

Friday

"THE ABBOT DABBLER"

24 DECEMBER 1943

NEPTUNUS REX REQUISTS THE DABBLER

(DP) The royal court served notice on the managing editor of the DABBLER that stated king Neptune would take over the DABBLER until the offenses of various Pollywogs had been answered to, one of which being the stencil which is to be run off tonight by Pollywogs, whose names appear as the "Four A's" in the books of the trusted Shellbacks. This publication is hereby given notice that he may not be held responsible for anything appearing herein.

URGENT- PRIORITY: FROM: Royal Court of his Majesty King Neptunus Rex:
U.S.S. ABBOT(DD620)

FOR SENIOR SHELLBACK X YOUR 230400 X NEVER IN ALL MY YEARS AS RULER OF THE RAGING DEEP HAVE I EVER HEARD SUCH IMPERTINANCE FROM A SCUMMY POLLYWOG X YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO ARTICLE TWO FIVE THREE PARAGRAPH SIX HIS MAJESTY ROYAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDUCT AND HORRIBLE PUNISHMENTS OF POLLYWOGS WHICH STATES IN PART QUOTE NO POLLYWOG WILL COMMUNICATE OR TRANSMIT ANY MSGS TO HIS ROYAL MAJESTY'S COURT WITHOUT THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF THE SENIOR SHELLBACK ON BOARD X THE SENIOR SHELLBACK ON BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE THAT ALL TRANSMISSIONS TO THE ROYAL COURT ARE IN NO WAY DEROGATORY TO HIS MAJESTY EITHER REAL OR IMPLIED UNQUOTE X YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO INVESTIGATE INTENT OF COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE AND INFORM ME IMMEDIATELY X STATEMENT FROM COMMANDING OFFICER REQUIRED X AT PRESENT CASE APPEARS HOPELESS ALTHOUGH PRIOR TO MESSAGE FAVORABLE ACTION APPEARED CERTAIN X EXPLAIN IN WRITING WHY REGULATIONS WERE NOT CARRIED OUT X SIGNED HIS ROYAL MAJESTY KING NEPTUNUS REX TOR FROM SEA WEED RADIO/1923/TRUSTY SHELLBACK

TO: THE COURT OF HIS MAJESTY KING NEPTUNUS REX
FROM: U.S.S. ABBOT

YOUR 221923 X COMMANDING OFFICER MAKES FOLLOWING STATEMENT QUOTE ALTHOUGH ALTROCITIES PERPETRATED ON MY POLLYWOGS RIVAL THOSE OF THE NAZIS IN POLAND AND RUSSIA OUR HEADS ARE BLOODY AND UNBOWED X WE CAN TAKE IT X UNQUOTE X IN VIEW OF ABOVE STATEMENT AND ALSO FORMER SLANDERING AND DISRESPECTFUL MESSAGE TO YOUR MAJESTY DESIRE TO CANCEL REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY X THIS IS AN ALL OUT WAR X SIGNED SENIOR SHELLBACK TOR23 2223 sea weed Radio

Supper To Be Served On Board USS ABBOT On FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER 1943

POLLYWOG:	FRANKFURTERS (WITHOUT MUSTARD)	SHELLBACK: BAKED SPICE HAM
	NO MUSTARD	MASHED POTATOES
	BAKED SPINACH(WITHOUT BACON)	BUTTERED PEAS
	BAKED POTATOES WITH JACKETS ON	COLD ASPARAGUS WITH
	NO BUTTER	MAYONNAISE DRESSING
	SALAD (OF INFERIOR GRADE)	ICE CREAM -CAKE
	NO OILS OR SAUCES	BREAD -BUTTER
	NO BREAD- HOT TEA-	ICED TEA & COFFEE

LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE) POLLYWOG H.P.HILL IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED TO PERSONALLY MAKE THE ICE CREAM FOR BOTH GENERAL MESS AND OFFICER'S MESS AS IS PRESCRIBED.

OFFICER'S MENU WILL BE PRINTED SEPARATELY AND DELIVERED PRIOR TO DINNER.

THE SHIP'S STORE WILL NOT SELL FOOD PRODUCTS TO POLLYWOGS THIS DATE
24 DECEMBER 1943.

APPROVED:
HIS MAJESTY THE KING
NEPTUNUS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ATTEST FOR THE KING
DAVE JONES

WHEN THE ROYAL REPRESENTATIVE COMES ON BOARD: ALL HANDS will be at quarters and will Salaam when Freudeman commences to pipe Davy Jones on board. if there be a pollywog on board who doesn't know how to salaam let him ask now lest the evil eye fall upon him.

ANY RESEMBLANCE TO PERSONS -LIVING OR DEAD- BY POLLYWOG COMMANDER DORNIN WILL BE A PURE COINCIDENCE.

ALL HANDS will be assembled on the focsle for inspection by the members of the ROYAL PARTY:

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At 1245 the Commanding Officer informed the Commander Destroyer Squadron 48:

AT TWELVE THIRTY TODAY HIS MAJESTY KING NEPTUNUS REX SHIFTED HIS FLAG TO USS BRINY DEEP X COURT ADJOURNED AFTER HAVING DULY TRIED SENTENCED AND INITIATED 14 OFFICERS INCLUDING COMMANDING OFFICER AND 301 MEN.

The Anser: YOUR 252358 WELL DONE COMDESRON FORTY EIGHT.

At 1400 swift hands stuffed specially prepared food into clipped heads. The Christmas dinner of turkey, with all the trimmings, and with cigarettes furnished by the Red Cross, and cigars and candy given by Santy Claus Welfare Fund, was indeed one which all hands enjoyed, and for which we give Lieutenant (jg) Hill, Chi Perrin, Cook Borchardt and all the gang of the "S" Division a mighty hand. Except for watchstanders, any other man could have been found getting in a little "sack time" in the afternoon.

Yes, it was a Merry Christmas.

(DP) Church services were held on the fantail by McDERMOTT, Flc, on Christmas Day. It is understood they were really excellent and that a good many of the boys on board are seriously wishing Mac will continue to hold the services. Although his first congregation was not too large, it is the opinion of this correspondent that such a gesture is indeed worthy, and that if, in the future Mac desires aid of the DABBLER, he has only to speak.

(DP) And so, except for the fact that we are crossing the 180th Meridian (International date line), thereby losing a day, the ABBOT attempts to come back to normal. Today we are to enter port. What tomorrow holds for us no one knows. The DABBLER will continue to go to press, and it is once again requested that articles be submitted and your problems presented to the Editor for publication.

(DP) Pictures were taken of the ceremonies yesterday. If they turn out all right, it is expected that prints will be sold to the crew. Further announcement will be forthcoming when all the dope is at hand.

(DP) Our thanks to Lieutenant-Commander Gabbert for the part he played in the organization and execution of the pageantry of "Crossing the Line". Our thanks also to Johnny JOHNSON, who had so much work to do in order to make the initiation ceremony complete and for all little jobs which had to be done. For your scrap-books, the Court consisted of:

KING NEPTUNE:	HYLER, W.R.T., CWT, USN.
DAVY JONES:	WESTBROOK, T.D., CBM, USN.
QUEEN AMPHITRITE:	EGSTAD, N.H., CMM, USN.
ROYAL BABY:	SUTOR, S.J., TM3c, USNR.
CHAPLIAN:	Lieut. (jg) H.B. VINCENT.
ROYAL JUDGE:	ALLENSWORTH, J.F., WTlc, USNR.
NAVIGATOR:	Boatswain ALEXANDER, USN.
OOD:	Lieut. BARINGER
ROYAL DOCTOR:	Lieut. MRZEK (MC)
ASS'T DOCTOR:	KARLIK, J., RMLc, USNR.
ROYAL BARBERS:	AUTEN, R., CFC, USN; ARCHY, F., EM2c, USN.
ROYAL DENTIST:	TAYLOR, D., Ck3c, USN; HOULD, J.A., QMLc, USN.
ATTORNEY:	Ensign BELSON.
JESTER:	EAMES, F.E., WT2c, USNR.
SCRIBE:	HOFFMAN, A.V., Jr., CY, USN.
Ass't:	WILSON, H.C., Slc, USNR; MCKENZIE, R.J., RM3c, USNR.
UNDERTAKER:	BODARBY, S.N., MMLc, USNR.
PAINTER:	JOHNSON, R.E., CMlc, USNR.
DEVIL:	JOHNSTON, E.W., EMlc, USN.
CHIEF OF POLICE:	ZIMMER, C.E., WTlc, USN. POLICE: MATENZIO, D, McDONALD, S.I.,
SENIOR BEAR:	EADS, W.A., Blc, USN. MMLc, USN.
BEARS:	JOYCE, EMlc BUTLER, StMLc PARRIS, Slc ROCK, EM2c
	ELTON, SM2c Lieut. MILLER Lieut. TREMPER

Note: It is regretted that KING, CML, was unable to be in the court because of illness. He was originally suggested for the part of the Royal Baby and would have made a good one, at that.