

# USS SHIPLEY BAY

CVE 85



## PASSENGER GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE SHIPLEY BAY! We of the ship's company are proud to provide you with one of the final steps on the road HOME. Our ship is not a transport but an ex-operating carrier impressed into the pleasant duty of bringing our fellow servicemen home. So we are not equipped to give the best of transportation comforts, (as if any transport were comfortable); but, with your friendly cooperation and patience, we will see you back, safely and quickly. And that's what counts.

Your part of the ship is the Hangar Deck (the big space with the forest of bunks on it) and the Flight Deck. To get from one to the other you take the ladders amidships - but use the starboard ladder to go topside and the port ladder to return below. During our crew's working day you may also loaf on the fantail (that's the after end of the ship on the hangar deck level). Elsewhere you must of necessity keep out unless on business or with an organized tourist party.

We have brought together in these pages various bits of information and instructions about the ship under transport conditions. Read on carefully and you'll find most of your questions answered and, we hope, most of your misgivings allayed. For further information see your Section Leader - he can contact the troop officer or one of his assistants to get you straightened out. Also, bulletin boards containing current information are set up on the engine room uptakes on either side of the Hangar Deck. You will be well advised to consult the boards at least daily to keep in the know.

## 1.

### Personal Identification Cards:

When you came aboard you were given a card with your bunk number on it. Keep this card always with you, as it will serve to identify you by number. It tells which section you (and your bunk)

are in. It tells in which mess line you form. Without this card you will not be permitted to pass into the mess hall.

Fill out the second card and turn it in to the Master-at-Arms, at the Mess Deck ladder when you go to your first meal aboard.

1.

Berthing & Heads Your assigned bunk is your billet. No sleeping off billet will be permitted. Bunks are grouped into sections as follows:

Bunk No.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	120	A	Hangar Deck
121	265	B	Hangar Deck
266	415	C	Hangar Deck
416	595	D	Hangar Deck
596	730	E	Hangar Deck
731	865	F	Hangar Deck
866	1005	G	Hangar Deck
1006	1196	H	A-303-L
1197	1300	I	Misc.Bunking

Charts on the bulletin boards show the location of the sections on the Hangar Deck and below decks compartments. Heads, wash rooms & showers are located aft on the Hangar Deck.

### 3.

Messing Three meals will be served daily beginning at 0730, 1230 & 1800. However, in order to maintain this normal schedule, the flow of personnel thru the mess halls must be accomplished smoothly and quickly. There can be no loitering tolerated on the mess decks, and NO SMOKING. You will eat standing up, to shorten the messing time but thereby you will get three squares daily instead of two.

Two passenger mess lines will operate at the same time. All personnel in Sections A,B,C & D will form in the line facing aft on the starboard side. Persons in Sections E,F,G,H&I will form on the line facing forward on the port side. Two sections at a time will form,

one in each line, beginning with Sections A and E. Only persons holding cards identifying them as being in these sections will be permitted into the mess decks at this time. Thereafter, the remaining sections will be called to form up as space is ready. But remember, you must be with your section and be identified by the M.A. to eat.

4.

Restricted Areas Passenger personnel are not to enter any space within the ship except:

1. Hangar Deck.
2. Crew's Heads.
3. Flight Deck and Catwalks aft of frame 101 excluding gun sponsons; CPO's between frame 66 & 101.
4. Crew's berthing spaces when berthed there.
5. Fantail (except gun sponson) between 0800 & 1600 only. Thereafter the fantail is restricted.
6. Ship's store & ship's fountain areas in after mess hall.

7. Essential access spaces to the above areas. All other parts of the ship, including the Hangar Deck sponsons, and gun sponsons are restricted. However daily conducted tours of ship's working spaces will be arranged at Section Leaders request. Also there will be no hanging over the rail at any place. Catwalks along the flight deck are passageways; do not sit or loiter there.

5.

Smoking Smoking is permitted only on the Flight Deck and Fantail. There will be no smoking elsewhere. Note that smoking is NOT PERMITTED on the Mess Deck and Berthing Areas.

6.

Abandon Ship Personnel not assigned to temporary duty with ship's company will assemble at the four quarters of the Flight Deck to abandon ship when the word is passed. Passengers are ordinarily permitted to use only

the amid-ships ladders but during abandon ship drill you may also use the two ladders next to the forward elevator as well as the ladder off of the fantail (port side).

Location to station is as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Billets</u>	
		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	A	All	
Flight Deck Forward	B	All	
Starboard Side.	C	266	300
	C	301	415
Flight Deck Forward	D	All	
Port Side	E	596	600
	E	601	730
Flight Deck Aft,	F	All	
Starboard Side	G	866	900
	G	901	1005
Flight Deck Aft,	H	1006	1196
Port Side	I	1197	1300

Twelve 25 man life rafts with upwards of 300 kapok life-jackets are located at each corner of the flight deck in clipping rooms accessible from the catwalks. Signs point the way to their location. All hands turn to at once to get life-jackets broken out. You will strap the jacket on your person at once. When ordered to secure, fasten your jacket in a neat bundle by looping the straps. Help in stowing in stowage room.

7.

Fire and General Drills In case of fire, stand fast to avoid traffic congestion. Do not move about except to clear the danger area and make way for the fire parties. In the event of any general drills or emergencies, stand fast, move only to clear passageways.

8.

Passenger Organization Aboard  
Section Leaders will be appointed

To give you an idea of the fresh water problem, consider these facts: the ship's evaporators will make about 36,000 gallons of fresh water daily. Of this, the boilers need 10,000 gallons. Then the galley, the dishwashers, the sterilizer, the laundry, etc. requires their share. The remainder is for personal use, and it's not very much for each man. (There are some 2000 people aboard).

A good slogan to remember when you run fresh water is: "USE WHAT YOU NEED, BUT NEED WHAT YOU USE;"

Also, follow these pointers:

1. In the shower, wet down and turn off the spigot. Then soap up to get clean. A short rinse will complete the job. This requires only two short prays from the shower.
2. Don't let water run to get cold 't won't.
3. Don't wash cups under a running faucet.

4. Don't let water run while brushing your teeth.

5. Don't wash your hands under a running faucet.

We could say more - but use your common sense and there will be water enough for all. We want to avoid "Water Hours." It's up to you.

10.

Recreation Areas and Athletics:

Recreation Areas are as follows:  
Flight Deck aft. of frame 101, but keep out of gun sponsons. Flight Deck between 66 & 101 for CPO's or 1st pay grade sergeants only. Fantail, except gun sponson, between 0800 and 1600 only.

Athletic gear may be drawn in limited amounts from a gear locker located on the Flight Deck. Persons drawing gear will return same.

11.

Medical Service Sick call for passengers will be held daily at 0830 and

galley on the starboard side: open Tuesdays and Thursdays 0800-1000, 1300-1600.

Barber Shop Available to Officers and CPO's or 1st pay grade sergeants only, on Mondays, during regular ship's working hours.

Laundry May be made available to passengers on a limited basis only. Schedules will be posted. Laundry service is free.

Cobbler Shop (2nd Deck, aft) Available as far as possible. Materials for shoe repair (heels, soles, etc.) will be purchased at the main store. Labor is free. Open during regular ship's working hours.

Tailor Shop Available as fas as possible. Work will be taken in only between 0800 and 0900. Completed work must be picked up promptly (space for stowage is limited) between 1600 & 1630. Materials (price lists are posted) must be paid for by a cash register receipt for the exact amount obtained at the main store. Labor is free.

Mail Passenger mail will be deposited in the ship's Post Office slot (2nd deck aft. on port side) or in the mail box located aft. on the Hangar Deck. The following instructions received from CNO are quoted for information:

Advise all naval personnel returning to the United States for discharge, rehabilitation leave or shore duty that letters and packages addressed to them at overseas activities will be returned to sender unless the serviceman has left a civilian forwarding address. No mail for this personnel shall be forwarded to Naval Separation Centers or receiving ships or receiving stations. Postal Officers and Navy Mail Clerks shall be instructed accordingly and directed to place these changes into effect immediately.

14.

Religious Activities: Divine Service is as follows:

Protestant Vespers, held each afternoon except Sunday at 1630 in the Air-crewman's ready room (Go forward from top of starboard amidships ladder).

Protestant Communion Service: Held every Sunday at 0830 in the Squadron Ready Room. (Go inboard at the top of the starboard ladder).

Recitation of the Rosary - Every Sunday at 1030, in the Squadron Ready Room.

Protestant Divine Services held every Sunday at 0930, forward on the Hangar Deck.

The Chaplain is available for counseling in his office from 1300 to 1500 daily except Sunday.

15.

Library A branch library has been set up on the Hangar Deck, port side

of frame 105, from which books, magazines, writing materials and recreation gear may be checked. Open daily from 1000 to 1200, and 1600 to 1700. Do not leave library gear adrift. Return it to the library for others to use.

16.

Movies Movies will be shown each day. Because of limited space, you will attend by sections, using your I.D. card as your ticket. Schedules of attendance will be published in the Ship's Plan of the Day. Chairs must not be taken from the movie area or otherwise disturbed.

17.

Valuables and Fire Arms Deposits of money may be made with the disbursing officer. His office is at the top of the ladder leading from the forward port side of the Hangar Deck.

Other valuables may be checked for safekeeping at the Troop Officer's Off-

ice. Ships personnel will exercise care in providing reasonable safe stowage but no responsibility for loss can be accepted.

Guns will be stowed below in the baggage compartments. Pistols may be checked in at the Armory. See your Section Leader for details.

18.

Ship's Paper The ship's paper, The News Buoy, is published daily, when at sea, and in forward areas. It contains press releases of wide coverage. The News Buoy will be distributed to Section Leaders upon their calling at the Communication Office between 0600 & 0700. Copies are limited so all hands are requested to pass them on.

19.

Pets No pets will be permitted aboard without specific approval of the C.O. Attention is particularly directed to Navy Regulations (General

Order 199) which forbids transportation of any psitacine birds (Parrots, parakeets and the like) on any Naval craft, and which, because of the dangerous disease carrier character of these birds, directs commanding officers to remove them immediately.

20.

Baggage Passengers must be limited in amount of baggage they can keep at their bunks. Therefore you will keep with you only enough gear for the trip, secure all else for stowage below. Gear adrift about the decks will be picked up and put in the lucky bag.

21.

Cleanliness Many persons will be living in a closely confined area. It will therefore be necessary that you not only keep your own area clean but that you do not litter other areas with paper, cigarette butts & other trash. Place all trash in cans, and

otherwise coorporate with compartment  
cleaners.

22.

Gambling Card games are permitted but there will be NO gambling. Money in evidence will be confisticated and turned over to Welfare Fund.

23.

Ship's Work The complement of this carrier has been considerably reduced with a current heavy work load remaining. As noted in the introduction, all work areas & crew's living spaces are out of bounds to you. But you must also stand clear of crew's working parties when busy in your areas.

24.

Regulations now require the ship to furnish mattresses. However, you must have your own mattress cover. Covers are on sale at the Hangar Deck Store.

1097

Captain L. E. FRENCH,  
Commanding

Commander R. J. C. MAULSBY,  
Executive Officer

Lieut. Comdr. R. G. SANDERS  
Transportation Officer

Lieutenant H. W. KEATON  
Troop Officer

Lieutenant (jg) C. V. ROEBUCK  
Captain