

## USS *TERROR* (CM-5)



### Disaster at West Loch

Missed your May 22nd copy of the Honolulu Advertiser? Perhaps you just glanced at the Obituaries and tossed it in the bird cage? Too bad! If you had looked just above the center fold you would have seen a lovely color photo of our own *Terror* shipmate, Wood Beeghly, and no, he definitely was not in handcuffs! Let me explain, please - - -

This date is the 60th anniversary of the West Loch, Pearl Harbor explosion that sunk six LSTs, killed 163 men and wounded 306 others. You knew all that but I had to set the scene. This was a tragic affair and this memorial service a most solemn occasion. This was, of course, reported in depth and we concern ourselves only with Beeghly.

At the appointed time the Admiral's barge came in slowly against the tide, gave a gentle nudge in reverse and nestled quietly against the float. Nicely secured, out steps Rear Admiral Michael Roesner and in his wake came - gasp - Beeghly! Now the assembled dignitaries (just like the old days - right Woody?) with Honor Guard ramrod straight, strides to the proper spot and now our man pauses a theatrical moment to be caught by the news camera. With that deft toss and a single rose falls gently on the waters of West Loch.

I would like to share the photo with you but it is in terrible shape. In short, no good. I could, of course, order one from the paper but they would want fifteen or twenty bucks and there goes another Social Security check. So, I wrote to Woody, not once but twice - no answer. Now your normal reaction is that Woody is, with good reason, stiffing



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me. Not so fast. I don't think so. I do hear from him from time to time. You know, Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, and there's Woody having a chat with the Duke of York, and again, we find Woody on the beach at Cannes surveying starlets in their native habitat.

Yes, I do think I'll hear from Woody. He'll probably mention this bit at the Reunion in Oklahoma City. No doubt!

*Terror's presence at West Loch has been completely detailed in a previous newsletter.*

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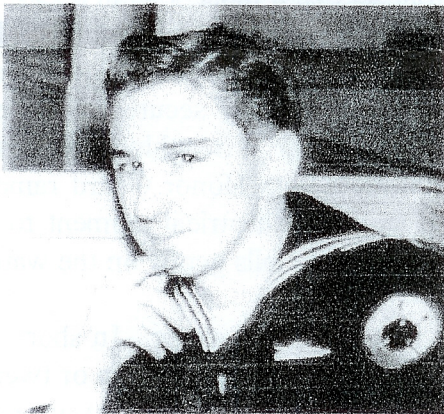
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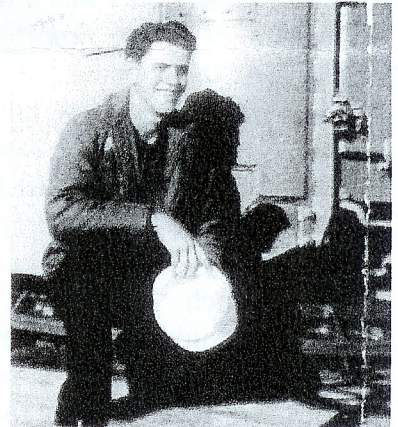
Tom Horrigan SM2, Flag



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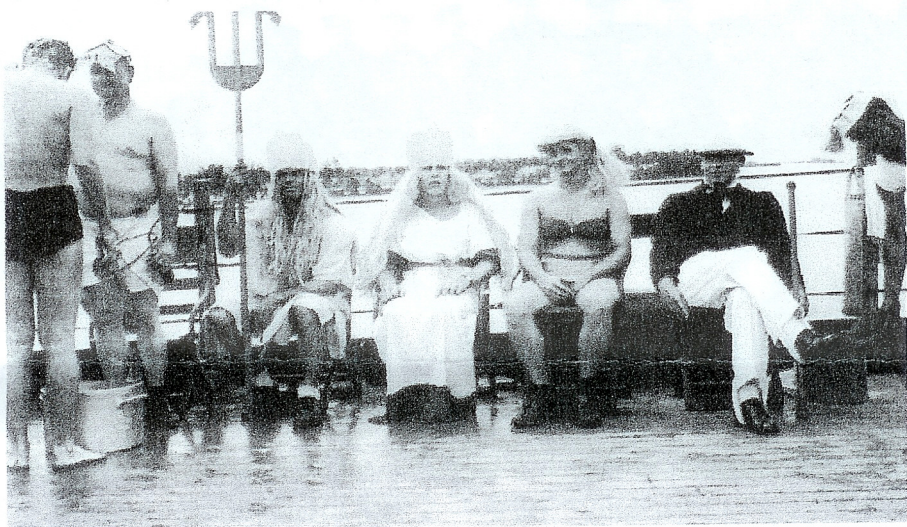
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Our brave fighting men in the Pacific



"A sleepy lagoon, a tropical moon – and you"

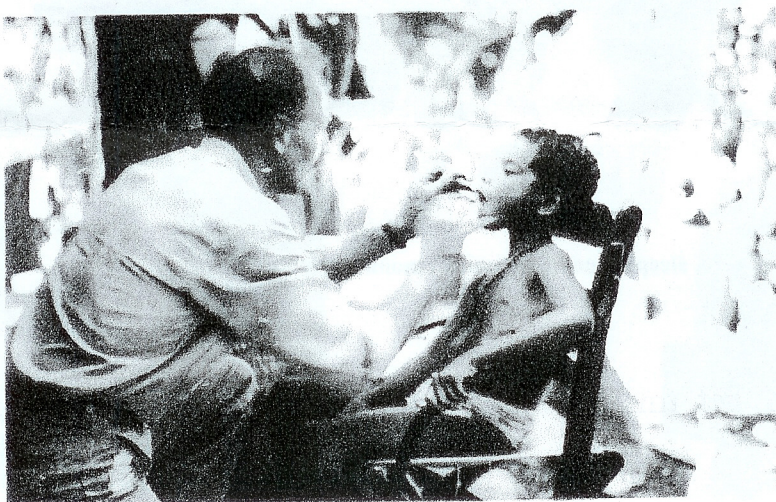


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**2nd Division ca 1942**



**"Say aaagh"  
Saipan 1944**



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Winter in Maine!! How does one relieve the tedium of displacing snow? Well, a couple of years ago I had a project; so, perhaps another effort might be in order. How about making myself a *Terror* Album to hand down to the kids? Starting with a short history of the ship, a different version than the DANFS history we find elsewhere. Then a whole bunch of WWII snapshots of fellow crew members with the Name, Division, current hometown and a paragraph, if they want, about their time on the ship. Print, coil bound, and I have a neat album. I guess I would need at least thirty photos to make a reasonable product but fifty would be super.

Wait a minute! I hear that voice in the back---- “why should I send a photo to you to make an album for yourself?” Good point! So, I’ll keep it generic and everyone gets equal space. The whole thing will be done in the kitchen sink so cost will be minimal. If kids want to send in Dad, that’s OK too. When (and if) the thing is done and you want a copy, fine. If not, that’s fine too. I figure out of pocket expense, printing, binding, and postage should not exceed ten bucks, and I would hope, less.

Send me your original snapshots, good copies or scan, name and division, and when I get thirty photos, I’ll get started. All originals will be returned.