

[You think in other words that it was a well fed ship?]

It was a well fed ship. I think the morale on the ship was good when I was onboard her. Somebody would get a little lonesome once in a while for home. Somebody would start griping a little but they would get over it. There was always someone else to talk to who was probably in the same boat and who straightened out the other individual and got straightened out himself.

[Did you ever have liberty much after you got overseas, anywhere, the Islands?]

I think the crew had sufficient liberty. They had recreation parties and they had plenty to eat on recreation swimming parties. There was always enough. They did whatever they could to make the crew of this ship happy, and as a general rule I can't say that there were any gripes. If a guy had a gripe, he caused it himself I more than believe. He had misery within himself.

[Do you remember anything about your commanding officers? I understand this ship went through a number of captains and it is difficult to remember, particularly when they show on the bridge or something of this sort, when you were in direct contact.]

I myself was not in any direct contact with them. I saw them and respected them. If they had their faults, I didn't hold them against them or care about it. I never was turned in by anyone, any officer, and when ever they talked to me.

[Do you think it was a strict ship?]

Of course war time conditions are different from peace time. There is not as much strictness. But occasionally even in World War Two you had commanding officers who were extremely strict. This ship had to be ship shape so there was strictness. I think it did everybody good. When you went to quarters you were looked over and I imagine that your division