

THE RANGE FINDER

Lieutenants Sterling and Strohson were talking on the Quarter Deck last night when the ship lurched and caused the officers to lose their balance.

"Gee, that was some' bump, Chuck," said Lieutenant Sterling. "Yep," replied Stroheon, "Just passed over a meridian."

Two soldiers were engaged in a heated argument when a sailor come upon them and said, "If you guys want to fight, better go upon the Spar Deck."

Soldier to Sailor—"Say Gob, how do you get fresh eggs on board this ship?"

Sailor to Soldier—"That's easy. The Mess Steward phones up to the Captain and he has the ship "Lay To."

Today is "Field Day" for the ship. How do they get that way, where's the field."

The hatchway was open last night in "A" compartment. "Boocoo" breeze. Business of grabbing for blankets. Sergeant Shanahan from a far off corner, "Hey, Jack, close the window like a good fellow."

The Boxing Smoker proposed for tonight will be held Monday night, weather permitting. It will be combined with vaudeville specialties furnished by Troop talent. A "bon" time should be had by all.

The first officer's meeting aboard was an elimination affair. The officers gathered but got up and left one by one as they felt a sneaky feeling stealing over them till Captain Grunert was left. He managed to hold it down. F. H. F.

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NAVIGATION SCORE

Lat. 42° 29' N. Long. 23° 46' W.

Distance made good in the last 24 hours	-	293
Distance from France	- - - -	873
Distance to Newport News	- - - -	2677

PRESS NEWS

Peace delegates reach tentative agreement on reparations. Future of Hungary a new source of discussion between France, Britain and Italy.

Nauen (German) wireless floods ships lanes with propaganda attacking Wilson and the proposed Reparation Commission.

Railroad telegraphers ordered by Union head to discontinue handling messages of Western Union and Postal companies after six A. M. on Saturday, June 14. Affects 80,000 operators, 30,000 offices.

U. S. S. Arkansas sails for New York with Admiral Benson.

Formation of Rhine Republic considered real source of pressure to force Germans to sign peace. Important steel mills and factories, the University of Bonn and the birthplaces of Goethe, Schiller, Schlegel and Beethoven, are more than Berlin wishes to lose.

SCHEDULE OF WATCHES

For the benefit of those not familiar with ship's time, the following explanation is offered: 8 P. M. to Midnight, first watch; Midnight to 4 A. M., mid watch; 12 to 4 P. M. afternoon watch; 4 to 6 P. M. first dog watch; 6 to 8 P. M., second dog watch.

Eight bells to every watch except the Dogs. Bells change with the watches. One bell added for each half hour, e. g., 12:30 P. M., one bell; 1 P. M., two bells; 1:30 P. M., three bells and so on to 4 P. M. which is eight bells, all in the afternoon watch. 4:30 P. M. would be the first bell in the first dog watch. Each of the two dog watches are two hours long but the bell sequence is unchanged.

We present comparative figures as to the length of the present ship's course. The courses of the two previous trips, Brest to Newport News, ran 2548 and 3250 miles, requiring twelve and a few hours over eleven days for the respective trips. The ocean highway selected for this journey measures 3560 miles. BCK.

There are books in the JO Mess Room for the use of Army Officers at the hours of 9:30-11:30 A. M. and 1:30-4:30 P. M.

Moving Picture Program for Today.

DRAMA— "A RICH MAN'S DARLING" —FIVE REELS

COMEDY— "BLIND PIG" —TWO REELS

FRIDAY THE 13th AGAIN

Nine months ago today the 604th Engineers landed in Liverpool England from a convoy of thirteen ships. Apparently we have ahead of us a thirteen day voyage. "Boocoo" other thirteens are mixed up with the history of the organization but at no time have they been accompanied by Old Man Hard Luck. The Traditional Thirteen Jinx has worked with reverse English at every turn of the wheel. Where do they get that Unlucky Stuff?

No, the "Powder Magazine" is not on file at the Library. You will find it aft.

All letters written on board will be transferred to the Special Navy Mail Boat which the ship will meet the second Tuesday next week in Latitude 188° N., Longitude 23' E.

If you run short of cards, ask a C. P. O. for one as we understand there are seven decks on the ship.

MEMO. TO TROOPS:

1. No overnight passes for the next two weeks.

BY ORDER OF COMMANDING OFFICER.