

USS HOLT (DE 706)

"HOLT HAPPENINGS"

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SHIPMATES

We have not found any more shipmates since our last newsletter. We did locate Mrs. Eugene Walker, wife of Eugene Walker, SoM 3/c. Mrs Walker gave us the sad news of Eugene's death on January 4, 1994.

Those of you who attended the 1994 reunion will remember Chief Gunners Mate Glenn Steele who attended along with his grandson, Glenn Davis. Chief Steele died on December 15, 1994 and was buried in Roanoke, VA on December 19, 1994.

Had a note a couple of months ago from Margaret and Cliff Cramer. Both are "under the weather" and I am sure would appreciate hearing from old HOLT shipmates. Their address is [REDACTED]

The widow of Charles Gebus (RdM 2/c) passed away June 4, 1994. This information from Phyllis Gebus' son, Stephen Lyon.

Also, we were advised by Linda Yeamans, the daughter of Chief Machinist Mate Charles Young, that her mother passed away last year.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Abe Silver's new address is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bob Hoover's new address is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Harry Helgeson's new address is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

THE QUARTERMASTER'S HOMILY

Enclosed is a copy of "The Quartermaster's Homily", written by Bob Hoover (LT) after the 1994 HOLT reunion. It tells about the night in Lingayen Gulf when HOLT was attacked by the Japanese bomber and kamikaze plane and refers to the comment logged in the Quartermaster's notebook. Thanks to Bob for letting us make distribution of his work to the crew of the HOLT. Those of us who were privileged to review this work think that Bob Hoover has done an outstanding job and we hope you enjoy it as much as we have.

ORAL AND VIDEO HISTORY

Harry Helgeson has undertaken a project that we all will enjoy. He is video taping "tales" by HOLT shipmates that relate to incidents, humorous and otherwise, that occurred back in the days of our service aboard the ship. If you have a story to tell, make a video tape as you relate it or if you prefer, make a voice tape recording. It does not have to relate specifically to life aboard the ship. It can be about you life before the war or about what you have done since that time and may include anecdotes about family, events, work. What we would like to have is every member of the HOLT to have something on these tapes or videos. So send it to Harry Helgeson, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Harry will put all these together into a feature film and tape for showing and listening at the 1996 HOLT reunion. The deadline for submitting your tape is the end of June. This is a great opportunity for you to get that special story recorded for posterity and for the enjoyment of all your shipmates.

LOST SHIPMATES

During the last six months, mail sent to Richard Genantonio (RT 1/c), Dick Oliver (FC 3/c) and Ivy T. Ayers (S1/c) has been returned as undeliverable. Telephone calls to their last known address indicate the phones have been disconnected. Anyone having any contact with these former shipmates, please let Bill Morgan know.

USS HOLT (DE 706) PORTRAIT

Harry Helgeson's son has painted a 24" x 36" portrait of the HOLT. Hopefully, Harry will have this available at the 1996 reunion for all to enjoy. The photocopy of the photo of the painting enclosed does not do justice to this true work of art. Harry's son used numerous photos of Bill Morgan's HOLT model as a model for this work and it took several months for him to complete.

OTHER

Thanks to Dave Miller, we now have the HOLT's radio call sign (N E K K). Phonetically, that is NAN, EASY, KING, KING or in the modern navy, NOVEMBER, ECHO, KILO, KILO. How's that for memory after all these years! Thanks Dave. While that is the permanent radio call sign, we were assigned varying voice radio calls to use on specific occasions. The one that created the most humor was "BUBBLES"!

Marshall Gebert (BM 1/c) was reflecting on the skakedown cruise in Bermuda. The ship had to undergo an operational readiness inspection after our training prior to returning to Boston. As Chief Master-At-Arms, Gebert accompanied the inspection party

on the tour of the ship where the Admiral poked his head into every nook and cranny. Upon completion, the Admiral told Captain Blue that the HOLT was the best ship that had completed training in Bermuda on his watch. The top brass seldom hand out those kind of compliments!

1996 REUNION

Plans are progressing for our 1996 reunion in Charleston, SC. We will have more specific details in the next newsletter (summer of 1995). Charleston is a modern mid-size southern city with an old south charm. Lots of sights to see and places to go. Our hotel is the Sheraton Riverfront and we think you will like the place. The "Green Line" trolley runs every 15 minutes and stops in front of the hotel. Senior citizens can ride the trolley all day for \$1.00, including transfer to the "Red Line", "Yellow Line", or "Blue Line" trolleys to get around all the historic district of Charleston!

The largest Naval Museum of its kind is at Patriots Point, across the Cooper River from Charleston. Here, the aircraft carrier YORKTOWN, the destroyer LAFFEY, the submarine CLAMAGORE, the Coast Guard cutter INGHAM and the only nuclear powered merchant vessel built, the SAVANNAH, are on permanent display. On the YORKTOWN, there are several of the Naval planes that fought in WW II (F-4F, CORSAIR, TBF, etc.).

**Mark your calendar for April 28 - May 1, 1996 and plan to attend
the HOLT reunion in Charleston, SC**

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