A black and white photograph of the deck of the USS Newport News (CA-148). The view is from the deck looking towards the ship's superstructure. Several large, light-colored cylindrical objects, possibly missile launchers or gun barrels, are visible in the foreground. The ship's masts and rigging are visible against a hazy sky. The ocean is visible in the background.

Welcome Aboard
the world's largest heavy cruiser

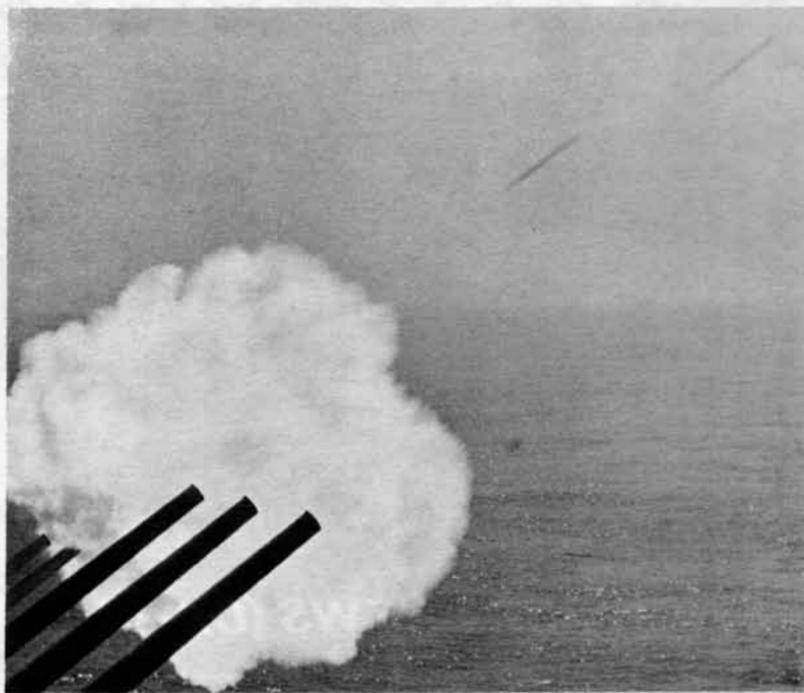
USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148)

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'Welcome Aboard' the USS NEWPORT NEWS! The following booklet is provided to help make your stay on board as informative and pleasant as possible. We hope you will enjoy your stay aboard the world's largest heavy cruiser.

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NEWPORT NEWS FACTS AND FIGURES

DISPLACEMENT: Newport News' displacement (weight) is 20,950 tons without stores or fuel.

LENGTH: 717 feet long.

WIDTH: 75 feet at its widest point.

POWER: 120,000 horsepower for speeds over 30 knots.

DRAFT: 25 feet. (Her waterline is 25 feet above bottom of ship.)

PROPULSION: Newport News is powered by four Class 'M' Type Babcock and Wilcox boilers driving four propeller shafts through steam turbine reduction gear main engine installations.

ARMAMENT: The ship's main battery consists of nine 8-inch 55 caliber rapid fire guns in three turrets, two forward and one aft. The secondary and anticircraft batteries are made up of 12 dual-purpose 5-inch 38-caliber guns in six mounts and 8 rapid fire 3-inch 50-caliber guns in four mounts.

ACCOMODATIONS: Enough for 1500 enlisted men and officers.

HELICOPTER: Helos may land on the fantail.

ELECTRICITY: The ship generates enough electricity to light a city of 40,000 people daily.

FACILITIES: The ship, virtually a city in itself, is completely air-conditioned, publishes a daily newspaper when at sea, has it's own radio and television stations for your enjoyment, has a print shop, barber shops, machine shop, carpentry shop, metalsmith and tailor shops, a library, dental clinic, hospital, soda fountain, laundry, bakery, clothing store, meat plant and sculleries with mechanical dishwashers. Her chill rooms make a half ton of ice daily.

HOUSEKEEPING: Daily the ship uses 1000 pounds of meat, 1500 pounds of fresh and canned vegetables, and 100 gallons of ice cream. The laundry washes over 10-tons of clothing weekly. The bakery shop can turn out 200 loaves of bread daily.

BRIDGE AREA

You are welcome on the bridge at any time. It is the control center of the ship when underway and is a good vantage point for the observation of gun-firing and other exercises. As the Bridge understandably becomes very busy during complicated operations, guests may be requested to observe from the wings of the bridge at such times or asked to go below decks for your safety.

WARDROOM

The Wardroom is the officer's lounge and dining area for officers in pay grade O5 (CDR) and below. Please feel free to use the Wardroom at any time. Coffee and iced tea are continually available and the duty steward will provide you with hot tea if you prefer. Television and magazines are available here also for your use. There is an evening movie shown in the Wardroom nightly at 2000. Mess charges will be \$1.50 per day and will be collected in advance after the ship leaves any port. If you should be in need of special service, please contact the mess treasurer at ext. 740 or 759.

WARDROOM MESS HOURS

Breakfast-----	0600-0730
Lunch-----	1130-----In port
	1115-1230--At sea
Dinner-----	1800-----In port
	1700-1830--At sea
Brunch on Sundays and Holidays---	0700-1230

MAL DE MER

NEWPORT NEWS is almost as stable as the Rock of Gibraltar. However, sea sickness has plagued men since the days of the first dugout canoe and even affects some of our sailors, particularly after a long stay in port. Fortunately we have a nearly positive cure---"BONOMO". The ship's doctor will provide you with a supply of pills on request. Never feel embarrassed at being seasick; many before you have suffered and lived to enjoy another day at sea with us.

BARBER SHOP

The ship's Officers' Barber Shop is available for your use. You may arrange an appointment by dialing 251. There is no charge for haircuts and tipping is not permitted.

SHIP'S STORE

The newly remodeled Ship's Store carries items of need and of interest. From toiletries, color photographs, film, post cards, pocket books, to souvenir type items may be purchased by you. Hours of operation are listed below.

In Port

Monday-Friday-----0900-1600
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays the store is closed.

At Sea

Monday-Saturday---0900-1900
Sunday-----1700-2200



CLOTHING AND SMALL STORES

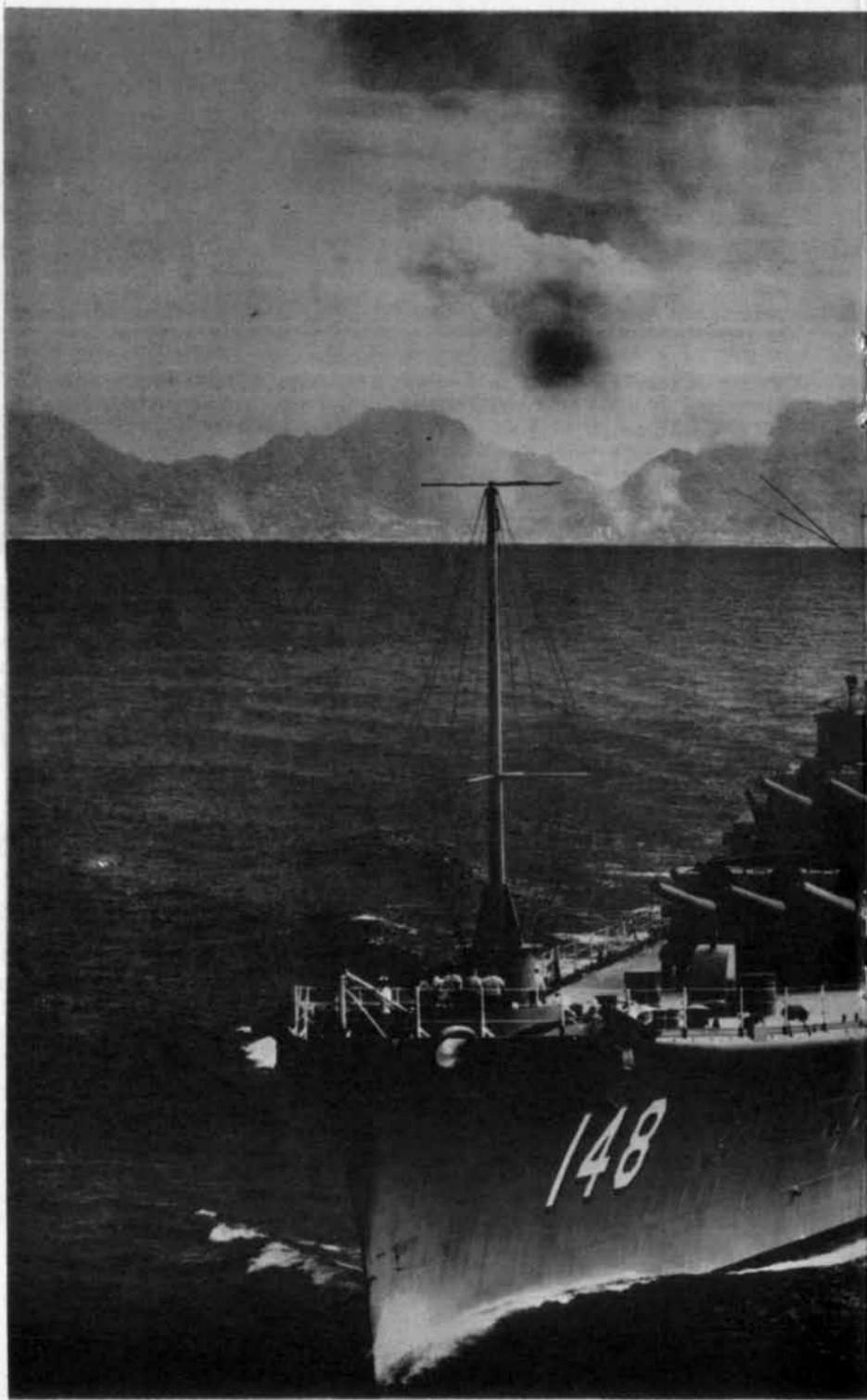
Through the Clothing and Small Stores items of uniform, uniform accessories and other types of necessary clothing may be purchased. Hours of operation are listed below.

In Port

Monday-Friday---0900-1100
1300-1500
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays the store is closed.

At Sea

Monday- Saturday-0900-1100
1300-1500
Closed Sunday and Holidays at sea.





SODA FOUNTAIN

From the Soda Fountain, ice cream, cigarettes, candy and other items are available. Hours of operation are listed below.

In Port

Monday-Sunday-----1130-1330
1730-2130

At Sea

Monday-Sunday-----1130-2200



FIRST AID

Should First Aid be required, the services of our Sick Bay are available to you at anytime. The phone number of Sick Bay is 997. Our ship's doctor is a surgeon and we are equipped to do operations on board ship if necessary. If you are sick, for your own safety do see the doctor.

LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING

Your laundry will be picked up every Monday morning and returned by your room steward. Should you be in need of special or urgent service, please contact the Ship's Service Officer, ext. 753. All laundry, dry cleaning, tailoring is done free of charge.

PLAN OF THE DAY

In addition to information contained herein, the ship publishes a Plan of the Day which will include information of interest to you. It is the plan by-which the ship's schedule and operation will follow.

ABANDON SHIP STATIONS

In the event that it should become necessary to abandon ship, you will muster at frame 30 on the forecastle before reporting to your abandon ship life raft. The boat number is 24, located at frame 89 on the O2 level, port side of the ship.

TAX FREE CIGARETTES

While the ship is outside the United States Territorial Waters, tax free cigarettes are available for purchase in the soda fountain. You are cautioned that relanding of such cigarettes in the U. S. is limited to two packages per person.

PAY

Any Armed Forces Personnel who have pay records in their possession and desire to be paid during their stay aboard should make arrangements with the Disbursing Officer, ext. 993.

VALUABLES

If you do not have a personal safe at your disposal, you are encouraged to deposit your valuables for safekeeping with the Disbursing Officer, ext. 993.

MAILING ADDRESS

The official mailing address while aboard NEWPORT NEWS is:

NAME
USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148)
Fleet Post Office
New York, New York 09501

Mail should be received at frequent intervals and will be distributed by the Ship's Secretary, ext. 005.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

During your stay aboard we will try to show you as much of the ship as possible. If there are any areas of special interest to you which you may not have covered, notify the Public Affairs Office and they will be more than happy to show you around. If you would like information sheets other than this booklet they can help you out in this area also.

MORNING CALLS

In port, call 201; when underway call 211 any time during the evening before. The Messenger of the Watch will take your call and he will phone your room at the desired time.

TELEGRAMS AND SHIP-TO-SHORE RADIO

If you have an urgent reason for communication with someone ashore, this may be done by radio telegraph and by Ship-to-Shore radio. This may be done by contacting the Communications Officer, at ext. 772.





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