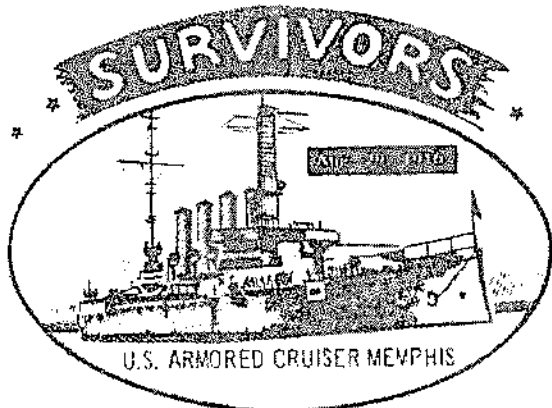


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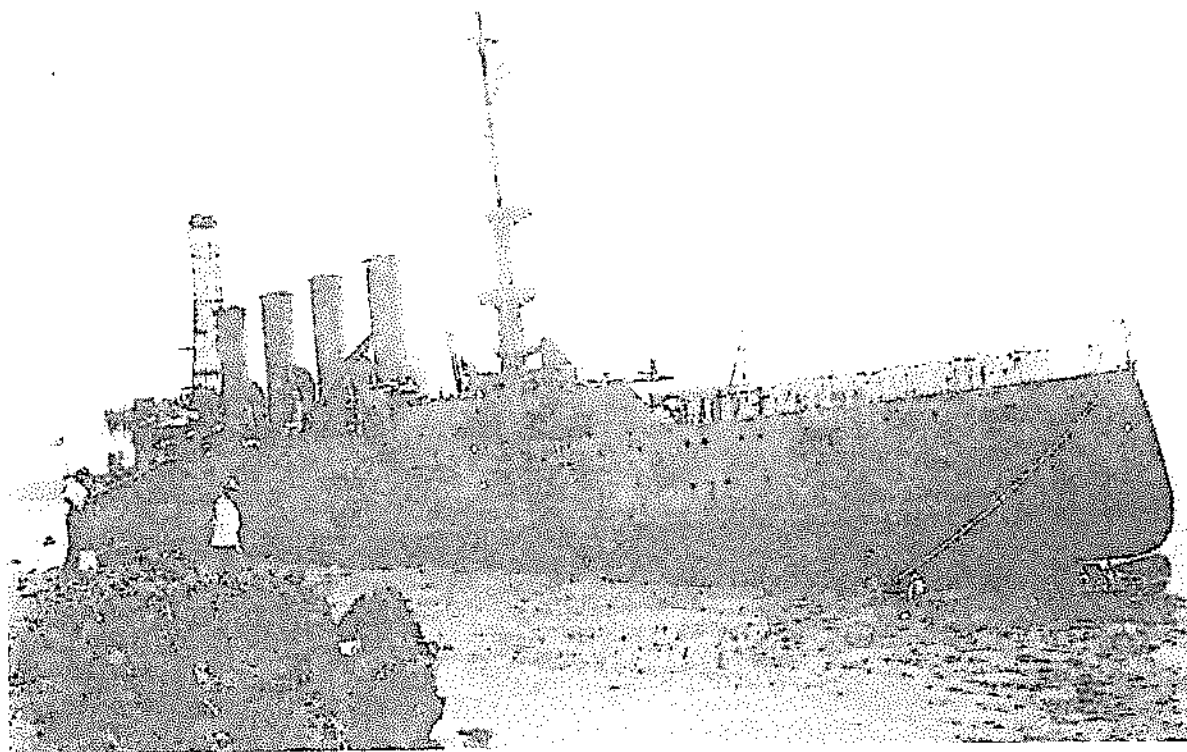
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## ON THE ROCKS

U.S.S. MEMPHIS AUGUST 29, 1916. PICTURE GIVEN TO CAPT'N BEACH,  
BY A MR. STEVE WOODMAN OF WEST LEBANON, MAINE.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

To the Crew of the Armored Cruiser Memphis;

I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Prosperous 1960. I hope to meet each and every one of you in Cleveland, August 27-28-29.

I had a phone call from one of our shipmates after the Philadelphia reunion and he said that he wanted to come but was afraid we were an exclusive bunch. How right he is, we are exclusive by God's Will to be able to call ourselves survivors. Another said he was afraid we were "putting on the dog" but he was away off on "Port side" as everyone is welcome and wanted in "Top Hats or Dungarees", your choice, as long as you are "Ship Shape".

Many of us had our wives along; they helped make it a pleasant week-end. It was a treat to see the old crew assemble, some you would recognize at once, others after a few words.

Many of the members suggested leaving the policy making to the Elected Officers as this would save the "Ships Writer" a great deal of work, also expense in mailing out questionnaires. We are not a chartered organization, nor do we have by-laws or a parent body to keep in step with. Drop me a line if this meets with your approval; if I do not hear from you, I shall assume that it does.

When the great pioneer, Jesse CHISHOLM, was blazing the trail through Oklahoma, he had big red letters painted on his wagon, "Pikes Peak or Bust". We could revise this and say, "Cleveland is a Must."

Your old Shipmate,  
(Signed) Alvin P. Mosier, Captain  
Survivors, U. S. Armored Cruiser Memphis

"WELL DONE" to Edward L. Beach, Captain, U.S. Navy, Commanding Officer of the USS Triton, for having reproduced the chapter of his Father's unpublished autobiography about the loss of the Memphis and mailing a copy to each of the Survivors who attended the Philadelphia Reunion.

"WELL DONE" to Mrs. Keith Frazier Somerville, 517 S. Victoria Ave., Cleveland, Mississippi, for making a most generous donation to our "Postage and Printing" fund. Mrs. Somerville was the Sponsor of the USS Tennessee when she was launched December 3, 1904 and now feels privileged to sponsor the "Survivors" of the ship that she so proudly christened. We hope sincerely that Mrs. Somerville will attend the Cleveland reunion and that the assembled reunion will OFFICIALLY name her as our HONORARY SPONSOR. She wishes to exchange "BIRTHDAY GREETINGS" with members of our club.

"WELL DONE" to Lee Bowles, 4753 French St., Jacksonville 5, Florida, one of our survivors who heard about our organization through newspaper publicity about the Philadelphia reunion. He is without a doubt the most enthusiastic member of our entire group; if you doubt it, just write to him and be convinced. He has made three voluntary contributions to the "Postage and Printing" fund as he realizes that the cost must be shared by many instead of the elected officers. We have no dues, and donations are strictly voluntary. No one will be removed from our mailing list because he does not or cannot make a small contribution. When we wrote and commended Bowles for his Zeal and tangible assistance, he said that it was

"PORT OF MISSING MEN"

Please report any information that you may have about the following: H. C. Mieritz, CHA; J. Nelson, Sailmakers Mate; the blond Swede that was Coxswain of the Race-boat Crew. "Red" Clive, Gunner's Mate, a big "Redhead" and Howard Stanley Pryor, born June 9, 1896 at Carrollton, Kentucky. His last known address was 1079 River Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.

"TARA"

Captain Mosier reports the death of our former shipmate, D. C. Gaines, 5646 Heiskell St., Germantown 44, Pennsylvania on the afternoon of January 10, 1960. He had served in the engine room of the Memphis during the loss of the ship. He had been ill for a long time and Captain Mosier had visited him in the hospital. "Rocks and Shoals" joins the Officers and Shipmates of the Survivors of the U. S. Armored Cruiser Memphis in expressing our sincerest sympathy to the family of our former shipmate. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

We are reliably informed by Arthur R. Ponto, Captain, U.S. Navy (ret) that our former shipmate, James Schiavoni, QM2c on the Memphis, died shortly after the end of World War II. "Jimmy" was a lovable character and his "sea-going" lingo has never been equalled. You will remember Captain Ponto was the QM2C that manned the Starboard Chains going in and out of Port during the European Cruise in 1914-15. His seamanlike ability in the use of a lead-line and reporting the soundings to the bridge was commended by Captain Benton C. Decker and the most exacting Navigator, Lieutenant Barnett. "By the mark, SEVEN." "And a HALF, six."

"DO YOU REMEMBER -----"

Joseph W. Farrell who escaped from #7 fireroom through the ash hoist when the steam line carried away, only to be knocked out by flying mess tables and six inch target practice shells on the gun deck? He came to four days later in the Marine Hospital at Ft. Czama. He lives at 1526 E. Hewson Street, Philadelphia 25, Pa. and plans to meet us at Cleveland.

The volunteer "Life boat crew" that manned the Port whaleboat to go to the rescue of the Recreation Party that was returning to the ship during the Tidal Wave and was thrown into the sea when the Motor Sailer was swamped? Carl Wass, MAA l/c was the Coxswain and was rigging the steering oar when Yancey Williams, The Executive Officer, belayed the order to "lower Away" and thanked the volunteer crew and told them that lifeboat and crew would be lost too if it were lowered in that kind of a sea. Do you know the names of any other members of that crew?

that good fireroom MULLIGAN" and "All night-in" and Arkansas Caviar (beans) for breakfast?

YOU NAILED IT, "ROCKS and SHOALS"

Thanks to "All Hands" for suggesting names for this publication. "ROCKS and SHOALS" won with the greatest number of ballots, but you are to be commended for the number of interesting and imaginative names suggested - "Memphis Log", Shipwrecked Mariners, Ye Ancient Mariners, The Forecastle Log, The Big Waves, Windward Passage, Memphis Miscellany, Shipwreck, Ship-wrecked Volunteers (Tennessee) Scuttle-Butt, Reefs End, Snug Harbor and USS Memphis Survivors Club News.

Do you want Rocks and Shoals to have a lot of interesting news? Then send in your news to the Editor, Les Kidwell, because all that we know is what you mail in and Rocks and Shoals will publish any news that is of interest to our readers without charge.

"FLOTSAM and JETSAM"

One "tide" said, "Hi, tide" and the other replied, "Lo, tide".  
For Sale - A few used Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, low mileage.  
They call 'em "H" bombs because that's where they blow everything to.  
"One REUNION is worth more than 10 thousand words". The old feathermerchant.

Les Kidwell sent the following telegram to Captain Edward L. Beach when the Triton was commissioned. "Congratulations to you and your crew as your vessel today becomes a component part of the greatest Navy in the world. May it be our fervent prayer that she will never go into action for the defense of our country, but may she be recognized as a symbol of our people ready for combat if it should come. With highest esteem and admiration for you and those under your command."

Captain Beach replied, "Thanks sincerely for your wonderful message the morning of our commissioning. I join you in the hope that we of the Triton never have to fire a shot in anger, and that our beautiful ship may, instead, be recognized as the symbol of a firm United People who will bear all for the protection of the freedom which is their birthright."

On the following page is a list of the only birth dates that we have at the present time. If you want to receive birthday cards, please advise editor of the dates at once.

"BEFORE and AFTER"

Shipmate Lee Bowles will send a photo of himself taken aboard the USS Memphis in 1916 and a photo of recent date to anyone who wishes to exchange "BEFORE and AFTER" photos. It's a great idea. Give your rate in 1916.

"BIRTHDAY CARD CLUB" of SURVIVORS USS MEMPHIS, USS CASTINE and MARINES.

Stationed at Santo Domingo, D. R. on August 29, 1916

<u>Date of Birth</u>	
Jan. 1, 1891	B. F. Sumner, 1917 Charles St., Portsmouth, Virginia
Jan. 7, 1908	Herman Struck, 4351 Shamrock Ave., Baltimore, Maryland
Jan. 8, 1895	Anthony L. Kuchta, 3556 S. 15th St., Milwaukee 21, Wisconsin
Jan. 14, 1887	Carl W. Wass, 630 W. Vale View Dr., Vista, California
Jan. 22, 1893	Arthur J. McCormick, 46 - 8th Ave., Brooklyn 17, New York
Feb. 2, 1890	W. J. Luckcock, 250 McAllister St., San Francisco, California
Feb. 5, 1897	H. V. Peltier, 2623 E. 2nd St., Tulsa 4, Oklahoma
Feb. 13, 1891	Carl E. Lundgren, 135 Eldridge St., Cranston 10, Rhode Island
Feb. 17, 1891	Tom D. Wallace, 4304 W. Capitol St., Jackson 9, Mississippi
Feb. 25, 1898	Frederick Strum, 810 Nursery Rd., Linthicum P. O., Maryland
Feb. 28, 1897	Sam C. Worth, 4019 Stillmore Rd.

Mar. 10, 1894	Raymond Fennell, Millrift, Pennsylvania
Mar. 10, 1897	Joseph W. Farrell, 1526 E. Hewson St., Philadelphia 25, Pa.
Mar. 21, 1899	Jim Wallace, 4141 Airline Hwy., Metairie, Louisiana
Mar. 22, 1895	Frank P. Horan, 786 N. W. 80th St., Miami, Florida
Mar. 31, 1889	Charles H. Willey, C.M.H., Route 7, Penacook, N. H.
May 14, 1888	Mrs. Keith Frazier Somerville, 517 S. Victoria Ave. Cleveland, Mississippi
May 24, 1895	S. T. Wallace, RFD #1, Box 159, Crystal Springs, Mississippi
June 1, 1900	Harold Warshaw, 5626 Arlington St., Philadelphia 31, Pa.
June 13, 1894	William D. Weise, 1412 Morling Ave., Baltimore 11, Maryland
June 29, 1894	E. A. Backstrom, 2115 Grandy Ave., Norfolk 4, Virginia
July 4, 1897	Ira A. Majo, 3461 Tilden St., Philadelphia 29, Pa.
July 7, 1891	John Ostrom, 305 S. Stricker St., Baltimore 23, Maryland
July 15, 1892	Henry Dutton, 316 California S. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico
July 18, 1876	Daniel Williams, Naval Home, Grays Ferry Rd., Philadelphia, Pa.
July 20, 1894	John E. Klein, 4707 Prince George Ave., Beltsville, Maryland
July 25, 1894	Elbert A. "Terry" Terhune, P. O. Box 215, Bemis, Tennessee
July 30, 1890	Alvion P. Mosier, 611 Rector St., Philadelphia 28, Pa.
Aug. 1, 1887	B. M. Parmenter, 12612 Rose Ave., Los Angeles 66, California
Aug. 8, 1897	Fred Pickard, 5224 Burton St., Philadelphia 24, Pa.
Aug. 17, 1895	Lee A. Bowles, 4753 French St., Jacksonville 5, Florida
Aug. 19, 1883	John E. Birney, 10 W. Drumbed Rd., Villas, New Jersey
Aug. 19, 1896	Sidney M. Bright, 1025 Casa Calvo St., New Orleans 14, La.
Sept. 28, 1897	L. B. Kidwell, 1830 N. Kostner Ave., Chicago 39, Illinois
Sept. 28, 1897	Earl F. LaBraque, 429 Eastern Ave., Taft, California
Oct. 9, 1898	John L. Cunningham, 3 S. Gilmore St., Baltimore 23, Md.
Oct. 22, 1896	Hugh F. Saint, V. A. Domiciliary A-12, Thomasville, Georgia
Oct. 26, 1888	Grover Long, Route #1, Georgetown, Illinois
Oct. 27, 1892	Rev. W. A. Wiggins, Sr., 535 S. Seneca Blvd., Daytona Beach, Florida
Nov. 12, 1894	Jos. E. Ellis, Redbank-Hessian Ave., Thorefare, N. J.
Nov. 12, 1891	Roy L. Ezzell, 11709 Sussex, Detroit 27, Michigan
Nov. 12, 1891	John T. Shanahan, 1115 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore 2, Md.
Nov. 22, 1896	Wm. J. B. Knokey, 455 Park St., York, Pennsylvania
Nov. 29, 1898	Wm. H. Cousins, 8519 Philbin Ave. Arlington, Cal.
Nov. 30, 1885	Francis A. Rachiell, 2500 E. Preston St., Baltimore 13, Md.
Dec. 3, 1891	M. K. Crowell, 2909 White Ave., Baltimore 14, Md.
Dec. 4, 1892	Thomas J. Reika, 3179 McShaneway, Dundalk 22, Md.