

Life in Norfolk

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Life in Norfolk for the service men, especially the sailors is a pretty dull and sometimes (or rather) mostly an unhappy liberty for them.

A small majority of the sailors at the base don't bother wasting their time and money to go out.

They spend their time sleeping in their bunks, writing letters, washing clothes or start up small conversations or rather argumentations.

And again some of them spend their time in the canteen drinking beer; reading in the library or sitting up on the news either by radio or newspaper there. When you spend

your time like that, it usually is rather a dull or drab and a rather slow lazy weekend.

Sat. Took it easy today, then went to the show & saw Cinderella swings it. It's certainly hot here boy, the weather certainly changes quickly.

Sun. Still hot & sweating. Most of the boys are either sleeping, or writing letters. One even altering his pants.

Mon. Went on work detail, mowing all the grass we see. Got my yellow fever shot. Saw and said goodbye to Red Sheffler & Ed. Gungasky. They're leaving tomorrow.

Tues. Marched quite a while with guns & did the exercise with guns quite a while. Had a lecture & movie on Sex Hygiene. ^{was supposed} Marched a couple miles to another drill hall to see

Wed. Had calisthenics & learnt Judo, how to practically kill a guy. Also got our last shot - tetanus. Going to get K.P. this week.

Thurs. Had a lecture on K.P. They put me in the galley. We had it pretty easy tonight on that. My body aches

all over from the tetanus shot. we are all invited or rather forced to go to a must - a boxing match. Our chief certainly marched us in this hot weather.

Tue. Got K.P. in the galley, working from 5:30 to about 4:30 with about 20 min off for lunch. What a job!

Wed. Worked the hardest so far today. On K.P. Got up 4:30, started work at 6:00 & quit at 7:30 P.M. with 20 min for ^{early} breakfast & dinner + supper.

Thursday. Had it pretty easy today on K.P. we worked to 11 A.M. but the damn cooks were nabbed up & we had to work till 2:00 P.M. for them. One of the hottest days I ever saw.

Monday. Another Hard K.P. day. took the eyes out of about 2 tons of potatoes while we are practically wasting & tossing potatoes around the poor people in Cuzco or in its city hardly even see one. For they are so scarce. must have

Tuesday. Pretty good day on K.P., got out kinda early. But I got so many cuts on my fingers I could barely write. Cuts from peeling spuds, etc. Used. Got so many cuts on my hands it isn't funny. Rumors about us going home on leave the 13th of July. I hope it's true

Thurs. The second to last day for K.P. Finished kinda early but we were all forced to help the cooks do their work. Official news that we leave the 13th.

Fri. Finished our K.P. at 7:30 A.M. Practiced marching all morning & afternoon afterword. Quite a few men passed out today. They all said it was the food. We came in 1st in inspection & 1st in rooster competition.

Sat. Practiced drilling in the morn. About 12 guys passed out. Probably from the eggs they ate, so they say. Was in the Rooster Competition in the

afternoon. Came the second. Came first
in inspection through.

Sun. Went to I unit for field mass
on the field - for Catholics. Newsreel
men took pictures of the event,
I probably had a flash or two of me.

Mon. Rained - marched in a slight drizzle.
Had another hair cut which took about 3 min.
Received \$10 as part of my navy pay. Gave \$1.

Tues. Went to the small store to get
my dress jumper. Many of us get
had disappointments for they didn't
have any size 32 to 36 + 38 were very
large, so us small guys didn't get any

Wed. Marched + drilled in the hot sun
today. Got dressed in our whites +

had our pictures taken for graduation
Thurs. Went up to the small store. They got
a new lot of 34 + 36's. I took 34, it's a
little tight though. Boy are we lucky.
Kelly left us. (our A.P.O.) He went on his leave
earlier + probably will go aboard ship.

Fri. Had Rifle Range practice all day today. Learnt how to shoot in a prone + sitting position. I got 9 bulls eye out of 20. Got a letter from Mum.

Sat. Had another Regimental Review. We did pretty good in marching, (as seniors).

Had a small graduation exercises (church mass).

Sun. Started re-stenciling most of our clothes again. Washed a few duty things. Looks like rain, I hope they aren't wet before we leave for home.

went to a "must" happy bluejacket hour at Sullivan hall. was pretty good.

Mon: