



USS HOLT (DE 706)

"HOLT HAPPENINGS"

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2000 Reunion

Enclosed is the photo remembrance booklet for the reunion held in Hampton, VA. A word about the qualitythe photos of the couples were made from the proofs which caused them to be somewhat blurry. The printer did what he could with your editor's layout, but as the old saying goes, "You can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear."

ABOUT OUR SHIPMATES

Walter Johnson, (MM 3/c), died peacefully in his sleep the night of July 1, 2000. Walter had been in failing health for the past year. He was a regular at the HOLT reunions, having attended all of them except this year. He was a quiet, unassuming man who was always dependabledoing his job well, the sort of person you are proud to call 'shipmate'.



His daughters, Sandy Johnson Oliver and Judy Mansur have attended each HOLT reunion since their Mother's death several years ago. To them and their families, we send our sincerest sympathy on behalf of the HOLT crew.

Walter's daughters express their thanks for your cards, letters and messages of support. We hope that Judy and Sandy will continue to be part of the HOLT family.

Norton Golberg, RM3/c, passed away earlier this year. Very few of the HOLT crew would have had the opportunity to know Norton. He spent his time on the USS JOBB (DE 707) and was transferred to HOLT, as were several others, when the JOBB went out of commission. We learned

of his death through the DESA newspaper.

We recently were informed by Lorana Clarkson, wife of Vaughn W. Clarkson, S1/c, that he had passed away on February 8, 1999. On behalf of the Officers and crew, a letter of condolence was sent to Ms. Clarkson.

ON THE SICK LIST

Ralph Parks recently entered a nursing home due to complications with the stroke he suffered several years ago. Ralph had wanted to attend the reunion in Hampton, VA this year, but his health just would not permit his traveling that distance. He would really like to hear from his shipmates and the cards and letters would lift his spirits. They would do wonders for his morale. Please direct correspondence to his home and Evelyn will see that he gets the messages. His address is:

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If you would like to give Evelyn a call, the telephone number is ████████████████████

REMEMBERING SHIPMATES*

*Occasionally we will include a story on shipmates who are no longer with us. If you wish to honor a shipmate or include an article, please contact Bill Morgan

JACK MANVILLE, CHIEF QUARTERMASTER

Enlisting in the navy in 1937, Jack Manville was determined to get away from the cold winters in his native Michigan. Jack's career took him aboard a cruiser, the USS CINCINNATI for a 3 ½ year tour of duty. Following this, he served on PC's and SC's before being assigned to the fleet training center in Miami, FL where he was based prior to being assigned to the HOLT.

Jack was in the pre-commissioning crew, one of the few who were sent to Bay City to bring HOLT through the Great Lakes via the river systems down to New Orleans to be commissioned. As a slender, athletically built man, Manville had the courage of his convictions. On one occasion, he stood up to the Chief Boatswain Mate, in a nose-to-nose situation and threatened to do him bodily harm if he ever laid a hand on "one of my men".

Manville was an excellent navigator. Many times, when the ship's navigator, the executive officer, was occupied with other duties, he would take the sights himself and work out the ship's position. He was a good instructor, always willing to explain a knotty problem in a way that made it easy to understand.

After the war, he was assigned to a transport vessel for a short time, then to a destroyer in the Pacific Fleet. Following this duty, he was assigned shore duty in Panama. Returning to the states, he was assigned to the War Room in the Pentagon, where he managed the huge inventory of charts and maps that were required so that the top brass could keep informed on all the situations around the world.

Toward the end of his career, he spent a three year tour of duty in Sri Lanka, where he was in the ship control unit that tracked ships between the Mediterranean Sea area and Singapore. Due to the political situation at the time, he was not allowed to be in uniform. Unofficially, he was assigned to the U. S. Embassy. Following this tour of duty, Jack returned to the Pentagon to round out his naval career.

Just prior to HOLT's departure from the east coast in 1944, Jack married Virginia Williamson of Miami, Florida. They have one son, John. Jack died in 1991. His wife Virginia, son John and his wife and daughter live in Lynn Haven, FL.

BURROUGHS B. ANDERSON - Lieutenant Commander, USNR

Burroughs B. Anderson, better known as "B.B.", was the executive officer of the HOLT. The executive officer position is probably the most difficult one aboard ship. It is his duty to carry out the commanding officer's instruction, while maintaining discipline, morale, overall ship's work and training exercises. He also must keep the officers under him informed of the ship's activities.

"B. B." came to the HOLT from duty aboard the USS ZANE, a WW I destroyer that had been converted to a high speed minesweeper. He was on board ZANE at Pearl Harbor when the attack was made on December 7, 1941. ZANE was moored in Pearl Harbor, near Pearl City. Anderson stayed aboard ZANE through an overhaul at Mare Island and its return to Hawaii. After participating in the invasion of Guadalcanal, he was in the New Georgia campaign.

In mid-1943, "B. B." was transferred to the Fleet Training Center in Miami, FL where he was designated to be the executive officer of HOLT. Upon the detachment of Victor Blue, HOLT's first commanding officer, Anderson assumed command until late January 1946 when he was released to inactive duty in the naval reserve.

After the war he returned to his native Seattle, Washington, obtained a law degree from the University of Washington and joined a major law firm. In the late summer of 1962, as he drove to work one morning, he passed pier 91 and could hardly believe his eyes as there moored alongside was the HOLT! She had been pulled out of mothballs for recommissioning prior to being turned over to the South Korean Navy. "B. B." was a guest of honor during the ceremony in which HOLT became ROKS CHUNGNAM. His comment upon touring the refurbished ship was, "Why did they lower the overheads?"

B. B. Anderson died while jogging in downtown Seattle in 1982. Surviving him are two sons and a daughter, all living in the Seattle-Tacoma area.

OTHER ITEMS

Our mailings to Ellsworth Becker have been returned with no forwarding address available. If anyone knows how to get in touch with him, please get in touch with Bill Morgan.

Below is a random snapshot of our walking tour of historic Fort Monroe during the HOLT reunion in May, 2000.



COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

Navy veterans who served in combat during WW II or in the Korean War are now eligible for the

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON. There is no medal in connection with this award, just the ribbon. To facilitate your applying, there is a sample form enclosed along with blank form for your use in applying. Send the completed application to:

**Navy Awards Branch
Chief of Naval Operations (NO9B33)
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC, 20350-2000**

Be sure to attach a non-returnable copy of you DD-214. As the application form indicates, this award may be sent to relatives of deceased veterans.

A reminder.....Bob Schieferstin has set up a web site on the Internet for the HOLT. Thus far, he has some photos and a copy of the Newsletter, with more to follow. You can view this at <http://members.xoom.com/USSHOLTDE706>

USS SLATER (DE 766) FLOATING MEMORIAL

Enclosed is information about the USS Slater (DE 766), which is the well preserved monument to all men who served in destroyer escorts. Those men who planned, executed and worked hard to get the SLATER initially are fast disappearing from the scene. To preserve SLATER for future generations to enjoy, requires setting up a perpetual fund dedicated to the maintenance of the ship. This information is being sent to you at the request of the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association. At your discretion, you may wish to send a donation direct to DESA, or, if you prefer, send it to our HOLT Reunion Treasurer, Paul Pickett and we will make a combined donation from the USS HOLT.

REMEMBER THIS SHIP?

On the next page is an enlarged view of the USS STEWART (DE 238) which is permanently moored in the ground at Pelican Island, Galveston, TX. Those of you who attended our first HOLT reunion will recall the visit we made to the STEWART. In the photo is Glenn Cope, who visited the ship in the summer of 2000. He reported that the ship is rapidly deteriorating, which is evident by the rust shown in the photo. It seems the City of Galveston Parks Department has not allocated any funds to maintain the ship. In a letter to the Galveston paper recently, we suggested that the city either do something positive toward restoring the ship, or return custody of the vessel to the Navy. It would be more fitting to refloat the ship and tow her out to sea and sink it than to let it continue to deteriorate. In its current condition it is not a fit memorial to the many sailors who manned the 450 destroyer escorts years ago. Rather, it is an eyesore and denigrates the service of all who manned this type vessel during World War II.

