PLAN OF THE DAY
24 DECEMBER 1943  FRIDAY

0547 Reveille for all hands.
0602 General Quarters.
0702 Sunrise. Light ship. Smoking lamp is lighted topside.
0730 (or after General Quarters) Pipe to breakfast.
0800 Muster on stations and submit reports to the officer of the Deck.
0930 5"/38 Loading drill. "D" Division men not on watch to mess hall for instructions.
1000 20mm gun crews to fantail for instruction.
1030 Pollywog officers loading drill - Uniform: Peacoats, kopak liferjackets, helmet.
1130 Pipe to dinner.
1150 Senior Shellback inspects pollywog watch. Consult Dabbler for watch list and uniforms.
1200 Station all pollywog watches.
1300 Turn to. Continue ship's work.
1350 Relieve the pollywog watch.
1400 All lookouts not on watch lay down to mess hall.
1445 All lowly pollywogs muster at quarters.
1500 All lowly pollywogs muster at focsle hatch. Freudeman to pipe Davy Jones aboard. Attention on deck. 6 sideboys to be furnished by pollywogs.
1630 Knock off work. Clean sweep down fore and aft.
1700 Pipe to supper.
1902 Sunset. Darken ship. Smoking lamp out topside. MAA to check ship for lights showing.
2002 Dump all trash and garbage. GMAA to report to O.C.O.D. condition of darkened ship.
2100 Eight o'clock reports. PAL's and restricted men to muster at the starboard motor whale boat.

Lights out.

J. S. C. GABBERT,
Lieutenant-Commander, U. S. N.
Executive Officer.

Water used on 22 December 1943. - 5375 gallons.
Subject: Watch List and Standing Orders for all Pollywog Lookouts.

(f) The Starboard Bow Lookout station will be manned by Pollywog Ensign Bevier. The Uniform will be Sweat Shirt, Bathing Trunks, and Diving Apparatus. He will be assisted by the Port Bow Lookout who is also a lowly, slimy, filthy Pollywog. The Starboard Bow Lookout will be guided by the following orders:

"Pump hard and fast, little wog,
Don't stop even though you may be fogged,
And when you feel you no longer can bear,
Well, when you stop pumpin’ — no more air!"

(g) The Port Bow Lookout station will be manned by Pollywog Ensign Callaway, and will take station in the eyes of the ship and will assist the Starboard Lookout. The uniform will be Sweat shirt, bathing trunks, and as much of the diving apparatus as his lowly brother Pollywog manning the Starboard Bow Lookout station cannot operate or carry by himself. You will be guided by the following orders:

"We know you think you sailed a lot,
And you always thought you was kinda hot,
So how do you like your wrappings text,
Look sharply for Neptunus Rex."

Royal Procurement of Lookouts,

SOL T. BRYAN

THE ABOVE WATCH LIST WAS JUST RECEIVED THIS MORNING BY THE SENIOR POLLYWOG DIRECTING STRICT COMPLIANCE. COULD IT BE THAT DAVEY JONES WAS IRRITATED AND "HIGHLY INSULTED" BY NOT SEEING A POLLYWOG WATCH POSTED UPON HIS ARRIVAL YESTERDAY?

POLLYWOGS BEWARE!

FLASH!! WORD WAS JUST RECEIVED THAT THE SENIOR WILL TAKE OVER THE DECK AS SOON AS MORNING CQ HAS SECURED AND THE SAID POLLYWOG (ENS. SCHMIDT) HAS HAD TIME TO GET INTO THE PROPER UNIFORM; TO WIT: Dress Blues with Gloves, Sidearms, sheepskin Coat, and Overshoes. HE WILL BE RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES IMMEDIATELY UPON THE ARRIVAL OF ROYAL PARTY.
AT TWELVE THIRTY TODAY HIS MAJESTY KING NEPTUNES REX SHIFTED HIS FLAG TO USS BRINEY DEEP X COURT ADJOURNED AFTER HAVING DULY TRIED SENTENCED AND INITIATE 14 OFFICERS INCLUDING COMMANDING OFFICER AND 301 MEN.
DAVY JONES TO THE OFFICER OF THE DECK: SHIP AHoy!

COD: Aye, Aye, Sir.

DAVY JONES: What Ship?

COD: The U.S.S. ABBOT.

DAVY JONES: What course?

COD: (Give course)

DAVY JONES: Very well, sir. I have been awaiting your arrival. You will notify the Senior Shellback on board that I, Davey Jones, have a message to deliver to him from His Royal Highness, Neptunus Rex.

COD: Aye, Aye, Sir.

(A lapse of a few minutes)

Your Honor, the Senior Shellback is coming forward immediately.

(Attention is sounded. All hands salaam as the COD appears before Davey Jones with the Senior Shellback.)

COD: (Lieut. if WRB, Commander, if FWL), a Royal Visitor has arrived; the emissary of His Majesty King Neptune, ruler of the raging main and Lord of the Depth of the sea, 'tis none other than his Royal Scribe the Famous Davey Jones!

SSB: Greetings, Davey Jones.

DJ: My congratulations to you (Lt. or Comdr), Quite a few months since I last saw you.

SSB: Yes, it was on the USS _________ about _______ months ago.

DJ: I have a summons to you from Neptunus Rex.

SSB: I will be glad to receive it.

(DAVY JONES THEN UNSCRolls THE SUMMONS AND READS IN A HOARSE LOUD TONE. UPON COMPLETION OF READING HE CALLS FORTH SOME OF THE OFFENDERS AND READS THEIR SUBPOENA'S. UPON COMPLETION OF READING THE SUBPOENA'S, HE TURNS THEM OVER TO THE SENIOR SHELLBACK FOR DISTRIBUTION.)

(DAVY JONES THEN SHAKES HANDS WITH THE SENIOR SHELLBACK.)

DJ: I will await your pleasure tomorrow, sir, and will see you when I return with my Royal Master. Before I depart I must state that I noticed you did not have any Royal Watches posted when I came on board and I must require that they be posted in accordance with the instructions you have already received.

Good afternoon, Sir.

SSB: Good Afternoon, Davey Jones.

(DAVY JONES THEN WALKS TO THE FORWARD HATCH. BARES AND POLICE COMMENCE CARRYING OUT ORDERS OF NEPTUNUS REX WITH THE WORST OF THE OFFENDERS.)
1.

ONWARD POLLYWOG SAILORS, MARCHING OFF TO WAR
WITH THE TRUSTY SHELLBACKS GOING ON BEFORE
THEY OUR ROYAL MASTERS, WE THE LOWLY SWINE
THEY GO ON BEFORE US, WE TRAIL ON BEHIND

ONWARD TRUSTY SHELLBACKS, WE ARE SERVANTS THINE
WE WILL SERVE THEE FAITHFUL, 'TIL WE CROSS THE LINE

2.

O' YOU BETTER WATCH OUT, YOU BETTER NOT CRY
YOU BETTER NOT FOUT, I'M TELLING YOU WHY
DAVEY JONES IS COMING ABOARD.

O' HE'S MAKING A LIST, HE'S CHECKING IT TWICE
HE'S GON' A FIND OUT WHO'S NAUGHTY OR NICE
DAVEY JONES IS COMING A BOARD

HE SEES YOU WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING,
HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE
HE KNOWS IF YOU'VE BEEN BAD OR GOOD,
SO BE GOOD FOR SHELLBACKS SAKE

REPEAT FIRST VERSE

3.

ON THE DAY WE CROSSED THE LINE
HOW THEY PADDLED OUR BEHIND
THEY STARTED WITH ZITOLI
AND MURDERED ANGEVINE

ON THE WAY TO FUNAFUTI
WHERE THE SHELLBACKS DID THEIR DUTY
AND THE POLLYWOGS BECAME GOOD SAILORS
ON THE MIGHTY "A"

4.

O' GIVE ME A SHIP WHERE WE DON'T TAKE THE SHIT
WHERE THE SHELLBACKS DON'T SIT ON THE THRONE
WHERE POLLYWOGS GLEAM, WHERE SHELLBACKS DON'T SCREAM
AND GLOAT AT A POLLYWOG'S MOAN

MOAN, GROAN ALL THE DAY.
THE SHELLBACKS WILL STILL HAVE THEIR WAY
YES, MAYBE WE STINK, BUT WE CAN STILL THINK
OF THE SOFTSHELLS WHO THROW IT OUR WAY

5.

WE'RE FOREVER DODGING SHELLBACKS
THEY ARE ALWAYS ON OUR TRAIL
THEY ACT SO HIGH, WITH NO REASON WHY
THEY ALWAYS WHACK YOU ON THE TAIL
BUT WE KNOW SOME SOFTSHELLS
WHO WILL RUE TODAY
WE'LL HAVE A KANGAROO COURT
AND MIGHTY SORRY WILL BE THEY
U.S.S. ABBOT (DD629)

1 October 1944, Crossing the Line

SIX SIDE BOYS - OFFICER OF THE DECK - AT FORWARD HATCH, PIPE THE ROYAL PARTY ON BOARD.

NEPTUNE: (To Davey Jones as he steps out on Deck) Well, well, well, what a fine ship! But what a cargo of landlubbers! I could smell them before the ship reached the equator.

(COD SALUTES AND REPORTS WITH MUCH DIGNITY THAT THE SENIOR SHELLBACK WILL BE FORTHWARD IMMEDIATELY.)

SSB: A sailor's welcome to you King Neptunus Rex! It is a great pleasure to have you with us.

NEP: The pleasure is mine, (Lt. or Comdr.). Allow me to present the Royal Navigator who will be placed on the bridge. I am glad to be with you again, (Lieut. or Comdr.), and have prepared a busy day in order to make your landlubbers fit subjects of my great sea domain.

SSB: May I invite your attention to the fact that I have several young officers and members of the crew aboard who have not been in the service long enough to have had an opportunity to visit your domain and become shellbacks. I beg you to be as lenient with them as Possible.

NEP: Ah, (Lt. or Comdr.), I will be as SEVERE as I can, as severe as I can. Introduces

SSB: (Introducing officers who have crossed the line before - assemble in parade formation preparatory to inspecting the crew)

Neptune, I turn over the ABBOT to you for such a time as you wish.

NEP: Very well (commander or Lt.), thank you. (Turning to Hould) Royal Navigator, proceed to the bridge and direct the ship on the course assigned.

START INSPECTING: AFTER INSPECTION TAKE PLACES AND COMMENCE INITIATIONS.

OFFICERS FIRST BY RANK, CPO'S AND THEN BY DIVISIONS, BARES GO BRING VICTIMS FORWARD.

UPON COMPLETION OF CEREMONIES NEPTUNE TELLS THE SENIOR SHELLBACK THAT ALL MEN HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED AS SHELLBACKS AND GREET THEM AS SUCH. ATTENTION ON DECK AND THE ROYAL PARTY GOES FORWARD.
IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL TRUSTY SHELLBACKS WILL PROPERLY
SEARCH OUT AND INITIATE ANY SLIMY POLLYWOGS THAT MAY BE
FOUND LURKING ABOARD ANY SHIP IN THIS SQUADRON BT

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Domain of Neptunus Rex,
Vale of Pacificus,
1 October 1944.

From: The Royal Procurer of Lookouts.
To: Senior Pollywog Ensign L.E. Schmidt, USNR.
Subject: Watch List and Standing Orders for all Pollywog Lookouts.

1. All Pollywogs designated below will stand watches as directed in
sub-paragraphs 1 (a) through 1 (g). The Senior Pollywog will inspect the
watch immediately after general quarters in the morning to ascertain that all
watchstanders are in complete uniform as prescribed below and ready to post
the watch. The watch will be posted immediately after inspection and will re-
main on watch until the Royal Party comes aboard:

(a) Pollywog Ensign Hesselman will stand watches on the searchlight plat-
form. The uniform for the searchlight lookout will be foul-weather gear,
binoculars and helmet. He will be guided by the following orders:

"Search the horizon from beam to beam,
Keep the Searchlight platform clean;
Be respectful to Davey Jones,
Or else you'll have broken bones."

(b) Pollywog FOLEY, Tc2 and his low-seam brother Pollywog MILLER, TM3c,
will stand the messenger watch on either side of the bridge. The uniform for
the messengers will be Dress Blue Jumper, Neckerchief, Flat Hats, with Leg-
gings, and Dress Shoes. They will be guided by the following orders:

"You will search the seven seas,
Cause if you don't with bended knees
Punishment will be inflicted
For you're sure to be indicted."

(c) Pollywog Ensign Ingalls will take station as the stratosphere fishing watch
on the flying bridge. The uniform will be Bathing Trunks, Sowester, and Bow Hook. He will be guided by the following orders:

"A fishing in the stratosphere,
With baited hook, you little dear,
With shellbacks don't you get bold,
For if you do you'll get told,
Catch 13 sea gulls, not one less,
Cause they're the ones that make a mess."

(d) Pollywog ANHAN, MM3c, will stand the Davey Jones Fisherman Watch in
the starboard chains. The uniform will be dungaree trousers rolled above the
knees and no shirt, Sowester, Lantern and net. He will be guided by the
following orders:

"With lighted lantern and baited net,
Six flying fishes you will get,
For Davey Jones' morning repast,
Falling this, you'll breathe your last."

(e) Pollywog Ensign Stevenson will stand the Fog Lookout and will take
station on the flying bridge. The uniform will be Oilskins, Sowester and
Binoculars. He will be guided by the following orders:

"When fog sets in you'll sound your horn
With a moan that's most forlorn,
So sound it loud and frequently,
Or else the boom will fall on thee."
A SQUAD D48 26000 D 629 GR 4

YOUR 252358 WELL DONE

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U.S.S. ABBOT DD629
URGENT - PRIORITY

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FROM: U.S.S. ABBOT (DD629)
TO: THE ROYAL COURT OF HIS MAJESTY NEPTUNUS REX

YOUR 222016 PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY X TRUSTY SHELLBACKS ARE ORGANIZED X LOWLY POLLYWOGS VERY COCKY X UNLESS POLLYWOGS IMMEDIATELY CONSUME A MORE RESPECTFUL MANNER TOWARDS THEIR SUPERIORS THE TRUSTY SHELLBACKS RECOMMENDED HORRIBLE AND JUST PUNISHMENT TO EACH AND EVERY STINKING LOWLY POLLYWOG X COMMANDING OFFICER NOT LISTED OFFICIALLY AS SHELLBACK X WAS ABOARD NEW MEXICO IN 1936 WHEN FLEET ENTERED YOUR ROYAL DOMAIN X WITHIN FEW MILES OF LINE BUT DID NOT CROSS DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE X ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT PETITIONED SHELLBACKS BELIEVE IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED HONORARY SHELLBACK X ON VIEW OF ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE FACT VESSEL WILL BE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ENEMY TERRITORY RECOMMEND COMMANDING OFFICER BE EXCUSED FROM PUNISHMENT X SIGNED J.S.C. GABBERT (SENIOR SHELLBACK) BT

222215

TOD TO SEA WEEE RDO/2220/ TRUSTY SHELLBACK
TOR SEA WEEE RDO/2235/NEPTUNUS RDO STATION

SEA WEEE RADIO STATION

230000

FROM: SEA WEEE RADIO
TO: U.S.S. ABBOT (DD629)
VIA: MERMAID MESSENGER.

FOR LIEUT. COMDR. J.S.C. GABBERT SENIOR SHELLBACK X YOUR 222215 X WELCOME ONCE AGAIN INTO MY ROYAL DOMAIN X YOU SEEM TO BE A FREQUENT VISITOR BUT WHY MUST YOU ALWAYS HAVE A STINKING LOUSY CARGO OF LOWLY POLLYWOGS EACH TIME WE MEET X MY SPECIAL ENMISSARY DAVEY JONES WILL BOARD YOU ABOUT 1500 LOCAL TIME DECEMBER 24, 1943 TO ISSUE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR MY COURT X ASSURE YOU THAT ALL POLLYWOGS WILL BE SEVERELY DEALT WITH X CASE OF COMMANDING OFFICER UNDER SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AT PRESENT X WILL ADVISE PRIOR TO MEETING OF ROYAL COURT X

230000

DAVEY JONES
BY HIS MAJESTY'S Scribe
RULER OF THE RAGIN MAIN

TOR TO USS ABBOT RDO/0002/ TRUSTY SHELLBACK
1. Onward pollywog Sailors, marching off to war,
   With the trusty Shellbacks going on before,
   They our Royal Masters, we the lowly swine,
   They go on before us, we trail on behind.

   Onward trusty Shellbacks, we are servants thine,
   We will serve thee faithful, 'til we cross the line.

2. Oh, you better watch out, you better not cry,
   You better not pout I'm telling you why,
   Davey Jones is coming aboard.
   Oh, he's making a list, he's checking it twice,
   He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice,
   Davey Jones is coming aboard.
   He sees you when you're sleeping, he knows when you're awake,
   He knows when you've been bad or good,
   So be good for the Shellbacks sake.

   Repeat first three lines.

3. On the day we crossed the line,
   How they paddled our behind,
   They started with Zitoli
   And they murdered Angevine.
   On the road to Funafuti,
   Where the Shellbacks did their duty,
   And the pollywogs became good sailors,
   On the "Mighty A".

4. Oh, give me a ship where we don't take the shit,
   Where the Shellbacks don't sit on the throne,
   Where pollywogs gleam, where Shellbacks don't scream,
   And gloat at a pollywogs moan.

   Moan, groan, all the day,
   The Shellbacks will still have their way,
   Yes, maybe we stink, but we can still think,
   Of the "softshells" who throw it our way.

5. We're forever dodging Shellbacks,
   They are always on our trail,
   They act so high, with no reason why,
   They always whack us on the tail,
   But we know some soft shells,
   Who will rule today,
   But we'll have a kangaroo court,
   And mighty sorry will be they.

"The Four A's"
NOTICE

PROCLAMATION

A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL COURT of which Johnson, Earl W., CEM, U.S. Navy is Senior Member will meet at 1300, 29 September 1944, to try the cases of all alleged shellbacks who, by virtue of previous passage through the Royal Domain of Neptunus Rex, consider it fit and proper that they be declared trusty shellbacks without further inconveniences.

The following are directed to appear before the court and prove their right to enter the ranks of this distinguished company.

1. Ensign Blair Krimmel.
2. Ensign G. S. Miller.
3. All persons who have entered the Royal Domain on any ship other than the U.S.S. Abbott.
4. Any man on the accompanying list of suspected pollywogs who can prove his innocence.

Those appearing before the court are urged, for the sake of fairness and the good of their own souls, to produce documentary evidence.

W. R. BARANGER
Lieutenant, USNR,
Administrative Assistant to
Senior Shellback.

* SUSPECTED *—* POLLYWOGS *

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Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.,
29 September 1944.

From: Senior Shellback.
To: JOHNSON, Earl W., CEM, U.S. Navy

Subject: Court of Inquiry and Investigation - convening of.

1. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by His Royal Majesty, Neptunus Rex, a court of Inquiry consisting of yourself as Senior Member and CONNELLY, E.J., CCM; WITT, R. J. CTM; ZUMMER, C.E., CWT and JENKINS, E.S., CPhM as additional members is hereby ordered to convene on board at 1300 on Friday, September 29, 1944, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the purpose of inquiring into the validity of such evidence as may be submitted by alleged shellbacks, who though lacking substantial and reliable proof in the files of this vessel, deem it fit and proper that they be declared trusty shellbacks and permitted to enter the ranks of this distinguished company.

2. You are directed to confer with Administrative Assistant to Senior Shellback, to wit, the Executive Officer, prior to convening of this board, to receive necessary instructions.

3. You and the additional members of this board are directed to impartially and honestly examine and inquire, according to the evidence presented and report the findings to the Administrative Assistant to Senior Shellback.

F. W. INSLING.
ROYAL REIGM HEADQUARTERS

U.S.S. ABBOT

From: Royal Representative of His Highness Neptunus Rex.
To: All Scum-bellied, Stinking, Lousy, Foul, and Lowly Officer-Pollywogs.

Subject: Orders of the Day - 30 September 1944.

1. All foul smelling pollywog officers will report to the Mess Hall Master at Arms at 1110 for duty as mess cooks.

2. All slimy-necked pollywog officer mess cooks will report to the Officer of the Deck for inspection at 1105.

3. Uniform for all low lived, crawling cruddy pollywog officer mess cooks will be as follows: White Jackets without gold of any kind, blue service trousers, white shoes, towel over arm, name tag supplied by most honorable shellback OOD.

4. All putrid, stenchful lowly officer pollywogs will report to the wardroom for mess this evening in the uniform of the day as prescribed by his Royal Highness, to wit: White trousers, blue service coats, white shoes, white shirts with stiff collar, black ties, flower in lapel, white handkerchief in lapel pocket, blue cap cover without cap and worn as a beret, and name tags used when mess cooking.

5. Strict and prompt adherence to these orders is mandatory.

ATTEST: For the KING,

[Signature]

DAVEY JONES.
U. S. S. ABBOT (D DE24)

PLAN OF THE DAY

SATURDAY - 25 DECEMBER 1943

0519 Reveille - MERRY CHRISTMAS - Pass the word over loud speaker, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" even the lowly pollywogs.

0534 General Quarters. Merry Christmas.

0634 Sunrise. It is a beautiful morning, here on the ABBOT.

Station all the special pollywog watch details, in prescribed uniform.

0730 (Or immediately after GQ) Breakfast - Pollywogs eat heartily. It may be your last.

0750 Quarters. All pollywogs fall in at Division Parades for muster.

Uniform - Skivvy shirts.

0800 Standby to receive King Neptune and His Court.

Eight side-boys in prescribed uniforms.

Senior shellback will meet the King and his party on the focals, and conduct him on an inspection tour and aft to his court. Upon piping King Neptune on board break the King's flag (Jolly Roger) at the foretruck.

COMMENCE INITIATIONS. POLLYWOGS REMAIN IN RANKS UNTIL CALLED FOR BY SHELLBACKS. OFFICERS WILL RECEIVE THE ROYAL WORKS FIRST.

After being accepted as full fledged shellbacks, all new shellbacks will be permitted to witness their less fortunate shipmates pay for their sins. The watch will be relieved by newly accepted shellbacks in order to give King Neptune's hungry bears a chance at all hands.

1200 (About) Complete ceremonies. Turn to. Clean up ship after ceremonies. Commence throwing dead and injured pollywogs who could not take it over the side.

1400 PIPE TO CHRISTMAS DINNER - ALL SHELLBACKS.

1800 (About) Buffet type supper of "leftovers" from the Christmas feast.

1903 Sunset. Darken ship. Smoking lamp out topside. WAA inspect ship for lights showing and make your report to the OOD.

1930 Eight o'clock reports. PAL's and restricted men to muster at the starboard motor whaleboat.

2003 Dump all trash and garbage.

2100 Lights out below decks.

J.S.C. GABBERT,
Lieutenant-Commander, U.S. Navy,
Executive Officer.

The Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer wish to extend to each member of the crew the sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas, and the hope that next year you may be beating eight to the bar instead of pollywogs.
WATCH LIST ----24 DECEMBER 1943

Pollywog Officer of the Deck (1200 until relieved): Ens. WINKWORTH
Pollywog starboard Lookout: (1200 until relieved): Ens. rauntun
Pollywog Port Lookout: (1200 until relieved): Lt.(jg) M.J. O'BRIEN
Pollywog Messengers: 1200-1330 WMIT, CTM
1330-1500 McGowan, CGM

TIME SEARCHLIGHT FOG STRATOSPHERE DAVY JONES
LOOKOUT LOOKOUT LOOKOUT FISHERMAN FISHERMAN
1200-1330 Ens. McRae, ENR Ens. Waltz LORIT, COMDR Ens. Hendryt
1330-1500 Ens. Melby Connolly, CGM Perini, CCS Ens. Allen

SIGNAL BRIDGE
1200-1330 Woolsey, SM1c
1330-1500 Gastineau, QM2c

ENCLOSURE "A" TO SR SHELLBACK USS ABBOT LTR TO SR POLLYWOG USS
ABBOT-OF-12-24-43

ENCLOSURE "B" WATCH LIST ----25 DECEMBER 1943

TIME SEARCHLIGHT FOG STRATOSPHERE DAVY JONES
LOOKOUT LOOKOUT LOOKOUT LOOKOUT

ALL THE ABOVE NAMED MEN TURN YOUR HATS AROUND AND
RELIEVE YOURSELVES. YOU ARE ALL DIRECTED TO BE ON
WATCH FROM THE TIME THE SHIP SECURES FROM GC UNTIL
THE ROYAL PARTY COMES ON BOARD TO GIVE YOU THE
ROYAL WORKS.

THE SENIOR-POLLYWOG WILL INSPECT THE WATCH AS PRESCRIBED ON THE
PLAN OF THE DAY. ALL WATCHSTANDERS BE IN COMPLETE UNIFORM AND ON
deck by 1150 on 24 December 1943. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WATCH
WILL BE INSPECTED ON THE STARBOARD SIDE BY THE MOTOR WHALEBOAT.

FILE NO. 0000 U.S.S. ABBOT (DD629)

FROM: Royal Procuer of Lookouts.
TO: Pollywogs of ALL Classes.
SUBJECT: Standing Orders for all Lookouts.
Reference: (a) Senior “hellbacks letter of 24 December with
enclosures (A) & (B).

1. In accordance with reference (a), all pollywogs of
all classes will stand lookout duties, with the exception of
lieutenant (JG) Hill who will be busy making ICE CREAM.

2. Pollywogs standing watches on forward searchlight
platform will be guided by the following orders:
"Search the horizon from beam to beam,
Keep the Searchlight platform clean;
Be respectful to Davy Jones,
Or else you'll have broken bones."

3. Pollywog messengers will take station on the bridge
on the bridge and will be guided by the following orders:
"You will search the seven seas,
Cause if you don't with bended knees
Punishment will be inflicted
For your sure to be indicted."