

USS MARCUS ISLAND CVE-77



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EX. KANALKU BAY

CLASS : CASABLANCA

BUILDER : KAISER - NORDBERG

KEEL LAID : 9 - 15 - 43

LAUNCHED : 12 - 16 - 43

COMMISSIONED : 1 - 26 - 44

CVE - 77 was Flagship for Carrier Division 27 for operations in the Palaus. Then a member of Taffy 3. Launched air strikes in the Philippines. Was in the battle of Samar, back to the Philippines to escort the Mindoro attack group. She gave close air support for the Invasion and Lingayen Gulf operation. Also participated in air cover in Ryukyus, after the Okinawan operation, joined the "Magic Carpet" duty.

HER AIR UNITS WERE : VC - 21, VC - 87,
& VC - 1

BUT AFTER APRIL, 1945 CVE - 77 HAD NO
AIR UNITS ASSIGNED TO HER.

IN 1955 SHE WAS RECLASSIFIED TO CVU - 77

THEN RECLASSIFIED TO AKV - 27 IN 1959.

1960 SHE WAS SOLD TO COMARKET INC.

SHE THEN ON 8/6/60 ARRIVED IN OSAKA
FOR SCRAPPING.

THE
**GALLOPING
GHOST**

U.S.S. MARCUS ISLAND (CVE 77)



" CROSSING THE EQUATOR "

SPECIAL PICTORIAL EDITION

27 MAY 1944



From: His Royal Highness King Neptune's Rex
To: The Officers and Men of the U.S.S. Marcus Island

Via: Davy Jones, Royal Scribe

Subject: Newly Initiated Shellbacks, Acceptance of

1 Greetings and Salutations to all ye subject named officers and men. I extend my heartiest welcome to ye who are entering our exalted ranks. Be it known to all seafaring men that ye of this vessel, while steaming southward from [redacted] to [redacted] did enter our Royal Domain at [redacted] Latitude on the 27th day of May 1944 and were inspected and found worthy to be initiated into our Organization.

2 The following pages of this diary are dedicated to the subject named officers and men and are living proof of the befitting method of induction into our ranks.

3 Let it be forgotten, the present ceremony originated with the Ancient Vikings who made certain sacrifices to the Gods of the Sea when crossing certain meridians. The Legend carried down to the Anglo-Saxons who later changed the custom to a simple ceremony when crossing the Equator. This initiation is compulsory and no man may refuse it.

4 Therefore, on behalf of my Royal Court and myself, I welcome ye to our exalted ranks and fervently hope that in the future ye will aid in bringing all scurvy pollywogs to justice so that they may be made fitting of our association.

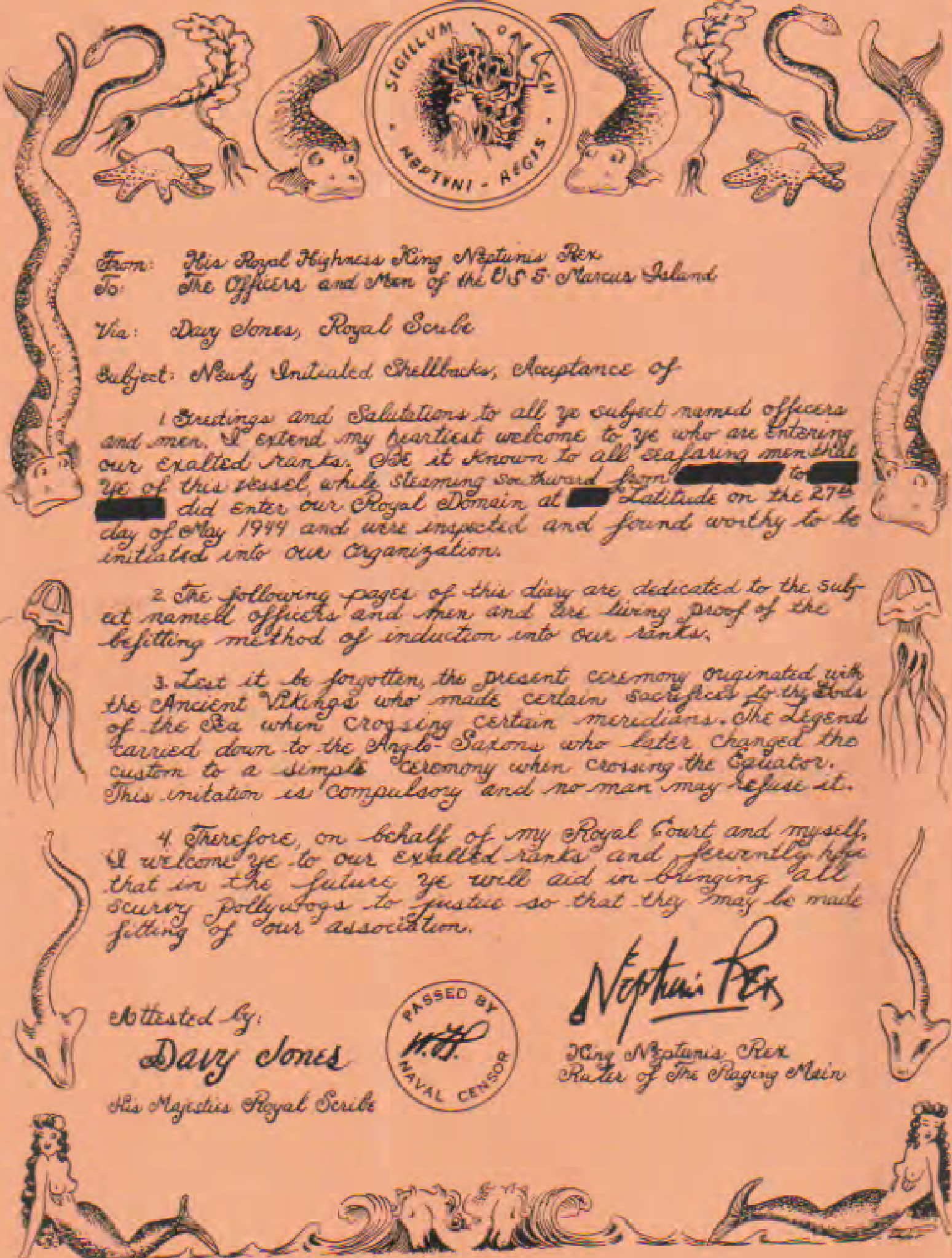
Attested by:
Davy Jones

His Majesty's Royal Scribe



Neptune's Rex

King Neptune's Rex
Ruler of The Raging Main



WARDROOM INITIATION-THE DAY BEFORE



"BELLBOTTOMS" RANDALL



UNDER THE TABLE



LOUNGE LIZARD



STOWAWAY FOUND IN THE BILGES



READING THE CHARGES



IN THE WARDROOM



SUSPEONE



ASSUME THE ANGLE

FOS'CLE FUN



POLLYWOG WAITER



OUCH!



A CLEAN SWEEPDOWN



SHARP LOOKOUT

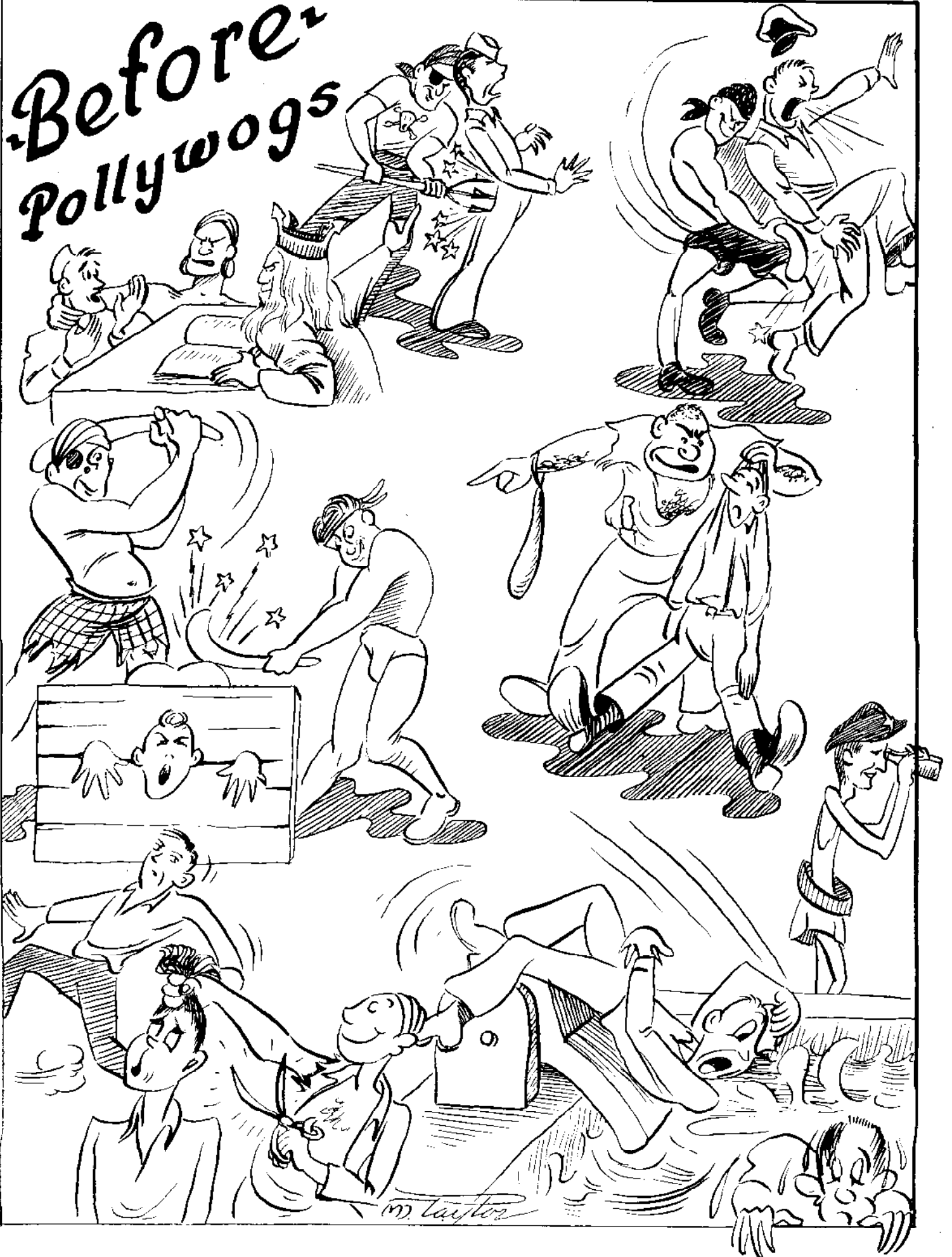


SUMMONS DELIVERED



LOCKED IN THE BRIG

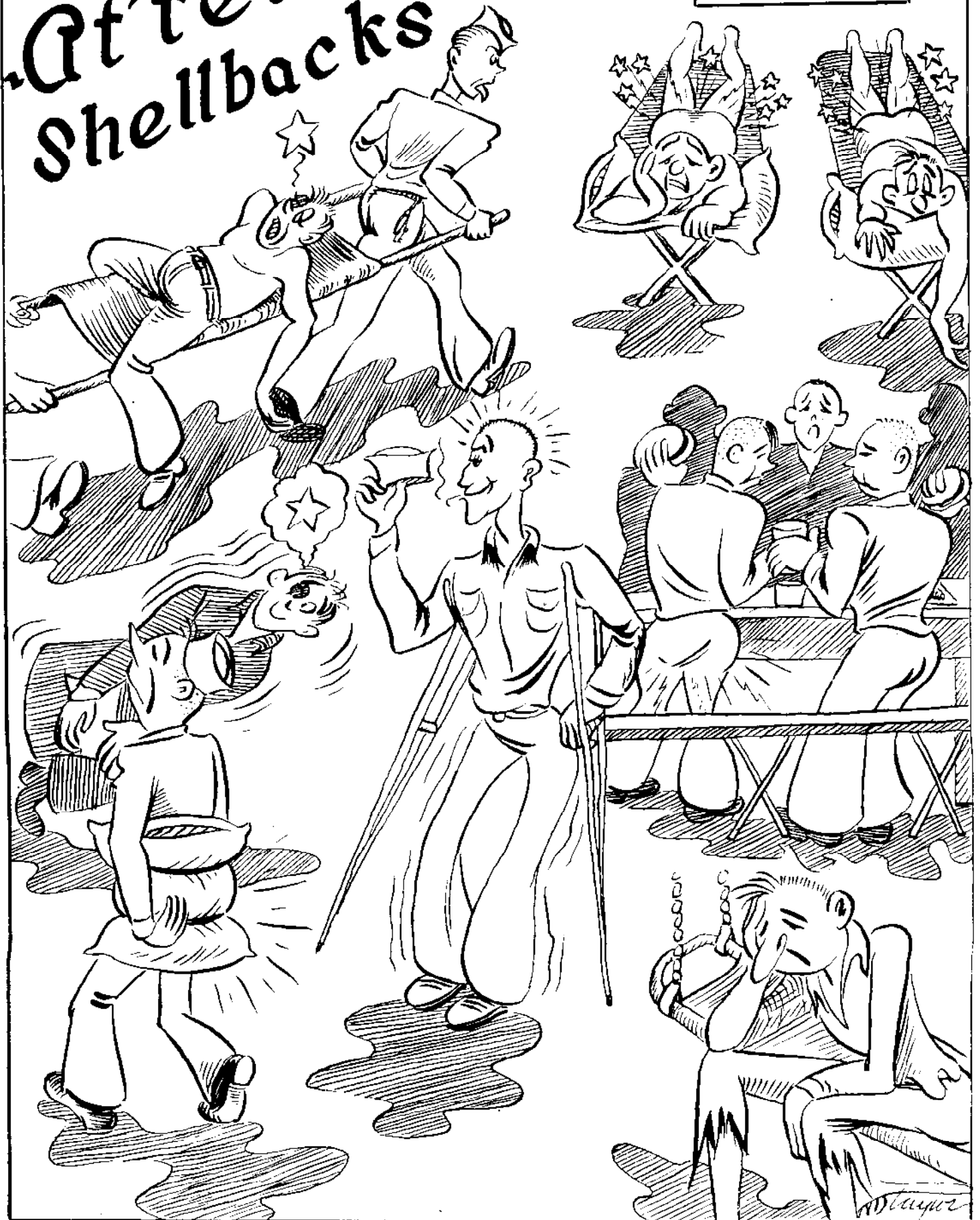
Before Pollywogs



M. Taylor

After shellbacks

SICK BAY

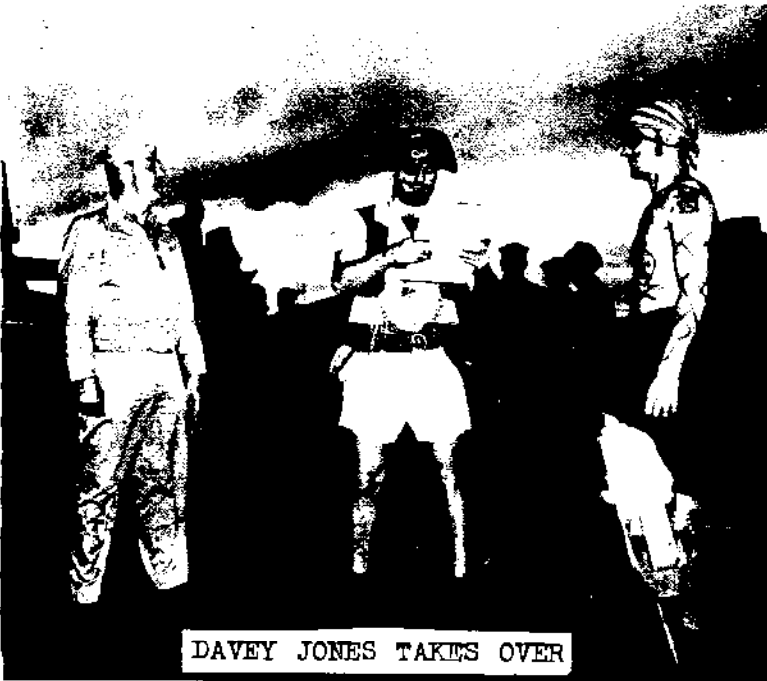




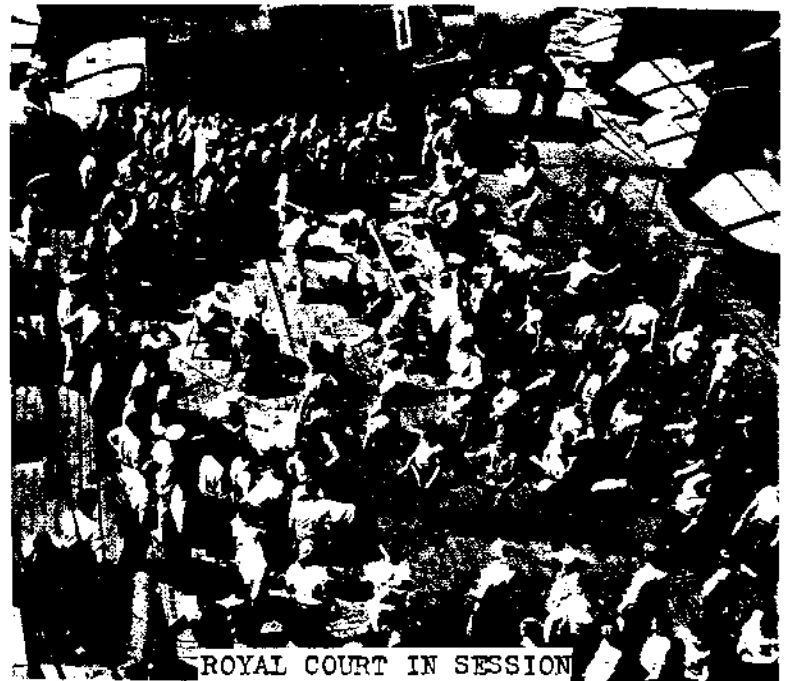
ROYAL HENCHMEN



OPERATING TABLE



DAVEY JONES TAKES OVER

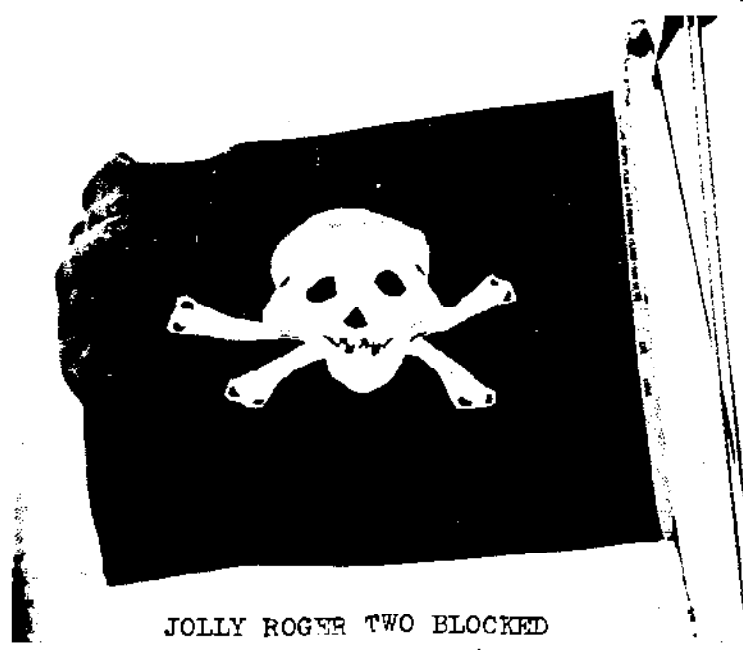


ROYAL COURT IN SESSION





HAIRCUT LINE



JOLLY ROGER TWO BLOCKED



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS



DAVY JONES - HIS MAJESTY'S SCRIBE



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS NEPTUNIS REX



ROYAL BARBERS



NEXT



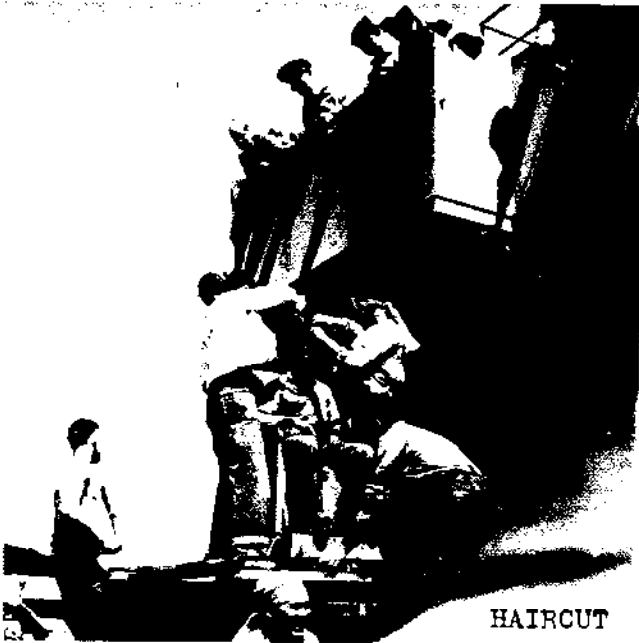
POLLYWOG STOCKADE



DRINKING TO THE ROYAL BABY



NEXT VICTIM



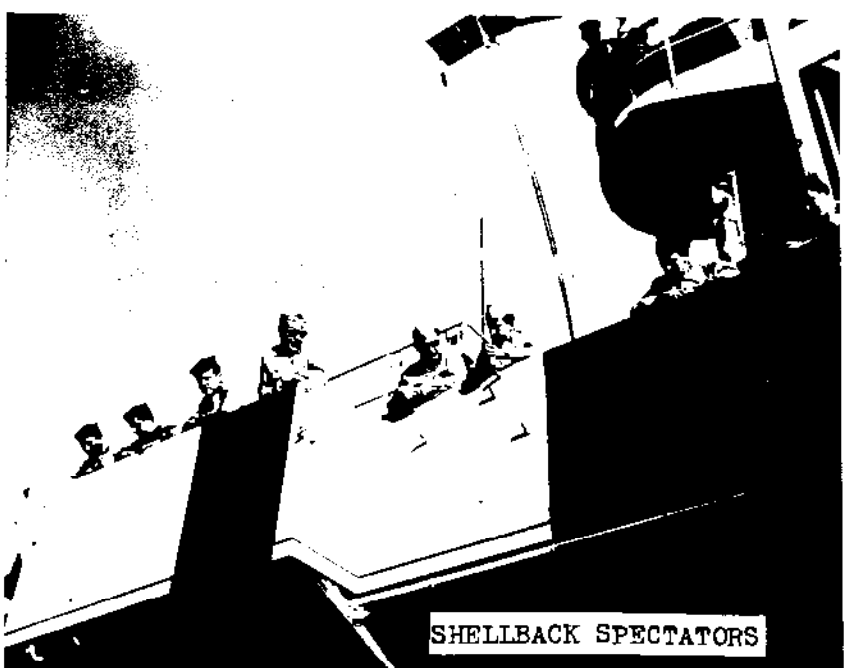
HAIRCUT



POLLYWOGS AWAITING INITIATION



ROYAL BABY



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