



## INTRODUCING THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Captain Snackenberg was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and lived there until he entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1917. Before graduation from Annapolis in 1921 he took part in cruises with the Atlantic Fleet on the U.S.S. Ohio in 1918 and on the U.S.S. Florida in 1919.

After graduation, he served aboard the U.S.S. Pennsylvania, then the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet until 1924. From the U.S.S. Pennsylvania he went to the U.S.S. Galveston, CL, as Navigator staying aboard her until June 1925.

He left the fleet to take post-graduate work in explosives at the Academy and at the University of Michigan, and, in 1927-29 Captain Snackenberg travelled among various ammunition depots in the country.

In 1928-29, he rejoined the U.S.S. Pennsylvania, this time as Plotting Room Officer.

From 1929-31 Captain Snackenberg was Ass't. Fire Control Officer aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma whence he went to the Bureau of Ordnance, serving in the Aircraft Bomb Section from 1931-33.

He went back to the fleet as assistant Fire Control Officer on the U.S.S. Memphis, CL, from 1933 to 1935; was Light Cruiser Gunnery Officer in the staff of Commander, Cruisers, Battle Force.

In 1936-38 he once more served in the Bureau of Ordnance, in the Turret Mount Section.

In 1938-40 Captain Snackenberg was Gunnery Officer on the U.S.S. Idaho, joined the staff of Commander, Battle Force, as Assistant Operations Officer from 1940-41.

In 1941-44 Captain Snackenberg joined the Ammunition Research Section of the Bureau of Ordnance taking part in the development of the rocket during that period.

In 1944 he again joined the fleet as Captain of the U.S.S. George Clymorer, APA, taking part in the Leyte Operation.

In January of this year he was ordered to take command of the U.S.S. Los Angeles.

### OUR ANGEL JOINS U.S. FIGHTING FLEET

In an impressive ceremony, the U.S.S. Los Angeles was commissioned at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, July Twenty Second.

Rear Admiral Draemel warned of over optimism in regards to Japan and the war's end. The Mayor of Los Angeles told of the combined efforts of the people of the city of Los Angeles.

He also announced the collection of a Welfare Fund of \$7,000 for the benefit of the ship's crew.

Captain Snackenberg read his orders ordering him to take command of the ship and gave as the prime objective the organization of the ship's personnel into a fighting team. Chaplain Sovik read the invocation and benediction.

### CENSORSHIP LIFTED!

As you know by now, censorship has been lifted for all hands. You can tell your people where you are, and what you are doing. But remember, don't discuss secret mechanisms of this ship.

### SHIP'S PARTY HOWLIN' SUCCESS

And the beer flowed like wine 46 barrels to be exact, plus 10 lbs. of pretzels and potato chips and 2000 delicious sandwiches. Those are the facts and figures of the Ship's party that took place (an under-statement) on the nights of August 7th and 8th at a midtown hotel. But the cold facts and figures are only part of the tale.

Incalculable is the amount of fun that the total crowd of approximately 3,000 sailors and gals enjoyed amid flower-strewn tables and corsage decked girls made through the courtesy of the ship—1000 to be exact—more cold-figures, but the night was warm and romantic, that is, when that swell Navy Yard band played slow pieces, which was seldom enough. The hep-cats were happy however, particularly three couples, the jiviest of the groove-people, who were finalists in a jitterbug contest. While the chicks semi-circles the floor the initiated in the strange antics of the fidgety went through their gyrations to cap a handsome brooch and 10 dollars for the winners plus 5 dollars for the two couples that were runners-up.

Captain Snackenberg and guests were present Tuesday, Commander Kaitner and guests being there Wednesday night. All seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. A bit of thanks forthcoming to, the committeemen, to Chiefs Malone, Jones, and Katope, to the Captain, and Executive Officer for making the party possible, and finally, to the city of Los Angeles for providing the funds. Thanks Mayor!

## MESSAGE FROM SENATOR WALSH

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### HELP!! HELP!! HELP!!

If this is going to be successful, we will need the help of staff of the personnel aboard.

Every man can do this—bring in any item of news about yourself or your shipmates. Did you become a father recently? Let us know. Did your child just cut his first tooth, or just learn to say Pa? Give us the word. Or were you recently married or engaged? Don't be bashful. Did you just get the Congressional Medal? Don't be modest. Has anything funny happened to any of your shipmates while we've been aboard? Or maybe you write poetry. Give us anything of interest.

Some of you have had experience on High School or college papers. Then help put out this paper. There is no editor as yet, nor any staff. Lend a hand Mates. This is your paper.

Leave all the dope at the ship Library, or see the Chaplain.

I am leaving the Los Angeles upon its arrival in Norfolk with regret that my Senatorial duties require my return to Washington.

I welcome the opportunity through "The Angeleno" to express my sincere appreciation to Capt. J. A. Snackenber, to the officers, and to the enlisted men for the hospitality and courtesies extended me during the five days I was privileged to be aboard.

While deeply impressed with the Los Angeles as a modern, well equipped fighting naval craft I was profoundly impressed with the caliber of the officers—their interest in the Navy, their zeal in perfecting themselves, to perform the duties assigned them, in a word, their fine leadership qualities.

The enlisted personnel in particular, invoked renewed admiration in the Navy. I cannot conceive of a finer group of American youths than the enlisted personnel and their response to the training they are receiving was most gratifying.

After all the Navy stands for more than ships and ammunition. Its manpower is much more important than steel. Because I found the manpower of the Los Angeles so superb in every respect I am returning to the Senate prouder than ever of being chairman of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs.

I salute and thank most heartily your Captain and all aboard the Los Angeles for the opportunity of being at sea with you. The past five days has not only provided a special knowledge of the work of the Fleet but has reawakened and given me added inspiration to work for and serve the Navy—and that means in particular, the welfare of the Navy personnel.

David I. Walsh

### BE SMART——GET WISE!

Do you know: That you can get High School credit for your Boot Training? That you can take courses and finish High School while aboard the L.A.? That you can get started or continue in your College training? That you can get courses in trades and technical subjects? Be smart, Mate, and make use of any spare time you may have. The United States Armed Forces Institute, for a measly two bucks will give you almost anything you want to take. If you are interested, see the Chaplain about information and application blanks. Don't delay. If you come right away, you can get your application in and have the courses ready to start when shake-down is over.

### SHIP'S LIBRARY

The Ship's Library is now open and an extremely fine collection of books has been chosen for the benefit of the Officers and Crew. It is the firm conviction of the Librarian that there will be enough of a variety of books to suit the tastes of the Officers and men.

Situated in the Ship's Service the Library will be open each week day from 1000-1200 in the morning and from 1600-1700 in the afternoon, and from 1800-2030 at night.

### LISTEN IN, MATES!

The Los Angeles Broadcasting System, Station N.T.M.G. is on the air daily at 1220 and 1730 and is heard on Channel #5 on your speaker amplifier located in fourteen different compartments throughout the ship.

The programs heard are designed to give a variety of music from classical to boogy-woogy recordings, so everyone may satisfy his own particular likes in music. Also broadcast over station NTMG will be the latest world-wide news as received in the Ship's radio rooms and from newscasts by A.P., U.P., I.N.S., and O.W.I.

This system is for the crew of this ship, so if you have any suggestions or local news about your shipmates, or if you have any talent and would like to appear on these programs, just leave word with the Chaplain's yeoman in the Ship's library.

H. C. KLEPPER, Chief Radioman.

Ed. note: Chief Hizny is the new commentator. Chief Klepper holds down the posts of Production Manager, Chief Technician, Announcer, Assistant Production Manager, Business Manager, President, vice president, Advertising Manager, and Janitor (with portfolio). The post of Second Assistant vice president is still open, I understand for anyone who may be interested.

**RESUME - PRECOMMISSIONING DETAIL**

The Precommissioning Detail that was stationed in Newport was well represented at most sports activities there, and also managed to come out victorious in several of them.

The high point was the winning of the track meet in which eight teams participated. The ship's track team piled up a total of seventy points finishing far ahead of the second place Portsmouth team which had twenty.

In the Inter-divisional softball tournament, CR division emerged victorious winning the finals from the Third division, 7 to 4.

The boxing team handled itself well. Some of the outstanding stars were Hyatt, Raineri, Mihalik, Root, Roberto, and Ainsworth.

In a Smoker, held June the twenty first, Hyatt and Mihalik won by T.K.O.'s over Hebring, Alligash detail, and Roe, Elec detail. Mihalik's victory was particularly outstanding because he was outweighed by his opponent six or seven pounds. Raineri lost a close decision to Manges, Portsmouth detail. A series of bouts against the Macon detail ended in a two-two draw, Mihalik and Hyatt winning, Root and Raineri losing.

**SHIP'S BASEBALLERS DRESS-UP**

Resplendent in new uniforms the ship's baseball team has opened its belated season. Clothes make a man but not necessarily the ball-player. In other words, there's a call out for ball players, experienced, preferably.

**BLOW YOUR OWN HORN**

We should have a good band aboard this ship. There are a number of good musicians who haven't made themselves known. Not all our instruments have come yet, but if you play, contact Ensign Morrow. It is necessary to know which men play what instrument, so that we may make provision for getting the necessary instrument. Don't Delay.

**P.S.-JOKE**

Chief Yeoman Leopard: "Here's a whole file of dead reports in this drawer. Shall I burn 'em?"  
Mr. Carter: "Why sure, but be sure to make copies first!"

**SOFT-BALLERS NOT SO SOFT**

Winning 16 games against 8 defeats the ship's softball team has piled up a fine record. Four of the games lost were by the slim margin of one run.

Our ball team, "Naval Cruiser" hit the "North Phila." Industrial league leaders, "Peco Mfg. Co." by the score of 9 to 7. A six run fifth inning rally by Peco almost proved fatal to our team, but Orville Webb, who relieved our tiring pitcher in the fifth inning, hurled a brilliant final. In another game in the same league with second place "Nice Ball Bearing Co." our team walloped them by a score of 25 to 3. On Labor Day our ball club took a game from the Army at Hog Island 9 to 5.

The brilliant pitching of Webb has been a big help in winning ten games for us against three defeats.

**WHAT, NO PIN-UP GIRLS!**

This, our first edition of the ANGELENO (incidentally thenam means; a citizen of Los Angeles) is offered to our readers humbly and apologetically. Due to the late arrival of equipment we are unable to print any photographs.

**P.S. - Joke.**

Storekeeper 1/c Eckert: "I've checked the figures on the payroll eight times, sir."

Mr. Warner: "Fine! That's what I call being thorough."

Eckert: "Thank you, sir, and here are the eight results."

**BASEBALL TEAM WINS FIRST GAME**

**BEAT MP'S 3-2—JIMMY KNEPP STARS**

Sunday our Ship won the first baseball game we have played by winning over the MP's of Belmont Park 3 to 2.

Jimmy Knepp, pitcher for the A's before entering the Navy in 1944, pitched one hit ball for the five innings he was on the mound. His second hit of the game, put him on first from where he was driven in by Gutzeit's double to right. The run proved to be the winning one.

The soldiers took the lead in the first when Lastslo got on by way of an error, then came all the way home when Gutzeit overthrew second. We came back in the fourth to go ahead 2 - 1.

Murphy was safe on a hit to the first baseman, went to third on Butler's double and they both scored on Schmitz's single to right. The soldiers scored another run in the seventh on singles by Johnson who stole second and scored on Long's single to center.

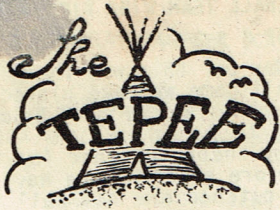
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**P.S. - Joke.**

"What kind of sailors are they?" asked St. Peter.  
"American", replied the gate-keeper.  
"Oh, let em in," said St. Peter, "they'll want a transfer in six months, anyway."

**WHY NOT SEND THIS COPY HOME?**

BOX SCORE										
LOS ANGELES				MP'S						
AB	H	R	RBI	AB	H	R	RBI			
Stevens, 1b...	3	0	0	Lastslo, cf...	3	0	1	0		
Murphy, 2b...	3	1	1	Zeraun, lf...	2	0	0	0		
Butler, ss...	3	1	1	Buch, 2b...	3	0	0	0		
Schmitz, 3b...	3	1	0	Semidt, ss...	3	0	0	0		
Staton, lf...	3	0	0	Johnson, 3b...	3	1	1	0		
Knepp, p-rf...	3	2	1	Proctor, rf...	3	0	0	0		
Gutzeit, c...	3	1	0	Long, 1b...	3	2	1	1		
Hubner, cf...	2	0	0	Glenn, c...	3	0	0	0		
Snedeker, cf...	0	0	0	Weng'ire, p...	2	0	0	0		
Williams, rf...	2	0	0							
Thomas, p...	0	0	0							
Totals:	25	3	6	3	25	3	2	1		
LOS ANGELES....				000	200	1	—	3		
MP'S.....				100	000	1	—	2		
2 B. A.—Butler, Gutzeit.										
Strike outs—By Knepp 6, By										
Weng'ire 12. By Thomas 2.										



**WHAT GOES ON IN THE "TEPEE" I**  
by "The Fox"

Our Chiefs' quarters represent practically every known approach to modern psychology that can be mentioned. As an example, lets go over some of these talents that were recently observed in action:

Now, "Count" Basye has a style of writing letters that would make a young lothario green with envy. "Boom BOOM" Cannon just adores having his lady friends paint his toe nails with a crushing deep maroon. His taste for rarities such as Chanel #5 is above everything else that adorns the modern lass. "Tangent" Rush can "Snow" practically anyone under with his version of "Who took whose girl and why".

But for poetry, allow me to introduce none other than our forthcoming star "Lover" Sprague, whose mode of reciting keeps the fair sex in a state of fascination longer than it takes "Baby" Gruffman to buy another round of beer

That "RedFlyer" Klepper merely believes in three out of four whereas "Big Boy" Harris, that tall, tall man with the winking eyes just listens to the experiences of his brother chiefs and takes his cue for the next evening.

The interesting story is: Who cut out the hearts that were found in the quarters?????

The recent game of wits between the two wizards, namely "Acey-Ducey" Harris and "Cool-Air" Gray ended in a huff, Harris resigning.

"Fox" Hiznys psycho-dynamics didn't seem to impress Ott's girl friend the other night, because she went north and he south and as the poet said; "Lovers, Divide." "Beer Belcher" Belcher with his cute curl was noticed dreamingly dancing the other night.

**SONGWRITERS WRITE STIRRING SONG FOR THE LOS ANGELES**

A song written by Hayden Simpson and Bud Averill entitled "U.S.S. Los Angeles" has been received. All writers royalties on this song will be donated to the Athletic Fund of this ship.

The song has been presented to the Los Angeles City Council and was first sung in public by the Douglas Aeronaers, Chorous of the Douglas Aircraft Company.

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**ZOOT SUITS BACK!**

ALNAV 29-42 HEREBY MODIFIED. BEGINNING SUNDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1945. NAVAL PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO STATIONS WITHIN CONTINENTAL LIMITS OF UNITED STATES AND TO SHIPS IN THE WATERS THEREOF ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHES OUTSIDE OF WORKING HOURS, WHILE ON SHORE LEAVE OR OTHERWISE IN OFF DUTY STATUS.

**CRACKIN' THE QUIP!**

(SEA) Two sailors lost their way said one: "We must be in a cemetery, there's a gravestone." The other lit a match and replied: "Yeah, he lived to the ripe old age of 128."

"What's his name?"  
"Some guy named Miles from Los Angeles."

Then there was the mountaineer who put a silencer on his shotgun because his dotter wanted a quiet wedding.

Recruit at Sick Bay: "I'm calling to see how my friend Seymour Dokes is getting along."

Nurse: "He's fine. He's convalescing now."

Recruit: "Well, I'll just sit down and wait until he's through."

Med. Off: "Your leg is swollen but I wouldn't worry about it."

Gob: "If your leg was swollen, I wouldn't worry about it either."

