. Today the quays are empty and Ford Island has the shuttered look of a ghost town. Where did they go from Battleship Row?

The question is easily answered for the U.S.S. UTAH. She is still there, continued on page 2

USS California (BB-44)



Battleship ... Contd.

a rusty hulk off our starboard bow. In service since 1911, this relic from an earlier nautical era had been refitted as a target ship for gunnery and bombing practice. On December 7 the Japanese hammered home two torpedoes, and within minutes she was bottom up.

Slowly eaten away by salt water and rust, the UTAH will be gone in a hundred years or so, and so will the fifty-eight sailors still aboard. It won't matter to them, though; they stopped caring about anything thirty-five years ago.

We continued clockwise around Ford Island, next passing the mooring quay where the U.S.S. RALEIGH had been heavily damaged, and then the quay where her sister cruiser U.S.S. DETROIT had not been hit at all. Swinging out into East Loch, we rounded the end of the island and turned back to the southwest, right down Battleship Row.

Oldest Active Ship

The first quay was the mooring for the oldest active battleship in the Navy, the U.S.S. NEVADA, commissioned in March 1916 at the Fore River Shipbuilding Company in Quincy, Massachusetts. On December 7, she took a torpedo and two bombs while still tied up, but her crew cut the lines and got under way. She limped along past the flaming wreckage of the other battleships; but near the end of Ford Island, dive bombers hit her three times more. So as not to block the channel and seal up the harbor, she was deliberately grounded on Hospital Point, and later backed across to the hard sand bottom at what is now called Nevada Point.

What became of the NEVADA after that? She was refloated in February 1942, and sent to Puget Sound Navy Yard for re-

pairs. She served briefly in the Aleutians in May 1943, then pulled convoy duty in the Atlantic. On June 6, 1944, she provided covering fire for the Normandy landings, and in August supported the invasion of southern France. Reassigned to the Pacific with new gun barrels, she shelled Iwo Jima in February 1945. On March 27 she was struck by a kamikaze off Okinawa, and on April 5 was slightly damaged by coastal battery fire.

Wars do end and there is no peacetime place for obsolete battleships. The NEVADA was decommissioned at Pearl Harbor in October 1945, and became a guinea pig target ship for the atom bomb tests at Bikini, suffering heavy damage. She survived further ordnance experiments and heavy shelling by the battleship IOWA and the cruisers ASTORIA, PASADENA, and SPRINGFIELD. Battered beyond recognition but seemingly unsinkable, the defiant old derelict was mercifully put to sleep off Hawaii on July 31, 1948, by an aerial torpedo. Her friends had finally done in peacetime what her enemies could not do in two world wars.

As our cruiser came abeam of the next mooring quay, the captain cut off

the engines and we drifted to a halt. The boat grew quiet, almost churchlike. We had stopped at the U.S.S. ARIZONA.

The Story of the U.S.S. Arizona

There isn't much to see. A red buoy marks the invisible bow, another the stern. A few rust-eaten pieces of steel stick out of the rippling blue water, and a starkly modern, gleaming white memorial structure spans the sunken hull amidship. The vast bulk of the ARIZONA lies hidden below the surface. Unseen also are the eleven-hundred men still aboard, a ghostly crew manning their battle stations throughout eternity.

At 7:55 A.M. the repair ship VESTAL was tied up outboard of the ARIZONA; by eight o'clock both ships had been mortally wounded. The VESTAL was hit by two 1,000 lb. bombs. Her crew, seeing that both ships were in deep trouble, cast off and moved their sinking vessel a few hundred yards northeast to shallow water off Aiea.

The ARIZONA didn't move anywhere — except a few feet downward. Her portside was ripped open by one shallow running torpedo and she was pounded by eight bombs. They trig-

gered massive magazine explosions below, tearing her apart, spilling out and setting afire thousands of gallons of fuel oil. The fire turned her topsides into an inferno, blotting out the sun with huge rolling clouds of viscous black smoke, and also making rescue impossible. In less than ten minutes — a very short war — the ARIZONA settled to the bottom, her superstructure canted at an obscenely impossible angle.

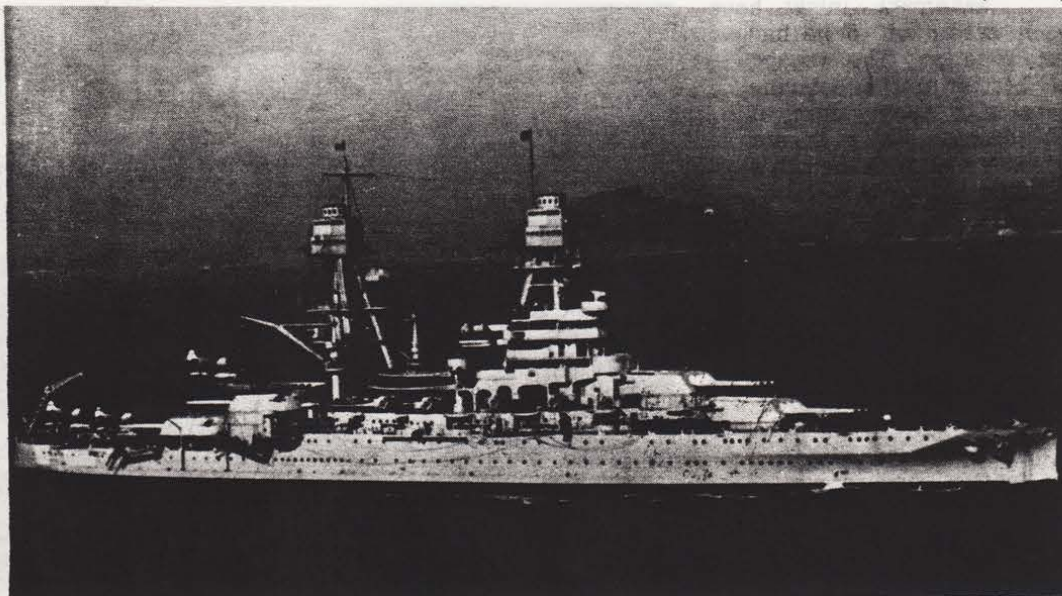
Just a few days earlier, the program for the November 29, 1941 Army-Navy football game contained a bow-on photograph of the ARIZONA breasting a huge wave, flinging spray as high as her gun turrets. "It is significant," states the hauntingly ironic caption, "that despite the claims of air enthusiasts, no battleship has yet been sunk by bombs."

The Texas wife on the seat ahead wiped her eyes; her husband took out his handkerchief and pretended to blow his nose. Our skipper started the engines again and moved slowly toward the next quay.

"Right here," the Texan said, "we were tied up outboard of the TENNESSEE and protected her from the torpedoes. I was on deck, and I could see

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USS Arizona (BB-39)



USS Arizona ... Contd.

Japanese planes flying all over and the torpedoes making tracks toward us in the water. We were hit by six and also a couple of bombs. I was knocked down and the ship was on fire."

The words were tumbling out. "I saw the ARIZONA back there blow up, and the OKLAHOMA ahead roll over, and burning oil came drifting all around us."

"My battle station was in the engine room, but I couldn't get there and I didn't know what to do. Finally a chief came along and hollered to go aboard the TENNESSEE, so I did. The WEST VIRGINIA which I had just left settled to the bottom and the water came up to her main deck."

He left his seat and leaned on the rail. "Everything looks different somehow. The mountains back there don't seem as big and the distances are not as great. And the harbor is so damned quiet."

His wife joined him at the rail and patted his shoulder. "I guess there'll never be another war like that one," he said to her, "what with the kids and Vietnam and all. They just don't understand."

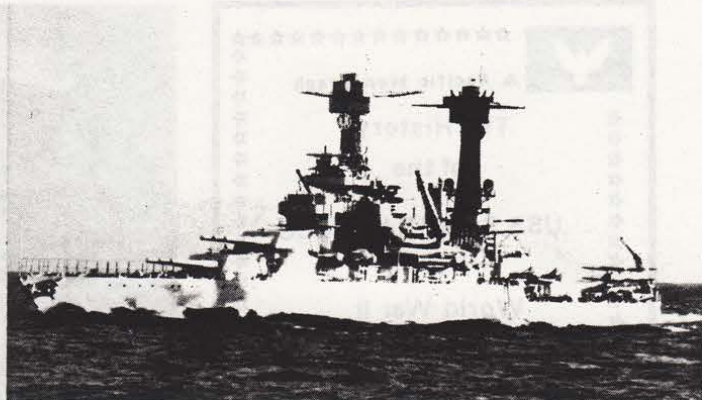
After temporary repairs, the WEST VIRGINIA went to Puget Sound for major rebuilding which lasted until July 1944. It took two and a half years to repair the damage inflicted by the Japanese in 15 minutes. In Oct. 1944, she was in Admiral Kincaid's Seventh Fleet covering the landings on Leyte in the Philippines; and on Oct. 25 in Surigao Strait, she helped destroy the counter-attacking southern strike force of Admiral Nashimura — surely a satisfying encounter.

December at Mindoro, January 1945 at Lingayen Gulf, February at Iwo Jima and April at Okinawa — the frenzied final days of the war were busy for the WEST VIRGINIA. On April first, she was

moderately damaged by a kamikaze, and again by bombs on June 17.

Victory came, and with it the age old problem — what to do with fighting ships no longer needed. The WEST VIRGINIA was mothballed at Bremerton, but there comes a time when even mothballed ships must be disposed of. On August 15, 1959, the old battleship was sold for scrap to Union Minerals and Alloy Company of Oakland. I will always wonder if the Texan knew of his ship's ignominious fate.

On December 7, the U.S.S. TENNESSEE was seriously damaged by two 16 inch armor piercing shells converted to bombs by the Japanese. As soon as the Navy could disengage her from the sunken WEST VIRGINIA, she was sent to Bremerton for repairs. She was back in Hawaii briefly in 1942, then returned to Puget Sound for modernization, completed in May 1943. After a short Aleutian tour, she joined the island-hopping advance across the Pacific. The names of the places where she fought are recorded in blood and fire; names that, even today, stir up grim memories: Tarawa, Eniwetok, Kaveieng, Saipan — where she was hit three times by coastal guns — Guam, Tinian, Palau, Leyte and Surigao Strait, Iwo Jima, Okinawa — where like many others she was hit by a kamikaze.



USS Tennessee (BB-43)

The TENNESSEE had earned a large portion of glory and honor in these battles, but she was still excess baggage in peacetime. She was placed in the Reserve on December 8, 1945, at Philadelphia and was mothballed soon afterward. On July 10, 1959, she was sold to Bethlehem Steel, and was torn apart at Baltimore. The wrecker's torches sliced easily through the TENNESSEE'S heavy armor plate; but her glory and honor are indestructible.

At the next quay, another inboard-outboard tandem of battleships was tied up on December 7. The outboard OKLAHOMA was practically destroyed; the shielded inboard MARYLAND was the least damaged of all the battleships.

Battleships Oklahoma and Maryland

The U.S.S. OKLAHOMA was commissioned at the

USS Maryland (BB-46)




New York Shipbuilding Company in May 1916; and was a veteran of Atlantic action in World War I. At Pearl Harbor, five Japanese torpedoes tore huge holes in her portside and the intruding water capsized her in less than twenty minutes. Four hundred and fifteen men were lost from the OKLAHOMA, but the rescue effort, begun during the attack, saved over nine hundred, including thirty-two trapped inside who were lifted out through holes cut in the upturned bottom.

The busy repair yards could not begin salvage on the OKLAHOMA until March 1943. Judged beyond repair, she was deleted from the rolls in November 1944, and was left lying at Pearl Harbor without guns or superstructure until December 5, 1946, when she was sold for \$46,000 to the Moore Drydock Company of Oakland to be scrapped. She left Hawaii under tow May 10, 1947, but on May 17, five hundred miles out, the tow rope parted, and the battered hulk sank in an unreachable 2800 fathoms. In the Great Scheme, if there is a first voyage, there must also be a last.

Built by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in 1921, the U.S.S. MARYLAND had led a pleasant peacetime existence for two decades before Pearl Harbor. On December 7, two Japanese bombs blasted her into a

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Name, Branch of Service, Next of Kin. Please advise if sick or member has passed away.

Lost and Found Notice

After the business meeting at National Convention in Las Vegas, Harold F. 'Sarg' Cook of Florida lost his PHSA hat.

Hank Shane had removed his hat and

handed it to someone close by while they were helping Sarg. If that someone would please mail it back to him at the following address it will be greatly appreciated.

10926 87th Ave. North,
Seminole, FL 33542

Memorial Museum Fund

The following letter was received from Branch 46, Fleet Reserve Association, Arizona Memorial Museum Foundation, P.O. Box 6067 Honolulu, Hawaii 96818 in thanks for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Inc. donation of over \$25,000 to the Memorial Museum Fund.

Dear Fellow Survivors,

On behalf of the entire Arizona Memorial Museum Foundation Committee it is my distinct privilege to be expressing our sincere appreciation for the most generous donation which you have recently provided.

In the near future a new shoreside museum complex will be available which will not only provide suitable facilities for the over 1 million visitors to the USS ARIZONA Memorial each year but also will be a splendid addition to the monument to those brave people in their final resting places throughout the islands. Furthermore this area will become Oahu's first National Park and thereby provide much more education to the students that visits it.

This accomplishment however, has only been possible with hard work, dedication and contributions from people such as yourselves. While each and every donation is certainly looked upon with deepest gratitude those such as yours are the kind that give our spirits and this project that extra boost and make all set backs fade away.

Therein lies not only your generosity but your magnificence in helping and I can assure you that this letter is an extension of each and every committee member wishing you a warm Mahalo.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Ansil L. Saunders
Foundation Chairman
Survivor, USS Raleigh
(C1-7)

Back issues of GRAM are now available: Zerox issues 1 through 49 \$2.00 each. Original issues 50 to the present \$1.00 each. Postage paid. Send check made payable to (PHSA Inc.) Editor Pearl Harbor GRAM, P.O. Box 2093, Lancaster, Ca. 93534.

From the Editor's Desk

This is an item that I have been trying to put off for sometime, but with the costs of paper, envelopes and postage going up and up, we will have to ask the members in the future when sending in pictures to the GRAM for publication, please send return postage if you wish them returned. If not the GRAM will keep all pictures that are sent to the GRAM without this return postage.

I am sorry that this has to be done but the costs of returning pictures to the sender has gone sky high. Pictures that are now in my possession will be returned at no cost.

CORRECTION

In the 58th Edition of the GRAM on page 20 under Wedding Anniversaries we put the wrong gal with the wrong guy. Under 55th Anniversary, Irene is married to Bill and not Helen. Irene I hope those letters stop coming in. Also the gentlemen's name is Benjamin Bill. Sorry folks!

Northern Indiana Chapter 2
embroidered 10 inch Back Patch is still available. The price has been increased to \$12 plus \$3 for postage. Please send check and order to Herbert R. Roach, 248 Mary St., Dyer, IN. 46311.

LATE

We are sorry that the January 1979 issue of the GRAM was late in getting to the membership, but the paper strike that has been going on for almost a year has caused a paper shortage. We hope that in the future that this shortage will be alleviated. I have received many letters stating that you survivors have not received your January 1979 issue. With so many letters being received it would be impossible to resend issues to each and everyone that has sent in these letters. I am quite sure that your copy is just late. If there is any PHSA member that has not received his January issue 1979 by the end of April please let me know and I will promptly send you another GRAM of the 58th Edition. Please bear with us and we hope that future Editions will be out on time.

Editor Ken Creese

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We dare to care ... Visit a Vet

Got the weekday afternoon blahs? Tired of TV Soap Operas? Need something interesting to do?

Go to your local VA hospital between 1400 hours to 1630 hours, any weekday and get yourself a real kick. Visit with the men who served in your Armed Forces. You don't

have to know them. They just want someone to visit with and talk to. Some have no friends or relatives who live close enough to visit them.

So — why don't you VISIT A VET any weekday between 1400 hours to 1630 hours. Get up a car pool and bring a bunch.

Where are your records?

Individual personnel records for all servicemen are kept in St. Louis, MO. and information from them can be obtained by writing:

National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO. 63123.

Information concerning military units, as well as other phases of the Vietnam War, can be obtained by writing these addresses:

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Air Force records: Office of Air Force History, The Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL 36112.

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Information on some military units operating prior to 1952 is available from: National Archives and Records Service, Attention: Modern Military Division, Washington D.C. 20408.

Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Prayer for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto them, and let perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace.
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Tidewater, Virginia Chapter 2

The USCGC TANEY is still in commission and operating on station and is taking its turn going to sea for operations in the Tidewater area.

Cdr. J. W. Lockwood, Commanding Officer of the Taney contacted Frank Chebetar, Secretary of Chapter 2 and they made arrangements to have the Tidewater Chapter membership and their wives to sail with the ship to open sea for their operations and to hold Memorial Services on December 7, 1978 off the Virginia Capes.

The services were held exactly at the precise time as the attack on Pearl Harbor, 1941. There was also local Radio and TV coverage of the Memorial Services.

The following survivors were aboard for the

services: William Brown, Chapter Vice President, Harry Kinney; Chapter Treasurer, George Reid; Virginia State Chaplain, John Doby, Earl Selover, Earl Edwards and Clifford Ryan.

This coming summer Frank and Cdr. Lockwood plan to have an outing on the USCGC Taney for those attending the District Convention.

7th District Covention in Virginia

The Tidewater Virginia Chapters of PHSA announce the combined 7th District and Virginia State Convention to be held during the month of June from the 15th through the 17th, 1979. Those who wish to make reservations in advance of the regular mailing are urged to do so. Plan on coming early and take in the many Military and Historical attractions in the area. When making hotel reservations please write: Quality Inn, Lake Wright, 6280 Northampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23505 or Phone: 804-461-6251.

The above hotel is cen-

trally located and very convenient if driving. It is just off interstate 64 and 8 minutes from and to the airport with free limousine service for Lake Wright guests. Rates per day are \$26 double and \$22 single plus 7³/₄ tax. There is a one day deposit or a credit card number to confirm your reservations.

Convention registration may be submitted now to the following address: John N. Delia, 8471 Lynn River Rd., Norfolk, VA 23503. Registration is \$24 per person which includes banquet and dance, full breakfast, door prizes and social hours. Please make all checks payable to: PHSA Convention 79 and list your ship or station when sending in your registration.

8th District meets in New York

Tom Stockett, 8th District Director, recently convened the 18th semi-annual meeting of the officers and members of the New England Chapters plus New York. In attendance were Jesse Pond Jr., National Treasurer and Bill Cleveland, Historian and New Hampshire State Chairman. Also Past National Presidents Merle Stouffer and Joed Bachner. Rounding out the group were State Chairman, from Connecticut - Joe Caputo, Massachusetts - Frank Tassinari, New York - Wallace Kamney and John Kuzma, past 8th District Director.

The states of Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island were not represented due to other commitments. A large contingent lead by Merle Stouffer were present from New Jersey. The arrangements were made and supervised by Wallace Kamney and Al Fassbender of New York. The meeting and dinner were enjoyed by the members and their wives.

Discussed were the recent EB meetings, the operation of 8th District Chapters, the coming Convention in Las Vegas, NV., travel arrangements, and overall operations of PHSA of interest to those members present. Discussions were aided by the presence of so many National and State Officer's among 49 members present.

The April meeting in 1979 is to be held in Connecticut.

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Effective at once is the cost of the PHSA hat. The official Hats are now \$10 each, with emblem and postage, due to the raise in supplier prices and postage.

Storekeeper - Ed Chappell

They'll Always Remember

by Dan Palma
Special To RNE

While most of us learned of the Pearl Harbor attack from a news bulletin or a history book, there are several men living in the northeast section of Columbia that can look back on that tragic day Dec. 7, 1941, and say "we were there."

Clarence "Buck" Wiley was there. He was asleep when the Japanese planes reached the perimeter of the island, but woke up when the bombing began.

"Like a lot of people, I thought the explosions were from Air Corps planes putting on maneuvers," he said. "When I was able to identify the planes as Japanese it became evident we were under attack."

Wiley was 23 years old then, and held the rank of Army Sergeant. Now, at 58, he is a retired major working as a loan officer for the Small Business Association.

Mitchell Gunter, of Blythewood, was also there.

"I was 21 years old," he said, "and that morning I got up and missed breakfast. When I went to get a piece of pie I noticed all these planes buzzing around but I didn't think much of it."

Suddenly I heard a voice come over the loud-speaker system and say "Take cover — the Japanese are attacking."

Vernon Brooks, 55, and retired from an architectural firm, was there.

"I was on guard duty at the time of the attack, and my relief was about 15 minutes late," he said. "When I called the guardhouse, the operator told me we were under attack and to get the hell off the

phone." Because we were on guard duty we were unarmed. All we had were nightsticks," he said.

John M. Hentschel was not far from Wiley on that Sunday morning but the two men did not meet until 36 years after the attack. Retired from the insurance business and now involved in a new real estate career in Columbia, Hentschel was 21 years old and serving as a private in the 35th Infantry.

"You weren't able to do much at all," Hentschel recalled when asked if he and his comrades were able to do anything to repulse the attack. "It was such a surprise, by the time everybody got their units together, it was just about over."

Frank Winniman, who was 19 years old at the time of the attack, was there.

"I was in the (Schofield) barracks eating breakfast," Winniman said. "We thought the Maneuvers Dept. were pulling one of their surprise attacks using fake bombs. When they started to strafe nearby is when I first knew it was the real thing."

It was Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese forces pulled off one of the most devastatingly efficient surprise attacks in military history. It was Sunday at 7:55 a.m. when the planes began bombing. For many of the island residents and military personnel, the sounds of the initial explosions were greeted with nonchalance. But nonchalance was rapidly transformed into retaliation.

After guard duty, Brooks immediately reported to his unit where he was issued a rifle and ammunition. "We expected ground troops to land,"

Brooks said, "So I was taken to Waikiki Beach by truck where my unit was to defend the island."

"Several of us shot at the planes with our rifles," Winniman said. "That night, we didn't go to bed. Everybody was 100 per cent awake because we definitely expected an invasion."

Wiley reflected on the vulnerability of the island following the air attack. "We did have 18,000 troops at Pearl," he said, "but if they would have followed up right after, it still would have been hard to repel a ground attack."

Even though the Japanese ground troops never came, the pilots who returned to the aircraft carriers waiting at sea, had already left more than 2,000 Americans dead and 18 ships were either damaged or destroyed.

According to Wiley, there might have been some warning of the attack earlier in the morning. "I knew a member of the signal corps who was in my barracks," Wiley recalls. "He picked up this large contingent of aircraft on his radar screen. He processed it through normal channels but it probably just stopped on somebody's desk."

Wiley said that had there been some warning, there might have been time to get the ammunition out and the guns ready.

But a warning never came, and the infamous success of the surprise attack remains an indelible memory for all who were there.

Buck Wiley is State Chairman of South Carolina for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association (PHSA) which has over 7,400 member nationwide. Brooks, Gunter and Winniman also belong to the association whose motto is "Remem-

ber Pearl Harbor — Keep America Alert."

"We want to help to remind Americans that we should remain alert and keep strong so something like this never happens again," Wiley said.

"We went through it," Gunter said, "and we don't want anyone else to go through it."

There are 57 members of the PHSA living in South Carolina and approximately 210 who qualify for membership. To qualify for the PHSA, one must have been on the island of Oahu, or no more than three miles offshore at the time of the attack, and discharged from the armed forces under honorable conditions.

"We have about 9 members in Columbia," Wiley said, "When I first helped organize the chapter back in 1965, right away I found seven people who qualified. Then they each found other people who were able to join." The state PHSA chapter actively promotes worthwhile charitable organizations such as children's homes and orphanages, Wiley said. The association also promotes comrades among those who were there and conducts memorial services in observance of the "day of infamy" when the survivors lost some of their friends.

When members meet, there is the happiness of seeing old friends who shared an experience that made an impact on history.

"We get together and play a little golf or poker," Brooks said. "It's interesting because each of us represent a different facet of military life and each of us had a different experience of what happened."

We reminisce, but we don't cry. But on occasion
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VA seeks two groups for higher benefits

The Veterans Administration is pursuing two groups who may be eligible for increased benefits under two newly enacted laws.

The VA alerted disabled veterans to a provision in the Veterans Disability Compensation and

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there is some seriousness," he said.

"Each of us has his own way of reacting," Wiley said. "Some of us will openly discuss it while others don't go into it as deeply and are more reticent."

This past December 7th, memorial services were held aboard the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown at Patriots Point in Charleston. There was a laying of wreaths on the water for commemoration.

"We pay tribute to the men who died and for the sailors still down inside the USS Arizona," Wiley said.

Remember Pearl Harbor. For the survivors of the attack, these words serve as an example of what can happen if a country is not constantly on the alert. "I felt that we were completely invincible," Brooks said. "I found out in a hurry that we weren't.

Wiley offered some advice to those now in the armed forces. Considering the experience he had, his words cannot be taken lightly.

"They should go all out in their training to be well qualified," he said. "If something like this happens again, they should be able to perform their military task and do whatever they are called on to do."

Buck Wiley knows. He was there.

The GRAM wishes to thank the Richland NORTHEAST Publication for the above article...

Survivors Benefits Act of 1978 that could entitle them to an additional \$175 a month in compensation payments to them.

In general, veterans eligible for the additional payment are those who suffered the service-connected loss, or loss of use, of one extremity from nonservice-connected causes.

The veteran must have been rated less than 100 percent disabled by VA for his or her service-connected injuries to be eligible for the newly added compensation for nonservice-connected loss.

The VA also is making a special effort to inform a quarter of a million surviving spouses of veterans as to their possible eligibility for an additional payment authorized under a new law benefiting widows or widowers now on VA dependency and indemnity compensation rolls who are so disabled as to be confined to their homes or immediate premises, yet not so ill as to require nursing home care or the aid and attendance of another person. Added payments of \$45 a month are authorized.

The VA's problem with this category of benefici-

Garvin McComas, 3rd District Director of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. advised that the 3rd District Convention will be the week-end of July 14-15 at the Holiday Inn West in Oakland City, Oklahoma, and will be hosted by the Oklahoma Chapter.

Further information will be sent to states by the Convention Chairman in the very near future. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.



District Directors and National Officer's taking the oath of office at National Convention Banquet in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1978.

aries is that although the agency knows the identity of those receiving DIC and aid and attendance payments, it has no way of knowing how many of the DIC recipients are sufficiently disabled to be eligible for the new benefit.

The VA is asking national veterans organizations to assist the agency in locating widows or widowers of veterans who may be eligible for the household benefit.

In any case, disabled veterans and surviving spouses may obtain addi-

tional information by contacting any VA office or a member of one of the veterans organizations in their community.

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year at sea. Eight months before Pearl Harbor, Sakamaki was promoted to ensign and ordered to report to the seaplane tender Chiyoda at Kure. There he learned he was to become a member of the Special Attack Naval Unit, Hand-picked to crew Japan's new secret weapon — the midget submarines.

The class A midget subs used at Pearl Harbor were built in Ohurezaki, near Kure. In all, 1,278 midget submarines were planned; only 438 were actually completed and, of these, 62 were class A submersibles.

Nearly 80 feet in length, the midgets were armed with two torpedoes and carried two-man crews. This-hulled, vulnerable to depth charges, class A midgets relied on their size and high speed to escape detection and capture — test models reached 24 knots. Additional full fittings on the attack midgets used at Pearl Harbor slowed them to 19 knots but they could maintain that speed for 50 minutes. However, when the charge of the electric batteries was exhausted, the vessels became helpless.

After months of training in the small vessels, Sakamaki joined a squadron of 18 fleet-type submarines that steamed out of Kure in November 1941. Five of the larger subs carried a midget submarine on their decks. The midgets were to be launched under cover of darkness a few miles off the coast of Oahu the day before the air attack. They were to enter the harbor at night, lie in wait on the bottom, then rise to the surface during the attack and inflict as much damage as possible.

The Japanese made no provision for recovering the tiny submarines and

the midgets' commanders knew they weren't to let their vessels fall into enemy hands. It was clearly understood that the crews would not be returning. Sakamaki's sub, with its malfunctioning gyrocompass, was particularly vulnerable.

Twenty minutes from launch, Sakamaki made the ceremonial preparations for a warrior's death. He wrote a farewell note to his father, showered, donned his uniform of fundoshi (G-string), white headband and leather jacket, and sprayed himself with the perfume of cherry blossoms. Sakamaki was ready to meet his ancestors.

He and his one crew member, Seaman Kyogi Inagaki, climbed into the midget submarine and secured the hatch. The mother sub, I-24, submerged. At exactly 11 p.m., the mother sub released the four large holding clamps. The midget was on its own.

Nose down, the little sub headed straight toward the depths. Sakamaki fought to right her and shouted to Inagaki to shift the ballast to the after compartments. Crush depth for the 3/8-inch thick hull was 100 feet, a point they were rapidly approaching. Sakamaki reversed the engine to slow the downward dive. Finally, the sub backed toward the surface.

By the time they adjusted the trim, it was past midnight. Sakamaki wasn't worried. He thought that as long as they entered the harbor at night, no harm was done. He and Inagaki relaxed, drank some saki and ate. It would be their last calm moment for a long time.

After proceeding on course, based on the magnetic compass, Sakamaki raised the sub slightly and peered through the periscope. They were headed the wrong way. He submerged and ordered a course change. A few min-

UNIT LISTINGS

Requests for Unit Listings, which contain the names of the current PHSA members from your ship or station, are to be mailed to Mr. George Slavens, 2016 Herron Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Your request should be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Extra postage should be included for the larger units — Hickam Field, Schofield Barracks, etc.

With your request, please give your PHSA identification number found on your membership card.

utes later, he dared another look. Now they were headed back to Japan.

Course change after course change still found the sub going in all directions but the right one. As the hours passed, Sakamaki grew desperate. Soon the sun would be up and they were nowhere near the harbor.

Dawn brought Sakamaki some hope. From 35 feet down, his periscope picked up the sun's penetrating light. Using the sun as a reference, he got his bearings and took up a general course for Pearl Harbor.

Then he spied two patrolling U.S. Navy destroyers and decided to follow at full speed in their wakes. However, one of the destroyers — USS Ward (DD-139) — suddenly went to battle stations. She had picked up the midget sub on sonar. Five depth charges hit the water and the midget sub shook violently. Sakamaki, standing on the periscope viewing platform, was knocked out. Minutes later, when he regained consciousness, he found Inagaki still steering the sub in first gear but in the wrong direction. He ordered the sub turned around and made an attempt to escape the Ward. Once again, depth charges stopped them.

Later, cautiously, Sakamaki brought the sub back up to periscope depth. He saw dense columns of smoke rising over Pearl Harbor. Realizing there was no longer a need for secrecy, he decided to run the gauntlet of destroyers on the surface so he could see where he was going. He hoped his

unexpected burst of speed would put him beyond harm's reach. The sub sped forward, decks awash. Depth charges exploded all around them and, once again, Sakamaki was forced to submerge.

Veering off course 20 degrees, he counted to 10, desperately turned 40 degrees in a compensating direction, counted to 10 again, then straightened his course. He figured he had gone around the destroyers and thought he was entering the harbor.

But it wasn't to be. A reef at the right of the channel barred his way. The sub struck with such force that the bow was lifted clear of the water. Frantically, Sakamaki tried to rock the sub off the reef with all back full. As the destroyer USS Helm (DD-388) barrelled down on them at flank speed, Sakamaki threw the protesting throttle into full reverse and closed his eyes — his sub freed herself.

Making an emergency dive, the midget raced clear of a shower of depth charges. But now, gases leaked from damaged batteries, fouling the air with deadly smoke.

Still, Sakamaki made two more attempts to enter the harbor; he was turned back by depth charges. Shifting to a head full, he promptly ran onto another reef, this one to the left of the entrance. Full astern did nothing to free them so they again began shifting the lead ballast aft. The task was painful; the shorting batteries caused continual shocks to pass through

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their bodies.

As Sakamaki was placing ballast in the stern, the sub slipped backwards off the reef. But before he or Inagaki could get to the controls, the sub hit the ocean floor tail first, causing still more damage. On top of it all, Sakamaki discovered the torpedo's firing mechanism would not work.

It was now past noon and Sakamaki still has not entered the harbor. He decided to use the submarine as a ram to set off the torpedoes. He raised the sub and adjusted the controls to full speed, but the craft's maneuvering ability had been completely destroyed. Without steering, all hope was gone. Defeated, exhausted and nearly overcome by fumes, the two men collapsed.

The rest of the day was spent in a daze — Sakamaki was unable to accept the undignified end to his mission. As darkness fell, he brought the sub to the surface and opened the hatch. When he awoke again at dawn, he discovered that they had drifted within 700 feet of the shore. Excited, he shook Inagaki awake. If they could beach the craft, they might be able to repair the steering mechanism. Sakamaki tried to start the engines but the batteries were depleted. As they drifted farther from shore, Sakamaki cried in Frustration. Just then, a large wave picked up the sub and tossed it up onto yet another reef.

Failing was one thing, but to let a valuable secret weapon fall into enemy hands was unforgivable. The submarine had to be destroyed. Sakamaki rigged an explosive charge and lit the fuse.

He joined Inagaki on the deck and secured the hatch. They jumped into the water for the milelong swim to shore.

The rough water quickly separated them. Sakamaki was thrown up onto the shore at Waimanalo Bay near Bellows Field, 50 miles from Pearl Harbor, where he lost consciousness. Army Sergeant David M. Akui found him a few hours later, not far from the drowned body of Inagaki, and took him as the first prisoner of war of the U.S. in World War II.

Much of America's concept of Japan's military fanaticism was formed from the questioning of Sakamaki. Disgraced, he only asked for the honor to commit suicide. After weeks of intense interrogation, however, Sakamaki was taken to San Francisco. He spent the rest of the war in various internment camps and after his release returned to Japan. Later he wrote a book entitled — somewhat pretentiously — I Attacked Pearl Harbor.

Of the five midget submarines launched on Dec. 6, only one made it into Pearl Harbor and fired its torpedoes. Immediately depth charged, it sank without causing any damage. Sakamaki's midget sub, perched precariously on top of the reef, became a target for patrol craft. It was bombed but never hit. The near misses jarred it loose from the reef and set it adrift toward the shore.

(Editors Note) Our special thanks to C.L. Jackson and the Magazine All Hands for letting the GRAM republish the above article. Part II will be published in the July issue of the GRAM...

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Reunion Notices

THE Black Cat Command unit has reformed and will be holding their convention in San Francisco, CA from September 26th through the 30th, 1979.

Any former Squadron Members of VP-12 and VP-54 that served in the South Pacific with these night prowling PBY's please contact Cec Malmin, Box N, Victor, CA 95253 or phone 209-369-3228.

A reunion of the USS Fletcher (DD445) will be held on October 11th through the 14th, 1979 - in San Diego, California.

For further information please contact Edward J. Ward, Executive Secretary please contact Keith E. Snyder, RD. No.1 Box 167E, Keeseville, NY 12944.

Tin-Can Sailors 3rd annual reunion will be held at the OMNI Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia from August 31st through September 3rd, 1979.

For further information please contact Edward J. Ward, Executive Secretary (Tin Can Sailors) USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. (DD-850), Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA 02721.

The USS Reid (DD-369) on September 21, 22 and 23, 1979 will have their annual reunion at the Charter House, in Buffalo, New York.

For more details please write to Robert T. Sneed, 1537 No. 59th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208.

NAS Kaneohe Bay — 4th annual reunion of all military and civilians at station with any command from October '39 to November '48 will be held

from November 1st through the 4th, 1979 at the Menger Hotel and Motor Inn, San Antonio, TX. Please write for further information to Kenton Nash, 244 American Canyon Rd., Sp. 158, Vallejo, CA 94590.

For the time of your life come join the Kaneohe Klippers in San Antonio, TX.

The USS San Francisco (CA-38) will hold their 5th annual reunion from July 27th through the 29th, 1979. Their reunion will be at the Grosvenor Airport Inn, San Francisco, California.

For further information please contact Ed Whittler, 2949 Flannery Rd., San Pablo, California. 94807.

The U.S.S. Indiana (BB-58) will hold its 9th annual reunion in Norfolk, VA on July 6th through the 8th, 1979. All sailors and marines that were aboard who are interested, please contact Adam S. Sosnowski, 7412 Henry Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19128.

On Saturday September 1st, (Labor Day Week-End) the U.S.S. West Virginia (BB-48) will have a get together at the CPO Mess, U.S. Naval Station in Long Beach, CA starting at 6 PM. Please contact Mike Kotsmith, 27624 Eldena Dr., San Pedro, CA 90732 or phone 213-831-0976.

The USS Vestal will hold their reunion on August 24th through the 26th, 1979 in Nashville, TN. Please contact G. L. "Nick" Carter, 114 Ray Ave., Old Hickory, TN 37138.

In Bosie, Idaho on July 20th - 22nd, 1979 the USS Henley will be having their annual get together. For

further information please write to Roy E. Anglen, P. O. Box 3, Hume, IL 61932.

The USS Oklahoma Assn. will hold their reunion on May 24th through the 27th, 1979 at Dubugue, Iowa. Please contact Clarence Q. Knight, 7831 Aberdeen Rd., Bethesda, MD 20014.

This coming June from the 26th through the 28th, 1979, the USS California (BB-44) will be holding their reunion in Hartford, Conn. For further information please write to Harold Bean, Chairman, 220 East Pearl, Staunton, IL 62088 or phone 618-635-3630.

40th Anniversary of the USS Helena (CL-50) and reunion will be held in San Diego, CA, from 9th to the 11th of August 1979. This will be at the Holiday Inn at the Embarcadero. Contact the USS Helena (CL-50) Organization, 450 Adams, Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

This coming October 26 through the 27th, (two days) 1979, the USS Nevada reunion will be held at the Huntington Beach Inn, 21112 Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

A sincere invitation to all men who ever served aboard her. See old shipmated again — dining and dancing. Hotel rooms: DBL. \$27 and Single \$24. Make early reservations for rooms and banquet. Please write to: Harold Campbell, 16201 Windmeir Land, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 or Phone 714-847-8104.

Shipmates off the USS Phoenix (CL-46), The Public Affairs Director for

General Dynamics and Mr. Veliotis have asked me to tell all of you that we would be pleased to extend an invitation to the Phoenix launching to the Former crew members of the USS Phoenix (CL-46). It would be most appropriate to have the former crew members of the cruiser on hand for the launching of the nuclear attack submarine Phoenix.

We do not have a firm date for the launching, although it will probably occur sometime later this year. I would appreciate it if you would send us the names and addresses of your shipmates so that we can send personal invitations to the launching.

Those who wish to attend the launching please contact Chester J. Millman, 7514 Cherry Tree Dr., Fulton, MD 20759.

The USS Sullivans (DD-537) will hold their 8th reunion for all crew members who served aboard her at the Sheraton Inn, Buffalo East, Buffalo, NY. It will be during the month of August, from the 10th through the 12th, 1979. Please contact: Robert R. Sander, 325 Thatcher Ave., River Forest, IL 60305 or phone 312-366-7466.

The third AACS Alumni reunion will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on the 28th - 30th of September 1979. Reservations with deposit will have to be in by the 30th of June 1979. Please contact: John H. Hoff Jr., 2435 N. Meade, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907.

AACS was originally known as Army Airways Communications Systems, later becoming Airways and Air Communications Service.

NOTICE of Address Change:

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National Committees

Fellow Survivors:

One of the most difficult jobs when being elected to the President's office is to appoint National Committees.

Most of the committees are appointed through recommendations of your District Directors, others are filled by my knowledge of their past experience, locale and the desire to really help further the goals of PHSA. Almost all of the appointees have accepted the responsibility by sending in a letter of acceptance. Others have not even responded.

Appearing in this issue of the Gram will be the names and addresses of the various National Committees. Should you as a member have any questions, write directly to the committee member.

To all the members and their families, may the good Lord protect and keep you in the palm of His hand.

Yours in PHSA,
Thomas E. Decker,
National President, PHSA

Constitutions and By-Laws

Resolutions presented at the 1978 National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada — and what happened to them...

Please refer to the 57th issue (Oct. 1978) of the Pearl Harbor Gram for the complete Resolution.

Resolutions:

- No. 1. Accepted by the Resolutions and By-Laws Committee. Resolution failed to pass, not accepted by the Membership.
- No. 2. Accepted by the Committee with amendments. Delete "travel" and correct to "expenses to be incurred". Delete "and/or his successors". Add that the funds are to be expended on interviews outside of the State of Texas only. The Resolution as amended was rejected by the Membership.
- No. 3. Accepted by the Committee with amendment. The Committee amended it as follows: Life members desiring permanent embossed membership card shall pay for cost of same. Membership accepted the Resolution as amended.
- No. 4. Rejected by the Committee. When brought before the Membership, there was no comment.
- No. 5. Committee felt the original Resolution did not fulfill the instructions of the Membership. Therefore, they made a substitution which set guidelines for the election of Honorary Members as follows: Membership accepted Resolution.

Article VII - National Honorary Membership

- a. National Honorary Membership may only be granted by the following provisions:
- b. The nomination of a person for National Honorary Membership shall be made by a Chapter to the State Chairman setting forth the qualifications and reasons for the nominations.
- c. The State Chairman shall forward the nomination to the National Executive Board with his recommendation at least six (6) months prior to a National Convention.
- d. The National Executive Board shall investigate the nominee and shall vote to accept or reject the application. A 2/3 affirmative vote of the National Execu-

- tive Board shall be required to forward the nomination to the National Convention.
- e. After a 2/3 affirmative vote by the National Executive Board, the nominee and the reasons for the nomination shall be published in the Pearl Harbor Gram prior to the next National Convention.
- f. Vote at the National Convention on the nomination for Honorary Member shall be by ballot, and a 2/3 affirmative vote of the members present and voting shall be required.

- No. 6. Accepted by the Committee. Failed to be brought to the floor.
- No. 7. Accepted by the Committee with amendments.

Article VII, Section 2, A & B - change item No. 2 as follows: No. 2 Dues and Initiation Fee:

- A. Annual Dues, Initiation Fee and Lifetime Membership dues shall be determined at each National Convention by 2/3 affirmative vote of the members present and voting.
- B. For members more than three (3) months delinquent in payment of annual dues, the reinstatement fee shall be 50 percent of annual dues. Resolution accepted by Membership. Chair recognized 3/4 affirmative vote.

- No. 8. Accepted by Committee. Chair recognized 2/3 vote against Resolution. It failed to pass.
- No. 9. Rejected by Committee. Brought before Membership. Chair recognized that the Membership did not want a vote on it.
- No.10. Accepted by Committee. Membership amended to strike out "lifetime" in the second to last sentence in the last "resolved". Resolution accepted by the Membership as amended.
- No.11. Accepted by Committee. Rejected by the Membership.
- No.12. Rejected by Committee. This was covered by Resolution No. 7 which was adopted by the Membership. Membership voted not to have it brought up for vote.
- No.13. Accepted by Committee with amendments to add: In the event there are more than 2 candidates for any of the National Officers or District Directors and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the person receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and another ballot taken. This procedure will be followed until a majority is received by a candidate. The Membership also added to this: Whereby, the new District Director's term of office would commence and coincide with the terms of the National Officers. The District Director would be sworn in at the National Convention. The Chair recognized 3/4 vote in favor of the Resolution as amended.
- No.14. Accepted by the Committee and amended to add to the last sentence of the "Resolved" vote of the members "present and voting the affirmative". Chair recognized 3/4 vote in favor of the Resolution.
- No.15. Rejected by the Committee and failed to be brought up before the floor.
- No.16. Rejected by the Committee and failed to be brought up before the floor.
- No.17. Rejected by the Committee and failed to be brought up before the floor.
- No.18. Rejected by the Committee and failed to be brought up before the floor.
- No.19. Accepted by the Committee. Membership voted not

to accept this Resolution.
 No.20. Accepted by the Committee and the Membership.
 No.21. Withdrawn.

The above changes to the Constitution and By-Laws will be printed in their entirety in the new revised edition which is currently being prepared for publication to the Membership.

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DIRECTIVE

The following is a report from the National Secretary on Executive Board Directive votes. (Directive 1-79, February 6th, 1979).

Concerns the replacement of four small filing cabinets with three standard size four drawer letter cabinets, for use of the National Secretary. Also the disposal of Electrostatic Copy Machine

(SMC 900) due to the poor condition of same and none availability of parts for repair and that it be removed from the records.

EBD	1-79
VP	Yes
Sec.	Yes
Treas.	Yes
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DD3	Yes
DD4	Yes
DD5	Yes
DD6	Yes
DD7	Yes
DD8	Yes

Directive passed unanimously.

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William E. Aupperlee
 National Vice-President and Membership Chairman

Notice to all PHSAs Chapter Secretaries

Please read and comply with HANDBOOK FORMS. I am in need of reports on Chapter Rosters. I have new forms to be sent out but without the names and addresses of Chapter Secretaries, I cannot mail them out. Those Chapter's who have not sent in a report on form 10 in the last four months, please do so now. Also please canvas your Chapter to see how many HAND BOOKS are in your Chap-

ter. All Chapter's were issued two books in the beginning which were to be passed on as the office changed hands. Some Chapter's and Members bought extra books. Let me know as soon as possible the number of books in your Chapter.

National Secretary
 Hall Pickard

Annual Dues

All dues accounts have been settled for the year and drop notices have been sent. All state chairman have been notified as to who has been dropped from his state.

The following states are to be congratulated on having 100 percent of the annual members to renew for 1979; Alaska, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin.

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To: National Executive Board & Chairman of National Committees.

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All chapters are reminded that their annual history must be submitted to the Historian each year on the 1st of April, as of the 31st of December preceding. Send your current history and years 1974, 75, 76 to Bill Cleveland, 1106 Maplewood Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Bill would also like to get on the mailing list of all Chapter Newsletters.

New Members

The first quarter of 1979 closed with survivors of Pearl Harbor and of the island of Oahu becoming members of PHSA.

The GRAM welcomes each of them to our association.

Due to the unauthorized use of the names and addresses of a new member printed in the GRAM, the full address is NOT now listed. If any member desires to obtain the full address of a fellow survivor, contact the National Vice President (Membership Chairman):

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(2nd Marine AirWG Ewa Air Base)

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(USS Raleigh)

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Hollywood, CA 90028
(USS St. Louis)

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Eugene, OR. 97402
(USS Downes)

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Walterboro, SC. 29488
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(USS St. Louis)

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Moberly, MO. 65270
(USS Dobbin)

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(USS Pelias)

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(USS Dobbin)

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Buhl, ID. 83316
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(Wailupe Radio Station)

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Wedding Anniversaries Observed

The GRAM extends "Congratulations" to those couples who have recently observed or will soon be observing their wedding anniversary:

40th Anniversary

Clarence (USS Chew) and Helen Correll, 5230 Elsie Ave., Ferguson, MO. 63135 - June 3, 1979.

35th Anniversary

Delmar (USS Nevada) and Betty Martin, 122 Burlington Ave., Billings, MT. 59101 - June 28, 1979.

George (USS San Francisco) and Vernice Kappelman, 733 Wilson St., Winner, SD. 57580 - March 14, 1979.

MURRAY, Eric E.
Oakland, CA 94602
(Hawaiian Div. Hq. Schofield Bks.)

POLANSKI, Michael
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(USS St. Louis)

CASSELBERRY, Frederick J.
Long Beach, CA. 90808
(Cincus, Submarine Base)

GIDDINGS, George L.
San Diego, CA. 92103
(USS Medusa)

ULRICH, Eldor O.
Filer, ID. 83328
(USS Aylwin)

ARMSTRONG, Harold T.
San Pablo, CA. 94806
(USS Maryland)

HERRINGTON, J. H.
Norfolk, VA. 23504
(USS Nevada)

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(USS St. Louis)

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(USS Antares)

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La Mesa, CA. 92041
(3rd Def. BN. Marines)

YEANEY, Homer C.
Hanover, PA. 17331
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Hingham, MA. 02043
(89th F/A BN. Schofield Bks.)

MORRISON, Gerald L.
Largo, FL. 33540
(USS Oglala)

SABALA, Tony
Jerome, ID. 83338
(21st Inf. Schofield Bks.)

Charles (USS Detroit) and Ava McGehee, Route 1, Calhoun, KY. 42327 - December 6, 1979.

Henry C. (13th F/A BN. Schofield Bks.) and Marie Zuchowski, 739 Palma Del Rio Dr., Timber Oaks-Monterey Vlg., Port Richey, FL. 33568 1979.

Joseph R. (Submarine Base) and Florence Baca, Crooked Lake Park, 318 Sunshine Dr., Lake Wales, FL. 33853 - Mary 26, 1979.

Alfred (USS Honolulu) and June Frahm, 608 Boeling, Evansdale, Iowa 50707 - December 22, 1979.

Clyde K. (USS Maryland) and Betty Wilt, 124 Delano St., Anaheim, CA. 92804 - March 13, 1979.

Joe (27th Inf. Wolfhounds Schofield Bks.) and Rose Maggio, 1070 E. 99th St., Brooklyn NY. 11236 - November 6, 1979.

George E. (810th MP Co., Fort Shafter) and Gerry Fisher, P. O. Box 66, Oak Harbor, WA. 98277 - July 1, 1979.

Joe (USS Helena) and Leila Larson, Star Route Box 516A, Spooner, Wis. 54801 - January 9, 1978.

Leonard (USS Phelps) and Barbara Kephart, 613 Marquette, Crystal Falls, MI. 49920 - January 13, 1979.

Jank K. (USS Ralph Talbot) and Suzanne Aupperlee, 944 Beech St., Wyoming, MI. 49922.

William (25th C/A Camp Malakole) and Nancy Gillis, 45048 11th St. West, Lancas-

ter, CA. 93534. January 30, 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen (31st Bomb Sqn. Hickam Field) McQueen, Sr., 958 Scott Circle, Decatur, GA. 30033. June 17, 1979.

Charles (USS Helena) and Agnes McClelland, 28524 Ursuline St., Clair Shores, MI. 48081. March 9, 1979.

Wilbur (USS Selfridge) and Eve Colgrove, 18344 Colonial Village, Pontiac, MI. 48081. March 11, 1979.

James (USS St. Louis) and Jesse Riffle, 1170 Braxton St., Uniondale, NY. 11553. January 4, 1979.

Joel (USS California) and Muriel Bachner, 65 Miller Ave., Floral Park, NY. 11001 February 12, 1979.

E. H. "Johnny" (USS San Francisco) and Kay Johnson, 1521 3rd. Ave., North Texas City, TX. 77590. August 15, 1979.

Wayne (USS Solace) and Florence Sisco, P.O.Box 468, Bonsall, CA. 92003. February 14, 1979.

Paul (USS West Virginia) and Artie Ross, 219 Belmont Dr., No. Little Rock, Ark. 72116.

30th Anniversary

James E. (USS Whitney) and Marge Tracy, P.O.Box 9212, Long Beach, CA. 90810 December 4, 1979.

25th Anniversary

John P. (Hickam Field) and Bertha Shonk, 6 Parkway, Nassington, Peterbrough, PE 86QE, England.

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Tennessee.....	1
Delaware.....	1

Maryland.....	1
W. Virginia.....	1
Rhode Island.....	1
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Idaho.....	1
Oregon.....	1
Wyoming.....	1
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Oklahoma.....	1
Arkansas.....	1
Minnesota.....	1
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Chapter 1 from the National Capital Area informs the GRAM that their new officer's for the coming year are: A. "Ski" Czerwenka, President; Maurice "Mike" Callahan, Vice President; Elmer Gerlach, Sec/Treas; and elected to the position of Trustee's are: Joseph Botto, Louis Paterson and Norman Day. Reverend David Jackson, Radm. U.S. Navy Ret., has consented to serve as Chaplain for Chapter 1.

During the months of March and April they held their meeting at the home of the Czerwenka plus a little bit of socializing. In June the Chapter is making plans to attend the Virginia PHSA State Convention and in the months of July-August it will be summer picnic time once again. All members, their families and friends are invited for this outdoor get together.

On Sunday November 5th, 1978, Texas Chapters from the: North Central Texas, Austin, San Jacinto, Toledo Bend, Victoria, Corpus Christi, and the Alamo, along with State Chairman Bill Harris were present for the annual Veterans Day Memorial Services in the St. Mary's Cemetery at Praha, Texas.

The First Cavalry Div. Band, U.S. Army, under the direction of Warrant Officer, Charles Moore from Ft. Hood, Texas furnished the martial music. The official Color Guard was from Co. "B", 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines, 4th Marine Div., Austin, Texas. In attendance for the ceremonies were many survivors and their families, and other Veteran Groups.

After the opening prayer by Father Marcus Valenta and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Pearl Harbor attack was reenacted as Japanese World War II planes of the Confederate Air Force, led by torpedo bombers passed low over the Cemetery and the gathered throng. The planes that participated in this attack were: Nakajima Kate a torpedo bomber, Aishi Val, a dive bomber and Mitsubishi Zero fighters. Col. Nat Henderson, CAF was the narrator for the attack.

Down in the South-Western section of Texas and from Paso Del Chapter 7 comes

word that they installed new officer's for the coming year at the American Legion Hall during the month of December, 1978. Elected to office were: Willard Sheldon, President; Cecil Painter, Sec/Treas, and to the position of Trustee's, Hedwige Gray, Fred Runce, Norvel Creel, Gelane Barron and Frank Townsend. National Jewish Chaplain Herbert C. Straus remains on for this next term as the Chapter Chaplain and John Springer stays on as Chapter Historian.

During the month of December 1978 the Chapter participated in Memorial Services at the PHSA Memorial Marker in downtown El Paso. Alderman J. B. Jones read the Proclamation from Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, making December 7th as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The proceedings were covered by local television.

Austin Chapter 6 held their February 1979 meeting at the Yellow Cat Restaurant in Georgetwon, Texas. Hubert Kotrla who was the big money winner at National Convention in Las Vegas hosted all who attended to a lunch Bar-B-Que. Their activities for the coming year were discussed and suggestions for improvement of their meetings and Chapter were given. Officer's for the coming year of Chapter 6 are: Al Fickel, President; Joe Staley, Vice President; Vernon Fuller, Secretary; Mack MacKay, Treasurer.

From Texas Chairman Bill Harris wife, Barbara, she wishes to give her sincere gratitude and thanks to the wives that so graciously acted as hostesses for the coffee during National Convention in Las Vegas, NV. Also a special thank you to those wives who provided the delicious cookies. The coffee was a huge success. Bill would also like to thank those many members who attended the National Convention and gave their support for the Resolution on Dr. Marcello Oral History Program even though it was defeated by the general membership at convention. Its a project that should continue on an individual basis.

Sierra Chapter 17 of California has been quite active traveling to other PHSA Chapters since the first of the year. Those Chapters vis-

ited were: Chapter 19, Lake Isabella for their birthday party and Chapter 18's meeting in Mojave during the month of March.

Chapter 17 will be having their 5th annual birthday party on May the 19th at the CPO Club, China Lake, CA. This party is a must for California Chapters, both to the north and south. Its a weekend event that you won't soon forget. These PHSA members are gracious hosts, so remember May the 19th and Chapter 17.

Chapter President, Ben Tidwell and his lovely wife Dottie were greatly disappointed when the Oral History Program of Dr. Marcello went down to defeat in Las Vegas. They are so captivated by the project that they are going ahead on their own by getting the High-Desert Chapters of California to support them and Chapter 17 on paying Dr. Marcello's expenses to this area for interviews. Those that might be interested, can write Ben Tidwell at 5225 Agave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

In the month of June Chapter members and guests will travel up to Crowley Lake in the High Sierra's to spend a weekend with the Lux's. It will be a fun filled weekend of fresh air and pan fried trout.

Another California Chapter that does a lot of traveling to their Chapter meetings is Monterey Bay Area Chapter 15. Chapter Secretary Don Swanson keeps other Chapters throughout the State also the GRAM well informed of their activities. It was installation of officers and a brunch at the Seascape in Aptos this past December, then in January at the Monterey Presidio Officer's Club they held their monthly meeting. During the month of February it was brunch time again with the Chapter members still on the move, this time in Santa Cruz, at the Elks' Lodge. There were 24 members in attendance with everyone having a wonderful time. Chapter members at this meeting voted to give back to the State Chairman all of their dues rebates which are received from National.

Chapter 15 will be the host Chapter in northern California for the July 7, 1979

quarterly area meeting. As the GRAM goes to press, the Chapter is foraging around their boundaries for a suitable place to hold the meeting at which time they will notify Vice State Chairman North, "Mac" MacHaffie.

In March they held their meeting at the Resetar Hotel in Watsonville with the membership responding for a good turnout.

Let's take a fast trip back to the East Coast and see what Long Island Chapter 135 is doing. Joel Bachner Past National President reports that six members of the Association, Jim Raffle, Bill Merz, Phil Fortunato, Joe Hydrucko and two other members, whose names were not mentioned in the bulletin, met at Zahn's Airport in Amityville for the ceremonies honoring our fallen comrades at Pearl Harbor, Hickam Field, Wheeler Field, Schofield Barracks and other military installations on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, December 7, 1941. The reason for this small group is that many of the members were in attendance at the National Convention in Las Vegas. Pictures of the group were taken by the Naval Recruiting Company stationed locally.

At approximately 1045 they all gathered with the colors near a vintage airplane where Joe Hydrusko was standing with 37 red roses, one for each year since the Pearl Harbor attack. The roses were blessed with Holy Water and sea water taken from water surrounding the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. These roses were taken aloft by Joe Hydrusko and dropped over the Statue of Liberty at the precise hour of 1255 Hours, New York time. This was the hour of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Before the flight and after blessing the roses Channel 2 anchorman, Jim Jensen interviewed several of the members present. There was a short intermission after the interviews, at which time the Berner High School Band of Massapequa, NY offered several musical selections. Then it was off into the wild blue yonder for Joe and the pilots that were to accompany him on their mission. As they taxied out to the landing strip they were saluted by the

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color guard of the Association.

President Glen Ryan of Missouri Chapter 1 informs us that with many of its members attending the Convention in Las Vegas this past December, there were still a few left for a nice turn-out for the Memorial Services aboard the USS Inaugural although the decks were a little slippery during the cruise.

The guest speaker was Capt. C. H. Class USN. His speech was very timely and well received by the group in attendance. It was with regret that Father Odlum's could not attend the services because of illness. This is the first memorial service that the Father has missed since the beginning of the Chapter.

Like everyone else who attend the National Convention in Las Vegas, their members left a little of the green behind for the local citizens, the Gambling Houses and especially those slot machines.

In January Chapter 1 held their monthly meeting at the Officers Club, in St. Louis. There was the usual good time and fellowship enjoyed by one and all.

The California State Convention is just four months away and the Luther Burbank Chapter 23 of Santa Rosa will be host Chapter. The way this Chapter is going and the plans they have made, it promises to be one of the biggest Conventions ever held in the State. It all starts on August 1st and ends on Sunday August the 5th. It should be a fun filled time for everyone so put those dates down now and don't miss the action.

Mailings will be coming out soon with the complete "Convention Packet". It will have the schedule of events, times, costs for all functions, and also a list of optional, satellite motels all within walking distance of their headquarters which will be the El Rancho Tropicanna Motel in Santa Rosa.

Included in the program will be Golfing, Bowling, Banquet and also special features for the ladies. Added to these special events will be optional wine tours to the great

Winery's of the Sonoma Valley.

For plenty of relaxation, fun and loaded with a special ingredient called "Nostalgia", come join us in Santa Rosa on August 1st, 1979.

Sacramento Chapter 6 of California held a Pot Luck dinner at the Roseville Sportsmens Hall. There were 40 members and their guests in attendance. It was get acquainted time before the dinner with their gals really out doing themselves. The food was fit for a king. To break the ice and get the meeting and dinner off on the right foot, Helen Sidenblad came up with a novel idea with duplicate Valentine cards being passed out; then everyone having to match themselves up with the other card and spend at least 10 minutes getting to know each other. As "King" Solomon Chapter Secretary says: "There are no strangers at a PHSA function, only a few shy people who need encouragement."

On St. Patrick's Day the chapter held their 3rd annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Sacramento Horsemen's Association Club in North Highlands, CA. These were the Chapter's special guests present for this function. National Vice President Bill Aupperlee and State Chairman Hank Freitas along with their lovely wives.

Heading down San Diego way and Chapter 3 they held their March meeting at the NTC CPO Club in San Diego. President Eugene Chandler reports that they are looking for two volunteers within the Chapter, one to take over the job a Chapter News Editor for the "Alert" and for Picnic Chairman. Those wishing to apply please step forward. Its not as hard as one may think its just getting involved and everything just seems to come naturally after your first effort.

We would like to take this space for a correction in the last issue of the GRAM when we stated that Chapter's 3 and 24 held joint installation of officer's for the year 1979 this past November. Each Chapter held their own installation.

The National roster for the State of Arkansas survivors now totals 85, with Chapter 1 having 27 members. Little Rock Chapter 1 goal for this year is to get inactive members back into the fold and have them start attending meetings. With the winter months behind us we are striving to get the Arkansas members to be proud that they belong to the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Assoc., Inc. reports State Chairman Paul Ross.

Members who were interviewed by Dr. Marcello for his Oral History Program have received their bound copies of their interviews and they are very impressive. They have ten more members who have appointments with Dr. Marcello to be interviewed in March. The interviews will take place at the Coachman's Inn in Little Rock and each session takes approximately 2 hours.

Now that National Convention is over the members of Silver State Chapter 2 have time to sit back and pat themselves on the back for a job well done. But knowing these survivors from Las Vegas they will try even harder in the future to do a better job. They have elected their new officer's for the coming year and they are as follows: President, Will Rogers; Vice President, Everett Hyland; Secretary, Allen Schumacher; and Treasurer, Charles Hubbert. Nevada's new State Chairman is Robert A. Dusch.

In February the Chapter held their monthly meeting at the Three Crowns Mobile Park. This was a Pot Luck Affair with a great deal of comaraderie throughout the evening.

Over in the State of Arizona, the Howard E. Brannon Chapter held their February meeting at the Spaghetti Co. Restaurant, in Phoenix. The chapter has decided to issue their Newsletter Bi-Monthly and also their meetings and they will be mostly social. They discussed upcoming projects to be undertaken by the Chapter during the coming year with many ideas brought up and the President requesting the membership to bring up more ideas at their next meeting.

Dave Briner Illinois State News Editor, informs the GRAM through their Newsletter that in March Illinois Chapter held a dinner-meeting at the Drake Oakwood Restaurant. Preceding the general meeting the Executive Board Meeting was held. There was a good turn out of the members for the first meeting after the BIG SNOW OF '79'.

They are requesting all PHSA members who live within the state of Illinois to please fill out a Member Profile sheet and submit it to his respective chapter secretary as soon as possible. Here are the addresses of the three chapter secretaries in the State. Secretary Illinois Chapter 1, 2251 Linden, Waukegan, IL. 60085. Secretary Illinois Chapter 2, 1108 Hushaw Ave., Chillicothe, IL. 61523. Secretary Illinois Chapter 3, 607 N. Broadway, Salem, IL. 62001.

A reminder to all that the 5th District Convention will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota on June 8th through the 9th, 1979. Convention package will be mailed out soon.

From the State of Michigan and Motor City Chapter 2, State Chairman Charles Hosch Jr. (USS St. Louis) reports that the 1979 Michigan PHSA Convention - Reunion will be held from April 20th through the 22nd, at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Woodhaven, MI. The convention registrations forms, motel reservations and 50/50 tickets have been mailed. If you have not received your package by now its late and please contact the M. C. or State Office.

On March the 25th at the David Belisli Post 1008 VFW the Motor City Chapter held a Pot Luck Dinner and meeting. All members were reminded that their Michigan State dues are past due and should be paid before the spring convention. It was reported that a Pearl Harbor Survivor hit the lucky 7 again from the Detroit News on December 7, 1978. It was the seventh day of the month and Melvin Coleman was lucky again. He won the \$100,000 top prize in the Michigan Lottery's weekly Michigan drawing. Coleman is a 61-year-old furnace installer from Pontiac. During

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the attack on Pearl Harbor he was an Army truck driver on Sand Island. Melvin is not a member of the Association, if anyone knows his address please contact the Michigan Office.

Wolverine Chapter 1 of Michigan has been buried in snow and all they have been doing is shoveling. Those that could make it through the snow in February attended the Chapter meeting in Nashville, MI. at the VFW Hall. At this meeting they elected their new officer's for the coming year. At press time the GRAM had not received this new roster of officer's. Those out of towners that didn't want to make the long drive home stayed at the Parkview Motel in Hastings, MI and enjoyed some dancing that evening.

Michigan PHSA Survivors have purchased approximately 80 Michigan PHS-000 License Plates to date.

President George Campbell of Wolverine Michigan Chapter reports the following results of the February 18th, 1979 election of Chapter Officer's: President, William Wenger; Vice President, Derrell Walker; Sec/Treas, Owen Pitzer; Trustees, John Cates, John Reberg, John Aupperlee and Leon Kita.

Art Cunningham President of California Chapter 21 writes the GRAM, they held their April meeting on the 1st of the month, with many April fools jokes going around during the meeting. This was a Pot Luck affair at the American Legion Hall in Yucca Valley. Art says that if this cold weather and rain will ever stop things will warm up fast on the desert. The wild flowers should be plentiful and beautiful this spring in the upper or High-Desert areas. Why not spend a weekend and pay a visit to one of the 4 Chapters located out in the desert areas.

During the month of June Chapter 21 is planning a good old fashion Picnic. It will be held at the Covington Park in Morongo Valley which is located just south of Yucca Valley. The menu will consist of Baked Ham, Turkey, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and all the other trimmings that go to make a pic-

nic, also refreshments for the young and the old.

San Fernando Valley Chapter 12 of California President Allen Dardenelle says that at their April 7th meeting the turn out was great with hardly enough room to seat everyone for Lou Mathisen's Spaghetti Feed and the White Elephant Sale with Chapter 14's Harley Eppler doing the honors as auctioneer. Harley could sell the Brooklyn Bridge. The evening was a great success for the Chapters coffers. This was Lou's last cook-out for Chapter 12, he is headed for northern California and the Chico area. This is Chapter 12's loss and Chapter 25's gain. Billy we will miss you just as much as we do Lou. Your both great people.

After four and a half years as Chapter 12's News Editor, Frank Balas has stepped down and his duties taken over by Leon Forbes. Frank did a wonderful job for all those years, and Leon is keeping pace with his first edition. The Newsletter looks great Leon, we like the format. Leon says that he can use lots of help and articles for the Newsletter, so Chapter members don't let him down. (Editor's note: he is starting to sound like the GRAM Editor and he is right we can always use lots of articles. This is what makes all these Newsletters so great; you members.)

From Maynard H. Jackson, Mayor of Atlanta Georgia and Governor George Busbee of Georgia, Past President George Slavens has received letters from both the mayor and the Governor extending an invitation to the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association Inc., to hold their 1984 Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Atlanta is a beautiful city with much to offer in the way of culture, sites, sports and things to do during a convention. With all its cosmopolitan atmosphere, Atlantans have never lost the art of caring for their convention visitors with genuine southern hospitality. There are many fine hotels and restaurants in the city that served over 530,000 convention delegates last year.

Harry Kerr of the Atlanta Chapter would like for the

PHSA members to keep Atlanta in mind when it comes time to pick a site for the 1984 Convention. He says you can't miss having a good time if you pick beautiful Atlanta.

Palomar Chapter 24 held their 3rd annual birthday party on March 11th at the Chopping Block Restaurant in Vista, California. Those that attended had a choice of prime rib or tempura shrimp. Which ever one a member chose they were both delicious. Special guests in attendance were National Vice President Bill Aupperlee and his wife Jeannie, National Secretary Hall Pickard and his wife Elsie, 1st District Director Wally France and his wife Muriel and State Chairman Hank Freitas and his wife Peggy.

Life members Robert Tibbs and Oscar Norr have passed 200 hours each of volunteer work in the Urology and Neurology Clinics at the VA Hospital in La Jolla, California.

During the month of February, 1979 Santa Clara Valley Chapter 7 of California held their Chapter meeting at the CPO Club at Moffett Field, CA. On the morning of the 25th there was golfing with many members participating in this event and spending most of the day out on the course. In the evening hours it was a buffet dinner starting at 1800 hours and lasted late into the night. The golfing and dinner party were dedicated to Chapter member Bob Hittle. it was "Hittle's Night".

On March 24th the Chapter had their St. Patrick's Day Party once again at the CPO Club at Moffett Field. Members had a choice of the following menu: New York Steak, Prime Rib, Lobster, Steak and Crab Legs or Chicken. Chapter President Thomas Pollett reports that the party was a huge success and that the food keeps getting better at the Moffett Field CPO Club with each meeting. A late report on the February meeting was that State Chairman Hank Freitas and his wife Peggy were present with Hank doing the honors as Master of Ceremonies during the evening. It will be picnic time once again for Chapter members

on June 16 along with Chapters 2 and 16.

Los Angeles Chapter 1 set the March meeting back a week to the 24th so that St. Patrick's Day would not interfere with their having a place to meet. It was a sit down dinner at Peppy's in San Pedro, with plenty of good food.

Several Chapter members along with President Frank Schilling attend other Chapter meetings in the southern section of the State and even traveled up north to Chapter 19's Birthday Party in Lake Isabella.

In April Chapter 1 will celebrate their Birthday Party, this will be on the 21st and also during the month of April on the 28th, Chapter members will march in the Loyalty Day Parade.

Back in the Mid-West we have some Hoosier News from Indiana State Chapter. Chapter 1 meeting was held on March 11th, (Sunday) at the Sveden House Smorgasbord in Indianapolis, Indiana. I guess it was fast time for all the members. There were five entrees on the menu also a pick of five vegetables, rolls and 22 different items on the salad table. From the reports in their newsletter, no one went hungry. James and Perle Fowler were the hosts for this meeting and dinner. They graciously made all the arrangements with the restaurant for the menu and a private room. There was no fund raising project for the March meeting, it was just good fellowship and keep their mission active — KEEP AMERICA ALERT! As President Raleigh Crow puts it; their mission is most urgent these days judging by current events.

There's a lot of truth in this THOUGHT from the Indiana Newsletter. It isn't the things that go in one ear and out the other that hurt, as much as the things that go in one ear and get all mixed up before they slip out the mouth.

Up in the north-eastern section of the country winter is fast receding and spring is just around the corner so

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start thinking of joining Pine Tree National Chapter 5 of Maine, for the swing into Spring as they hold their Spring Meeting at the CPO Club, Brunswick NAS. This will be on the 14th of April 1979 and will be a combined installation of officer's for the coming year along with a dinner-dance. Ed and Emma Perry will be the local hosts and promise that everyone will have a wonderful time. 8th District Director Tom Stockett will be the installing officer with the installation starting at 1800 hours.

Officer's to be installed for the coming year are: Joseph Brilliant, President; Fred Fischer, Vice President; Stuart Saunders, 2nd Vice President; Ed Perry, Sec/Treas; Trustee's, Maurice Storck, Robert Presnell and Forrest Smith. Appointed to the positions of Chaplain and Sgt. of Arms are Eric Russell and Ralph Vigeant. Also to be installed with the Pine Tree Chapter Officer's is new State Chairman, Richard McCrum.

The State of Maine will host the Fall District Conference in Portland, Maine on September 29th, 1979. For further information please contact Bob Presnell.

The Utah Chapter stayed active during the winter even though it was mighty cold and plenty of snow in their area. President S. J. Knowley reports that the Chapter members have moved around the country side for their meetings with the January meeting being held at the Knowley Home and dinner theme of Polynesian food then in February having the meeting at the NCO Club at Fort Douglas and having a special club feature of Spaghetti and Meat Balls. Last month in March it was good old Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings at the Hellenic House Restaurant, followed by their monthly meeting.

It was your Editors honor and privilege to meet Utah Chapter member and Past everything from this Chapter, "Smitty" Smith, at the National Convention in Las Vegas. He's a wonderful guy. Smitty travels many miles during the year to sell and bring the message of Pearl Harbor to their local citizens, — KEEP AMERICA ALERT! He has been appoint-

ed by our National President Tom Decker to work with National Treasurer Jesse Pond to form a committee to be called the Hayne-Moyer Sunshine Memorial Committee, for the purpose of sending condolences from PHSA to the families of members who have passed away. Smitty will cover the area West of the Mississippi.

Orange County Chapter 14 of California way back in December 1978 held their annual Christmas Party at the American Legion Hall in Los Alamitos, CA and had the honor of having one of the local Magazines cover the party and give the Chapter and PHSA a two page picture spread. President Jim Facer feels that this was good publicity for the Association and we of the GRAM agree. We will not have room in this issue of the GRAM for these pictures but will do so at a later date.

On February the 11th Chapter 14's Valentine dinner-dance was held at the Officers Club on Terminal Island. There was a wonderful turn out and everyone enjoyed good food and music for dancing cheek to cheek.

Hardly had the members their wives and survivors from other southern California Chapters recuperated from the Valentine Party and here it was March and it was St. Patty's Toddy time, with Corned Beef 'n Cabbage and the fixin's at the American Legion Hall in Los Alamitos. As we go to press with the GRAM we are still recouping. It didn't end there, along came the month of April and Chapter 14 was involved once again, this time hosting the area joint Executive Board Meeting at the Long Beach Elks Lodge. Almost every southern California Chapter was represented at this meeting with their ladies in their finest Hawaiian attire.

Central California Chapter 8 of the general Fresno area is on the go once again after electing new officer's for the coming year in a joint installation at China Lake, CA with Chapter's 5 of Bakersfield, 17 Ridgecrest-China Lake area, 18 Antelope Valley and 19 Lake Isabella. Their officer's are: Lawrence L. McNabb, President;

Doug Crane, Vice President; George Blake, Secretary; Ray Reiff, Treasurer; Trustee's, Ed Rastin, Vaughn Avedigian and Charles McBeth.

Chapter 8 was well represented at the National Convention in Las Vegas and then during the month of January they held their meeting at the home of Eleanor and Charlie McBeth, in Visalia, CA. After the cold weather in Las Vegas it was ideal weather in the Visalia area with a large turnout of the members and visiting guests. Eleanor even left her Christmas tree up for the meeting for everyone to enjoy.

In February the Chapter was on the go once again traveling out into the country to Alma and Riley Bertram's home and really enjoying their hugh fireplace due to the change in the weather. It was a Pot Luck affair, with those present really putting of the feed bag.

On December 7, 1978 in Jackson, CA Mother Lode Chapter 26 held two ceremonies during the day. In the morning members raised the flag at the Jackson, City Hall then in the afternoon presented a new flag to the City of Murphys which was followed by dinner at a local hotel.

Chapter 26 in March joined in with Chapter 6 of Sacramento for St. Patrick's Day in North Highlands, then in April they traveled over to Chapter 25 and enjoyed their Clam and Steak dinner at the Yuba County Fairgrounds.

The question was asked of Redwood Chapter 22 of California why they elected their Chaplain's to office. Well! the answer came back that they had only 17 members and sixteen are Saintly and PIOUS. They feel they are justified in electing rather than be crucified by appointing.

Last January the Chapter held their meeting at the Fortuna Veteran's Building in Fortuna. This was attended by the hail and the hearty but everyone had a good time at their Box lunch Social. The ladies of the Chapter Survivors brought enough food for two and a half people, so no one went hungry. The Boxes were auctioned off

to the men sight unseen, with everyone having an enjoyable time.

Their big event coming up is next month in May and will be a weekend affair, the Chapter's 4th annual Birthday Party at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Fortuna, CA. The dates are the 19th and the 20th, 1979. If you didn't attend last years party, you really missed out on one heck of a weekend, so don't miss this one.

Betty Fillman and Don Davis were elected Queen and King of Valentines for 1979 at their February meeting at the Chapter Valentine Party. Long may they rule.

Way down in the southern and most eastern section of the country in the Tampa Triangle comes word from Suncoast, Florida Chapter 1 that they are putting on a strong campaign to get every member in the Chapter to sign up as a Life Member. At present the State of Florida is approximately 31 percent in Life Memberships of PHSA. The sixth District is hitting right at 35 percent. This covers the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North and South Carolina and Tennessee. The total membership for the above States is approximately 1,000.

Chapter 1 will be the host Chapter for the 1980 National Convention which is set for Orlando, FL. Convention Headquarters will be the Sheraton Twin-Towers Hotel and Convention Center, with 700 rooms being set aside for PHSA.

In March Chapter members and guests had a social at the Seminole VFW Clubhouse. Leonard Semmerman was the chairman for this event and is the Chapter Social Director. As usual the members had an enjoyable meeting and social as they always do.

"Sarge" Cook who became ill during the National Convention in Las Vegas is reported to be greatly improved and up and around once again. Sarge lost his hat at the Convention please reference article on this elsewhere in this issue of the GRAM.

From one end of this great country to the other

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we head north again and to the New England States and Bay Patriots wishes Seasons Greetings to all of PHSA members their wives and families. They hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year will be a Happy and Prosperous one for each and everyone of you. Oh yes! we also want to include all widows in this wish.

During the month of February they held their meeting at the Frank M. Noyes VFW Post in Avon, Mass. They installed the Chapter's new Officer's for the coming year with the Post showing them their best hospitality. The dinner was American-Italian combination and from all reports the evening was a great success.

Back out with the prune pickers again and in the San Gabriel Valley with Chapter 9 it seems that every PHSA function within the State of California you always see several survivor's present from Chapter 9. They are always willing and ready to travel and support any function within our Association. Since the first of the year they have attended functions in Lake Isabella, Chapter 19; Morongo and Yucca Valley, Chapter 21; Orange County and Los Angeles, Chapters 14 and 1; also Chapter 12 in San Fernando Valley and probably some Chapters that we have missed. Their motto is have PHSA Hat will travel.

An old buddy and dear friend of mine in Chapter 9 (Cabin Boy) Vic Lewis had a stroke just after attending the National Convention in Las Vegas and I am happy to report that he is out of the hospital and up and around again and coming along nicely. Vic served on the USS Raleigh in 1941 and has always worried himself sick that he wasn't on and didn't do duty aboard the USS Detroit. So when he gets this high tension from thinking about this, anything can happen. Vic old buddy take it easy and get well soon, serving aboard the USS Detroit was great but it wasn't everything in life.

In January the Chapter held their monthly meeting at the VFW Hall in Pomona, CA, serving a Pot Luck dinner to the members, wives and guests.

This month in April on the 21st and 22nd, Feather River Chapter 25 of California will be hosting one of the biggest events held at this time of the year within the State. Its their 2nd annual Clam and Steak Bake which will be held this year at the Yuba City County Fairgrounds. The event was so large last year that they had to move everything to the grounds to accommodate all those who plan to attend. If you are headed that way get those reservations in early. The Clam and Steak Bake was set up by Joe Adams past Chapter president last year, to celebrate the Chapter's Birthday and was such a success that it will be an annual affair for years to come.

There will be available to those attending: Golf, Bingo, Cribbage Tournament, Prizes, Happy Hour all day and just plain fun that will be topped off by the dinner on Saturday night. Don't miss it or you will be sorry. Headquarters will be the Tahiton Gardens Motel.

On Patrick's Day the Chapter was hosted by Bob and Judy Lisowski in their home to good old Corned Beef 'n Cabbage. A toast for St. Pat's Day from Chapter 25. May the enemies of Ireland never eat the bread or drink the whiskey of it; but be tormented by itching without benefit of scratching!

San Francisco, California Bay Area Chapter 2 marched in the St. Patrick's Day Unity Parade in Oakland, CA. As usual it was a mass crowd of people that cheered their every step. It is quite rewarding to participate in these parades and hear those cheers and know that the general public still cares and remembers. The marching unit consisted of a color guard, marching unit and a automobile for those that couldn't march.

Their February meeting was held at the Station in El Cerrito with 45 members and guests in attendance. Both food and company were excellent and plenty of noise. Visiting guests were State Chairman Hank Freitas and wife Peggy, Vice State Chairman North Douw MacHaffie and wife Barbara, and President of Chapter 11 Mayo Fowler and wife Rae.

In May the Chapter will join with Chapter 16 for a dinner-dance at the American

The Magic Background of Pearl Harbor

The Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office has for sale, prepared by the DOD, a 5 volume 8 book compilation of the communications - intelligence background of the 1941 disaster.

This is a large set of books and is not to be considered a story of Pearl Harbor but is rather the background source for serious students of intelligence gathering and cryptology.

It is available from the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 at \$36. Serial No. 008-000-00233-9.

Members wishing clarification on just what this work contains may get in touch with National Treasurer, Jesse Pond, who has a set.

Legion Hall in San Mateo, CA. This affair will be moved up one week to the 12th due to Chapter 16's President being unable to make the later date.

And last but not least are our good friends from 11th Bomb Group (H) Association. Their final arrangements for the 1979 reunion in Denver have been made. There will be a tour of the AFB and will also have a car caravan to the Academy on Friday the 20th of July, and then proceed from the Academy to the Flying "W" Ranch in the early evening for a Chuck Wagon Western Dinner, also an evening full of entertainment. They have arranged for a good band and a good speaker for the Saturday night banquet. Remember Colorado is fine in - 79. There will be four (4) campsites available for trailers and RV Homes in and around the Denver Area.

For further information, plan to make your reservations now, please contact and send to Ed Tobias.

Offspring Directory

Do you have a son or daughter on active duty in the military service?

Submit your off-spring's full name and military address with zip code to Editor, Pearl Harbor-GRAM, P.O. Box 2093, Lancaster, CA. 93534.

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shooting war, and until V-J day, she earned her keep under fire. In late December 1941, she steamed to Bremerton under her own power, and so light was her damage, she was ready for action in February 1942.

Island-by-bloody island, wherever American ground forces clawed their way ashore, the MARYLAND'S big guns laid death and destruction on the enemy, each battle a stepping stone to vengeance and victory. At Saipan on June 22, 1944, she was hit forward by an aerial torpedo. Off Leyte, November 29, 1944, she was badly damaged by a kamikaze strike between the forward turrets. On April 1, 1945, at Okinawa, another suicide plane rammed her. She had danced; now she was paying the piper.

The MARYLAND was mothballed at Bremerton in April 1947, and lay there a dozen years. Sold on July 8, 1959, to the Learner Company of Oakland, she was scrapped at Todd Shipyard, San Pedro. Her battle scarred plates were turned into automobiles or tin cans or maybe even plowshares.

Next we came to the Ford Island fuel unloading terminal where the fleet oiler NEOSHO had been moored December 7. She had unloaded half her cargo of aviation gasoline when the bombs began to fall. Her captain ordered the mooring lines cut and backed across the channel unscathed. However, NEOSHO'S luck ran out exactly five months later. On May 7, 1942, at the Battle of Coral Sea, Japanese dive bombers struck her savagely seven times, leaving her dead in the water. She was finished off by gunfire from the destroyer U.S.S. HENLEY on May 11.



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USS California and Pennsylvania

At the next quay, the U.S.S. CALIFORNIA was being prepared that Sunday for a formal inspection. Several manhole covers to the double bottom hull had been removed and many of her watertight doors were open below deck — incredibly unlucky timing. Two torpedoes and three bombs ripped her plates open, and the water gushed in unhindered. A magazine exploded, fires broke out, and the order was passed to abandon ship. This order was quickly canceled and the crew began the desperate struggle to keep her afloat — firing at the Japanese aircraft, counter flooding compartments to prevent capsizing, fighting fires, tending the wounded, counting the dead. When the struggle finally ended, the CALIFORNIA had settled on an even keel to the shallow bottom at her berth. The inspection was never held.

From then on, her story closely parallels those of her sister ships: raised March 1942, dry-docked and patched up at Pearl Harbor, repairs and refitting at Puget Sound, back in action January 1944. Like the others she plowed up through the islands, paying back in kind the death and damage received on December 7; and like the others, taking further punishment as an oc-

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Here comes the judge

Al Seton again was named to the three man panel of judges for two coveted Overseas Press Club Awards for international radio reporting.

These are the Ben Grquer Award for Best Radio Spot News reporting from Abroad and the Lowell Thomas Award for Best Radio Interpretation of Foreign Affairs.

In announcing the 1979 panel of judges, OPC Awards Committee Chairman Bob Sheridan, and AP - Dow Jones Economic Reports editor, said Seton who is a 20 year veteran of broadcasting-telecasting, started out as an editor and publisher at 16 while in high school, worked for several major metropolitan newspapers, is a graduate of the Columbia University Grad-

uate School of Journalism; saw active Naval service in WW II, Korea and Vietnam but is "best known as the founding editor of the old USS St. Louis Bubble-Bubble and head typist of the new one."

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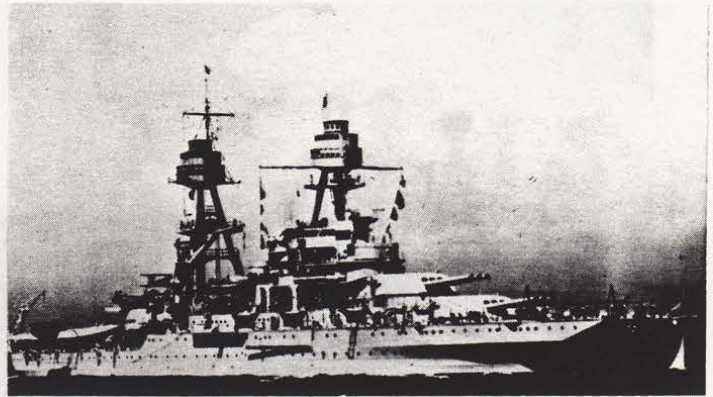
USS California ...

cupational hazard. She was hit by a Japanese coastal battery June 14, 1944, off Saipan, and by a kamikaze January 6, 1945, off Luzon. Like the others too, she posed a peacetime problem when the shooting stopped; a problem that could have only one solution.

She arrived at Philadelphia on December 7, 1945 — an anniversary of sorts — and was mothballed in February 1947.

She was sold June 15, 1959, to the Boston Metals Company for breaking up. The workers at Mare Island Navy Yard took five years to build the CALIFORNIA; the cutting torches at Baltimore made scrap of her in a few weeks.

The U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA, Flagship of the Pacific Fleet, was chocked up on keel blocks in Drydock No. 1 that day along with destroyers CASSIN and DOWNES. The twenty-five year old holdover



USS Pennsylvania (BB-38)

from WWI was hit with only one bomb and was not

damaged severely. After repairs at Mare Island and Puget Sound, and two tours in the Aleutians, she joined the rest of her kind for the main event in the Pacific, the sweep toward Japan. She was particularly noted for using large amounts of ammunition — off Leyte, for example, she fired 1800 14 inch shells and 10,000 5 inch shells — so much that her worn out gun barrels were replaced in the spring of 1945.

By midsummer 1945, the outcome of the war had been settled and the smell of victory was in the air. The Japanese empire was dying but not quite dead. On August 12, just two days before "unconditional surrender", the PENNSYLVANIA was struck and heavily damaged by an aerial torpedo at Buckner Bay, the last major ship to be damaged from enemy action.

She was towed into shallow water for temporary repairs, then towed on to Puget Sound in October 1945. Since she had been selected as a target vessel for the atom bomb tests, only her steering gear was repaired.

At Bikini the PENNSYLVANIA was moderately damaged by the "Abl" and "Baker" tests. She was used for ordnance research at Kwajalein and then as a gunnery and bombing target. On February 10, 1948, the battered old battleship was sunk by our own forces off Kwajalein.

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Go to Sea On the Tennessee



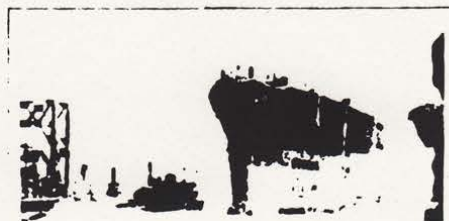
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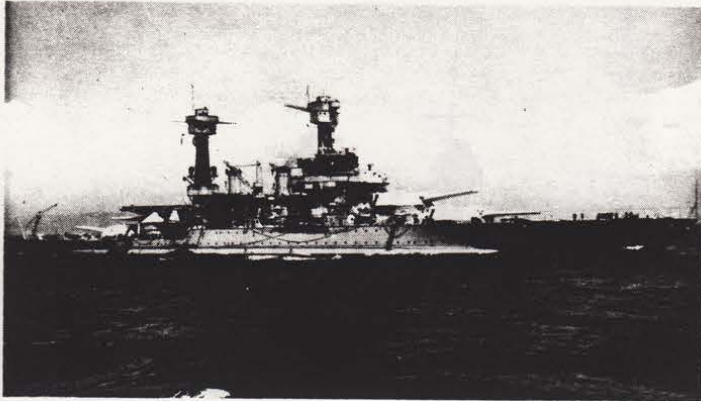
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jalein, becoming just another piece of the naval litter that has been accumulating on the ocean floor since man first ventured out from the shore.

Our little cruiser had now completed the circle around Ford Island and reached the end of Battleship Row. The captain turned down - channel toward the sea. The Texan took a long last look at Pearl Harbor, then went

below for a cold drink.

The Honolulu International Airport is next to Hickam Field, a stone's throw from Pearl Harbor; the end of the main runway is at the ocean's edge. As we left the harbor, we passed under a Boeing 747 with unfamiliar markings, in the final approach for landing, bring another load of tourists to Hawaii.

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