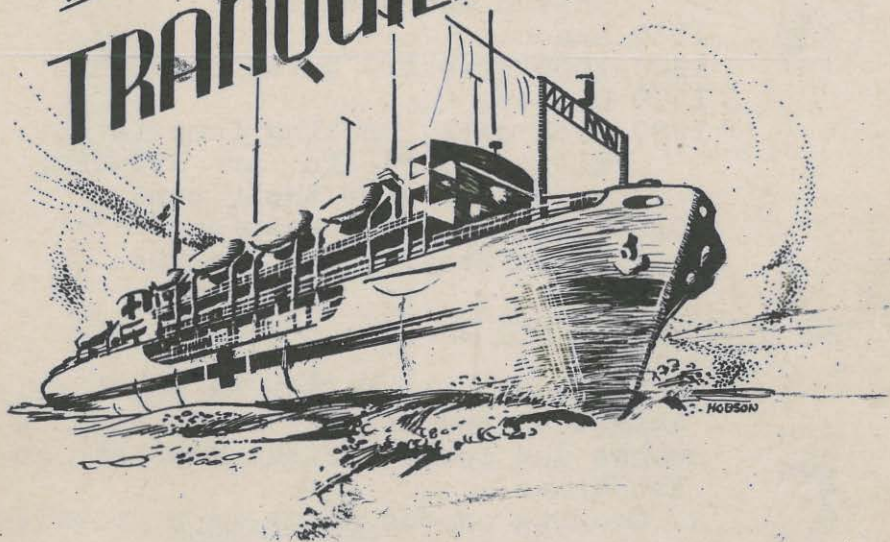


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Welcome to
THE U.S. N. HOSPITAL SHIP

TRANQUILLITY



The U.S.S. TRANQUILLITY,
Officers and Crew welcome you. With
the most modern and finest of Medi-
cal facilities, you shall soon be
restored to health and happiness. To
aid you during your days with us,
this brief guide has been prepared.

WARD ROUTINE



- 0700 Reveille, morning temperatures; washing, shaving and so forth. Ambulatory patients will dress, make their bunks and police their lockers.
- 0730 Breakfast.
- 0830 Morning sick call. Smoking lamp is out. All patients will be in their bunks or, if ambulatory, standing beside the bunk, clean, shaved and dressed.
- 1130 Lunch.
- 1300-1500 Siesta - Quiet on wards.
- 1700 Dinner.
- 1900 Sick call. Smoking lamp is out. All patients in or standing quietly beside their bunks.
- 2015 Movies (see Recreation).
- 2100 Taps. Smoking lamp is out.

GENERAL WARD RULES



1. Patients will, as far as physically able, keep themselves, their clothes, bunks and lockers clean and neat at all times.
2. Smoking on the wards is a privilege granted only to bed patients. All others must go to the lobbies or outer decks.
3. Patients must be either completely in their bunks ("pyjamaed" and covered) or out of their bunks, (dressed and bunks made.).
4. No patient shall leave the ward without the permission of the ward nurse, and shall not visit other wards without the permission of ward nurse in ward visited. He shall check in and out of his ward.
5. The ward nurse is at all times in complete charge of ward and patients.

Both a Ship and Hospital ~ The Tranquillity

"Most modern ship of its type today ---- the U.S.S. Tranquillity"

Providing hospital service to the fleet is the mission of this ship.

Within the hull, of almost two blocks length, are the latest developments of engineering and medical

sciences. From air conditioning to waste disposal, the welfare of the patients has been the prime consideration.

When taxed to capacity, this ship with about 600 officers and men will give full hospital care and transportation to 800 patients.

Full mechanical air conditioning throughout the hospi-

tal and crew's spaces is one of the outstanding features included. This is the first installation of this kind in any naval ship.

CASUALTY TRANSFER

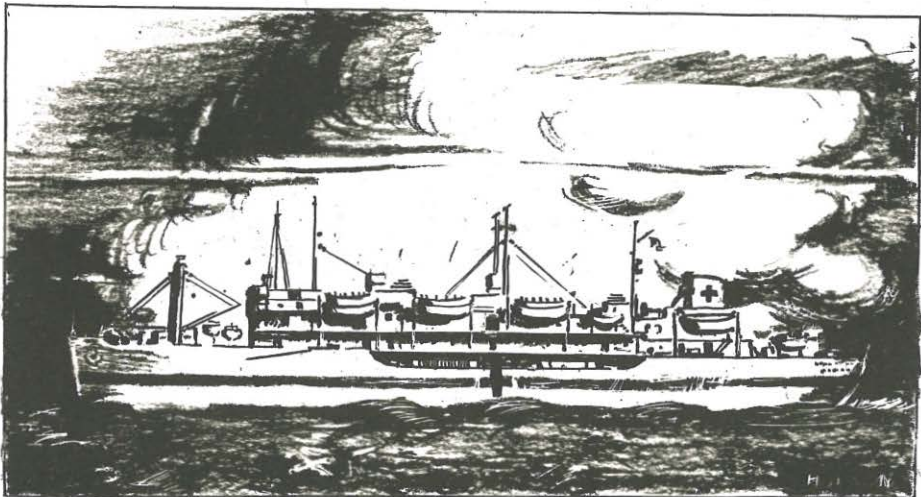
Embarkation and debarkation of patients, and loading and unloading of medical stores is done by the use of four accommodation ladders, 40 inches wide, from the main deck, and by means of booms and jib-crane hoists. Single and multiple slings are used.

When necessary, four power boats are available at sea ambulances in the transfer of patients.

HOISTY HIGGINS' BOATS

With the use of two Wellin davits. Higgins boats loaded with casualties may be brought to the level of the after-deck where they may be quickly transferred.

The typical ward contains about 45 aluminum-tube hospital beds, complete with springs and



innerspring mattresses. A foot locker is provided for the stowing of each patient's gear. Individual reading lights and individual radio receiving devices are added comfort features.

NEAR META CENTER

Extensive medical activity takes place on the second deck. Here are the operating rooms, as near the meta center of the ship as possible, where the roll and pitch is at a minimum.

The operating suite is fully provided with protection against the explosion of anesthetic gases and is air conditioned, with humidity and temperature control.

Access to the operating rooms is gained by two elevators as well as by regular wide, low-gradient ladders.

A complete, modern clinical laboratory on this deck provides facilities for conducting all necessary laboratory tests.

CLINICS BELOW DECK

Clinical facilities are available on the deck below. Here, with the latest developments of modern medical science, are spaces for X-ray, optical repair, physio-therapy, dental, cardiac and eye, ear, nose and throat clinics.

Location of the administration suite, as well as the clinical facilities, below deck is a new departure in ship's design. It allows full use of the upper decks for wards.

STORAGE OF 160,000 CU. FT.

Medical and supply space is confined chiefly to the first platform deck and the hold, accounting for more than

160,000 cubic feet of storage space. That's about equal to the space of four good sized houses.

A spacious bridge deck provides full space for out-of-doors activities. In fair weather church services and entertainment features such as movies take place here.

SHIP'S "MAIN STREET"

"Main Street" of activity aboard ship is the main deck. Here are included many of the offices which are of daily interest to all hands.

Recreational features on the main deck include the lobby, ship's service and library. Headquarters for the Red Cross workers and chaplains are located near the ship's service. Two chaplains are aboard. Catholic, Protestant and Jewish services are held regularly.

Service features on the main deck include the laundry, linen room, post office, barber shop and pay office.

SHOPS ON MAIN DECK

Shops located on the main deck are work spaces for carpenters, sheet metal workers, canvas workers and printers.

Crew's mess and galley are located on the second deck. In this unit is the diet kitchen which supervises the supplying of meals for patients in the hospital.

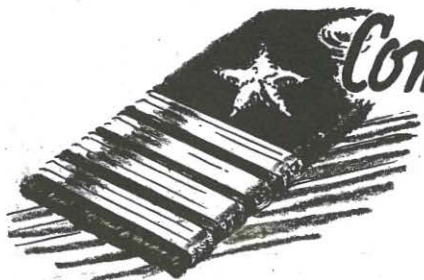
At this level also are to be found the huge power plant and intricate machinery that will drive the ship on the long voyages made possible by its extended cruising range.



In addition to the regular ship's laundry a large steam and formaldehyde disinfectant has been provided capable of handling mattresses and bulky articles.

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Independent public address systems are provided for hospital and crew spaces.



Commissioning Address

by Capt. M. D. Mullen, USNR

As commanding officer of the **TRANQUILLITY**, I first want to describe briefly to you the mission of this ship and to stress the importance of that mission.

As you know, this ship is unique in the Navy, representing new features in design and new departures in construction as compared to hospital ships already in commission. Briefly, our function is to provide care, preservation, and transportation of the sick and wounded in the far off places of the world where this war is being fought. This will mean for us many months at sea and many days of hard and unremitting work, but the humanitarian service which we will be rendering to our sick and wounded countrymen will repay us many times in personal satisfaction.

The record of the Navy hospital ships in this war has been an enviable one. We are proud to have the opportunity and privilege to join their company and to follow in the glorious tradition that they have established. In delivering this ship to the fleet, we are bringing to our men overseas

the very latest and most up to date of medical equipment and treatment. As you can all see, a tremendous amount of money, effort and energy have been expended in the construction of the **TRANQUILLITY**. If all this results in the saving of just one life, or even one limb, the cost will have been justified. But as the largest and best equipped ship of this kind under any flag, we expect and fully intend that many hundreds of our fighting men will preserve their lives, limbs and good health as the result of our efforts.

Many of our officers and crew of this ship have had a great deal of experience in the Navy ashore and afloat. Many have had combat experience at sea during this war. Many are new to the Navy. They come from every state in the union and they represent every color, race, and creed. Speaking for all of them as commanding officer of the **TRANQUILLITY**, I think I can say that, as a cross section of America and the United States Navy, we are proud of our humanitarian mission, and we hope you will be proud of us.



Diggin' Digits . . .

Twenty-eight flood lights illuminate the ship at night.

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Crew's mess hall contains 32 tables for serving 256 men.

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A "sharp freeze" compartment of 1,000 cu. ft. has been included for quick frozen foods.

Sign of a Cross

Unarmed, uncamouflaged, ablaze with light at night, hospital ships of the world's navies depend today for their safety on a set of rules first adopted almost 100 years ago in Geneva, Switzerland.

This Geneva Convention, as the document is known, in 1868 for the first time in history set down world-wide rules to enforce humane warfare at sea. An earlier convention drawn up four years previously had done the same thing for land warfare.

All hospital ships, merchant vessels with wounded aboard and boats rescuing men at sea are to go unmolested if they carry the red-cross flag and their crews wear Geneva cross brassards or insignia.

Government hospital ships, army or navy, must be painted white with a green stripe a meter and half wide running the

length of each side. If the ship is operated by a private society it must bear a red stripe. The ship must fly at its main a Geneva cross instead of a narrow pennant, and Geneva crosses are painted on sides and stacks.

To discourage the abuse of the hospital ships' immunity, the cargo and personnel they are permitted to carry are limited.

They may not transport contraband of war except coal and stores needed for upkeep and movement. There must be no guns and no ammunition in excess of that needed for the protection of the sick and wounded and for the maintenance of order aboard.

In personnel the ships may carry only their own crews and those who are disabled, wounded or shipwrecked.



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A FRIEND IN NEED



To each member of the crew aboard is assigned a sponsor -- one member of Volunteer Special Services of the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Sponsorship involves the delegating of each man to one of the members who accepts him as her charge, to write letters to him, and to his family; to send special gifts as at Christmas and on birthdays, and other personal services to help maintain the morale of the men in the service.

The practice of sponsoring was developed by the Central Commissioning detail of the Third Naval district. This means the appointment of some organization as the official

sponsors of each ship now going into commission. The American Red Cross: sponsors all hospital ships of the Haven class.

Joint sponsoring ceremonies for the USS Tranquillity and her sister ship, the USS Haven, were conducted in Brooklyn, N.Y., April 19.

Presided over by Lt. Comdr. Thomas Walsh, welfare officer of the detail, the program consisted of the formal acceptance of sponsorship by Mrs. Henry J. Davenport, chairman of the Volunteer Special Services, and presenting Capt. M.D. Mullen with the sponsorship plaque.

The plaque is located in the forward lobby on the main deck.



To all hands~
from Capt. B.W. Hogan (MC) USN

There is little need to remark upon the appropriateness of designating a hospital ship the "Tranquillity", for the word, "tranquillity", itself is so intimate a part of the very idea of peace. Peace is defined as essentially order with tranquillity; all things in their proper place and circumstance. That this should be the motto and intent of a ship dedicated to the realignment and healing of men's bodies and minds is supremely fitting and right.

The TRANQUILLITY is devoted to helping men -- the sick, the maimed, and the blind -- to achieve peace and order for both their bodies and their souls. As it steams along the ocean lanes, amid hurricane and storm as well as in calm and

pacific waters, its one aim and ambition shall be to ease human pain and human hardship.

In commissioning this instrument of mercy, we trust that the spirit of the Divine Master, who healed the sick and who calmed the storm, will accompany this ship on its every errand and enterprise. We feel certain that, dedicated as it is, it cannot but achieve for every individual coming under its merciful care the health, the peace, and the tranquillity of a well-ordered mind in a rapidly healing body. With this our intent and purpose, we are assured that the ingenuity displayed in the ship's construction and the supreme trust being placed upon us by the American people will not have been exercised in vain. This ship has a far-reaching errand of mercy to perform. It shall accomplish its task without flinching. It shall be the purveyor of peace, and hope, and tranquillity.

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"Thank you very much ~ ~"

To the generosity of service, church, public and commercial organizations and individuals USS Tranquillity patients and crew are indebted for the many recreational facilities.

Those organizations contributing were Altar Guild of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, American Bible Society, Armed Forces Master Records, Inc., Army and Navy YMCA, B'Nai B'Rith War Committee of Greater

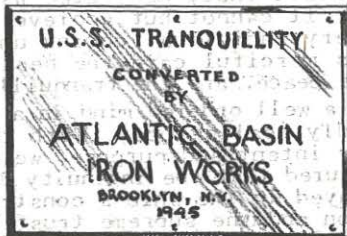
New York, Brooklyn Chapter of the American Red Cross, Miss Frances Coutts, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Grolier Society, Inc., Metropolitan Opera Guild, Inc., New York Altar Guild, Inc., New York Community Trust, New York State Chapter of the Eastern Star, Pepsi Cola Co., Public School 21, Bronx, N.Y., Mr. Arturo Toscanini, United Service Organizations, Inc., Victory Lodge of B'Nai B'Rith.

Committed to Service ~ ~ ~

War is not hell. In hell there is no hope.

For hundreds of wounded heroes the USS *Tranquillity* represents that broad ray of hope. With the commissioning of this ship on sunny April 24th, these men were promised that other chance.

Secured to the forward lobby bulkhead is a metal plate. In relief letters on gleaming brass is stated simply:



A nameless hull had gained a soul. In its embryonic stage the hospital ship was a sturdy tanker hull. But the scope of war broadened and as supply demands were being met, hospitalization was inadequate. The *Tranquillity* is the first of six such ships completed.

Under the gleaming sun the sharp notes of a bugle rang clear. The commissioning ceremonies were underway. Officers and men stood at attention as the Naval dignitaries took places of honor. Guests of the

crews had been ushered in.

"O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the ragings of the sea: Vouchsafe to take into Thy almighty and most gracious protection our country's Navy, and in particular this ship in which we are to serve."

Chaplain Lieut. J.S. Lee-man was speaking for his men.

Capt. H.N. Kittrick, captain of the yard, ordered Capt. M.D. Mullen to place the ship in commission. Old Glory and the commission pennant swelled in the brisk breeze as the National Anthem was played and all hands came to salute.

The commanding officer read his orders to the command and formally accepted command of the ship.

The watch was posted.

Rear Admiral K.C. Melhorn, officer in command of the Navy Medical Supply depot, Brooklyn, and Capt. B.W. Hogan, senior medical officer, spoke in behalf of the Navy's medical department. Capt. Hogan concluded his brief message, "It shall accomplish its task without flinching. It shall be the purveyor of peace, and hope, and tranquillity."

And as retreat was sounded each man knew his task.



This is your publication . . .

Whether you like it or not. And we hope you do. If it appeals --- send it home. Censorship worries? No! This is approved for home consumption.

--- The Staff
June 28, 1945

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IT'S DONE WITH ELECTRICITY --



Bossy Goes to Sea

As the mixture passes upward, due to the centrifugal force, it is under pressure of between 200 and 300 pounds to the square inch. Particles heavier than milk cling to the walls of the cylinder in a clarifying effect.

The milk leaves the cylinder through a perforated cap at the top and strike against the side of the receiving chamber, further emulsifying and homogenizing the product.

Bossy has gone to war --- at the rate of 22,000 revolutions per minute. The "mechanical cow", a machine capable of producing reconstituted milk, is one of the advanced scientific dietary developments aboard the Tranquillity. Two units are included, sufficient to supply crew and patients at a peak census.

The purpose of the machine is to mix salt-free butter, spray-dried skim milk and water to produce a product which can substitute for milk or cream according to the proportion of ingredients employed.

Preparation of ice cream mixture also is accomplished.

Milk produced by the machine is almost as complete a food as fresh milk. Bacterial content should compare favorably with the best certified pasteurized milk.

Cost is said to be less than that of fresh milk for retail distribution.

Unique feature of the machine is a vertical cylinder about two inches in diameter rotating at 22,000 R.P.M., which emulsifies, homogenizes, and clarifies the product.

High velocity vertical blades splashing the milk against the cylinder walls partially emulsifies the mixture.



Radio stars from back home --- Chicago, New York, New Orleans, San Francisco --- the Crosby's, Benny's, Hope's will be participating in daily broadcasts to be heard by all ward patients aboard ship.

Each bed and berth has a four-channel entertainment broadcast attachment with ear-phones and pillow phones. Amateur broadcast set provides long and short wave commercial radio broadcasts.

It is planned that spot news will be broadcast at any moment during the day. Other ship's programs are broadcast over this same hook-up.

Two record turntables are also included for entertainment facilities. A stock of records has been purchased and V-Disc and Armed Services Radio Broadcast discs will be received under requisition.



FIRST of the Mercy Fleet

Steaming up the Mississippi in 1862 with the Inland Navy, the USS Red Rover was the first U.S. Navy hospital ship --- 83 years before the *Tranquillity*.

The old fashioned side wheeler, captured from the Confederates, was converted into a floating hospital to serve with the flotilla on the Mississippi. History records that Dr. Ninian Pinckney was the fleet surgeon aboard. Assisting him were some Catholic nuns who had volunteered to nurse, among the first Navy nurses.

Until 1898 no mention is made of other hospital ships. That year the USS *Solace* was floated to see duty in the Cuban campaign at Guantanamo Bay and in the Philippines. Wounded Marines were transferred aboard during the Boxer war. The first *Solace* saw duty until 1931. Fifty-nine corpsmen and 100 crew manned her.

During World War I, the USS *Mercy* and USS *Comfort* were on the active list of Navy hospital ships.

In 1920 came the USS *Relief*, designed as a hospital

ship from the keel up. The 7,000 ton vessel is still running its errands of mercy.

The new USS *Solace* was converted from a merchant ship just four months prior to Pearl Harbor incident and was anchored there at the time of the sneak Jap attack. It slid down the ways as the *Iriquois* in 1927.

Assisting the old regulars in both World Wars has been an assorted fleet of large and small temporary floating hospitals, including the ships *Bountiful*, *Samaritan*, *Refuge*.

Sister ships of the *Tranquillity* are the *Haven*, *Benevolence*, *Repose*, *Consolation* and *Sanctuary*.

During and prior to World War I hospital ships were commanded by medical officers, with actual navigation by auxiliary Merchant Marine officers. Since 1921 line officers have been in command, with only medical activities controlled by medical officers.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Sundays: 0830, 1700 Catholic Services.
0830 Jewish Services.
0930, 1700 Protestant Services.
Location of services will be announced.
The Ship's Chapel, always open for personal devotion, is located on the Bridge deck. Chaplains' Office is on the Main deck aft of Ward C-7. Both Catholic and Protestant Chaplains are happy to be of aid night and day.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Red Cross desires to aid patients in personal problems and correspondence, to provide profitable occupational therapy, books, movies, games, craft material and toilet articles. The American Red Cross representatives are eager to assist you and make your convalescent period enjoyable.



MAIL

1. Mail will be delivered on the ward.
2. Outgoing mail is subject to censorship rules and must be unsealed.
3. Postal clerks will handle special mail and money orders on request.



PAY

1. Navy or Coast Guard personnel with records may be paid small sums for health and comfort on the 5th and 20th by submitting Payment Request Form on the 15th and 30th.
2. Navy or Coast Guard without records may be paid small sums upon the Commanding Officer's approval of special requests and forms submitted thru the Ward Medical Officer.
3. Marine, Army and Merchant Marine patients-see Ward Medical Officer.
4. Cash in excess of \$5 and valuables shall be deposited with the Supply Officer.



SHIP'S SERVICE STORE.

Ship's Store Hours: 0930-1100, 1300-1700.

Soda Fountain Hours: 1000-1130, 1230-1400, & 1500-1700.

Small Stores Hours: 0900-1100 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

*Barber Shop Hours: 0800-1130, 1300-1630.

Bed patients will be cared for in wards.

*Tailor Shop Hours: 0800-1130, 1300-1630.

*Cobbler Shop Hours: 0800-1130, 1300-1630 (one-day service)

*Laundry Schedule: A week must be allowed for return of laundry. Laundry must be stencilled clearly and will be handled by ward corpsmen.

* The U.S.S. TRANQUILLITY is happy to offer these services without charge to patients.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

Sun-Bathing and Deck Recreation is encouraged for patients having permission of Ward Medical Officer. The following areas are available:

Bridge Deck aft Fr. 108. 1100-1500

Boat Deck aft Fr. 110. 0900-1830

Upper Deck aft Fr. 110. 0900-1830

Movies daily at 2015 on the Bridge Deck, reached by aft outboard ladders, unless otherwise announced. Patients will be seated on Starboard behind officers.

Library: An extensive supply of all classes of literature is available in the ship's library aft of Main Lobby, Port side.

Recreation Room: Ward C-7 is available as a recreation room.

EMERGENCY DRILLS: Consult ward nurse and bulletin board.

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Captain (MC) USN
Senior Medical Officer

Approved: *M. D. Mullen*
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Commanding Officer

