

LIFE ON CONVOY TELLS OF WAR

Fireworks Are Missing But All Precautions Taken To Avert Peril.

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HONOLULU, Jan. 2.—Life on a Navy transport in convoy between California and Hawaii is a realistic if very partial introduction to the war in the Pacific.

A large number of Navy and Marine officers and men, as well as your correspondent, learned that such is the case aboard a transport recently arrived at Pearl Harbor.

Only once between the mainland port and our arrival here were there any fireworks—depth charges—loosed by one of our escorting destroyers not very long after sailing from the California Coast. We could feel the force of their explosions aboard our transport where we had hurriedly been summoned to general quarters, our lifejackets neatly tied.

Take All Precautions
Whether the enemy craft were actually in the vicinity was never established. No oil was sighted after the depth charges—but presumably the destroyers' listening devices had detected grounds for reasonable suspicion. Otherwise the journey was "uneventful" but the absence of greater difficulties undoubtedly was the result of full precautions of war.

We signalled our course, had rigid blackouts at night, burned garbage so no trace of our passage would be left on the surface of the sea, maintained a radio blackout and the engineers kept the smoke from the ship's stacks at a minimum.

Our ship's official radios received news which the officers read later in summarized and mimeographed form daily. Other radio sets had to be turned in before the voyage lest a regenerated wave disclose our presence.

Blackout at Supper
The first night's blackout began in the midst of supper in the passengers' and officers' mess—a big room in which Marine and Navy officers, unattached to the ship, shared meals.

The bright lights suddenly shifted to a mournful blue, a chorus of "ahs" went up from the gloom of the tables, and the officers peered close at their plates just brought to them to discover the nature of the evening fare. Eating chicken—as the main dish proved to be—in the near darkness was a considerable feat. Thereafter dinner was served before 5 p. m. so that the blackout usually didn't catch us until dessert.

Below decks, where it was safe to have a few lights, some of the enlisted men gathered in the night after night around an improvised sailor jazz band possessed with unlimited vigor. The listeners sang loud and demanded their favorite selections.

Sailors Swap Yarns

On the decks, where some of the sailors slept, others gathered in groups each night to gaze at the stars and swap yarns and tell where they came from and what ships they hoped soon to be helping to man.

The sailors' heads went close together to raise close, low-toned harmony and many a chorus learned in American school rooms not so long ago helped while away the evenings.

The singers—like all the others on deck any hour day or night—were bulky in life jackets, ready, in accordance with standing orders, for an emergency any time.

First Trip for Many

For many of the boys this was the first trip at sea and seasickness bothered plenty the first few days. Later trips were good, despite all the discomforts of the crowded ship.

The sailors were eager to get to Hawaii and be assigned ships of their own and start their part in winning the war.

Seeing how they kept their spirits up on the transport augured well for their morale later on, on their own ships, for a man-of-war where each man has his place, knows where it is and what he has to do is a wonderful place compared to a craft where dining room was sometimes at a premium and where for most of those aboard, no duties were available to break the monotony.

Chins were up and confidence high when we came to shore.

SOUP, FIRE, DESSERT
ALLENTOWN, Pa. (U. P.)—Delegates to the 71 annual convention of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation of the Scottish Rite had a novel meal during their convalesce. While eating their fruit cup and soup, a fire in the kitchen destroyed the main course. They ended the meal with ice cream and coffee.

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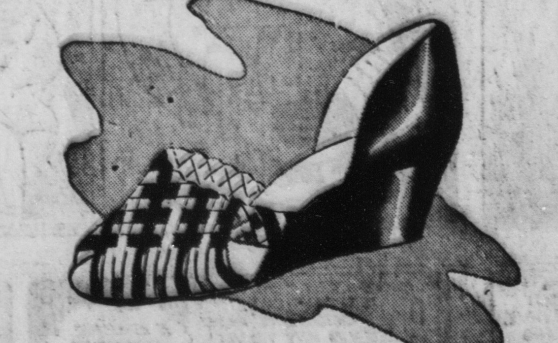
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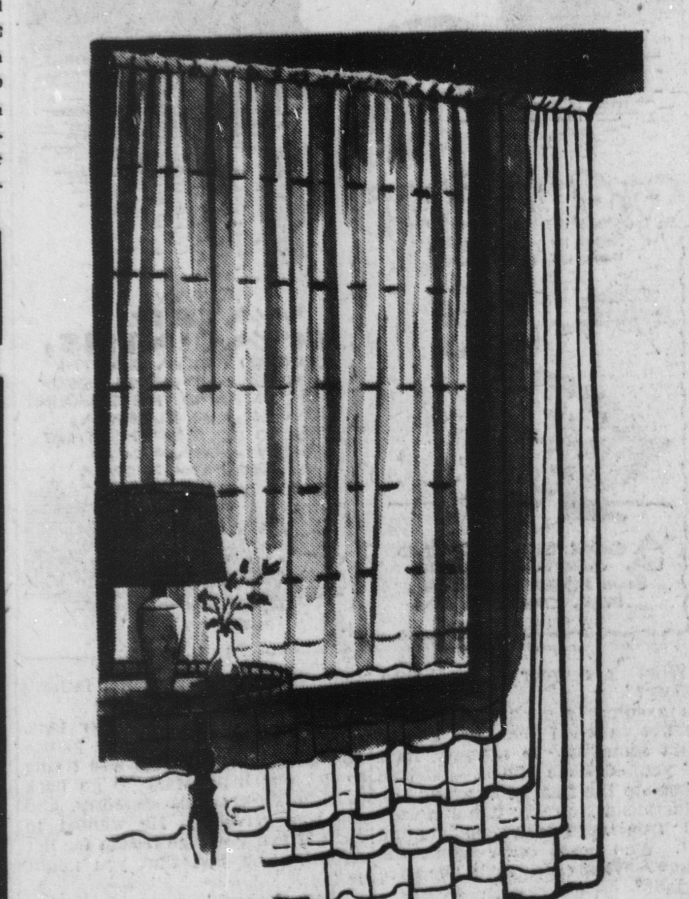
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