

It seems to be a game of hide-and-seek. If you can't find the other fellow at least you can see the target. The idea that a submarine deck ship with a promiscuous side against the sky and sea seems absurd on first thought but it isn't so foolish as it seems. The sea is extremely wide and roomy. The ocean liner has no fixed path. To sink a boat one must first catch it, and in the case of a sub it is necessary to get to the spot first and wait there. The way they are painting the ships now it is difficult to separate ship from shadow and with the speed obtained on our boat little time was allowed for the other fellow to make up his mind.

No Fear of Submarines

We were not however concerned about submarines. Far from it. Not a passenger on the boat would admit he was afraid of 'em. Occasionally the submarine was used as a point to some feeble joke and everybody laughed uproariously for fear he would appear nervous. No, we were all very careless and mind-free regarding subs and torpedoes—but it will never be known how many of us slept with our clothing on. But of course none of us did this because we were afraid. We had no lights by which to undress and we are most of us undecided as yet as to whether we resented the inconvenience or welcomed the excuse.

Life on Board

The easy life aboard a modern vessel is conducive to pleasure. We feed well, sleep well and loaf well—ordinarily. But how can one feed well when in the doorway of the dining-room stands two stalwart Porto Rican troopers with fixed bayonets, never taking their eyes off a group of German prisoners at the next table? Of course we don't care so much about the Germans, but suppose something started. A dining saloon is rather close range, and those soldiers do handle their guns somewhat careless.

Speaking of the German prisoners we are reminded that their quarters were directly over ours. All night long we hear the tramp, tramp, of the Porto Rican guardsmen as they watch before the door of the Germans. There is comfort in the thought of those soldiers and their presence gives a sense of security if only they would not get seasick and drop their cartridges right over head of our bunk, and we in the upper berth. To one unaccustomed to the ways of the army there is a sort of fascination in watching a soldier load his musket. He deftly inserts a sort of metallic hand in the breech of his gun. This hand has five very long cold looking fingers extremely sharp and business-like, each one capable of carrying 3,000 yards, and penetrating Lord knows how many thicknesses of plank—a ship's deck for instance and possibly a passenger or so. And as we ruminate on this possibility we again agree with the wisdom of the officer. There is no pleasure in sea travel these days.

Someone is always taking the joy out of life anyhow. As a rule a ship's officer is a good fellow and full of information. He will patiently enlighten each flock of passengers on the mystery of eight bells, starboard and port, etc. He will even fail to show annoyance when you mention "down cellar" instead of going below, and back and front instead of fore and aft, and calling the dining-room dignitary "head waiter" instead of first, second or third chief steward, and all such, but a ship's officer with a big navy automatic strapped on his waist line looks entirely different. That big automatic gives him a standoffish appearance which is hard to overcome, and if you do overcome it and begin one of those bland, innocent, fool questions which he should be prepared for in twenty years of sea life, he is apt to close up like a Coney Island clam and you see at once you have made another mistake.

No Pleasure on Deck at Night
There is a dignity about a sea officer's home in her war colors to get her baptismal four inch guns which no man mistake. He slips into some obscure spot on deck to watch the tropic ship into the sea, and in the morning gloom forgetfully light a pipe, but he will remember long

before the east comes "lights out" greets his wife in the fitful glare of the searchlight already lighted on the water and a deck officer and the very central focusing point is sure to be the navy revolver. You will then sneak up to the smoking room and stifle there in the heat of closed windows and burning nicotine, which will soon drive you on the darkened deck again. After running the maze of the blanketed passage you may run directly into the arms of an officer who is clearing the deck for the Porto Rican guard to bring aft the German prisoners from the dining-room. Ugh! Supposing they mistook you for a German and ran you aft with the bunch. Somehow you seem nearer those Porto Rican guardsmen with their fixed bayonets than ever before, and you agree with the officer: "there is no pleasure in traveling."

Before going to sea you were aware that war had been declared and you were on the wrong side of the map. Traveling home ceases to be a pleasure. On the other hand it is very much of a business and a serious business at that. But you never realized that war would come, so frightfully near home. Even though you never sight a periscope, or dodge a mine, you are acutely aware of the possibility, and you have all the sensations, right up to the point of contact, that can come to any man. Traveling for pleasure seem a thing of the past. It seems ages and ages since you stretched out comfortably on a deck chair and relaxed. That was before the war. Nowadays deck chairs are not so comfortable. Ships are not comfortable. Officers are not companionable. The captain instead of a sort of social leader has become a thing apart, a presence, a being, an object of hope and fear—both in one.

Therefore take the advice of the officer with the automatic. If in search of pleasure don't go to sea, for there is but one pleasure in the whole trip and that is watch them open the formidable mined gate at the entrance of New York harbor and permit you to sail in under the extremely grim and business like guns of the silent monitor which guards the entrance.

LOU D. MacWETHY.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Following is the Financial Statement and Report of Board of Education of School District No. 1, of Andover High School:

Receipts	
Balance on hand from previous year	\$ 48.72
Public money from Supervisor	814.83
Academic quota	100.00
Academic attendance	36.54
Non-resident tuition paid by the state	433.26
Bank tax	303.45
Raised by taxation	7,000.00
Total Receipts	\$8,736.80
Disbursements	
Teachers' Salaries	\$1,239.38
Hazel Strickland	643.50
Nina Hollenbeck	569.25
Helen Elston	470.00
Florence Mackey	30.00
Julia Lynch	519.75
Carolyn Hinchey	519.75
Mary Snyder	519.75
Blanche Redmond	519.75
Ruth Anderson	519.75
Total Disbursements	\$5,550.88
D. M. Green, janitor and trunk officer	\$25.00
Empire Gas & Fuel Co., fuel and lights	428.10
Total Disbursements	\$550.10
Aug. 15, Milton Bradley Co., Kindergarten supplies	4.68
Sept. 5, C. W. Williams, broom, matches, etc.	1.72
Oct. 3, Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co., oil and hardware supplies	15.68
Oct. 3, J. M. DeRemer, Thanksgiving	5.00
Oct. 3, Henry Stephens, premium on insurance policy	\$6.00
Oct. 3, J. H. Backus, printing school report, notices of school meeting and card-board	58.75
Oct. 3, J. A. Hart, bond No.	3.60

Oct. 15, Burrows National Bank, bond No. 13 and interest	684.00
Oct. 18, Andover State Bank note	150.00
Oct. 21, Lydia A. Benton, Int. on bond No. 18	3.60
Oct. 25, F. D. Rice for piano	135.00
Nov. 13, Henry Stephens, premium on insurance policy	14.40
Dec. 2, Andover State Bank, note	102.04
water bill	27.70
Milton, Bradley Co., supplies	27.50
Marine Biological Laboratory, Biology supplies	2.00
Silver Burdette & Co., music books, etc.	3.19

J. H. Backus, printing collectors notice, cards, etc.	4.60
Chas. M. Lash, premium on compensation policy	10.00
M. J. Gray, labor	.50
Dec. 15, Ahegany Mutual Telephone Co. for batteries and labor	7.40
Dec. 18, Mrs. R. Joyce, for fire extinguishers	4.00
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Jan. 20, Calvin Slocum, Int. on bond No. 16	7.20
Feb. 7, Brundage Drug Co., for books and supplies	27.81
F. L. Bloss, Misc.	8.42
C. E. Hann, labor	1.75
Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co., Hardware supplies and labor	5.80
D. C. Heath & Co., text books	3.12

J. H. Backus, printing cards, and card-board	4.60
L. C. Sterner, express charges	2.00
Mar. 13, Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co., labor and Misc.	11.08
Scott Foresman & Co.,	
Apr. 3, J. H. Backus, stationery	6.50
Apr. 5, Burrows National Bank, Int. on bonds	72.00
Apr. 6, J. C. Scribner, Int. on bond, No. 17	3.60
Apr. 19, Milton Bradley Co., supplies	1.85
Apr. 24, Lydia A. Benton, Int. on bond No. 18	3.60
May 1, J. C. Lever, Int. on bond No. 19	7.20
May 7, Bacon Vincent Co., supplies	12.44
May 17, Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., Biology supplies	1.75



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